

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



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A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

I have been preaching on the story of Caleb and in particular his exploratory trip into the land that God had promised him. Here he is, along with Joshua and the other pioneers as they venture into uncharted territory with nothing more (and nothing less) than the promise of God.

It is a fascinating and timeless account of how “perspective” either clouds the dream or brings it to life.

When it was time to bring the report back to the people we see 12 gifted, talented leaders, two of them declared that we can do this, however the report from the ten, “made the hearts of the people melt with fear”. Caleb and Joshua weren’t happy with the response of the people, but they went on about their business with confidence in the promise of God. Don’t miss that important point! Life doesn’t always co-operate, circumstances have a way of sending us into the railway siding for a bit....BUT....it’s not our reaction to the will of the people that counts but rather our reaction to the will of God. Caleb lived and breathed the promise of God, and what was that promise...

“Because my servant Caleb has a different Spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to and his descendants will inherit it” (Numbers 14 v 24)

God’s promise to Caleb lifted him above the disappointment, lifted him about the present circumstance and he basked in that promise. Yes, it was a long time coming. He was forty years old when he was confident that they all should go into the land, but listen to this...

“Here I am today, 85 years old. I am as strong today as I was on the day Moses sent me - as my strength was then, even so is my strength now.” (Joshua 14 v 10 - 12). I don’t want to be guilty of misrepresenting the intent of the Scripture, but I think I can safely say that Caleb’s strength was not only physical, it was spiritual! He had a different Spirit! Remember that his perspective on entering the land did not just come from his head, it came from his heart....***“I brought the report as it was in my heart”***. That is strength my friends. Sir Winston Churchill had a caustic wit, a quick response mechanism that could sometimes take one’s breath away. On his 82nd birthday, when a photographer expressed the hope that he might take another picture of him at the age of 90, Churchill

responded.....”I see no reason why you shouldn’t young man, you look hale and hearty enough.” This kingdom service that we are all involved in is not a sprint, but rather a marathon, a marathon of trust in the promises of God, promises upon which we stand. If God says it, He will do it.

In the Name of our Risen Lord and until the next time!

Blessings

Ian Fitzpatrick.

I would ask that you be praying for the following ministry activities across our country....

N.Y.I. CONNECT GATHERING:

Thurs 26th - Fri 27th April

AMBROSE GRADUATION:

Sat 28th April

ATLANTIC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS: Thurs 31st May- Sat 2nd June

CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & NMI CONVENTION: Tues 5th- Thurs 7th June

QUEBEC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & NMI CONVENTION: Fri 15th- Sat 16th June

WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:

Thurs 21st - Sat 23rd June

PACIFIC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:

Thurs 28th - Sat 30th June

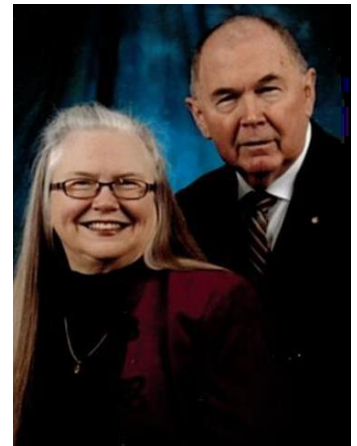
I would also ask that you be in continual pray for our district leadership in Canada.....



National Director & DS
Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick
(Pat) - Canada Quebec



D.S. Reverend Earl Wood
(Vernita) - Canada Pacific



D.S. Reverend Clair MacMillan
(Donna) - Canada Atlantic



D.S. Reverend Larry Dahl
(Audrey) - Canada West



D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley
(Pat) - Canada Central

Pray also for.....



Director of Stewardship Services:
Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen)



Ambrose President:
Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)



NCMC Executive Director:
Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)

My prayer for you.....

“May you experience PEACE in the midst of trial, JOY in the midst of sadness, COURAGE when you face the “impossible”, CONFIDENCE when others would seek to strip you bare, REFLECTION in looking back, EXCITEMENT in looking forward, LONGSUFFERING when your patience is exhausted, and LOVE FOR ALL - AMEN”.

Blessings
Ian Fitzpatrick

AMBROSE BOARD OF GOVERNORS



Dr & Mrs Don & Brenda Quantz with our National Director on the occasion of his (Don's) retirement recognition ceremony at the Ambrose Board of Governors meeting on Friday 6th April, 2018. Dr. Quantz served for 25 years at CNC / NUC-AUC/Ambrose.
Thank you Don and Brenda for your dedicated service to Christ and His Church.



Back Row Left to Right: Calvin Buss (Vancouver B.C.), Delrose Laxton (Calgary First ,AB), Dr. Arch Wong (Calgary AB), Kenneth Tsang (Vancouver BC), Larry Koop, (Olds AB), Rev. Dr. Errol Rempel (D.S. Pacific District C & MA), Lawrence Stalder, (Calgary AB), Jay Pullen (Skyview Community ,Calgary AB),

Front Row Left to Right: Rev. David Hearn (President: Christian and Missionary Alliance Canada), Wayne Bernakevitch (Vice Chair: Regina SK), Dr. Gordon Smith (President of Ambrose), Kenneth Stankievech (Chair: Calgary AB), Rev. Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick (National Director Church of the Nazarene Canada).

Not pictured: Rev. Keith Taylor (Secretary: Edmonton, AB), Ruth Copeland-Holtz (Toronto, ON).

STEWARDSHIP SERVICES

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS:

FALL DATES NOW AVAILABLE

Dr. Riley Coulter, Director of Stewardship Services for the Church of the Nazarene Canada, is available for a Wills and Estate Planning seminar this fall, and is interested in coming to your church upon invitation. The seminar, usually scheduled for Saturday morning or Sunday afternoon [following a light lunch after church], is entitled **Estate Planning: A Proposition of Values**. There is no charge to attend.

Topics covered in the seminar include establishing clearly defined goals in planning for your future; wills and estate planning, including power of attorney & health care directives; understanding assets, liabilities and ownership issues; family law considerations and trusts; and charitable giving through your estate. The seminar is of significance to all age groups, and will have special interest to young couples, parents of young families, as well as those reaching middle age and planning for retirement.

Dr. Coulter is available to preach on the topic **Generosity: God's Call to His People**. There is no expense to your church for this ministry; expenses are covered by the National Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

Please contact Dr. Coulter for more information, or to book a seminar in your church.

HERE IS WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THROUGHOUT OUR NATION:

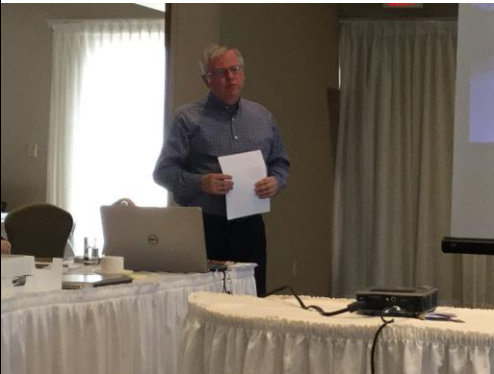


National Board, staff and invited guests at the recent Annual Meeting in Toronto (8th-10th April, 2018)

THE NATIONAL BOARD MEETING



Reverend Elaine Bumstead: Executive Director NCM Canada sharing her report to the National Board



Reverend Dennis Hubert sharing his report from his recent trip to Malawi.

Mr. Don Coghill praying for National Director, Dr. Fitzpatrick following his report to the National Board. Also in the picture: Dr. Clair MacMillan (D.S. Of Canada Atlantic & Reverend Earl Wood (D.S. Of Canada Pacific and also Chair of the National Board).

DR. CLAIR AND MRS. DONNA MACMILLAN'S



National Board Chair Reverend Earl Wood making a presentation to the MacMillans.

On Tuesday 10th of April a special retirement recognition dinner was held in honor of Reverend Dr. Clair and Mrs. Donna MacMillan. Tributes were paid to the MacMillans by several individuals and a special greeting from General Secretary Dr. David Wilson highlighted a wonderful evening of celebrating the ministry of our former National Director.



Reverend Alan Cristales sharing his report from his recent trip to Malawi.



National Director Ian Fitzpatrick speaking at the dinner.

CANADA QUEBEC

20 YEARS OF MINISTRY...



Reverend & Mrs Fernand Duvers celebrating 20 years of ministry at the Montreal West Island Church of the Nazarene.

The congregation honoured their years of service by presenting them with a trip to Israel this June.

Congratulations and may God continue to bless your ongoing ministry.

CANADA CENTRAL

MORTGAGE BURNING!!



District Superintendent
Reverend Stephen Ottley
bringing the Easter Message.



Pastor Taylor praying before the
burning of the mortgage



Pastor Taylor "burning the
mortgage"...
Always a time to rejoice!!!!!!



Pastor Keith & Pamela Taylor
with District Superintendent
Steve Ottley & Pat, and National
Director Ian Fitzpatrick & Pat.

IDA CASSIA COGHILL CELEBRATES HER

100TH BIRTHDAY!!!!!!!!!!



Ida Coghill is the widow of Rev. R. W. Coghill who pastored all his career on Canada Central District.



Ida Coghill with her entire family



Ida Coghill with her four boys (Bob, Don, Paul and Peter)



Ida Kent was born in Toronto on March 29th, 1918. She had 3 older brothers Charlie, Fred and George who are deceased and a younger sister Dorothy Hayden who still resides in Downsview, Toronto.

Married to Robert William Coghill in 1939 she served as a pastor's wife on Canada Central District. The Coghills planted their first church on Donlands Avenue in Toronto in 1943 then moved to Peterborough, then moved and planted the Hamilton Mountain church. In 1955 moved to Newmarket Ontario where they also planted the Barrie church, then in 1968 moved to London First church where they retired from full time ministry. After 42 years of pastoral service on Canada Central District they retired and moved back to Newmarket Ontario where they served as associate pastor until pastor Coghill's death in 1991.

Ida Coghill has 4 sons, Bob, Don, Paul and Peter. 12 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. Ida resides at the South Lake Village home in Newmarket and is a member of the Lakeside Community Church of the Nazarene in Holland Landing, ON

CANADA WEST

SKYVIEW CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

On Sunday 29th April, 2018, our National Director preached in the Skyview Community Church of the Nazarene.



Dr. Riley Coulter shares a progress report on the new building project. God has helped this congregation reach and even exceed it's goals to this point in the timeline. Truly a great effort from dedicated people of God.



Reverend Stuart Williams, Pastor of the Skyview Community Church stands on the frame of what will become the platform area of the new facility.



This is the sanctuary area. It will be completed within the next couple of months as the congregation hopes to be into the new building by June.



Pastor Stewart Williams, his wife Ruth Ann and their daughter Lauren.

CANADA PACIFIC

MESSAGE FROM REV. NEIL ALLENBRAND

"This last week the thing God has reinforced in my understanding goes something like this; If I could only understand what is going on, maybe then this would make sense maybe I could accept this better. Hold on a minute though, scripture reminds us that, 12 "For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part, but then I shall know just as I also am known." 1 Cor. 12:13. Yes, I am the son of the one who knows all things and who understands all. If you are His son or daughter then you too need to know our Father knows, understands.

He knows you and I, Scripture tells that You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off." He knows the number of hairs on our head, which is to let us know he knows us, He understands us and loves us. He forgives us and gives us eternal life. At this point I could see myself getting you to turn to Isaiah 40, God knows and no one knows us as He does and no one can teach God why? Because He knows all things. It's a great chapter it's the chapter I laid hands on and claimed when I was ordained, that this is whom I will serve and trust with my whole heart.

I don't know why I am going through all that is happening to me, but I am not called to understand all but to trust the One who does. Heather and I want to thank you all that you have been able to do to help us. We appreciate your hard work and love that is shown to us. Whether it is through your prayers, phone calls, cards and those who have brought us such wonderful meals. You have been so generous that we will be taken care of for a couple of weeks now. Those who were going to bring us meals next week can rest and we will call on you at a later date if we need to. Thank you for your willingness as well.

Love Neil and Heather



NYI CONNECT



Canadian N.Y.I. Presidents : (Left to right): Brad Silliker (Atlantic), Roberson (Quebec), Helen Theissen (Canadian NYI Global Council Vice Chair), Ian Fitzpatrick (National Director), Matt Wood (Pacific), Ryan Wood (West) & Marg



Some of the Youth Leaders from across Canada in attendance...



National Director sharing the "Vision" with Canadian NYI Leaders at "CONNECT"



More of our Youth Leaders in attendance...



Quebec D.S. / National Director with Pastor Randy & Greg Kraus



Pacific D.S. Rev. Earl Wood with, Pastor Barry & Carlos



Central D.S. Rev. Steve Ottley with NYI President Marg Stahlbaum

WOMEN CLERGY CANADA UPDATE

The Wesleyan Holiness Clergy Conference, "Revive", was held at Estes Park, Co., April 12-15th. The power of the Holy Spirit was very evident in the plenary sessions, as reflected on by Dr. Middendorf GS emeritus following the conference. The link is provided below.

The conference was attended by several denominational leaders, from the Church of the Nazarene and sister denominations, who encouraged clergy in their calling, and to embrace the great privilege of partnering with God in the life-transforming ministry of reconciliation, in a fallen and needy world. Worship was led by Worship artists Alanna Story band.

During the denominational luncheon, Dr. Nina Gunter GS emeritis, had opportunity to share, to encourage our leaders, and was followed by a time of worship and communion.

Thank you to the support provided for Canadian clergy to attend. We also thank Nazarene Global Clergy Development for committing \$5000 towards the next WHWC conference.

Link: Dr. Middendorf - Women Clergy (April 18/18)

https://www.facebook.com/search/str/Dr+Middendorf+Women+clergy/keywords/blended_posts

May God continue to raise up men and women to "fight the good fight", across our great nation.

Reverend Donna Wilson

*Nazarene Women Clergy Council rep - Ambrose/Canada
USA/Can Clergy Development*



Our Canadian Attendees

Rev. Jennifer Blake (CW)

Rev. Lesley Hansher

Rev. Lindsay Enns (CW)

Rev. Donna Wilson (CC)

Rev. Sheri Lynne Martin (CW)



SEEDS OF LIFE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018

Hello Donors and Friends.

Thanks again for all of your support in 2017.

The winter wheat that was planted after the soybean harvest last fall will be harvested in mid summer.

From the photo, you can see that the wheat got a good growing start before the winter. There has been a good snow cover on the field over the winter months which is important to protect the young dormant plants. It is a variety of soft red wheat which will be used to produce cake and pastry flour and also for animal feed.

The wheat will be growing well by the time of our annual Farm Visit to show you the growing crop and thank you for your donations. This event takes place at the farm on Saturday, June 2.

Please mark your calendars! We will send an email with details. We also have a new video for you to check out on our website www.seeds-of-life.ca

We are asking for donations of \$400 per acre to cover the cost of growing this crop. Depending on yields and crop prices at harvest we expect to realize at least \$500 per acre to send to the Foodgrains Bank to help in funding the relief and development projects of our overseas partners. When matched with donations from the Government of Canada we could raise as much as \$2500 from each of our 72 acres.

We look forward to another successful year in 2018. PLEASE HELP US WITH YOUR DONATION. To sponsor an acre or part of an acre, please visit the donation page on our website for details. Working together, we can change the lives of people who don't have the resources to feed themselves.

Scott Brooks
Project Manager



SPONSOR AN ACRE. HELP END GLOBAL HUNGER!

You have a choice! As well as the Seeds of Life Growing Project managed by Scott Brooks, (see Seeds of Life news item) NCM Canada is also promoting the Grow Hope Markdale project again this year.

NCM Canada, Grow Hope Markdale and the Goudy family (farmers) are already planning for this year's crop on the Goudy farm near Markdale, Ontario. This year the 25 acres will be planted in soybeans which will be sold in the fall, and the funds donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB).

Last year Grow Hope Markdale sent over \$33,000 to CFGB to help end global hunger. The government of Canada matched the funds 4:1 which meant that over \$150,000 worth of food was provided to hungry people. Thank you to those who sponsored an acre last year! Thank you to all those who helped make this initiative a success!

Once again, NCM Canada is partnered with CFGB in this Grow Hope Markdale project for 2018. The agreement has just been signed!

You can sponsor an acre for \$375.00 or any part of an acre. (An acre is about the size of a soccer field). Any donation will be gratefully received. The expected return per acre is \$500.00, dependent on the weather and crop yields. \$500.00 when matched by the Canadian government becomes \$2500.00 which will feed about 50 families for a month.

Please sponsor an acre! (Or part acre) Send donations to NCM Canada at the National Office, Church of the Nazarene Canada, 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4X 1W5. **Make cheques payable to "Church of the Nazarene Canada" (this is required by the bank).** You can also donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca or by calling the National Office at 1-888-808-7490. A charitable receipt will be issued at year end.

Attached is the first Grow Hope Markdale Update for 2018. You can receive these updates by contacting the National Office at 1-888-808-7490. Email address is preferred but we also do mailings if you prefer. Updates are issued several times over the spring and summer months giving you reports from the farmer, pictures from the field, and announcements of the harvest and of the Harvest Celebration weekend.

Don't miss this opportunity! Last year all available acres were sponsored for both the Seeds of Life and the Grow Hope Markdale projects!





**10 YEAR-OLD GIVES CHRISTMAS GIFT MONEY FOR ZUKUMA
NAZARENE SCHOOL IN MALAWI**

The following story was related to the NCMC team by Dennis Hubert who recently visited NCM Canada ministry in Malawi....

"Teresa and I flew into Toronto the day before Alan and I were planning to begin our journey to Malawi Africa on behalf of NCM Canada. Teresa and I stayed with our daughter and her family Sunday night and Monday. On Monday, I was talking with my daughter Amy and our grandson Braydon (who had a P.D. day) about some of the things I was going to be doing in Malawi. I also shared the last minute request from Chinsinsi (NCM coordinator for Malawi) for some sports equipment for the Zukuma School. Amy seemed interested because they are very into sports. Not only does Braydon play baseball and hockey but his dad Wes is also a coach.

A couple of hours before I headed to the airport Amy and Braydon came up to me and said they would like to give some money for the sports equipment for Zukuma school. They handed me just over 100 dollars, ten of which was Braydon's left over gift money from Christmas.

Amy and her family do not have a lot of extra money so I knew this was a sacrifice on their part and I made sure to tell them that I appreciated their gift of compassion and so would the school in Malawi.

Upon arriving in Malawi and before heading to Zukuma School, I told Chinsinsi that I would like to buy some sports equipment to take with us and present it to the school on behalf of Amy, Wes and Braydon. And after a bit of searching, we found a store that had the equipment and purchased a soccer ball, basketball, volleyball, volleyball net, some skipping ropes and a whistle.

Upon arriving at Zukuma and after taking the sports equipment out of the truck – the balls very quickly disappeared into the hands of eager students. When we presented the equipment to the gathered student assembly – Chinsinsi explained that a 10 year old boy from Canada had given some of the money to purchase the sports equipment. That brought a gasp of appreciation – and the school strongly expressed their sincere gratefulness of this gesture of compassion and assured us that they will enjoy the gift for many days to come."



Braydon and his mom Amy

"WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU"...

...is the song that greeted Alan and Dennis as they visited Zukuma Nazarene School in northern Malawi. The students were expressing their appreciation for the repairs to the three school classroom buildings and for the new (outdoor) toilets constructed for the school. **The repairs to the buildings was the Adult Missions Project for Canada West District for 2017-18. Thank you to Canada West District!**

The three classrooms have no desks or chairs. Students sit on the floor. School supplies and books are minimal. **Providing school supplies for the students was the 2017-18 Children's Mission project for Canada West District. The children raised over \$4000 during the Harmattan Family Camp last August.** As soon as the desks are moved into the school, (provided by NCM Canada) along with book shelves and locking file cabinets, the school supplies will be purchased. **Thank you to the children of Canada West District!!**

Two of the eight classes of students meet outdoors as there is no classroom for these older children. NCM Canada is funding the construction of a classroom building. Construction will begin this month. Follow our NCM Canada newsletters for details.



Children at Zukuma Nazarene school

"NOW I CAN DIE IN PEACE..."

During Alan and Dennis' visit to the Zukuma Nazarene school they met an older gentleman who was one of the founders and long time supporters of the school. He said, "Now I can die in peace because the school is becoming well established and moving ahead."

The headmaster of the school added "You heard our cry for help. Thank you for hearing our call and coming to our rescue." The local Nazarene pastor said, "We thought this was impossible, but God made a way."

A Nazarene church meets on Sundays in one of the classrooms. An NCM child development centre is being held also after classes to help students with extra tutoring

and with homework. Sports equipment, play equipment, a library building with a principals' office, and housing for teachers are all needs of the school.

Pray for this school and for its students. Pray for the parents, the teachers, and the surrounding community, that there would be a new receptivity to the gospel and lives will be transformed.

For more information on Dennis and Alan's visit to Malawi, please see the NCMC Newsletter, Issue #2. To subscribe, call the national office at 1-888-808-7490 or subscribe online at www.ncmcanada.ca



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**NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA AND NCM CANADA**

Please keep in mind, when sending mail or cheques to Church of the Nazarene Canada and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries it must be addressed to **Church of the Nazarene Canada** (It is a bank requirement).

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The new local phone number is (905) 602-8220
The new fax number is (905) 602-9228
The toll-free number remains the same at 1-888-808-7490

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

**THIS IS A REMINDER REGARDING THE CHURCH YEAR END
AND CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS.**

We will be accepting cheques from our Churches until May 15, 2018. Please note that cheques must be dated by April 30th, 2018 in order to be posted in the 2017-2018 Church Year End. Cheques received after May 15, 2018, (even if they are dated April 30th), will be posted in the 2018-2019 Church year end, No Exceptions.



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