



APRIL 21, 2017

FINAL SUBMISSIONS FOR 2016–2017 CHURCH YEAR

The end of the 2016–2017 church year is upon us! We trust it has been a year of fruitful ministry for your local church.

Please ensure that your final year–end remittances arrive at our office on or before Friday, May 12, 2017. We also ask that your cheque be dated no later than April 30, 2017. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Diane McCrae (dmcrae@nazarene.ca).

We believe in the mission of the local church. The potential of your outreach is *unlimited* when you seek out the specific will of God for your church and do it for His glory alone.

We trust that the 2017–2018 church year will be an unprecedented year of ministry for you as you serve our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

Blessings,

National Office Staff
Church of the Nazarene Canada

A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO HELP US END HUNGER

The Markdale Church of the Nazarene Growing Project has recently morphed with the help of NCM Canada and CFGB to become a virtual Growing Project called “Grow Hope Markdale.” This new initiative is designed to give more people, including urban people, an opportunity to be involved in ending hunger.

How It Works

People (churches, individuals, Sunday School classes, youth groups, small groups) can sponsor an acre of land (an acre is about the size of a soccer field). When you sponsor an acre, you pay for all of the costs to produce a crop on that acre. The crop may be wheat, corn, soybeans or other (the farmer who offers his land decides what to plant). The funds go to the farmer who plants the field, cares for the crop, and harvests it. The farmer sells the crop and the proceeds go to Canadian Foodgrains Bank where they are multiplied by a ratio of 4:1. The Canadian government provides \$4.00 for every \$1.00 given to CFGB for most food aid projects.

Here is what it looks like this year for Grow Hope Markdale. This year's crop is Spring Wheat.

Sponsor an acre for \$350.00

Crop sells for \$500.00/acre (estimated value of crop when harvested)

Funds are matched 4:1 = \$2,500.00

\$2,500.00 feeds 50 families for 1 month!

Sponsor an acre! Watch your money grow! Help us end hunger!

A promotional graphic for 'Grow Hope Markdale'. The background is orange on the left and transitions to a photograph of a young girl on the right. The girl has a blue and white headband and is wearing a colorful patterned top. The text 'GROW HOPE Markdale' is prominently displayed in white on the orange background. Below this, the logos for 'Canadian Foodgrains Bank' (with the tagline 'A Christian Response to Hunger') and 'NCM CANADA' are shown. At the bottom, the text 'Sponsored by Markdale Community Church of the Nazarene and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada' is written in small font, followed by the website addresses 'www.foodgrainsbank.ca | www.ncmcanada.ca' in a larger font.

All sponsors will receive regular updates during the growing season together with an annual report of total funds raised and stories and pictures of people who were fed. Sponsors are invited to join in the Harvest Celebration weekend near Markdale on August 25, 26 and 27. All donations over \$20.00 will receive a charitable receipt from NCM Canada.

Please make your donations payable to NCM Canada and designate them as "Grow Hope Markdale." Send your cheques to Church of the Nazarene Canada (20 Regan Road, Unit 9, Brampton ON, L7A 1C3) or call 1-888-808-7490 (VISA or MasterCard donations accepted) or donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca.

Participate with NCM Canada, Canadian Foodgrains Bank, and the Markdale Growing Project – now called “Grow Hope Markdale” – in our effort to end global hunger!

FOOD IS DISTRIBUTED IN RURAL MALAWI

In a report from Malawi received earlier in April, NCM Canada learned that the second monthly distribution of food had taken place in late March. 2,000 families received a ration of corn (maize), oil and beans (their staple diet in that context), as well as a protein supplement for young children and pregnant and nursing mothers.



The CFGB-funded project received 4:1 matching funds from the Canadian government. There will be one more food distribution this month (April), which will supply food up until the beneficiaries are able to harvest their own food crops in May/June.

Thank you for helping us feed hungry people!

A REPORT FROM MILON PATWARY'S VISIT TO NEPAL

This week, NCM Canada received a report from Milon Patwary, who is doing a project visit in Nepal on behalf of NCM Canada. The food security project, funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank, provides vegetable seed to 1,000 impoverished families in South Eastern Nepal.

Milon reports, *“The germination and production was very good in winter and you can see the good harvest of this summer with your own eyes.”* He visited many gardens and spoke with many of the beneficiaries. Gita, a lady farmer, said, *“My tomatoes had best production ever.”* She shared her tomatoes with her neighbours. She also grew pumpkins and squash.



Another lady beneficiary said that she produced a good crop of potatoes and radishes. The family kept enough to eat but sold the excess and realized an income of 4,800 rupees. This is about \$45.00, and that is more than a normal month's earnings for the average family.

Thank you for your continued support of such projects through the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. You are making a difference!

CANADIAN FRIENDS AND ALUMNI BREAKFAST **AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Join Canadian friends and Ambrose University (NUC, CNC) alumni on June 24 at the 2017 Nazarene General Assembly for a special breakfast, co-sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University.

Learn how the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University are partnering together to equip the next generation of Nazarene leaders and strengthen our churches.

Indiana Convention Centre

Saturday, June 24, 2017 | 8:00 AM–9:30 AM

Tickets \$65.00 | Available online at www.eventbrite.ca

Schedule

8:00 AM – Prayer and Welcome with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

8:10 AM – Fellowship over Breakfast

8:35 AM – National Board Update with [K. Clair MacMillan](#), National Director of Church of the Nazarene Canada

8:40 AM – Learning at Ambrose with Mo Hickman, Church Ministry Student and Winner of the 2015 Ambrose University Presidential Scholarship

8:50 AM – Ambrose Video Update with Helen Thiessen, NYI Field Youth Coordinator (Canada) and Director of Enrolment at Ambrose University

8:55 AM – Research at Ambrose with [Joel Thiessen](#), Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#) at Ambrose University

9:15 AM – Greetings and Reflections from [Riley Coulter](#), Director of Stewardship Ministries at Church of the Nazarene Canada (and Chancellor of Ambrose University from 2008–2011)

9:25 AM – Closing Remarks with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

This schedule is subject to change – visit the Alumni page at ambrose.edu or contact the Alumni Office (alumni@ambrose.edu) for up-to-date information.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY PARKING, TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

As thousands prepare to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, for the Church of the Nazarene's 2017 General Assembly and Conventions, organizers compiled a list of resources to help attendees reach their destination.

Car and RV/Bus Parking

Parking for cars, buses, and RVs is available 21–30 June through **Gate Ten Events and Parking**. The lot, located three blocks from the Indiana Convention Center, is open 24 hours and includes entry/exit privileges. A shuttle runs every 15–20 minutes (6:00 AM to 12:00 AM) between the lot, the convention center, and downtown Indianapolis hotels.

For more information, including pricing, [click here](#).

Airport Transportation

The Indianapolis International Airport's Ground Transportation Center, located on the first floor of the parking garage, offers a connection to shuttle bus service, limousines, rental cars, and taxis.

The **Go Green Airport Shuttle** is the express Indianapolis Airport shuttle serving downtown Indianapolis hotels. The shuttle operates from 4:49 AM to 11:00 PM seven days a week with service every half hour. A one-way ticket is \$10.00. [Reserve your shuttle now](#) as seating is limited.

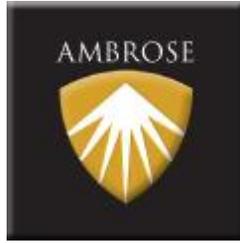
Private sedan service is also available during checkout for an additional fee.

Taxi service is available at the curb on the lower level of the terminal, just outside baggage claim. Attendees should expect to pay approximately \$30.00 to \$35.00 from the Indianapolis International Airport to downtown.

Ridesharing, including **Uber** and **Lyft**, is available from the airport to downtown Indianapolis hotels. Click to learn more about [Uber](#) and [Lyft](#), including pricing.

For more information about General Assembly and Conventions, and to register, visit nazarene.org/ga.

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CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP IN A NEW CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

Social media and digital technology are radically altering the terrain of culture. As leaders entrusted with the Good News of Jesus, how do we respond to the changing terrain? What does ministry and leadership look like in this new cultural landscape?

As a pastor and early adopter of social media, [I have long been fascinated with the impact that social media is having on culture](#), and I'm particularly interested in what this cultural change means for the church.

The pervasiveness of social media and its impact on ministry poses many interesting and provocative questions. Here are a few I've been considering as I prepare to teach *Effective Ministry in a Social Media World* at Ambrose this May:

- How does the church connect with a culture that wants to create the content it consumes?
- How does the church connect with people who view relationships fundamentally different than they used to?
- How has social media and access to information altered our view of authority and how does that impact the church and pastoral ministry?
- What does pastoral care look like in an age where people live a significant portion of their lives online?
- How can the church effectively communicate the gospel in a post-propositional culture?
- What does preaching, governance, pastoral care, evangelism, discipleship, mission, etc. need to look like in a new social media world?

Take This Class

Join me, Bryce Ashlin-Mayo, May 15th – 19th at Ambrose Seminary, as we learn about the impact social media is having on culture and explore how believers can use this new means of communication to bring the never-changing Gospel to our ever-changing world. My prayer is that you'll be equipped and encouraged to engage this exciting challenge with great hope and possibility.

[Sign up today](#)

Explore More Spring Intensives

Looking for some professional development or personal enrichment? This course is just one option in a series of Seminary intensives that run through May and June. Offered in flexible and accessible formats, these modular courses are an opportunity to learn from skilled and inspiring faculty as you deepen your faith and enhance your understanding of ministry.

[Explore options](#)

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