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URGENT ALERT FROM CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK

Over 20 million people in South Sudan, Nigeria, Somalia and Yemen are at risk of starvation due to famine.

If the world doesn't respond soon, millions of people could die for lack of food. In parts of South Sudan, famine has already been declared by the United Nations. This means some have already started dying of hunger.

You can help!

Even the smallest gifts make a difference to a baby in need of emergency therapeutic food, or a mother who has walked with her children a long distance in search of food and water.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is already responding in South Sudan, Nigeria and Somalia. Your gift will help us, through our members, reach more people in desperate need in those countries, and other places in the region experiencing hunger conditions.

The Government of Canada is matching donations from individual Canadians to our Famine Appeal until June 30th through its [Famine Relief Fund](#).

This means that when you make a donation to our Famine Appeal, the government will match that amount and put their match into their Famine Relief Fund.

After June 30th, organizations responding to these four crises will be chosen by the government to receive funds from their Famine Relief Fund. This means your matched donation does not necessarily go to CFGB, although it will still be used to help end hunger.

Donations to CFGB that are designated to these crises are also eligible to be matched on a 4:1 basis through our regular ongoing grant agreement with the Government of Canada.

It's not too late to make a difference! Please donate now!

You can donate directly to Canadian Foodgrains Bank (www.foodgrainsbank.ca) or to NCM Canada at the following address:

NCM Canada
20 Regan Road, Unit 9
Brampton, ON
L7A 1C3

You can also donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca, or by phone at 1-888-808-7490.

Please designate your gift as **Nigeria, Sudan, Somalia, Yemen Famine Relief**.

Thank you for helping us end hunger!

FROM THE BGS:
GENERAL ASSEMBLY PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

There are numerous opportunities for prayer during the 29th General Assembly and Conventions as thousands of Nazarenes gather in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, for times of fellowship, training, worship, and business.

The Board of General Superintendents emphasized the importance of prayer for this event by asking Nazarenes around the world to set aside every Friday afternoon – from 24 March through 23 June – as a time of fasting and prayer for General Assembly 2017 and to pray daily during the assembly, Sunday, 25 June through Thursday, 29 June.

The words of Phineas F. Bresee, the denomination's first general superintendent, remain true today: *“These are days that call for Spirit-filled men and women who pray in the Holy Ghost and expect and receive great things from God.”*

Before each service, visitors and delegates are encouraged to gather for the Pre-Service Concerts of Prayer. These times of guided intercession will begin precisely 30 minutes prior to each service and last 15 minutes.

The Concerts of Prayer will be held in the same location as the services – Halls HIJK – on the left-hand side of the auditorium near the stage.

Times are as follows:

- Thursday 22 June, 6:30 to 6:45 PM

- Friday 23 June, 6:30 to 6:45 PM
- Saturday 24 June, 6:30 to 6:45 PM
- Sunday 25 June, 9:30 to 9:45 AM | 3:30 to 3:45 PM

The final Concert of Prayer will be held prior to the opening General Assembly business session in Halls ABC from 8:00 to 8:15 AM Monday 26 June.

Two other locations have been set aside for prayer. The 24/7 Prayer Room, located in the Westin Hotel Senate I, II, III, will be available 21–28 June for private prayer. Each evening, from 9:30 to 10:30 PM, there will be a time of corporate prayer. From 21–26 June, Hal Perkins will lead a morning devotional from 6:30 to 7:30 AM in the Westin.

In the Indiana Convention Center, Show Office 1 on the second floor will be open 21–26 June from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The room will include Bibles in multiple languages, a basket to leave prayer requests, specific prayer topics from the Board of General Superintendents, and a historic altar used by Phineas Bresee at camp meetings in 1904 and 1905.

For more information on General Assembly, visit nazarene.org/ga.

GA WORSHIP SERVICES, PLENARIES TO BE LIVE STREAMED

Nazarenes around the world who are unable to attend General Assembly and Conventions in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, will be able to follow along during the worship services and plenaries through a live stream.

The stream will be available at nazarene.org/galive during the following times.

Worship services

- Thursday, June 22, 7:00–8:30 PM
- Friday, June 23, 7:00–8:30 PM
- Saturday, June 24, 7:00–8:30 PM
- Sunday, June 25, 10:00 AM–12:00 PM, 4:00–5:30 PM

Plenaries

- Monday, June 26, 8:30 AM–12:00 PM, 3:45–5:00 PM, 7:00–9:00 PM
- Tuesday, June 27, 10:30 AM–12:00 PM, 1:30–3:30 PM, 7:00–9:00 PM
- Wednesday, June 28, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM, 2:00–3:45 PM., 7:00–9:00 PM
- Thursday, June 29, 8:30 AM–12:30 PM, 2:00–5:00 PM, 7:00–8:30 PM

A recording of each worship service will be available within an hour after the stream concludes. A downloadable video (without the copyrighted worship portion) will be available the following day. Recordings of the plenaries will also be available the following day.

You can also stay up-to-date on the latest GA news by searching #GA2017 on social media and following the Church of the Nazarene:

[Facebook](#)

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All times are listed in Eastern Daylight Time.

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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.

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