

## CANADA

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### A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

PRAYER - This is the word that puts fear into the devil. He hates it, he doesn't want you to do it. He doesn't want the church to place emphasis on it. He has been rather successful in lulling us into a state of PRAYER MALNUTRITION! - I have just watched a video from a pastor in the Middle East who attributes the amazing work of God to PRAYER. I will be with this pastor in May of this year spending a week with him and his

people looking for ways in which the Canadian Church can assist their "Field".

As much as we might be able to help them with our dollars, they will be able to help us much more with lessons on PRAYER and total dependence upon God. The Word clearly says...

***"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*** (2 Chronicles 7 verse 14).

This is no small thing friends. This is the epicentre of the movement of God within the people of God to reach the world (Canada) for Him. Never has there been a time when we have had more seminars, training sessions, preparing for ministry, looking after our own wellbeing spiritually, emotionally and physically. All these are important, and all these are being done at a rate that seems to increase year upon year, but let me ask you.....how are we doing with all this stuff? Has all of this become an end in itself or is it a means to an end. Is all of this being done in a vacuum, or is it bathed in PRAYER, covered in PRAYER, and dependent upon PRAYER. Oswald Chambers wrote....."we tend to use prayer as a last resort, but God wants it to be our first line of defense".

Each year in the month of February we engage in the "Nazarene World Week of Prayer". We usually concentrate each day of the prayer week on a specific world area. This year is different and I encourage you to prayer along with the guideline as follows...

**SUNDAY February 24th: "General Prayers for Challenging Times"**

**MONDAY February 25th: "Political Changes"**

**TUESDAY February 26th: "Economic Challenges"**

**WEDNESDAY February 27th: “Social Challenges”**

**THURSDAY March 1st: “Creative Access & Secure Areas”**

**FRIDAY March 2nd: “A Covenant of Prayer for the year ahead.”**

God help us to become more passionate about PRAYER, personally, congregationally, and as a denomination placed by God in this country we love.

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...**

**Pray for...**

Reverend Mark Collins (Ruth) - Atlantic District (C.A.D.)

Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) - Quebec District (C.Q.D.) and National Director

Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat) - Central District (C.C.D.)

Reverend Rose Brower – Young (Brad) - West District (C.W.D.)

Reverend Earl Wood (Vernita) - Pacific District (C.P.D.)

**Pray also for...**

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

Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)

NCM Canada 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,

Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick

## WILLS AND ESTATES

One of the great challenges facing followers of Jesus in the 21st century is to develop a lifestyle of generosity. Generosity is defined as kindness, a willingness to help - giving time, effort or resource - when there is need... arising from a nobility or trait of character. St. Ignatius Loyola prayed the following prayer, a suitable prayer for followers of God: ***"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will."***

To arrange for a Wills & Estates Seminar in your local church, sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene Canada, please contact me at [richardrileycoulter@gmail.com](mailto:richardrileycoulter@gmail.com) or by phone at 403.829.6949.



## NAZARENE WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER

This year, praises and prayer requests are focused on political, economic, social, and religious challenges facing missions and missionaries globally. Imagine the impact if every church around the world joined in praise, and participated in praying for these specific requests.

As you pray throughout this week, remember that God is present and active! Many of the praises you will see are proof of that. Our prayer requests simply encourage us to join Him in His redemptive purposes in the world. Pray faithfully! Pray passionately!

Sunday, 24 February, 2019	General Prayers in Challenging Times
Monday, 25 February, 2019	Political Challenges (Praises and Prayers from all regions)
Tuesday, 26 February, 2019	Economic Challenges (Praises and Prayers from all regions)
Wednesday, 27 February, 2019	Social Challenges (Praises and Prayers from all regions)
Thursday, 28 February, 2019	Religious Challenges (Praises and Prayers from all regions)
Friday, 1 March, 2019	Praises and Prayers for Creative Access and Secure Areas
Saturday, 2 March, 2019	A Covenant of Prayer for the Year Ahead



## IN MEMORY

Alice Eva (Schmidt) Johnson

AUGUST 10, 1923 -

FEBRUARY 6, 2019 (AGE 95)

Alice Eva (Schmidt) Johnson, pioneer missionary, professor, and wife of General Superintendent Emeritus Jerald Johnson and mother of General Superintendent Carla Sunberg, passed away 6 February in Boise, Idaho, at the age of 95.

She was born 10 August 1923 in Beiseker, Alberta, Canada. Alice was raised on the prairies of Alberta and completed all local schooling by the age of 12. She attended Calgary Technical School to study tailoring, but after nearly completing the program, she was sent home when it was discovered that she was not old enough to attend. Shortly thereafter, the Schmidts moved to the city and began attending Calgary First Church of the Nazarene. At age 19, Alice followed God's call to Canadian Nazarene College (now Ambrose University) in Red Deer, Alberta, and continued her education at Northwest Nazarene College (now University) in Nampa, Idaho. It was in college that she met Jerald Johnson, the young man who brought such joy and levity to her serious nature. The two were married in 1948 and enjoyed over 70 years of marriage and ministry together.

Throughout the years, Alice was a companion and partner in her husband's ministry. The Johnsons pastored throughout the United States, including at Nampa College Church of the Nazarene and Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene in Meridian, Idaho. The couple welcomed two sons, Jerry and Dennis, while pastoring in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Alice and Jerald became missionaries, pioneering the Church of the Nazarene's work in West Germany, where Jerald was the first superintendent of the Middle European District. While in Germany, the Johnsons were instrumental in the founding of European Nazarene Bible College, and Alice, with her degree in Christian education, was one of the first professors.

Germany had a profound impact on the entire family, but especially Alice. Having been born in a German-speaking community of Russian-Germans in Canada, Alice was fluent in the language and culture. Two children were born in Germany: Kurt and Carla.

Alice welcomed many people into the home, showing great hospitality and serving many a hot meal. As a result, she had numerous German spiritual children.

The family returned to the United States where eventually Jerald Johnson would serve as director of Nazarene World Missions. Later, in 1980, he was elected as general superintendent, a position that he would hold until his retirement in 1997. The couple pastored five more churches in retirement, including one in Germany. In every position Jerald held, Alice matched him stride for stride.

Alice was preceded in death by her parents, Jacob and Anna Schmidt, her sister, Beatrice, along with her brothers, Albert, Calvin, and Harold, as well as her oldest son, Jerry, Jr. Alice is survived by her husband of 70 years, Jerald Johnson; her sisters Hannah Notland and Bernice Wolstenholm Clark; her children, Dennis Johnson (Kathy), Kurt Johnson (Melissa), Carla Sunberg (Chuck); along with her grandchildren: Melanie Pollack (Jeff), Misty Johnson (Jonathan), Robby Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Sarah Johnson, Carmen Johnson, Alex Johnson (Ashleigh), Christa Maciver (Iain), Hilary Swideki (Paul), Cara Shonamon (Justin); her 11 great-grandchildren, and the two who will soon be arriving for whom she prayed daily.

All services will be held at Valley Shepherd Church of the Nazarene in Meridian, Idaho. Visitation is February 14 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the church. A celebration of Alice's life will be held at 10 a.m., February 15 at the church. Memorials can be made to the [Jerald and Alice Johnson Scholarship](#) at Nazarene Theological Seminary.





## CUBA EAST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

From January 24th - 26th, 2019 several folk from Canada attended the Cuba East District Assembly held in Holguin. This was the first assembly since the air tragedy of last May when 10 Nazarene pastoral couples died in the plane crash. Seven persons were ordained as Elders in the Church of the Nazarene.



Cuba East District Superintendent, Reverend Luis Batista delivering his report.



Cuba National Director, Reverend Leonel Lopez greeting the assembly.



General Superintendent Dr. David Graves preaching with Mesoamerica Regional Director Dr. Carlos Saenz translating.



Canada Central District Superintendent, Reverend Steve Ottley speaking at the Mission (N.M.I.) Convention.



Left to Right: Mrs. Pat Ottley, Reverend Steve Ottley, Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Pat Fitzpatrick, Reverend Marisol Fernandez, Mr. Paul Santos, Reverend Belkis Fernandez, Reverend Junior Sorzano and Reverend Donna Wilson.



Reverend Junior Sorzano speaking at the NMI Convention with Mrs. Alina Rodrigues (Translator)



The worship team from Holguin Central Church of the Nazarene



Some of the graduates preparing for the ceremony.





## CANADA ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Canada Atlantic News- Sherwood Church of the Nazarene is finishing 40 days of prayer with exciting things happening!

DS Mark Collins attended Cuba East District Assembly as they remembered the 20 Nazarene leaders that passed in the tragic plane crash.



Some of the congregation (Canada Atlantic District Superintendent Reverend Mark Collins in the foreground)

Canada Atlantic Pastors attended a 2 day Prayer Retreat built around prayer and fasting- looking to experience God in a new way in prayer!

## CANADA PACIFIC DISTRICT



Beautiful Cedar Springs Retreat Centre in Sumas, Washington was the venue for the Canada Pacific Clergy Retreat January 11th - 13th, 2019.





District Superintendent  
Reverend Earl Wood  
welcoming everyone  
to the event.



Theresa & Blair leading in  
worship.



Reverend Terry Fach  
representing Ambrose  
University at the retreat.



Some of the pastoral families gathered in worship.



Reverend Dr. David Downs  
(District Superintendent West  
Texas) sharing with the group.

David and Susan were special  
guests at the retreat.





Enjoying the fire: Reverend Sung Mun Kim and his wife Esther Cao & Reverend Rigoberto Castillo and his wife Gracia.



Enjoying the great food at Cedar Springs.



National Director,  
Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick speaking  
at the retreat.



Table Tennis was a great way to work off the  
calories. Reverends Norm Hajian and Sung  
Mun Kim playing hard.

## NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CANADA

### **“WE LOVE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE”**

This was the message conveyed by District Superintendent Robert Chinula to Elaine Bumstead and Alan and Yara Cristales on their recent visit to Zukuma Nazarene School in northern Malawi.

He went on to say "The school, especially the construction of the new building, has helped very much in evangelism. The community people now see that the Nazarene Church is a caring church. The people know the church better and like what they see. Our children are in good hands! The people like the doctrine of the Church of the Nazarene. They see the change in character and behaviour. They call it 'chi-er-o'".

The NCM Canada team visited the school with the DS and Chinsinsi Phiri, NCM Coordinator for Malawi. There we met with the school committee, the teachers, and a group of mothers of the children.



Alan and Yara Cristales, Rev. Elaine Bumstead with the school committee and teachers

Everyone we met with agreed on three main priorities, "We need a chapel, a church building, here". "We need more teachers". "We need to start a garden on the school property and we need to learn about conservation agriculture."

COMPASSION. AS A LIFESTYLE.



NCM Canada has already received \$7500 towards the construction of a church building. Still needed is about \$7000 - \$8000 (estimates) This church building at Zukuma School is proposed to be multi-purpose ministry centre with a sanctuary for Sunday worship that will double as a child development centre to provide after school tutoring and help with homework, games, and Bible teaching and prayer; a room for teaching sewing to women who will sew the school uniforms; space for books and possibly a library for the school.



There are 370 students in 8 Grades and only 5 teachers.

If there is a small house provided, this is an incentive for a teacher to come to this remote area to teach. Costs for a teacher's house is about \$4000 - \$4500 (estimates) Three are needed.

Send all donations designated "Zukuma School" to the National Office or donate online at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca) or call 1-888-808-7490

Check out our NCM Canada newsletter for more information about our visit to Zukuma School and to other communities in Malawi where NCM Canada is funding projects through local churches.

## NCM CANADA IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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## **"THE BUILDING HAS HELPED CHANGE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN AND OTHERS"**

This is a quote from the pastor of the Chiioko Church of the Nazarene in Malawi. He is pictured below in the striped shirt just outside the church. Beside him is the area tribal chief. They are surrounded by children who attend the Child Development Centre held daily in the church building.



Up until last year, the Chiioko congregation and the Child Development (CDC) initiative they had started, met under a thatched roof bamboo shelter which offered little protection from the hot sun, rain and wind. Thanks to a generous Canadian Nazarene donor, a very basic but strong and functional brick church building was constructed last year.

Similar church buildings funded by the same donor were constructed in the nearby villages of Kudziwe and Kambewa last year. The pastors all report a significant increase in the number of people attending church services and children attending the CDC's. The presence of the Church carrying out holistic ministries in each community, has increased the acceptance of the Church by the tribal chiefs. Chiefs of surrounding communities are asking the Church to come to their communities.

Alan and Yara Cristales, together with Elaine Bumstead of NCM Canada visited these churches on January 20 and 21 and met with both tribal chiefs and local pastors. When NCM Canada started working with NCM Malawi in this area there were 5 established Nazarene churches, and now there are 10.

## IT STARTED WITH A POT....



Because of the generosity of a few women in the O'Leary Church of the Nazarene on Prince Edward Island (PEI) in Canada, a pot and some school supplies were purchased to start a child development centre at Chisawa. That started a whole chain of events that led to a Nazarene church being established and conservation agriculture methods coming to the village and expansion of the church to surrounding communities..

Rev. Dennis Hubert, pastor of the O'Leary Church tells it this way.

*"During the trip that Alan and I made to Malawi last year - I have been listening for an opportunity of where to "invest" some money that our Monday evening Ladies Bible study had given me to take to Malawi. The ladies take a collection every week of loonies and ttoonies and then decide what missions project they would like to support. In the past they have bought goats from the NCM catalogue but this time they gave me around \$100 U. S. to take with me to Malawi. I asked them if they would trust me to find an opportunity to invest their offerings.*

*When we visited the villages in central Malawi where NCM Canada is funding conservation agriculture (CA) projects, we decided to go to a new village called Chisawa where a few farmers had adopted CA practices. These two lady farmers had visited nearby Nduala village where the CA project was being implemented. They liked what they saw and they tried CA methods. They wanted us to see their fields and wanted to talk to us about their challenges with CA.. While visiting with them, we also asked if there is any other needs they had. Their response was that they needed some supplies to start a child development (CDC) in their village. They had a teacher and a building but needed a blackboard and a few other things to begin teaching the children. (the pot was included with those supplies) So I left the money with Chinsinsi, the NCM Malawi coordinator so that he could buy the supplies and deliver them to Chisawa village."*



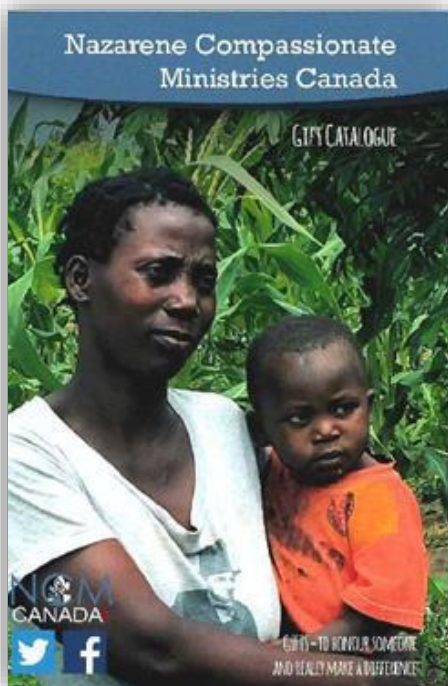
When the NCM team (Alan, Yara, and Elaine) visited Malawi in late January this year, the women came bounding up to the car to greet us and ran and got the pot. They excitedly showed us the church / CDC building (in the background) and told that a child development centre had been started and a Nazarene church had been planted. About 180 people are currently attending the church.

While we were in Chisawa village, two women came walking into the village. They had walked from another neighbouring village near Chisawa and said that they had seen CA methods being practiced in Chisawa and "would we please come to their village?" They had adopted the CA methods and wanted the Church to come to their village.

The conservation agriculture (CA) project started 5 years ago with 21 farmers in 7 villages and now we estimate that there are over 1000 farmers in 15 or more villages practicing CA methods. Everywhere that CA methods are adopted, the Church is also invited to come.

Thank you for giving to NCM Canada conservation agriculture (CA) and livelihoods projects. You are making a difference!

Further donations are welcome and needed to further expand CA into these new villages. You can give to "Livelihoods" through our NCM Canada Gift catalogue or specify "Conservation Agriculture" and mail cheques to "The Church of the Nazarene Canada, 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga ON L4X 1W5 or online at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca) or by calling 1-888-808-7490



## NCM CANADA GIFT CATALOGUES

Our new gift catalogue is filled with examples of what your donations can provide for children & families who are in desperate need of our help.

Whether you have a little or a lot to share, you will find tangible items & services here that can change lives.

What is better than giving gifts to those you love?

Letting them know that their gift is actually a gift of life.

Let us do what we can to share with those who are praying for our help. Together we can make a world of difference in the lives of those we help.

**Thank you for supporting NCM Canada's work!**

## NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL (N.Y.I.)

Nazarene Youth Conference is a 4 day youth conference for high school students. Highlights are Ministry with others, engaging speakers, creative artists, worship services, interactive experiences, Top Christian recording artists, daily teachings that challenge and unite students.

**Please be in prayer for our youth and leaders as they prepare for NYC 19**

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### **NYC INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN PACKED WITH LOVE.**

Students and sponsors will have the chance to impact Phoenix this July through various service opportunities, including our project, Packed With Love. We will be collecting gender-neutral backpacks full of new school supplies at NYC which will be distributed to students and schools in the Phoenix area. NYC invites all students, sponsors, and churches to contribute to this project as we continue to discover what it means to Love God. Love Others. Talk to your local church and see how you can get involved.

#### **Items to include in backpacks:**

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| - College and wide ruled paper | - Pack of colored pencils       |
| - Copy paper                   | - Glue sticks                   |
| - Spiral-bound note books      | - Pair of scissors              |
| - Pens                         | - Tissues                       |
| - #2 pencils                   | - Hand sanitizer                |
| - Hand pencil sharpener        | - Disinfecting wipes            |
| - Pencil box                   | - Dry erase markers             |
| - Pack of crayons              | - Ruled and unruled index cards |
| - Pack of colored pencils      | - Pocket folders                |
| - Erasers                      |                                 |



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