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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NCM CANADA EARNS DEGREE!

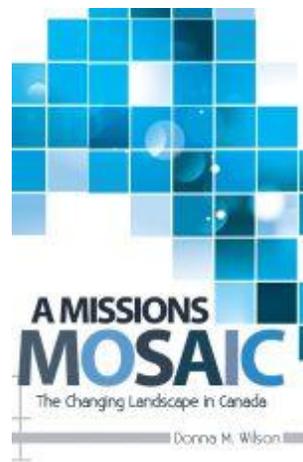
Rev. Elaine J. Bumstead, Executive Director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada (NCM Canada) was recently awarded the **Masters of Arts in Intercultural Studies** by Nazarene Theological Seminary.



Elaine has earned this degree while maintaining full engagement in the international ministries of NCM Canada. In that capacity, Elaine coordinates the work of her 5 member team as they work in places as diverse as Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Malawi and Haiti. In addition, she coordinates the Church of the Nazarene's partnership with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

Clair MacMillan, National Director of the Church of the Nazarene Canada, commented at the recently completed National Board Meeting: *“Elaine’s capacity to oversee the vast network of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada activities while remaining deeply engaged in her spiritual connection with her team and her Lord is an inspiration to all who know her. Her energy level, sustained by deep personal faith in the compassionate life that Jesus has modeled for us, is a constant reminder of what God can do through a life surrendered to His purposes.”*

Elaine is an elder in the Canada Central District Church of the Nazarene. She and her husband, Dennis, live in Meaford, Ontario.



Rev. Donna Wilson, Pastor of the Collingwood Erie Street Community Church of the Nazarene in Collingwood, ON and District Mission Call Coordinator (NMI Council), is excited to announce the publication of a ground-breaking book on the mission profile of the church in Canada:

While attending NMI District Leadership Conference 2015, Editor Jeanette Littleton approached me about sharing a few stories about the partnerships our congregation has built in our local community. I have been a part of the Nazarene church in Canada for 36 years, and it caused me to reflect on the mission in Canada which has changed over the years, and to consider what is behind some of these changes, and what lies ahead for us as a Church as we embrace mission in an increasingly secular culture. There are many pastors and congregations doing great things across the country. It is my hope we will continue to be inspired by what God is doing today in our local communities.

A Missions Mosaic: The Changing Landscape in Canada first highlights how immigration has given breath to the mission in Canada in recent years. The church is embracing the mission to the world, which is now at their doorstep, as newcomers make Canada their home. It also encourages the local church to “see” opportunities for missions at home, as secularism grows in Canada, and to pray about unique opportunities to build partnerships in their community and on their district. It includes stories from the

Canada Central District in such places as Collingwood, Owen Sound and Toronto, as well as the Canada Pacific District.

Contributors include Rev. Bill Sunberg of the Canada Central District and Rev. Lorna Bartram of the Canada Pacific District. Within these stories, the work of Dr. Joel Thiessen highlights the decline of religion in our society. As well, Dr. Clair MacMillan's recent book, Lost & Found, illustrates the early years of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada, and the mission then and now.

Reviews

"Intriguing, challenging, and Inspiring! Missions is HERE – present tense! There was an underlying myth that our area was "evangelized." The church facilities remained, but they were now more a remnant of history rather than a reality of devoutness of faith."

– Martha Bean

"I thought your chapters in particular were down to earth and very street wise. Some of your stories brought back numerous memories. I remember visiting the Clarks when they lived in the Collingwood parsonage. Bill's (Sunberg) chapter about Emmanuel Church and St. Clair was personally interesting since my Dad planted St. Clair in 1934 after graduating from Olivet Nazarene College. Thanks for your street level view of ministry."

– Douglas Woods

The book can be purchased through Nazarene Publishing House (www.nph.com). You can also purchase digital copies from Amazon.com. All proceeds support NMI.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017 WEBSITE NOW AVAILABLE

The 2017 General Assembly and Conventions is just over one year away. To assist participants in planning for and promoting this life-changing experience, the event website is now live at www.nazarene.org/ga.

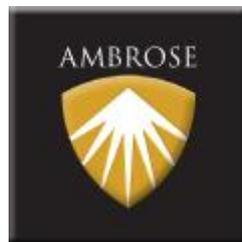
From June 21 to 30, 2017, more than 20,000 Nazarenes from across the globe will gather in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, for the Church of the Nazarene's largest quadrennial gathering, themed "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope."

General Assembly is an ideal opportunity for families to unite and share in their faith. It's also a chance for attendees to learn more about their extended church family, meet fellow members from around the world, and participate in local mission projects.

The website contains needed information and resources for planners and participants. Produced by the General Assembly Planning Committee, www.nazarene.org/ga will be updated frequently with the latest announcements about the assembly and the Nazarene Youth International, Nazarene Missions International, and Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International conventions. Information is also available on the Global Nazarene Education Consortium Conference.

General Assembly is the “supreme doctrine-formulating, lawmaking, and elective authority of the Church of the Nazarene” (Manual, 300). The Assembly, conventions (Nazarene Missions International, Nazarene Youth International, and Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International), and additional activities bring Nazarenes from every world region together for a time of business, celebration, and worship.

The above article appears courtesy of NCN News. For more global Nazarene news, please visit www.ncnnews.com.



PRODUCTIVE MEETING WITH MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION

President Gordon T. Smith recently joined his colleagues from other independent universities in Alberta for an extended meeting and consultation with the Minister of Advanced Education, the Honourable Marlin Schmidt at the Alberta Legislative Building. Ambrose University is one of five independent universities; the others are St. Mary’s, Burman, Concordia, and King’s.

This was a productive meeting, as the presidents spoke to the crucial role that these smaller universities play in higher education in the province, and how the government’s support for these institutions, including faith-based universities like Ambrose, is a superb investment.



Ambrose is a full member of Campus Alberta, with our Arts and Science programs including Business and Education, accredited by the Campus Alberta Quality Council. And we value the support that we receive from the government that helps us keep our tuition rates lower than they might otherwise be.

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