



DECEMBER 16, 2016

**YEAR-END DONATIONS TO NCM CANADA
(INCLUDING THOSE DESIGNATED FOR CFGB)**

The National Office will be closed starting December 19th and will reopen on January 2nd. In order to facilitate year-end giving during the Christmas season when the National Office is closed, you need to know the following....

- In order to receive a tax receipt for 2016, your envelope bearing the donation must be postmarked no later than December 31, 2016. Any online donations must bear a transaction date of December 31, 2016 or earlier. (The Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada website is www.ncmcanada.ca).
- If for some reason you need confirmation that your cheque has been deposited in 2016, please notify Eric White to make special arrangements (647-200-6504 or ewhite@nazarene.ca).

Blessings to all in this Holy Christmas season from the NCM Canada team and from the staff at the National Office!

Rev. Elaine Bumstead
Executive Director, NCM Canada

GENERAL SECRETARY RELEASES 2016 STATS

General Secretary David P. Wilson and Nazarene Research Services released the annual church statistical reports for 2016. These detailed reports documenting the missional activities of the Church of the Nazarene on a global scale show growth for the denomination over the statistical year, as well as continued growth over the past decade.

“We are thankful for what God has helped us to accomplish this year,” Wilson said. “We rejoice in areas of increase and continue to work on ministries that have not been as strong. We are optimistic about the future of the Church of the Nazarene.”

Global reports show total current membership for the Church of the Nazarene at 2,471,553, a net increase of 30,181 (1.24 percent) from [2015](#).

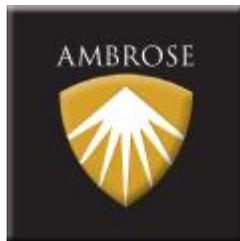
The denomination welcomed in 139,560 new Nazarenes this year.

The fastest growing regions in membership were South America (4.85 percent) and Africa (4.23 percent). There are currently 30,574 churches in the denomination, an increase of 629 from last year’s report. Of the churches listed, 22,392 are considered officially organized, a gain of 480 in that category.

The Church of the Nazarene has 17,848 ordained elders, 820 ordained deacons, and 10,006 licensed ministers.

Information is based on reporting received from districts for assemblies held October 1, 2015, through September 30, 2016. For the full statistical report, [click here](#).

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



AMBROSE DAY OF PRAYER

Dear partner congregations of Ambrose University,

The Board of Governors of the university has designated Tuesday, February 7, 2017 as an Ambrose Day of Prayer. And we are writing to invite you to join us in prayer on and prior to this day, as we ask for God’s providential care and blessing upon the life and mission of Ambrose.

The day will include a number of prayer events and gatherings throughout the day, led by our Chaplain (Terry Fach), myself and other members of the community – including board member Dr. Chris Perumalla, who will be leading the board in its prayers.

We would be very pleased if you would keep us in mind that day. You can reference our website – www.ambrose.edu – which starting in the New Year will have regular updates leading up to February 7.

Additionally, please consider including Ambrose in the Pastoral Prayer or Prayers of the People on Sunday, February 5. In mid-January 2017 we will send out an “Ambrose Day of Prayer” resource that you may find helpful. Again, you can reference our website for a list of those items for which we are, in particular, asking for God’s blessing and provision.

Warmly in Christ,

Gordon T. Smith, President

THE DYNAMIC TRIO

The Dynamic Trio, the most recent publication of Dr. William Stewart, is now available!

At the most hopeless and discouraging time of her life, Allison meets a group of new friends who have started studying the three primary Christian qualities of hope, faith, and love. As Allison begins to absorb the meaning, power, and truth of this “Dynamic Trio,” she is introduced to new ideas, principles, and purposes that will change her life. With the help of her new friends, she applies hope, faith, and love to her own situation and is transformed from a lost and defeated person into someone with purpose, meaning, and fulfillment.

As you join Allison in her journey, you may come to a fresh understanding of these three qualities and begin to enrich and renew your own spiritual journey.

You can purchase your copy of The Dynamic Trio from the National Office for \$20.00 (includes shipping charges).

Please note that the National Office will be closed from Monday, December 19, 2016 until December 30, 2016. It will reopen on Monday, January 2, 2017.



*From all of us at the National Office, have a very Merry Christmas!
May the Lord bless you in the New Year!*