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A REQUEST FROM CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK!

The Government of Canada is reviewing its international assistance programs. The purpose of the review is to look at Canada's international assistance, and determine how and if it needs to change in response to all the challenges in the world today – and where to spend its funds. It is asking for input from Canadians.

To send your message, you can go to our website at:

<http://foodgrainsbank.ca/news/global-affairs-canada-consultations/>

Visit this page for more information, including a link to the Government's website for its consultation process and tips for writing an email. Or you can send the sample email found on the page to the Minister of International Development at:

IAReview.ExamenAI@international.gc.ca

Thanks for considering this request! This is a very important process. Decisions made by the government now will affect how money is spent on foreign aid in the future. Since over 800 million people don't have enough food to eat, and since many of those who are hungry are farmers, we want to be sure the government knows that an important way to address global hunger and poverty is by investing in agriculture in the developing world.

Thank you!

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MULTIPLY ATLANTIC 2016



Sussex, New Brunswick, Canada – On June 21st to 24th almost 70 pastors and leaders from across Atlantic Canada gathered at Kingswood University for Multiply Atlantic 2016. What started out as a dream of the Church of the Nazarene and the Wesleyan Church became a collaborative reality including seven denominations and organizations: Church of the Nazarene, Wesleyan Church, Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI), C2C Network, Canadian National Baptist Convention (CNBC), Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches (CABC), and Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada (PAOC). To see pictures, [Click Here](#).

The Spirit of God was evident during the week of training as leaders from this diverse group prayed, dreamed, shared, and learned together. It was clear to all that God is at work in Atlantic Canada and is about to do a new thing. With some 2 million Canadians needing Jesus in this region of the country, God has given a vision to plant all different kinds of churches to reach all different kinds of people.

Three DCPI training tracks were offered. Churches Planting Churches (CPC) – designed for the pastor and church planning to be the mother church of a new church plant. Church Planting Essentials (CPE) – designed for the pastor and launch team planting a new church. Certified Trainer (CT) – designed to certify trainers to teach DCPI training tracks.

About the Church of the Nazarene’s Partnership with Dynamic Church Planting International (DCPI)

DCPI was born from the desire to see church planters thrive in fulfilling their God-given calling. Through the years, DCPI has only gotten better at equipping church planters around the world as we press on toward our Vision of equipping leaders to plant 5 million dynamic churches to reach the world for Christ. In early 2012, USA/Canada New Church Development (Church of the Nazarene) entered into an official partnership with DCPI to provide sound and affordable training.

DCPI provides [multiple training tracks](#) in church planting, equipping leaders for their diverse roles in the planting process.

About Canadian Training

To date, we have trained over 100 Nazarene pastors and leaders across Canada in either CPE or CPC. We also now have certified DCPI trainers in all 5 districts. We are seeing fruit for the labour in new churches being started. In addition to the Nazarenes trained and certified, over 70 pastors and leaders from other denominations have been trained through events like Multiply Atlantic, as well as a recent Toronto Training we assisted in facilitating for the Pentecostal Holiness Church of Canada.

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DR. JOSH SWEEDEN APPOINTED AS NEW DEAN OF FACULTY AT NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Josh Sweeden has been unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees to be the new Dean of the Faculty at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Dr. Sweeden will be coming to NTS from George Fox Evangelical Seminary/George Fox University where he has been Assistant Professor of Theology and also served with his wife, Nell, as the Richard B. Parker Co-Chair in Wesleyan Theology. Dr. Sweeden and his family will be moving to Kansas City in September. He will begin teaching at NTS in January 2017 as associate professor of Church and Society, and will fully assume the role of Dean on July 1, 2017 when Dr. Roger Hahn steps aside as Dean of the Faculty.

Dr. Sweeden is a graduate of the Boston University School of Theology (Ph.D. Practical Theology, Concentration in Church and Society, 2012); Nazarene Theological Seminary (M.Div., 2007); Point Loma Nazarene University (B.A. Bible and Christian Ministries, 2003). Dr. Sweeden is an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene and has served in various ministerial capacities in local churches, Nazarene higher education, as well as through Global Mission and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries.

NTS President Carla Sunberg –

“Dr. Sweeden brings a deep understanding of theological education and experience in curriculum development and educational systems to NTS. He is a dedicated churchman with a passion for connecting the academy with the life of the church. He has had a rich experience at George Fox Evangelical Seminary where he chaired the Academic Committee and served as the faculty chair of Seminary Admissions Review. He also played a key role in the Seminary’s self-study for the Association of Theological Schools and spear-headed the organization and design of an innovative and comprehensive program and curriculum revision. We look forward to having Dr. Sweeden here at NTS as we continue to partner with the church for mission.”

Dr. Sweden on the challenges of seminary education –

“These are challenging times for many ATS schools. Over the last ten years, NTS has demonstrated its resiliency and ability to innovate, embracing the dual posture of continuity and change. For the foreseeable future, the strength of ATS schools will depend, in part, on their nimbleness – their ability to adapt and respond to rapidly changing contexts in creative and innovative ways. But mere nimbleness is insufficient, especially in the long-term. Needed is the kind of strategic thinking that continually evaluates systems and structures for integrity and efficiency. These strategic skills are best coupled with a collaborative and discerning spirit. The pastoral qualities of humility, honesty, and patience are indelible to seminary administrative leadership. Ultimately, I am committed to seeing NTS flourish and excited about the opportunity to be part of building the future of NTS as it continues to serve the church in God’s mission.”



FEATURE ON MISSION POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Simon Fraser University recently featured Rev. Matthew Smedley in an interview about his new role at Mission Possible and about his take on community economic development.

Read the full interview here: http://www.sfu.ca/cscd/professional-programs/community-economic-development/news_events/matt-smedley.html

SERMON SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Rev. David Filsinger, Lead Pastor of the Sherwood Church of the Nazarene, was recently awarded a Sermon Scholarship from Stewardship Ministries for the 4th consecutive year.

Rev. Filsinger will graduate from Nazarene Theological Seminary in the spring of 2017. The sermon is entitled Rich Toward God.

To read this award-winning sermon, please visit:

http://nazarene.org/sites/default/files/docs/Stewardship/sermonscholarship/2016Winner_DavidFilsinger.pdf

TOGETHER IN ISRAEL 2016

There is an opportunity for a trip to Israel this November. Please contact Pastor David Filsinger (pastordave@nazpei.com) for further details or view the information attached to this newsletter.



CHANCELLOR COULTER RETIRES



After 26 years of faithful service, Rev. Dr. Riley Coulter is retiring from his role as Chancellor of Ambrose University.

Dr. Coulter has been instrumental in shaping the institution that Ambrose has become, and the students, staff, and faculty of Ambrose are deeply grateful for his immense contribution to our community.

President Gordon T. Smith underscores the significance of Dr. Coulter's role when he states that *"If it weren't for Riley's superb and skillful leadership there would be no Ambrose University today."*

A History Of Service

Dr. Coulter's connection with Ambrose goes back to the years before the university was established. He began his career as a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene – one of Ambrose's founding denominations – serving congregations in Chilliwack, BC; Regina, SK; and Victoria, BC. Then, in 1990, he became President of Canadian Nazarene College (CNC), a tenure that continued for 18 years, during which the institution changed its name to Nazarene University College (NUC).

While he was president of CNC/NUC, Dr. Coulter led the institution through a series of critical decisions that helped it to thrive and adapt: he supervised the sale of the CNC college campus in Winnipeg; the moving of faculty, staff and students to Calgary; the developing of Liberal Arts degree programs accredited by the province of Alberta (which was a first in the history of CNC); the securing of provincial funding for these programs; and the partnering and merging of Nazarene University College with Alliance University

College (AUC) to create Ambrose University College – now Ambrose University. Since 2008, when our new campus was established, Dr. Coulter has served as the Chancellor of Ambrose.

A Commitment To Partnership

The early years of cooperation between The Church of the Nazarene and The Christian and Missionary Alliance (CMA) were critical ones for Ambrose. Previously independent faculties and leaders were learning to work together for the benefit of both denominations, and during this time Dr. Coulter’s steady leadership and his skills in looking to the future and building consensus were invaluable.

When the Ambrose University Board of Governors hosted a luncheon in Dr. Coulter’s honour this past April, one of the most influential lay leaders in the CMA and former Chair of the Board of Governors, Alex Baum, offered a tribute highlighting Dr. Coulter’s commitment to partnership, reading from Matthew 5:9 in The Message:

“You’re blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight. That’s when you discover who you really are, and your place in God’s family.”

“Riley, you are a peacemaker and you are blessed.”

Leading With Grace, Wisdom, And Courage

Campus Chaplain Terry Fach, who has served on faculty with Dr. Coulter since the CNC days, offered this tribute:

“Riley, thank you for leading us with grace and wisdom and courage. Thank you for loving and caring about Nazarene churches and pastors and congregations and doing whatever you could do to see them flourish. Thank you for serving the cause of Nazarene higher education in Canada. And thank you for your legacy and example of servant leadership for the sake of Christ and the Kingdom.”

While Dr. Coulter is retiring as Chancellor of Ambrose, his legacy will continue in the lives of the faculty, staff, and students whom he has inspired and shaped.

“We are so grateful for the leadership that Dr. Coulter gave that led to the formation of Ambrose University,” says President Smith, ***“and we wish him well in his future endeavours.”***

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