



DECEMBER 9, 2016



COME DOWN TO ONE BIG DAY!!

On Friday, December 9th, we will be at Killdonan Place Mall for One Big Day!

Our friends from QX104 Country and 94.3 The Drive will be broadcasting all day from this location and, of course, taking your donations.

We will also be setting up a second drop-off location this year at Grant Park Shopping Centre.

You can also drop off donations at any Sunova Credit Union Location.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items and clothes, as well as cash donations in support of Siloam Mission throughout the day!

**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE TO CELEBRATE
COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES MONTH**

December is [Compassionate Ministries Month](#), a time to celebrate the way God is transforming lives through the Church of the Nazarene's acts of Christlike compassion worldwide.

Congregations are encouraged to set aside a Sunday during the month of December to focus on God's call to active compassion. Resources from Nazarene Compassionate Ministries are available to help congregations think about living compassion in the margins of the world and to consider what it means to join the work being done by churches around the world.

Across six world regions, local Nazarene churches are responding to the needs of children, families, and individuals in their communities. One of the largest areas through which churches show compassion is [holistic child development](#) ministries. Across 37 countries, 164 Nazarene child development centers are caring for more than 18,000 children living in difficult circumstances. Through holistic child development, children are encouraged to grow through opportunities that include education, nutrition, health and hygiene education, life skills, and spiritual nurturing. In 2016, Nazarene churches in 13 countries opened 18 new child development centers.

Another key area of compassion through the Church of the Nazarene is response to natural disasters and other emergencies. In 2016, floods, earthquakes, storms, drought, and famine devastated communities around the globe, and local churches were there to respond. In April, a 7.8-magnitude [earthquake struck Ecuador](#), causing the deaths of 640 people, including members of Nazarene churches. More than 26,000 were displaced from their homes. Through support from the global church, local congregations in Ecuador were ready to respond with water, food, mosquito nets, blankets, and medicine.

In October 2016, when [Hurricane Matthew](#) swept through parts of the Caribbean and up the eastern seaboard of the United States, local churches responded. In Haiti, 1.4 million people were in need of assistance, and dozens Nazarene church buildings were damaged. The majority of people in the most affected areas lost their homes and had little to no shelter. Through the support of the global church, local Nazarenes were able to distribute hundreds of crisis care kits and tents and thousands of food packages and water filters. In the months that have followed, churches continue to care for people affected by the hurricane.

Natural disasters aren't the only events that create great need. In Jordan and Lebanon, millions of Syrian refugees have sought safety and hope after fleeing a crushing civil war. Churches there have been providing for the needs of refugee families in their communities, including [scholarships to Nazarene schools](#) for children living as refugees who would not otherwise have a chance at education. Individuals and churches worldwide have contributed to these scholarships to help children haunted by war hold on to hope for the future.

As millions of refugees have journeyed toward safety and stability through Greece and central Europe, Nazarenes have been there to provide for immediate needs and to provide a [ministry of presence](#). As families and individuals living as refugees make their way to countries in Northern Europe, Nazarene churches there are also offering compassion in the name of Christ.

These are just a few examples of the many ways Nazarene churches across six world regions are seeking to live out Christlike compassion. Through Compassionate Ministries Month, Nazarene congregations have the opportunity to renew a commitment to God's call to compassionate living.

To learn more about Compassionate Ministries Month, visit ncm.org/compassion to download free resources.

– [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#)

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PAM NORDSTROM APPOINTED AS VP OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Ambrose University is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Pam Nordstrom as Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Dr. Nordstrom is currently the interim Dean of the Faculty of Health, Community and Education at Calgary's Mount Royal University (MRU). Previously, she served as the Director of the School of Nursing at MRU.

Dr. Nordstrom is an accomplished scholar with an impressive publication record in the field of nursing and holds a PhD in Educational Administration from the University of Nebraska. With her extensive experience in senior academic leadership, she is well positioned to serve as the VP of Academic Affairs at Ambrose.

“Dr. Pam Nordstrom has been an excellent colleague to everyone she's worked with over the past 22 years,” said Jeffrey I. Goldberg, interim Provost and Vice-President, Academic at Mount Royal University. ***“The calm, thoughtfulness and vision she brought to every discussion was a formula for successful leadership. Her countless***

contributions to the Faculty of Health, Community and Education are to be celebrated.”

“On behalf of Mount Royal, I’d like to extend our best wishes to Pam as she takes the next step in her academic career.”

Dr. Nordstrom will join the Ambrose faculty in the summer of 2017.

CHRISTOPHER PRIMEAU APPOINTED AS VP OF ADVANCEMENT

“I am very pleased to announce the appointment of Christopher Primeau as Vice President of Advancement,” says Ambrose President Gordon T. Smith. *“His experience to date is wide-ranging and varied, encompassing student ministries, multi-year missions projects in Egypt and China, and, most recently, serving as Director of Development at the Calgary Dream Centre.”*

As an alumnus of the Ambrose Behavioural Science program, Primeau is also uniquely positioned to speak to the value of an Ambrose education. In his role directing Advancement he will give oversight to several key departments – Enrolment, Communications, and Development, which includes alumni and church relations.

BOOK RELEASE BY DR. CLAIR MACMILLAN

“As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, several significant social shifts were occurring concurrently in Canada. One of the most significant changes that affected the entire country, was the opening of the Western territories to settlement, and the subsequent development of the provinces Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. At the same time the expansion of the railway system enabled people to move to previously unheard-of locations with an ease that was inconceivable a generation earlier. Thousands of families were drawn from various places in Canada, each seeking a future in the new land. The story I tell is the account of one such family. All of the characters are real people, who by one means or another found their way into a new community and life. The events are all real, but they are not singular. The kinds of things which happen in this story happened again and again, to various people, in various places, at various times. Henry and Velma’s story is the story of countless from countless rural places in Canada, who, for a variety of reasons moved to one city or another looking for an opportunity to build a life. In the process, and in the alienation caused by their dislocation, they came in contact with other people of like mind, who shared a common need: to be loved and accepted as they found their way in the complex society of the twentieth century city.”

Lost and Found is available for purchase from the National Office for \$13.00 (includes shipping charges). Additionally, Lost and Found can be purchased by following these links:

**http://www.amazon.com/LOST-FOUND-Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan/dp/1460251245/ref=sr_1_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430496368&sr=1-12&keywords=lost+and+found+macmillan

**<http://www.friesenpress.com/bookstore/title/119734000015731953/Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan-LOST-and-FOUND>

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