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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

GIVING AS WORSHIP

The Church of the Nazarene in Canada has had a long history of faithful and sacrificial giving. The call to support God's work at home and abroad has been met with conviction and resolve. It could be argued that the Church of the Nazarene is a microcosm of the ethos of the country we call home. The offering of oneself in ministry stewardship is, according to Romans 12 verse 1 "true and proper worship" (N.I.V.)

At home and abroad Canadian Nazarenes play a vital role in this true and proper worship. We are committed to supporting God's work where He is already present. In 2018 our congregations raised almost \$15 million for all purposes. When I think of this, I really need to stop and take a bite size look at this reality.....that means that on average each church raised nearly \$91,000 in tithes and offerings. Each church, the large ones, the medium size ones, the small ones (which is our largest component) and the PAC's. Think on this for a while... it is truly amazing. These amounts come from people who sit in the pew Sunday after Sunday. They are not usually mega-givers, they are however people who have somehow understood what "true and proper worship" is and as a result, punch well above their weight in the ring of Christian stewardship.

In addition to this, we are heavily engaged in overseas ministry. Sometimes partnering with CFGB (Canada Food Grains Bank) where we are able to realize a 3 to 1 or sometimes a 4 to 1 matching grant from Global Affairs Canada. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada, led by Reverend Elaine Bumstead is engaged in following areas of "true and proper worship" impacting God's children around the world. Blankets and mosquito nets for Rohingya refugees, a school building extension in Zukuma, Malawi or blankets and Food Security Projects in Nepal and Bangladesh, or sponsoring Leadership & Discipleship Projects in creative access areas, or funding 3 Child development Centres in Sri Lanka, or new church buildings, purchase of goats

and sponsoring agriculture conservation projects in Malawi, the support of “Girls Home Ministries” in South east Asia, or Anti Human Trafficking projects in the Philippines and Refugee support for the Middle East.

Our Compassionate Resource Warehouse located on Vancouver Island and directed by Dell Marie Wergeland. Twenty two container shipments were dispatched around the globe, filled to capacity with life changing and often life saving goods... here is where they went... Creative Access Areas of Eastern Europe & the Middle East, The Gambia, Swaziland, Ghana, Haiti, Liberia, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Sierra Leone. This just doesn't happen by accident. There were 44,475 volunteer hours, 108 volunteers, people who are invested in the work of the Lord through serving and giving and who understand “true and proper worship”. The ministries of NCMC (including Compassionate Resource Warehouse) amount to a stewardship investment of several million dollars.

For well over 20 years the Church of the Nazarene in Canada has supported the work of the Church of the Nazarene in Cuba. It may have been the building of student accommodation at the Seminary in Punta Brava, or the “Pastor Partnership Program” or the myriad of Work and Witness Teams from each Canadian District, or the most recent response to the terrible air disaster in May 2018 where a team from Canada travelled to the island with financial and physical aid.

I have been reading a book written by our former Governor General David Johnson entitled, “The Idea of Canada : Letters to a Nation”. In the book he talks about what makes us who we are. He cites one story that peaked my interest. “Many years ago Mother Teresa made her first visit to Canada to share with Canadians the story of her work to help the dying, sick and destitute in Calcutta. An editorial in one of our country's major newspapers lauded her intentions, yet despaired at the futility of her efforts. Her work was described as a drop of hope in an ocean of despair. what was the point, the paper proclaimed, in helping a mere several hundreds of people in a city of millions in a country of hundreds of millions, most of whom lived in desperate poverty. This was very troubling for Governor General Johnson and as he prepared to respond to the article he remembered an experience which he described as an “epiphany”. When he was Dean of Law at Western University in London, Ontario, he had a colleague by the name of Andy McFarlane. Andy was the Dean of Journalism at the same university. He was also a “magician” on the side and he would perform at children's' birthday party's on Saturdays. One day Johnson went to see McFarlane at work and was invited to stand in the back to watch the faces of those amazed children. Andy declared that he was going to change water into wine and produced a glass of clear water from his cape. Johnson was watching carefully from behind and as Andy moved his hand and sleeve over the glass he was able to pour a small vial of food colouring into the water and upon moving his arm to reveal the glass again, there it was for all to see, the water had turned red. This was the moment of “truth”. It only took one little drop to transform a large glass of water, and it only takes one little drop to transform an entire community, for you see, it's not about math, it's about chemistry.

North of the 49th parallel in the land we call home, we who call ourselves Nazarene understand that giving is “true and proper worship” and we seek to go beyond mathematics into the realm of God’s Chemistry which takes what we give and suits it to His purposes.

The “Order of Canada” is awarded to those who have contributed in an extraordinary way to society. It is a medal in the shape of a snowflake. Every snowflake is different and as it joins forces with other snowflakes gains the force is indeed to be reckoned with. There are over 12,000 Nazarene “snowflakes” in Canada who have come together to be greater than the sum of their parts. Joining together in the mission of God calls us to remember that He can do amazing and wonderful things by taking what we joyfully give and multiplying it to suit His purposes. The hymnwriter, Frances Havergal makes a promise in her prose when she presents herself to God... “Take my silver and my gold , not a mite would I withhold, Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise”...indeed, “true and proper worship”.

In 1878, four years after writing this hymn (Take my Life and Let it be), Frances wrote to a friend... “The Lord has shown me another little step, and of course I have taken it with extreme delight. Take my silver and my gold now means shipping off all my ornaments to the Church Missionary House, including a jewel cabinet fit for a countess, where all will be accepted and disposed of for me.”

“Now to Him who is able to do infinitely more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever, Amen.” (Ephesians 3 v 20 -21)

In the Name of our Risen Lord and until the next time!

Blessings,
Ian Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick, I. (2019, Summer). Giving As Worship. Grace and Peace, Issue 21, 18-19.

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”.

I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT YOU BE IN CONTINUAL PRAYER FOR OUR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP IN CANADA...

D.S. Reverend Mark Collins (Ruth) - Canada Atlantic
D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat) - Canada Central
D.S. Reverend Rose Brower Young - (Brad) - Canada West
D.S. Reverend Gordon McCann - (Linda) - Canada Pacific
National Director & D.S. Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) - Canada Quebec



Rev. Mark Bane with Rev Gordon McCann and Linda, Rev. Steve Ottley and Pat, Pat and Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick, Rev. Rose Brower– Young, Ruth and Rev. Mark Collins.

PRAY ALSO FOR...

Director of Stewardship Services: Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen).
Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)
N.C.M.C. Executive Director: Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (N.M.I.) CANADA FIELD

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Douglas C. Woods (Local NMI President)

Almost three years ago the proposition was made to a gathering of leaders from both Vancouver First Church and Primera Iglesia. “Would you send a Work and Witness Team to central Guatemala? And would you commit yourselves to raise a combined total of \$52,000.00 in order to construct a district training, and housing facility?” The new Nazarene district Verapaz Del Sur was being formed for twenty-three churches in the rural area of Tactic.

We accepted the invitation despite the fact that Guatemala is deep in Nazarene history dating back before the formal establishment of the Church of the Nazarene 1908. So representatives of these two local churches banded together a leadership team and launched fundraising efforts. The theme of those fundraising efforts was: BUY A BRICK \$40! We employed this theme so everyone could get a handle on it and participate. In March 2018 a team was dispatched to Tactic.

One of the first activities to get the ball rolling was a joint dinner between First Church and Primera with an auction attached. The top item of the auction was a 30 minute sight-seeing flight over Metro Vancouver donated by Captain Glenn Oerzen of Snow Bird fame. Looking back

I remember how those fundraising efforts did at times falter. A client, of team member Mark Kennedy, donated his entire vinyl record collection of 5,700 to help the cause. It took a team of six to catalogue this entire collection. But the visions of this pot of gold soon evaporated and was eventually sold for \$400. However our new associate pastor, Lori Ward

picked up our sagging spirits. She developed a visual display on the wall of the church’s foyer. Little red bricks were pasted on the wall as each \$40 donation was received. Those and others pushes from team leaders Eddie Beer and Mark Kennedy helped get us over the goal line.

On Wednesday morning October 30, 2019, these guys with pictures and celebration smiles disembarked from Air Mexico flight AM 694. Mission Accomplished!



STEWARDSHIP

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS:

WINTER & SPRING DATES AVAILABLE

Dr. Riley Coulter, Director of Stewardship Services for the Church of the Nazarene Canada, is available to present a Wills and Estate Planning seminar in your church. The seminar is held on Sunday afternoon, following a light lunch after church. It is entitled Estate Planning: A Proposition of Values. There is no charge to attend. Topics covered in the seminar include establishing clearly defined goals in planning for your future; wills and estate planning, including power of attorney & health care directives; understanding assets, liabilities and ownership issues; family law considerations and trusts; and charitable giving through your estate.

The seminar is of significance to all age groups, and will have special interest to young couples, parents of young families, as well as those reaching middle age and planning for retirement. Dr. Coulter is available to preach on the topic Generosity: God's Call to His People in the morning service. There is no expense to your church for this ministry; expenses are covered by the National Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

Please contact Dr. Coulter to book this seminar in your church.

Email: richardrileycoulter@gmail.com or 403.829.6949

CANADA QUEBEC DISTRICT (C.Q.D.)



Ahuntsic Church of the Nazarene in Montreal on Sunday 3rd November
Quebec Zone Director:

Reverend Randy Barrington with Terrebonne Pastor Pierre Michel Marcel

CANADA ATLANTIC DISTRICT (C.A.D.)

On Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd November our National Director spoke at special meetings at the Freetown Church of the Nazarene on Prince Edward Island. The theme of the weekend was, "Our Place in God's World".



Left to right:

Reverend Michael Zita, Reverend Betty Zita (Pastors of Elmsdale), Reverend Scott Wilson (Pastor of Freetown) and National Director, Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick.

CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT (C.C.D.)

Congratulations to our District NYI President – Marg Stahlbaum

Marg was the recent recipient of the *Paul Harris Fellowship Award*. The Paul Harris Fellowship Award is one of the highest honours Rotary can bestow upon a person. Recipients are Rotarians and community professionals, in recognition of their outstanding contributions, exemplifying the highest ideal in Rotary in placing “Service above Self.”



Marg was also a finalist in the Bernice Adams Memorial Award



Rotarian, Paul Goetz & Marg Stahlbaum
*Paul was the member who nominated Marg
for this award.*

Manantial Neighbourhood Services Inc. 26th Anniversary



Pastor Belkis Fernandez (Founder)
D.S. Steve Ottley
Lucila Maestre (Director)



Jonathan Mousley
Manantial Board of Directors
Chairperson

October 26th, Manantial Neighbourhood Services Inc. (MNSI), held its Annual General Meeting and Fund-raising Dinner.

MNSI is a compassionate ministry of our Emmanuel Spanish Church and Woodbridge Spanish Church. They provide crisis intervention and newcomer integration services primarily to immigrant individuals and families in the Jane-Finch, Sheppard, Lawrence and Keele-Wilson communities of Toronto and South Vaughan. MNSI is particularly focused on serving the needs of youth and women experiencing violence. MNSI aims to care for the whole person - mentally, physically, socially and spiritually by providing programs and services such as:

- One-on-One family counselling and crisis intervention
- Advocacy for Women
- Youth Support Program
- Parenting Support Program
- Newcomer settlement and Referral Services
- Leadership Program
- Senior's Program



GTA Missional Zone Prayer Gathering

In his report to the District Assembly, D.S. Steve Ottley highlighted three high priorities coming out of our District Advisory Board Vision Days. At the top of that priority list is Prayer! We believe that if the mission of the Church is going to be effective in Ontario, we need to spend much time in prayer and fasting. It is through prayer that we find the Mind of Christ and become in-tune with where He is leading.

The Canada Central District is called to a year of PRAYER and FASTING. We are challenged to practice this in our personal lives. Our pastors are challenged to lead our churches in practicing this corporately.

The District Superintendent and District Advisory Board are taking the initiative by planning corporate times of prayer across the district.

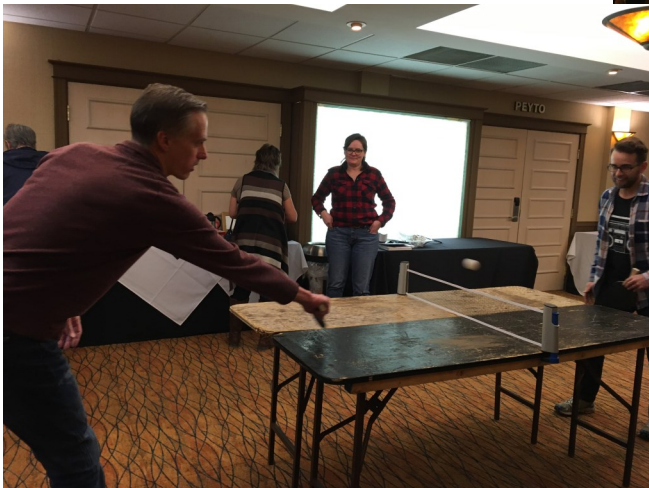
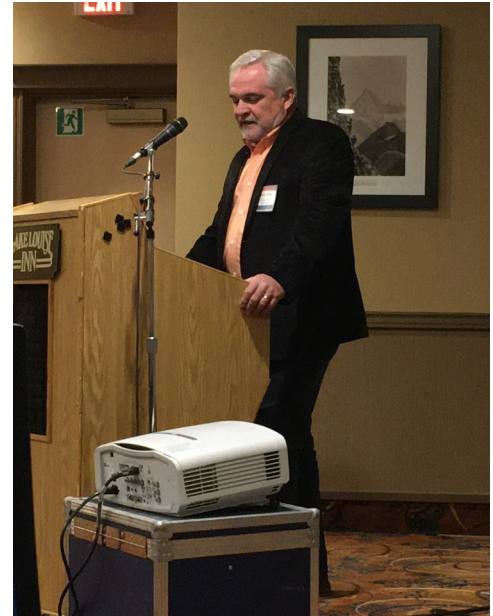


November 2nd Toronto Emmanuel Spanish Church hosted the GTA Missional Zone Prayer Gathering. It was a powerful time in the presence of God.



CANADA WEST DISTRICT (C.W.D.)

Canada West held their Pastor and Spouse retreat in Lake Louise this past October. Atlantic District Superintendent, Rev. Mark Collins, was the speaker for the weekend that had 60 in attendance.



Sedgewick Community Church of the Nazarene
Doug Webb was installed as pastor on October 20.

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CANADA (N.C.M.C.)

NCM Canada sponsors Disaster Response Training

On October 29 and 30, forty Nazarenes from across Canada participated in a Disaster Response training entitled "The Church and Disaster Response"

7 from Canada Atlantic District
15 from Canada Quebec District
16 from Canada Central District
2 from Canada Pacific District

The training was facilitated by Brandon Sipes, the Disaster Response coordinator for NCM International via Zoom (video conferencing medium) and recorded. An additional 14 Nazarenes asked for the link to the recording.

Participants learned about NCM and how NCM responds to disasters globally, how NCM partners with other organizations in disaster response, the protocol for communication during a disaster, how local churches can access resources for disaster response, etc. They learned about preparing their households and their local churches for a disaster, how to identify the most vulnerable, and how to access survival kits and crisis management information for their municipality. Trainees participated in a case study of a disaster where they had to make decisions of what to do during the first 24 hours, the first week, and beyond the first week.



Perron Goodyear of the Salvation Army Canada, a guest presenter, explained how the Salvation Army responds in time of a disaster.

NCM Canada has an agreement with the Salvation Army Canada whereby trained Nazarene volunteers can become registered as Disaster Response Volunteers with the Salvation Army and work under the direction of the Salvation Army during a significant disaster. The Salvation Army offers additional courses to all of its volunteers in the following topics

- Introduction to the Salvation Army Emergency Services (required)
- Foundations of Emotional and Spiritual Care
- Incident Command System
- Meet & Greet
- Ministry of Presence
- Preparing your congregation for disaster

If you missed the training and would like to view the recordings of the training, please contact Yara Cristales at ycristales@nazarene.ca .

Highlights from NCM Canada reports

The NCM Canada team met in Mississauga for their annual face-to-face meetings.



Left to right: Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick (National Director), Dell Marie Wergeland, Brandon Sipes (Guest Speaker, NCM International Disaster Response Coordinator), Rev. Elaine Bumstead, Rev. Denise Hubert, Yara Cristales, Rev. Alan Cristales, Milon Patwary, Canada Central D.S. Rev. Steve Ottley, not pictured John Watton

John Watton reported on the Anti-Human Trafficking Safe House in the Philippines. Up to 15 children and youth are being cared for at any given time by NCM in partnership with International Justice Mission. He also reported on two dormitory projects with Nazarene house parents in a creative access area. Children from poor rural families can have a room and board while taking higher education in the city. Many of these become church leaders and pastors.

Dell Marie Wergeland reported on containers of Gleaners dried vegetable mix being shipped and distributed in both Malawi and Mozambique following Cyclone Idai. Currently a shipping container is being loaded with desks, hospital beds, maternity packs, and medical equipment destined for a health clinic and a school on the Ivory Coast.

Milon Patwary described how NCM Canada is funding 16 pastors in an Masters of Divinity program in Bangladesh and funding livestock, wells, and church buildings.

Alan Cristales shared how 1000 families displaced by flooding in southern Malawi are receiving food and seed for replanting their crops. This is a project funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The project will be extended for another 4 months up to the next harvest. He also told of the rapid adoption of conservation farming in central Malawi and the formation of "farmer's clubs" in the churches and how this has helped the Church of the Nazarene to spread to neighbouring communities. The new conservation agriculture project planned for 2019-2020 will serve 14 new communities.

Elaine Bumstead reported on her visit to Senegal to meet with leaders from creative access areas of Africa where NCM Canada is funding a leadership and discipleship program in multiple countries. She also shared results of the 3 year CFGB food security project that just finished in Nepal where the income has doubled for project participants and their food sufficiency is now almost four weeks per month. NCM Canada is funding the construction of a church in this same area.

Dennis Hubert shared how he and his church raised \$2000 and responded with food and gift vouchers for neighbours - single mothers and needy families whose food spoiled during the power outages following Hurricane Dorian. These families couldn't afford to replace their food.

Marg Stahlbaum reported that the Canada Central NYI are preparing to fill and ship another container of books for school libraries in Swaziland.

The following needs have been identified -

- Livestock, bicycles and books for Bangladesh pastors
- Church / chapel building at Zukuma Nazarene school (Malawi) - partially funded
- Teacher's houses at Zukuma Nazarene School
- Need for repairs to school building in the Middle East. These schools serve refugee children.
- Food assistance for hungry families in Kenya (funded through CFGB)
- Food security project in Nepal for 10 new communities (1000 families) funded through CFGB
- Food security project in Bangladesh - funded through CFGB
- conservation agriculture project in West Africa.

To help fund any of these initiatives, please visit our NCM Canada Gift Catalogue which has been distributed to all churches in Canada, or donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca, or call the National Office at 1-888-808-7490 or 905-602- 8220

A Message from the Compassionate Resource Warehouse (C.R.W.)

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY - FOR IVORY COAST AND MOZAMBIQUE!

Compassionate Resource Warehouse is requesting these items to be collected and delivered to / mailed to the warehouse as soon as possible. These are needed for two containers - a container for Cote d'Ivoire being loaded November 16 and a container for Mozambique being loaded December 1.

1. Shirts and ties for pastors - There are 167 pastors in Cote d'Ivoire
2. Knitted baby blankets
3. Baby Items for maternity packs



The Legacy Church in B.C. collected dress shirts and ties for our Pastors in cote d'Ivoire.

Donations also accepted as the time is short and the cost to mail these may be more than the value of the items.

Send your articles or donations to
Compassionate Resource Warehouse
4277 Quadra Street
Victoria, BC V8X 1L5



It's Time to Give A Gift that Lasts!



As you begin to think about Christmas and gift-giving, NCM Canada urges you not to forget those who have much less than we do and who struggle every day just to survive. You can give a gift from our NCM Canada Gift Catalogue and bring smiles to their faces and hope to their hearts!

Consider giving

- a cow or goat to provide milk and income or chickens to provide eggs.
 - seeds or tools to plant a garden or a sewing machine or skill training
 - uniforms and books for children in Nazarene child development centres.
 - bicycles and books for pastors
 - funds to ship a container of medical supplies, hospital beds, or school desks and supplies
 - funds to operate a safe house for children rescued from human trafficking
- funds for church buildings / child development centres

Call today and give a gift!

Phone 1-888-808-7490 or 905-602-8220 (credit cards accepted)

Or donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca

Or donate through your local church. Plan an "auction" of catalogue items where people pay for their bids towards an item.

Or mail your cheque and the order form (in the back of the catalogue) to Church of the Nazarene Canada, 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5

You may want to give in memory of a loved one who has passed away this year.

You may want to give a gift in honour of a grandparent or aunt or grandchild or other, and want a card to give them at Christmas stating the gift you have given in their honour. Gift cards can be downloaded from the website at <https://www.ncmcanada.ca/2016-17-gift-catalogue-order-page>. If you should want a gift card mailed from the National Office, please make your donation and then let Yara know your purchase and the name and full mailing address before December 1.

Thank you for your giving! You are making a difference!

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