



FEBRUARY 1ST, 2018

A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

There are a number of ways to begin a letter or a communication piece, but I love the one I have just used. The short form of this greeting would be “ In Jesus Name” but to spell it out is to reference the reality of a spectacular moment in time, but also the ongoing reality that Jesus isn’t dead anymore. He was dead, but now He is alive.

Take a moment right now and think about that. This reality puts everything into perspective. The grand result of the resurrection of Jesus is that we too are able to live in the reality of victory over death. I heard someone recently say.....Jesus is Risen and we still worry about what kind of music we use in worship. Jesus is Risen and we still critique the content, length or style of the preacher’s message. Jesus is Risen and we still get anxious over things of little or no consequence. I am not suggesting a reckless approach to life and ministry but I am appealing to your basic Christian belief that Jesus died for you and that He rose again to secure victory over the greatest enemy a human can face.....death ! So that’s why I greet you today in the Name of our Risen Lord. The Early Church would greet each other with the words... “He Is Risen” and the response..... “He is Risen Indeed”. I don’t know for sure, but it seems to me that the emphatic “Indeed” serves to affirm and reassure belief in the reality of resurrection.

So, In the Name of our Risen Lord.....until the next time!

Blessings

Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick

National Director, Church of the Nazarene Canada

I would ask that you be praying for the following ministry activities across our country and beyond...

D.S. & SPOUSE RETREAT:	(Sat 10 th - Wed 14 th February)
N.C.M. INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:	(Sun 18 th - Fri 23 rd February)
CANADA CENTRAL: NEX GEN RALLY & TRAINING:	(Fri 2 nd - Sat 3 rd March)
CANADA CENTRAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE:	(Sat 3 rd March)
CANADA CENTRAL CLERGY DEVELOPMENT DAY:	(Tues 6 th March)
GLOBAL THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE:	(Sun 18 th - Thurs 22 nd March)
EVANGELICAL LEADERS MEETING:	(Tues 3 rd - Wed 4 th April)
AMBROSE BOARD OF GOVERNORS:	(Fri 6 th - Sat 7 th April)
NATIONAL BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE:	(Mon 9 th April)
NATIONAL BOARD MEETING:	(Tues 10 th April)
N.Y.I. CONNECT GATHERING:	(Thurs 26 th - Fri 27 th April)

Please also remember the AMBROSE UNIVERSITY DAY OF PRAYER:

The Board of Governors at Ambrose University has designated Tues, February 6th, 2018 as a Day of Prayer specifically for Ambrose. Please join together seeking God's blessing upon the life, mission, faculty, and student body of our university. The Board will be using this day for a time of focused prayer and there will be events and gatherings throughout the course of the day on campus that will provide opportunities for focused intercession for our president, faculty, staff and students. These events will be open to guests to the campus, parents, alumni, and local church leaders. Please consider including Ambrose in the Pastoral Prayers offered in our local churches on Sunday 4th February, 2018. For more information on this special day please visit ambrose.edu

I would also ask that you be in continual pray for our district leadership in Canada.....

D.S. Reverend Clair MacMillan (Donna) - Canada Atlantic
D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat) - Canada Central
D.S. Reverend Larry Dahl (Audrey) - Canada West
D.S. Reverend Earl Wood (Vernita) - Canada Pacific
National Director & DS Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) - Canada Quebec
Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)

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”.

Blessings,
Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick
National Director, Church of the Nazarene Canada

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA AND NCM CANADA

Please send all mail for Church of the Nazarene Canada and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada to the following address:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
3657 Ponytrail Drive
Mississauga, ON
L4X 1W5

The new local phone number is (905) 602-8220.

The new fax number is (905) 602-9228.

The toll-free number remains the same at 1-888-808-7490.

HERE IS WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THROUGHOUT OUR NATION:

“THINKING! LISTENING! BEING!”

From Friday 12th - Sunday 14th January, 2018 the Canada Pacific District Pastors & Spouses enjoyed a wonderful weekend of “Retreat”. The theme of the weekend was “THINKING / LISTENING / BEING”, this was indeed a time to reflect on the presence of God in our lives. His presence was real and the benefits of this time “apart” will carry us all many days.



*Beautiful Cedar Springs
Christian Retreat Centre in
Sumas, Washington*



*Blair and Teresa Fuergutz
(Legacy Church) leading worship*



*Marva Goertzen
(Ambrose University Rep)*



*Reverend Dr. Jeren Rowell
(Nazarene Theological Seminary
President)*



*Lorna Bartram
(District Administrator)*



*Reverend Earl Wood
(District Superintendent, Canada Pacific)*



*Reverend Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick
(National Director)*



*Pastors Table Tennis (Always a hit) and
Our Pastor's & Spouses enjoying fellowship around the meal table*



*Rev. Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick, Rev. Earl Wood,
Mrs. Vernita Wood, Mrs. Starla Rowell
& Rev. Dr. Jeren Rowell*

*"So who has the fanciest socks?"
The National Director,
The District Superintendent or
The Nazarene Theological Seminary
President*

CANADA ATLANTIC CLERGY DEVELOPMENT DAYS:

On Tuesday 16th & Wednesday 17th January, 2018 our National Director spoke to a great group of Canada Atlantic District pastors. The event was held at the Moncton First Church of the Nazarene and the theme was “Our Characteristics”.



CANADA WEST MINISTERIAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE

Here are some photographs of the assessment held in Calgary (Friday 26th - Sunday 28th January, 2018).



Dr. Larry Dahl,
District Superintendent
Canada West District



Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick live
streaming from Toronto, ON



Canada West Candidates in
Worship

NCM CANADA NEWS

Cuban churches receive food and relief goods

Esther and Jerold Boodhoo (Canada Central District) made a trip to Cuba over the Christmas holidays and visited Cuban churches. Below are pictures of food and relief goods distributed to those in most need in both the church and community. For a more complete report, see our next NCM Canada newsletter.



Shipping Container of food from Canada arrives in Cape Verde

A large shipping container of Gleaner's dried foods arrived recently in Port of Praia, Cape Verde, (Africa) destined for distribution through Nazarene churches in Cape Verde. Prolonged drought has caused severe food shortages. Compassionate Resource Warehouse in Victoria BC. in partnership with NCM Canada shipped the food in November. We learned recently that the container arrived in port and is being cleared for distribution. (See pictures of food and container below)



Blankets Distributed to those suffering in the cold

The winter in Nepal and Bangladesh is unusually cold this year with temperatures dipping to zero or near zero degrees (C). Some days, for people in mud and bamboo houses with no central heat and just light cotton clothing, that is unbearably cold. The very young and the very old suffer the most.

NCM Canada has funded blankets to be distributed through our churches in both Nepal and in Bangladesh. Thank you for giving blankets through the NCM Canada gift catalogue. You are making a difference!

Women in Nepal are happy to have more food for their families

In a recent report from Nepal, we learned that the women in 10 villages in Central Eastern Nepal are happy to have more food to feed their families. They are participants in a 3 year Canadian Foodgrains Bank funded project aimed to increase food security for 1000 of the poorest of families in this area. The women learn how to maximize production of vegetables on their small plots of land. They are learning the value of vegetables in their diet and they are able to sell excess vegetables to buy other needed foods.

Thank you for your gifts to Canadian Foodgrains Bank! Not only are you helping families in Nepal, through CFGB / NCM Canada funded projects you are also helping refugee Rohingya families living in camps in Bangladesh, as well as families suffering from famine in South Sudan and a creative access country in Africa.

Engage, Equip, Empower

To engage, equip and empower Canadian Nazarenes for ministries of compassion, is a recent initiative of NCM Canada. We recognize that many want to be involved in the work of NCM Canada but don't know how to go about it. Some are specifically called by God to ministries of compassion. We have developed a track whereby a participant can become engaged with us at a level of involvement and degree of commitment that best suits their current circumstances. If you are interested, please contact the national office for the complete document outlining this new initiative.

NCM Canada Newsletter

You can subscribe to the NCM Canada newsletter which gives news in more detail about compassionate Canadian Nazarenes engaging in compassionate ministries internationally AND you can read about those whose lives are being impacted and transformed!

Call the national office (1-888-808-7490) or visit our NCM Canada website (www.ncmcanada.ca) to be added to the mailing (or emailing) subscriber list.

Pyaments for all NCM Donations

When sending donations to NCM Canada please make sure that it is cheque is payable to; **Church of the Nazarene Canada.** This is a requirement from the Bank.

IN MEMORY

Reverend Raymond E. Hinchey

Reverend Raymond E. Hinchey of Borden-Carleton, PE aged 76 passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with cancer at the Prince County Hospital on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. Beloved husband of Debbie Bridges Hinchey. He was born in Fredericton, NB on September 4, 1941 to the late Raymond E & Florence C. Hinchey (Howe).

Loving father of Jeffery Hinchey (Leslie) Richmond, Va., Shawn Hinchey (Brenda), Fredericton, NB, Pam Redden (Troy) Coldbrook, NS and step-father to Melanie Champion, Montrose, PE and Marilee Reeves (Eustie) Kensington, PE. Loving grandfather to Josh Hinchey (Dellarae), Edmonton, AB, Corey Hinchey, Halifax, NS, Alex Hinchey, Edmonton, AB, Aiden J. Redden, Coldbrook, NS, Jesse Champion, Montrose, PE, Emilee and Bret Reeves, Kensington, PE and great-grandfather to Jared, Xavier and Oaklyn Hinchey, Edmonton, AB. He will be also be missed by his nieces and nephews. Survived by sisters, Phyllis (Danny) Morrison, Truro, NS and Barbara Mueller, Saint John, NB.

Predeceased by sisters, Edith, Marjorie, Alice, Betty, Elsie and his brother Francis. Lovingly remembered by his father-in-law Winfred Bridges and his wife Florence, sisters and brother-in-laws, Willow (Merl) Blanchard, Duane (Hazel) Bridges, Bonnie (Blaine) Brennan, Neil (Deidre) Bridges, and Joel (Kia) Bridges.

From an early age Ray held different positions within the New Brunswick Government. He enjoyed being a member of the Alexandria Lodge in Fredericton, NB. In 1982, he received a call for full-time ministry and served as a Captain in the Salvation Army in Spryfield and Yarmouth, NS. In 1987, Ray became an Elder with the Church of the Nazarene and ministered in Elmsdale, PE, Truro, NS, Stettler, AB, Sault Ste. Marie, ON, Summerside, PE, Fredericton, NB and Kensington, PE. Ray was also a piano tuner for many years. He expressed his love of life through his music, gardening and meeting people. Dear to Ray's heart was his love of dogs and playing stringed instruments. He had a God given compassion for others; especially the incarcerated and homeless. He loved the fall season, especially marshes, fall leaves and sunsets. He saw God's hand in his work, his family, his neighbours, all children and appreciated each day as a gift. Ray's Irish roots enhanced this ability to enjoy good food, a good story and a good laugh.

A celebration of his life was held Monday, January 22, 2018 at 2p.m. at the Summerside Church of the Nazarene. In memory of Ray, donations can be made to the Prince County Hospital Foundation.

“To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone and a funny bone.”

If you would like to send a condolence to his family, send an email directly to epfuneral@eastlink.ca

Please keep all of the Hinchey family in prayer during this time of deep loss.

John 14:1-6 King James Version (KJV)

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.4 and whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”



PRAYER:

Reverend Neil and Heather Allenbrand (Penticton) have announced to their church family that Neil has been diagnosed as suffering from a cancerous tumour attached to his pancreas. The diagnosis was made about a week ago and confirmed a few days ago following a biopsy report.

To say this sad news is difficult for Neil and Heather and their family, as well as for the people of our Penticton church family is indeed, an understatement. Neil and Heather are people of strong faith in God and He has given them tremendous courage. Nevertheless they need to be carried on the wings of prayer and surrounded by our support and love these days. The way forward may be challenging but remember the message of God to Mary: “...*Nothing is impossible with God.*” (Luke 1:37)

PASSING OF REVEREND DR. ROY FULLER

Please pray for the family of James Roy Fuller, 80, resident of Prattville, Alabama, who went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 30, 2018. Dr. Fuller was the first District Superintendent of Quebec, Canada. Roy was born in Union Springs, Alabama. He is a 1955 graduate of Elba High School and of Trevecca Nazarene College (1959). In 1997 he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Trevecca. He was a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for 58 years, serving as pastor in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, Gadsden, Alabama and Panama City, Florida. He served as District Superintendent for 39 years on four districts: Italy, Quebec, Pittsburgh and Alabama South. We as the Church in Canada are indebted to his pioneering spirit.

Dr. Fuller was preceded in death by his wife, Nina Sue (Schofield) Fuller, son, Stephen Paul Fuller; parents, C. E. and Katie Lee Fuller, by a sister, Juanita Lindsey and brothers, Gene Fuller, and Jerry Fuller. He is survived by a son, Dr. J. Phillip Fuller; two daughters-in-law, Cheryl Fuller and Martha Schmoecker; four grandchildren, Jonathan (Laura) Fuller, Mason Schmoecker, Marissa Schmoecker and Malina Schmoecker; one great-granddaughter, Arabella Fuller, one sister, Jo Anne DeVane; extended family and many friends. The family will receive friends at the Prattville Memorial Chapel on Friday, February 2, 2018 from 6:00PM to 8:00PM and on Saturday, February 3, 2018 from 9:30AM until 11AM. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations to Nazarene Church planting efforts in Italy to honor his passion for missions. <https://give.nazarene.org/fund/italychurchplant>



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