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CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA INCORPORATED
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2016

The Church of the Nazarene Canada held its 69th Annual General Meeting in Toronto on April 18–19. Board chairman Rev. Earl Wood began the meeting with a devotional message emphasizing God’s promise of sustaining grace as we attend to the challenges we confront in the work He has called us to do. National Director Dr. Clair MacMillan delivered his summary report highlighting the work of the national office on behalf of the five districts that comprise the Church of the Nazarene Canada. Finance Committee chairman Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick reviewed the financial statements for fiscal year 2015 and presented the Auditor’s Report verifying the accuracy and integrity of the statements. One of the highlights of the day was the report of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada, presented by Rev. Elaine Bumstead, executive director of NCMC.

The Church of the Nazarene has been in continuous operation in Canada since 1902. Shortly after World War II, the Government of Canada enacted legislation requiring every charitable receipt-granting organization to be supervised by a nationally incorporated board of directors, resident within the Canada. “The Executive Board of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada” was incorporated in 1946 by an act of Parliament. It was empowered by the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene to be the “lawful authority of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada in all matters relative to the acquiring, holding, selling and conveying of property within the Dominion, as outlined in the Articles of Incorporation.” This responsibility continues to be the core of our responsibility.

Dr. Clair MacMillan
National Director
Church of the Nazarene Canada

NCM CANADA 2015 ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

NCM Canada presented its annual report (2015) to the National Board this week. Highlights of the report are as follows...

Total new NCM projects funded through CFGB in 2015.....\$1,616,439.00
Total cost to NCM Canada.....\$239,619.00

The multiplication of our donor dollars is because of government matching funds and because of significant support for our Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) projects in Bangladesh by the Salvation Army Canada. Projects funded this year were a nutrition and food security project in 70 communities in Bangladesh, a food aid project for 1,000 families who were victims of the earthquake in Nepal, a food-for-work project in Southern Bangladesh, and a food security project in eastern Nepal. Thank you to all who made these projects possible.

Compassionate Resource Warehouse (CRW) in Victoria, BC under the direction of Dell Marie Wergeland reported shipping 25 containers this year; 8 of those were shipped for NCM Canada. A total of 205 volunteers from local churches (including Victoria First Church of the Nazarene) and the community helped sort, repair, place in inventory, and load containers. A highlight of the year was a visit by Dr. Francis Kateh, Liberia Deputy Minister of Health, Chief Medical Officer, National Incident Manager–Ebola Response, Medical Director/CEO of Jackson Doe Memorial Hospital, who flew especially to Victoria for a meeting with the CRW board and volunteers, to express gratefulness from the Liberian Government and his own personal thanks to CRW and our partners in sending over seven containers during the Ebola crisis.

Giving to the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue last year again topped \$100,000.00. Funds for livestock were sent to Nepal and Sri Lanka. Wells were installed in Malawi. Livelihoods funds helped support parents of children in Child Development Centres in Sri Lanka and disaster aid was distributed in Nepal. Children in Child Development Centres in Malawi received food. Farmers in Malawi received crop inputs and training in conservation agriculture. Pastors were trained in Bangladesh and funds were provided for church buildings in Nepal. Thank you to all those who donated funds through the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue. You are making a difference!

Jodi Getson continued to engage the Canadian youth this past year. John Watton visited our projects in the Philippines and worked with Dell Marie Wergeland to secure reporting on the Quonset buildings installed by a team from Victoria First Church, as well as reporting on school classrooms built in Dulag.

Scott Brooks started a “virtual growing project” to raise funds for CFGB. We invite churches and individuals to become engaged with this new initiative. Please visit the Seeds of Life website at www.seeds-of-life.ca.

NCM Canada welcomes Rev. Dennis Hubert to the NCM Canada team. We also welcome Mr. Milon Patwary (Bangladesh) who now oversees the files of our CFGF funded projects in South Asia. The rebranding of the NCM Canada website and promotional materials and media was done by Mr. Brian Birnie. Check out our website at www.ncmcanada.ca.

Special thanks to the National Office staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes on our behalf. We could not do our work without you!

More and more Canadian Nazarenes and Canadian Nazarene Churches are engaging with NCM Canada in responding to needs overseas. We appreciate your confidence in us and we highly value your generous giving to help our local churches overseas respond with Christ-like compassion to those in need.

Detailed copies of the NCM Canada report are available upon request.

Rev. Elaine Bumstead
Executive Director, NCM Canada

RESPONSE TO ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE

A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck southeast Ecuador April 16, causing widespread devastation and leaving entire towns in ruins. It was the most powerful quake the country has experienced in decades.

As of Monday morning, thousands are homeless and sleeping outside or in temporary shelters. At least 2,527 people were injured, with more than 500 killed, including 4 Canadians.

Local church leaders report a young girl, a mother, and a baby who attended a Nazarene church were among those who lost their lives in the earthquake. Leaders are still waiting to receive additional reports from churches. There are approximately 80 local Nazarene churches across all the affected areas. Many Nazarene church members' homes were destroyed.

“We are still waiting to know the full extent because communications and pathways are cut [off],” said Dwight Rich, Field Strategy Coordinator for the Church of the Nazarene's North Andean Field.

The hardest-hit areas include Pedernales, Portoviejo, and Guayaquil.

“We are in a national emergency because of the earthquake that Ecuador experienced,” said Hugo Archila Lider, the Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

coordinator for Ecuador. *“We join efforts to address the urgent needs of the affected area.”*

Local churches have already begun to come together to respond to the needs in their communities with the resources they have on hand. They are requesting support to provide for urgent needs, including bottled water, food, mosquito nets, blankets, and medicine.

Pray

Please pray for local church leaders as they lead the disaster response efforts. Pray for those grieving the loss of loved ones, pray for vulnerable children and families, and pray for churches who are working to meet the needs in their communities.

Give

Churches and individuals around the world can support disaster response efforts by giving to Ecuador Earthquake Response. Donations will be used to meet immediate needs.

To send donations by mail, make cheques payable to [Church of the Nazarene Canada](#) and send them to:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
20 Regan Road, Unit 9
Brampton, ON
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Be sure to put **Ecuador Earthquake Response 126156** in the Memo area.

OPPORTUNITY FOR EDUCATORS AND YOUTH LEADERS

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is offering an opportunity for educators and/or youth pastors to participate in a first-hand experience with life in rural Nicaragua. An **Educators Tour to Nicaragua will take place in August**. (Dates are set for August 2–14). We are in need of applicants! This is open to all teachers, youth pastors, and those in the educational realm. It is a great opportunity to get some hands-on knowledge and experience that can be brought back and shared with students to engage them in global issues and food security.

In addition to a homestay, as part of the tour, we will be visiting the Northern Autonomous Region of Nicaragua, where we will boat along the river visiting local

Indigenous communities. Transportation and accommodations will be quite rustic and basic.

If this appeals to you and you want more information, please contact:

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WORSHIP, WONDER AND WAY NOW AVAILABLE IN FRENCH

The French translation of Rev. Grant Zweigle’s new book, Worship, Wonder and Way: Reimagining Evangelism as Missional Practice, is now available for purchase.

The translation was made for the West Africa field, but is now being used in other French speaking areas.

The French translation is available on Amazon:

http://www.amazon.com/Ladoration-prodigieux-French-Grant-Zweigle/dp/1563448122/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1461289789&sr=1-1&keywords=L%27adoration%2C+le+prodigieux+et+la+voie

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS: DATES NOW AVAILABLE

Dr. Riley Coulter, Director of Stewardship Services for the Church of the Nazarene Canada, is available for Wills and Estate Planning seminars this fall and winter, and is interested in coming to your church upon invitation. The seminar, usually scheduled for

Saturday morning, 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 Sunday following the seminar, on the topic of *Generosity: God's Call to His People*. There is no expense to your church for this; expenses are covered by the National Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

Please contact Dr. Coulter for more information, or to book a seminar in your church.

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