



OCTOBER 27, 2017

**DR. IAN FITZPATRICK TO ASSUME NEW ROLE
AS NATIONAL DIRECTOR**

The Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada is pleased to announce that Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick will begin his service as our National Director as of November 1, 2017.

Dr. Fitzpatrick was elected to this ministry by the National Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada, at their annual meeting held in Mississauga, Ontario in April of 2017, following the announced plans of Dr. Clair MacMillan to retire. The months following the April meeting have been times of preparation, as necessary and appropriate steps of transition have been engaged in.

Dr. Fitzpatrick has resigned his ministry as District Superintendent of the Canada Central District, effective October 31, 2017, however he will continue as District Superintendent of the Canada Quebec District.

The Board also conveys deep appreciation and gratitude to Dr. MacMillan for over twelve years of effective ministry to us as he served the Lord in the role of National Director of our church. We are pleased that Dr. MacMillan will remain a member of the National Board during his service as District Superintendent of our Canada Atlantic District. Thank you, Dr. MacMillan, for your friendship and leadership among us over these many years.

God Bless.

Rev. Earl Wood (Chair)
National Board
Church of the Nazarene Canada



Location: RBC Convention Centre, York Ballroom, 375 York Avenue

Date: Thursday, November 9, 2017

Time: Doors Open 5:00 PM / Program 6:30 PM

Tickets \$150.00 each or \$1,000.00 for table of 8.

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Your gifts do make a difference!*

NTS INSTALLS NEW DEAN OF FACULTY

Joshua Sweeden was installed as the 8th Dean of the Faculty at Nazarene Theological Seminary in a chapel service held October 24th at the NTS campus.

Dr. Sweeden holds a Bachelor of Arts in Bible and Christian Ministries from Point Loma Nazarene University, a Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and a Doctorate of Philosophy in Practical Theology from Boston University School of Theology. He is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene and has served in various ministerial capacities for the denomination including local churches, Nazarene higher education, Global Mission, and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. He is the author of several articles and book chapters, reviews, and denominational publications. Joshua lives in Kansas City with his wife, Nell Becker Sweeden, and their two boys, Eli and Asher.

In his address, Dr. Sweeden noted the challenges of education and ministry in a rapidly changing world and the unique role seminaries can play.

“As a result of the shifting landscape, both the church and the academy are having to rediscover themselves in a new era,” he said. *“And right in the middle of it are seminaries; ecclesial-based graduate schools of theology whose primary task is a practical-theological one.”*

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<http://www.nazarene.org/article/nts-installs-new-dean-faculty>.

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HITTING THE LINKS FOR THE LIONS

Wednesday, September 13, 2017 may have marked the end of Calgary's 37-day streak of sun and heat, but the day's cold and rain didn't dampen spirits or success at Ambrose University's Annual Golf Tournament.

2017 Lions Golf Classic

More than 120 people – 100 golfers, plus sponsors and event volunteers – took to The Links at GlenEagles, raising \$50,000.00 to support Lions Athletics and doubling the amount raised the previous year.

Dollars raised are only one measure of success, however, and Ambrose was equally pleased to have the opportunity to connect with many people eager to learn about, be part of and support student athletes and the university.

“People at the tournament who have been involved in the past genuinely felt a strong sense of fellowship and networking,” says Joan Wolf, Major Gifts Officer at Ambrose, noting that this year was rather unique because an estimated 40 per cent of golfers had never taken part before.

“People who were new to the tournament received a warm welcome, and got to hear from a student athlete about why their support mattered.”

Funds raised are crucial for Lions Athletics because they help with the costs associated with Ambrose’s membership in the highly competitive Alberta Colleges Athletic Association (ACAC). Students athletes benefit from scholarships, athletic therapy, travel and equipment, and financial support for coaches, chaplains and support staff help Lions Athletics fulfill its mission of *“pursuing excellence, building family, becoming disciples”* to develop athletes who make a difference in their communities.

In many ways, the golf tournament is “team building” – both literal and figurative – at its best. ***“An event like this is an important way to engage people and to build the Ambrose community,”*** Wolf says.

Every Person, Every Player, Matters At Ambrose

Paige Goertzen, a member of the Lions Women’s Volleyball squad, shared her personal story with tournament participants during lunch, saying how much it meant to her to attend Ambrose and to play on the team, and expressed her deep appreciation for community support. ***“Ambrose is still a newer team in the ACAC, but as we continue to grow as a program and in strength, we are beginning to do great things,”*** she said. ***“As Ambrose athletes, we look to build family and become disciples of the world through the sports we love. This is why I chose Ambrose. It allows me to grow in my faith, pursue a sense of family as I live away from home and receive my degree in a place where I matter. I want to thank each one of you for your generous donations and contributions to Lions Athletics. Because of this, each day I get to wake up and play the sport I love in an environment that challenges my faith, provides me with a family and continually seeks excellence.”***

Goertzen’s comments were echoed by dinner speaker Rodd Sawatzky, Chaplain for the Calgary Stampede, who has a keen understanding of the connection between faith and

athletics. His message about the impact student athletes will have on their communities long after graduation was both powerful and inspiring.

Sponsors Make All The Difference

The Golf Tournament's success and the fun participants have is thanks to a multitude of sponsors who support the event as a whole, as well as its many components.

Every hole, for example, offered a little "something" for the golfers, whether it was a prize for the longest drive, the "Gully Prize" for shanking the ball into the gully, driving the ball into a porta potty, munching on a jelly doughnut from the food truck, or solving puzzles and finding clues to make their way out of the mobile escape room.

"In many respects, the combination of a cold and ugly day and all these great prizes really encouraged people to come together to create a 'warm' atmosphere," Joan Wolf says. *"Everyone was a really good sport, even though we played only nine holes instead of the full 18."*

In fact, the host course was so impressed by the group's determination to have fun, despite the decidedly un-golf weather, that all participants were given passes for discounts on a future round of golf.

And now that 2017 is a wrap, plans are underway for next year – with fingers crossed that Thursday, September 13, 2018, will be bright and sunny.

[Roar with the Lions](#)

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