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IN MEMORY...

Elizabeth (Betty) Connelly Smith passed away on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in Toronto, ON. She was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1925 to Matthew and Mary Wilson. Her brother, Bill Wilson (Christina), still resides in Toronto. Her older brother, Richard, and older sister, Jean (Taylor), have predeceased her.

Her family attended the Parkhead Church of the Nazarene. This is where she met Vernon Smith, a soldier in the Canadian army, at the end of World War 2 in 1945. Betty moved to Toronto in 1947 to marry Vernon as a war bride. They were married at the Toronto Main Street Church of the Nazarene and were part of the body life along with their two daughters, Vernita (Wood) and Darlene (Varro) for many years.

Mom and Dad were together until his sudden death in 1990. He was truly the love of her life. Mom had many talents. She was an incredible seamstress, exceptional cook, best shortbread maker, a great conversationalist and enjoyed sharing her love of Christ with everyone she would meet.

We will miss her love and care for us, along with her 4 grandchildren, Ryan (Rachelle); Matthew (Monica) Wood; Leah and Adam Varro; and her 5 great grandchildren Dixon, Caleb, Cole, Mateo and Isabela.

In loving memory,
Vernita Wood

NEW MANAGING EDITOR FOR HOLINESS TODAY, GRACE & PEACE MAGAZINES

Charles Christian, a Nazarene pastor and educator, was chosen as managing editor for both [*Grace & Peace*](#) and [*Holiness Today*](#) magazines.

“Charles Christian is a perfect fit for his assignment,” said Frank Moore, General Editor for the Church of the Nazarene. ***“We are thankful that God’s providence has brought someone to this task who has a terminal degree in religion, extensive pastoral experience, and nearly two decades of instruction in a university classroom.”***

Christian has served as a pastor in the Church of the Nazarene for more than 25 years, most recently at the Cameron, Missouri, Church of the Nazarene. Previous pastorates include North Dallas, Texas; Canby Chapel and Oregon City, Oregon; Seattle North, Washington, and University in Kent, Ohio. He has also taught systematic and moral theology at a variety of colleges, universities, and seminaries, including Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nazarene Bible College. Christian will continue to teach as an adjunct professor of theology at MidAmerica Nazarene University.

In addition to overseeing the two magazines, Christian will serve as Strategic Communications Coordinator for the USA/Canada Region. ***“Charles Christian’s experiences in the local church, district church, and academia have prepared him well for this role,”*** said Bob Broadbooks, USA/Canada Regional Director. ***“We are pleased to welcome him to the USA/Canada Regional Office.”***

Christian, who began his role 1 May, will help facilitate messaging for the USA/Canada Region. ***“I’ve already begun developing relationships with various offices in USA/Canada, and I hope to assist them in making sure our message as the USA/Canada Region is in harmony and is clear,”*** he said.

Established in 2010 by the USA/Canada Regional Office, *Grace & Peace Magazine* aims to increase ministry effectiveness, stimulate theological and missional reflection, and promote healthy dialogue among its print and online readership. ***“Grace & Peace has been in a bit of a hiatus, and so relaunching that in the fall is a priority,”*** Christian said. ***“It will be in a slightly different format but will continue its emphasis on equipping clergy in USA/Canada.”***

Holiness Today, previously known as the *Herald of Holiness*, has served as a connection point for Nazarenes and a source of inspiration for everyday faith since 1912. ***“Holiness Today has been a strong voice in the Church of the Nazarene for over a hundred years, so I think just continuing that legacy and continuing to expand digitally is a big deal for Holiness Today,”*** Christian said.

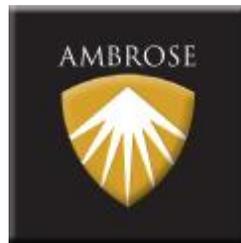
Christian has written more than two dozen articles for various publications, including *Holiness Today* and *Grace & Peace Magazine*, in addition to his book, *Ethics in Christian Ministry*.

“I love getting to know people and hearing their stories, and now I get to help them tell their stories,” Christian said. *“That’s the most exciting part of the job for me – helping people tell their stories.”*

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration from Southern Methodist University, a Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of South Africa.

Charles and his wife, Edna, have two sons, Jacob and Zach.

The above article appears courtesy of NCN News. For more global Nazarene news, please visit www.ncnnews.com.



THE ROAD TO RECONCILIATION

When the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada’s [final report](#) was released in 2015, Ambrose President Gordon T. Smith established a commission to determine how we should respond as an institution located on Treaty 7 land.

The commission, made up of professors, students and staff, has met regularly over the past three semesters to consider how Ambrose should engage in reconciliation. At the same time, the university held a Truth and Reconciliation Chapel Series that invited our whole community into this process.

TRC Chapel Series

This chapel series was an important first step in raising awareness about reconciliation on the Ambrose campus. With seven services running over the past two terms, it provided an opportunity for all of us to reflect, pray and act in response to the TRC’s final report.

How We Are Responding

The response of the President’s Commission was formally released on April 4, at the final event in the TRC Chapel Series. The commission expressed how *“Treaty 7 holds*

out the possibility of new relations with the Indigenous peoples of this territory,” owning Ambrose’s responsibility to honour the terms and the spirit of the treaty and stating that “We will find ways to enter into a respectful relationship that will build toward reconciliation as individuals and as an institution.”

Accordingly, the commission recommends that we engage in activities that confront colonial attitudes and create space for mutually beneficial relationships to flourish. Next steps will involve consulting with Indigenous elders and educators, developing curriculum that builds reconciliation, seeking ways to decolonize our campus culture and honouring an Indigenous understanding of land in the way we steward campus space.

Want To Learn More?

[Read the report](#)

To learn more about how we approach reconciliation, [read about Bishop Mark MacDonald’s visit to campus](#) at our opening reconciliation event in March 2016.

Wondering What Reconciliation Looks Like?

Alanna Schwartz was the student representative on the President’s Commission and is a recent graduate of the Ambrose University English program. At age 15, while learning about the history of apartheid in South Africa, she began to consider her responsibility to examine Canada’s past and reconcile both with Indigenous communities here and with her own identity as a settler.

[Read Alanna’s story](#)

Wondering how you can engage?

If you're wondering what reconciliation can look like in your own life or in your church, we invite you to prayerfully consider the reality of the past and present treatment of Indigenous peoples in Canada and to take responsibility for promoting reconciliation into the future.

Check out this prayer resource that guides you through the TRC’s calls to action.

[Pray Through the Calls to Action](#)

CANADIAN FRIENDS AND ALUMNI BREAKFAST **AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

Join Canadian friends and Ambrose University (NUC, CNC) alumni on June 24 at the 2017 Nazarene General Assembly for a special breakfast, co-sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University.

Learn how the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University are partnering together to equip the next generation of Nazarene leaders and strengthen our churches.

Indiana Convention Centre

Saturday, June 24, 2017 | 8:00 AM–9:30 AM

Tickets \$65.00 | Available online at www.eventbrite.ca

Schedule

8:00 AM – Prayer and Welcome with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

8:10 AM – Fellowship over Breakfast

8:35 AM – National Board Update with [K. Clair MacMillan](#), National Director of Church of the Nazarene Canada

8:40 AM – Learning at Ambrose with Mo Hickman, Church Ministry Student and Winner of the 2015 Ambrose University Presidential Scholarship

8:50 AM – Ambrose Video Update with Helen Thiessen, NYI Field Youth Coordinator (Canada) and Director of Enrolment at Ambrose University

8:55 AM – Research at Ambrose with [Joel Thiessen](#), Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#) at Ambrose University

9:15 AM – Greetings and Reflections from [Riley Coulter](#), Director of Stewardship Ministries at Church of the Nazarene Canada (and Chancellor of Ambrose University from 2008–2011)

9:25 AM – Closing Remarks with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

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