



JUNE 2, 2017

IAN FITZPATRICK HONOURED WITH DOCTORATE!

I represented Canada at Nazarene Bible College's graduation celebration in Colorado Springs on Saturday and Sunday. It was a memorable occasion!

Saturday's Convocation, featuring reflections on each of the 5 decades of NBC's history, gave a suitable context for the degree that Canada Central District Superintendent, Ian Fitzpatrick, received. Current NBC President, Dr. Harold B. Graves, emphasized the fact that Ian earned the Doctorate in the course of a lifetime of ministry that has honoured both God and the school that helped prepare Ian for his life of service.

The commencement exercises on Sunday featured an address by General Superintendent Dr. David Busic, followed by the awarding of over 80 degrees and diplomas to this year's graduates.

Congratulations, Ian and Pat!

Dr. Clair MacMillan
National Director, Church of the Nazarene Canada

FULL GENERAL ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE NOW AVAILABLE

The 29th General Assembly and Conventions is filled with many events, including auxiliary conventions, workshops, services, church business meetings, fellowship opportunities, and much more.

The [complete event schedule](#) is now available to help you plan your visit. Events marked with asterisks require an invitation or registration.

While most events are held in the Indiana Convention Center, it is important to note the location as some events are held at off-site locations such as a nearby hotel or church.

The [workshop schedule](#), which features presenter names and workshop descriptions, is also available. All workshops are free of charge, and some are presented multiple times.

General Assembly and its auxiliary conventions (Nazarene Missions International, Nazarene Youth International, and Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International) convene every four years, bringing together Nazarenes from around the globe. The 2017 event will take place 21–30 June.

For more information, including registration, visit nazarene.org/ga.

– [General Assembly Arrangements Office](#)

CHURCHES INVITED TO UNITE AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING ON FREEDOM SUNDAY

Over the past three years, more than 400 Nazarene congregations in various countries around the world have participated in [Freedom Sunday](#). The event is a day set aside for prayer, worship, and support around the issue of human trafficking, which enslaves as many as 45.8 million people globally, according to the [2016 Global Slavery Index](#).

This year, Nazarene churches are encouraged to participate in Freedom Sunday on September 24, 2017, the last Sunday of that month.

The Church of the Nazarene's participation in Freedom Sunday began in 2014 in coordination with other denominations within the [Wesleyan Holiness Connection](#) (formerly Wesleyan Holiness Consortium). In the same year, the Church of the Nazarene's Board of General Superintendents endorsed the [Declaration for Freedom](#), a document drafted by the Wesleyan–Holiness leaders, including Nazarene representatives.

In the past, the event took place on the first Sunday of Lent. This year, the Wesleyan Holiness Connection's Freedom Network decided to move the date to the last Sunday in September. In part, the change was to allow churches that plan traditional Lenten services to participate, and in part it was to create greater momentum and unity as additional churches and organizations have begun to participate in Freedom Sunday events.

Congregations are encouraged to plan a Freedom Sunday at any time that works in their calendar. Freedom Sunday planning resources are available as free downloads through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries at ncm.org/freedomsunday.

– [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](http://ncm.org)

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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

This schedule is subject to change – visit the Alumni page at ambrose.edu or contact the Alumni Office (alumni@ambrose.edu) for up-to-date information.

THE DYNAMIC TRIO

The Dynamic Trio, the most recent publication of Dr. William Stewart, is now available!

At the most hopeless and discouraging time of her life, Allison meets a group of new friends who have started studying the three primary Christian qualities of hope, faith, and love. As Allison begins to absorb the meaning, power, and truth of this “Dynamic Trio,” she is introduced to new ideas, principles, and purposes that will change her life. With the help of her new friends, she applies hope, faith, and love to her own situation and is transformed from a lost and defeated person into someone with purpose, meaning, and fulfillment.

As you join Allison in her journey, you may come to a fresh understanding of these three qualities and begin to enrich and renew your own spiritual journey.

You can purchase your copy of The Dynamic Trio from the National Office for \$20.00 (includes shipping charges).

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