



**NOVEMBER 3, 2017**

**CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED**

Reverend Steve Ottley has been appointed by General Superintendent, Dr. Eugenio Duarte, as the new District Superintendent of the Canada Central District.



Steve is originally from Belize, as is his wife, Pat. They have three adult children. Pastor Steve has served as the Associate Pastor of Toronto Rosewood Church of the Nazarene (Scarborough, ON) and then “planted” the Whitby Gateway Church of the Nazarene, originally located in Whitby and now located in Oshawa. He served as the Assistant

District Superintendent of the Canada Central District, and most recently as the Church Development Director for the district. He returned to the Gateway church, where he presently serves as Interim Pastor.

Steve will assume his new role on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. This appointment is the result of a process triggered by the resignation of D.S. Fitzpatrick, following his election as National Director. The process began on 1st August, 2017 when the District Advisory Committee met with Canada/USA Regional Director, Dr. Bob Broadbooks. From that meeting, a profile was constructed and input sought from across the Canada Central District. The end result of the process is the appointment of Reverend Ottley.

The National Church congratulates the Ottleys and we look forward to great days ahead.

Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick  
National Director  
Church of the Nazarene Canada

### **BOWDEN INSTITUTION INMATES** **WALK TO HELP END GLOBAL HUNGER**

On Saturday, September 16, 2017, 221 inmates at the Bowden Federal Correctional Institution in Central Alberta spent the day walking around the prison exercise yard to help end global hunger. This was the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Bowden Institution Chapel Walk–A–Thon. Walking inmates were joined by 20 community volunteers completed 1,651 laps around the prison exercise yard, totalling 882 km or 548 miles.

The purpose of the 2017 Walk–A–Thon was to help support two projects of Canadian Food Grains Bank member World Renew in Kenya. The first project will provide emergency food rations to 12,000 people affected by drought. The second part of the project will assist in training nearly 2,000 local farmers in methods of conservation agriculture.

People from all across Canada have been donating funds to support the inmates in their efforts to reach out beyond the fence. Supporters not only wish to help end hunger, but to also encourage inmates as they develop a greater sense of empathy for others less fortunate than themselves.

Bowden Institution Chaplain Bud Sargent, organizer of the Walk–A–Thon, says the Walk–A–Thon is a wonderful opportunity to allow the inmates to give back to others. For most of their lives, these men have been told they can't do anything. The Walk–A–Thon teaches them that despite their circumstances, they can make a positive difference as they change their focus from selfishness to selflessness.

Rev. Sargent says the full support of Institutional Management and Staff for the Walk–A–Thon has been encouraging. The Walk–A–Thon is a win–win in so many ways: for people in need, for the Institution, for the inmates, and an opportunity for people in the community to demonstrate in a tangible way that they believe redemption of offenders is possible.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual 2016 Walk–A–Thon raised over \$30,000.00 to support a similar Food Grains and World Renew emergency food and agriculture project in Ethiopia. To date, \$25,000.00 has been raised, with pledges still coming in.

It is not too late to donate to the Walk–A–Thon by going online to the World Renew website:

[www.worldrenew.net/bowden](http://www.worldrenew.net/bowden)



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This year’s catalogue, as always, includes popular favourites such as goats, blankets, wells and school books. Also included in this catalogue are opportunities to give towards children’s needs in child development centres in South Asia and Malawi (Africa).

The catalogue also features our relationship and projects with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, where your giving can be matched 4:1 by the Canadian government (see page 10 of the

catalogue). Included this year is the opportunity to sponsor an acre in a CFGB growing project and see your dollars further multiplied!

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*Thank you to all who give.  
Your gifts do make a difference!*

## **GS SPEAKS AT REFORMATION'S 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IN GERMANY**

General Superintendent Gustavo A. Crocker spoke this week on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Reformation Day at a celebration in Germany. The event brought together more than 700 leaders from all over the world, representing a vast majority of denominations that make up the World Evangelical Alliance.

Dr. Crocker was invited to speak about the value and role of denominations in the eve of the Reformation.

*“The Church is the vehicle to proclaim the New Covenant,”* Dr. Crocker said in his presentation. Quoting 1 Peter 2:9, one of the verses that Martin Luther often referred to, Dr. Crocker said that *“as the chosen people, royal priesthood, and holy nation, God has entrusted denominations as the new tribes in the new covenant, and each of us has a purpose and identity that we need to embrace. Each of us – tribes of the new nation – need to embrace and strengthen our identity, embrace and strengthen the doctrine that God has called us to proclaim, and honor it as we participate together with other tribes in fulfilling the Great Commission.”*

On Tuesday, Dr. Crocker received the Martin Luther Leadership Award, along with nine other global Evangelical leaders. Dr. Crocker described the experience as *“a very humbling moment.”*

The Reformation Celebration took place in Berlin and Wittenberg, Germany, and ended 1 November with a launching of the new century at the Castle Church in Wittenberg.

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