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**NEW DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
AND MEMORIAL ROLL PRICING**

From Nazarene Missions International:

On April 1, 2016, the cost of Memorial Rolls and Distinguished Service Awards are going up \$25.00 each. Memorial Rolls will now cost \$75.00 and Distinguished Service Awards will now cost \$125.00.

The Memorial Roll began in 1919; the cost (\$50.00) last changed in 1990 – 26 years ago. The Distinguished Service Award was introduced in 1976 at a cost of \$100.00 each.

Missionary Health Care, of which the Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award are a part, only begins to cover missionaries' medical expenses. The World Evangelism Fund subsidizes the balance of those costs. The Global NMI Council feels the price changes will free some WEF monies for other uses globally.

To download copies of the new order forms which reflect the adjusted pricing, please visit the following website:

<http://www.nazarene.ca/#!resources/c1nus>

**CANADIAN FOODGRAINS BANK
LAUNCHES AFRICAN DROUGHT APPEAL**

With millions of people in southern Africa and Ethiopia facing extreme drought this year, Canadian Foodgrains Bank is inviting Canadians to help by making a donation to its African Drought Appeal.

“We are reaching out to Canadians and asking them to please give generously,” says Jim Cornelius, Foodgrains Bank Executive Director.

The prolonged drought, which affects about 14 million people in southern Africa, and another ten million in Ethiopia, is a consequence of the most powerful El Nino event in recent history.

According to the World Food Programme and the United Nations, the countries most affected by the drought include Zimbabwe, Mozambique, Zambia, Malawi, Swaziland and Ethiopia; all will need food assistance this year.

As well, about one million children are in need of treatment for severe acute malnutrition in eastern and southern Africa.

“People are suffering,” says Cornelius. ***“They are watching as the time to plant comes and goes with no rainfall, or watching the crops they did manage to plant wither and die.”***

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is responding. To date, we have committed over \$2.5 million for relief projects, but more help is needed.

“The time to provide assistance is now, before photos of hungry children begin appearing on our screens,” says Cornelius, noting that African countries are doing what they can to mitigate the crisis.

“But if we wait until then, for many it will be too late.”

People who want to make a donation in support of the Foodgrains Bank **African Drought Response** can do so by sending a cheque to P.O. Box 767, Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2L4, or by calling 1.800.665.0377 (204.944.1993 in Winnipeg) or by giving through your church agency’s national office.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 churches and church agencies – including Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada – all working together to end global hunger. In the 2014–15 budget year, the Foodgrains Bank provided over \$41 million of assistance for 1.1 million people in 39 countries. Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects are undertaken with matching support from the Government of Canada. Assistance from the Foodgrains Bank is provided through its member agencies, which work with local partners in the developing world.

BGS ANNOUNCES THEME FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017

The Board of General Superintendents announced that the theme for the Church of the Nazarene's General Assembly and Conventions next summer will be "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope."

The event will be held June 21–30 in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.

"After a lot of prayerful discussion, we wanted to emphasize both the oneness of our global church and the diversity of our church," said David A. Busic, Chair of the BGS. ***"While we celebrate our diversity, we know that what unifies us is greater than our differences. There's a difference between unity and uniformity. Uniformity is everybody has to be alike and act alike. For us, that's not the best expression of the church as a body. The church is unified – with all of our differences – around one Lord, and so our theme is 'One Body, One Spirit, One Hope.'"***

During each of the event's five corporate worship services, the general superintendents will focus on the first five "one" phrases in Ephesians 4:4-6, the verses upon which the assembly's theme is based: *"There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."*

"Underlying all of those 'ones,' one Lord is what holds it all together," Busic said. ***"There is no 'one body' without one Lord and there is no 'one spirit' without one Lord. One Lord defines the unifying core of who we are as Nazarenes."***

Unlike the themes of past assemblies, "One Body, One Spirit, One Hope" will not continue after General Assembly as a quadrennial theme.

"We didn't want anything to conflict with the ongoing mission of the church, to make Christlike disciples in the nations," Busic said.

This will be the sixth time Indianapolis has hosted the event. Most recently, the Hoosier State hosted the 2013, 2005, and 2001 assemblies.

General Assembly is the "supreme doctrine-formulating, lawmaking, and elective authority of the Church of the Nazarene" (Manual, 300). The Assembly, conventions (Nazarene Missions International, Nazarene Youth International, and Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International), and additional activities bring Nazarenes from every world region together for a time of business, celebration, and worship.

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ARC 2016 – WISDOM: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

The Ambrose Research Conference (ARC) is an annual showcase of student, faculty, and alumni research. It's a great chance to see our students and faculty in action and to discover and support emerging scholars. The conference runs from 8:30 to 12:50 PM on Monday, April 4 and features conference papers and poster exhibits from disciplines in the humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, and theology.

“Conducting and presenting original research is fundamental to the university experience,” says this year’s Research Committee Chair and Associate Professor of Sociology Dr. Joel Thiessen. *“This annual conference is particularly beneficial for senior students considering graduate school, who have the opportunity to gather and disseminate original research, and to experience academic life in a different way from the normal rhythms and routines of the classroom. Moreover, students starting out at Ambrose have an occasion to witness and experience the conference as they too consider potential research activities for later in their degree.”*

ARC is a collective learning experience on an array of topics, and this year, we’re reflecting on how we understand and study wisdom, with a particular focus on the question of how to practically apply wisdom in the fields that we study. The event is free, and all are welcome to attend and discover the research produced by the Ambrose community.

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