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DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:

The Canada West District Assembly (Family Reunion) was held at Camp Harmattan near Olds, Alberta from Thursday 20th - Saturday 22nd June, 2019. It was indeed an inspiring time. God is moving across this wonderful country.

District Superintendent, Reverend Rose Brower-Young welcoming everyone to the “Family Reunion”





The “River of Life” church worship team leading the congregation in praise to our Lord.



Mrs. Leah Baker (District SDMI Chair) presenting her report.



Reverend Darlene Hyatt presenting Dr. Eugenio & Mrs. Maria Amelia Duarte with a welcome gift.



Reverend Mark Bane (Director of Evangelism and Church Planting USA/Canada) presenting one of the many workshops.



Mrs. Carolyn Herbert (District NMI President) presenting her report.



Reverend Sheri Lynne Marten (District Children's Ministries Director) presenting her report.



Mrs. Penny Ure (Canadian NYI Representative on the Global Missions Council)



Missionary Damaris Kellogg preaching God's Word at the NMI/SDMI Convention.



Congregation during the ordination service.



The Elders Choir ministering at the Ordination Service.



Ms. Jenny Titterington reading from the Church of the Nazarene Manual during the Ordination Service.



Mr. Luke Williams reading the Scripture during the Ordination Service.



Mrs. Laura Burk ministering in song during the Ordination Service.

2019 Canada West Ordination Service



The Ordination Candidates pictured at the beginning of the final service.

Left to right - Reverend Reginald Lartec, Mrs. Ria Lartec, Mrs. Laurie Watton & Reverend John Watton.

The CWD clergy gathered around them to pray and welcomed them as Elders of the Church of the Nazarene.





JOHN WATTON

John & Laurie Watton make their home near Caroline, Alberta where John serves as Senior Pastor of the Caroline Church of the Nazarene. They have two adult married children and an entire fleet of grandchildren to spoil and dote upon. John's educational background includes a BSc. in Agriculture and an MTh in Biblical Studies. A locomotive leasing business was part of the lives of the Wattons for twenty five years then sold off in 2018. Ministry engagement in Canada has involved local, district and national endeavors. John & Laurie served our denomination as commissioned global missionaries for ten years across the countries of the West Africa Field. Involvements there included: compassion-

ate ministries, child sponsorship, children's ministries, finance and printing. John currently serves the Asia Pacific Region as the Regional Coordinator for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. Scripture and song continue to have impact in the lives of John & Laurie.



REGINALD LARTEC

I was born in the Cordilleras in the north of the Philippines. I was so lost that my family was already starting to give up on me. If I hadn't gone to Bible school through the invitation of my aunt Violy, who was teaching in the college then, I would have gone back to my village, and after some rough experiences, become a drunk and probably would have died already. I got converted in the Nazarene bible college

in 2003. After, the Lord's touch in my life was so immense that I felt He was calling me to pastoral ministry, so I changed my program to Theology. I graduated in 2007 and went to seminary for a semester while waiting for God's leading. I was called to pastor a very young church in Buguias for a few years. It was a 2 to 3 hours hike from the highway to the village. There was no electricity, the church was attached to a house, the floor was hardened soil, we had a combination of empty containers and tins as our drum set, and an almost dilapidated guitar. Despite those minor challenges, within those years, we were abled by God's grace to plant a church in the next village. I never imagined nor aspired to come to the west. I always felt in my heart that I was called to do cross cultural ministry outside my country, but not as far as Canada. However, my wife Ria came over and so, eventually, I followed in 2013 after pastoring my home church for a year. I came as a student at Ambrose University. I wasn't able to finish my MDiv program as I needed to work and save before I continued. However, we were so blessed by God that He called us to pastor the Fort Saskatchewan Church of The Nazarene in 2016.



Dr. Eugenio Duarte, Reverend Reginald Lartec, Mrs. Ria Lartec, Mrs Laurie Watton, Reverend John Watton, D.S. Reverend Rose Brower-Young and National Director Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick.

Two former Canada West District Superintendents pictured with the National Director and current D.S.:

Left to right - Reverend Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick, Reverend Rose Brower-Young, Reverend Dr. Larry Dahl and Reverend Dr. Danny Gales.



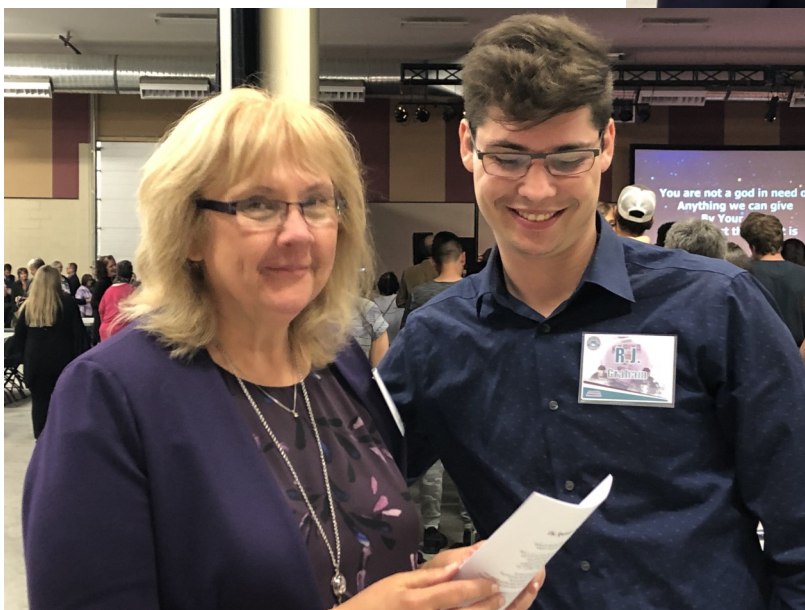
The commissioning Service for the leaders of N.Y.I., SDMI & NMI.



Prayer for the young people and sponsors who will attend Nazarene Youth Congress in Phoenix in July.



District Administrator Rose Graham with DS Reverend Rose Brower-Young checking the schedule.



Rose and RJ Graham (Administrative Assistant)

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