



**MAY 6, 2016**

**FORT MCMURRAY ASSISTANCE**

We have had a number of inquiries regarding how people can provide support and help for the disaster in Fort McMurray.

We are suggesting to those who are interested in making a donation to send funds directly to Samaritan's Purse, who are presently working on organizing a response. They were quite actively involved in helping with the Slave Lake fire and then with the High River flood crisis in the past.

Additionally, if they wish, they could send funds to the Salvation Army, designated to help with the relief for the area. I received the following information from Major Ron Cartmell, Divisional Commander:

*The Salvation Army has been mobilized to feed 1,000 first responders south of Fort McMurray. Our FFM portable kitchen is in place, and as I write, 3 other teams from Alberta and Saskatchewan are en route to help.*

We will be asking our local congregations to make this a matter of prayer most definitely ... and to take an offering to assist with relief work in the area.

Blessings,  
Dr. Larry Dahl  
District Superintendent, Canada West District

## NAZARENES MEET TO DEVELOP UNIFIED REFUGEE RESPONSE STRATEGY

The refugee situation that has brought more than a million displaced people to the shore of the European Union also brought together 11 Nazarene leaders from the Northern Europe and Central Europe fields April 1 in Frankfurt, Germany.

Hosted by a Church of the Nazarene, [Kirche in Aktion](#) (Church in Action) Frankfurt, and facilitated by Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Inc., the meeting gathered voices from Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Hungary, and the United Kingdom.

The meeting's focus was to explore a unifying compassion strategy for Nazarenes in Europe as the church responds to one of the most significant human migrations of the modern era.

The discussions showed that European Nazarenes are intentionally engaging in effective and compassionate response. They also highlighted the fact that Europe is in the beginning moments of a long journey toward resettlement and inclusion of those who seek refugee status.

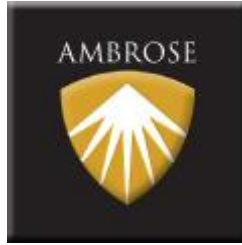
*“I have been really encouraged to see the passion and creative action being taken by churches throughout Europe to respond to asylum seekers as they transit through or try to settle into new host countries,”* said Tim Bowen–Evans, NCM program coordinator. *“The needs are overwhelming and change rapidly from week to week, so churches, along with everyone else responding to this current crisis, face many challenges in developing appropriate and effective response activities.”*

The one–day meeting built upon a strategy base that was [produced in December](#) with the Central Europe Field's Refugee Response Team. The Frankfurt group specifically focused on a unified response to asylum seekers in destination countries.

To view this article in its entirety, please visit:

<http://nazarene.org/article/nazarenes-meet-develop-unified-refugee-response-strategy>

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*“As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, several significant social shifts were occurring concurrently in Canada. One of the most significant changes that affected the entire country, was the opening of the Western territories to settlement, and the subsequent development of the provinces Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. At the same time the expansion of the railway system enabled people to move to previously unheard-of locations with an ease that was inconceivable a generation earlier. Thousands of families were drawn from various places in Canada, each seeking a future in the new land. The story I tell is the account of one such family. All of the characters*

*are real people, who by one means or another found their way into a new community and life. The events are all real, but they are not singular. The kinds of things which happen in this story happened again and again, to various people, in various places, at various times. Henry and Velma's story is the story of countless from countless rural places in Canada, who, for a variety of reasons moved to one city or another looking for an opportunity to build a life. In the process, and in the alienation caused by their dislocation, they came in contact with other people of like mind, who shared a common need: to be loved and accepted as they found their way in the complex society of the twentieth century city."*

Lost and Found is available for purchase from the National Office for \$13.00 (includes shipping charges). Additionally, Lost and Found can be purchased by following these links:

\*\*[http://www.amazon.com/LOST-FOUND-Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan/dp/1460251245/ref=sr\\_1\\_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430496368&sr=1-12&keywords=lost+and+found+macmillan](http://www.amazon.com/LOST-FOUND-Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan/dp/1460251245/ref=sr_1_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430496368&sr=1-12&keywords=lost+and+found+macmillan)

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