

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA

GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

On the first day of July, we celebrated CANADA DAY and we are 153 years old as an official country, but of course, the land occupied by indigenous peoples is much older than that. This is something we must never forget! In 1867 the British North America Act (Confederation) or The Constitution Act brought into being our federal dominion and established much of the way we do business as a nation; the House of Commons, Senate, justice and taxation systems all come from this act. The Constitution Act of 1982 added amendments to the original including The Charter of Rights and Freedoms. So our country is a land rich in so many ways. We are indeed privileged to call this our home, albeit temporary.

I am intrigued by the original lyrics of our National Anthem written by Robert Stanley Weir in 1906. Weir was born in Hamilton, Ontario but moved to Montreal for his higher education where he became qualified as a teacher and a lawyer, choosing the latter as his vocation. Our country is mentioned in Psalm 113, perhaps not specifically named, but certainly, we come under the “umbrella” of truth when it comes to our origin and under whose authority we exist. Hear the Word of the Lord from the aforementioned Psalm... ***“Praise the Lord, Praise O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord. Let the name of the Lord be praised both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. The Lord is exalted over all the nations, His glory above the heavens.”*** There it is, in bold font, this is where we are mentioned. Our privilege to enjoy the blessings of life here comes with a responsibility to honour the fact that the Lord is exalted over all nations, yes even over the British North America Act, yes even over the Constitution Act, yes even over our systems of government for as good as they are, they are only proved prudent in the context of the justice and mercy of God. They are only proved prudent in the context of the love and holiness of God, they are only proved prudent in the wisdom and graciousness of God, exemplified and lived out in the lives of each one of us, for each one of us are decision makers for our sphere of influence and we can make Canada an even more beautiful place when we exalt the Name of the Lord, the One who created the air we breathe, the water we drink and the soil on which we stand.

The final verse of our National Anthem expresses the desire of our hearts...

***“Ruler Supreme, Who hearest humble prayer,
Hold our Dominion in Your loving care,
Help us to find, O God in Thee a lasting rich reward,
As waiting for the better day we ever stand on guard.
God keep our land, glorious and free,
O Canada we stand on guard for thee,
O Canada we stand on guard for thee.”***

Blessings
Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick.

**I WOULD ALSO ASK THAT YOU BE IN CONTINUAL PRAYER
FOR OUR DISTRICT LEADERSHIP IN CANADA...**

D.S. Reverend Mark Collins (Ruth) - Canada Atlantic
D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat) - Canada Central
D.S. Reverend Rose Brower Young - (Brad) - Canada West
D.S. Reverend Gordon McCann - (Linda) - Canada Pacific
National Director & D.S. Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) - Canada Quebec

PRAY ALSO FOR

Director of Stewardship Services: Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen).
Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)
N.C.M.C. Executive Director: Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

I need to ask a favour of you...

COVID-19 is a reminder that life is fragile and can change in a moment.

No doubt, we are all actively thinking about our current and future health and wellness during these unusual times. We are doing our best to keep ourselves and our families healthy and safe. We all want to be prepared spiritually and fiscally for what the future holds. Given the circumstances, it is

possible we have time and opportunity to have conversations about our estate – what God has given us as stewards in His kingdom.

As I am sitting at my desk, I was thinking about being ‘ready’. Do Karen and I have everything in order to look after each other, our children and grandchildren? And does our plan allow us and our loved ones to celebrate our lives of faith and our love for the Body of Christ and His Kingdom?

As I think about this, I am concerned that nearly 60% of Canadians do not have a Will in place. I am concerned about what would happen to their loved ones if they succumbed to the COVID-19 virus without having prepared a Will. The last thing their family would need is to deal with frozen bank accounts, bills and debts that keep accruing interest charges and the unexpected estate taxes that could have been avoided with a little planning.

The favour I am asking of you... is to stay well and be blessed as you continue to bring light and God’s loving embrace to your family and your neighbours. And if you haven’t prepared for the future, now may be the time!

R Riley Coulter

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5 Step Will Planning Guide

Step One: Have a Plan.

You need a plan that will ensure all your loved ones are looked after as well as help you avoid/eliminate estate taxes through giving to Registered Canadian Charities. As you think about your plan, list all of the people you want to care for through your estate. You can only give to three places in your estate: relatives, the government (in estate taxes) or registered Charities. Be generous – as giving to charity is what can reduce and even eliminate estate taxes while still looking after your loved ones. Remember your church is needed now more than ever.

And the ministry of your church will continue after you are gone – and will need support. As you imagine what joy and blessing your estate gift will bring to your church as they serve and build The Kingdom, know that it also becomes a delightful fragrance to God's heart (Phil. 4:8).



Step Two: Create a Will.

Once you have your estate plan completed, you need to add/incorporate this into your Will. You can make reference in your Will to follow the Estate Plan you created in Step One. We recommend using the services of a lawyer but there are other low cost options available:

Hand-written (Holographic) Will - Use a blank piece of paper, label this your "last will and testament" and hand-write your wishes, date and sign (no witnesses required). Must be able to prove this is in your own handwriting to be valid. NOTE: Holographic Wills are not legal in British Columbia.



Download a Do-it-Yourself Will Kit – These are good for simple estates but usually fail to cover 'what if' scenarios.

Online interactive Will service – These services will guide you through the process and are specific to your Province or Territory and will even check for errors. There is normally a small fee for the use of this service. After answering all the questions, the service compiles a document that can be downloaded and printed.

Use the services of a lawyer (or Notary in BC or Quebec) – This is recommended as the traditional approach for making a will. If you do not have a lawyer, ask your pastor to recommend one to you. And, sometimes the best way to find a lawyer is to ask your friends and family. Your Estate Plan will help guide/instruct your lawyer in writing the Will as well as reduce the amount of time spent/costs discussing this with your lawyer.

Other than the hand-written Will, all final Wills should be signed in the presence of two adult witnesses that are not beneficiaries (and in some jurisdictions, they cannot be the spouse of a beneficiary) to turn it into a legal Last Will and Testament.

Step Three: **Get Your Documents Together.**

Once your Will is in place, there are other documents you should make sure are compiled:

Your Complete **Estate Plan**.

A document outlining your **funeral wishes** and/or funeral arrangements that have already been made including contact information.

Inventory of Assets (including life insurance policies, investments, properties, savings accounts, etc.) and the passwords, codes and/or contacts to access them.

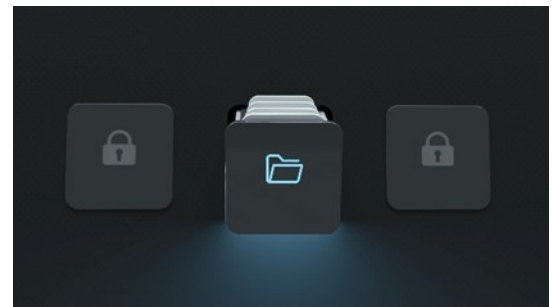


Financial Power of Attorney to give someone authority to access to your finances and **Living Will** (Healthcare Power of Attorney / Advance Directives) to give someone authority to make decisions about your health care.

Step Four: **Keep All Documents Safe and Accessible.**

All these documents should be kept in a secure place. They also need to be accessible in case something happens.

Your named executor should know where to quickly find a copy and where the originals are stored.



Step Five: **Keep it Updated.**



The general rule of thumb is that your Will should be reviewed and, if needed, updated every 4-5 years or after any major life/asset change.

You can also review and update your estate plan as well.



It is never too early – nor too late! - to create a Will.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!



Howard Griffin grew up in a VERY Christian home. Gpa Griffin not only preached in many Nazarene Churches in Alberta but he also started many. Grandpa Griffin donated land in the mighty North Peace River Country for the Church of the Nazarene to start a Bible camp.

Howard starting preaching at the age of 16 while also working hard on the family farm! He headed to Canadian Nazarene College in Red Deer at the age of 18 and while attending college preached at some of our local Churches. He was at CNC from 1938-1942. Upon leaving CNC he took the Church at Westlock, AB. He married Ruth Rogers and together they pastored 11 Churches, 10 in Alberta & 1 in British

Columbia. (Westlock, AB, Ravin AB, Claresholm AB, Picture Butte AB, Sundre AB. Chilliwick BC, Calgary North Hill, AB, Didsbury AB ((on loan to the Missionary Church for 3 years)) Olds AB, Yorkton SK (interim), Edmonton First Church, (interim), Red Deer First (visitation) and Calgary First (visitation). Due to a hip problem, he retired from full-time ministry after over 40 years, continuing to do evangelism, interim and visitation pastoring until he was 81. Upon moving into a retirement home in Calgary, he again felt called to start a Bible study which he supported until he was 98 years old.

Howard & Ruth donated significantly to the Village of Hope in Bangladesh.

If Howard said he would pray for you - he did!! He was up early every morning so he could have this quiet time alone with his Heavenly Father! He continues to use his phone and his computer as visitation tools to many of the people he has known & prayed for over the years.

Ruth passed away April 2019 after a long hard-fought battle mentally & physically. He misses her so much. Howard & Ruth had 2 daughters. Howard is a member at Calgary First and misses being able to attend on a regular basis.

Please send your greeting to:

J Boskers
725 Pentecost Bay
Calgary, AB
T1X 1L4

SAVE THE DATE

TUESDAY JULY 14, 2020 - 2PM
W. HOWARD GRIFFIN'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

We will have a vehicle parade following the Calgary Fire Dept.
Form up will be at McKenzie Towne Church
7 McKenzie Towne Gate SE (T2Z 3W5)

Please feel free to join in, decorate your car,
holler out a greeting and drop off a card.

Engagement with the Black Strategic Readiness Team BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Black Strategic Readiness Team (BSRT) was established by the 1968 General Assembly (then named the “Black Council”) as a resource to help develop strong Black leadership and to guide the church regarding issues of race. Throughout the intervening years, they have worked tirelessly for the Black Church of the Nazarene in the United States. The names and faces of the Council have changed, but today, the members are second and third generation Nazarenes who have a deep love and commitment to the message of scriptural holiness and the Church of the Nazarene.

Organized by the BSRT and supported by the USA/Canada Region, a National Black Nazarene Conference meets bi-annually and celebrates the life and work of the numerous Black Churches of the Nazarene in the United States and Canada. Desiring to enhance the commitment of the denomination to Black Nazarenes and their communities, the Board of General Superintendents has been specifically engaged for the last 18 months in strategic planning and prayer with the BSRT. Additional funding has been provided to Black ministries to help foster real and lasting change for the future of the church.

Addressing systemic issues of injustice is not a comfortable exercise because it requires us to reflect upon ways we may have contributed to the problem. The current conversations around racism in the United States, and around the world, call us to a time of self-examination.

The Church of the Nazarene has made clear our statement on discrimination in Manual 915. The highest governing body of the Church of the Nazarene, the General Assembly, added the following paragraphs to the statement during its most recent meeting in 2017:

Therefore, we renounce any form of racial and ethnic indifference, exclusion, subjugation, or oppression as a grave sin against God and our fellow human beings. We lament the legacy of every form of racism throughout the world, and we seek to confront that legacy through repentance, reconciliation, and biblical justice. We seek to repent of every behavior in which we have been overtly or covertly complicit with the sin of racism, both past and present; and in confession and lament we seek forgiveness and reconciliation.

Further, we acknowledge that there is no reconciliation apart from human struggle to stand against and to overcome all personal, institutional, and structural prejudice responsible for racial and ethnic humiliation and oppression. We call upon Nazarenes everywhere to identify and seek to remove acts and structures of prejudice, to facilitate occasions for seeking forgiveness and reconciliation, and to take action toward empowering those who have been marginalized.

This is a powerful statement that calls the church to action. The biblical message of holiness challenges us not only to examine our hearts but to assume corporate responsibility to speak against and proactively reject any systems or structures that oppress our brothers and sisters in Christ, including those that may exist in the church.

In light of recent events in the USA and other parts of the world, the BSRT is renewing its mandate to help guide the church to take actions that will strengthen our fellowship and witness. The BGS joins with the BSRT in this prophetic call to action. [Click here for the action steps recommended by the BSRT](https://nazarene.org/article/engagement-black-strategic-readiness-team). May God help us to live out the message of holiness, individually and corporately, reflecting on where we have come, and with holy boldness be filled with the Spirit's power to embrace God's vision for reconciliation and healing in the world.

Board of General Superintendents

<https://nazarene.org/article/engagement-black-strategic-readiness-team>



STATEMENT ON THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The world has been impacted by an unexpected pandemic that has affected every area of life, including the health, safety, finances, and mobility of the global church. As a result, the Board of General Superintendents (BGS) has called for several entities to review plans for the upcoming 30th General Assembly and Conventions, scheduled for 23 June -2 July 2021 in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. This review has considered the purpose of the General Assembly, the options available to achieve the purpose, and the implications of convening the General Assembly on the scheduled dates.

Purpose of the General Assembly

The Manual of the Church of the Nazarene serves as a guide when it comes to understanding the full purpose of the General Assembly. As a uniquely global body, the General Assembly is one of the primary, visible reflections of the unity in the Church of the Nazarene (Manual, “Preamble to Church Government,” p. 64). In addition, “the General Assembly is the supreme doctrine-formulating, lawmaking, and elective authority of the Church of the Nazarene,” (Manual, p. 300). Therefore, the purpose of the General Assembly is both constitutional (legislation, election, and doctrine-formulation) and connectional (an expression of the global unity and diversity of the denomination).

Current considerations

The COVID-19 pandemic has touched the global church in many ways. As the virus spreads around the world,

- ☐ Global travel has either been restricted or deemed unsafe.
- ☐ Embassies and consulates have closed, and the dates for reopening remain uncertain.
- ☐ Access to visas to travel to the United States and through transit points have been delayed.
- ☐ Financial challenges at the local church level have impacted the districts’ ability to budget for the upcoming General Assembly.

As the BGS has consulted with a variety of professional and ecclesial advisors, most agree that the current conditions will continue for an extended period of time, recognizing it is difficult to forecast when the pandemic’s impact will slow.

Based on these considerations and realities, the BGS has determined that the current conditions do not allow the denomination to fulfill the purposes for which the General Assembly has been designed. The health risks, restricted mobility, and lack of financial resources all combine to create limitations for a truly global representation to attend the General Assembly as scheduled in 2021

In harmony with the provision in Manual 302.1, the BGS met with the Executive Committee of the General Board to review the possibility of holding an electronic, remote General Assembly in simultaneous locations around the world. At the 10 June 2020 meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Board, it was unanimously decided that “a multi-site electronic assembly would not allow us to fulfill the essential purposes of the General Assembly as stated in the Manual.”

Based on these realities, the Executive Committee of the General Board, acting on behalf of the General Board, unanimously recommended that the General Assembly Commission “consider postponing the 30th General Assembly to a time when the conditions may guarantee the safe participation of a large global contingent.”

DECLARATION

After studying the current impact of COVID-19 globally, including the likelihood of conditions being appropriate for scheduling the 30th General Assembly in a way that includes both significant global participation via attendance and an appropriate emphasis on the health and safety of visitors and delegates, the General Assembly Commission, acting with the authority vested by Manual paragraph 302, has taken the following action:

1. To declare a state of emergency that prevents the implementation of the 30th General Assembly as scheduled in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in 2021.
2. To postpone the meeting of the 30th General Assembly to 2023 given the fact that there is no assurance of global mobility and global economic recovery for at least two years.
3. To work as a General Assembly Commission on determining the actual dates and location for the 30th General Assembly in 2023 as sites become available.

A WORD FROM THE BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

This has been a very difficult yet crucial decision. When we began meeting with various constituencies to review the realities brought upon us by this global crisis, we soon realized that there were no ideal options for us. We firmly believe that it is essential for the global family to gather together, not only to fulfill our constitutional mandate to formulate doctrine and polity but especially to reflect the richness of our unity expressed by the beautiful diversity of our global family. And yet, we take seriously the necessity to protect those attending, as well as the representative nature of our denomination by ensuring that everyone will be given equal opportunity to attend a gathering of this magnitude.

This has been a complicated decision. While we would have loved to postpone the assembly for only one year, we could not gain assurance of higher participation from our brothers and sisters from those global communities that have been affected by the pandemic due to either limited healthcare, financial means, or the capacity to travel. Though we are grieved by the extended postponement, we support the decision of the General Assembly Commission to allow for adequate time to safeguard lives and save financial resources.

Let us continue praying for the Lord to guide and keep the church and to provide what is needed for all of us to gather together soon, at the appointed time.

These are unprecedented times, but any uncertainty regarding the future is fortified by the promise: “Blessed are those whose strength is in the LORD, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage... They go from strength to strength till each appears before God in Zion” (Psalm 84:5, 7).

Board of General Superintendents
Church of the Nazarene

<https://nazarene.org/article/board-general-superintendents-statement-30th-general-assembly>

NEWS FROM AMBROSE

FACE MASKS FOR FALL

As we prepare to welcome students back to campus this Fall, we continue to monitor and follow our provincial guidelines to provide a safe and healthy campus for students, faculty and staff. **We are calling on ALL our partners to help out in providing masks.**

Ambrose University invites you to help us **provide each student with five face masks** this fall. **Our target is 3000 masks by August 15, 2020.**

It is important that anyone involved with the creation of homemade masks be free of COVID-19 symptoms and should not have been recently exposed to anyone experiencing symptoms.

Masks can be made from any template. There are many examples on the internet. We are in need of standard adult face masks - with two layers. Please keep in mind when selecting the materials that masks should not be too heavy or hot for the wearer.

Typically, a mask requires the following **materials**:

- ☐ 100% cotton or muslin fabric for outer layer – Clean cotton bedsheets can be used as long as they are clean, unstained and breathable
 - Don't use flannel
- ☐ elastic or twill tape or cotton material for ties
- ☐ Sewing machine
- ☐ Light-colored thread
- ☐ A mask pattern
 - <https://buttoncounter.com/2018/01/14/facemask-a-picture-tutorial/>
 - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kwFaRFHKhY>
 - <https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/prevention-risks/sew-no-sew-instructions-non-medical-masks-face-coverings.html>
- ☐ Cutting device (scissors or rotary cutter with mat)

Mask can be delivered to Ambrose University's reception area, Mon-Fri, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Masks can also be mailed to:

**Ambrose University
150 Ambrose Circle SW
Calgary, AB T3H 0L5**

When received, the masks will be washed before being delivered to students. Every mask matters. Thank you for your helping your community!
To read the article, visit: <https://ambrose.edu/facemasks>

NEWS FROM AMBROSE

UNDERSTANDING, CREATING AND LAUNCHING MINISTRY ONLINE

Instructor: Rev. Bryce Ashlin-Mayo, DMin

Join us for a theological and methodological exploration of online ministry with particular attention to creating an online ministry strategy. This series will examine how the internet and social media is profoundly changing culture and explore how the Church can effectively engage this new medium for the advancement of God's kingdom and mission.

Join us online for these three exciting professional development opportunities. Classes will run 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. with a break from 12 - 1 p.m. each day.

SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

**UNDERSTANDING THE DIGITAL WORLD:
BRINGING THEOLOGY AND MEDIA ECOLOGY TOGETHER**
EVENT DATE: AUG 12, 2020 - 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

**UNDERSTANDING THE NUTS AND BOLTS (BITS AND BITES)
OF ONLINE MINISTRY**
EVENT DATE: AUG 19, 2020 - 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

DESIGNING AN ONLINE MINISTRY STRATEGY
EVENT DATE: AUG 26, 2020 - 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

Cost for all 3 workshops is \$150. Single registration is available if you only wish to participate in one or two workshops at a cost of \$59/workshop.

These workshops may also be taken for undergraduate (PST 399) or seminary credit (LE 545). To register for academic credit contact registrar@ambrose.edu.

For more information, visit the Ambrose [website](#). Registration is through [Eventbrite](#).



GROW HOPE MARKDALE ACRE SPONSORSHIP 2020

The Grow Hope Markdale field has already been planted in soybeans as planned. The soybeans will be harvested and the proceeds, less expenses, donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank. We are happy to announce that half of the acres have been sponsored to date.

Your donations for the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank are needed now more than ever as the pandemic spreads throughout developing countries and is particularly impacting the poorest and most vulnerable. As governments enforce lockdowns and restrict movement of people to slow the spread of the virus, those who are already poor and marginalized who live on a hand-to-mouth basis are unable to carry out their normal livelihoods and therefore have no food. The health crisis is rapidly becoming a food crisis in many contexts.

We are urging supporters of Grow Hope Markdale to please consider sponsoring an acre or part acre this year.

If you already support an acre, then we would like to thank you.

If you have not yet sponsored an acre, then please consider it.

If you normally give an offering at the Harvest Celebration weekend, please consider sponsoring an acre or part acre instead.

The cost to sponsor an acre is \$375 but any donation is welcomed.

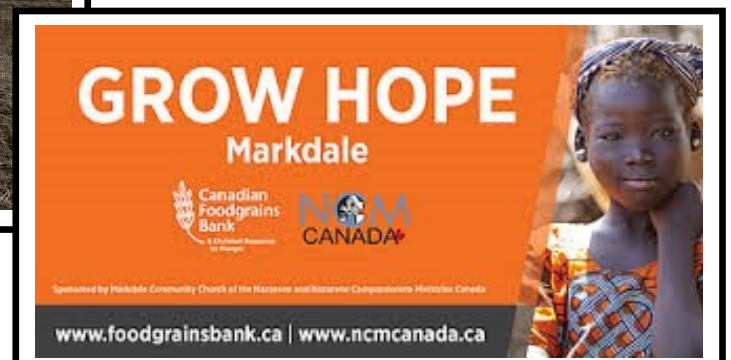
You can donate by sending a cheque to:

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada

at 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5.

Specify "Grow Hope Markdale" and make the cheque payable to the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

You can also donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca to either Grow Hope Markdale or the Seeds of Life Growing Project.



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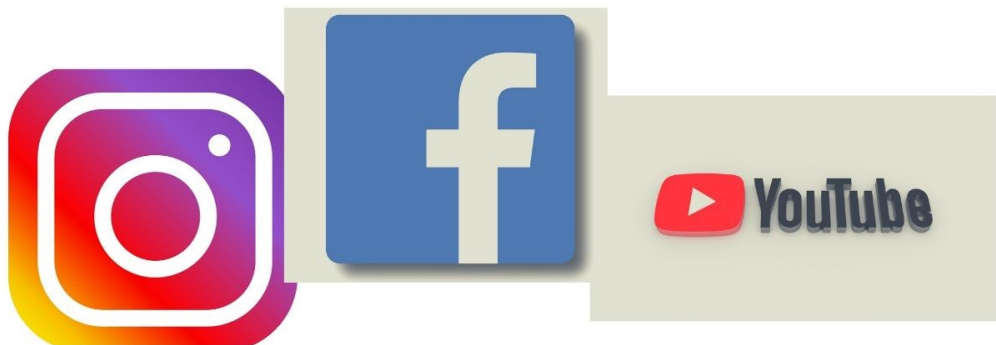
We would like to hear from you!



As you know, information overload is very real, particularly online these days. With that in mind, we are conducting an anonymous survey to help shape the way NCM Canada communicates with you. Our survey takes less than 5 minutes to complete and will provide valuable feedback for the NCM Canada team as we seek to be able to share with you what matters most in meaningful ways.

With appreciation,
NCM Canada

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