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USA/CANADA REGIONAL THEOLOGY CONFERENCE REPORT

Rev. Dr. Doug Herbert attended the USA/Canada Regional Theology Conference in Kansas City, MO at the end of September. Please find his report of this conference attached to Nazarene News.

SEEDS OF LIFE HARVEST CELEBRATION

We are close to the end of another season of growing crops at Seeds of Life Growing Project to support the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

To show our appreciation for your support, you are invited to our Harvest Celebration on October 29th. Please see the attached flyer for details.

We have a great program and we hope to see you there!

Scott Brooks
Seeds of Life

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The 2016–2017 NCM Canada Gift Catalogue is available and has been mailed out to all Nazarene churches in Canada.

This year's catalogue includes popular favourites, such as goats, blankets, wells, school books, etc. 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 by the Canadian government (see page 10 of the catalogue).

Youth groups, Sunday School classes, seniors groups and others, including local NMI, continue to participate in giving through the catalogue. Some have fundraising events, others collect loonies and toonies over several weeks, others hold 'auctions' of catalogue items.....the possibilities are endless!

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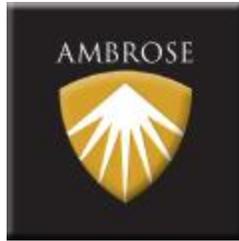
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PLEASE NOTE

To help ensure that you will receive your gift cards in time for Christmas giving, your order must arrive at the National Office by **December 1, 2016**.

For additional copies of the Gift Catalogue, please contact the National office.

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



GROWING TOGETHER

Whether it was discussing how to innovate and drive social change through business, planting trees in a local park with the City of Calgary, or considering how the spiritual power of habit can deepen our relationship with God and enrich our lives, students at Ambrose University had many opportunities to learn beyond the classroom.

Two events that have become an integral part of our academic year – the Soul of the Next Economy Forum and Spiritual Emphasis Days – connected Ambrose students with each other and with our wider community. These four days of activity on campus prompted new conversations, made time for reflection, and opened the possibility of growing together.

Soul of the Next Economy Forum

September 30 – October 1, 2016

Over the past three years, the Soul of the Next Economy Forum has become a popular hub for entrepreneurs in Calgary. Hosted by the Ambrose Business program, the forum highlights the latest ideas in corporate social responsibility.

How can businesses bring wellbeing to their communities? What does it look like to change the definition of a business's bottom line to include not only making a profit, but also being sustainable and making a difference? Ambrose students explored these questions alongside leaders in the business, non-profit, government, and education sectors.

For the Ambrose *community, the forum was an inspiring reminder of what can happen when we collaborate. "I enjoyed learning more about what CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) is and what it looks like in practice,"* says Danika Szucs President, Ambrose Student Council. *"It was really encouraging to see people from very different groups come together with a common purpose to work together for the good of our city."*

Third-year Business student, Forum Planning Committee member, and Lion's Den Social Innovation Challenge finalist Nicholas Newnes agrees: *"It is very encouraging to see people having conversations that are crucial to moving the purpose of business toward a common good."*

Renewed Commitment to Corporate Social Responsibility

“What stood out to me at this year’s forum was the Calgary community’s continued commitment to doing business well in spite of tough economic times,” says Forum Planning Committee Chair [Angie Redecopp](#). *“The growing participation in the forum and the will to realize its aims in the face of economic challenges signals to me that CSR is more than just a budget item or a marketing technique for these leaders – it’s a core value.”*

“I love being part of the conversation on how we can do business more responsibly, and I appreciated the idea generation that comes out of informed dialogue,” adds fourth-year Business student and Lion’s Den contestant Caitlin Hoffmann. *“I am really excited to see how this forum is going to continue to shape and change the way we do business in Calgary, Canada, and around the world.”*

Learn more about the forum at nexteconomyforum.com.

To see first-hand some of the ideas the forum has generated, join us for the [final round of the Lion’s Den Social Innovation Challenge](#) here at Ambrose on October 18.

Spiritual Emphasis Days

September 28–29, 2016

Just before Soul of the Next Economy, the Ambrose community took a two-day break from classes in order to centre our learning on God. Spiritual Emphasis Days continues to be at the heart of Ambrose’s Christian identity and is an annual pause in the life of the university where we reflect on who God is, how we can know his presence more intimately, and how we can be part of his redeeming purpose for creation.

Day 1: Gather

On the first day we gather as a community to reflect on who we are in relation to God, and on the second day we spread out across the city to serve. This year, our guest speaker for Gather Day was [James K. A. Smith](#), Professor of Philosophy at Calvin College, who spoke to us about the spiritual power of habit.

Smith discussed how our habits and routines (like shopping at the mall or constantly checking our phones) reveal what we love and shape who we are. Whether we are conscious of them or not, these “secular liturgies” train our hearts to love and desire certain things, thus defining our version of the good life. Once we understand that our loves are revealed and shaped by our habits, we can see how Christian practices and routines (spiritual habits like prayers of confession or the sharing of communion) can form us into people who are deeply rooted in God’s love.

Smith’s talks were complemented by worship from students and faculty that explored his central theme “you are what you love,” including a mural by [Tyler Hochhalter](#), spoken word by [Val Lieske](#), and music by [John Vooy](#)s, Kelly Guenter, and Cacey Byrd.

Day 2: Serve

After taking time on Gather Day to reflect on how we grow to love God, Serve Day gave us an opportunity to respond to God's love by seeking the peace of our city. Students signed up to volunteer at organizations like the Mustard Seed, the Calgary Drop-In Centre, Habitat for Humanity, and the City of Calgary, and then circulated throughout the city to connect and serve.

Overall, Spiritual Emphasis Days provided an avenue for the Ambrose community to reflect on how we express and deepen our faith – through our learning and through the routines of worship that we create together. *“Smith’s message is an important one to hear, especially in a time when we are looking for shortcuts to holiness,”* says Campus Chaplain Terry Fach.

“Smith helps us see why the practices and routines of Christian worship are much more than mere expressions of our faith. The stakes are much higher when we realize that our worship routines aren’t just things we do but they are also doing something to us, shaping our hearts and clothing us in Christ’s love. For Christians called to be in the world and not of it, worship is our counterformation to the rival cultural liturgies that compete for our deepest desires and longings.”

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