## **CANADA**

## **NAZARENE NEWS | December 2019**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

Well its that time again, the time when we search for all the ornaments that we put away so carefully last year. We know exactly where we put them, but they aren't there. Its as if the ornament gremlins have stolen them. The message of Christmas is much bigger than any story pertaining to ornaments that are lost and yet the fact is that for so many people Christmas is lost !!!.

In Dr. Seuss's "How the Grinch Stole Christmas", there is a song entitled "Where are you Christmas?" It is sung by Faith Hill and written by James Horner, Mariah Carey and Wilbur Jennings. Here are the lyrics ... "Where are you Christmas, Why can't I find you, Why have you gone away? ... Where is the laughter, you used to bring me, why can't I hear music play, my world is changing, I'm rearranging, does that mean Christmas changes too? The song goes on..." Where are you Christmas, do you remember the one you used to know, I'm not the same one, see what the time's done, is that why you have let me go."

The song concludes with a re-discovery of Christmas, but it is not so much that Christmas has gone anywhere, it is that our perspective on it has changed. If your world is changing, and re-arranging, I want to remind you that the message of Christmas does not change! The message of God's love to the world in sending His only Son Jesus to deliver us from our sins and from our changing realities that tend to dull our senses, is ours to enjoy. It never changes and will be yours to claim this year. I pray that your Advent and Christmas experience will be filled with great and wonderful joy and that that the "grinch" will not rob you of God's eternal Provision. According to Isaiah chapter 9 verse 6 ... "and He shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of peace"...unchanging and timeless".

Pat and I would like to wish all of you a blessed advent season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thanking God for every remembrance of you.

In the Name of our Risen Lord and until the next time! Blessings Ian Fitzpatrick

#### MY PRAYER FOR YOU...

"May you experience PEACE in the midst of trial, JOY in the midst of sadness, COURAGE when you face the "impossible", CONFIDENCE when others would seek to strip you bare, REFLECTION in looking back, EXCITEMENT in looking forward, LONGSUFFERING when your patience is exhausted, and LOVE FOR ALL - AMEN".

# 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



Rev. Mark Bane with Rev Gordon McCann and Linda, Rev. Steve Ottley and Pat, Pat and Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick, Rev. Rose Brower–Young, Ruth and Rev. Mark Collins.

## PRAY ALSO FOR...

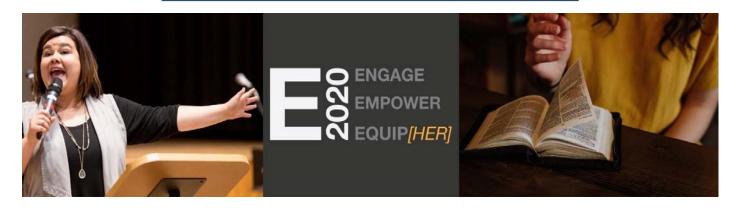
Director of Stewardship Services: Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen).
Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)
N.C.M.C. Executive Director: Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)







## NAZARENE WOMEN CLERGY



Women Clergy Update

Clergy Conference E2020

Purpose: Engage Empower Equip

March 12-15 2020

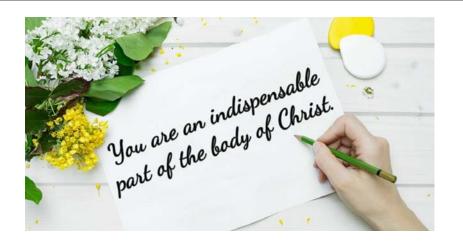
Location: Ridgecrest NC whwomenclergy.org

Congratulations to Keely Brower (Canada West District) for being chosen to receive a scholarship to attend, through Nazarene Women Clergy!

This conference is for Women clergy who are in the ministry track or are ordained, and family members, clergy and District leaders.

At the last conference in 2018, we saw God move in a powerful way. Please pray about how you can support this clergy equipping conference, and/or support those who are able to attend.

Rev. Donna Wilson Nazarene Women Clergy Council USA/Can - Ambrose Ed/Canada Rep



## **AMBROSE UNIVERSITY**

An update from Ambrose University about recent events, upcoming events, professional development opportunities, and classes.

(Note that classes and workshops may earn CEU credit.)

#### ONE-DAY WORKSHOPS – LIVE-STREAMED!

Register today for our upcoming workshops as part of the Ambrose @ Large one-day workshop series.

#### **BIBLICAL THEOLOGY OF SUFFERING AND HOPE (PART 1) – January 15, 2020**

Instructor: Dr. Beth Stovell

January 15, 2020 | 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. MST

For the full list of workshops, further information and to register please visit our website.

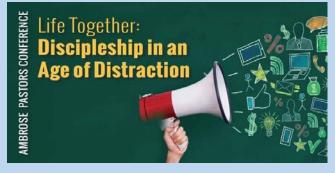
https://ambrose.edu/academics/office-registrar/one-credit-seminary-workshops

## ANNUAL PASTORS CONFERENCE, FEBRUARY 19, 2020

**Life Together:** 

Discipleship in an Age of Distraction

Jesus asked us to make disciples. And most of us are doing our best. But it's hard: we live in an age of distraction, where so much competes



with the call to follow Jesus, and so much undermines it. Is there a way to break through the noise and confusion, to find a clear and simple path forward? At this year's Pastor's Conference, Ambrose is teaming up with the Flourishing Congregations Institute to offer the latest research on Canadian churches as well as strategies from some of Canada's leading church thinkers and practitioners.

Main Presenter: Dr. Joel Thiessen, Professor of Sociology February 19, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. MST

**Information:** Early Bird rate (before January 29) \$79, plus taxes; after January 29, \$89, plus taxes. Livestream rate: \$39

Register 3 or more at one time and receive a 10% discount.

To register and for further information, please visit here.

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# CLASS: HISTORY AND POLITY OF THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE (LIVE-STREAMING OPTION)

This course traces the formative influences that led to the American Holiness movement and the Church of the Nazarene. The polity of the Church, as well as major figures and events, are explored. Attention will be given to themes of holiness theology in the context of the growth of the Church of the Nazarene.

Class format: three sessions on campus (and these will also be live-streamed) and the remainder of the work will be done online.

Instructor: Rev. Doug Herbert

January 11, February 8, March 14; 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. MST

To register and for further information, please visit https://ambrose.edu/history-and-polity-church-nazarene

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### THE AMBROSE DAY OF PRAYER | FEBRUARY 4, 2020

On Tuesday, February 4 we will bathe our campus in prayer from morning until night. This is our third annual Day of Prayer and there are several opportunities for alumni and friends to join with us in prayer on this day—see our website for updates. For Nazarene churches who would like to pray for Ambrose University in their Sunday service on February 2, please watch for resources here.

https://ambrose.edu/dayprayer

#### "EVOLUTION, CREATION, AND THE BREATH OF GOD"

– Dr. Darrel Falk | February 12, 2020

On February 12, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Darrel Falk will be giving a public lecture at Ambrose University. This lecture will be live-streamed.

Dr. Falk is Emeritus Professor of Biology at Point Loma Nazarene University in San Diego where he has been based since 1988. In 2009, he, along with noted geneticist, Francis Collins and others, founded BioLogos, an organization dedicated to showing the compatibility between mainstream science and the Christian faith. Falk, who began his advanced education with one year at Canadian Nazarene College, a predecessor of Ambrose University, earned a doctorate in genetics from the University of Alberta. Besides his extensive writing at the BioLogos website, he is the author of Coming to Peace with Science (InterVarsity Press) and, with Dr. Todd Wood, and The Fool and the Heretic: How Two Scientists Moved beyond Labels to a Dialog about Creation and Evolution (Zondervan). Live-streaming information TBA.

## **STEWARDSHIP**

## WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING SEMINARS:

#### GOD IS LOOKING FOR TRUSTWORTHY MANAGERS

Isn't it amazing that an awesome, all-powerful God chooses to bring about his kingdom through us? Jesus trained twelve - it is the way God works. He looks for trustworthy people, who he can entrust with resources that can be used for his purposes in our world. "Whoever can be trusted with very little can be trusted with much." [Luke 16:10a] Our generosity to God and his work in our world is a response of gratitude for all He has done for me. It is also a visible expression of my trust in Him and evidence of His faithfulness to me.

As we approach the end of another year, may our generosity ["munificence" - lavish generosity] be evident to all!

#### WINTER & SPRING DATES AVAILABLE

Dr. Riley Coulter, Director of Stewardship Services for the Church of the Nazarene Canada, is available to present a Wills and Estate Planning seminar in your church. The seminar is held on Sunday afternoon, following a light lunch after church. It is entitled Estate Planning: A Proposition of Values. There is no charge to attend. Topics covered in the seminar include establishing clearly defined goals in planning for your future; wills and estate planning, including power of attorney & health care directives; understanding assets, liabilities and ownership issues; family law considerations and trusts; and charitable giving through your estate.

The seminar is of significance to all age groups, and will have special interest to young couples, parents of young families, as well as those reaching middle age and planning for retirement. Dr. Coulter is available to preach on the topic Generosity: God's Call to His People in the morning service. There is no expense to your church for this ministry; expenses are covered by the National Board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

Please contact Dr. Coulter to book this seminar in your church.

Email: richardrileycoulter@gmail.com or 403.829.6949



#### MARRIAGE REGISTRATION

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

With an increasing number of Ministers being asked to officiate weddings in different provinces across the country. Please note: that depending on your jurisdiction it can take up to 6-8 weeks to process an application and provide you with a number to legally officiate the ceremony. We ask that you pay close attention to this notice as adherence to it will help expedite the process through our district offices.

Please note this is a District function and not a National office function.



Sunday April 19th:
6:45pm Salvation Army Brass Ensemble

How do we proclaim and embody the whole gospel in an increasingly fragmented world?

Join us on **April 20** for a day of challenge and inspiration as we explore the transformative power of holiness for effective mission today.

Our guest is internationally-renowned speaker and global church leader, Dr. Gustavo Crocker, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. He will be joined by leading Canadian sociologist, Dr. Joel Thiessen.

In our deliberations with regard to a keynote speaker it became clear to us that Dr. Gustavo Crocker could address the issue which forms the theme of the event. He, along with Dr. Joel Thiessen will provide us much food for thought on this important topic.

Dr. Crocker will also be the preacher for a special evening service of Sunday April 19th at Tyndale University Chapel at 7pm.

Please pray for this important event.

Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick (organizing committee rep)

Monday April 20th: 8am Registration 3:30/4pm Conclusion

## CANADA ATLANTIC DISTRICT (C.A.D.)

Rev. Eddie and Christy Rossiter (pictured left) were extended

another 4 year call to the Summerside Church of the Nazarene in PEI. Rev. Leon and Diane Teal (*pictured right*) were also extended another 4 year call to the Trenton Church of the Nazarene in NS. Congrats to both pastors and churches as they continue to grow and reach their local communities. Pastor Leon recently graduated from Acadia



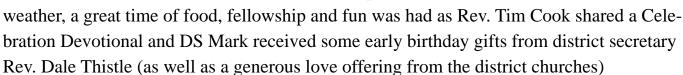
University with a degree in Prison Chaplaincy and ministers in the Pictou County prison.

Rev. Mark Bane from Kansas City Headquarters inspired a group of 35 Atlantic Nazarenes with Evangelism and Multiplication Training in Moncton Nov 15-16. He will return two

more times to continue teaching how to reach the lost and make disciples.

Approximately 80 youth and leaders met for a NYI rally in Lutes Mountain Nov 22-23 with Rev. Annette Smith speaking. CAD NYI Vice President, Pastor Annette (*pictured right*) will step in now as President as Rev. Bradley Silliker has stepped down. Blessings and thanks to Pastor Brad for his work with CAD youth and our continued prayers and support to Pastor Annette (youth pastor in Trenton NS) as she continues to lead the great youth of our district!

Canada Atlantic District Leaders met in Oxford NS on Friday Nov 29th for their annual Christmas Dinner. Despite the winter



Our thoughts and prayers for our district and country as we enter Advent, that we take time to celebrate and reflect on the birth of our Saviour! Blessings and prayers

Rev. Mark and Ruth Collins - CAD District Superintendent and Executive Assistant

## CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT (C.C.D.)



D.S. Steve & Pat Ottley Canada Central District

Guest Speakers:
D.S. Albert & Christine Hung
Northern California District



Retreat Worship Team
Pastor Ann Hallyburton (Brampton English)
Pastor Alan Cristales (Brampton Spanish)
Janina Espino (Bradford Spanish)
Yara Cristales (Brampton Spanish)
Pastor Juan Carlos Espino (Bradford Spanish)





## **YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY:**

As we seek to use the wisdom and experience in the Church to raise up the next generation of leaders, I want to share (with permission) a podcast with Hannah Gronowski. Hannah is the Founder and CEO of Generation Distinct (www.GenerationDistinct.com/), a non-profit that exists to empower young adults to discover the wrong they were born to make right, leading them to experience who Jesus really is.

She has a passion to use her voice to empower others to become leaders God can use to create real change in the world. She has spoken at conferences, churches, college campuses, and youth events around the country and is a speaker with the <u>Women Speakers Collective</u>.



-Rev. Steve Ottley

https://www.organicoutreach.org/newsletter/episode-26-live-distinct-quest-hannah-gronowski-108.htm

## CANADA WEST DISTRICT (C.W.D.)



The Church of the Nazarene has a compassionate ministry centre in the Beverly area of Edmonton, Alberta. Since its simple beginning in 2000, when Audrey Dahl would boil up a pot of soup and serve some sandwiches, the centre has grown to now include two part-time staff and is open every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 am - 3 pm for light breakfasts and lunches. In addition to thousands of hours of volunteer assistance, this year.

## **Building Hope was able to serve:**

22340 Healthy Meals1,316 Emergency Hampers375 Blankets65 Pillows860 Pairs of Socks585 Coats1038 Other Articles of Clothing

New partnerships are being forged with other community churches and organizations. Building Hope is already at capacity for staffing and for space, yet the need for food, relationships, and social support is only increasing.



The board is looking to develop a stable financial base so as to better serve the basic needs of people in the city of Edmonton.



Building Hope recently held its first annual Harvest Festival. The day was started by "Giving Back" to the community with the "Bless Beverly Garbage Pick." So many friends came together to lend a hand to Beautify Beverly.

After the garbage pick, everyone settled in for a hearty Brunch, filled with pancakes, ham, music and testimonies.

Crafts, scrapbooking, games and other fun activities filled the afternoon. The day closed out with

Hotdogs, music, and words of encouragement for everyone.

## CANADA WEST DISTRICT (C.W.D.)

## Announcing the 60th anniversary of New Hope Community Church of the Nazarene

(February 1960 - February 2020)

A.K.A. Elmwood Church of the Nazarene A.K.A. Beulah Church of the Nazarene

## SAVE THE DATE! SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2020, 10:30

Don't miss this special service when we will be celebrating 60 years as a church and congregation.

Rev. Mel and Lorna Tucker, founding pastoral couple, will be with us. Mel will be our guest speaker.



## CANADA PACIFIC DISTRICT (C.P.D.)

#### ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, ONE BAPTISM

Essential teachings for faith formation in the Church of the Nazarene which help centre our worship on God and God alone. *One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism* follows four patterns of classical faith formation:

- 1. The Apostle's Creed
- 2. The Sacraments
- 3. The Ten Commandments
- 4. The Lord's Prayer

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Holiness Today is a 40 page bi-monthly print and digital magazine with articles geared to enhance holiness living by connecting Nazarenes with our heritage, vision, and mission through stories of God at work in the world. Check it out!



## **LAMP**

A leadership and mentoring program whose six foundational themes include:

- 1. Faith First living life with God
- 2. Everybody Leads Somebody Sometime learn how our influence can be used for God
- 3. Inter-generational find opportunities to influence and mentor
- 4. Reaching & Keeping passing on the faith to our children and youth
- 5. Identity in Christ explores "Who Am I?" "Who Defines Me"
- 6. Responding to God's Call an invitation to discernment for your life

A ministry focused on prayerfully guiding and training teens and others who feel called by God to be servant leaders.

i=influence - learn to use our influence for good and for the Lord

**L=Learn** – to be Christ-like leaders

**E=Engage** – to develop a stronger connection with God and others

**A=Act** – to serve God cheerfully and diligently

**D=Discipleship** – to prayerfully lead others to join us in walking in His way

## NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CANADA (N.C.M.C.)

## Canadian Foodgrains Bank Food Study Tour Opportunity

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is hosting a Food Study Tour to India in Feb / March 2020.

Are you passionate about ending global hunger? Interested in learning more about mobilizing support for the Foodgrains Bank's mission to end hunger?

Together, we will meet and learn from Foodgrains Bank supported project partners and participants who are working to achieve food security in their own communities. We'll also learn about some of the causes of global hunger and poverty, and how Canadians can be more involved. Upon return to Canada, you'll be supported in sharing what you've learned with your friends, community.

The main goals of the Food Study tour are to learn about the causes of, and responses to, global hunger and food security, including the role of women in agriculture; Get to know people, families, partners, and other organizations in India who participate in efforts to improve food security; and Equip participants to share their learning, and to inspire other Canadians to reflect, pray, give, learn, and advocate for an end to global hunger.

Planned visits include an orientation & introduction to Foodgrains Bank and food security (Kolkata)., visiting a Tearfund partner <a href="EFICOR"><u>EFICOR</u></a> in Pakur district, Jharkhand state, agriculture & livelihoods project; visiting a Mennonite Central Committee partner <a href="ABSK"><u>ABSK</u></a> in Bhirbhum district, West Bengal, agriculture & livelihoods, nutrition; and related agencies and site visits that help get a better understanding of India, such as the Mother Theresa mission. There will also be a tourist visit in Kolkata or surrounding region.

**Note**: travel will include fairly lengthy train travel, as well as sharing meals with local communities, all of which involve somewhat rustic conditions.

For more information visit <a href="https://">https://</a>
foodgrainsbank.ca/india-learning-tour/
Application forms are available from Canadian
Foodgrains Bank and downloadable on the website. <a href="https://www.foodgrainsbank.ca">www.foodgrainsbank.ca</a>

There is a selection process. Preference will be given to active supporters of CFGB and those known to CFGB provincial coordinators and recommended by members of CFGB.

## NCM Canada Disaster Response Training

If you missed the training and would like to view the recordings of the training, please contact

Yara Cristales at

ycristales@nazarene.ca

### It's Time to Give A Gift that Lasts!



As you begin to think about Christmas and giftgiving, NCM Canada urges you not to forget those who have much less than we do and who struggle every day just to survive. You can give a gift from our NCM Canada Gift Catalogue and bring smiles to their faces and hope to their hearts!

#### Consider giving

- a cow or goat to provide milk and income or chickens to provide eggs.
- seeds or tools to plant a garden or a sewing machine or skill training
- uniforms and books for children in Nazarene child development centres.
- bicycles and books for pastors
- funds to ship a container of medical supplies, hospital beds, or school desks and supplies
- funds to operate a safe house for children rescued from human trafficking funds for church buildings / child development Centres.

Call today and give a gift!

Phone 1-888-808-7490 or 905-602-8220 (credit cards accepted)

Or donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca

Or donate through your local church. Plan an "auction" of catalogue items where people pay for their bids towards an item.

Or mail your cheque and the order form (in the back of the catalogue) to Church of the Nazarene Canada, 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5

You may want to give in memory of a loved one who has passed away this year. You may want to give a gift in honour of a grandparent or aunt or grandchild or other, and want a card to give them at Christmas stating the gift you have given in their honour. Gift cards can be downloaded from the website at <a href="https://www.ncmcanada.ca/2016-17-gift-catalogue-order-page">https://www.ncmcanada.ca/2016-17-gift-catalogue-order-page</a>.

Thank you for your giving! You are making a difference!

#### How the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue funds are spent...

- a) Livestock Last year chickens and goats were purchased for families suffering the impacts of severe flooding in a creative access country in Africa. Cows were purchased for an income generating project for the Bangladesh North District. This is a pilot project where the young cattle are fattened and sold and the income goes to help some of the poorer local pastors (who are bi-vocational and struggle to make a living) and for other discipleship ministries of the district involving the training of church leaders/pastors. Some of the proceeds will be used to purchased more young cattle to be fattened. It is designed to be a sustainable means for a district to fund its own activities.
- **b)** Livelihoods Many of the livelihood funds this year were used for a conservation farming project in Malawi. The project involves purchase of seeds for farmer-owned demonstration plots to demonstrate the conservation farming methods, training in conservation agriculture methods and facilitating visits of farmers to other projects were CA is being practiced.
- c) Wells Last year NCM Canada supported the larger NCM program to supply many wells to needy areas of Sierra Leonne, Liberia, and Mozambique. The digging of the wells was accompanied by training in sanitation and hygiene and training in the care of the wells. Also NCM Canada funded 3 wells in 3 different villages in Bangladesh.
- **d) Anti-Human Trafficking** NCM Canada supports Shechem House in the Philippines which is a "safe house" for victims of sexual exploitation. Read all about it in the most recent NCM magazine. See "Creating A Home A Centre in the Philippines for Child Survivors of Exploitation"

For a free subscription to the NCM Magazine, visit <u>www.ncm.org/magazine</u>. (available also in Spanish). News stand version of the NCM Magazine available in the App Store for iPhone and iPad.

- e) **Pastor Support** funds for pastor support were used to fund discipleship and leadership development program in creative access areas of Africa. This coming year, a large number of pastors in Bangladesh will receive bicycles to help them with their ministry.
- **f)** Child Development funds were spent for school supplies at Zukuma Nazarene School in northern Malawi and for school supplies and sports equipment for child development centres in central Malawi.

g) Disaster Response: Some disaster response funds were used to ship containers of (dried) food to Malawi and Mozambique following flooding this past year. NCM Canada is also now pre-positioning some disaster response funds to help local churches in Canada respond to disasters in their communities.

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These are some ways your catalogue giving has helped meet the needs of families in communities surrounding our local Nazarene churches; In several contexts globally. For more information and pictures throughout the year...

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Again, thank you for your giving!

# FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF: MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR!

The National Office will be closed on December 20th, 2019—January 1st, 2020 (Office re-opens January 2nd, 2020)

**REMITTANCE FORMS:** If you will be sending in funds through EFT to the national office, please use *churchofthenazarenecanada@gmail.com* 

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