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**THE CANADIAN CHURCH GIVES GIFTS
THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**

Ongoing donations for gifts of livestock, wells, pastor's books and bicycles, children's books, school supplies, teacher's supplies, garden seeds and tools, sports/play equipment, disaster response, shipping of containers, and Canadian Foodgrains Bank projects are received by the National Office of the Church of the Nazarene Canada. Donations are tracked every quarter. Donations for these "NCM Canada Gift Catalogue" items continue to exceed previous giving. This last quarter (April 1st through June 30th) over \$13,000.00 was donated! Praise the Lord!

NCM Canada continues to program the funds in response to needs requested by our churches overseas. The plan for this year's funds is that they will be used for wells and a water/sanitation/hygiene program in Liberia and Sierra Leone in Africa, for Child Development Centres in Malawi, for refurbishing a Nazarene school in Northern Malawi, for continuing conservation agriculture programming, for pastor's courses and books in South Asia, for container shipments to the Philippines, DR Congo, creative access areas, and other locations (yet to be confirmed).

We emphasize that WEF, the World Evangelism Fund, provides the structure through which we work and the accountability systems that we as NCM Canada depend upon.

Thank you for your giving to WEF and for your generous "catalogue" gifts.

You are making a difference!

Rev. Elaine J. Bumstead
Executive Director, NCM Canada

NPH LAUNCHES NEW BRAND IN NORTH AMERICA

Beginning in February 2018, [Nazarene Publishing House](#) will commence doing business in North America as The Foundry Publishing. The rebranding will allow NPH to expand its market reach in order to impact a broader audience with the Wesleyan–Holiness message, according to CEO Mark D. Brown. Internationally, the Nazarene Publishing House brand will remain in place.

“The primary focus of NPH will always be the Church of the Nazarene,” Brown said. *“But just as Saul’s name became Paul in order to evangelize the Gentiles, we also feel some changes are necessary in order to reach beyond our denominational borders.”*

“Adopting his Roman name was typical of Paul’s missionary style,” he continued. *“His method was to put people at ease and to approach them in a language and style they could relate to. Our market research is telling us that it is time for a new brand, one that is rooted in our past but that opens the door to new audiences through a language and style that we hope will be embraced by those beyond our church.”*

The Foundry name was chosen because it harkens back to John Wesley’s first chapel, The Foundry Church, established in 1739 in London. The Foundry Church was the cradle of a new holiness theology as Wesley led congregants in a commitment to embrace justice and compassion as central to the gospel of Christ.

“We are leaning into our rich holiness heritage to inform our strategic plan,” Brown said. *“We believe ‘The Foundry’ is a powerful metaphor that keeps us anchored in our past and yet propels us into the future.”*

Brown describes a future that includes innovative products, a more responsive posture, and more collaboration with partners in ministry.

“In the midst of change, we will continue to provide the resources Nazarenes depend on weekly for ministry,” Brown said. *“We are committed to Sunday school, small groups, children’s ministry, and more.”*

“We thank God for these days of opportunity,” he said. *“Please join us in prayer as we embark on this exciting season of innovation.”*

For more information, visit TheFoundryPublishing.com.

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INVESTIGATING CHURCH GROWTH IN CANADA

The team behind Ambrose University's Flourishing Congregations Institute loves the church in Canada and has a deep desire to see it thrive. This desire, combined with the team's complementary academic interests – education, organizations, leadership, practical theology, and sociology of religion – set them on a path to define what flourishing congregations look like in a uniquely Canadian context.

Now entering its second year, the Flourishing Congregations Institute connects the church and the university in two important ways. First, by engaging academics in listening to churches so that the analysis the institute offers is relevant and based on the true experience of Canadian congregations. And second, by taking the expertise that is cultivated through academic research and sharing it with churches so that they can benefit and grow.

The institute has accomplished a lot since its founding. Here are some of the highlights:

Listening to Church Leaders and Congregations

In the past year the institute has embarked on over one hundred interviews and focus groups with church leaders across five Canadian regions and a range of Christian traditions.

Building Strong Partnerships

In addition to Ambrose University, the FCI is privileged to partner with [Cardus](#), [the Christian and Missionary Alliance Canadian West District](#), [the Christian and Missionary Alliance Canadian Midwest District](#), [Turning Point Consulting](#), [the University of Saskatchewan](#), [Willow Creek Canada](#), and [World Vision Canada](#). In Fall 2017 the Institute will announce another very exciting partnership – stay tuned!

Sharing Results with Churches

As research is completed, results are posted at flourishingcongregations.org. This spring the team published their initial findings in [A Preliminary Look at Flourishing Congregations in Canada: What Church Leaders are Saying](#), available in print and as a PDF on their website.

The institute [will continue to share its findings](#) through a variety of avenues as research progresses.

Looking Ahead

In the coming year, the team will lead an ambitious national congregational survey with over 1,000 Catholic, 1,000 mainline Protestant, and 1,000 conservative Protestant paid church leaders, board members, ministry leaders, and attenders. Want to learn more about this phase of their research, possibly participate in this research, track the findings, and benefit from the insights gleaned? Subscribe for updates on the front page of their [website](#).

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