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RE: Allegations against Rev. Sukamal (Nathan) Biswas, the Church of the Nazarene Bangladesh, and Bangladesh Nazarene Mission (BNM)

In late January 2016 NCM Canada was made aware of allegations against Nathan Biswas and the Bangladesh Nazarene Mission. In early February 2016, the Church of the Nazarene Eurasia Region and the General Superintendent in jurisdiction launched a formal investigation into the allegations. The investigation, ongoing since February 2016, has been thorough and extensive and is nearing completion. No formal report has yet been issued.

As the date for release of the report of the investigation approaches, more and more emails, news articles and social media postings with damaging allegations are appearing. In the interests of the Church in Bangladesh, NCM Canada requests that those articles not be shared or forwarded.

All NCM Canada (and CFGB) transfers of funds to Bangladesh Nazarene Mission for projects in Bangladesh have been suspended since May 2016 pending the outcome of the investigation.

Once a formal investigation report is received, NCM Canada will issue a formal statement.

Please be in much prayer for the Church of the Nazarene in Bangladesh.

Rev. Trino Jara, Field Strategy Coordinator for South Asia, said this in his report of recent district assemblies held in Bangladesh (January 2017) ...

"The experience attending the three Bangladeshi District Assemblies was of a tremendous blessing to me since for many years I read and hear testimonies about the positive dynamics of the church and the growth. But also hear about people skepticism about whether what is happening in Bangladesh is true or artificial. The joy and celebration of the people as well as gratefulness with the International Church of the Nazarene for bringing the word of God and the Doctrine of Holiness is something I could touch with my senses. As new missionary in the field with almost twenty years of ministry experience in three regions, I can say that the feeling I have about the church in Bangladesh is that there is a committed Nazarene family there..."

What we have in Bangladesh is a loyal and committed crowd of loyal Nazarenes not only willing to move forward but also willing to protect the assets the global church and its partners have invested along the last 20 years."

Rev. Elaine J. Bumstead, Executive Director NCM Canada