
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA

GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

Well, I say that its time to rejoice. It is time to rejoice in the Lord, and again I say rejoice! You might think it odd that I would say such a thing, but really the expression of this tremendous trust is not original with me. It is recorded in Paul's second letter to the Corinthians in chapter 1 and verses 8 - 10 where the Apostle says "we do not want you to be uninformed about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even of life. Indeed in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this hap-

pened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and He will deliver us. On Him we have set our hope that He will continue to deliver us, as you help us by your prayers. Then many will give thanks on our behalf for the gracious favour granted us in answer to the prayers of many."

The "far beyond our ability to endure" reality is answered by a trio of truth, actually it's a quartet of truth.

The first voice in the quartet is the VOICE OF MEMORY: HE HAS DELIVERED US!

Think of the ways in which God (who raised the dead) has intervened, has intersected, has come into the middle of our despair. Henry and Richard Blackaby in their book entitled "Called to Be God's Leader - Lessons from the Life of Joshua" say that "His (Joshua's) success was not hard won, but it was God Given". Through it all friends, we learn to trust in Jesus and we remember, and we recall, and when we remember, we are strengthened, encouraged, emboldened and confident in Him.

The second voice is the VOICE OF REALITY: HE WILL DELIVER US!

Right now, in this moment we know that God will deliver us. Even when we can't see it, even when we might be pushed to believe it, there are two present realities. One, is the admission that what we are facing is far beyond our ability to endure. If we ignore this reality then the deliverance has little or no significance. However, in acknowledging the desperation and helplessness, the second reality comes into sharp focus. That, in the midst of our hopeless situation, comes our Help, through the deliverance that God provides. This second voice provides beautiful harmony with the first.

**The third voice is the VOICE OF HOPE:
HE WILL CONTINUE TO DELIVER US!**

On Him we have set our hope. What does this mean? Well it simply means that “we know”, we know that He will continue to deliver us, we know that if HE HAS and if HE DOES then HE WILL. You have heard it said that “past behaviour is a great indicator of future performance”...well never has this statement been more accurate than when describing God. This third voice provides beautiful harmony with the first and the second.

**The fourth voice is the VOICE OF PARTNERSHIP:
AS YOU HELP US BY YOUR PRAYERS!**

We are in this together friends. We have heard the first three parts of the ensemble raining down vertically, and know this fourth and last part of the quartet introduces a horizontal theme. God in partnership with His creation produces a beautiful sound of perfect harmony, as one voice brings completion to the other through intercession, through bearing each other's burden in prayer.

I learned something this week about the common housefly. They can be pretty noisy, especially if you have several of them in the same area. I learned that they all hum in the same key, the key of “F”. It doesn't matter what size they are, big flies, small flies, middle sized flies, they all hum in the same key. So, come on, if they can do it, we can do it, I mean, we can sing together, rejoicing in the faithfulness of God to carry us through anything and everything.

Blessings
Rev. 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

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

A QUICK GUIDE TO CREATING A WILL

Everyone needs a Will but only 40% of Canadians have a current one and that's not ok. The Bible talks about setting our house in order, leaving an inheritance, generosity and surrendering all we have to God. We know that it is important to steward well all that you have been given while living but we don't give much thought to what happens to it when we pass away. Learning how to steward well is part of your discipleship journey.

STEP 1: CREATE A PLAN

Create a custom estate plan that you can include/attach to your Will. Your Estate Plan will help guide and instruct your lawyer in writing the Will as well as reduce the amount of time spent/costs discussing this with your lawyer.

STEP 2: CREATE A WILL

Once you have your estate plan completed, you need to add/incorporate this into your Will. We recommend using the services of a lawyer but there are other low cost options available:

- **Hand-written 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)
- **Purchase a Do-it-Yourself Will Kit** - These are good for simple estates but usually fail to cover ‘what if’ scenarios. Available at Registries offices or drug stores. Also available for purchase online
- **Online interactive Will service** – These services will guide you through the process and are specific to your Province or Territory and will 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) – Recommended as the traditional approach for making a Will. If you don’t have a lawyer, ask your pastor to recommend one for you. And sometimes the best way to find a lawyer is to ask your friends and family who they have used

STEP 3: GET YOUR DOCUMENTS TOGETHER

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

- **An Estate Plan** – your plan for your entire estate.
- 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** and **Health Care Directive/Living Will**

STEP 4: KEEP THEM 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 5: KEEP IT UPDATED

The general rule of thumb is that your Will should be reviewed and, if needed, updated every 4-5 years.

IT IS NEVER TOO EARLY TO CREATE A WILL!

Preparing a Will enables you to plan exactly what will happen with your assets and ensures that what God has blessed you with in life are stewarded well.

THE TOP 10 REASONS FOR HAVING A WILL

1. **You won't leave a trail of unknown bills, taxes and accounts** for your loved ones to find.
2. **Your bank, credit, mortgage and investment accounts won't remain frozen as long** AND interest won't grow on unpaid credit because it can be repaid sooner.
3. **You appoint an executor that you trust** rather than having a judge appoint one for you.
4. **A Will can be your last expression of Faith.** A Will can be a beautiful statement that reflects our life and beliefs and can contain a personal testimony.
5. **You will be able to choose the best guardians for your minor children** rather than having the government act as guardian.
6. **A Will can help you avoid a lot of taxes.** The Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) will tax you as if you had sold all your assets just before dying and good planning can help reduce or eliminate taxes due on your estate.
7. **You can avoid a family feud.** Any Will can be challenged in court but if you don't have one, family feuds are almost guaranteed.
8. **Your possessions will go to the people you choose.** Without a Will, if you don't have immediate family surviving you, your estate may go to distant relatives.
9. Where there is no heir and no Will your estate goes to the government.
10. **You can often be more generous than you ever imagined possible.** With good planning, there are often tax strategies that can be used to help you leave more gifts to charities and ministries you believe in than you thought possible.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT
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S.D.M.I CANADA

The second of our Cross Canada Pastors Meeting was held at the end of July. This is organized by the National Church and our National Director, Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick. Rev. Scott Rainey (S.D.M.I. Global Director) spoke on the “JOURNEY OF GRACE”.



TIME SERVED

We want to congratulate Rick Burk on his retirement from the Correctional Services of Canada. His last day was on July 24th and had been serving since January 1997 when he was the Chaplain in the Saskatchewan Penitentiary. His ministry has taken him to many places across our great nation of Canada. Rick will still be serving in our Westlock church as pastor, so he will still have plenty to do during retirement. Be sure to send a note of congrats his way!



Canada West District—In the Loop



FACE MASKS FOR AMBROSE

Ambrose University invites you to help provide each student with five face masks this fall. The 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. [Visit the Ambrose web-site for more information.](#)

When received, the masks will be washed before being delivered to students. Every mask matters. Thank you for your helping your community!

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](#).



MASSIVE EXPLOSION ROCKS LEBANON

by [Nazarene Compassionate Ministries](#).

On Tuesday, a large explosion ripped through Beirut, the capital city of Lebanon. The devastating blast which was centred near the port, killed more than a hundred people (death count not complete yet), and injured more than 5,000.

The explosion demolished the port area and sent shock waves throughout the city centre. Many lost their homes and livelihoods.

Among those impacted are Nazarenes in the area. Windows were blown out in all three nearby Nazarene churches and a Nazarene school, and window frames, doors, and other parts of the buildings were damaged.

Volunteers gathered to assess the damage and sweep up the broken glass and debris.

"We are grateful (though heartbroken for those who are injured) that no staff were here," the director of the school said.

The needs in the city are enormous and two Nazarene crisis teams have already been mobilized to help those most in need. They are focusing on clean-up, helping with urgent transportation needs, and distributing food. The church is also exploring ways to support those who cannot return to their homes and have nowhere to live.

This catastrophe comes in the midst of a crippling economic crisis, with rising unemployment and increased food insecurity across the country. Coupled with the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated lockdown restrictions, the impact on life in this city is devastating. Even before the explosion, there were shortages of essential products like bread and medicine.

"We can't bear much more" said the District Superintendent. "Our people have nothing to eat; how shall we rebuild the city?"

The Church of the Nazarene has been distributing food to families in need for months and has provided ongoing educational support for refugees. These initiatives will continue but the needs are multiplied, especially the need for food.

How you can help:

Pray: For those who have lost loved ones, for the injured, for those who have lost homes and livelihoods and for all who are hungry and without food.

Give: Whatever you can to the "[Lebanon crisis response fund](#)". Donations will be used for immediate needs of those who suffered in the blast, for ongoing food distributions, and for recovery for families.

Please make cheques payable to the Church of the Nazarene Canada and send them to
Church of the Nazarene Canada
3657 Ponytrail Drive
Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5

or donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca

Be sure to specify "[Lebanon Crisis Response](#)"

Thank you for your gifts of compassion for those in need during these perilous times.

"GROWING HOPE. FEEDING HUNGRY PEOPLE"

The Grow Hope Markdale field is growing!
The soybeans will be harvested and the proceeds,
less expenses, donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

We are happy to announce that 24 acres have been sponsored to date. 11 To go!

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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