

CANADA

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

Happy New Year to you all.

At the beginning of yet another year, I pray that the Lord will fill you with the spirit of “continuing”. I use this word because it seems to me that when all is said and done, when the fanfare and the countdown is over, and Big Ben strikes midnight, and the ball drops in Time’s Square, the sun comes up in the morning just as it did the day before.

You see, we are the ones who create calendars. Now we don’t create time of course, but we measure it in carefully segmented periods called days and weeks, and months and years. However, I’m not sure that God was waiting with bated breath for 2019 to get here. In fact let me say it clearly, I don’t think that God records time that way. A New Year resolution to God is mere trivial pursuit. You see, God is more interested in the ongoing, continuing establishing of our faith. He desires a building up, line upon line and precept upon precept of who we are in Him. I am not for one moment denying the role of calendar activity in civilization, all I am saying is ...let’s move on. Move on past the hype, past the sales and good deals, and establish the fact that “this is the day the Lord hath made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.”...and let us not only be “glad in it”, but let us use the day as an opportunity to, “be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord (1 Corinthians 15:58).

So, happy new year...that’s the last time I’m saying it!
In the Name of our Risen Lord and until the next time!

Blessings,
Ian Fitzpatrick

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I would ask that you be praying for the following ministry activities across our country...



Reverend Mark Collins (Ruth)
Atlantic District (C.A.D.)



Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat)
Quebec District (C.Q.D.) and
National Director



Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat)
Central District (C.C.D.)



Reverend Rose Brower – Young (Brad)
West District (C.W.D.)



Reverend Earl Wood (Vernita)
Pacific District (C.P.D.)

Pray also for...

Director of Stewardship Services: Dr. Riley Coulter (Karen).

Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)

NCM Canada Executive Director: Reverend Elaine Bumstead (Dennis)

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”.

Blessings,
Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick

AMBROSE DAY OF PRAYER

Dear partner congregations of Ambrose University,

*The Board of Governors of the university has designated **Tuesday, February 5, 2019** as the Ambrose Day of Prayer. And we are writing to invite you to join us in prayer on, and prior to, this day as we ask for God’s providential care and blessing upon the life, mission, and student body of Ambrose University.*

The day will include a number of prayer events and gatherings throughout the day – including our board of governors meeting together for a dedicated time of prayer – led by our Chaplain (Terry Fach), myself and other members of the community.

*We would be very pleased if you would keep us in mind that day. Starting in the New Year we will be posting regular updates on our website – www.ambrose.edu – leading up to **February 5** noting particular items that could be included in your prayers.*

Additionally, please consider including Ambrose in the Pastoral Prayer or Prayers of the People on Sunday, February 3. In mid-January we will send out an “Ambrose Day of Prayer” resource that you may find helpful. Again, you can reference our website for a list of those items for which we are, in particular, asking for God’s blessing and provision.

Warmly in Christ,

Gordon T. Smith, President

Terry Fach, Campus Chaplain



CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

UPDATE: REVISED ATTESTATION FOR THE CANADA SUMMER JOBS PROGRAM

We are certain you have been following the recent news about the changes to the Canada Summer Jobs attestation requirement with great interest. This issue had affected the ability of many churches and faith-based organizations across the country to serve their communities this past summer, and it has been a top priority for us.

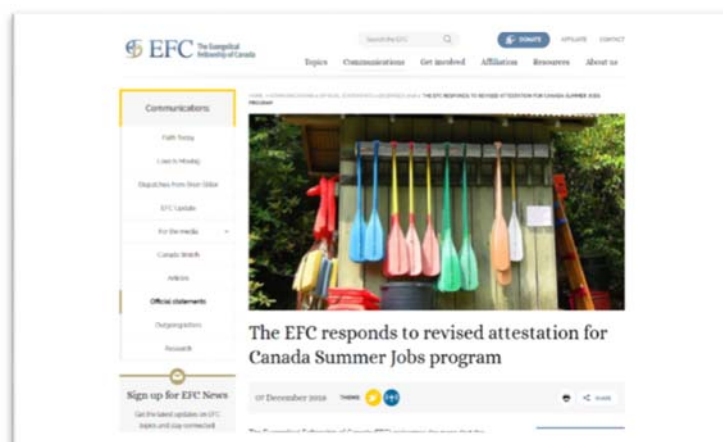
We welcome the steps the government has taken to amend the attestation requirement. We believe these changes will allow Canadian churches and faith-based organizations to apply and be eligible for funding under this program.

The EFC was there every step of the way, with you standing beside us. We, along with faith partners, had multiple meetings and discussions with government on this issue. And we thank the thousands of Canadians who contacted their MPs, expressing their strong objection to the attestation last summer. Your engagement and support made a difference. We responded as a community and it had an impact.

In the days to come, we will be interacting more fully with these developments and providing you with more insight and information as the government provides more information. But for now, we can say our voice has been heard. [Here is the statement of response](#) the EFC issued today.



Bruce Clemenger
President



IN MEMORY

News posted on Dec. 10, 2018 by Ross and Bev Johnston on the Canadian Nazarene College Facebook page from Deb Hicks of Two Harbors, Minnesota, daughter of Pastor Paul and Pauline Hicks.

Mrs. Hicks was a beloved piano and organ teacher for many years at the college. In 1974 the Hicks moved to Winona, Minnesota and later to St. Paul to pastor. They remained in that state the remainder of their days. Paul Hicks passed away on May 17, 2017. Both meant a lot to many students and faculty at the college, people on the Canada West District in particular and across the Church of the Nazarene in Canada and Minnesota. They were both able to attend the CNC alumni gathering in Calgary in October 2015. It was wonderful to see them again.

PAULINE AMELIA DIXON HICKS **JANUARY 20, 1927 - DECEMBER 10, 2018**

Pauline passed away peacefully with her daughter by her side in Two Harbors, MN. She said many times over the last 8 months that she wanted to go all the way to Glory with joy, and she did. She always had a smile, a wave and a positive word for everyone who came into her room or passed by. Pauline was born in Hughenden, AB to Frank and Janet Dixon. She taught piano and organ for many years at Canadian Nazarene College. She married Paul Hicks in August 1970 and they moved from Winnipeg to Minnesota the summer of 1974, where they pastored churches in Winona, Mankato and St Paul before retiring.

She was preceded in death by her father and mother, her sister and brother in law, Jean and Barry Brower; brother and sister in law, Allen and Margaret Dixon; and husband Paul Hicks. She is survived by many beloved nieces and nephews; step children Ron and Kathy Hicks and Deborah Hicks; grandchildren Andrew and Susan Hicks, Amy Scharmer, Chris and Carrie Scharmer, Sara and Aaron McPheeters, Brandon and MacKenzie Scharmer, Marissa Scharmer; and great-grand children Haylee, Madeline and William.

Well done good and faithful servant.



WILLS AND ESTATES

One of the great challenges facing followers of Jesus in the 21st century is to develop a lifestyle of generosity. Generosity is defined as kindness, a willingness to help - giving time, effort or resource - when there is need... arising from a nobility or trait of character. St. Ignatius Loyola prayed the following prayer, a suitable prayer for followers of God: *"Lord Jesus, teach me to be generous; teach me to serve as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to seek reward, except that of knowing that I do your will."*

To arrange for a Wills & Estates Seminar in your local church, sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene Canada, please contact me at richardrileycoulter@gmail.com or by phone at 403.829.6949.

SDMI ACROSS CANADA

On Tuesday 8th January the National Director convened a meeting of SDMI leaders from across Canada. We were blessed to have our new Global SDMI Director, Reverend Scott Rainey join us, and also our USA/Canada SDMI Regional Director, Reverend Larry Morris. We discussed a number of items regarding the work of SDMI in Canada.

Let's place high emphasis on the ministry of Sunday School and Christian Education in the local church. This can be a place of learning, equipping, mentoring and evangelism in every local context of ministry. Join me in praying for a mighty revival upon the church in Canada and the fact that this revival might just come through the work of SDMI.



Top Row L to R: Reverend Randy Barrington (Quebec District Director), Reverend Steve Ottley (Central DS), Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (National Director), **Middle Row L to R:** Reverend Eddie Rossiter (Atlantic SDMI Chair), Reverend Mark Collins (Atlantic DS), Reverend Scott Rainey (Global SDMI Director), Reverend Larry Morris (USA/Canada SDMI Regional Director). **Bottom Row: L to R:** Mrs. Leah Baker (West SDMI Chair), Mrs. Cindy Stavropoulos (Central SDMI Chair), Ms Lorna Bartram (Pacific SDMI Chair).

QUEBEC DISTRICT

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

On Saturday 15th December, the Canada Quebec District pastors and spouses met at Montreal First Church for a wonderful Christmas Dinner.



AHUNTSIC CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

On Sunday 16th December we celebrated together at the Ahuntsic Church of the Nazarene in North Montreal. Under the leadership of Reverend Marie Denis Mondesir this church has grown from 20 people to over 200 in just under two years. PRAISE THE LORD. This church will be featured at the upcoming M-19 Conference in Kansas City in February 2019.



←The Adult Sunday School class meeting prior to the service.

Pastor Mondesir (extreme right) with others on the platform. →





← The Ahuntsic Worship team.

Reverend Marie Denis Mondesir. →



← The Childrens' Choir



D.S. Fitzpatrick presenting Reverend Randy Barrington (District Director) with a special award. →



←D.S. Fitzpatrick presenting Matt (the other half of the film team) with a special tribute.



D.S. Fitzpatrick presenting Bryan Rich with a special tribute. Bryan was there to film proceeding for M-19 and Bryan is the grandson on former Quebec D.S. Harry Rich. →



CANADA CENTRAL

CUBA CHILD SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

As we continue to pray for our sister Districts in Cuba, Canada Central District has established a way that we can assist the families affected by the plane crash on May 18th 2018.

Canada Central has had a long-standing partnership with the two Cuba Districts through the *Pastoral Family Support Fund*. As a response to plane crash tragedy, we have set up the *Canada Central District Cuba Child Sponsorship Program*.

The purpose of this program is a long-term commitment to the children and grandparents left behind. Churches and individuals now have the opportunity to sponsor a child/family with a \$30/Month donation.

D.S. Steve and Pat Ottley, Rev. Junior Sorzano (Cuba Partnership Coordinator), along with five others, will be traveling to Holguin, Cuba on January 22nd, to attend the Cuba East District Assembly. Please be in prayer for this team, that the Lord use them to be an encouragement to our brothers and sisters in Cuba.



CANADA WEST

CAMP HARMATTAN

"Camp Harmattan invites you to join them on February 2nd for their annual Frost Festival! You can expect a delicious hot Camp Harmattan lunch, outdoor activities, and time spent with your family!

Please register at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/frost-festival-2019-tickets-54561684467>"



Picture of a new stained glass window at the Drumheller Church of the Nazarene

DRUMHELLER CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

By Ellen Nobel

My inspiration for *Abide* comes from John 15, wherein Jesus says He is the True Vine, and He calls us to abide in Him.

All 5 panels are integrated into a single design, the grape vine entwining the cross. Five panels incorporated into one design reiterates Paul's words that while we are all individual members, we are one body.

Though the cross seems hidden from view in places, it does stretch from end to end, top to bottom. This reminds us that although there are times when we might not feel His presence, He is always there.

The bright jewel tones remind us that our treasure isn't in gem stones and wealth of this earth, but that we should store up our treasures in heaven.

The vines seem random, twisting, and unpredictable, yet they abundantly bear fruit. Our lives may often feel like nothing fits and that it seems out of control, but God is in the midst and out of our helplessness, He can do great things.

Around the vines, I chose a background of curving 'cut' lines rather than a grid of straight lines to suggest the organic living relationship we have with our Lord.

NCM CANADA JOINS WITH OTHER CFGB MEMBERS TO RESPOND IN YEMEN

8.4 million people in Yemen do not know where their next meal will come from. The devaluation of their currency due to conflict has caused even further hardship for the people who are displaced. The cost of cooking oil, for example, increased by 200%. This downward spiral of the economy has pushed an additional 3.5 – 4 million people into famine conditions.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank members, including Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, are responding with food for 1100 vulnerable households. The project is led by ADRA Canada and receives 4:1 matching funds from the government of Canada. The need for food is ongoing until the conflict ends and displaced people can return to their homes.

To contribute to this ongoing need for food, please send donations to
NCM Canada and designate “**CFGB – Yemen response**”
Make cheques payable to “the Church of the Nazarene Canada” and mail them to
3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga ON L4X 1W5 OR
donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca under “Donate” and “Disaster Response”
Designate “CFGB – Yemen response” OR call the office at 1-888-808-7490

INDONESIA TSUNAMI RELIEF

Just before Christmas the Krakatoa volcano erupted causing a deadly tsunami in the Sunda Strait of Indonesia that killed hundreds of people (actual figure not known as more are “missing”). Homes and businesses and infrastructure has been destroyed in the coastal areas of Banten and Southern Lampung.

You can donate by sending your gift to the National Office, Church of the Nazarene Canada,
3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga ON L4X 1W5
Make cheques payable to “the Church of the Nazarene Canada” and mark it ACM1198 OR
donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca under “Donate” and “Disaster Response”
and specify ACM1198 OR call the national office at 1-888-808-7490

NCM CANADA IS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

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Twitter: @_ncmcanada
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NCM CANADA ENSURES FOOD SECURITY FOR 1000 FAMILIES IN NEPAL

Over the past 3 years, NCM Canada has been working with the Nazarene churches in 10 communities in south-eastern Nepal to provide seed for vegetable gardens and training in small businesses for income generation for 1000 of the poorest families. The project is funded through Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB)

Because lack of water for irrigation is a problem in the dry season in Nepal, NCM Canada also provided a well in each of the 10 communities with support from donations from several local Nazarene churches in Canada and from proceeds from a walk-a-thon done by inmates of the Bowden Institution in Alberta. The wells are providing irrigation for the vegetable plots as well as drinking water for these communities. The aim of the project is to increase food production through teaching new and improved methods of growing food and to increase income through income generating activities. The long term goal is to increase food security. The ministry goal is to work with and through the local Nazarene churches to build relationships with the people in these 10 communities and share the Good News of the Gospel with them.

Three years ago, when we started the project people in these communities only had sufficient food for 4-6 months of the year. By the end of the second year of the project, people had sufficient food for (average) 8 months of the year. The aim is for at least 10 months. Watch our newsletter and Nazarene News for further updates as reports come in for Year 3.

Thank you for giving to CFGB projects. You are making a difference!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND DISCIPLESHIP IN CREATIVE ACCESS AREAS

NCM Canada continues to fund training of leaders in creative access areas of Africa. Because of the security risks, no names or locations or details can be shared. Training materials and techniques have been developed and adapted to local circumstances. Leaders from 5 different countries are being developed to disciple others within their context. This is very important and ground breaking work for the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene in these areas of unreached peoples.

You can be part of this important mission initiative by giving a donation and specifying
“Account # 128129” Send your gift to the National Office at
3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5.
Make cheques payable to “the Church of the Nazarene Canada”.
OR call 1-888-808-7490 (and specify “Account 128129”).

NAZARENE FAMILY IN CANADA FUNDS A CHURCH AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTRE IN SRI LANKA

NCM Canada is funding 3 child development centres (CDC) in Sri Lanka but they are operating without a proper building. Recently a Canadian Nazarene family donated funds to construct a building for one of these centres. The building will be used for ministry 7 days a week (6 days for children's ministries and Sunday for church) and will include pastor's quarters. There are Nazarene pastors willing to move from other areas of Sri Lanka to minister in these new areas. Pastors are not allowed by law to be employed if they are pastoring a church. The provision of a parsonage is critical support for them. NCM Canada will also provide the pastor with some livestock to help him earn an income.

Cost for a church and pastor's home is around \$50,000 US. For further information, contact elaine.ncmc@gmail.com

Cost to operate a child development centre for the children of the community is about \$10,000 US per year.

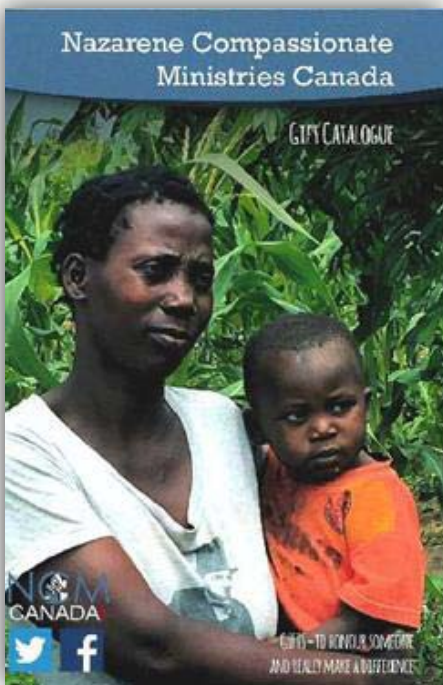
Your gifts are needed. Please specify "Sri Lanka church / CDC" and send your gift to the National Office at 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5.

Make cheques payable to "the Church of the Nazarene Canada".

OR call 1-888-808-7490.

You can also give online under "Donate" and "Child Development".

Specify "Sri Lanka CDC"



NCM CANADA GIFT CATALOGUES

Our new gift catalogue is filled with examples of what your donations can provide for children & families who are in desperate need of our help.

Whether you have a little or a lot to share, you will find tangible items & services here that can change lives.

What is better than giving gifts to those you love?

Letting them know that their gift is actually a gift of life.

Let us do what we can to share with those who are praying for our help. Together we can make a world of difference in the lives of those we help.

Thank you for supporting NCM Canada's work!

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