



APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>, 2018

**A MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR**



***Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!***

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Even though I greet you in the Name of our Risen Lord, let us take a moment to remember the death of Jesus. Matthew records the event for us in Chapter 27 verse 45ff.....*From the sixth hour until the ninth hour darkness came over all the land. About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in loud voice, Eloi, Eloi lama sabachthani - which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me". When some of those standing there heard this, they said, He's calling Elijah. Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He spilled it with wine vinegar, put it on a stick, and offered it to Jesus to drink. The rest said, now leave Him alone, let's see if Elijah comes to save Him. And when Jesus had cried out again in a loud voice, He gave up His Spirit. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two from the top to the bottom. The earth shook and the rocks split. The tombs broke open and the bodies of many holy people who had died were raised to life. They came out of the tombs, and after Jesus' resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many people.*" This is a part of the passion story that is often overlooked. Even though Jesus was raised on the third day, resurrection power manifested itself on the same day. Those who were raised were raised the instant Jesus died even though they didn't make their appearance until Jesus was raised.

Not a lot of detail is given about these resurrected people. We don't know their names, we don't know their backgrounds, but we do know something.....they were holy people!

So, in the midst of our Good Friday experience, we can actually also enter into the reality of the resurrection, as holy people of God. If the Resurrection was planned from before the foundation of the world, then it was triggered in the moment of the death of Jesus. This is Victory indeed!

In the Name of our Risen Lord.....until the next time!

Blessings  
Ian Fitzpatrick.

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

INAUGURATION OF N.T.S. PRESIDENT:	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> April
EVANGELICAL LEADERS MEETING:	Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> April
AMBROSE BOARD OF GOVERNORS:	Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> April
NATIONAL BOARD EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:	Sun 8 <sup>th</sup> April at 6 pm
NATIONAL BOARD FINANCE COMMITTEE:	Mon 9 <sup>th</sup> April
NATIONAL BOARD MEETING:	Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> April
N.Y.I. CONNECT GATHERING:	Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> April
AMBROSE GRADUATION:	Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> April
ATLANTIC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:	Thurs 31 <sup>st</sup> May - Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & NMI CONVENTION:	Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> June
QUEBEC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & NMI CONVENTION:	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> June
WEST DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:	Thurs 21 <sup>st</sup> - Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> June
PACIFIC DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:	Thurs 28 <sup>th</sup> - Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> June

I would also ask that you be in continual pray for our district leadership in Canada.....

D.S. Reverend Clair MacMillan (Donna) - Canada Atlantic  
D.S. Reverend Steve Ottley (Pat) - Canada Central  
D.S. Reverend Larry Dahl (Audrey) - Canada West  
D.S. Reverend Earl Wood (Vernita) - Canada Pacific  
National Director & DS Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) - Canada Quebec  
Ambrose President: Dr. Gordon Smith (Joella)

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  
Ian Fitzpatrick.

**NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:**  
**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA AND NCM CANADA**

Please keep in mind, when sending mail or cheques to Church of the Nazarene Canada and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries it must be addressed to **Church of the Nazarene Canada** (It is a bank requirement).

Church of the Nazarene Canada  
3657 Ponytrail Drive  
Mississauga, ON  
L4X 1W5

The new local phone number is (905) 602-8220  
The new fax number is (905) 602-9228  
The toll-free number remains the same at 1-888-808-7490

**HERE IS WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING THROUGHOUT OUR NATION:**  
**“CANADA CENTRAL ASSESSMENT”**

The Canada Central District Ministry Assessment Centre was held on Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at the National Office and Bethel Spanish Church of the Nazarene.

Our National Director led the activities of the day which concluded in the 9 candidates organizing and leading a wonderful worship service. Thank you to all involved.



Reverend Dr. Dennis Wong speaking on “Pastoral Ministry”



Reverend Terry Hudson speaking on “Pastoral Ministry”



Reverend Tamara Hudson speaking on “Pastoral Ministry”



Group # 1 discussing the “Case Study”



Group # 2 discussing the “Case Study”



Reverend Donna Wilson speaking on the “Ministry Sourcebook” and the “Pathway to Ministry”



← National Director, Reverend Ian Fitzpatrick.

## “CANADA CENTRAL CLERGY DAY”

The Canada Central District Clergy Development Day was held at the Oakville “Generations” Church of the Nazarene on Tuesday 6th March 2018.



Pastors and leaders engaged in small group discussion on the theme  
“Transformational Leadership”



District Superintendent Ottley sharing with Canada Central Pastoral team



National Director Fitzpatrick leading the sessions on our “Nazarene Characteristics”



Dr. Riley Coulter explaining the history and value of Clergy Development Days



Dr. Terry Goudy leading a session on the “Mental Health of the Pastor”

## MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE

**This is a reminder regarding the Church Year End and Church Contributions.**

We will be accepting cheques from our Churches until May 15, 2018. **Please note that cheques must be dated by April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 in order to be posted in the 2017-2018 Church Year End.** Cheques received after May 15, 2018, (even if they are dated April 30<sup>th</sup>), will be posted in the 2018-2019 Church year end, No Exceptions.

## CANADA ATLANTIC - MONCTON FIRST CHURCH

Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018



Worship Team leading the congregation at Moncton First Church



Reverend Patti Rossiter leading the congregation in prayer. Patti had suffered a heart attack just a few weeks ago. We give thanks to God for her recovery.



Flannel graph makes a comeback!!!! Wayne Wilson donated his full set to the church



Kathy Yeomans (Sunday school leader) and Wayne Wilson



Reverend Patti & Charlie Rossiter with our National Director.

## CANADA PACIFIC - LAUNCH OF THE VANCOUVER DO DREAM

### KOREAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE:

On Sunday, March 25th the second Korean Church of the Nazarene was launched in Canada Pacific District. The planting Pastor, Dae Sun An and his wife Hana invite you to join them in prayer support as they begin this new venture in Maple Ridge, a community east of Vancouver in the Lower Mainland area. They will be meeting at our church facility on Dewdney Trunk Road and have a core group of worshippers involved in beginning this new work. Dae Sun is a graduate of Korea Nazarene University which began in 1954 and has over 6,000 students. He was part of the pastoral staff in the early days of the Logos Korean Nazarene church which was officially organized on CPD in 2008.

**CANADA PACIFIC - LAMP@CHARIS WEEKEND:**

LAMP@Charis is a weekend event that is centered around the theme of discovering God's call on your life. It is a spiritual foundation and leadership development weekend that is intentionally inter-generational in composition. Our resident preacher for this weekend is Dr. Gary Bennett, Pastor of our Victoria Church. Part of our time will be spent in team building and in mandatory leadership training that is required to serve at a CPD summer camp. We also seek to provide opportunities for younger people to engage in other summer ministries at local churches as an outcome of the weekend training.

**A VISIT TO THE QUEBEC DISTRICT**

On Palm Sunday (March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018) Quebec D.S. & National Director Fitzpatrick visited the Franklin Centre Church. Reverend Randy Barrington is the pastor and also serves as Quebec Zone Director, assistance to Reverend Fitzpatrick. The Franklin congregation are strong supporters of the Church of the Nazarene, at home and around the world. We give thanks for this faithful and strong congregation.....To God Be the Glory.



Reverend Randy & Mrs Brenda Barrington leading the congregation following a time of prayer and anointing.



Pastor Randy, Brenda and our National Director / Quebec D.S.



The Worship Band preparing for the service.



Some of the people of Franklin Centre following the Sunday morning worship service.



The new church sign:  
The snow is sill around in southwest Quebec

**IN MEMORY**

**RUTH MARION MUNRO**

Ruth went to be with her God, her dear parents and the love of her life, Wayne Stewart Munro on Saturday, March 10, 2018, at Sundre, Alberta.

She is survived by her children: Laurel, Larry (Sandi) and Robin; grandchildren: Skyler, Juele, and Lindsey; and great-grandchildren: Brayden and Aleigha. Ruth was born in 1929 in Saskatchewan and moved to the Harmattan area at age 7 where she and her siblings (Bob, Ila, Gladys, Clara, Elvin, and Don) were raised.

Ruth went to the CNC, in Red Deer, for high school and post-secondary studies majoring in Music and Psychology earning top marks. She and Wayne Munro served the Nazarene Church in B.C., ALTA, SASK, MAN and the NWT.

Ruth will be remembered for her deep faith, the gift of music, sense of humour, love of the ocean and much fun with family and countless friends.

After the passing of Wayne, Ruth married George Straiton, and later Warren Brower. She was 88.

**REVEREND HAROLD COBB**

On Tuesday 27th March 2018 we celebrated the life of Reverend Harold Cobb at Rosewood Church of the Nazarene. Harold went to be with the Lord peacefully on the 19th March 2018. He had served in the Canada Central District for many years in many different capacities, supply, and interim pastor in some of our churches. Harold and Phyllis have been attending the Pickering Altona Community Church of the Nazarene for the past few years. Please pray for Phyllis and the extended family during this time.



## **SEEDS OF LIFE NEWSLETTER SPRING 2018**

Hello Donors and Friends.

Thanks again for all of your support in 2017.

The winter wheat that was planted after the soybean harvest last fall will be harvested in mid summer.

From the photo, you can see that the wheat got a good growing start before the winter. There has been a good snow cover on the field over the winter months which is important to protect the young dormant plants. It is a variety of soft red wheat which will be used to produce cake and pastry flour and also for animal feed.

The wheat will be growing well by the time of our annual Farm Visit to show you the growing crop and thank you for your donations. This event takes place at the farm on Saturday, June 2.

Please mark your calendars! We will send an email with details. We also have a new video for you to check out on our website [www.seeds-of-life.ca](http://www.seeds-of-life.ca)

We are asking for donations of \$400 per acre to cover the cost of growing this crop. Depending on yields and crop prices at harvest we expect to realize at least \$500 per acre to send to the Foodgrains Bank to help in funding the relief and development projects of our overseas partners. When matched with donations from the Government of Canada we could raise as much as \$2500 from each of our 72 acres.

We look forward to another successful year in 2018. PLEASE HELP US WITH YOUR DONATION. To sponsor an acre or part of an acre, please visit the donation page on our website for details. Working together, we can change the lives of people who don't have the resources to feed themselves.

Scott Brooks  
Project Manager



## **SPONSOR AN ACRE. HELP END GLOBAL HUNGER!**

You have a choice! As well as the Seeds of Life Growing Project managed by Scott Brooks, (see Seeds of Life news item) NCM Canada is also promoting the Grow Hope Markdale project again this year.

NCM Canada, Grow Hope Markdale and the Goudy family (farmers) are already planning for this year's crop on the Goudy farm near Markdale, Ontario. This year the 25 acres will be planted in soybeans which will be sold in the fall, and the funds donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB).

Last year Grow Hope Markdale sent over \$33,000 to CFGB to help end global hunger. The government of Canada matched the funds 4:1 which meant that over \$150,000 worth of food was provided to hungry people. Thank you to those who sponsored an acre last year! Thank you to all those who helped make this initiative a success! Once again, NCM Canada is partnered with CFGB in this Grow Hope Markdale project for 2018. The agreement has just been signed!

You can sponsor an acre for \$375.00 or any part of an acre. (An acre is about the size of a soccer field). Any donation will be gratefully received. The expected return per acre is \$500.00, dependent on the weather and crop yields. \$500.00 when matched by the Canadian government becomes \$2500.00 which will feed about 50 families for a month.

Please sponsor an acre! (Or part acre) Send donations to NCM Canada at the National Office, Church of the Nazarene Canada, 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4X 1W5. **Make cheques payable to "Church of the Nazarene Canada" (this is required by the bank)**. You can also donate online at [www.ncmcanada.ca](http://www.ncmcanada.ca) or by calling the National Office at 1-888-808-7490. A charitable receipt will be issued at year end.

Attached is the first Grow Hope Markdale Update for 2018. You can receive these updates by contacting the National Office at 1-888-808-7490. Email address is preferred but we also do mailings if you prefer. Updates are issued several times over the spring and summer months giving you reports from the farmer, pictures from the field, and announcements of the harvest and of the Harvest Celebration weekend.

Don't miss this opportunity! Last year all available acres were sponsored for both the Seeds of Life and the Grow Hope Markdale projects!

## CHURCH IN BANGLADESH CELEBRATES 25 YEARS!

Among those international partners who invested heavily over the years in supporting the development of the Church of the Nazarene in Bangladesh, is the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada. We have walked alongside the Bangladesh Church from its very beginnings in 1994 providing for Pastoral Training and Pastoral Support, for multiple Compassionate Ministries all across Bangladesh, for the building of Churches, for leadership development, as well as counsel and support through prayer. Both Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick and Elaine Bumstead sent greetings to the 25 Anniversary Jubilee Celebration which were read during the festivities. Together we celebrate and rejoice with the Church in Bangladesh and pray for the continued growth and strengthening of the Church to the glory of God!



**NAZARENE  
COMPASSIONATE  
MINISTRIES**



**NYI CONNECT**

***TRAINING FOR CANADIAN NAZARENE  
YOUTH WORKERS***

**Dates:** April 26 & 27, 2018

**Where:** Ambrose University, Calgary

*\*arrive the evening of April 25, depart morning of April 28 or stay for Ambrose graduation on April 28 (your decision)*

**Purpose:** to bring together our youth workers from across Canada for training, encouragement, and connection

**Sessions include:**

Reginald Bibby on his latest research on millennials

National Director Rev Ian Fitzpatrick on hearing from us on where we think the church should be heading

Justin Pickard, USA/Canada Regional NYI Director

In partnership with USA/Canada NYI and Ambrose University.

**Pricing:**

Pacific: \$350.00

West: \$175.00

Central: \$375.00

Quebec: \$375.00

Atlantic: \$375.00

**Registration:**

- Conference activities including workshops/sessions
- Includes flights (or gas), 3 nights shared hotel accommodation, Thursday and Friday meals, transportation from the hotel to Ambrose daily

**Who should come?**

Anyone who is paid or volunteer and is currently involved in leading youth at the local church level; district NYI leadership; pastors who want to learn more about NYI and how they can support and encourage our ministry.

## CANADA PACIFIC - NYI TO GUATEMALA:

In July several of our youth and their leaders will travel to participate in Eucentro serving in the country of Guatemala along with other NYI from across Canada. They will be based out of Guatemala City. Centro Cristiano de Convenciones Guatemala will provide housing for our team and they will be partnering with local churches to provide VBS programs and sports clinics in the communities. Light construction projects are planned, and church planting will take place in the area. Our team will be in Guatemala from July 7 through July 14.



## YOUTH RESPONDING TO A MESSAGE

This past weekend we had our NexGen event with Lynnlee and Chris Moser at Rosewood Church. Friday night was a Youth Rally, and a Youth Training/Challenge on Saturday. It was inspiring to see our young leaders come together. Keep them in your prayers as they seek to discern and follow God's call



Pastor Lynnlee Moser  
NexGen Director  
USA/Canada Region



45 Youth and Leaders  
Attended Saturday's training

## Pastors

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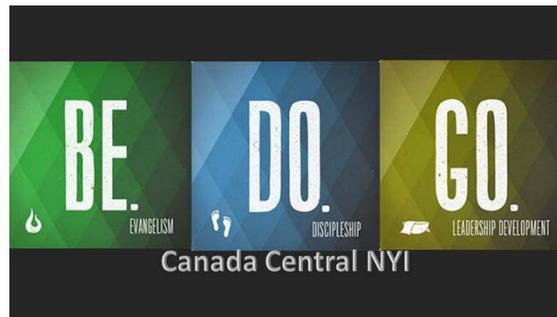
Are natural born leaders

Want to make a difference

Feel a call to ministry

Are looking for what's next after high school

**Then Join Us for NEXGEN**



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