

CANADA

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

I have always been fascinated by “The Other Guy”. There’s always an “other guy”. The unsung hero, the one who doesn’t seem to get the headlines and yet oftentimes he or she is the one that is integral to the story. Many will remember the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. The names that come to mind are Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. There is no doubt about the fact that Armstrong and Aldrin, the two

who actually landed on the moon, faced a real possibility that they might not return to earth. What if the spacecraft named “Eagle” failed to lift off after the moonwalk? What if those engines don’t ignite? President Richard Nixon said... “These brave men, Neil Armstrong and Edwin (Buzz) Aldrin know that there is no hope for their recovery. But they also know that there is hope for mankind in their sacrifice”.

This was indeed a risky mission, but there was “The Other Guy”... Michael Collins. He was the one who orbited the moon in the mother ship Columbia. As the world focused on the two men on the lunar surface, here was the “Other Guy” who piloted Columbia behind the Moon and was separated from the rest of humanity by 250,000 miles of space and by the mass of the Moon which blocked all communication. Here is what he said about that experience... “I am now truly alone and absolutely alone from any known life. I am it”. This would have been enough to destroy most of us but not Collins, in fact, he described his experience of loneliness as that exultation! Here’s what Mission Control said about this... “Not since Adam, has any human known such solitude as Mike Collins is experiencing during this 47 minutes of each lunar revolution”. He orbited the moon 30 times! This far side of the moon is a place we never get to see. The force of earth’s tides and the slow rotation of the moon mean that we always see the same section of the moon, therefore, leaving a “dark side” or “far side”. It was into this darkness that Mike Collins went 30 times during the mission until the Eagle rejoined Columbia for the return trip back home.

We all know that one doesn’t have to orbit the moon to experience darkness and alienation and separation from others, but I wonder when it happens will we experience certain exultation in those times. Psalm 139 verse 12 reminds us... “Even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.” (NIV).

I do like the King James translation...it reads... “Yea, the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to Thee.” John Greenleaf Whittier writes from “The Eternal Goodness” in one of those 21 verses...” I know not where His islands lift, Their fronded palms in air, I only know I cannot drift beyond His love and care.” be blessed by knowing and experiencing this truth.

“In the Name of the Risen Lord” and until the next time...

Blessings
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)

PALCON 2020 UPDATE

IMAGINEHOPE

PALCON 2020

IMAGINE HOPE is the theme of the six PALCON's this summer!

Would you **join us in prayer**, in waiting on God and looking to Him for the transforming power of His presence at the Ambrose PALCON, August 11-13, 2020?

PALCON 2020:

- **Registration is open** (select "Register" from the PALCON.org menu).
- **One-stop registration** for minister and spouse (married co-pastors are also welcome to register, one as spouse, to receive the reduced spouse rate)
- **Pricing:**
 - FULL CONFERENCE RATE (Includes all meals beginning with dinner on the opening evening and, at no additional charge, on-campus housing T-W-Th):
\$199 USD through July 10 (\$229 after July 10)
\$179 USD spouse rate (no date restrictions)
 - SINGLE-DAY RATE: \$109 USD (Includes breakfast, lunch, and dinner on the day registered)

Track updates via the [Ambrose PALCON Facebook page](#)

Find information on speakers, schedule, and more at PALCON.ORG, the conference website.

SESSION DETAILS AND WORKSHOP INFO COMING SOON!

The Whole Gospel in a Fragmented World

Transformational Holiness for Effective Mission



**Sunday, April 19 &
Monday, April 20, 2020**

Wesley Ministry Conference

Tyndale University College and Seminary
3377 Bayview Ave, Toronto

Sponsored by:



Keynote Speaker

Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
General Superintendent
Church of the Nazarene



Special Guest

Dr. Joel Thiessen
Professor of Sociology
Ambrose University, Calgary

**How do we proclaim
and embody the
whole gospel in an
Increasingly fragment-
ed world?**

Join us on **April 20** for a day of challenge and inspiration as we explore the transformative power of holiness for effective mission today.

Our guest is internationally-renowned speaker and global church leader, Dr. Gustavo Crocker, General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. He will be joined by leading Canadian sociologist, Dr. Joel Thiessen.

In our deliberations with regard to a keynote speaker it became clear to us that Dr. Gustavo Crocker could address the issue which forms the theme of the event. He, along with Dr. Joel Thiessen will provide us much food for thought on this important topic.

Dr. Crocker will also be the preacher for a special evening service of Sunday April 19th at Tyndale University Chapel at 7pm.

Please pray for this important event.

Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick
(organizing committee rep)

Sunday April 19th:
6:45pm Salvation Army Brass Ensemble

Monday April 20th:
8am Registration
3:30/4pm Conclusion

STEWARDSHIP

LEAVING A LEGACY

I am often asked how to most effectively leave a legacy that will endure past my lifetime and make a difference in the lives of others for many years to come.

Here are a few essentials:

- Prepare a will, and review it every four or five years.
- Provide for your family and loved ones in your will.
- Leave a gift in your will for your local, district or national church - either a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.
- Name your local, district or national church as beneficiary of your RRSPs, RRIFs or Pension Plan.
- Name your church as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance plan; or
- Purchase a new life insurance policy naming your church as the beneficiary.
- Ask your financial or estate planning advisor to include charitable giving as part of your financial plan.

Riley Coulter

Director of Stewardship Services

Church of the Nazarene Canada

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NAZARENE WOMEN CLERGY

Clergy Conference E2020

Purpose: Engage Empower Equip

March 12-15 2020

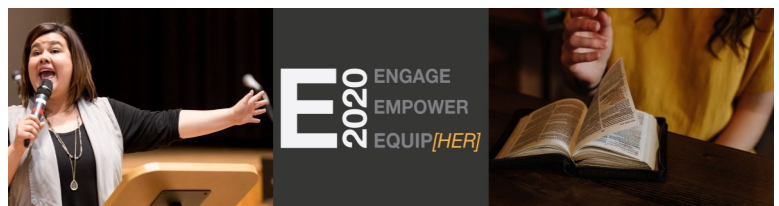
Location: Ridgecrest NC

whwomensclergy.org

This conference is for Women clergy who are in the ministry track or are ordained, and family members, clergy and District leaders.

At the last conference in 2018, we saw God move in a powerful way. Please pray about how you can support this clergy equipping conference, and/or support those who are able to attend.

Rev. Donna Wilson
Nazarene Women Clergy Council
USA/Can - Ambrose Ed/Canada Rep



CANADA ATLANTIC DISTRICT (C.A.D.)

FEBRUARY IN CANADA ATLANTIC:

Winter Youth Rally was held in O'Leary PEI with 70 participants from 8 district churches. Pastor Tyler Hobbs spoke on facing and overcoming struggles and giving God glory in those times. Thanks to NYI President Annette Smith, her council, the worship team and all who helped make it a great spiritual event!



Congratulations to Rev. Dennis Hubert who received a 4 year call from the O'leary PEI Church of the Nazarene. Dennis (Teresa) have been pastoring in O'leary for 10 years and he also serves as a field operator for NCM Canada.

New Ministry staff at Oxford Church of the Nazarene: Mrs. Leah Hobbs is Director of Children's Ministries, Pastor Tyler Hobbs is Director of Youth Ministries and Pastor Bill Martin is Director of Men's Ministries. Local Licences were also handed out to Pastor Tyler, Pastor Bill, Joey Dunsmore and Shauna Johnson (from Upper Room Fellowship).



HUB214 Coffeehouse renovations are well underway with excitement in the air for serving the community with great coffee and the great news of Jesus!

District Superintendent Mark Collins (Ruth) attended D.S. Retreat in Daytona Beach and also spent a week at Lake Placid Nazarene Campground. D.S. Mark has been sharing his vision with the District Pastors during Zone meetings.

Big Lake Camp summer dates are now posted on the website. www.biglakecamp.ca

Our National Director addressing Ministerial students at Kingswood Wesleyan University on Tuesday 18th February, 2020.



CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT (C.C.D.)

A DAY IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

This Annual youth event is hosted by our Toronto Emmanuel Spanish Church. This year hundreds of young people from across our district gathered from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a day of worship, workshops, fun, food, drama...



CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT (C.C.D.)

Oakville Generations
Church of the Nazarene



Reverend Daniel Moreno
with our National Director
who was the
guest preacher on
Sunday 16th February, 2020.

THE SHARING PLACE

The Sharing Place provides food assistance through its Food Bank Program. They provide a 4-day emergency supply of healthy food once a month to families and individuals who identify as food insecure. They source as much fresh and healthy food as their resources allow to increase access to nutritious food for all.

The Sharing Place also strives to create a diverse set of programs that connect their community to food. The programs provide equitable access to nutritious food and educational moments that create opportunities for their clients.



**Annual General Meeting –
Tuesday, March 3rd**

← Pastor Gena Torres
Director



Pastor Gena Torres & Pastor Stephen Atkinson
Presenting Appreciating Award to
Wally and Trudy French



District Superintendent
Rev. Steve Ottley

CANADA WEST DISTRICT (C.W.D.)

Congratulations to Rev. Jason Sedore, pastor of Edmonton First Church of the Nazarene. He completed his Doctor of Ministry degree in Semiotics and Future Studies.

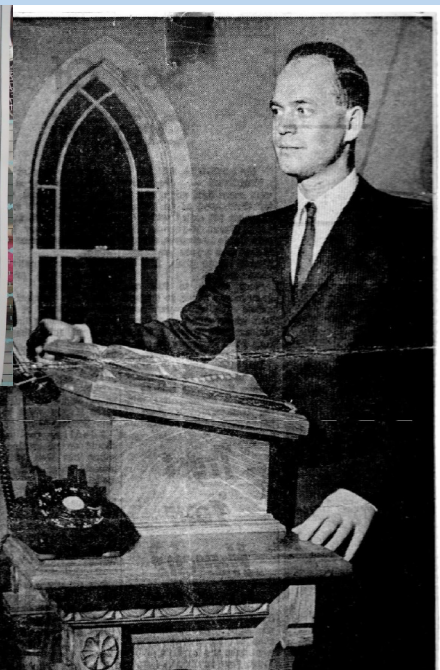


HAPPY 60TH NEW HOPE CHURCH!!!

There were 106 in attendance and over 400 hits on our facebook live video of the event, people checked in from different parts of North America and some from overseas. There was great fellowship and reminiscing. It was great having Rev. Vern Hannah, the second Pastor of Beulah Church of the Nazarene, now New Hope Community Church of the Nazarene.



PASTORS		PASTORS	
 Mel & Lorna Tucker 1958-1993	 Vern & Alta Mae Hannah 1953-1999	 Don & Carolyn Ardrey 1981-1984	 Doug & Linda Cooney 1986-1989
 Paul & Margaret Hicks 1996-1997	 Don & Dee Kauffman 1977-1980	 Doug & Dawn Woods 1990-1996	 Mel & Liz Siggelkow 1997-2002
 Dal & Amy Marten 1974-1977	 Tim & Lindsay Enns 2011-present	 Marj & Vandana Ingle 2003-2011	



Rev. Mel Tucker in his telephone-equipped pulpit at the Church of The Nazarene-Beulah.

Telephone Service For Sick

By RON WIERE
 A 27-year-old Methodist minister has started a five-line telephone hook-up to "pipe" sermons from the church to state telephone line is fully occupied. She finalizes the circuit by dialing the number of the church, when the pastor promptly lifts the receiver, looking it onto the broadcast in its entirety to the first five people called, but is broken up into four telephoning periods, each of fifteen minutes duration, thus giving more people the opportunity of joining in.



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL CANADA FIELD (N.M.I.)

UPDATE ON LINKS:

Links is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarene districts around the world.

Participating missionaries are assigned to districts to help foster a personal connection between missionaries and the local church. A Links relationship fosters a sense of involvement with Nazarene Missions through regular correspondence from missionaries, updates from their field of service, and presentations by their Links missionary when they are on home assignment.

Generosity is one of the greatest expressions of love. If an individual, church, or district would like to show love to a Links-assigned missionary through giving, please follow these guidelines.

- Sending physical letters or packages are discouraged unless the missionary has a specific need and requests the items be shipped. Districts and churches are encouraged to coordinate with missionaries when they are on home assignment rather than shipping items to their country of service. Physical packages can have very expensive duties that the missionary has to pay when receiving your package. Please always ask the missionary before you mail anything.

- When giving a financial gift, there are multiple ways to send it in.

Write a check – When sending a Links gift as a local church, for faster processing we are recommending to first send it to the District office. They are then able to send one check of all your Districts donations rather than spending money on multiple processing fees for smaller checks.

Missionary Care is an important strategy of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) to help provide for personal needs of missionaries. These expressions of care include:

Links: a strategy for “linking” churches with missionaries through prayer and personal contact.

Missionary Christmas Fund: provides a monetary Christmas gift for missionaries.

Missionary Health Care: monies collected through the Memorial Roll and Distinguished Service Award used to subsidize missionary health care costs.

The Memorial Roll: a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate (\$75 CAD per person) is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church.

Distinguished Service Award: a certificate presented to an individual to recognize outstanding service to God and the church. The presenter (usually a church or district) contributes \$125 CAD (per person) to Missionary Health Care.

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL CANADA FIELD (N.M.I.)

Assigned to Canada Atlantic District:
Maria Antonia and Danilo Carvalho
Children- Rode and Daniel



Assigned to Canada Central District:
Anthony and Barbra Manswell
Children- Kendrick, Kavanah, Jayedon and Jerrick.



Assigned to Canada West District:
Hiram and Yani Galvez



Also Assigned to Canada West District:
Phillip and Monica Carr
Children- Phillip, Emily and Sarah



Assigned to Canada Pacific District:
Ermias and Mulunesh Choliye

**Please pray that the Holy Spirit
will continue to pour into the
lives of our Nazarene
Missionaries and that the
Kingdom of God will grow.**



NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CANADA (N.C.M.C.)

Global Justice Advocacy Opportunity

For over four years Canadian Foodgrains Bank, together with all of the members of CFGB, have been asking the Canadian Government to increase funding for international assistance.

With increased funding, Canada will be able to assist even more people who experience hunger and poverty each day.

Your involvement will help further our efforts to bring justice to those who are afflicted by issues of food insecurity, especially small-scale farmers around the world.

NCM Canada wants to share about an upcoming opportunity for young adults in your communities and networks.

Together with World Renew, we are organizing an event for young adults to travel to Ottawa in April to meet with MPs about international aid, especially to promote food security.

The details and application form for our Global Justice Advocates Trip (formerly called the Justice Leaders Trip) can be found on the World Renew website:

<http://worldrenew.ca/globaljusticeadvocate>.

The application form is also available on the website.



SEND ME TOUR HAS RETURNED SAFELY!

Eight young adults have returned from a learning tour to Malawi which was promoted by NCM Canada. They were asked by leaders Alan and Yara Cristales, to sum up their experience in one word....

hope
transformative
eye-opening
amazing

The participants

- learned about ministries of compassion and how NCM Canada partners with local churches to respond to a range of issues with a holistic approach
- learned first-hand about NCM Canada funded projects in Malawi by visiting them and talking with the people
- experienced the culture and people of Malawi and how they live and worship
- served in a practical way, by contributing much needed supplies for child development centres and using their skills and talents for evangelistic crafts and games with the children
- proclaimed and lived the gospel through holistic ministries of compassion by sharing themselves and their stories.



Thank you to all who supported and prayed and contributed financially to make this possible!

We ask that you please have them speak in your church, missions groups, to your youth group, or young adult gathering.

**Contact Yara at the national office
1-888-808-7490 or
905-602-8220**

Tour participants spent the day learning about CDC's in Kudziwe

TESTIMONIALS FROM 4 OF THE SEND ME TOUR PARTICIPANTS



CDC Teacher in Kudziwe
receives Jesus film material

"The SEND ME Tour 2020 resulted in one of the most outstanding experiences I have undertaken, going beyond my greatest expectations and impacting every facet of my life....I cried because I saw God's love manifested in ways I had never before"

Samanata Rivas, Woodbridge Spanish Church of the Nazarene.

"I was so deeply blessed by this trip, this Learning tour....my experience exceeded my expectations. I got to learn about how God is busy at work, ready to use anyone who is willing to support His mission to advance the kingdom of God and be His hands and His feet to those in need."

Sierra Bradshaw, Montreal First Church of the Nazarene

"The village of Kudziwe is filled with many beautiful, smiling children and passionate teachers. We sat through a daily lesson, taught a lesson, played with the children, and got to hear firsthand from the teachers. The CDC (child development centre) has built strong and healthy relationships with the community members and leaders. There is a clear understanding that supporting the CDC is not only helping their community to thrive, but also is a catalyst to evangelizing and pushing forward God's work."

Nicole Ayala, Emmanuel Spanish Church of the Nazarene



Tour participants with the CDC Teachers



1 week after they returned, tour participants spoke at a Youth and Young Adults event in Toronto with over 300 in attendance.

"Throughout my journey in Malawi, Africa, I have seen the hands of God work through the Nazarene compassionate ministry on many occasions. I saw how God would use the teachers of the CDC to teach the gospel to the children and because of this the children were then becoming messengers of the gospel to their own parents and the community. The church grows by just one act of a child spreading the truth."

Emanuel Jaramillo, Emmanuel Spanish Church of the Nazarene

Joining God at work!

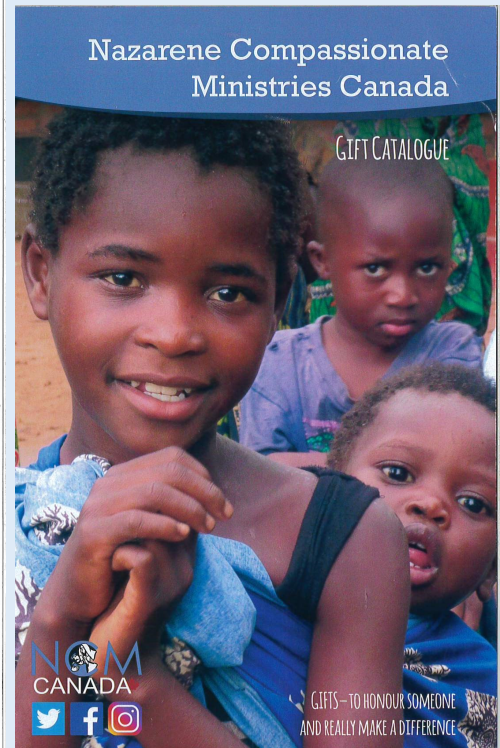
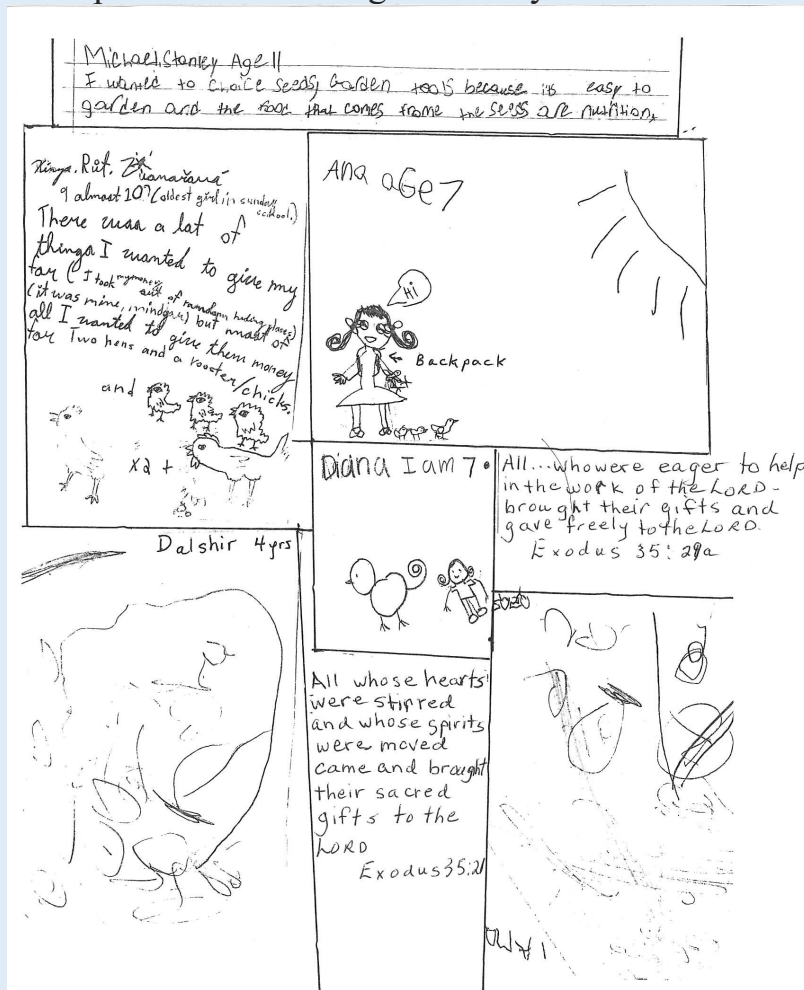


Kinza, Nathan, Michael, Mrs. Lucas,
Dalshir, Diana, Ana, Sasa

The Children at Southside community Church in Port Alberni, BC recently had a lesson on Exodus 35: 21a (NLT) *"All... were eager to help in the work of the LORD —brought their gifts and gave them freely to the LORD"*.

Their teacher, Mrs. Vera Lucas used the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue as a giving opportunity for the kids. Mrs. Lucas writes "The children chose the items and for three Sundays, they brought offerings. Literally, their wallets, and gave \$5, \$10 and \$20's".

The kids then invited their church to join in and together they were able to gift some live-stock, gardening tools, and school supplies. Nathan Zvonar (1 one of the children) encouraged his peers to set a new goal: a Bicycle for a Pastor - \$150.00



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