
NAZARENE NEWS

GREETINGS FROM OUR NATIONAL DIRECTOR

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

“Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you will also appear with Him in Glory” - Colossians 3 v 1-4

The opening words of this great chapter present us with a powerful and somewhat sobering challenge. The word “since” carries with it an “obligation”, an “expectation”, a “nothing less than” behaviour trait that is to be found in the follower of Jesus. Yes, there is a maturity and a developing as we walk with Jesus in the power of His Holy Spirit, but it all begins with something more than simply signing up to uphold an ideology, something more than following a system of beliefs, something more than “joining the club”. This “something more” is a MIRACLE. The miracle of being transformed by the power of God. Yes, it is the acceptance of the free gift of salvation but it is also being “RAISED WITH CHRIST”. There is a resurrection reality that manifests itself in the behaviour traits that the Apostle Paul describes in the subsequent verses of the chapter.

So SINCE WE HAVE BEEN RAISED WITH CHRIST...we are to “set our hearts and minds on things above”. Oh dear friends, if ever there was a time for us to set our hearts and minds on things above...IT IS NOW !!!!. And what are those things...well Paul in his letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 verse 8 spells it out for us...” *Finally brothers (and sisters - my inclusion), whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, if anything is excellent or praiseworthy think about such things”*

God has called all of us to be an inspiration in deflated times, He has called us to be salt and light in our world, He has called us to make a positive difference where He has planted us and the Apostle is reminding us here that it shouldn't be a



stretch, it should be pretty natural SINCE WE ARE RAISED WITH CHRIST! Then just for good measure he goes on to remind us of what needs to be unloaded, actually putting to death and ridding ourselves of the things that are contrary to the miracle. Let us then *“clothe ourselves with compassion, with kindness, with humility, with gentleness and with patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you and over all these virtues put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

I would suggest that only a miracle can produce such things. So, we are not just joining up, we are not simply aligning ourselves with an ideology , we are RAISED WITH CHRIST.

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, LONG SUFFERING 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)



ELSA QUANTZ

Elsa (Mom, Grandma, Great Grandma) was born April 2, 1928 in Fachria, Romania, and when she was one and one half she and her family emigrated to Canada.

Her love of horses and the riding of them to Church, led to her meeting Walter when he visited her community as a student preacher and they were married on August 4, 1949.

Elsa and Walter shared a life of love and friendship for over 62 years, and when asked at their 60th wedding anniversary as to the key to their marriage's longevity she said "you take it one day at a time". Elsa served for many years in Missions and in the Nazarene Churches that her husband Walter pastored.

Elsa leaves a family legacy of 4 children: son Ernie (Ardelle), daughter Grace (John), sons Earl (Leanne), and Ken (Colleen); grandchildren, Jewel (Krzysztof), Johnnie (Christine), Tyler (Claire), Melissa (Mike), Dana (Melanie), Megan (Tyler), Jessie (Paul), Jodie (Ryan), Greg (Cassee); great grandchildren, Sebastian, Abbey, Johnnie Seth, Mason, Otis, Peyton, Olivia, Theo and Adeline. She was predeceased by all of her brothers except Art, and by her life long partner Walter, who has finally reunited with her again in Heaven.

In memory of Elsa you may make donate to the Compassionate Ministries Warehouse c/o the Church of the Nazarene 3657 Ponytrail Drive Mississauga, Ontario L4X 1W5.

REV. DR. ADRIEN-DAVID ROBICHAUD

Rev. Dr. Adrien-David Robichaud, 73, died after a lengthy struggle with cancer on Monday, August 24, 2020 in Fredericton, NB.

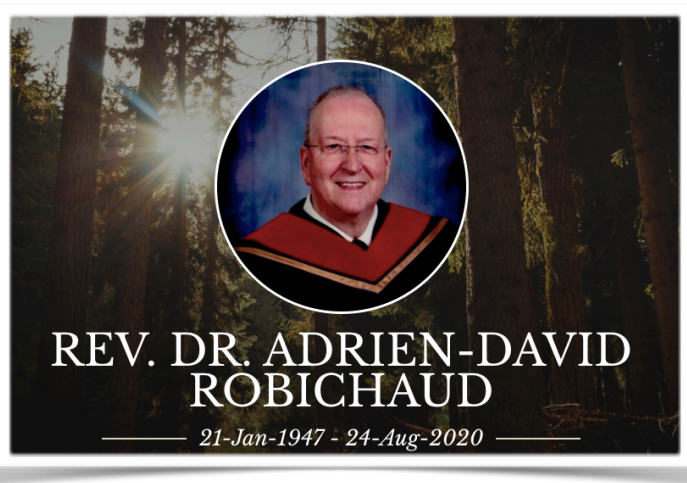
He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy (nee Budd) Robichaud of Fredericton NB; daughter, Denise (Krista) Robichaud of Halifax NS; daughter, Charlene (Laura Barbour) Robichaud of Dartmouth NS; step-daughter, Jennifer (Matt) Hayes of Lakeland, FL; grandsons Marshall and Carson of Dartmouth NS, Nathan

of Charlotte, NC, Wesley and Benjamin of Lakeland, FL; sister, Diane (Ola) Richard of Moncton NB; in-laws, Richard Budd, Wanda Elliott, Diane (Don) Koetke and Helen Noseworthy all of Moncton NB; also several nephews, nieces and cousins.

Predeceased by spouse, Priscilla (nee Holmes) Robichaud; parents, Gérard and Aurore (nee Chavarie) Robichaud; sister, Michelle Daigle.

As an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, Adrien-David pastored Nazarene congregations in Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick as well as Uplands United Baptist Church, Moncton NB and Centre Wesleyen, Moncton NB. Through Nazarene International Missions, he served in Martinique and later his two daughters lived with him in Haiti for 2 ½ years, where he taught Nazarene Seminary students. While pastoring churches, his passion for radio broadcasting gave him opportunity for recording Christian messages and music in French from Nazarene studios in Kansas City, MO USA and in Montreal, QC Canada from 1977 thru 1985 that were broadcast on Haitian radio stations for many years to follow. Later in 2003-2004, he hosted *Aux quatre vents à l'écoute* one night weekly in the evening on French radio CJSE, Shediac NB.

He was a gifted preacher and teacher who possessed a gentle spirit that drew people to him; a man of God, who accepted people for who they were, without judgement or condemnation. He was particularly proud of his grandmother's Abenaki aboriginal heritage and, of course, his French-Canadian roots and language. He was so proud of his daughters and loved them dearly. He was a dear and loving husband and best friend to Nancy, who will miss his gentle presence and his tender voice saying "I love you" every day.



Stewardship Ministries



IT IS NEVER TOO LATE [or 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. Perhaps consider giving 10% of your assets to your local church upon your death - because the donation will be receipted by the church, it will cost your estate approximately 5%].
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 where you would least want it to.
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 plan-ning, 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.

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NCM Response to Hurricane Laura and other Seasonal Disasters



Hurricane Laura was already a deadly storm before it reached Louisiana and Texas this past week. It wreaked havoc in several Caribbean countries including Haiti and the Dominican Republic bringing torrential downpours, flooding, flash floods, and power outages. It killed over 20 people and made life perilous for millions more. About 2000 homes or more were damaged. 700,000 people were left without power and 1.5 million without access to drinking water.

Showing compassion in tangible ways in that immediate aftermath is vital; it ensures that people have the food and shelter they need. Providing funds for NCM to help prepare local Nazarene churches to respond by prepositioning food and water and other necessities is also vital. Caring for needs in the long years after an emergency is important, too.

Last fall, Hurricane Dorian stalled over the Bahamas, wreaking destruction as high winds tore apart buildings and power lines. Now, a year later, Nazarene churches are still supplying construction materials, food, and water when they become aware of a family in need. They have also hosted Work & Witness teams and are working to develop new ministries through local Nazarene churches. One of those ministries is to Haitians living in the Bahamas, many of whom were disproportionately impacted by the storm and still are without work and adequate homes. As a result of Dorian, new compassionate ministries are being developed where there were none before.

Your actions now enable immediate action during emergencies as well as recovery that lasts for years. This year, emergencies are amplified by the pandemic. People are attempting to recover even as they have to consider the ongoing crisis. Yet, in a time when feelings of isolation and fear are strong, Nazarene churches are showing people they are loved. You are showing that love, too. Will you act in compassion now so that others can do the same when disaster strikes? When the worst happens, you can rise up in compassion to feed, clothe, and shelter. Your gift now enables ministries to address both the urgent and the long-term needs, sharing hope for a lifetime.

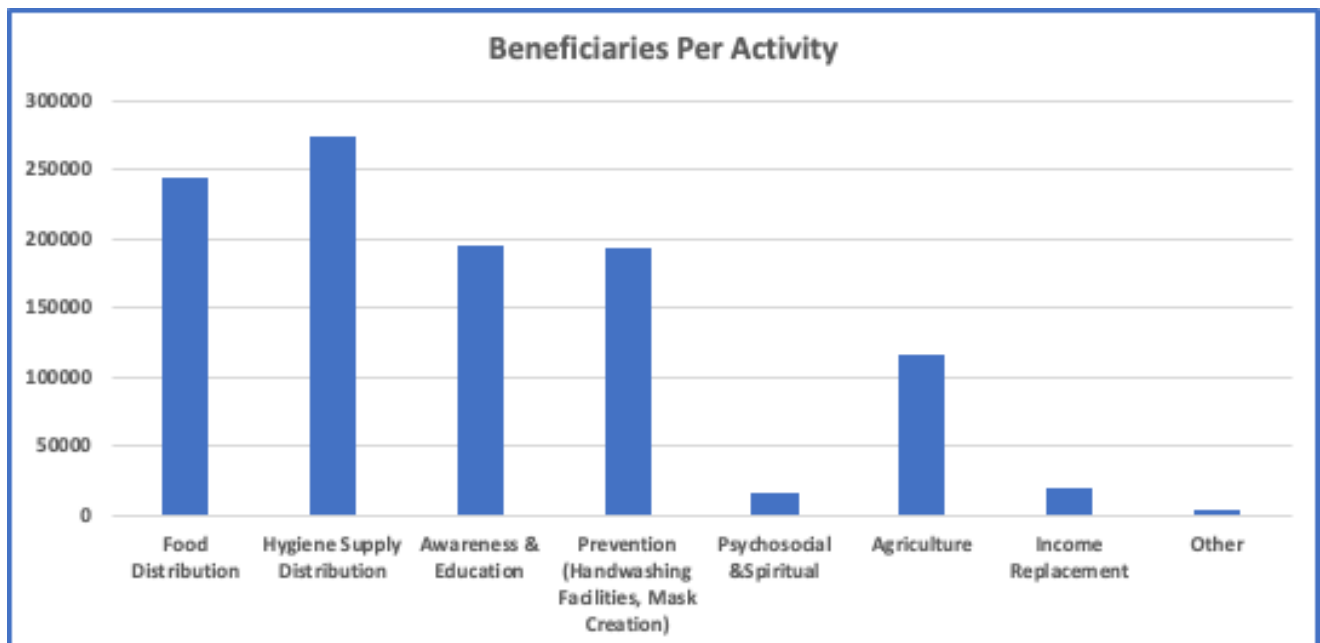
You can be a part of Nazarene Disaster Response, Preparedness and Rehabilitation!

You can donate online at www.ncmcanada.ca or by mailing a cheque to the National Office, **Church of the Nazarene Canada**
3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5
Please designate "Disaster Response".

NCM COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Total # of Projects:	192
Total # of Beneficiaries:	460,390
# of Countries with COVID-19 Response:	88
# of Districts:	399
# of Churches:	5,913
Grand Total of Regional Budgets as of 08-7-2020:	\$1,694,207

Activity	# of Beneficiaries
Food Distribution	244,397
Hygiene Supply Distribution	274,240
Awareness & Education	195,843
Prevention (Handwashing Facilities, Mask Creation)	192,599
Psychosocial & Spiritual	16,901
Agriculture	116,550
Income Replacement	20,056
Other	3,671



BENEFICIARIES WERE IDENTIFIED AS:

- Unemployed (most were day laborers/informal workers)
- Pastors and their families where pastor is dependent on tithe and/or is bi-vocational day laborer (30% of all projects included pastors in their response)
- Single parent households
- Widowers
- Elderly or households caring for the elderly
- Minority groups (refugees, Internally Displaced Persons, asylum seekers, migrants, other)
- Persons with disabilities
- Orphans
- At-risk children and family members associated with child development centers and churches (those already vulnerable and at-risk)

"Thank you to all who have supported and continue to support in prayer and in giving during these challenging days of COVID-19.

Please continue to pray for the world areas where people were already very vulnerable and food insecure due to conflict, political instability and natural disasters (locusts, cyclones) before the COVID-19 pandemic. These populations are experiencing hunger as COVID-19 increases and lockdowns further disrupt supply chains, causing scarcity of food and other essential goods, driving up prices during a time when people are losing employment and livelihoods. Your support particularly for food, is needed more than ever for these hungry families. NCM Canada is responding through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

You can give directly to Canadian Foodgrains Bank at www.foodgrainsbank.ca and designate "Nazarene Compassionate Ministries" or you can give to NCM Canada online at www.ncmcanada.ca or by mailing cheques to the national office at 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON L4X 1W5. Please designate "Canadian Foodgrains Bank".

Thank you for your faithful and compassionate giving in this time of dire need.

The NCMC Gift Catalogue for 2020 is Online!!

This year's NCM Canada Gift Catalogue is online and every option in the Gift Catalogue is available on our website to view and to give a donation.

See www.ncmcanada.ca

You can purchase

- livestock - cows, goats, poultry
- wells
- support for livelihoods - seeds and tools and training in conservation agriculture, sewing machines, training in how to start a small business,
- seeds, gardening tools, and fruit trees
- uniforms, books, schools supplies for children in child development centres
- items for distribution in disaster response - water, food, blankets
- support for Anti-Human Trafficking
- support for pastors - Bibles, books, bicycles
- support for food and food security projects through Canadian Foodgrains Bank.

If your church requires printed catalogues, NCM Canada has elected to use the same Gift Catalogue as was distributed in 2019. Please check your churches for copies and let Yara Cristales know if you need additional copies mailed to your church. Call 1-905-602-8220 or email ycristales@nazarene.ca

Thank you for your purchases of gifts for needy people in communities where our Nazarene churches are located around the world. You are giving a gift that keeps on giving! You are blessing many!

For short videos to use to promote livestock, wells, conservation agriculture, support for children's ministries, etc in online or in-person church gatherings, see the Resources page on our website www.ncmcanada.ca



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Payment Information

- ☐ Order online at www.ncmcanada.ca - Click on Catalogue.
- ☐ Enclosed is a cheque or money order made out to Church of the Nazarene Canada.

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

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Gift Item	Total
Livestock—examples: cows, goats, pigs, hens roosters, sheep, donkeys, rabbits	
Wells, Water and Sanitation	
Livelihoods—examples: start-up money, training, sewing machines, seed packages, fruit trees, tools	
Child Development—examples: school supplies, books, uniforms, teacher's supplies, sports/play equipment	
Anti-Human Trafficking—examples: school supplies, books, uniforms, teacher's supplies, sports/play equipment	
Pastors and Leadership Development—examples: training, books and Bibles, bicycles	
Disaster Response Global/Canada and Refugee Response – examples: blankets, food, shelter, water, clothing	
Container Shipments	
Grow Hope Markdale	
Seeds of Life	
Total Order	
If giving gifts in honour of family members or friends, please indicate number of gift cards required.	

Gift cards can also be downloaded and printed from our website for your convenience at: www.ncmcanada.ca