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84TH CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY:

The 84th Canada Central District Assembly convened Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June, 2019 at the Toronto Emmanuel Church of the Nazarene.

District Superintendent, Reverend Steve Ottley had been calling the district to “The Family Reunion”. This truly was what was intended as the people called Nazarene in Ontario gathered for a time of inspiration, challenge, fellowship and service.

Thank you Reverend Ottley and the Canada Central team for such a blessed experience.





Rev. Frank Chouinard
District Secretary



During the Friday morning, delegates and friends had the time to have a concert of prayer and worship.

Missional Lunch

Below: Families in the community surrounding Emmanuel Church, hosted individuals for a unique experience. They fellowshiped over a meal from the country represented by the host family. They had a chance to enter into conversations about the community and the needs represented there.



SU Sports Camp

Above: Throughout the two days, friends and delegates were able to have their kids join SU Sports Camp. Thankful for the young people and all those that helped.



Ministry With Others (MWO)

With wood, tools, soil and seeds in hand, the MWO Team set out to build Back Yard Gardens in a Community Housing area near the church. The families had a chance to choose the seeds they wanted for their new 4x4 raised gardens. The teams ended their time by praying over the garden for a bountiful harvest!



2019 Canada Central Ordinands

Left to right: Dr. Eugenio Duarte, Rev. Gaston Echeguia and his wife Lucy, Jennifer Tuner and her husband Ken, D.S. Rev Steve Ottley and National Director Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick



The Canada Central clergy Choir leading the church in “Holiness unto the Lord”.



National Director, Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick and his wife, Pat singing “Something for Thee” during the ordination service.

GASTON ECHEGUIA

In the year 1989, when he was almost 23 years old, he traveled from Uruguay to Canada, being atheist and with the goal of making money and returning to his country.

Almost two years after arriving in Canada he met Lucy, who today is his wife and a little while after that the person who is the most important, Jesus His Lord and Saviour. The Holy Spirit quickly began the work of transforming him, not only through a life of holiness but, also giving him the profound desire to know and learn His word.

Almost immediately, he began to serve in the church and participate in bible study. Slowly, the Lord began to place in his heart the calling in his life and the need to prepare himself for ministry. The Lord opened the door for him to study in bible seminary. This was a difficult path because not only was he working full time and part time, during this time his daughters were born. With the help of God and the support of his family he was able to complete his studies.

At the same time, he and his wife began to visit a family who did not know the Lord; little by little the group began to grow. After two years, the Lord confirmed that they needed to start a new congregation.

God has blessed them, he came to this country alone without Christ and today He has given them a beautiful family of three daughters, 4 grandchildren and above all they are serving the Lord. Almost three years ago they became a part of the Nazarene Church and together are working happily for the glory of God.

JENNIFER TURNER

Jennifer fell in love with Jesus 22 years ago. He called her name and she said the eternal yes. Their relationship has had many twists and turns but through it all God has been faithful. God has called Jennifer to preach the gospel, in season and out of season. God has given her a passion for the broken and the hurting, lost and found. He uses her life experience to encourage, inspire, and support others on their faith journeys. She has a unique ability to speak truth in love into a person's life. One of Jenn's favorite things is when someone she has been journeying with has an "aha" moment and allows that moment to shape their lives for eternity.

Jennifer has been married to her best friend, Ken for 30 years. They have four grown children, Sam, Bo, Cassandra, and Shaylea, one daughter in love, Nicole and they recently entered the world of Gramps and Memaw. They are loving it. Jenn thinks she should have been a Memaw first because it is so much better. Donnie is 9 months and Zariah is 2 weeks old. Blessings from above. Jenn is thankful for the relentless love of God that saved a sinner such as her!



← Penny Ure
(NMI Canada regional rep. brought greetings during the NMI convention).

Bev Crossley →
(NMI President), presents her report.

Below: NYI,
NMI, NCMC and
Riverview Camp
Booths.





Rev. Junior Sorzano reporting on the Cuba Church Partnership Program.



Rev. Elaine Bumstead (N.C.M.C. Exec. Director) sharing on the new International and domestic projects.



Rev. Alan Cristales (N.C.M.C. Int. Field Operator) sharing on the “**Send Me Tour**”, open to Young Adults ages 18-30, which will happen February 2020.



← Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick, sharing his report on the National Church.

Dr. Gordon Smith, brought greetings to the assembly and reported on Ambrose University →





Left: Marg Stahlbaum presenting her report as Central District N.Y.I. President.



Right: Cindy Stavropoulos (Central District S.D.M.I President), presenting her report to the assembly.



Pat Fitzpatrick (*District Office Admin Assistant*), Cindy Stavropoulos (*SDMI Chair*), Yvonne Longsworth (*Pat Ottley's Mom*), Pat Ottley (*D.S. Wife*)



Rev. Bill Sunberg (Host Pastor, Emmanuel Church) during the Saturday afternoon convention.





← The Pastors praying over the General Superintendent, Dr. Eugenio Duarte.

The Emmanuel Church worship team led the worship times all day Friday and Saturday Morning. →



← The Tabernaculo Evangelico Church team led us in the closing service.

Part of the team and youth headed to Nazarene Youth Conference Phoenix 2019 in just a few days. →



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