

NAZARENE NEWS | DECEMBER 2018

Message from our National Director



Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord!

This is a very special time of the year. We are moving rapidly towards Christmas and yet deep down in my heart I wish we could move into “slow motion” mode in order that we enjoy, embrace and savour the season. This is indeed a time for us to enter the story, not as a shepherd or a wise man or any of the players in the narrative, but to enter the story as a recipient of the benefits of the incarnation of Christ...Salvation full and free! In the wisdom of the church, four weeks are required to get ready for Christmas. This period is called ADVENT. You see, we can’t just arrive at Christmas on Christmas Eve, we can’t expect to really “enter” the experience just minutes after the last financial transaction has been made at the mall and the frustration of fighting traffic is still simmering as we take our place in the Candlelight Service. No, we need to approach Christmas with careful and prayerful preparation understanding that every gift we buy for someone else and every meal we prepare for loved ones and strangers is a token and an expression of the presence of Jesus already in our lives.

Two years ago Pat and I attended District Assemblies in the Middle East. I will not soon forget standing on the balcony of the hotel as the sun was going down. From a nearby minaret, the fourth of five calls to prayer echoed across the city. I also remember hearing other messages from loudspeakers reminding Jews that Sabbath was about to begin. Then into this mix came another sound, the sound of church bells. These are more than steel designs swinging in a belfry. In the Anglican, Catholic and Lutheran traditions it was the practice to ring these bells three times a day, six in the morning, noon and six in the evening, calling the Christian faithful to recite the Lord’s Prayer. The words of that prayer invoke God’s Kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven. In this wonderful land we call home with a variety of clarion calls to “faith”, I say to you... ring the bells of hope, truth and radical optimism that God is redeeming His world through His Son Jesus, the One whose birth we now prepare to celebrate.

Hear the words of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in 1864.....

***“I HEARD THE BELLS ON CHRISTMAS DAY,
THEIR OLD FAMILIAR CAROLS PLAY,
AND WILD AND SWEET THE WORDS REPEAT
OF PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO MEN,
I THOUGHT HOW AS THE DAY HAD COME
THE BELFRIES OF ALL CHRISTENDOM
HAD ROLLED ALONG THE UNBROKEN SONG
OF PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO MEN,
AND IN DESPAIR I BOWED MY HEAD,
THERE IS NO PEACE ON EARTH I SAID
FOR HATE IS STRONG AND MOCKS THE SONG
OF PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO MEN.***

***THEN PEALED THE BELLS MORE LOUD AND DEEP,
GOD IS NOT DEAD NOR DOTH HE SLEEP,
THE WRONG SHALL FAIL, THE RIGHT PREVAIL
WITH PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO MEN,
THEN RINGING, SINGING ON ITS WAY
THE WORLD REVOLVED FROM NIGHT TO DAY,
A VOICE, A CHIME, A CHANT SUBLIME,
OF PEACE ON EARTH GOODWILL TO MEN.***

In the Name of our Risen Lord and until the next time!
Blessings

Ian Fitzpatrick.



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



D.S. Reverend Earl Wood
(Vernita) - Canada Pacific



D.S. Reverend Rose Brower
Young (Brad) - Canada West



D.S. Reverend Mark Collins
(Ruth) - Canada Atlantic



D.S. Steve Ottley
(Pat) - Canada Reverend Central



National Director & DS Reverend
Ian Fitzpatrick (Pat) -Canada Quebec

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

Ian Fitzpatrick.

IN MEMORY

JOYCE MACMILLAN



We are saddened to hear of the passing of Joyce MacMillan on November 17th, 2018 in Anderson, Indiana. Joyce was the wife of Reverend Lorne MacMillan who was District Superintendent of the Canada Central District from 1979 - 1992 and Uncle of Dr. Clair MacMillan, former National Director and District Superintendent of Canada Atlantic Church of the Nazarene.

She was born May 11, 1927, in Bloomington, the daughter of John and Marie (VanBuskirk) Reeves. She graduated from Bloomington High School and attended Olivet Nazarene University. On July 6, 1951, she married Lorne MacMillan at the Bloomington First Church of the Nazarene, and together they raised their two sons, David and Ray. As a minister's wife, she and the family moved to various churches throughout Indiana, including in Marion, Muncie, Peru, Auburn, Winchester, and Anderson, even for a time ministering in Toronto, Canada. She spent several winters at the Florida Holiness Campground.

She always supported Lorne in his ministry and also served her own as a Sunday school and Vacation Bible Study teacher and as president of the Nazarene Missionary Society. She loved reading, writing, traveling sewing, crocheting, and singing. Mostly, she enjoyed spending time with her granddaughters and family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 67 years, Lorne MacMillan, of Anderson; sons, David MacMillan and Ray MacMillan, of Anderson; daughter-in-law, Sheila MacMillan, of Anderson; granddaughters, Ann MacMillan, Jill (Matt) Spiess, Kylie Case, Katie MacMillan and Kristen MacMillan; great-granddaughter, Klaire Case; brothers, Chester Reeves, of Lambertville, Michigan, John Reeves, of Scottsdale, Arizona, Paul Reeves, of Bloomington, and Jim Reeves of Phoenix, Arizona; sister, Joanne Hayes, of Santa Claus; several nieces and nephews; and a large extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Ben Reeves.

Services were held on November 20th, at the Anderson First Church of the Nazarene.



MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE



The national office will close for the holiday season on December 20th, 2018 – January 1st, 2019.

REMITTANCE FORMS: If you will be sending in funds through EFT to the national office, please email ewhite@nazarene.ca as soon as possible for more information on what is required.

Happy Holidays from all the staff at the National Office!

HERE'S WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING ACROSS CANADA...

CUBA AIR DISASTER



Thank you for your tremendous response to the Cuba disaster fund. We are forwarding the funds to Cuba in a timely manner. We want to reassure you that these funds are strictly used to assist the immediate family members of those lost in the air disaster.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The team of Canadian District Superintendents met together in Burnaby, British Columbia for their Fall meeting.



PALCON 2020 PREPARATIONS ARE IN FULL MOTION



The PALCON 2020 Canadian Steering Committee met at Ambrose University on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th of November to begin planning the PALCON event to be held at Ambrose University 11th - 13th of August, 2020. More details on the event will follow in due course.

Left to Right: Dr. Riley Coulter, Reverend Terry Fach, Mrs. Helen Theissen, Reverend Brad Silliker, Dr. Stan Rhodes, Reverend Donna Wilson, Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick, and Reverend Aaron Austin.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRIES

LEAVING A LEGACY - TOP 7 PRIORITIES

1. Prepare a will
2. Remember family and loved ones with memorial gifts
3. Leave a gift in your will [a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate] to your church, or an organization that makes a difference in your life
4. Name a church or ministry as a beneficiary of your RRSP, RIF or pension plan
5. Name a church or ministry as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy
6. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming a church or ministry as the beneficiary
7. Encourage family and friends to follow your example

For help with Wills and Estates, plan to have a seminar in your church. Contact Dr. Riley Coulter, Director of Stewardship Services for the Church of the Nazarene Canada, for information and available dates. richardrileycoulter@gmail.com or 403.829.6949.

CANADA ATLANTIC DISTRICT

Kingswood University



Kingswood President: Dr. Steve Lennox and National Director: Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick.

On Friday 2nd, November our National Director met with Kingswood President, Dr. Steve Lennox. He also preached in the Chapel Service and taught a “Pastoral Ministry” course in the afternoon. Kingswood University (formerly Bethany Bible College) is located in Sussex, New Brunswick, and is a Wesleyan University.



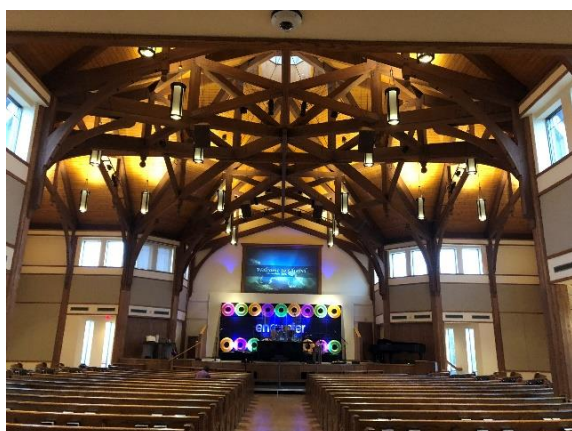
Current Nazarene Students and those anticipating attendance next year.



Worship Team leading the Friday morning chapel service.



Students present at the Chapel Service.



←The Chapel at Kingswood University...
Preparation for the “Encounter” Weekend.

CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT

The current theme for Canada Central District is “Harnessing the Wisdom and Experience in the Church to raise up the next Generation.” During the past few weeks, we have had two events designed towards this vision.

EQUIP is a teaching and equipping event held four times each year for pastors and lay leaders. The topics are practical and relevant to ministry in the Canada Central context. Participants can join in person or by video conference.

This year’s focus for Equip is Evangelism. November’s Equip session was “Evangelism & Church Planting”.



D.S. Steve Ottley,
leading a discussion on Evangelism.



Pastor Jani Csőke leading a
discussion on Church Planting.

TRAINING
FELLOWSHIP
ENCOURAGEMENT



FILLED was our SDMI Fall Conference. Our desire is to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and to raise up Spirit Filled Leaders, displaying the Fruit of the Spirit, and exercising the Gifts of the Spirit. This conference was designed for teaching about and experiencing the presence and move of the Holy Spirit. We are grateful that the Holy Spirit truly visited us.



Dr. Rob Snow, Professor of New Testament at Ambrose University, teaching on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit.



Jeremy Stavropoulos and Worship Team, leading in a Spirit filled time of worship.



Saturday Teaching and Experience session.



Friday Night Worship Service

SILOAM MISSION



Mr. Jim Bell: CEO Siloam Mission,
Winnipeg, MB and Dr. Riley Coulter



Siloam Board of Directors at work.



The dental suite set up for anyone in need.



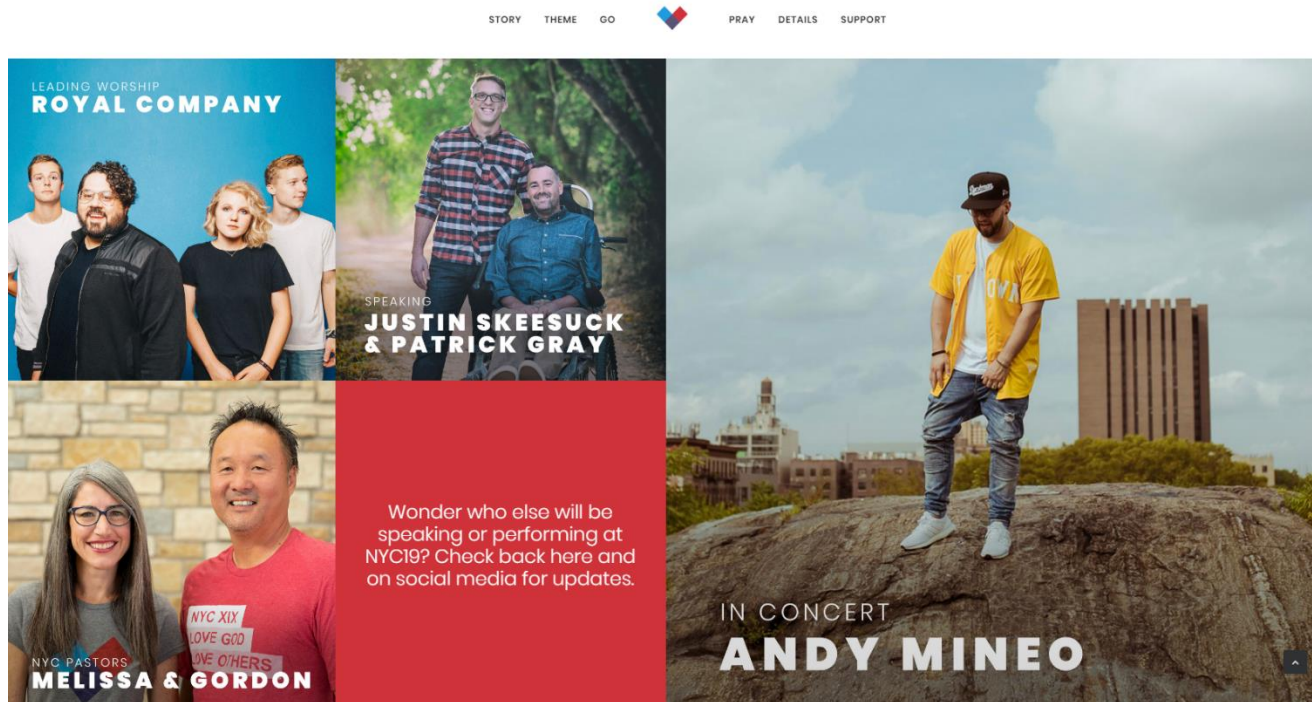
Coffee's ready...
for 1500 visits per day!!!!!!

A fully prepared sleeping area...
Filled to capacity every night.



CANADA N.Y.I.

Visit www.nyc2019.com and use the prayer wall. Join in praying for all our youth, volunteers and leaders who will be attending NYC 2019 in Phoenix. #NYC19GO



**CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT NYI PRESIDENT
FOR MORE INFORMATION
ON NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019
IN PHEONIX, ARIZONA.**

Visit www.my-nyc.org to find stories from previous NYC events going back to 1958!

NCM CANADA NEWS

Thank you for your gifts through the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue over this past year.

Goats for Malawi - In July, goats were distributed in Malawi to 134 farmers who are practicing conservation agriculture. Both the goats and the conservation agriculture project are funded by gifts given through the NCMC gift catalogue. The day-to-day farming in Africa is mostly done by women as you can see in the picture (below). They also tend the animals.



The goats have proved to be a double blessing as they provide milk for the children as well as manure for the fields to help fertilize the soil. Just recently, some of the goats had kids (baby goats). The first goat born is to be returned to the project so that other farmers who are adopting conservation agriculture can receive a goat. It is a gift that keeps on giving!

Desks for Zukuma Nazarene School - Students at Zukuma Nazarene School no longer have to sit on the ground for classes. Thanks to Canadian Nazarenes, they now have desks! Desks were provided for the over 300 students, along with book shelves, and tables and chairs for the teachers.



Child Development Centres in Sri Lanka - school supplies, hens & roosters
NCM Canada continues to fund 3 child development centres in Sri Lanka. There the children receive school supplies and after school tutoring. They also receive a nutritious meal and annual medical check ups. They learn Bible stories and Christian songs. Parents of the children have received hens and roosters. Churches are being planted in these communities. Thank you for your gifts for child development and livestock through the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue!



Wells for Liberia and Sierra Leone - 13 wells have been drilled in Sierra Leone serving about 17,000 people and 12 wells have been drilled in Liberia serving about 30,000 people. Training in hygiene and sanitation has also been provided as part of this project aimed at reducing illness due to water borne diseases. Thank you to Canadian Nazarenes for funding these wells!

Discipleship and Leadership Development Projects - Pastors and leaders in creative access countries in Africa are greatly encouraged by training and discipleship materials that they can use in their own contexts.

As well, 10 selected pastors and leaders in Bangladesh are working towards a Masters of Divinity degree. These will provide solid leadership for the Church in Bangladesh for the coming years and they will be training others. Thank you to all who give to Pastor Support and Leadership development through the NCM Canada Gift Catalogue!

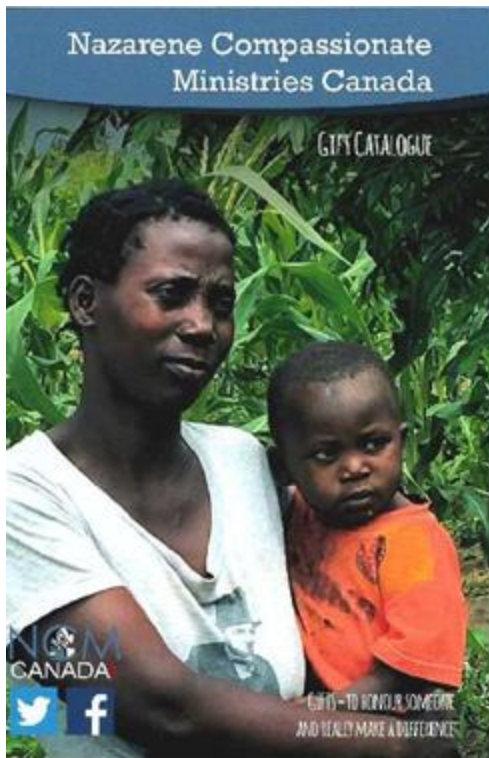
NCM Canada Gift Catalogue Giving this Christmas

We urge you to mail your gifts for livestock, livelihoods, school supplies, pastoral support, wells etc., as soon as possible if you want it to be included in your charitable receipt for 2018. Better still, plan to give online at www.ncmcanada.ca

Because mail is sporadic and usually delayed, we cannot guarantee that you will receive Gift Cards to give loved ones on whose behalf you purchased gifts - if you mailed in your gift. However, the cards are downloadable online at www.ncmcanada.ca

The National Office will be closed from December 20 through January 1.

If you wish to give a donation at year end during this time when the office is closed, you can do so online at www.ncmcanada.ca or by E-transfer. If you cannot give online, contact Eric White at ewhite@nazarene.ca and ask for instructions.



NCM CANADA GIFT CATALOGUES ARE HERE!

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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