



MARCH 24, 2017

CANADIAN FRIENDS AND ALUMNI BREAKFAST
AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Join Canadian friends and Ambrose University (NUC, CNC) alumni on June 24 at the 2017 Nazarene General Assembly for a special breakfast, co-sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University.

Learn how the Church of the Nazarene Canada and Ambrose University are partnering together to equip the next generation of Nazarene leaders and strengthen our churches.

Indiana Convention Centre

Saturday, June 24, 2017 | 8:00 AM–9:30 AM

Tickets \$65.00 | Available online at www.eventbrite.ca

Schedule

8:00 AM – Prayer and Welcome with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

8:10 AM – Fellowship over Breakfast

8:35 AM – National Board Update with [K. Clair MacMillan](#), National Director of Church of the Nazarene Canada

8:40 AM – Learning at Ambrose with Mo Hickman, Church Ministry Student and Winner of the 2015 Ambrose University Presidential Scholarship

8:50 AM – Ambrose Video Update with Helen Thiessen, NYI Field Youth Coordinator (Canada) and Director of Enrolment at Ambrose University

8:55 AM – Research at Ambrose with [Joel Thiessen](#), Associate Professor of Sociology and Director of the [Flourishing Congregations Institute](#) at Ambrose University

9:15 AM – Greetings and Reflections from [Riley Coulter](#), Director of Stewardship Ministries at Church of the Nazarene Canada (and Chancellor of Ambrose University from 2008–2011)

9:25 AM – Closing Remarks with [Terry Fach](#), Chaplain at Ambrose University

This schedule is subject to change – visit the Alumni page at ambrose.edu or contact the Alumni Office (alumni@ambrose.edu) for up-to-date information.

EASTER OFFERING FOR THE WORLD EVANGELISM FUND

We trust you are looking forward to the Easter Offering for the World Evangelism Fund on 16 April 2017 (or the alternate date specified by your region, field or district). On Easter, thousands of Nazarenes will offer up their praise to God as one global body. They will give of their time, talent and money *to make Christlike disciples in the nations*.

I encourage you to talk to your congregation or churches about participating in this offering. Ask individuals about their stories of salvation and encourage them to share the good news of Christ worldwide through their gifts.

We can't keep the gospel to ourselves, waiting for others to spread the hope we enjoy. When we join our gifts and prayers together, God uses our humble offerings, and new voices call on the **Lord of All**.

As always, to make it easier for you to spread the word about this offering, please take advantage of the resources available at www.nazarene.org/generosity. We are excited to see what God will do in the days leading up to and following this offering.

Blessings,



Mark E. Lail
Director, Stewardship Ministries

BGS CALLS FOR PRAYER, FASTING AHEAD OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017

The Church of the Nazarene will hold its 29th General Assembly and Conventions this June in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. The quadrennial event will bring together thousands of Nazarenes from the denomination's 162 world areas. In advance of this important event, the Board of General Superintendents is asking Nazarenes around the world to set aside every Friday afternoon, from 24 March through 23 June, as a time of fasting and prayer for General Assembly 2017 and to pray daily during the assembly, Sunday, 25 June through Thursday, 29 June.

In addition to praying that every service will be blessed with God's manifest presence, please include the following specific requests as you pray:

- Pray for global political stability as well as protection for our event. We also pray that the delegates from all world areas where the Church of the Nazarene has ministry will be able to travel with safety and without obstruction.
- Pray that the intended focus of General Assembly 2017 – strengthening our evangelistic perspective – will be realized.
- Pray that the Lord will use this “sacred assembly” to revive and renew our global church family as we gather for worship each evening and Sunday morning, celebrating One Body, One Spirit, One Hope, One Lord, One Faith.
- Pray for the Lord to guide and anoint the Monday Delegate Commissioning Service, the State of the Church message, and all the General Assembly 2017 elections and decisions.
- Pray for the conventions that are a part of this event: Nazarene Missions International (NMI), Nazarene Youth International (NYI), and Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI). These global ministries convene to strengthen both their mission and impact, as well as to celebrate the blessings of God experienced around the world.
- Please offer continuing prayers for the official business sessions of General Assembly 2017. Pray that our delegates will be enriched by heavenly wisdom, the camaraderie of the spirit of fellowship, and continued commitment to the mission of making Christlike disciples.

For more information on General Assembly 2017 and to register, please visit nazarene.org/ga.

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BOOK RELEASE BY DR. CLAIR MACMILLAN

“As the nineteenth century was drawing to a close, several significant social shifts were occurring concurrently in Canada. One of the most significant changes that affected the entire country, was the opening of the Western territories to settlement, and the subsequent development of the provinces Manitoba, Alberta and Saskatchewan. At the same time the expansion of the railway system enabled people to move to previously unheard-of locations with an ease that was inconceivable a generation earlier. Thousands of families were drawn from various places in Canada, each seeking a future in the new land. The story I tell is the account of one such family. All of the characters are real people, who by one means or another found their way into a new community and life. The events are all real, but they are not singular. The kinds of things which happen in this story happened again and again, to various people, in various places, at various times. Henry and Velma’s story is the story of countless from countless rural places in Canada, who, for a variety of reasons moved to one city or another looking for an

opportunity to build a life. In the process, and in the alienation caused by their dislocation, they came in contact with other people of like mind, who shared a common need: to be loved and accepted as they found their way in the complex society of the twentieth century city.”

Lost and Found is available for purchase from the National Office for \$13.00 (includes shipping charges). Additionally, Lost and Found can be purchased by following these links:

**http://www.amazon.com/LOST-FOUND-Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan/dp/1460251245/ref=sr_1_12?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1430496368&sr=1-12&keywords=lost+and+found+macmillan

**<http://www.friesenpress.com/bookstore/title/119734000015731953/Kenneth-Clair-MacMillan-LOST-and-FOUND>

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