



SUMMER 2025 EDITION

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From the desk of the DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Canada West District family,

I was recently travelling along Highway 40, after a day of worship with Revs. Bernice McNair, Sheldon Hirschfeld, and the wonderful people of Open Door Community Church of the Nazarene in Prince Alberta, Saskatchewan. I was reflecting on the many stories shared by our people who were living life with those in their community – advocating for housing, journeying with others through health crises, providing food and clothing, engaging with Indigenous leaders and learning alongside loved ones about their culture and their history, offering companionship where there is isolation, interceding in prayer for people in palliative care.

This beautiful group of Nazarenes is a living example of the second half of the Gospel, found in 1 John 3:16:

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.

Why is this text the banner for the second half of the gospel? Because it clearly and profoundly defines what God means by love, the ongoing process of abandoning one's life to Jesus Christ in love for the sake of others coming to know him. It is the movement from believing the love of God in Jesus Christ to becoming the love of God in Jesus Christ.*

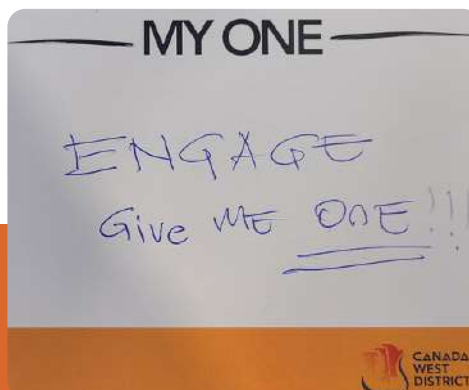
Nothing is more beautiful, winsome, or powerful than people laying down their interests, agendas, needs, and desires for the best interests of others. In fact, the most descriptive word for this kind of love is holy.* (from *Wake-Up Call*, May 16, 2025, by JD Walt)

Our day with Daryl Cripe at District Reunion 2025 was a compelling invitation for the second half of the Gospel. We have 26 people committed to beginning to Engage with those around them. Another 54 cards had names of 'Ones' that are being loved with a 'holy love'. Those cards had over 173 names (some names were listed as an entire family). There are also 119 names written on the painting by Matt Austin, after our time with Rev. Ryan Nelson. These people are ever before us. I am praying, along with you, for their hearts to turn to Christ.

May God stir the embers once again within us, Canada West District, that we would be moved from warm complacency to becoming the love of God in Jesus Christ.

You are loved.

Rose Brower-Young
Rose Brower-Young



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2025 DISTRICT REUNION UPDATE

Ignite

Recordings from Reunion
are live here
on YouTube!

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

The Power Of One: Intersecting Evangelism & Discipleship

More than 100 pastors and lay leaders attended a full day with Daryl Cripe of discovering Our One at the intersection of discipleship and evangelism at District Reunion.

Daryl sent a note in follow up:

It was such a joy to be with you at Leadership Development Day during District Reunion—thank you for your hospitality, your engagement, and yes... all the chocolate.

Now, remember that card you filled out?

Maybe you wrote a name. Maybe you wrote the word "engage." Whatever it was, let's not let it sit on the shelf.

This week, take a step. If it's a name—reach out. Go for coffee. Send a message. Share a meal. If it's "engage"—what does that look like for you? A neighbor? A coworker? A family member? Maybe your first step is as simple as joining a conversation, starting a book club, or asking someone how they're really doing.

Missional renewal is more than a one-day event. It's faithful, ongoing work—and it's hard, but holy. I've had the joy of walking with churches all across the country as they discern their next steps in making Christlike disciples. If that's something you want to talk more about, pastors, I'd love to share a Zoom call with you. Just reach out. (daryl@amplio.group)

Let's keep moving forward—one step at a time.

What is your next step???

Download the condensed presentation [at this link](#).



MY ONE

Suppose one of you
has a hundred sheep
and loses one of them.

Doesn't he leave
the ninety-nine
in the open country
and go after the lost sheep
until he finds it?

Luke 15:4

DISTRICT REUNION UPDATE

NDI/NMI/NYI CONVENTION



Over an evening and a day, NDI, NMI and NYI shared time to bring stories, updates and inspiration to the District. Our plenary speaker was Pastor Ryan Nelson, who along with his co-pastor spouse Serina, spoke clearly on the power of looking for your Lost One. God moved in powerful ways as we made a commit to one person, to be the one who looks for them and brings them to Jesus.

Both NDI and NYI shared stories on Friday of how God is at work in lives and communities all over the district. Myrna and her NMI team opened our eyes to the continual work AND needs around the world, but that God's got "the whole world in His Hands"

Another area of focus for Pastor Ryan included speaking to the need for training and preparation in order to more fully includes those with disabilities in our faith communities.



DISTRICT REUNION UPDATE

ASSEMBLY UPDATE



Friday night, Dr. Carla Sunberg, General Superintendent, joined us at Camp Harmattan to open the Assembly. Pastor Bryan Roller and Team led us in worship. The whole evening was centred around a time of prayer for our one, each other and the mission outposts all over the district.

District Superintendent Rose Brower-Young delivered her annual report. We celebrated together all that God is doing around the district, and were also inspired to move forward remembering that *"we have placed ourselves in the heart of our communities, empowered by the Holy Spirit, whose primary focus is to those who are on the edges...who are not always seen. We are to be looking for ways to partner with, to support, and to love these to whom we are called to serve"*.



Dr. Sunberg shared about all the "Centres of Holy Fire" around the world we are joining as holy fire spreads across our district.

We celebrated the election of new members to the district advisory board and remembered together all our loved ones who died this last year.

Saturday afternoon we gathered again for a fantastic time of worship during the ordination service. Congratulations to Reverend Tracy Stewart, Pastor of High Prairie Church, who was ordained, Dr. Terry Fach on his retirement, and to all those who received their first district license. A time of fellowship followed the service.



DISTRICT REUNION UPDATE

ORDINATION SERVICE



CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

THE BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH LETHBRIDGE (AB)



The Bridge continues to find ways to support their neighbourhood school! They prepared appreciation bags for 47 staff members at the school. Each bag included homemade cookies, Easter eggs, and saltwater taffy, along with a label from The Bridge Community Church expressing gratitude for their faithful work with students.



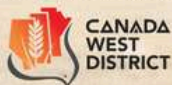
The response was overwhelmingly positive. One staff member shared: "The staff reaction to the goodie bags was so sweet. Everyone is so touched to be recognized and spoiled. Please thank everyone who was involved in making that happen. Also—the cookies are the talk of the school right now!"

STETTLER COMMUNITY CHURCH (AB)

Celebrate & Pray with Stettler Community Church



Here On Earth. As it is in Heaven



We are pleased to announce that, with the approval of the Stettler Church Board and the District Advisory Board, Rev. Francis Gura has been appointed as the next senior pastor of Stettler Community Church, effective at a date to be determined.

Pastor Francis comes to Canada West from the Philippines, where he has served as senior pastor of Glorious Church of the Nazarene for the past eight years. He brings strong pastoral and educational experience, alongside his wife Ivy, a registered nutritionist and licensed teacher. They have three children: Iris, Beatrice, and Xavier.

Please join us in prayer for the Gura family as they begin their transition, for the visa process, for the Stettler congregation as they prepare to welcome new leadership, and for Rev. Grant Rainey as he continues to serve faithfully during this time.

We are thankful for God's provision and look forward to what lies ahead!

SEDGEWICK COMMUNITY CHURCH (AB)

On June 22, Sedgewick Community Church of the Nazarene dedicated its coffee room as Haring Hall, honoring Pastor Nolan and Evelyn Haring for their 33 years of faithful service to the church and community.

The space will continue to be a place of connection and hospitality—reflecting the spirit the Harings shared so generously throughout their ministry.



CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

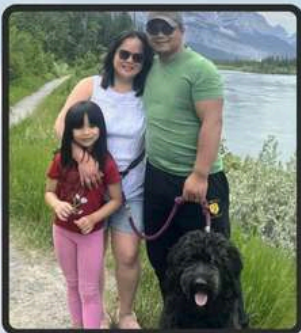
FIRST CHURCH CALGARY (AB)



Last Fall, Calgary First Kids started KLU - *Kids Leading Us* - as one of the ways to encourage each other to get to know and bless others even if it is hard. *What would happen if kids took the lead to show how this is done?* All year long, the KLU kids were disciplined and served their community. The big project they decided on was a fundraiser for the children's district missions project for Costa Rica. They chose to do a musical for the community, and made art and baking to sell. Many people were blessed through the musical in April and they reached their fundraising goal!

RIMBEY CHURCH (AB)

Celebrate with Rimbey Church of the Nazarene



Ignite Centres of Holy Fire to Preach the Gospel



We are excited to announce the election of Rev. Reg Lartec as senior pastor of Rimbey Church of the Nazarene, effective July 1, 2025.

Pastor Reg has served as a chaplain, church planter and pastor. He received a Bachelor of Theology degree from Philippine Nazarene College and is currently working on a Master of Ministry degree from Asia-Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary. Pastor Reg was ordained on Canada West in 2019.

He and his wife, Ria, were married in 2012, and now have a daughter, Soleah, who is just finishing grade 3. Ria also has a call to ministry. She holds a local minister's license and was recommended to pursue district licensing after attending Assessment Centre. She is pursuing her studies at Nazarene Bible College.

Pastor Reg and Ria will serve as senior pastor and associate pastor while Ria will continue to manage office administrative duties. We are truly grateful to God for answering prayer, and how God provided for the Rimbey Church family during this time of transition.

LAKESHORE FAMILY CAMP

CWD Lakeshore Family CAMP

Dr. Stuart Williams
Camp Speaker



Friday, July 18 to Sunday, July 20, 2025



Lakeshore Bible Camp
200 East Lakeshore Dr
St. Malo, Manitoba

Registration

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Speaker Bio

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ALBERTA FAMILY CAMP

MEET OUR FAMILY CAMP SPEAKERS

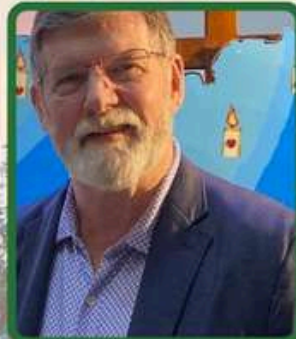
Rev. Dr. Carla Sunberg

serves as General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene. She and her husband Chuck pioneered the work of the church in the former Soviet Union. She has also served as co-pastor, co-district superintendent and Seminary President in the USA. Dr. Sunberg brings a deep passion for holiness, leadership, and global ministry. She is also a respected author and speaker with a heart for equipping the church for the future. She is mother of two and grandmother to five! We are thrilled to welcome Dr. Carla back to Camp Harmattan for the 2025 Alberta Family Camp.



Rev. Chuck Sunberg

is a seasoned pastor whose pastoral journey began alongside his wife, Carla, serving as ministers of youth and music immediately after seminary. The couple then led a congregation in Austin, Texas, for five years before dedicating themselves as pioneer missionaries in Russia for 13 years, leading the planting of 50 churches on four districts in 6 nations. After returning to the United States, Chuck and Carla served as co-pastors and co-district superintendents. Chuck's commitment to a collaborative approach to church leadership is exemplified in his role for several years as co-pastor of Shawnee Church of the Nazarene in Kansas, USA, alongside his daughter, Cara Shonamon. He is father to two daughters, and grandfather to five.



Joel, Kristin & Jackson Burchfiel

have been serving with the Church of the Nazarene in global missions since 2020. After nearly three years in Amman, Jordan, they relocated to Lisbon, Portugal in 2023 to continue their ministry on the Eurasia Region. Joel serves as Field Finance Coordinator for the Eastern and Western Mediterranean fields. Kristin, recently ordained in 2024, serves as Coordinator for Nazarene Missions Teams and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries on the Portugal District, working closely with local churches in outreach and community development. Their passion for cross-cultural ministry began while working with Mercy Housing in San Francisco, and today they are committed to equipping local leaders for sustainable impact.



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FAMILY CAMP
ALBERTA

AUGUST 1-10
Camp Harmattan

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Family Camp
Newsletter

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**Program
Assistants to
serve all week
in age-level ministries**

(Teeny Tiny Camp,
Preschool Palace,
Grade 1-2, Grade 3-6)

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Cunningham at
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pick up at Alberta Family Camp.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EXPONENTIAL

If you've ever talked about, dreamed about, or are actively involved in church planting—we'd love to connect you with resources and opportunities just for you.

➡ Join the Exponential Newsletter [here](#) to stay in the loop with updates, training, and support from our USA/Canada Region

And...

🌸 You are invited to join us at the Global Exponential Conference 📅 March 16–19, 2026
! A powerful gathering focused on starting and multiplying churches of all kinds!

The Canada West District is offering a \$600 scholarship for any first-time attendees. We've reserved 15 tickets, and 4 are already spoken for—so don't wait too long! We can set aside a ticket for you!



SAVE THE DATE

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SOUL CARE CONFERENCE
for Pastors

October 24-26
Canmore, Alberta

Ignite Centres of Holy Fire to Preach the Gospel



CANADA WEST DISTRICT

Online Seminar for Parents:

Teaching Our Kids *Excellent* Financial Habitsbecause



Riley Coulter: Event Sponsor
Director of Stewardship Ministries
Church of the Nazarene Canada.

THERE IS NO MONEY TREE!!

Investing yourself into your kids to help them develop positive self-worth, self-discipline, strong values & work ethic.

Find out what it takes to prepare our kids for their own financial future free of debt and financial worry

This is a family financial seminar, Hosted by Riley Coulter and presented by Trevor Stach.

This is not an investment seminar, but an opportunity to see a way for our children to learn a path preparing to enter into adulthood with all the skills, habits, and financial understanding to navigate the perils of managing money in our ever changing, complicated and very difficult economic landscape.

This event is for you...parents, and grandparents interested in guiding and preparing their children and grandchildren down a path of financial preparedness and potentially future financial independence most people never achieve.

...And if you struggle with your finances, there may even be lessons for you to grow.



Monthly Seminar Dates:
July 26, Aug 30, Sep 27,
Oct 25, Nov 29

Time: 10am Mountain

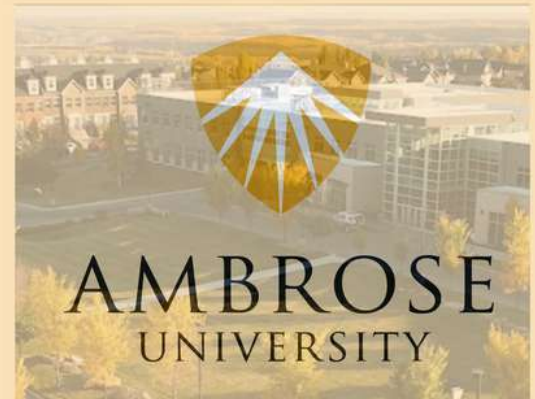
9am Pacific / 10 am Mountain / 11
am Central / 12 noon Eastern / 1 pm
Atlantic



Scan QR Code to Register for the seminar link

...or go to <https://my.funneltopia.us/Nazarene> and register.

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beginning mid-August.

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contact Dr. Stuart Williams
at 403 407 9473.





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FOLLOW [Canada West NDI](#) on Facebook for announcements and updates

DOWNLOAD the latest NDI Newsletter [here](#).

THE HUB

Read the most recent info in *The Hub*, a newsletter from Nazarene Discipleship International (just click the picture!)

Next Lay Ministry Training Course hosted by Canada West NDI starts September 2025
see post for more details!

The Discipleship Place.

For Application

For more info:

or go to www.discipleshipplace.org

NMI

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CANADA WEST DISTRICT

IN MEMORY

The Canada West District family mourns the passing of Irene Argyle on May 14, 2025, wife of the late Rev. Brook Argyle. Irene is the beloved mother of four daughters, including Ruth Fach (Rev. Terry Fach) and Lois Gorman (Rev. Wes Gorman), whose families have served faithfully as pastors on the Canada West District.

Please keep the entire Argyle family in your prayers during this time of loss.

Instead of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Siloam Mission:)

Irene's lifelong devotion to God shaped every chapter of her journey.

Ruth Fach
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Irene Argyle In loving memory



Rev. Gerald Austin (Jerry) In loving memory



The Canada West District family mourns the passing of Rev. Gerald (Jerry) Austin on June 1, 2025. Please pray for his wife, Ella, and the family during this time.

Rev. Ken Austin and Bonnie Brower (wife of Rev. LaVern Brower) are siblings to Pastor Jerry. May God's peace and strength be with all who mourn.

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