



NOVEMBER 2025

IN THIS EDITION OF IN THE LOOP:

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT MESSAGE	2
COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY CENTRE HIGHLIGHTS	3
CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES	6
UPCOMING EVENTS	11
NDI	12
NMI	13
SOUL CARE UPDATE	14

From the desk of the

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



I came upon a photo taken during one of our district's family camps in the summer of 2025. It still makes me smile. One family got creative – they had written their campsite number on the arms of their young children, a brilliant, if temporary, way to ensure everyone knew who belonged where.



This edition of our district newsletter highlights ministry occurring all across the Prairies, particularly through our compassionate ministry centers. A supportive hand is precisely what our compassionate ministry centers across the Prairies do every day. They are our front-line teams, offering essential first support and guiding folks toward stability and community. Just as one may connect wandering campers, our ministries and churches are perfectly positioned to meet people where they are and introduce them to the Heavenly Father.

Remember John 13:34-35: "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples." May each of us slow down enough to look around this season to see those who are wandering and offer the helping hand that guides them home. Their Father is looking for them.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rose Brower-Young". Below the signature, the name "Rose Brower-Young" is printed in a smaller, black, sans-serif font.



COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY CENTRES

Our district is home to six Compassionate Ministry Centres, each rooted in a local church serving the tangible needs of their community. These centres rely on volunteers and the generous support of individuals and churches.

If you would like to give financially, through volunteer hours, or start a project your whole church can participate in to support one of these ministries, check out the links below for contact information. You can also give financially through your local church offering—just note the intended recipient. All donations are tax-receiptable.



At Rising Above in Grande Prairie, Alberta, the leadership team all have personal stories and a shared passion for helping others. They guide individuals to break free from destructive cycles, discover their true identity, and experience the abundant freedom found in Jesus Christ. Whether through residential treatment or one-on-one Inner Healing sessions, their mission is to see lives transformed and hope restored.

Find out more at www.risingabovegp.com

To give, follow [this link!](#)

Don't miss highlights from the work on their new building and the introduction of the new executive director on pg. 6!



Circle of Friends is a ministry in Edmonton, Alberta that supports individuals with developmental disabilities and their families through diverse ministries, including a weekly integrated worship service and Employment University, which offers life skills and transitional support for young adults. It also helps families connect with service and provides counseling and peer support for ongoing care.

Find out more at www.edmontoncircleoffriends.org

To give, contact Dr. Nicholas at circle.friends@shaw.ca



CANADA
WEST
DISTRICT

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRY CENTRES



Building Hope serves the community of Beverly & northeast Edmonton by providing hot meals, food hampers, clothing, and community three days a week to those facing homelessness or food insecurity. Powered by dedicated volunteers, staff, and partners, they strive to show Christ's love in action and bring hope to our neighbors.

Find out more at www.buildinghopeedmonton.ca

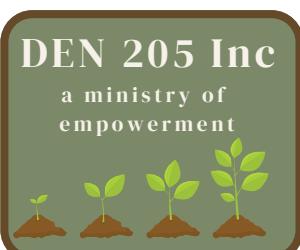
To give, follow this link or go here to become a part of their Giving Tuesday campaign!



The Fig Tree and Storehouse in Drumheller, Alberta is the newest centre on Canada West, demonstrating the love of Jesus by providing support to a community in need. They offer a food bank, toiletries, winter gear, and meal delivery plus meals brought to the street every week.

Find out more at thefigtreeassociation.com

To give, follow this link!



The mission of Den 205 in Winnipeg is "to educate on the way God created our minds to work, in order to better understand the role our soul plays in our spiritual growth." The work is done through lifestyle ministry where mentors walk with people as they discover the grace of God present for difficult change.

Find out more at www.theden205.com

To give, send e-transfer to info@theden.online



Siloam Mission is located in Winnipeg. It supports Manitobans experiencing homelessness, poverty, and mental health challenges. Through housing, meals, hygiene programs, and life-skills training, they help individuals maintain sobriety, reach their goals, and transition to independent living.

Find out more at siloam.ca

Follow this link to give!



Compassionate Ministries Prayer & Giving

This November, our district churches join together in prayer and generosity for our Compassionate Ministry Centres. Whether you're participating as an individual, family, or church group, this is a beautiful way to highlight and support ministries that bring hope and practical care to our communities.

Click the button below to download everything you need—printables, guides, and resources—for a month of focused prayer and giving.

[Download Resources](#)

A Bountiful Harvest of Compassion: A Fun Fall Mission for Kids & Families

Download Instructions for kids & families
for [The Fun Fall Mission!](#)



Your church kids could win a pizza party!

Give! Gather! Go!

Download [learning brochure](#), [instructions](#) and
[release form](#) for these great activities
for youth groups!



One youth could win a \$200 scholarship to NYC!

CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

In September, the Wapella church celebrated the baptism of three people who shared powerful testimonies. And in October, they joyfully welcomed three new members into the church family and hosted a family photo shoot for the community. They enjoyed their annual opportunity to host a "No Fear" warming station on Halloween for families. Please pray as they look forward to the Advent season and their Christmas family fun night.



THE GATHERING Calgary, AB

Rev. Mark & Rae-Lee Brower-Herbert, on mission in their community, served hot chocolate and a World Series game on the big screen in their yard for Halloween.



As community-on-mission, they wanted to create a place for families to gather and visit as a part of the evening.



RISING ABOVE Grande Prairie, AB

The team at Rising Above is celebrating a new season of growth and leadership. They are pleased to announce Adele-Marie Diffey as the new executive director. On September 27, they opened the doors of the Grande Prairie building under construction for tours with the opportunity to write scripture and words of encouragement on the frame of the new building.

Rising Above is deeply thankful for your partnership, which is building brighter futures across the District. You can read all the inspiring updates [here](#).

Save the Date
for the Rising Above
Hope Banquet
on March 26, 2026,
in Grande Prairie!



RISING ABOVE
WELCOME TO:
Adele-Marie Diffey
Our New Executive Director

CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

SNAZ YOUTH WEEKEND, Edmonton, AB
Youth and leaders from all over the district gathered at Southside Community Church in Edmonton the weekend of September 27 for the annual SNAZ weekend filled with worship, games, shopping, fellowship, and very little sleep. Thank you to all those who work so hard to make this weekend possible!



STETTLER COMMUNITY (AB)

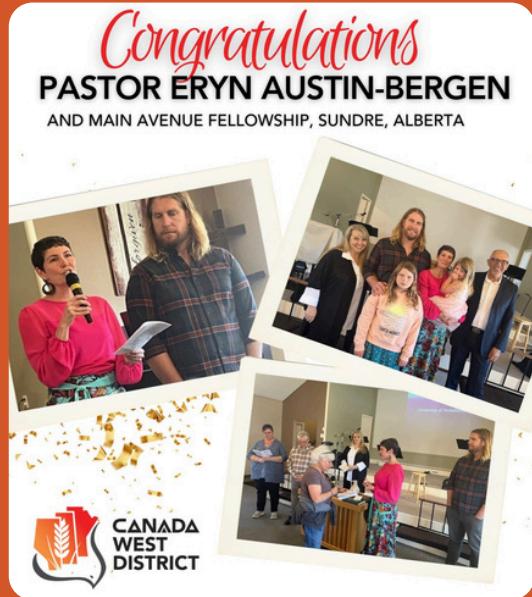
Stettler sent 11 people to SNAZ, and were smart enough to bring their own cots!!



CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

HIGH PRAIRIE CHURCH (AB)

MAIN AVENUE FELLOWSHIP Sundre, AB



The District celebrates with the Sundre congregation on the installment of Pastor Eryn Austin-Bergen as the new Lead Pastor at Main Avenue Fellowship. Eryn and her husband, Josh have two daughters, Eliana and Abigail.

The Sundre congregation is excited about new things happening this Fall, including a new meetup called "Mug-Up," a casual space for seeking answers on spiritual and social topics and a monthly men's breakfast with focus on serving the community. They are also looking forward to the annual Christmas banquet for KidzClub, a mid-week program for kids who don't have other after school activities. It's always great to spend time with the KidzClub families during the holidays.

The High Prairie church served just over 120 Thanksgiving Dinners. Pastor Tracy Stewart shared a brief testimony and prayed a blessing over the guests. We are thankful for all who came and all who served their community.



GLENVIEW NAZARENE Medicine Hat, AB

Glenview hosted a Welcome Back Sunday on September 14, 2015 as a way of signing up volunteers for ministries in the year to come. One of the most important ministries right now is to the children and youth who participate. They are looking forward to the community Christmas banquet with entertainment by the Glenview Entertainment Ministry.



CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

THE BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Lethbridge, AB

Each month this year, The Bridge hosted a "Crafternoon" to ready their boxes for Operation Christmas Child. They will pack up between 90-100 boxes on November 1, some of them with fun images glued to the box!



Sunday, October 5, Pastor Sheri Lynne Martin presented a workshop on Safe Ministry, specifically when serving vulnerable adults. The participants learned by talking through possible situations they might encounter (like an older man encountering a health crisis).



CALGARY FIRST (AB)

For the month of October First Naz hosted a food drive in support of a neighbouring church's food pantry. The congregation's response was amazing and we were able to fill up an entire table with food donations to help those in need.



WOODLAND DRIVE COMMUNITY Lacombe, AB

Woodland Drive Church invited the youth from Red Deer First to hold a fundraiser at their community garage sale! Each of the youth who participated was able to put \$100 into their NYC accounts.



CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

HOPE POINTE COMMUNITY Olds, AB

The Hope Pointe community shared a wonderful and full Sunday on September 28 as they enjoyed hearing from the Jotiz's, missionaries on deputation, celebrating the month's birthdays and anniversaries with cake and fellowshiping over some great soups.



LOUISE STREET COMMUNITY Saskatoon, SK

Louise Street served Thanksgiving Supper for those in the neighbourhood across from the church on October 5th. Seven families attended!! The Fab 5 (FLO youth leaders) and nine people from the congregation were there to support the event.



Speaking of F.L.O. - they hosted their third PJ (Praise Jesus) party to kick off the school year on September 27. 45 youth attended with 10 new grade 9 students who attended their first event! Pray for this group as The Fab 5 have a vision for a new ministry to recent high school grads attending university or working.



SOUTHSIDE COMMUNITY Edmonton, AB

Southside spent a beautiful afternoon in God's creation together October 4 out at Elk Island!



UPCOMING EVENTS

An Online Prayer Summit for Canada West District Pastors

January 19-22 on Zoom

Renewed in the Presence: Pastor Prayer and Power

Zoom Link to be sent to
all pastors in December



NAZARENE COURSE OF STUDY

Ambrose University is excited to launch the Nazarene Course of Study, a new non-credit curriculum designed to meet the educational requirements for ordination in the Church of the Nazarene.

- 21 flexible, online, asynchronous course modules
- 8 weeks per course
- Advanced standing into MDiv degree at Ambrose Seminary

For more information, visit the QR code or
<https://ambrose.edu/program/nazarene-course-study>



WESLEYAN HOLINESS
WOMEN CLERGY

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2026
MINNEAPOLIS



WWW.WHCLERGY.ORG/CONFERENCE

ALL CANADA NAZARENE
PASTORS GATHERING

SAVE
THE
DATE

OCTOBER 23-25, 2026
LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA



Follow Canada West District [on Facebook](#)
www.facebook.com/CanadaWestDistrictChurchOfTheNazarene



Follow Canada West District [on Instagram](#)
[@ cwdnazarene](https://www.instagram.com/cwdnazarene)



Find out more on our website:
www.cwdnazarene.org

EXPONENTIAL
Multiplier

How Healthy Leaders
Create Lasting Impact

Find out
more
here!

The district office still
has tickets available
March 16-19, 2026
for Exponential
in Orlando.
Open to pastors and
lay leaders.



NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

The Discipleship Link

Sharing Resources That Make Disciples



Have you had the chance to sign up for The Discipleship Link???? If not, you are missing out! Through this monthly newsletter from NDI Canada, you will receive resource recommendations for every age group to be used in your local ministry. You can check out the [August edition here](#) and then, go sign up by clicking the picture above.

A 16-WEEK ELEMENTARY MINISTRY CURRICULUM
EXPLORING THE NAZARENE ARTICLES OF FAITH



The Kidmin Creatives (a team of Nazarene children's pastors) has released a NEW 16 week curriculum for kids that teaches the Nazarene articles of faith. We wonder if it might be good for the whole congregation to do together! Check it out [here](#) (or click pic).

JOIN US in the [Canada West Kids Facebook Group](#) for resources, inspiration & conversation

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



Next Lay Ministry Training Course
hosted by Canada West NDI
starts January 2026

For more info:



For Application



The Discipleship Place.

www.discipleshipplace.org

contact Meghan (meghan.mcdougall@gmail.com) to find out about district online learning cohorts.



NDI Grant Applications Open January 15, 2026

It's our 6th year looking for leaders excited to start new ministries on Canada West District!

Canada West offers ten \$500 grants for our district churches to help offset the costs of beginning a new ministry during the 2026-2027 church year.

Applications to continue a ministry are welcome but priority may be given to new ministry initiatives.

Applications received
January 15-April 15, 2026.

[Download Application](#)

COMING
FALL 2025

6-Week Elementary Curriculum
6-Week Early Childhood Curriculum



BRING
bringing people to Jesus



NMI PRESIDENTS AND PASTORS ZOOM MEETING WITH THE BITIS

NOVEMBER 9 AT 3:00 P.M. MST

COME AND HEAR
AMAZING STORIES FROM
REV. ERGEST AND EDA BITI
FROM TIRANA, ALBANIA.

YOU WON'T WANT TO
MISS HEARING FROM
THEM!



CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NMI PRESIDENT
FOR THE ZOOM LINK.



How you signed up for
NMI Central and Kids
Kaleidoscope???

If you're looking for resources to
share missions with your church,
including kids, you've found it.

Click this picture to access a video
on how to use Kids Kaleidoscope.

Use the QR Code below or
website address to sign up so you
don't miss this weekly newsletter.



www.nazarene.org/nmi-central

NMI

MISSIONARIES ON THE DISTRICT!



Arnel & Christine Jotiz (Cambodia)



Gaston & Lucy Echeguia (Spain)



We need
YOU
TO HELP
WITH SOCIAL
MEDIA!!!

Contact Jacci Wicks Eckstein
if you have missions to share from
your church!

SOUL CARE CONFERENCE FOR PASTORS

The District Pastors from all three provinces gathered in Canmore, Alberta for Soul Care Conference 2025, to refuel for the work they are called to do. Rev. Dr. Jeren Rowell and his wife Starla joined us from Nazarene Theological Seminary, with inspired preaching that reminded us of the need to take a breath, to inhale His Spirit so we could exhale that power into the work we are called to do. Pastors shared time around tables in prayer, took walks and naps, made time to visit over meals and enjoyed worship led by Pastor Bryan and Colleen Roller.

We are grateful for our Canada West churches who gift their leaders with this opportunity to gather together in fellowship, learn, worship, and pray for one another.



*Here On Earth, As it is
in Heaven*

