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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.

*Rose Brower-Young*  
Rose Brower-Young



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# 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](http://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](http://www.edmontoncircleoffriends.org)

To give, contact Dr. Nicholas at [circle.friends@shaw.ca](mailto:circle.friends@shaw.ca)



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# 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.theden205.com)

To give, send e-transfer to [info@theden.online](mailto: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](http://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!





# 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!!



**NYC UPDATE**



**WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR 2 MALE LEADERS & 1 FEMALE LEADER FOR NYC( MUST BE 23 OR OLDER)**

CONTACT : [BAKERM781@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BAKERM781@GMAIL.COM)



# CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

## HIGH PRAIRIE CHURCH (AB)

### MAIN AVENUE FELLOWSHIP Sundre, AB

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.



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.

### 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.



This Summer, they enjoyed an opportunity to learn more of how to BLESS their community through the teaching of Pastor Bob Dipert.



## 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



WESLEYAN HOLINESS  
WOMEN CLERGY

FEBRUARY 23-25, 2026  
MINNEAPOLIS



[WWW.WHCLERGY.ORG/CONFERENCE](http://WWW.WHCLERGY.ORG/CONFERENCE)



## 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>



ALL CANADA NAZARENE  
PASTORS GATHERING

# SAVE THE DATE

OCTOBER 23-25, 2026  
LAKE LOUISE, ALBERTA



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Find out more on our website:  
[www.cwnazarene.org](http://www.cwnazarene.org)

## EXPONENTIAL<sup>7</sup> 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

The Discipleship  
Place

[www.discipleshipplace.org](http://www.discipleshipplace.org)

For more info:



For Application



contact Meghan ([meghan.mcdougall@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)



## MISSIONARIES ON THE DISTRICT!



Arnel & Christine Jotiz (Cambodia)



**NMI**  
*We need*  
**YOU**  
TO HELP  
WITH SOCIAL  
MEDIA!!!

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



Gaston & Lucy Echeguia (Spain)





# 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*

