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From the desk of the  
**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT**



At the recent Global Exponential Conference 2026, I was challenged by the following quote:

*"We reproduce who we are and what we do. We can't lead others to transformation unless we are experiencing transformation ourselves."*

In this edition of the Loop, you will read about several of our churches and ministries who are working in ways to share the Good News, the Gospel. Why? Because it has so transformed them that they can't help but tell others about it. The Gospel has changed their families, their values, their goals, their stewardship.



*Friends, what are you reproducing?*

I was honoured to represent the Church of the Nazarene at Grande Prairie's Rising Above annual fundraiser. A fully sold-out banquet (750 people!) raised over \$360,000 for the ministry. The people have seen transformation in people's lives, and they want the transformations to continue.

While in Grande Prairie, I was reminded of the importance of caring for my own soul: "This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever. In its place is something that you have left behind. Let it be something good." (author unknown)

*Again, I ask, what are you reproducing?*

May your transformation journey into Christlikeness be a story worth sharing over and over and over.

*Rose Brower-Young*  
**Rose Brower-Young**



**Adele-Marie Diffey, Executive Director, Rising Above**  
**Rising Above Graduate, with powerful testimony of transformation**  
**Rev. Mel Siggelkow, Founder/Executive Director of Rising Above Canada**

**Registration out soon!**  
(ask your pastor for more information)

# LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT DAY

June 18  
8AM - 5:15PM  
Camp Harmattan  
Olds, Alberta

✦ [Click to read Mark's Bio](#)



## Disciple Making the Jesus Way

This year, all district pastors and lay leaders are invited to a day dedicated to the heartbeat of the Church: making Christlike disciples. We welcome Mark Bane for a deep dive into Disciple Making the Jesus Way, leaving with a personal plan to actively make disciples.

Discover the specific rhythms that made Jesus history's most effective disciple-maker and learn how to adapt those ancient practices into modern habits. We'll equip you with an "Above and Beyond" mindset to fuel neighbourhood-changing evangelism in your local church.

NDI/NMI/NYI CONVENTION ✦  
Thursday & Friday, June 18-19, 2026

Join us this year as we celebrate the "immeasurably more" God is doing across Canada West and around the world! We'll hear inspiring updates from NMI, NDI, and NYI on ministries around the district, join together for a powerful time of worship and learning designed to ignite your passion to go Above and Beyond together!

We welcome Jim Ritchie, Global Mission Director for the Church of the Nazarene, as our plenary speaker. Rev. Ritchie has also served as regional director, district superintendent and pastor. [Click for Rev. Ritchie's bio.](#)



# 2026 DISTRICT REUNION

## ABOVE AND BEYOND FOR HIS GLORY

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine...



## District Assembly

with Dr. Fili Chambo  
June 19 7PM

June 20 8:30AM

Ordination Service  
June 20 1:30pm



CANADA WEST DISTRICT

# CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

## CALGARY FIRST (AB)

Calgary First just wrapped a Missions Month in March. From raising \$1,200 for Mongolia via a bake sale to braving the "Coldest Night of the Year" for The Mustard Seed, they've been busy. The highlight? The kids raised so much for the Horn of Africa that Pastor Jon Caldwell had to dye his beard pink!



## THE BRIDGE COMMUNITY CHURCH Lethbridge, AB

On March 1, the sanctuary in Lethbridge was filled with "Jesus and Joy" for International Day! The Bridge Community celebrated with a vibrant worship service featuring songs from Germany to Jamaica, followed by a massive feast of ethnic dishes. The church family showed up in bright cultural attire, all while raising donations to support their upcoming Nazarene Missions Team trip to Nova Scotia.



## HIGH PRAIRIE (AB)



High Prairie Church recently hosted another successful Community Easter Dinner, serving approximately 70 meals to their neighbours. It was a beautiful day of fellowship and a powerful opportunity to share the love of the Father with the community. Thank you, High Prairie, for being the hands and feet of Jesus this Easter.



# CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

## HOPE POINTE CHURCH Olds, AB



Hope Pointe Church enjoyed an arts and crafts March from Messy Church, where families explored Psalm 23 through hands-on activities and worship with Kidztown, to a cozy winter Paint Night. The best part? All proceeds from the evening of fellowship and art went toward the district missions project: the Nazarene Mongolian Training Center.



## LIGHTHOUSE FELLOWSHIP Sylvan Lake, AB

Sylvan Lake had plenty to celebrate recently! The congregation honored Pastor Barry and Emry Ewing with a joint birthday bash (Emry hit the big 0-6, while Pastor Barry admits to being "a little bit" older). They also showered Baby George Gibbard with love at a recent baby shower.

But the fun didn't stop there—the church raised significant funds for their local Compassionate Fund through a creative "Make it or Bake it" auction and a "Cinnamon Bun and Coffee Bliss" fellowship.

What a sweet way to care for those in need in Sylvan Lake!



## RIMBEY CHURCH (AB)

In a beautiful tribute to the late Kathy MacMillan, the Craft & Chat ladies of Rimbey Church recently completed the quilting projects Kathy had lovingly started. These finished quilts were presented to her sister and children—a moving way to honour Kathy's years of faithful ministry alongside the late Pastor Dave.



# CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

## LIVING WATER CHURCH

Selkirk, MB PAC

The Living Water Church PAC (parent-affiliated congregation) in Selkirk, Manitoba, is officially two years old! That's two years of gathering and growing together in faith.

We are so grateful for the "Living Water" flowing through Selkirk—here's to many more years of ministry and community!



## WAINWRIGHT CHURCH (AB)

Another successful Easter Egg Hunt is in the books! Wainwright Church hosted a fantastic morning of fun for the community, fueled by the hard work of many dedicated volunteers.



The Wainwright Congregation recently had the distinct honour of celebrating a major milestone: Pastor Ryan's 20th anniversary with the church!

We are incredibly grateful to Pastor Ryan, Rachelle, and their entire family for two decades of dedicated service, leadership, and love poured into this church and the Wainwright community. Thank you, Pastor Ryan, for your heart and your ministry.



# CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

## WINNIPEG CHURCHES GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

The spirit of unity was on full display this Good Friday as all Winnipeg-area Nazarene churches gathered together for a powerful time of collective remembrance. The service focused on the Last Seven Words of Jesus, allowing the city-wide church family to reflect deeply on the cross as one body.



## ROCKY MOUNTAIN HOUSE CHURCH (AB)

It's been a season of deep connection for the Rocky Mountain House church family! The ladies gathered for a powerful night of praise and worship with 29 women in attendance, while families later enjoyed the fresh air with skating and a wiener roast for Family Day. The heart for service remained front and center on March 19, as a Nazarene Missions team headed to SunChild Reserve to serve through carpet pulling and house visitations.



# CHURCH & MINISTRY UPDATES

## WESTLOCK CHURCH (AB)



Westlock Church recently opened its doors for a massive Community Paint Night! It was a night of creativity and fun, bringing neighbors together to support the various ministries within the church.



## EXPONENTIAL CONFERENCE Orlando, FL

A team of Canada West pastors and leaders traveled for the Exponential 2026 Global Conference in Orlando mid-March. It was a powerful time of learning and connection as they join thousands of leaders to explore new horizons in multiplication and ministry.

We give all glory and honour to God for this gathering. We pray that this time of unity strengthens our leaders, and we look forward to the wisdom they bring back to help our district grow in faith and mission!



## ALBERTA FAMILY CAMP

JULY 31-AUGUST 9, 2026

### CWD ALBERTA FAMILY CAMP

#### REGISTRATION!

It is almost that time!  
Registration for 2026 Canada West District Church of the Nazarene Alberta Family Camp is open April 1! We are looking forward to welcoming you on to the beautiful grounds of Camp Harmattan this again this summer.



REGISTER W/ QR CODE



OR

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2026NazareneFamilyCampRegistration>

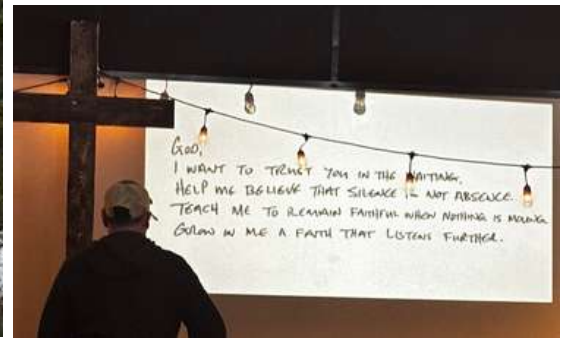
Registration is open for 2026 Alberta Family Camp, featuring keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Bryce Ashlin-Mayo, President of Ambrose University. Check out the newsletter link for detailed information about fees, programming, and volunteer opportunities. Finally, keep an eye out for our upcoming t-shirt design contest!

[Download newsletter](#) 8

# DISTRICT NYI SPRING RETREAT

April 10-12, 2026  
Camp Harmattan

Our annual NYI Retreat was a meaningful and energizing weekend, bringing together 71 students and leaders from 9 churches across our District. This gathering continues to play a vital role in supporting local churches as they disciple teenagers in their communities in the way of Jesus. This year's theme, "Further," invited students to consider how Jesus calls each of us forward, one step at a time, into deeper faith and obedience, even when we do not have all the answers. Through worship, teaching, and community, students were encouraged to take those next steps in their journey with Christ. We are grateful for the leaders, churches, and students who made this weekend so impactful, and we look forward to continuing this important ministry in the years ahead. If you have any questions about this event and would like to be involved in future NYI initiatives, reach out to Kenzie Lang at [kenziebakerm781@gmail.com](mailto:kenziebakerm781@gmail.com)



# UPCOMING EVENTS



## PRAY TOGETHER from Easter to Pentecost

Join our district and thousands across North America for the 2026 Half-Million Mobilization. This unified season of prayer.

When: April 6-May 23  
Time: 6:30 AM (AB/SK)  
| 7:30 AM (MB)

[Get zoom link](#)

## LAKESHORE CAMP (MB)

May 28 - June 1, 2026



### JOIN US

Get ready for an epic few days at our Manitoba church camp! We'll be painting, installing windows, tackling grounds work, and jumping into whatever projects need our attention. It's hands-on, team-driven, and all about making a real impact. Grab your friends and let's make it happen!

#### \$200/per person

- Accommodations: Camp cabins
- Food: Meals prepared at the camp
- Travel: Bus leaves from Red Deer

To register: email contact info to [gnawrocki55@gmail.com](mailto:gnawrocki55@gmail.com)



Questions: 403-322-4929

### IMPORTANT DATES

Camp opens May 23  
NMT May 28 - June 1  
Family camp July 17-19  
Kids' Camp July 20-22  
Youth camp July 24-26

If you'd like to be a part of growing Lakeshore Camp, you can donate to their kid's project by e-transfer to [nazarene@telus.net](mailto:nazarene@telus.net). Note: For Lakeshore Camp Children's Project.

## All Canada PASTORS CONFERENCE

We invite pastors and spouses to join us for a time of renewal, connection, and rest in one of Canada's most beautiful locations.

**October 23-25, 2026** | **Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise**

Cost: \$800 per couple (does not include transportation)

More details coming in the months ahead.

## Glenview Nazarene

# 100 Years

1926 - 2026

### CELEBRATION SERVICE

Sunday, June 21, 2026  
10:30 AM

### LUNCHEON TO FOLLOW

RSVP FOR LUNCHEON:  
[INFO@GLENVIEWNAZARENE.CA](mailto:INFO@GLENVIEWNAZARENE.CA)  
BY MAY 4, 2026

4072 STRACHAN RD. SE, MEDICINE HAT,  
AB [WWW.GLENVIEWNAZARENE.CA](http://WWW.GLENVIEWNAZARENE.CA)

# CAMP HARMATTAN (AB)

With less than four months to go, the countdown to summer camp is officially on! Some camps are already nearing capacity, so be sure to register early to secure your spot and avoid the waitlist.

If you attend one of the district partner churches—including First Church (Edmonton & Calgary), Hope Pointe, Westlock, Calgary East, Edmonton Southside, Stettler, Sedgewick, Rocky Mountain House, or The Gathering—your congregation is ready to help! Partner discount codes are active from March 15 to June 15. Reach out to your church administrator today to find out how to access your camp sponsorship and get ready for an life-changing summer!



**Summer Youth Camp  
Registration Open February 20!**

Grades 3-5: July 7-10

Grades 6-8: July 13-17

Grades 9-12: July 19-24

Grade 1-2 Day Camp: June 27

To register, click logo or go to  
[www.campharmattan.com](http://www.campharmattan.com)

**CAMP HARMATTAN IS HIRING!**

Go to the Website or  
Facebook Page to find out more.

## Camp Harmattan Association Board of Directors Appoints New Executive Director



Bob Murray has been unanimously appointed as the Camp Harmattan Association's next Executive Director.

Bob brings a wealth of leadership experience from the public, private, and ministry sectors, making him a perfect fit to lead our operations and strategic growth. Board Chair Brock Priebe, who has served as Interim ED since 2024, expressed total confidence in Bob's ability to inspire excellence and cultivate collaborative teams. We look forward to introducing Bob to our Canada West District family in the coming weeks as we work together to maximize the potential of the ministry entrusted to us! For more information, head to the [Harmattan website](http://www.campharmattan.com).

Click [here](#) to download the most recent Camp Harmattan newsletter.



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

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

The Discipleship Link

*Sharing Resources That Make Disciples*



CHURCH OF NAZARENE  
CANADA

Click this link to receive the monthly newsletter with discipleship resources and news from across Canada.



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## 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](#)

GRANTS  
are live!



BECOMING  
CHRISTLIKE  
DISCIPLES

Applications are now open for outreach grants designed to help Bring People to Jesus through creative outreach ministries that engage your community—think VBS, kids programs, Alpha, sports ministries, community initiatives, and more.

[Apply here!](#)

THE  
AMAZING  
JOURNEY

This VBS adventure from Global NDI takes children on a journey to discover how their story connects to the Israelites in the book of Exodus through four powerful Signposts: God Hears Us, God Saves Us, God Guides Us, and God Transforms Us.

[Download here](#)



# Spring DEPUTATION TOUR

Monte & Bethany Cyr

They are Global Missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene on the Mesoamerica Region (Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean).

MAY 1-17, 2026

Canada West District



**MORE INFO:**

Connect with your local church. ✨ ✨ ✨

[Click here](#) to see some tips on hosting missionaries in your community.



# NMI

2027

## TORONTO



In Summer of 2027, we are headed to Toronto, Canada for our next Encuentro mission trip!

Canada West has a team heading to Encuentro 2027! Contact Penny Ure at [scottpennyure1@gmail.com](mailto:scottpennyure1@gmail.com) for more info!

Be One Of The First Fabulous 50 To the Missions Youth Rally AND RECEIVE A Starbies gift card!



Hey youth and young adults, don't miss out on this chance to join other mission-minded people at the Missions Youth Rally in June!

Get Yourself A Pinkity Drinkity

OR

A dragon fruit refresher with no dragon inclusions, a pump of vanilla, light ice, heavy cream, and cold foam



Date:

JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

Where:

CAMP HARMATTON

Ages:

12-30YRS

Have 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.

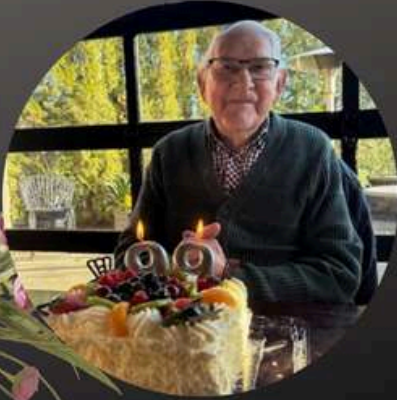
Use the QR Code below or website address to sign up so you don't miss this weekly newsletter.



[www.nazarene.org/nmi-central](http://www.nazarene.org/nmi-central)

# DISTRICT FAMILY UPDATES

## Dr. Charles Muxworthy In loving memory



January 19, 1927 – February 19, 2026

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Dr. Charles John Muxworthy.

We are grateful for Dr. Muxworthy's ministry, including serving both Red Deer First Church (1955-1960) and Calgary First Church (1960-1968) on the Canada West District.

Preceded in death in 2017 by his beloved wife of 65 years, Dorothea Pearl, Dr. Muxworthy leaves behind a rich family legacy, including four children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

May God grant peace and strength to all who mourn.

May 10, 1935 — March 9, 2026

It is with sadness that we announce the passing of Rev. Dr. Alexander Deasley.

We are grateful for Dr. Deasley's ministry, including as Chairman of the Division of Religion and Professor of New Testament at Canadian Nazarene College, Winnipeg from 1972-1977. He retired from teaching at NTS in 2002, but continued to preach, teach and write worldwide.

Dr. Deasley was preceded in death in 2018 by his beloved wife Joyce Metz of Red Deer, Alberta, Canada. He is survived by three children and one grandchild.

May God grant peace and strength to all who mourn.

## REV. DR. ALEXANDER R.G. DEASLEY In loving memory



*Here On Earth. As it is  
in Heaven*

