

77th Annual

DISTRICT REUNION

June 19 - 21, 2025



Church of the Nazarene



Reunion 2025 Schedule

Camp Harmattan

June 19 – 21



Thursday June 19		
9:00 – 9:45am	Breakfast	Multiplex
10:00 – 12:00 pm	Leadership Development Day Begins with Daryl Cripe	Multiplex
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Multiplex
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Leadership Development Day Continues	Multiplex
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Coffee Break	Multiplex
2:45 – 4:00 pm	Leadership Development Day Continues	Multiplex
5:00 – 7:00 pm	NMI President Supper	Woodlea Room
5:30 – 7:00 om	Supper	Multiplex
7:30 – 9:00 pm	NDI – NMI – NYI Evening Service with Rev. Ryan Nelson	Multiplex
9:00 – 11:00 pm	After Service Fellowship	Multiplex, Coffee Cabin, Campfire
Friday June 20		
8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Multiplex
8:45 – 10:30 am	NDI Session (Plenary with Rev. Ryan Nelson, NDI Storytelling)	Multiplex
10:30 – 10:45 am	Coffee Break	Multiplex
10:45 – 12:20 pm	NMI – NYI Session	Multiplex
12:20 – 1:20 pm	Lunch	Multiplex
1:30 – 1:45 pm	NDI – NMI – NYI Elections	Multiplex
1:45 – 2:15 pm	Plenary with Ryan Nelson	Multiplex
2:15 – 2:30 pm	Election Results, Auxiliary Commissioning Prayer	Multiplex
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Coffee Break	Multiplex
2:45 – 3:35 pm	Workshops Session A 1. Adam McDougall: Help! I'm a New Treasurer 2. Dr. Rob Snow: A-Z with GenZ 3. Revs. Ryan Hannay & Trent McDowell: Youth Ministry from Nothing 4. Rev. Geoff Kunselman: Make Disciples while Raising Funds for Missions 5. Ria Lartec: Engaging Children & Youth in Missions 6. Rev. Ryan Nelson: Adapted Discipleship Library Training 7. Cleon Cadogan: #IamTheOne	Woodlea Room Multiplex – Room 202 Coffee Cabin Multiplex – Room 201 Aspen Lounge Multiplex – Main Stage Camp Office
3:45 – 4:35 pm	Workshops Session B 1. Adam McDougall: Bless this Policy 2. Dr. Rob Snow: A-Z with GenZ 3. Revs. Ryan Hannay & Trent McDowell: Youth Ministry from Nothing 4. Rev. Geoff Kunselman: Make Disciples while Raising Funds for Missions 5. Ria Lartec: Engaging Children & Youth in Missions 6. Rev. Ryan Nelson: Practical Ideas to include all abilities in small churches 7. Cleon Cadogan: #IamTheOne	Woodlea Room Multiplex – Room 202 Coffee Cabin Multiplex – Room 201 Aspen Lounge Multiplex – Main Stage Camp Office
5:00 – 6:30 pm	Supper	Multiplex
6:00 – 6:25 pm	Elder Choir Rehearsal	Multiplex – Main Stage
7:00 – 9:15 pm	Assembly Convenes	Multiplex
9:15 – 11:00 pm	After Service Fellowship	Multiplex, Coffee Cabin, Campfire
Saturday June 21		
8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast	Multiplex
9:00 – 10:00 am	Assembly Business & Reports. Message by General Superintendent.	Multiplex
10:00 – 10:15 am	Coffee Break	Multiplex
10:15 – 11:30 pm	Assembly Business Continues, Memoirs Service	Multiplex
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	Multiplex
1:30 – 3:00 pm	Ordination Service	Multiplex
3:00 – 4:00 pm	Ordination Reception	Multiplex

****Childcare provided at all times except meals & fellowship times**** Ice Cream Shack will be open Thurs. & Fri. 9pm-10:30pm

2025 CWD Reunion Seminars

Friday, June 20, 2025

Session A 2:45 pm Session B 3:45pm

Cleon Cadogan, Special Guest Speaker & Musical Artist from Jamaica/Trinidad/Guyana
(Both sessions; Camp Office)

#IamTheOne

Be inspired by a powerful message rooted in Jonah 1:1–15 as we explore the call to say, #Iamtheone. This session will encourage and challenge you to respond to God's voice with courage, faith, and a heart for mission.

Geoff Kunselman: Stewardship Development, Church of the Nazarene
(Both Sessions, Room 102, Multiplex)

Making Disciples while Raising Funds for Global Missions

Do you know the seven essential practices for raising funds for global missions? (You really need to.) Can these practices be a means for discipleship, too? Yes! In this seminar these essentials will be presented along with practical ideas on how to implement them

Adam McDougall, Layperson, local church treasurer, DAB Board Member
(Woodlea Room)

Session A:

Help! I'm the New Church Treasurer: First Steps and Fresh Starts

Feeling overwhelmed by messy books or unclear reports? This crash course will help you start with confidence—learn what to prioritize, when to ask for help, and how to give yourself grace in this vital role.

Session B:

Bless This Policy: A Hands-On Guide to Writing What Works

Come ready to collaborate as to write clear, useful policies for your church or ministry. We'll cover key terms, what to include (and avoid), AI tools, and rewriting tips—then create a real policy together based on real-life scenarios in the room.

Ria Lartec: Layperson, District NMI Secretary, Local NDI Director
(Both Sessions; Aspen Lounge)

Engaging Children and Youth in Missions – Kid's Kaleidoscope

Every child has a role in God's story—and it's never too early to help them discover it. This workshop offers practical, encouraging ideas for weaving mission into your existing ministry with kids and teens, nurturing compassion, curiosity, and purpose along the way.

Rev. Ryan Nelson, Co-Pastor, Disability Ministries Director, Global NDI
(Main Stage, Multiplex)

Session A:

Discipleship, Adapted: Discover Resources for Your Children's Ministry

This session introduces you to the free, volunteer-friendly resources specifically designed with the Nazarene Church to equip your team to offer welcome, dignity, and meaningful connection to all.

Session B:

Small Church, Big Impact: Practical Ideas That Work to Include

Discover simple, effective strategies tailored for small churches! This interactive session offers practical ideas you can implement right away—plus a Q&A time to explore solutions that fit your unique ministry context.

Ryan Hannay, Associate Pastor of Youth & Young Adults, Skyview Community Church, Calgary

Trent McDowell, Lead Pastor, First Nazarene, Calgary
(Both Sessions; Coffee Cabin)

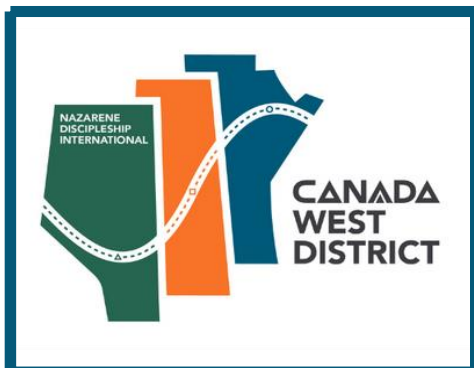
Jesus Had 12 and You Have 1 Starting Youth Ministry from Nothing

You don't need a full band, a flashy program, or a dozen teens to start youth ministry—you just need to begin. If you're in a small church wondering whether it's even worth trying with the few (or none) you have, this session is for you. We'll talk honestly about the challenges, share some laughs about humble beginnings, and explore practical ways to launch something meaningful right where you are. Jesus started with a small group—and so can you. Let's reimagine what's possible when we stop waiting for a crowd and start discipling the one right in front of us.

Dr. Rob Snow, Pastor & Dean of Theology at Ambrose University
(Room 202, Multiplex)

The A to Z of Ministering to GenZ: How to build meaningful relationships with college-age students

While some might feel that understanding GenZers means learning a new language (clutch up, throwing shade, no cap, sus, drip, gassing), the secret is actually found in just being yourself. This seminar demonstrates that the simple biblical principles of honesty and integrity are the building blocks for effectively discipling this generation that results in a Spirit-filled resiliency.



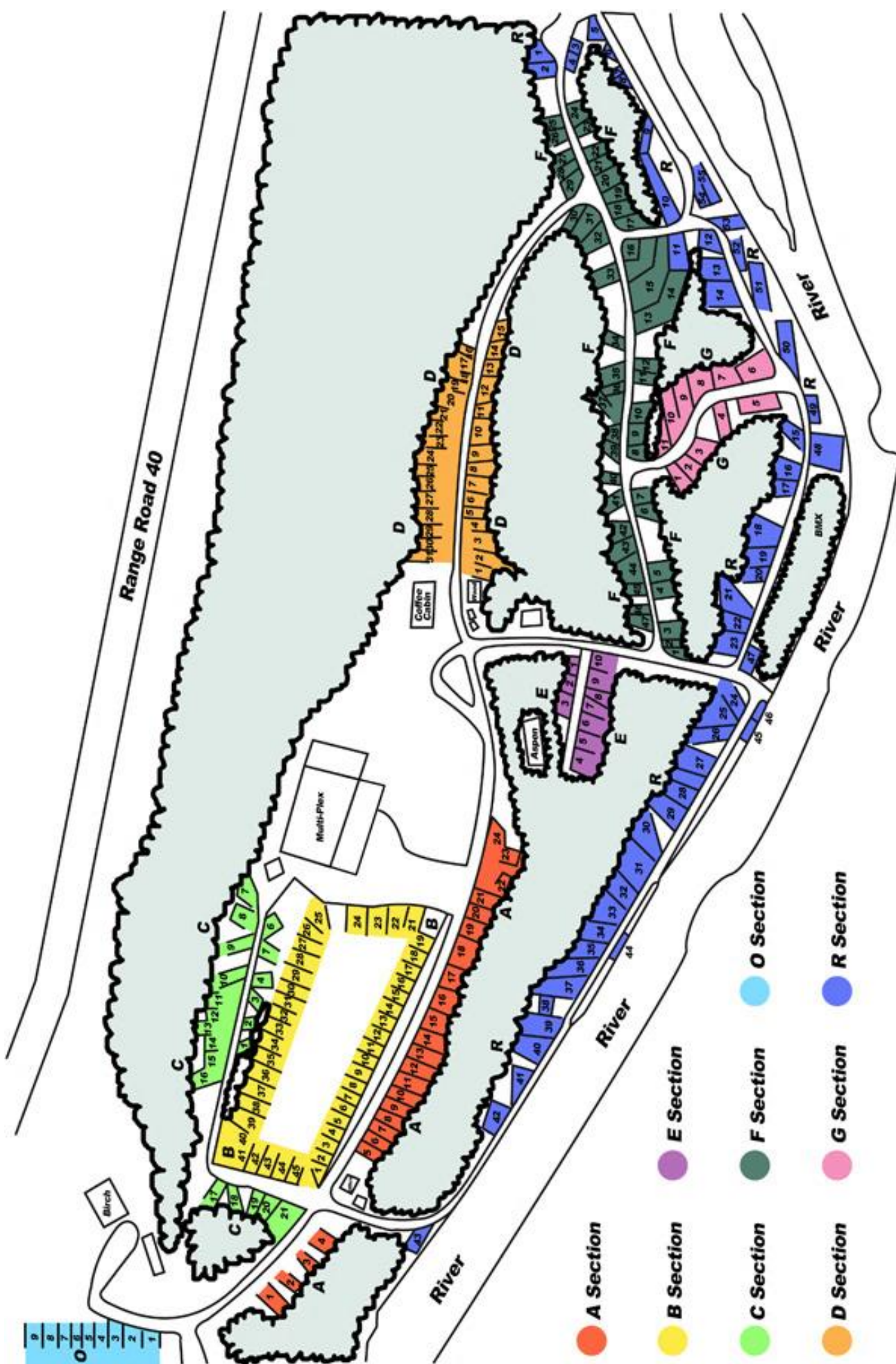


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General Superintendent Dr. Carla D. Sunberg



Dr. Carla Sunberg was elected 43rd general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at the 29th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June 2017. At the time of her election, Dr. Sunberg was president of Nazarene Theological Seminary, where she had been serving since January 2014.

She was ordained on the Russia North District, where she and her husband, Chuck, served the Church of the Nazarene for 13 years as pioneer missionaries to the former Soviet Union. In 2005, the Sunbergs returned to the United States and began pastoring at Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne, Indiana. In 2011, she and her husband accepted a call to serve as co-district superintendents of the East Ohio District Church of the Nazarene.

Sunberg has a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) degree from MidAmerica Nazarene University, a Master of Arts in Theological Studies (MATs) degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary (NTS), and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Historical Theology from Nazarene Theological College and the University of Manchester, United Kingdom. In May 2012, she was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity (DD) degree from Olivet Nazarene University.

Dr. Sunberg has a long record of service to the Church of the Nazarene on various boards and committees. In addition, Sunberg also served as president of Wesleyan-Holiness Women Clergy, and chair of the Wesleyan-Holiness Connection.

She is the author of articles for various church publications, as well numerous books. Her dissertation, *The Cappadocian Mothers* is published by Pickwick. Her latest works include *Color: God's Intention for Diversity*, written together with Dr. Daniel Gomis; editor of *Faithful to the Call: Women in Ministry*, and *Why Holiness*, as well as her latest release, *Teach Us to Pray*, all from the Foundry Publishing.

Carla was born in Germany, the daughter of missionaries. She loves to teach and train leaders for the future of the church and has served as adjunct faculty for a number of institutions. Her heartfelt passion is a life of holiness and service for the Lord. Carla and Chuck are proud parents of two adult daughters, Christa, who along with her husband, Iain Maciver, lives in England with their two children, Theodore and Alana; and Cara, who with her husband, Justin Shonamon, and children Mackenzie, Alice, and Halston lives in Kansas City, Kansas.

National Director Rev. Mark Collins



Rev. J Mark Collins was elected to the office of National Director of the Church of the Nazarene Canada November of 2023. He officially took office May 1, 2024. Previous to this new assignment, he served as District Superintendent of the Canada Atlantic District Church of the Nazarene for 6 years, 2018 - 2024. Before being elected District Superintendent he served the Church of the Nazarene in various pastoral and leadership roles across Canada including Nazarene Youth International, Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International, and Camping Ministries. Rev. Collins provided pastoral leadership in the Church of the Nazarene for 30 years prior to being elected to the District Leadership role with the last eight years of local church ministry being spent as Senior Pastor of the oldest Church of the Nazarene in Canada, located in Oxford, Nova Scotia.

Mark was born in Hamilton, Ontario Canada. However, he lived most of his early years in Nova Scotia.

He received his call to preach at a very young age while growing up in a Nazarene parsonage. He accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour, February 22, 1979. Although being influenced by a number of mentors, he attributes his greatest influence in ministry to be his father, who was also his pastor.

He earned a Bachelor of Theology degree from Canadian Nazarene College, graduating in 1984. Mark received his credential orders in 1986.

Among his many outstanding contributions to the life and work of the Church, Rev. Collins has demonstrated an ability to build resources to creatively fund the mission and work of the Church at large. Rev. Collins has a deep passion for missions and cross-cultural ministry, reaching the lost.

From 2012 to 2018, he was involved in working with church planters in Cuba, helping with a number of new churches and developing strong relationships among pastors and leaders. As part of the Cuba initiative, he led evangelistic teams to Cuba for almost ten years. His work in Cuba has resulted in strong ties not only with the church but with various organizations in business and trade as well.

He and his wife Ruth reside in Oxford, Nova Scotia. They are the proud parents of three children, Jeffery, Cameron (Meghan) and Sarah (Davis), and two very beautiful grandsons.

The guiding passage of scripture for his life in this time is:

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Leadership Development Day Keynote Speaker

Daryl Cripe



Daryl grew up on a dairy farm in northern Indiana and studied Business Marketing & Corporate Management at Butler University. He began his career in the entertainment industry with Universal Studios and Universal Music Group. In his mid-20s, while at Universal, he came to Christ because of a conversation with a stranger on the street and soon left entertainment to move into full-time ministry. Over a decade, he served on executive leadership teams of large, missionally-focused churches in Indianapolis, overseeing Creative Arts, Worship, Production, First Impressions, and Communications. Daryl eventually discovered that his passion was not “a” church but “the” church. For the past 13 years, Daryl has now partnered with hundreds of churches

across the U.S., Canada, and Europe, facilitating leaders in the development of missional visioning and strategic planning, development of evangelism and discipleship pathways, vision-driven fundraising, pastoral retreats, and leadership development.

Currently, Daryl serves as a part of the lead team at Amplio.Group. Daryl and his wife, Danna, have been married for 33 years and live in Indianapolis. Daryl might have slight obsessions with the creative arts, dark chocolate, and great coffee, and oh yes, equipping church leadership teams to help bring one more person into a relationship with Jesus.

Plenary Conventions Speaker

Rev. Ryan Nelson



Rev. Ryan Nelson is honored to serve as an **ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene**, continuing a legacy of faith passed down through generations. Called to ministry at age 18 at **Camp Arrowhead in Cleburne, Texas**, Ryan has a deep love for the church and its mission. Alongside his wife, **Rev. Serina Nelson**, he has served as a **lead co-pastor for 10 years**, first at North Beacon Church of the Nazarene and now at **Church Street Church of the Nazarene in Carlsbad, New Mexico**, where they have ministered since 2019.

Ryan also currently serves as the Disabilities Ministries Coordinator for Nazarene Discipleship International, working to create a framework where local Nazarene churches can receive resources and training for ministry to families with children with disabilities. He has been instrumental in the creation of the [Adapted Discipleship Library](#) that is free for all

Nazarene churches to use. With a background in **special education**, Ryan understands the value of bi-vocational ministry and is committed to serving both his congregation and community.

Ryan and Serina, who is also a **certified crime scene investigator**, are passionate about leading others in faith while raising their daughter, **Marley**, who was born in 2019.

Canada West District Church of the Nazarene

District Reports



77th Annual District Reunion

Report of the National Director

Dr. Carla Sunberg, Rev. Rose Brower-Young, members, and friends of the Canada West District Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene!

I think of the words of the Apostle Paul, where he writes, *“Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.”* (Philippians 3:20-21)

In Hebrews, Paul brings this thought again in the context of Abraham: *“He was looking for a city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.”* (Hebrews 11:10) This world is not our home; we know this. We are but a people passing through—we are here for only a little while.

We acknowledge the land upon which we gather, is situated on the traditional lands of the Indigenous peoples, including the Treaty 6 and Treaty 7 Nations. We honor the rich history, culture, and contributions of the First Nations, Métis, and Inuit peoples who have cared for this land for generations. We recognize their enduring connection to the land, water, and resources, and we commit to fostering respectful relationships and understanding as we work towards reconciliation and a shared future.

This is my first report to you as the National Director for the Church of the Nazarene in Canada. It has been a year of learning, watching, listening, and praying. Throughout this year, I made it a point to talk with pastors and leaders about their ministry, their challenges, and their faith. This has been good. I want to share with you what I heard and what the Lord spoke as I prayed over this past year.

As I begin, I feel a deep sense of gratitude for the workers and leaders I have the absolute pleasure of working with across the nation. I want to express my gratitude for these people—and to these people—as I begin this report.



NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF

What a great team of dedicated individuals we have at the National Office. Executive Assistant **Eric White**, Bookkeeper **Aml Nasr**, and Administrative Assistant **Yara Cristales** continue to serve faithfully in their respective roles. Day after day, I am impressed by how each one displays a heartfelt desire to serve God in the building of His Kingdom, in and through the work of the National Office.

Much of what they do is unseen, but their efforts are what keep the wheels turning and the machine well-oiled and



operational. I have asked Mr. Eric White to share some of the many tasks they undertake here in the National Office.

I want to publicly say to each of them—**thank you**.

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES CANADA (NCMC)

Reverend **Alan Cristales** serves as our Executive Director of NCMC. This has been his first year at the helm of this amazing, far-reaching ministry. Rev. Cristales received his ordination credentials just this past year at the Canada Central District Assembly. He represents us well. He will be sharing his NCMC report with us today. His kind spirit and

gentle demeanour go a long way in exhibiting the very presence of Jesus through his work.

I would like to take a moment to recognize those who work tirelessly—boots on the ground—within the NCMC portfolio: **Nicole Solis-Mukhiya** and **Yara Cristales**. I also want to acknowledge **Eric White** and **Aml Nasr**, whose diligent work in tracking finances—money in and money out—is a critical part of this ministry. Alan will share more details in his report, but I want to express my deep respect for each of these individuals. I felt it was important to share that with you.

Before we move on from NCMC, I want to express my appreciation for the **NCMC Committee**—a fine group of leaders who offer wisdom, thought, time, and energy to shaping NCMC into what it is today. These leaders (apart from the Executive Director, Nicole Solis, as one of the Project Managers, and the National Director) are: **Rev. Paula Rideout, Rev. Frank Chouinard, and Dell-Marie Wergeland**.

NATIONAL PERSONNEL

We have a strong team across Canada that works diligently to accomplish the tasks our Father has set before them. Let me share with you who they are.

Nazarene Youth International

Helen Thiessen continues to serve as our Canada Field Youth Coordinator for the USA/Canada NYI Regional Council. Her leadership and encouragement to the district leadership are invaluable, and her representation on the Regional Council is crucial. The district NYI leadership across Canada includes:



Atlantic – Taverlee Wall, Quebec – Rev. Robenson Augustin, Central – Marg Stahlbaum, West – Kenzie Lang, Pacific – Rev. Matt Wood

Nazarene Discipleship International

Rev. Sheri-Lynne Martin serves as Canada's Educational Field Coordinator for the Global NDI. Her heart is for children to know Jesus and for people—young and old—to develop great faith and overflowing love for our Savior, Jesus Christ. She is a dynamic bundle of energy, love, and faith in the Holy Spirit. The district NDI leadership across Canada includes:

Atlantic — Rev. Keely Brower, Quebec — Rev. Jean Lexandre Julien, Central — Jan Ong, West — Rev. Tammy Herbert, Pacific — Yet to be Announced



Nazarene Missions International

Penny Ure, our Canadian Field Representative on the Global NMI Council, is also a powerful influence on the NMI ministry across Canada. Her heart for missions, her love for the Lord, and her amazing joy for life create a formula for great success across this nation in the ministry of Nazarene Missions International. The district NMI leadership across Canada includes:

Atlantic — Rev. Annabella Vasquez de San Jose, Quebec — Rev. Roslyn Dianna Kellman-Bradshaw, Central — Rev. Donna Wilson, West — Myrna Dipert, Pacific — Rev. Anne Scarrow

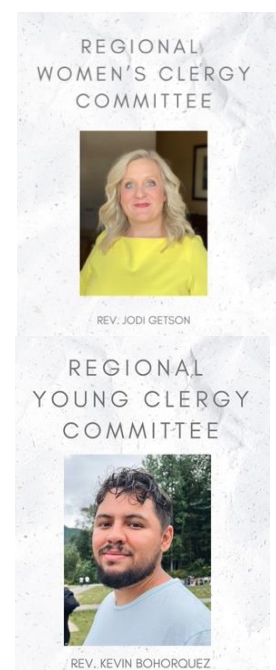


Regional Women's Clergy

Rev. Jodie Getson serves as our Women's Clergy Representative for the Canadian Field. She is a force of nature—overflowing with joy, powerful in faith, and absolutely committed to the work of God in the Church. Her leadership is both dynamic and vital to the ministry of Women in Ministry.

Young Clergy Network

Rev. Davison Kevin Bohorquez serves the Church of the Nazarene Canada as the Young Clergy Council Canada Field Representative. He has a heart for God that is truly inspiring to witness. His testimony speaks powerfully to the depth of God's saving grace, redemption, and healing power. He has been working diligently to cultivate relationships with young leaders through networking, resource sharing, and reinvesting in their lives.





Stewardship Services / Generosity by Design

Dr. Riley Coulter serves in ministry as Director of Stewardship Services and the Interfaith Committee. His ministry within the Church of the Nazarene Canada has been deep and rich for decades. His influence and contributions to the Kingdom cannot be measured in earthly terms—only heaven will reveal the incredible impact of his work in Canada and around the world.

One of the key initiatives within Dr. Coulter's ministry portfolio is *Generosity by Design*. This significant work is a tremendous asset for our congregations, helping them to discover the blessing of stewardship as a way of life.

We are deeply thankful for these leaders and workers serving the Church of the Nazarene here in Canada.

NATIONAL BOARD MEMBERS

I am thankful for the work of our National Board. To our outgoing Chair, **Mr. Brian Cambers**—thank you so much for your leadership over these many years. Brian has served on this board for well over 40 years. His experience and wisdom have been invaluable. I cannot stress enough how important Brian's involvement on the National Board has been. Thank you, Brian, for your many years of faithful service.

I also want to thank our lay representatives: **Naomi Gonzalez** (Canada Central), **Laurie Watton** (Canada West), **Kevin Seibel** (Canada Pacific), and **Wiléne Paul** (Canada Quebec). God has brought together a wonderful team of Christlike leaders. Each one has a deep desire to serve God with faithful diligence to His will.

I am grateful for our outstanding team of District Superintendents: **Rev. Dr. David Skidmore** (Canada Atlantic), **Rev. Randy Barrington** (Canada Quebec), **Rev. Steve Ottley** (Canada Central), **Rev. Rose Brower-Young** (Canada West), and **Rev. Gordon McCann** (Canada Pacific). We place a high value on our ministry partnership.



GENERAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVES

We are well represented, with one lay and one clergy representative from Canada serving on the General Board: **Rose Graham** (Lay) and **Rev. Dale Thistle** (Clergy). I thank both for their faithfulness and diligence in representing Canada so well. They have been elected to a term equivalent to the General Assembly terms. I am grateful for their work and service.



CANADIAN “SPONSORED MISSIONARIES”

In Canada, we have one couple who have taken up the call to serve as Sponsored Missionaries: Reverend Gaston and Lucie Echeguia. They are ministering in the Seville region of Spain. This category of missionary service places the responsibility on the individual(s) to raise their own funds, which must be secured within the boundaries of the district to which the missionary belongs.



The period of service for Sponsored Missionaries spans four years—two years dedicated to raising the necessary support, and two years serving *in country*. Gaston and Lucie are currently in their second year of ministry in a very needy area of the city of Seville. They are also working alongside the West Mediterranean Field Strategy

Coordinator in church planting initiatives in southern Spain.

Let us continue to keep these faithful servants in prayer, asking the Lord to richly bless Pastor Gaston and Lucie in their ministry, and to guide them in all that He may call them to in the coming months.

SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTH COVERAGE

This area of responsibility continues to be a high priority as we seek quality coverage at a fair and reasonable price for all. We are mindful that this “price” is ultimately downloaded to the local church and becomes part of their overall cost in employing a pastor.

Mr. Tom Loudon, owner of Loudenclear Wealth Management, along with Judy Godin—who has journeyed with us since the days of Charterhouse—continue to serve as our direct connection to the company representing us to Canada Life. I am grateful for both Judy and Tom, who represent us with excellence. We meet regularly throughout the year, and they consistently remain well-informed and responsive to all relevant matters.

Effective 1st April 2025, the new premiums for the coming year will be

- Family Coverage: \$432.62 + Tax. This is down from \$412.53 + Tax.
- Single Coverage: \$199.25 + Tax. This is down from \$189.31+ Tax.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLIES 2024

It was a delight to travel across our land with Drs. Carla and Chuck Sunberg—two of the finest leaders I have met anywhere. This was their first jurisdictional trip to Canada, although, as we know, they are not unfamiliar with this country, as Canadian blood flows in their veins. I believe they were able to capture the essence of who we are and where we minister.

The dates and locations of the District Assemblies and Conventions this past year were:

Canada Atlantic District – Oxford, Nova Scotia: May 29 – June 1

Canada Central District - Toronto, Ontario: June 6 - 7

Canada Quebec District – Montreal, Quebec: June 8

Canada West District – Harmattan, Alberta: June 13 - 15

Canada Pacific District - Victoria, British Columbia: June 20 - 22

The time spent talking with pastors and people across our great nation is always a highlight. However, the ultimate highlight in each of these districts is the ordination service. This year, a total of six individuals were either ordained or received credential recognition. Please keep each of them in your prayers:

Canada Atlantic: None

Canada Central: Alan Cristales, Michael Khan

Canada Quebec: Guetude Theagene, Saul Velasquez

Canada West: David Rufus Prathipati

Canada Pacific: Michael Patterson

ALL CANADA PASTOR'S GATHERING

It is always amazing to see our pastors come together for a time of prayer, to hear God's Word of encouragement and challenge, to learn about retirement investing, and simply to enjoy being together. We live in a vast country—stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Arctic to the farthest point south, Fort Erie. It's a challenge to gather all our pastors for encouragement, even virtually. Yet even just seeing familiar faces online, sharing blessings and burdens, and ending in prayer can be profoundly uplifting.

I remember our Zoom gathering in the fall. As we were closing in prayer, I asked if there were any prayer requests. I was amazed at how many pastors reached out privately to share. It reminded me of the deep need for connection and spiritual support among our leaders.

In response to this, the Executive of the National Board has decided to explore the possibility of organizing an All-Canada Conference in 2026. To help lead this initiative, we have hired Sharlene Cunningham as the coordinator. Plans and possibilities are still being developed, and more information will be shared as details come together.

NATIONAL MINISTERIAL ASSESSMENT CENTRE

The concept of Ministerial Assessment has long been a passion of former National Directors—Dr. William Stewart, Dr. Clair MacMillan, and Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick. Through their foundational and ongoing work, we now have a structured way to support the Boards of Ministry across the Canadian field. It is required that, before a Board of Ministry interviews a candidate for a District License, each candidate must attend the Ministerial Assessment Centre.

Our “National” weekend experience this year took place from January 17–19 via Zoom, with 14 candidates in attendance.

I believe this tool offers a vital forum for spiritual assessment, an opportunity to understand our national identity as Nazarenes, and a space where candidates can be introduced to leadership from across Canada—greatly contributing to their spiritual development.

We are indebted to an outstanding logistics committee: Mrs. Rose Graham, Mrs. Claudia Avila, and Mrs. Yara Cristales, for their tireless work. My sincere thanks also go to the Assessment Team of District Superintendents—Rev. Dr. Dave Skidmore, Rev. Steve Ottley, Rev. Rose Brower-Young, Rev. Gordon McCann, and Rev. Randy Barrington—and to the dedicated laypeople from across our country: Mr. Bruce Wergeland (Pacific), Ms. Jennifer Kumm (West), Mr. Steve Clarke (Central), Mr. Ralph Daling (Atlantic), and Mr. Paul Seguin (Quebec).

Additionally, I want to thank Reverends David and Nadine Filsinger, who served as Clifton Strengths Assessors; Rev. Geoffrey Holt, who conducted APEST assessments; Ms. Beyla Moran for assisting with Spanish translation; and Rev. Roland Daoust for helping with French translation.

CLERGY DEVELOPMENT

The Dave and Ruth Holtz Education Endowment was established in 2000 to assist those who are called to full-time ministry in the Church of the Nazarene. This endowment is specifically intended to help fund post-graduate studies. Managed by the Church of the Nazarene – Canada, the fund is overseen by a Foundation Board of Directors, which reviews applications and letters of recommendation submitted by the applicants’ District Superintendents.

The annual interest yield allows us to provide support in the amount of \$2,500 to a maximum of three successful applicants each year. We are deeply grateful to Ruth and Dave for their visionary investment in the lives and ministries of others.

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS

Communication resources are invaluable in telling the story of God at work in the lives of His people, both here in Canada and through the global ministry of the Canadian Church. These stories, conveyed through words and images, speak powerfully of God's grace and mission. Thank you to Yara Cristales for her dedicated work in these essential areas.

As we look to the future, it is vital that we deepen our engagement with people across Canada by sharing how God is working in and through the Church of the Nazarene. As many of you are already aware, recent resolutions presented to the Government of Canada as part of upcoming budget considerations propose removing "the advancement of religion" as a recognized charitable purpose and revoking charitable status for "anti-abortion" organizations (Resolutions 429 & 430).

At this time, these are only recommendations and do not carry the force of law. The finance minister is not obligated to adopt them. However, if accepted, these changes could have a devastating impact on religious charities and destabilize the broader charitable sector. The Office of the National Director is part of a larger coalition of national leaders from various denominations who are currently exploring long-term strategies and identifying potential risks on the horizon.

This situation highlights the growing importance and potential of national communications. In the coming year, and with the approval of the board, I propose the development of a dedicated arm of ministry focused on sharing the good work of the Church of the Nazarene in Canada by every available means. Yara Cristales has agreed to lead this new Ministry of Communication. A brief overview of its scope includes three main areas:

1. Video Communications

This will focus on stories where the Church of the Nazarene has been—and continues to be—actively involved in humanitarian work. These include street ministry, thrift shops, feeding the hungry, and developing the work of NCMC both locally and globally, all with integrity and clarity.

2. Grant Writing

As many of you know, we have acquired a grant writing program and are currently in the training phase. This initiative holds significant potential for supporting and expanding the work of the Church of the Nazarene across Canada.

3. Nazarene News/ Website/ Social Media

Our forward-looking strategy involves providing timely, relevant resources to the Canadian church. This will include interviews with leading Nazarene theologians, church planters, and other key resource personnel, delivered through various digital platforms.

NATIONAL VISION STATEMENT

**We, the people in Canada called, NAZARENES,
Commit ourselves to ...**

**Obedying the Father, By Engaging in Intentional Evangelism,
Honouring the Son, By Experiencing and Promoting The Holy Life,
Living by the Spirit, By Raising a Generation of Competent And Spirit-Filled leaders.**

Several years ago, Dr. Bill Stewart worked through the formation of this National Vision Statement. I believe that almost every year after that, it has been reviewed and prayed over. This year has been no exception. As I thought and spoke to the Father about this National Vision Statement, a few questions began to stir within me.

“We the people in Canada called, Nazarenes, ...” A year ago, as I started down this road, taking over from Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick, who left very large shoes to fill—I began asking the question, “What does it mean to be a Nazarene Pastor in Canada?” Indeed, what does it mean to be part of the people called Nazarenes, specifically in Canada? At first, it didn’t seem to be that big of a question; however, as time went on and I raised this question across the country, I was surprised at how it resonated in many hearts. Across the country, there seemed to be a lack of understanding of just what it means to be a Nazarene. Curiously, many people defined this by who we are not. We are not Baptist, and we are not Pentecostal; we are something in between. Indeed, we might say we view ourselves as the “In-betweeners.”

Throughout the year, in many conversations, I tried to have people describe for me what it means to be a Nazarene, using only a positive perspective. In other words, I asked people (primarily pastors) to describe for me what it means to be who we are without comparing ourselves to any other denomination or country. The conversation usually ended with the words, “This would be helpful to know.”

“We the people in Canada, called Nazarenes...” What does it mean to be Canadian? What does it mean to be a Canadian Nazarene Pastor? What is the context in which the Church in Canada operates? Big questions!

To be Canadian means we are citizens of one of the largest landmasses in the world. Our country stretches from the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the Arctic to the southern point of our border at Fort Erie, Ontario. Canada has 9,984,670 square kilometres; from the Atlantic to the Pacific, it spans 5,514 kilometres, and from the northernmost point (Cape Columbia on Ellesmere Island, Nunavut) to the southernmost point (Middle Island, Lake Erie, Ontario) is about 4,634 kilometres.

How can we describe the vastness of this country? We describe it in terms of travel times—how long it takes to get anywhere. We describe it in terms of time zones for Zoom meetings. We describe it in terms of flight costs, regional foods, provincial accents, linguistic barriers, and the flowers of spring—the list goes on.

How does this relate to being a Nazarene in Canada? It means you’ve probably been on a Zoom call where it’s lunchtime on the East Coast, and breakfast coffee time on the West Coast. Over this vast expanse, there is a thread we unconsciously but tightly cling to: the thread of being Nazarene.

To be a Canadian Nazarene is to celebrate the thread of the Kingdom of God, woven into our Nazarene DNA, from sea to shining sea.

Canada's population today sits at about 41,528,680, according to Statistics Canada. The population density remains low, with approximately 4 people per square kilometre. Spread out over this vast territory, there are roughly 200 churches and missions under the banner of the Church of the Nazarene, with around 12,000 members. According to the 2024 GMC records, Churches of the Nazarene across Canada raised for all purposes \$17,351,225.75 CAD. Of this, \$759,378.31 CAD was raised for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF), representing 4.4% of the total raised for all purposes. Additionally, monies raised for Approved Specials equalled \$872,156.73 CAD. Together, these two categories represent 9.4% of all monies raised. To put this in perspective: compared to our U.S. counterparts, Canada in 2024 exceeded U.S. per capita giving for "others" by 2.5%. This is significant. **To be a Canadian Nazarene is to give generously to missions!**

Canada's political and social context is characterized by its commitment to multiculturalism, bilingualism, and a parliamentary democracy reflecting its British colonial heritage. Politically, Canada operates under a constitutional monarchy with a federal system where power is shared between national and provincial governments. This structure allows for regional diversity and autonomy, particularly in Quebec, where French is the official language, and cultural preservation remains a significant political issue.

Socially, Canada is recognized for its inclusive policies and stance on issues such as healthcare, education, and immigration, fostering a society of diversity and equality. The country's Indigenous communities play a crucial role in shaping its social landscape, with ongoing efforts to address historical injustices and promote reconciliation.

Overall, Canada's distinctiveness lies in its attempts to balance unity and diversity, attempting to create a cohesive yet pluralistic society.

To be a Canadian is to live in a country understanding we are ALL from somewhere else.

To be a Canadian Nazarene is to hear many different languages in our churches and in our meetings, and we rejoice in this!

Canada's position on Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) has significantly shaped its societal ethics. Legalized in 2016 and expanded in subsequent years, to date, 60,301 persons have used the government-sponsored MAID program to end their lives. By comparison, California, having roughly the same population, recorded 4,233 assisted deaths since beginning its End-of-Life Options Act in 2016.

Looking further abroad, Canada has now surpassed the Netherlands (58,000 cases) in total assisted deaths during the same timeframe (2016–2023), making Canada the leading country in government-assisted death.

To be Canadian is to live in a country that has become Number One in Government-Assisted death.

To be a Canadian Nazarene is to mourn this very fact.

According to the 2021 Canadian census, approximately 100,815 individuals aged 15 and older identified as transgender or non-binary. This includes 59,460 transgender individuals (0.19% of the population) and 41,355 non-binary individuals (0.14%). A significant portion of transgender and non-binary individuals are younger, with 62% under the age of 35. Among youth ages 12 to 17, approximately 0.2% identify as transgender and 0.2% as non-binary (Canada.ca: Gender identity and sexual attraction among Canadian youth).

To be Canadian is to live in a society where issues of sexual identity are real, and the political climate is inclusive and affirming.

As followers of Jesus, where do we fit?

Most often, we tend to avoid this subject at all costs because we don't know what to say.

Recently, I participated in a conversation with a deeply affirming group. It was strong, real, and at times heated. In the end, I realized: we are not that different.

I asked: "Do you love people?" They said yes.

I said, "I love people."

I asked: "Do you want to help people?" They said yes.

I said, "I want to help people."

The difference between us was *how* we hoped to help people. I wanted to place a fence at the top of the cliff; they wanted to have an ambulance at the bottom of the cliff after the damage was done.

There is a place in Canada for the transformational work of the Holiness doctrine we subscribe to. Let me be clear: I am not talking about defining terms through the lens of 1950s Canada. I am referring to leading people to Jesus and showing them the well of living water that transforms them into who they were created to be.

To be Canadian is to help people of all walks of life, like Jesus.

To be a Canadian Nazarene is to walk with Jesus in transformational holiness daily.

Canada's housing landscape is marked by ongoing affordability challenges, a significant homelessness issue, and a deepening working-poverty crisis. In 2023, an estimated 118,329 people experienced homelessness in emergency shelters, up from 105,655 in 2022. Approximately 20% of Canada's homeless population comprises youth aged 13–24. On an average night in 2023, approximately 16,627 people were staying in shelters.

In Ontario alone, a 2024 report from the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) found that more than 80,000 people were homeless—a number that has grown by 25% since 2022. "The crisis stems from decades of underinvestment in deeply affordable housing, income support, mental health, and addictions

treatment, combined with escalating economic pressures" (AMO). Without significant intervention, homelessness in Canada could double in the next decade.

To be Canadian is to live with the realization that worsening economic times are a reality. To be a Canadian Nazarene is to seek tangible, long-lasting ways to help the hopeless and the homeless.

Canada's current government has recommended two resolutions for the House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance's pre-budget recommendations for 2025, both aimed directly at the Church.

- **Resolution 429** proposes revoking the charitable status of organizations opposing abortion. This has sparked concern among religious and pro-life groups, who argue it will limit freedom of expression and religious practice.
- **Resolution 430** calls to amend the Income Tax Act to redefine "charity," removing the "advancement of religion" as a charitable purpose.

To be Canadian is to live in a country that is becoming more pre-Christian than ever before. To be a Canadian Nazarene is to prepare to strengthen the Church to weather the coming storm—and to prepare for a great harvest of lost souls in our pre-Christian context.

Of Canada's population of 41.5 million, the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada estimates that only 10–12% identify as evangelical Christians—about 4 to 5 million people. Canada is rapidly moving beyond a post-Christian status and entering into a *pre-Christian* culture.

To be Canadian is to live in a country where fewer and fewer people know the difference between Bible stories and fairy tales from Disneyland.

To be a Canadian Nazarene is to commit to putting on the full armour of God and engaging our lost country!

This is Canada. What does it mean to be a Canadian Nazarene?

It means: **"We the People in Canada, called Nazarenes, commit ourselves to..."**

Obeying the Father.

In the context of our mission field, through intentional evangelism. We commit to planting, watering, and harvesting — whatever is needed — in our own towns, cities, and communities. We commit to being ready, willing, and looking for opportunities to share the gospel of God's love wherever it's needed and in whatever form possible — even if it means sitting quietly at the bedside of a MAID participant, praying for the Father to intercede.

Honouring the Son.

**By experiencing Transformational Holiness ourselves. I weep over this... Start with us!
How can we lead others to a place of transformation if we have not gone there ourselves?**

For too long, the Church has been known for what we *don't* do. It's time to be known for *what we do* — and for *who we are* in Christ. We are a transformed people, through Him.

Living by the Spirit.

Be that person in Christ! Anyone can learn to manage administrative tasks or raise money. That's not what we are about. The Spirit calls to us: walk on the water, calm the storm, stand in the gap. Be more about inviting the Presence of God than performing a service. Raise up the coming generation of Spirit-filled leaders through your example, more than just your words.

While there is much more I could say, I will end this report here. I deeply appreciate each one of you. Your dedication to the Kingdom and the Church of the Nazarene is exemplary. We stand on the threshold of difficult days in Canada. As our national context shifts, let me leave you with this one thought:

**We have no right to the GREAT COMMISSION of
Going to Preach the Gospel,
Baptizing in the Name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
Teaching all He has commanded.**

**If we have not first paid attention to the first part of this GREAT COMMISSION
and if we do not live under the context of Jesus' words in Matthew 28:18,
"Jesus came to them and said,
'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me. THEREFORE GO...'"**

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John D. Allen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Report of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada (NCM Canada)

Grace and peace to each of you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is with joy and a deep sense of responsibility that I present this 2024 summary report on behalf of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada (NCM Canada). As a ministry of the Church of the Nazarene Canada, our mission remains to “make Christlike disciples in the nations.” Our vision is the total transformation of individuals, families, and communities. How do we do this? As part of the Global Nazarene Missions Network and by working with and through local churches in Canada and around the world.

This year has been marked by compassion in action—across Canada and around the globe. Through partnership, prayer, and persistent faith, God has continued to multiply our efforts and deepen our impact.

Transformative Projects Around the World

In 2024, NCM Canada supported over 25 projects/church-led responses in more than a dozen countries, including creative access areas.

Highlights include:

- **Africa:** In Kenya and Malawi, conservation agriculture projects expanded, helping communities combat food insecurity with sustainable farming techniques. In Kenya’s Turkana region, a cash transfer project enabled families to weather the hunger season while transitioning into long-term agricultural training. In Eswatini, a shipping container filled with literacy supplies supported 34 primary schools.
- **Asia-Pacific:** In the Philippines, Shechem House continued rescuing children from cybersex trafficking, providing them with love, safety, and spiritual restoration. Renovations and a vehicle purchase are underway to further this mission. In a creative access area, we supported a ministry that offered safe housing and Christian discipleship to university students from remote villages.
- **Middle East and Africa:** We continued with our commitment to pastoral training in Jordan bringing in over 300 learners from 17 countries. We also continued with our support to two Nazarene schools serving vulnerable children, including many refugees. In Africa’s creative access areas, an Oral Theological Education program reached over 7,400 students in at least 9 countries, equipping the current and next generation of church leaders.
- **Canada:** We partnered with local ministries addressing human trafficking, such as Rising Angels in Ontario, and supported transitional housing for survivors of domestic violence through local church initiatives. Agricultural growing projects like Grow Hope Markdale and Seeds of Life raised more than \$60,000 collectively for global food security programming through our CFGB partnership.

Strategic Development and Canadian Engagement

In 2024, we made significant progress towards our Strategic Plan (2021-2025), focusing on:

- Deepening alignment with our mission, vision, and the global Nazarene church.
- Expanding impactful programming through agriculture, anti-human trafficking, and leadership development.
- Strengthening relationships with Canadian districts and churches of all languages, cultures, ethnicities and sizes.

We are grateful to the many churches that hosted us during District Assemblies, Faith Promise weekends, Family Camps and Mission's events. These gatherings helped us listen, learn, connect and share stories of God's redemptive work in real time. We are exploring new partnerships in South America, Meso-America, Papua New Guinea, and Indigenous Canadian communities among others. These emerging areas are part of our vision to be responsive to God's leading and ready to serve in new contexts.

Reflections on God's Faithfulness

2024 was a year of transition, growth, and renewed clarity. It was my first full year serving as Executive Director, and I've been humbled by God's unwavering faithfulness. As Proverbs 16:9 reminds us, "The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." Through challenges and celebrations alike, we've witnessed God orchestrating new opportunities and calling us to deeper dependence on Him.

I have seen firsthand how your support, through prayer, giving, and engagement, has changed lives. I have met vulnerable children growing into all that God has created them to be, pastors trained to lead with courage, families fed and sheltered, and churches empowered to live compassion as a lifestyle. These testimonies are only possible through our collective obedience to Christ's call.

What is next?

Seeking the Lord in prayer, through scripture, and in unity is always next – and it is essential. In 2025, we are asking God to help us discern the way forward. We are planning for a time of strategic planning and spiritual refreshment at our annual face to face meetings in the fall.

We invite you to journey with us. Whether through prayer, partnership, or participation, there is a place for everyone in the ministry of compassion. Thank you for your unwavering support, encouragement, and prayers. Let us press on together, embodying the love of Christ to a hurting world - believing in faith that God is doing a new thing in and through us.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Alan Cristales

Executive Director, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada

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Ambrose University Report

This is my first report to the national board of the Church of the Nazarene Canada, coming to you at the end of a whirlwind “freshman” year of my presidency – a season of so many firsts, and new experiences; of feeling out of my comfort zone, but also feeling embraced and welcomed by new colleagues and old friends alike. Thank you for your support and encouragement as I learn more about one of our founding denominations and hear about your hopes and dreams for your Canadian field school.

An update on activities at Ambrose for the past year follows.

1. Student Body

The table below provides the total, unduplicated headcount for the past three academic years by faculty, undergraduate, and graduate.

Full-Year Enrolment Headcount*

Year	Arts & Science	School of Business	School of Ministry	Undergrad Open Studies	Education After Degree	Seminary	Total Unduplicated Headcount
2021-2022	387	93	68	38	115	346	1047
2022-2023	342	102	48	70	145	319	1026
2023-2024	312	85	27	54	107	329	914

**“Full-year” covers the period May (Spring semester) to April (Winter semester) in each academic year.*

“Open Studies” means that a student has not declared their major and, therefore, cannot be assigned to a Faculty

The unduplicated headcount report, summarized above, indicates that unduplicated headcount dipped below 1,000 for the first time since we started tracking this number. However, this would, in part, be reflective of the decreased enrolment during the pandemic years working its way through the system. So, while concerning, we are hopeful that this is not an emerging trend that will perpetuate. Our Spring 2024 semester – the modular classes that take place in May and June each year – saw higher numbers than anticipated.

Despite a record year for new-student enrolment, Fall 2024 enrolment at the undergraduate level was essentially flat and Seminary enrolment declined a little—although much of that can be attributed to a relatively large graduating class in the Spring, and the cap on international student visas by the federal government. Nevertheless, we had a total of 133 international students at Ambrose in the Fall, with a sizeable proportion of those at the seminary: of the 197 students enrolled at the seminary, 72 were international students. The business program has also attracted international students, with 21 of the 95 students enrolled in the Fall requiring a study permit. International student numbers declined further in the Winter semester, partly due to changes in visa renewal rules, and partly because exchange rate sensitivities made tuition unaffordable for some. While we do have a range of scholarships and bursaries that support students, these can only go so far.

A concerning trend – although one that is not exclusive to Ambrose – is the continued decline in enrolment in the School of Ministry. We value this direct pathway to church ministry for our students. We continue to explore ways to partner with our denominations in finding a cost-effective, accessible, and innovative program delivery model of pastoral formation and clergy development for the future.

Overall, despite some encouraging gains in business and education, we were unable to meet our enrolment targets for the year, which has had budget implications.

In Spring 2024 we celebrated the graduation of 189 students – 49 of whom graduated with an Arts and Science degree; 16 from the School of Business; 9 from the School of Ministry; 56 with the Bachelor of Education After-Degree; and 59 from the seminary. We held three separate ceremonies over two weekends: Education on Friday evening, April 26th, and the undergraduate and seminary celebrations on Saturday, May 4th. The outgoing president, Rev. Dr. Gordon T Smith, provided the Commencement Address at each ceremony. For 2025, we will have our largest ever graduating class – close to 230 eligible to graduate – and we have taken the decision to move graduation off-site and have one ceremony rather than the three separate ceremonies we have had in previous years. We will be holding the event at First Alliance Church in Calgary and we are delighted to have Rev. Dr. Filimão Chambo, a General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene Canada, as our 2025 graduation speaker.

It is still early in the season to have an accurate picture of Fall 2025 recruitment, but most undergraduate programs are essentially flat at this stage, with some small gains in the Education program and some reductions in business and social sciences. Seminary applications are down and overall, applications from international students are running at less than half that received at the same stage last year. This has the biggest impact on the Seminary, although it also accounts for some of the weaknesses in business applications as well. Our very committed and professional enrolment team continues to work hard to attract new students, including some restructuring of our scholarship awards to attract and retain students (we have 1.3 million dollars' worth of scholarships for this coming academic year).

2. Personnel Transitions

With my move into the President's role, the Dean of Theology position was left vacant. After an extensive search, I appointed Rev. Dr. Rob Snow to the position. Dr. Snow is an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene, has been a long-time faculty member at Ambrose, loves the Church and has a deep passion for working with our founding denominations in clergy development.

While reviewing the structure of the Dean's office, it became apparent that there would be immense benefit in a new role to oversee the strategic initiatives of the Faculty of Theology and to contribute to the area of pastoral theology. On October 1st Rev. Dr. Stuart Williams joined Ambrose as Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology and Vice Dean of Theology. Dr. Williams holds a Doctor of Ministry from the Nazarene Theological Seminary, where he was awarded a Dissertation of Distinction for his work "The Intercultural Congregation: Thinking, Living and Loving Racial Diversity with the Local Church: Developing an Intercultural Ministry Framework for Life Together." For the past 15 years, Stuart has served as the

Senior Pastor at Skyview Community Church of the Nazarene in Calgary. He has taught courses in our Faculty of Theology, at Point Loma Nazarene University, and is a sought-after conference speaker.

As part of my commitment to the continued building of Ambrose as a Christ-centered university, I restructured the Campus Chaplain position and appointed Rev. Chris King as Director of Spiritual Life and Campus Pastor in August 2024. Chris is a licensed and ordained pastor with the Pentecostal Assembly of Canada and has been a pastor with The Alliance Canada. Chris came to Ambrose from the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, where he led large events and equipped youth and young adults for evangelism and discipleship.

To provide additional bench strength in the spiritual life department, Rev. Dr. Ian Trigg was appointed to the part-time position of Campus Care Pastor and Church Relations Specialist. Ian has been an Alliance pastor for many years and most recently served as District Superintendent of the Central Canadian District of Alliance Canada.

One of the most significant personnel transitions since our last report to the national board is that of VP Finance, Steve Larkin. Steve joined us in January 2022, but in June 2024 advised us of his decision to resign and to move on to new challenges.

Although we launched an immediate search, we were unable to attract a suitable candidate for a VP-level replacement and so we pivoted to a new role: Director of Finance, with divisional leadership provided by our Executive Vice President for Operations, Myles Nelson. The search for a Director still took a number of months to reach a successful conclusion, but we were delighted to welcome Karen Alvarez Diaz to the role on February 18th. Karen has extensive experience in running a Finance office, along with familiarity with the post-secondary context: she came to us from Canadian Mennonite University. Even in the few weeks, she has been with us, Karen has made a positive impact on some of the processes within the department and has shown a keen understanding of what is needed from the finance office.

We are so very grateful to board member and Chair of the board Finance and Audit Committee, Janet Kirby from Kelowna, BC, for stepping into the breach to act as Interim Director of Finance during the period of vacancy from July 2024 – February 2025.

At the very end of 2024, Dr. Alan Ho, Associate Professor of Psychology, retired after close to 20 years with Ambrose University. Alan's expertise is in psychobiology and visual neuroscience, and he was – and is! – passionate about passing on his knowledge to the next generation of psychologists and behavioural scientists. We celebrated his retirement with a presidential reception in late January—to mark this new season in his life and to let him know that we are tremendously grateful to Alan for his many years of service at Ambrose.

3. Board Developments

On the theme of transitions, COTN Canada has, of course, seen its own transition in leadership in the past year. Rev. Dr. Fitzpatrick served with distinction, and we were pleased to be able to take some time at our Spring 2024 meeting to express our appreciation for him and all that he accomplished as National Director. And then at the Fall meeting, we were delighted to be able to welcome new National Director Rev. Mark Collins onto our board as an *ex officio* member. We look forward to a continuing warm relationship with the Church of the Nazarene Canada.

Additionally, two board members reached term limits in June 2024 and concluded their time on the board: Cal Buss and Larry Koop. Joining the board with effect from July 1 were Alison Lefebvre – with deep Nazarene roots – Kevin Seibel, a realtor from Victoria, BC and member of Victoria First Church of the Nazarene, and Dr. Gregory Kline, an endocrinologist from Calgary.

Looking ahead, we have no planned transitions in 2025, with the exception of the Alliance-appointed district superintendent representative, due for a change in the summer.

4. Memorandum of Understanding

We are very grateful to Rev. Collins and to the district superintendents for the successful negotiation of a renewed Memorandum of Understanding between the COTN Canada and Ambrose University. This MOU aligns Ambrose further with the vision, mission, and programs of the COTN. As part of the agreement, we will also host and facilitate the newly developed Modular Course of Study, tailored specifically for the Canadian context. This will serve as a key pathway for Nazarene clergy preparation, ensuring a stronger future for ministry training and leadership development.

5. Denominational Connections

In my first year as president, I have intentionally made denominational connections a priority. It has made for a very busy year of travel, but it has been very worthwhile and has allowed a good two-way flow of information and understanding. A quick snapshot of Nazarene events attended:

- May 2024 – *Shaping the Future of Theological Education in the COTN* consultation, Estes Park, CO
- June 2024 – CWD Assembly, Camp Harmattan, AB
- June 2024 – CPD Assembly, Victoria, BC
- July 2024 – CAD Family Camp, Oxford, NS
- August 2024 – IBOE Presidents Retreat, NB
- August 2024 – Digital Discipleship Course, Kansas City, MO (contributed to video for course)
- October 2024 – District Superintendents' meeting, Whitehorse, YT
- December 2024 – IBOE Council of Education, Kansas City, MO
- January 2025 – CPD Clergy & Spouses Retreat (plenary speaker), Cedar Springs, WA

In the coming months, I anticipate attending the 2025 iteration of the theological education consultation, district assemblies in as many districts as will have me there, and I am particularly looking forward to speaking at this year's CAD family camp in July.

Additionally, I was pleased to be invited to speak at Skyview Community Church in Calgary, Edmonton First Church of the Nazarene, The Bridge Community Church in Lethbridge, and, upcoming, Calgary First Church of the Nazarene.

As a first-time president, I, and the Ambrose board of governors, recognized that I would benefit from some form of coaching and mentorship. I was thrilled when Rev. Dr. Bob Brower, recently retired president of Point Loma Nazarene University, agreed to act in that capacity. Point Loma is somewhat analogous to Ambrose – albeit on a much larger scale! – and Dr. Brower has been a great fit with me and with the institution. I also stay connected with Rev. Dr. Riley Coulter, known to you all I am sure, and one of my predecessors at Ambrose. I am grateful to both men for their willingness to share their expertise and wisdom with me in this season.

6. Financial Update

Current projections anticipate a modest deficit at year-end. Although the board approved a balanced budget in April 2024, we did not see the enrolment growth projected, and an aggressive target for donation revenue did not come to fruition – although our faithful and committed donors continued to give at their regular levels, and we did not lose any gifts of significance. All divisions have made significant cuts to spending in order to minimize the deficit – leaving vacant positions unfilled; and postponing major projects and repairs – but without causing significant harm to the institution, it was not possible to balance the budget for the current year.

We are presently engaged in the budget process for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, with a proposed budget being presented to the board in mid-April. We have made some changes to the process this year that will hopefully make the institution less vulnerable to the volatility of enrolment and donations revenue.

One small encouragement was that in late February the Provincial government provided a small increase in our operating grant – the first increase since 2022 – which will help to alleviate the impact of some decreased revenues during the current and upcoming fiscal years.

7. Campus Expansion

Last year we reported that the business building was on track to be open for the Fall 2024 semester. Although we did not receive an occupancy permit by the start of classes, it was just a few days later that we were able to celebrate the official opening of the building, and the School of Business moved into its dedicated home. Events for the official opening included a panel discussion with local business leaders – including some alumni – and the official dedication ceremony – held outside, despite early-season snow! – and a cupcake feast for students, staff and visitors alike. It was a joy to see the conclusion of a project that included a lot of hard work, setbacks, and delays, but the business students are delighted to have their own space, and the classrooms are also well used by other programs.

We were able to raise more than 70% of the funding needed prior to starting construction, and we have raised a significant amount since, but unfortunately cost overruns and delays, as well as some additional items the city required in order to sign off the project, meant that the project ended with around a \$500,000 deficit.

8. Events

The Deeper Life conference in mid-September featured Rev. Domenic Ruso from The 180 church in Montreal. He spoke to *Jesus at the Centre* with a plenary session, a panel discussion, and an evening rally attended by many from the local community as well as students, faculty and staff. What a blessing to see so many students worshipping and learning about living a Christ-centred life.

The Downey Lectureship for 2024 was delivered by Rev. Jenny Matheny (former Old Testament professor at Nazarene Theological Seminary) who spoke about Covenant (*hesed*) and how this relates to the themes of the Old Testament and Bible more broadly. The title for the Lectureship was *The Old Testament's Greatest Plot Twist*. Dr. Matheny delivered two lectures and spoke in chapel. Looking ahead to the 2025 lectures, Dr. Ellen Davis from Duke Divinity School will join us in late October.

The Fall semester brings myriad other events on campus, ranging from the Fall Kick-Off event for students – in 2024 a “Party with the President”, a games-themed afternoon – to Arts productions, athletics home openers, and events in recognition of Truth and Reconciliation Day. I commend our faculty and staff who work hard to facilitate these events, on top of their regular responsibilities.

The Ambrose Pastors’ Conference is happening on March 13th, and we look forward to welcoming a record number of participants to campus for this all-day event featuring Ken Shigematsu, Mark Buchanan, and Stu Williams. We are delighted to see this event grow and reach beyond Calgary, with participants travelling to Calgary for this event, where we focus on encouraging and equipping pastors for their calling.

The Ambrose Research Conference (ARC) theme for this year is “Technology and the Human Experience: Navigating Connection in a Fragmented World”. The focus is on the psychological, social, and existential impacts of living in a world increasingly mediated by digital platforms, emphasizing the need to ensure that technology enhances rather than diminishes meaningful human connections. ARC is on March 26th this year.

9. Conclusion

I want to say “thank you” for the kind and warm welcome into the Nazarene family. You have opened doors, welcomed me into conversation and extended grace and friendship. I can’t thank you enough. I was so pleased to have so many Nazarene representatives at my Installation service in October. Thank you for your friendship, partnership and trust. I hold this close and seek to honour it into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bryce Ashlin-Mayo (Rev.), DMin
President

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General Board Church of the Nazarene Report

INTRODUCTION

The 101st session of the General Board for the Church of the Nazarene Inc. was held in Johannesburg, South Africa. This represents only the second time that the Board has met outside of the USA (the first being in the Netherlands in 2016). This also represents the second such session for Rose and the seventh session for Dale. In addition to full participation in the plenary sessions of the Board, we were privileged to serve on the Finance & Administration Committee (Rose) and as Chair of the Global Missions Committee and on the Executive Committee (Dale) --- all of which continue to provide a rich blend of insight and inspiration on many levels.

The following represents a brief synopsis of some key highlights of these 2025 General Board and Committee sessions:

1. CONCERT OF PRAYER led by our Board of General Superintendents launched the first plenary gathering, bringing the diverse representation of the global board together in intercession for the global Church, our leadership in each global region, and our ministries all around the world. Additionally, moments of special prayer focuses (*including those many places experiencing internal and external conflicts, wars, social injustices and other adversities*), arose spontaneously throughout the days either during plenary or committee meetings. In the midst of all matters of business, we were humbly and repeatedly reminded of the source in which all the Church's power and provisions is found.

2. BOARD AND COMMITTEE ORIENTATIONS - Following extensive board and committee orientations included in the previous year's board session, this year briefer orientation summaries were provided in advance via videos and slides on the General Board cloud for members to be refreshed in our understanding of the unique purpose, composition and organizational nature of the General Board and its various standing committees, including the full scope of the board's fiduciary, legal, and advisory roles, along with related relationships and responsibilities with regards to all Nazarene partner organizations globally.

3. "CENTRES OF HOLY FIRE" (THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BGS) presented by Dr. Carla Sunberg was, once again, one of the outstanding inspirational highlights of the entire General Board gathering. This "State of the Church" type of report (*now available to the Church*) contained an insightful synopsis of various significant happenings throughout the global Church this past year. While the report began with various acknowledgments, words of appreciation, personnel welcomes and farewells, in memoriam tributes, stewardship update, global ministry highlights, and more --- the heartbeat of the report was centered on the calling, opportunities and challenges we have throughout the Church to make and sustain "*centres of holy fire*" throughout all levels of the Church. Included in this Spirit-anointed presentation was the acknowledgment of the ever-increasing challenge of holding fast to our core identity against the backdrop of an ever-changing cultural landscape, and in the face of rising societal indifference, opposition and persecution. Against the background of some very real-world challenges we are facing (*spotlighted in the report*) we must remain resolute in holding fast to the core commitments of our founders, and to

rediscover and boldly tell our holiness story, as we continue to engage our vision *“to make Christlike disciples in the nations”*. In the report Dr. Sunberg spotlights examples of holy fire resurgence throughout the Church all around the world, which only serves to excite our spirit as the Church today, and incites in us a renewed confidence in the promise of the future that lies before us. The report also cites some key challenges that face us as the Church and some priority tasks before us in the immediate and long-term days ahead. Finally, in a powerful moment of transparent confession surrounding our failings as a Church to be a clearer voice against social injustices in past seasons of Africa’s history, God’s Spirit fell upon the gathering in an emotional but truly liberating visitation, bringing with it a moving exchange of genuine confession and forgiveness. The plenary floor was transformed into its own “centre of holy fire”. It is hoped that, as many of our church leaders and constituency as possible, will read and reflect honestly and prayerfully upon full content of this BGS annual report.

4. GENERAL BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES (EXECUTIVE, GLOBAL ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE ; GLOBAL EDUCATION & CLERGY DEVELOPMENT; GLOBAL MISSIONS; LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRIES (plus special sub-committees) – The work of each of these committees remains at the core of General Board activity, and encapsulates the bulk of the Board’s formal assigned responsibilities. The various committee reports thereby generate much of the implementing legislation and plenary business of the board. Many significant items of legislative business coming through these committees were addressed.

5. GLOBAL MISSIONS COMMITTEE – As the Chair of this committee (Dale), I would provide this added comment. Once again, one of the outstanding annual highlights of this Committee’s work is always the interviews and conversations with new candidates for commissioning and retiring missionaries concluding their tenure of service. The testimonies of their unique callings, life stories, ministry experiences, heart passions, missional insights, lessons learned, and more expressed by these new and seasoned missionaries were both inspiring and insightful on so many levels --- and only serves to better inform and shape the pathway for global missionary recruitment, strategies and personnel assignments/deployments going forward. The Saturday evening **Global Church Commissioning Service** was another incredible God-moment where 13 new missionaries were commissioned to service, and 5 missionary couples honoured in retirement. This inspiring service will be made available for viewing in coming days.

6. “THE CAUSE” (A NEW GLOBAL MISSIONS VISION) was presented and enthusiastically embraced by the Global Missions Committee and the entire General Board. It is a faith-filled and strategic vision to raise up a new generation of Nazarene missionaries around the world for “the Cause” of the King and His Kingdom. Next steps in the communication and initial implementation of this exciting new missional movement will be forthcoming in the months ahead.

7. GLOBAL MISSIONS DIRECTOR, REGIONAL DIRECTORS, AUXILIARY LEADERS, AND OTHER LEADERSHIP REPORTS were certainly among the many outstanding highlights of the General Board plenary and committee sessions. There are countless highlights contained in these respective reports as well as many points of future challenges and concerns calling for much prayer, reflection and wise actions going forward. If there was a common thread throughout all reports it was that, in the midst of all the very real and formidable challenges being currently faced by the global Church, we can truly celebrate the fresh, bold

and creative new ways of doing ministry that church leaders and laity alike have embraced for the sake of bringing the redemptive Gospel message to the world. Even in such a time as this, we celebrate how Christ is still building His Church in every region of this world. Written and oral reports of many of our global officers and leaders were reviewed and received with gratitude to God and our leaders.

8. STEWARDSHIP --- The report of our General Treasurer (*coupled with other ministry specific reports and testimonials*) was reflective of God's continued and amazing provision for His Church. Against the backdrop of real post-pandemic challenges, Nazarenes continue to remain faithful in giving. After many years of flatlining or decline, giving to World Evangelism Fund (WEF) increased in 2024 by about \$1.5 million or 3.4% to about 38.5 million. Other global missions giving also edged upwards. Additionally, investment returns showed sharp increases in both our pension and operating pools. The leadership and energy of our new Stewardship Director, Geoff Kunselman and his team is also making a notable mark upon matters of stewardship education, initiatives, resources, and various donor giving throughout all levels of the Church and our grassroots constituency. This is a new breath of promise for the Church going forward. We celebrate every way Jehovah-Jireh continues to provide for His Church all around the world!

9. STUDY ON GENERAL CHURCH FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY & MISSION FUNDING MODELS - While we are grateful to see that World Evangelism Fund giving has remained relatively stable (*even increasing in 2024*), the year to year effect of inflation and resulting decreasing real capacity of these funds has highlighted the need to evaluate serious issues of future sustainability for funding our mission through the World Evangelism fund as it is currently structured. A full BGS study was requested one year ago by the General Board to thoroughly address this most pressing issue of church financial sustainability and mission funding models, and was to explore a wide spectrum of stewardship vision and strategies for the long term. The initial report flowing from out of this study was presented to the Board at this session receiving the Board's enthusiastic and full endorsement. The contents of the study report along with next steps implementation will be properly communicated to leadership and constituency in the months ahead.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION – This General Board gathering concluded with a very significant and confidential executive session where board members engaged the members of the BGS in a vibrant confidential conversation on a variety of topics and issues, out of which the BGS will give consideration and respond with necessary follow-up conversations or actions to be further addressed and reported on going forward.

CONCLUSION

We count it a great privilege to serve on the General Board. We continue to learn and grow in our understanding of, and appreciation for, the workings of the Church on every level. These General Board and Committee sessions have, once again, only served to broaden and deepen so many of our own perspectives surrounding the truly global nature and personality of this church family. We count it a great honour to serve as your Canadian ministerial and lay representatives to the General Board, and trust our experiences gleaned and contributions offered through this service will continue to be helpful to both the functioning of the Board itself, and to the overall work of the Church going forward.

Still this year, we continue to face formidable challenges: the decreasing purchasing power of our resources due to rising inflation ; surging international conflicts globally posing serious challenges, even threats to our work ; increased nationalism and unfriendly political alignments posing serious barriers to pioneering new areas and sustaining existing ones, and many more which we were highlighted during the course of our meetings. So, as we face our future as the Church of Christ, now, perhaps more than ever, in this new season of time, we should heed the wisdom of author Alvin Toffler as quoted by Dr. Carla Sunberg: *"The illiterate of the 21st century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn."* Our future as the Church is not dependent of our best conceived systems and human strategies, but most surely on the abiding presence and empowering fullness of His life-giving and sustaining Spirit! So, collectively as the people of God, may we, above all else embrace the wisdom of God....

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your path. (Proverbs 3:5-6)*

May it be so Lord in Your Church!

Respectfully submitted,
C. Dale Thistle
Canada Ministerial Representative to the General Board
Rose Graham
Canadian Lay Representative to the General Board



Report of the Canada West District Superintendent

Dr. Carla Sunberg, Rev. Mark Collins, fellow pastors, members, and friends of this 77th annual gathering of the Canada West District, it is an honour to bring you my seventh report as superintendent.

Bienvenue! (French) Bienvenidos! (Spanish) స్వాగతం (Telugu), Mabuhay! (Tagalog) स्वागत (Hindi), Welkom! (Afrikaans) Male! (Nuer) स्वागत (Marathi), સ્વાગત છે (Gujarati), Welcome! (English).

These are the languages in which some of our district worship services are conducted. We worship one God through the many tongues used across our landscapes. May you receive this greeting in love and with thankfulness that we are family.

With respect and truth, I want to begin by acknowledging that all we do as a district – live, learn, work, worship, minister, play, and dream is done on the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of Treaties 1, 2, 6, 7, and 8 regions and the Métis Settlements of our three provinces.

From Indigenous perspectives, as understood by their ancestors who signed the treaties and as passed down through oral traditions, the spirit and intent of the treaties included the peaceful sharing of Indigenous lands with settlers.

We are all Treaty People. May we live in peace and friendship.

Our own immediate family continues to live and to serve on Canada West District. My husband, Brad, whom I deeply love, ministers in our local church, Calgary East, alongside our beloved pastor, Rev. Ryan and Carly Herbert. Our daughter and son-in-law, Rae-Lee and Rev. Mark Brower-Herbert, and our son, Brock Brower, are involved in building relationships through work and life routines. Such connections are often with people who are interested in spiritual matters but are not connected to organized church in any way. We are so grateful for Nazarene churches that are committed to sending missional people into our communities.

Here, On Earth

"I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers". (Ephesians 1:16).

How thankful I am for Rose Graham, our District Director of Operations, who has been part of our district ministry for 27 years now. Rose continues to provide financial acumen and leadership. She has become well-versed in how to apply for charitable status as religious societies. Rose is supporting more churches in payroll challenges, and she has built a solid and safe financial plan to maximize our resources and best support our district ministries. Always careful, Rose works to ensure our churches are not exposing themselves to undue risks, and she regularly prays for each ministry. She deeply loves each church leader and wants to see each ministry flourish.

Our office staff includes Cathie Epp (administrative assistant), Tammy Herbert (our district social and media director, AND Reunion Organizer!), Jena Beagle (events coordinator), and a loyal group of volunteers who

work faithfully to support the efforts of our churches and ministries. Our district is well served by these gifted people.

Each of these staff members have been carrying significant burdens outside of the office this year, and yet they show up faithfully to serve in the areas assigned to them. I am grateful for their ministry hearts.

Thank you to Rev. Tim and Sharron Kirby who manage our district cemetery, located in Harmattan, AB. Pastor Tim continues to build improvements to this peaceful place, providing ministry through comfort and presence for those experiencing loss.

I would like to extend appreciation to our district leadership: the DAB (District Advisory Board) members – Gary Nawrocki, Darlene Hyatt, Jeff Baker, John Graff, Adam McDougall, and Dennis Semenyna; NMI Chair Myrna Dipert and her council members; NYI Chair Kenzie Lang and her committee members; NDI Chair Tammy Herbert and her committee members; District Secretary Jeff Baker; District Treasurer Eric Ewing; Brock Priebe, chair of Camp Harmattan Association and our Harmattan camp board members; Lakeshore Camp steering committee members. I am grateful for the time and effort put into the monthly meetings with the DABFC (District Advisory Board Finance Committee) and the ongoing accountability and development of our clergy through the BOM (Board of Ministry). Jennifer Kumm is a great addition to our National Assessment Centre team. I also want to offer thanks to Sharlene Cunningham, our Harmattan Family Camp committee chair, and her committee, and to Tim Enns, our co-chair of Lakeshore Committee who also manages our summer employee and oversees so much of the maintenance and policy adherence, to those who volunteer many hours of service to the compassionate ministries of Rising Above in Grande Prairie, Building Hope and Circle of Friends in Edmonton, The Fig Tree in Drumheller, and Siloam Mission and Den 205 in Winnipeg.

I am grateful for our pastors who continue to show up literally and metaphorically every week, who faithfully prepare messages, who comfort the grieving and hurting, who celebrate the joyful moments, who listen to complaints, who endeavour to lead in a time that is new to them, to the church, and to our culture. When it would be easier to leave, to find a less pressured career, you have remained faithful to your call. It is a privilege to work alongside such committed women and men of God.

Thank you for praying, for listening to the Holy Spirit, for stepping out in faith and trying new things, for leading your people to shine God's light in the dark places of your communities. You have been bold, and I am grateful for you.

A Glance At this Year (2024-2025)

	2023	2024	2025	
Membership:	2669	2406	2454	↑
Total Churches:	34	35	40	↑
Total Church Income:	\$5,447,291	\$6,125,123	\$6,390,812	↑
New Nazarenes:	63	94	149	↑
Baptisms:	26	78	65	↓
Conversions	77	92	102	↑
Worship Attendance:	2182	2426	2623	↑
NDI Attendance:	1712	2020	2196	↑
Giving To Others, Ambrose:	\$361,511	\$382,969	\$338,906	↓
WEF	\$246,646	\$255,806	\$266,209	↑

Our vision for the the following statistics continues to be no zeroes! ZERO Zeroes is something to look towards. We want zero Canada West ministries that report zeroes in these areas!

New Nazarenes: 19 churches reported zeroes this year (14 last year)

Conversions: 16 churches reported zeroes this year (10 last year)

Baptisms: 24 churches reported zeroes this year (17 last year)

Giving for World Evangelism Fund: 1 church reported zeroes this year (0 last year)

Giving for GTOs: 4 churches reported zeroes this year (0 last year)

Commit to the LORD whatever you do, and He will establish your plans. (Proverbs 16:3)

Life in the district office is never boring, never routine, never the same. Our staff works intentionally to focus on two areas: 1. Support our existing ministries, and 2. Support the dreams and efforts of new ministries.

1. Supporting existing ministries

a. Stewardship of Resources

Centers of Holy Fire – you will have seen the quote from Phineas F. Bresee in our District Reunion info that was sent out:

“It has been my long-cherished desire to have a place in the heart of the city, which could be made a center of Holy Fire, and where the gospel could be preached to the poor.”

There are over 33,000 denominations globally. What is unique about the Church of the Nazarene? I like to think it is this – 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 marginalized, 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.

Many of our churches have begun to wisely steward their resources to support their communities. We are seeing groups gather in our buildings for support. Groups such as Celebrate Recovery, Craft and Chat, Grace-Based Parenting, Food Bank supports and Food Rescue programs, Senior Lunches, ESL classes, Boys and Girls Club, Special Olympics programming, to name a few, are opportunities to build health and vibrancy into our communities.

In the last two years, three of our churches began partnering with Child Care groups to provide safe and secure childcare. Two more are hoping to begin working with partner organizations to also help meet this desperate need.

Our church buildings are being used much more than Sunday mornings, and for the benefit of those beyond our own local circle of believers.

I am really excited to observe the way our churches are stewarding their resources of people’s time, talent, and treasures.

There is an understanding and encouragement of our members to become involved in community associations, community gardens, coaching sports teams, visiting in senior lodges, taking prayer walks in the neighbourhood and chatting with others along the way.

Time spent in these areas may diminish time available for church programs. Yet we see these efforts as a means for bringing God to those who would never come to church. We are bringing the witness of God to them!

Ralph Moore, pastor, whose own little house church has planted over 2400 churches, said:

You can’t make a disciple until you make a friend.

– Ralph Moore

More and more of our churches are beginning to add budget lines for community initiatives, partnering with organizations who are also working to help people flourish. Partners like Calgary Food Bank, Building Hope in Edmonton, Food Rescue and Cottonwood Centre in Claresholm, local schools, Rosscarrock Community Association, Medicine Hat Village mobile home park, Mountain View Power, Good Food box, Seniors Cooking Connection, to name a few. Money is being put towards church plants and new starts.

I get excited when I hear of the external focus of our ministries. Working towards the edges, like Phineas F. Bresee said. This isn't the calling of all denominations. But it certainly is for the Church of the Nazarene.

Our district bond fund has proven instrumental in assisting churches with financial loans at a rate that is affordable. Last year we took a risk by holding our rate to bond holders lower than what a GIC or savings account would offer. This decision was intentional, as we did not want to download the extra costs to our ministries. GIC interest rates have come down again and we are competitive, even offering a higher interest rate than we have seen in some bank offerings. With what has been provided to us, we have been able to offer district grants to eleven different ministries and have held loans for six churches!

b. Clergy Development

While much of our GTO (Giving to Others) education amount is allocated to Ambrose University, we have committed some funds for lifelong learning of our clergy. We provide funds to offer scholarships and to pay for professionals who share with us. Our pastors meet monthly in affinity groups for clergy development.

I am grateful for the opportunities I have been given to meet and to network with denominational leaders. I am trying to provide those same opportunities for our district leaders. One way I can do that is by invitation to teach in our district affinity groups, which are intended for clergy development.

This year we learned from several leaders, including:

- Paul Loewen (Siloam Mission), sharing about homelessness, its complexities, and what Siloam Mission is doing to address the issues.
- Rev. Alan Cristales, (Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada's executive director), informing us about what is happening through the Canadian church, particularly in the areas of domestic disaster response, human trafficking, and conservation farming techniques overseas.
- Dr. Nehemiah Bathula, Nehemiah shared from his Ph.D. dissertation about some of the ways the church can support survivors of human trafficking.
- M25 conference participants, we heard highlights from their experience and discussed a podcast with Al Gordon on revival, pre-revival/awakening, and what church leaders can do to help prepare their churches for an awakening.
- Rev. Dr. Rob Fringer (President, Booth University College), sharing on the theology of relational holiness)

- Rev. Dr. Stuart Williams (vice dean of theology, Ambrose University) sharing from his doctoral dissertation titled “The Intercultural Congregation: Thinking, Living and Loving Racial Diversity Within the Local Church.”

In addition, we encouraged our leaders and members to participate in any of the following events, if possible:

- Leadership Development Day, June 13, 2024, 77 attended
- District Reunion, June 14-15, 2024; 250 in attendance, 20-30 walk-ins
- Lakeshore Family Camp, July 19-21, 2024
- Alberta Family Camp, August 2-11, 2024; 250 sites registered with 862 people, plus walk-ins.
- SNAZ Party for Youth, September 27-28, 2024
- Pastors Soul Care Conference, October 18-20, 2024; 63 in attendance
- Pastors Prayer Retreat, January 17-19, 2025
- Ministry Assessment Centre, January 17-18, 2025; 8 candidates interviewed
- M25 Conference, February 10-12, 2025; 13 in attendance
- Exponential Conference, March 18-21, 2025, 2 in attendance
- Ambrose Pastors Conference, March 13-14, 2025; 11 in attendance
- Board of Ministry, March 15, 2024, 8 candidates interviewed

There are many opportunities offered for our pastors to learn and grow in new experiences and new ideas.

c. Clergy Networking and Support

Our pastors have the opportunity to meet online every week for a pastor’s fellowship and prayer gathering. This hour is set aside for sharing, support, and encouragement. We also participate in our quarterly All-Canada Pastors Gathering, facilitated by the National Office.

Our Manitoba pastors are working to meet regularly for support, fellowship, and ministry. This year they set aside time during Christmas to gather with their spouses for a special meal. Several of the pastors seem to enjoy time near Riverton at Menno Friesen’s hunting cabin!

Rev. Bob Tattrie continues to do an incredible job of the Central AB Zone Christmas gathering. This year we heard from Dr. Bryce Ashlin-Mayo, president of Ambrose University.

Our Calgary zone pastors and spouses kindly made the trip out to Springbank for an annual Christmas gathering in our home. This year Bryan Roller led us in some carols, and we spent time in prayer together.

Our Southern Alberta zone pastors have also begun to meet bi-monthly for encouragement.

d. Ministry Candidates

Our district participated in the sixth national Ministry Assessment Centre weekend. The intent of the weekend is to help district Boards of Ministry in their roles by providing guidance to candidates who are discerning a call from God, which would require a district license and possible ordination. The assessors include all the Canadian district superintendents, a lay person from each district, and our district administrators. This year thirteen candidates were assessed, eight who were from Canada West district.

We held two Board of Ministry meetings this year and were able to support eleven candidates as they were considered for district minister's licenses. I would like us to note that thirteen local ministry licenses were granted amongst our local churches this year!

Professional development is important for our clergy. It is equally important that we support a well-equipped church to impact our neighbourhoods.

We are working on establishing a clear path of preparation for those who may feel called to serve as church planter, bi-vocational pastor, teacher, lay evangelist, staff minister, or other specialized ministry, but do not feel a special call to become an ordained minister. (*see manual par. 503.2*). I am grateful to Meghan McDougall who continues to lead a cohort through a Lay Ministry Training initiative. And you are welcome to join! Contact the district office for information on how to connect with the cohort.

Our auxiliaries – NMI, NYI, NDI - are also providing opportunities for your leaders to be inspired and to grow in their spiritual journeys. We heard their reports earlier today. I encourage you to engage with these endeavours.

Several of you inspire me by texting me and calling, letting me know you are praying for workers! Thank you. If you are part of a congregation looking for pastoral leadership, you know that it is not easy to fill a position. Where will we find our future leaders and ministers? My response is, all around us! In our churches, in other churches and other tribes, those not yet in our churches, and others still in the fields, waiting to be brought in!

All clergy began as a lay person. As Nazarenes, we believe in the priesthood of all believers. We are all called to make disciples. We all have a parish of those we live with, do business with, and love.

On October 31, 2024, Rev. Dr. Bryce Ashlin-Mayo was installed as president of Ambrose University. I am excited about a stronger partnership with Ambrose, which has taken on the responsibility of administrating the new modular Course of Study for ministers. Under the direction of Dr. Rob Snow, Dean of Theology, our non-degree Course of Study students will be supported in a Canadian context. These students will become official students of Ambrose and once completed, their course of study can transfer into degree credits for undergrad or seminary degrees, should they choose to continue their educational journey! These courses will be available, beginning January 2026.

e. Compassionate Ministries

Our six compassionate ministries continue to offer food, clothing, and support in the name of Jesus Christ. A few highlights include:

- **Rising Above** Rising Above has begun construction on the new 36-bed Rising Above facility, a long-term residential addiction treatment centre. The new building is 66% funded. A successful community fundraiser in spring of 2025 hosted over 792 people and raised \$276,381.80! Rising Above would like to raise the final third of this project before completion in Spring 2026. They still need to raise \$1.7 million.

The primary objective with this new facility is to unify all the participants onto one campus. Presently, women in the program experience accessibility constraints as they live in off-campus residences. Rising Above will go from 36 to 55-bed spaces. Rising Above is supporting the vision of the leadership from the Peerless Trout First Nation and is expanding to include Peterborough, Ontario and Fort St. John, British Columbia. Our ministry continues to be a partner in Peace River Bible Institute's Faith-Based Addiction Treatment program.

Our Executive Director, Rev. Mel Siggelkow, was awarded the King Charles III Coronation Medal. This medal is awarded to select people who have made a significant contribution to Canada or to a particular province, territory, region, community in Canada. Congratulations, Pastor Mel! He is planning to retire as Executive Director, and the board is actively seeking for new leadership.

(Grande Prairie, AB) <https://www.risingabovegp.com>

- **Siloam Mission** Today's mission: To offer Christ's compassionate love to all who are in need of support, healing, and recovery. Today's vision: A Winnipeg without chronic homelessness. Achieving this vision is only possible with available, affordable, and appropriate social housing. Right now, Winnipeg is critically short – only 3 social housing units for every 20 people in need. (eg. Calgary has 9 units for every 20 people).

I mentioned last year that Siloam Mission has committed to finding 800-1000 housing units in the next 10 years.

Siloam has learned that housing with wraparound services, strong relationships, and community connections is vital in helping people who have experienced long-term homelessness stay successfully housed. It's housing first – NOT housing only.

We 'lost' our Executive Director, Tessa Blaikie-Whitecloud, in February 2025 to the Manitoba provincial government, where she now serves the premier as Senior Advisor on Ending Chronic Homelessness. The board is undergoing another search process for a new leader.

In addition to emergency shelter and meal program, Siloam provides the Nest (a long-term stay where participants learn life skills, coping strategies, maintain their sobriety, and transition to independent living), hygiene program (showers and laundry facilities at no cost), clothing rooms, health centre (providing care from volunteer optometrists, chiropractors, doctors, podiatrists, massage therapists, dentists), transition services (helping guests navigate complex social services systems, advocacy, practical

assistance obtaining ID, legal help, mental health or addictions treatment, and finding housing with home supports for preventing eviction) , spiritual care and cultural connections, mental health and wellness, community education, and supportive housing.

Cups of coffee served – 1 Million +

Meals served in the Drop-In: 543,240

Meals served to go: 27,723

Number of individuals: 1,426

Clothing room visits: 17,000

People housed from Siloam Mission over the year: 112

Called Siloam's newest housing facility on Roblin Blvd. their home last year: 32

Visits to health care professionals: 1,807

Individual volunteers: 969

Volunteer hours: 41,115

“How we respond as a society when someone is in need – that says a lot about who we are,” - Julianne Aitken, Siloam Mission's new Interim CEO.

I think it also says a lot about the church. I am grateful for Siloam's leadership in the city of Winnipeg.

- **Building Hope** continues to offer breakfast and lunch every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. When I first started reporting on Building Hope seven years ago, the ministry was serving about 1500 meals a month. They now serve over 2200 meals a month and give out about 210 food hampers. Building Hope is the only Nazarene compassionate ministry offering food and clothing around Beverly, Edmonton.

A brand-new cooler was donated to Building Hope! It is beautiful and is much more functional than the two fridges and freezer from before. Thank you to the anonymous donor for this gift. Doug Reeds, board chair, applied for and received a \$2400 grant from the City of Edmonton towards the work of Building Hope. While the amount is not extravagant, the acknowledgement by the city of the work being done through Building Hope is significant.

<https://buildinghope-assoc.wixsite.com/buildinghope>

Other compassionate ministries on our district include: The Fig Tree and Storehouse Association in Drumheller AB, Circle of Friends in Edmonton AB, and The Den in Winnipeg MB.

f. Denominational Initiatives

Cycle of Resurgence (CoRe)

God does nothing but by prayer, and everything with it.”

- John Wesley

While reading this year, I was challenged with this question, “If God answered each of your intercessory prayers today the way you desired, would the whole world look different, or just your life and lifestyle?”

In January 2025, our Pastors Prayer Retreat was led by Dr. David Nixon, published author and previous district superintendent for areas in the USA. We were challenged to make prayer a priority, not just personally, but a priority in our churches.

Some of our leaders have done just that. Caroline has held 24 hour calls to prayer and 36 hours. Olds Hope Pointe held a 24 hour call to prayer. These churches invited members to sign up for an hour of prayer in the building. The slots were all filled, even at 2 and 3 am!

Winnipeg River of Life holds a Dawn prayer. They meet Saturday mornings at 6 am and pray for several hours (and then go out for breakfast together to celebrate).

Westlock, Edmonton First, Calgary East, Calgary First, Saskatoon hold weekly prayer gatherings online. These are only a few examples of our people being intentional to draw close to God. I invite you, friends, to gather with others. What do you think of adding one more corporate prayer time to the rhythm of your church?

In 2022, our Regional Office (Canada/USA) invited half a million Nazarenes to pray. The response they heard was four distinct heart cries from across all 78 districts: ***Mobilizing all Nazarenes*** in unity in the midst of a polarized world, calling our churches to engage in ***blessing our community, bringing people to Jesus*** especially our younger generations, and embracing the transformation of the whole person through ***becoming Christlike disciples***.

As we work on Canada West District to fulfill our vision of Here on Earth, as it is in Heaven, most of our ministries have been discerning where and how to bless their communities.

These relationships we develop along the way – sacred and meaningful – have been entrusted to us. Let us be intentional about interceding for these friends and family, as we look at bringing people to Jesus in our focus this year.

How does this happen in a way that is not awkward, offensive, or feels like a bait and switch? Our Leadership Development Day June 19 with Daryl Cripe of Amplio Group will be a rich conversation about treasuring these relationships and sharing the life-giving truths of Jesus Christ.

Our regional office has once again been an incredible support for us on Canada West. Under the leadership of Rev. Mark Bane, regional Evangelism and New Start Director, they financially partnered with us to send participants to both the M25 and the Exponential Conference. They provided our district with four matching Hope Grants for each new church we organized. These grants were \$10,000 USD each! What a blessing for these new starts. We applied for two more in April 2025 and are waiting for approval.

Many of you contribute to the Alabaster fund twice a year – a collection of offerings, mostly gathered through our spare change and gifts. Our own Living Water Church in Winnipeg, MB was gifted \$40,000 out of the general Alabaster fund to purchase their own church building in October 2024!

I know how excited this group of believers was to move into their own space. Imagine that excitement all around the world as we have been able to support other congregations with church buildings, parsonages, school buildings, hospitals. Thank you for your generosity.

2. New Ministries

If you would like to be a prayer partner with the Kingdom Advance team, please contact Rose Graham at nazarene@telus.net. We are excited to have **organized six** more new starts this year with the Church of the Nazarene: Riverton (Riverton, MB), Christian Assembly of South Asia – CASA (Winnipeg, MB), Happy Rock Church of the Nazarene (Gladstone, MB), The Table (located in located in Medicine Hat, AB), The Gathering (located in Rosscarrock, Calgary, AB), and African Calgary Community (located in Calgary, AB).

I invite you to partner with these leaders. Pray for them. Give them a call and encourage them. Take up a love offering.

Please be in prayer as we consider **nine** more identified possible new starts:

Saskatoon, SK, Youth FLO - Faith, Love, Odyssey, Young Adult Church (led by Rev. Deb Tanasieck)

Selkirk, MB, weekly Bible Study and twice-monthly worship (led by Rev. Jun Ganancial)

Steinbach, MB, weekly Bible Study and twice-monthly worship (led by Rev. Virgie Gayot)

Neepawa, MB (led by Rev. Virgie Gayot)

Edmonton First, AB, launching a Filipino church plant, beginning September 2025 (led by Rev. Frazier Labinio)

Edmonton First, AB, A second dream is being birthed by Rev. Desire Ndikumana, member of Edmonton First, to begin another new start within the city of Edmonton, AB.

Filipino work in Calgary (looking for a mother church, as this is the preferred model of church planting. There is already a small group within the Calgary area that would be willing to sit on a launch team.)

Craig Country Church, Spruce View, AB, (led by Caroline Church and Rev. John Watton)

Westlock, AB, Monday night church that sprang out of Celebrate Recovery, (led by Rev. Heather MacCarahan)

b. New Leaders

As of the writing of this report, we currently have **two** churches without permanent pastoral leadership, and **one** church that needs a leader to champion a re-start. Please be in prayer for these churches who are continuing to minister in their communities and are waiting for permanent pastoral leadership:

Calgary Skyview (AB) (interim pastors Rev. Dr. Riley Coulter and Rev. Bryan Roller)

Sundre (AB) (interim pastor Rev. Bud Sargent)

Fort Saskatchewan (AB), praying for re-start champion

Here On Earth, As It Is In Heaven

Matthew 6:9–10

Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

I would like to read a couple of verses for us from Hebrews 12:28-29,

²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, ²⁹for our "God is a consuming fire." (Hebrews 12:28-29)

This Scripture reminds us, in **Hebrews 12:29 (MSG)**, "**God himself is Fire!**"

Let that truth **ignite** something within you. Our God is **not** a passive, distant deity. He is **not** merely a concept or a historical figure. He **is** a consuming, living, vibrant Fire! This is a profound declaration of His very essence – His power, His purity, His passion, His presence.

Think about fire. Right now, on our district, all three provinces are hosting evacuees from places where there have been wildfires. Over 44,000 people have been displaced. Wildfires have scorched 3.7 million hectares across the country so far – six times the area of Prince Edward Island. Fire can be destructive. It demands attention. It is something one cannot ignore. And yet, out of the ashes, new life emerges. Fire purifies. It illuminates. It transforms. It spreads. And it demands a response.

Reinhard Bonnke, a man who saw incredible moves of God, declared something radical, something profound: "**Without fire, there is no gospel.**"

No gospel? What did he mean? The gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, is not just information. It's **transformation**. It's not a dry theological treatise; it's a **life-altering encounter**. And that encounter is fueled by the Holy Fire of God. Without the Spirit's power to convict, to illuminate, to heal, to set free – the gospel remains just words on a page. But with the Holy fire of God, the Gospel becomes a living, breathing, world-changing force.

And where does this powerful fire begin? James 3:5, (MSG), gives us a profound insight:

"It only takes a spark, remember, to set off a forest fire." (James 3:5)

A single spark. Think of the potential in that tiny flicker! It reminds us that the greatest movements of God, the most radical transformations in individual lives and in communities, often begin with a seemingly insignificant start – a prayer whispered, an act of obedience, a heart awakened. That spark is the divine potential within each one of us, waiting for the breath of God to fan it into a blaze.

Jesus himself spoke of this fire, revealing His ultimate purpose in Luke 12:49-50, (MSG):

"I've come to start a fire on this earth—how I wish it were blazing right now! I've come to change everything, turn everything right-side up—how I long for it to be finished! Do you think I came to smooth things over and make everything nice? Not so. I've come to disrupt and confront." Luke 12:49-50

This is not a gentle fire for comfort, where we cuddle up and get cozy. This is a disruptive, revolutionary fire! Jesus came to set the world ablaze with truth, with justice, with love, with a kingdom that challenges the status quo. He wasn't interested in making things "nice" by human standards; He came to make them **right** by divine standards. If we truly follow Him, we cannot expect to be untouched by this disruptive fire. In fact, we should yearn for it to blaze within us and through us.

This brings us to a crucial question posed by Wilfred Kitching: **"The torch has been handed down to us, but is it aflame?"**

We, as believers, receive this Holy Fire, upon acceptance of Jesus Christ. If we submit to His presence and His leadership, we are transformed in our ways of thinking, our routines of living, our desires and our dreaming by this Gospel of fire.

The torch of Holy Spirit power has been passed from generation to generation through discipleship, through testimonies, from the apostles to us. But what is the torch? A comforting ritual, a family tradition, or is it burning brightly? Are we merely holding it for warmth, or are we allowing its heat to transform us and illuminate the world around us?

William Blake, in his powerful **"Poem for Pentecost,"** captures the essence of this internal, transformative fire:

**Unless the eye catch fire, The God will not be seen.
Unless the ear catch fire, The God will not be heard.
Unless the tongue catch fire, The God will not be named.
Unless the heart catch fire, The God will not be loved.
Unless the mind catch fire, The God will not be known.**

What profound truth! It's not enough to intellectually acknowledge God. It's not enough to simply hear about Him. For God to truly be *seen*, truly *heard*, truly *named*, truly *loved*, and truly *known*, there must be a divine spark that ignites our very being.

Our eyes must catch fire to perceive His glory in creation and in His Son.

Our ears must catch fire to discern His voice amidst the noise of the world.

Our tongues must catch fire to declare His truth with boldness and conviction.

Our hearts must catch fire to love Him with a passion that transcends human understanding.

And our minds must catch fire to truly grasp the depths of His wisdom and His ways.

My friends, we live in a world that **desperately** needs the Holy Fire. It needs the purifying flame to cleanse, the illuminating flame to guide, and the disruptive flame to bring about divine order.

Are we ready to be the spark? **Are we willing** to let the Holy Fire consume our fears, our doubts, our complacency? **Are we prepared** to be transformed, to carry the torch of the gospel aflame, allowing it to disrupt and set right everything around us?

Let us pray today that our God, who *is* Fire, would ignite every part of us. May our eyes, our ears, our tongues, our hearts, and our minds all catch fire, so that the world might see Him, hear Him, name Him, love Him, and know Him, through us.

Jesus knows we need this experience with the Holy Spirit to obey his Great Commission (Matthew 28:19).

As it did with the 120 gathered in the Upper Room before Pentecost, we, too, need this fire that purifies, extracts fear of anything else, strengthens, illuminates, opens the eyes,

In the eighteenth century, John Wesley was humanly instrumental for one of history's greatest movements of God. Wesley is quoted as saying, "it pleased God to kindle a fire which I trust will never be extinguished."

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- John Wesley

Church, I ask us today, are we that Centre of Holy Fire, that place where people meet a Holy God? Where they are saved, sanctified, and sent to the edges with a transforming message? May we not extinguish that which God is igniting within us, within our churches, within our communities.

This is our district report for 2024-25.

May God use us to advance His Kingdom here on earth, as it is in heaven. And God is with us!

Respectfully submitted, Rose Brower-Young

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*District Superintendent,
Canada West District Church of the Nazarene*

Report of the Indigenous Resources Circle

Dr. Sunberg, Rev. Collins, Rev. Rose Brower-Young, Members of the Assembly & Visitors:

As in previous years, we provided resources in *The Loop* for our District churches to utilize in worship gatherings, discipleship events or for personal learning. Thanks to Lindsay Enns, Interim Director of Housing at Siloam Mission in Winnipeg, for collating resources to commemorate the 2024 National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (aka Orange Shirt Day). We hope that many Canada West congregations are planning to participate in events in their communities on September 30th and to incorporate aspects into their Sunday worship.

We also resourced Camp Harmattan as they worked to develop their meaningful Land Acknowledgement.

Penny Ure brought to our District's attention that the Medical Centre at Maskwacis (Cree "bear hills") would appreciate children/youth books. Thanks to everyone who donated to this initiative.

A highlight of the year was attending the second annual *Gathering*, which is hosted by Siloam Mission in Winnipeg. In May 2024, our contingent expanded from three to seven and our understanding of both the rich history and wisdom of Canada's Indigenous Peoples (First Nations, Inuit & Métis) and the ongoing challenges that exist was enlarged. One of the excellent speakers was from the National Centre for Truth & Reconciliation and she spoke of the progress that is being made, the distance we still have to go and, most importantly, reminded us that "It's not just a part of who we are as Survivors – it's a part of who we are as a nation."



An unexpected privilege for our group was sitting at the table with Chief Jim Bear from the Brokenhead Ojibway Nation. Chief Jim has dedicated much of his life to building bridges between First Nations and government. With a background in accounting and decades of experience in both politics and business, he has been a tireless advocate for reconciliation - using insight, compassion and often humour to educate others

on Indigenous history. Not only did he offer us deeper insight into the speakers' presentations but he was part of the First Nations group that purchased the former property of our college when it was based in Winnipeg. That is now the site of a senior's care residence for Indigenous people and our own Rev. Tim Enns serves as their chaplain! This year the *Gathering* will be held in September so please watch the Siloam website for details.

Our District Superintendent and I spent a very meaningful day in March with leaders from Indigenous Pathways, including Lead Facilitator Mike Hogeterp. That organization received a \$5 million grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to support a multi-school project focused on decolonizing theological education in Canada. The project, called the Canadian Learning Community for Decolonization and Innovation in Theological Education, is led by NAIITS, an educational member of Indigenous Pathways, and involves

several partner institutions including our own Ambrose University. The grant aims to investigate and develop decolonial, contextual and indigenized approaches to theological education, fostering innovation and enhancing ministry training. Educationalist Kirsten Schmaus is the Ambrose University representative and she welcomes opportunities to speak about this initiative. Her contact information is: (780-994-3764, kirsten.schmaus@ambrose.edu).

Recently I came across this prayer and it expresses well the hope and direction that our District leadership has for the churches of Canada West: “May the ONE who is LOVE, find expression in with through and beyond us, so that we can become LOVE in the world, LOVE in our communities, LOVE in our lands, LOVE in right relationship with ALL our sisters and brothers. Let it be so. Let it be so among us and beyond us. Let it be so now and always. Amen.”

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Darlene Hyatt for the Indigenous Resources Circle

L. to R.: Rev. Alfredo Loresco,
Penny Ure, Rev. Darlene Hyatt,
Rev. Sheri Lynne Martin, Rev.
Eleazar Longcop, District Sup’t
Rev. Rose Brower-Young,
NCMC Director Rev. Alan Cristales



District Assembly Finance Committee Report

Local church boards are required to read this report at the first meeting of the local church board following District Reunion.

1. We recommend the following financial apportionments and allocations (Giving to Others):
 - a. The allocation for World Evangelism fund is 5.5% of adjusted income. (Adjusted income includes receipt-able donations, including cash, but does not include pass through funds, interest, rental income, refunds, etc.)
 - b. The allocation for District and Education is 8.5% of adjusted income. (Adjusted income includes receipt-able donations, including cash, but does not include pass through funds, interest, rental income, refunds, etc.) We encourage churches to recognize this as a tithes and offerings model and participate on a monthly basis.
 - c. Local churches are encouraged to give to the following by special offering, according to the timeline provided:
 - i. Nazarene Theological seminary and Nazarene Bible College in January.
 - ii. Camp Harmattan and Lakeshore Bible Camp in March.
 - iii. District Compassionate Ministry Centers, Building Hope, Caroline Theatre Project, Circle of Friends, Den 205, Fig Tree, Edmonton Southside Atrium, Rising Above, Rocky Mountain House Kidztown Outreach, Sylvan Lake Kids Center and Siloam Mission in November.
2. We recommend the local church adhere to the following financial guidelines:
 - a. Each church board **must** facilitate the development of an adequate church financial plan. A budget setting procedure and a sample expenditure budget are available from the district office. Please use the following guideline to budget expenditures:

Employment expenses, cost of position(s) (including salaries, RSP, health care, car allowance, hospitality expense, employers portion of EI and CPP and all other expenses related to employees) Includes all employees including contract employees.	40-50%
GTO percentage (World Evangelism Fund, District and Education support)	14%
Administration, program, facility and capital expenditures	30-45%

- b. Churches are advised to project a balanced budget, not a deficit budget.
- c. It is wise not to project Tithe and Offering income increase to be more than 12% of that received in the previous year.
- d. All churches owning property shall develop and approve a contract policy and this policy must be approved by the Canada West District Church of the Nazarene.

- e. We recommend that each congregation include an expenditure line in their budget and make regular deposits to a savings account (or the District Bond Fund) in order to provide for capital upkeep needs and for the Pastor sabbatical.
- f. We recommend each congregation include an expenditure line in their budget annually to:
 - i. Provide financial assistance for their Pastor, pastoral staff, elected delegates and auxiliary presidents and chairpersons to attend District Assembly and Conventions (Reunion).
- g. Since a measurement of church health is per capita giving, attention should be given to this by the pastor and church board. Per capita income refers to the total giving divided by the average Sunday morning worship attendance. It is important to monitor the per capita giving trend in your church. If the year-to-year per capita giving is significantly decreasing, it *could* be indicating there is little instruction in giving and/or vision and challenge is unclear. If on the other hand, the year-to-year per capita giving is significantly increasing, it *could* be indicating outreach is lacking.
- h. Each stewardship committee should develop a procedure to ensure that funds are properly received, accounted for, and reported, as *Manual*, par. 139.21-139.23. The financial records and practices of our Churches must be reviewed yearly. We recommend that each congregation conduct either a professionally conducted financial review or one conducted by an independent audit committee at least once every five years (in years that end in 0 and 5, ie: 2025) and report to the district that the review has been completed.
- i. We further recommend that the church board and/or finance committee of each congregation review and implement the Money Handling Guideline and Electronic Transactions Guideline, Document Retention Guide and the Anti-Fraud Principles.*
- j. It is recommended that whenever a local church is experiencing any of the following situations, the treasurer inform the Pastor and Church board secretary so that the situation can be addressed at the next board meeting and a plan of action can be made.
 - *Giving has declined more than 12% or offerings are consistently below expenditures.*
 - *No Giving to Others has been contributed for two months or more.*
 - *The health care premiums have been unpaid for two months or more.*
 - *There are bills that have been outstanding for two months or more, or church is chronically late paying bills.*
 - *There are insufficient funds to maintain or upgrade the church building (ie: roof repair, carpet replacement, etc.) as needed.*
- k. Local congregations with savings or funds to invest are asked to deposit the funds in the District Bond fund. Your church will receive return on investment and any return on investment earned over and above what is sent to the church, will be directed to ministry initiatives.
- l. Local churches selling or buying property or using capital funds shall adhere to the policies in the Manual and guidance provided by the District Advisory Board.

- m. When a local church desires to borrow money, the District Loan policy, available on the District website*, will be followed.
 - n. When a local church has funds in place and wishes to undertake a capital project that will involve expenses greater than 10% of the church's annual income, we request that as a courtesy the local church advise the District of their intent.
 - o. The following information regarding taxation of gifts to pastors, staff or volunteers should be noted:
 - All cash and near cash gifts (such as gift certificates) from the church are taxable. Funds that are forgiven or gifted are taxable benefits to the pastor. It is the recipient's responsibility to ensure the amount is claimed as income on their tax return unless the gift is over \$500.00. If the gift is over \$500.00, the church should issue a T4A.
 - Persons are allowed to receive 2 tax exempt gifts (non-cash or non-gift certificate) of up to \$500.00 in value per year. (such as a painting or office chair)
 - A love offering given by parishioners to pastor or staff is neither taxable nor receipt-able.
 - p. The recommended minimum honorarium for a speaker in the AM worship service is \$150.00 plus expenses. We recommend mileage paid at .50 cents per km. Churches are encouraged to reserve \$50.00 a month in an account set aside to cover a supply pastor should the regular pastor be away on a speaking engagement, continuing education, vacation, sick days, sabbatical or short-term disability.
 - q. The church should develop a designated giving policy that is documented and known to constituents. For example, "All donor restricted gifts will be used as directed or as the Church board deems best. 14% of all donations will be contributed to Giving to Others." Churches should post this policy and ensure it is clearly communicated.
 - r. In the event the Church is undertaking a major capital project, the church may apply to have these funds declared a district approved special, rendering funds raised for the project exempt for District and Education Giving to Others. An application may be obtained from the District website. *
 - s. In cooperation with Manual 29.2, 32.1, and 32.2, churches and all subsidiary local and district ministries do not use lottery and raffle types of funding and do not solicit these types of monies.
3. We recommend the local church board ensure the following obligations have been fulfilled:
- a. File the T3010 annually.
 - b. Obtain completed copies of the TD1 and TD provincial forms from all employees and the T1223 and T1213 forms from clergy employees annually.
 - c. Submit the GST66 bi-annually.
 - d. Remit payroll deductions monthly.
 - e. Review property and liability insurance coverages and ensure these documents are stored in a secure, fireproof location for the life of the organization. Please also review the District Insurance Claim policy outlined on the District website.*

- f. Ensure legal documents such as land titles, incorporation documents mortgage documents, loan agreements and any current contracts are kept in a secure, fireproof location.
- 4. We recommend the local church board oversee the following employment guidelines:
 - a. Review the Employee Handbook available on the District website* and ensure that employment conditions are being met.
 - b. In accordance with *Manual* paragraph 117.2, 117.4, 139.4, 139.8 each Church is responsible to complete a Written Understanding (Employment Contract)* for every employee of the Church annually. Employees are subject to the policies outlined in the Written Understandings Job Contract and the Employee Handbook, available on the website. It is the responsibility of the Secretary of the Board in cooperation with the Pastor and Church Board to ensure the Employment Contract is reviewed annually and a copy is sent to the District office.
 - c. The local church board secretary should ensure that a written record is kept of all employee holidays taken and earned, sick days taken and earned and days in lieu taken and earned.
 - d. According to Manual paragraph 169.1, hiring of staff and annual renewal of hiring of all staff including contractors must be approved by the District Superintendent. This approval will not be granted to a congregation that has not contributed 14% of adjusted income to others. Exceptions to this policy may be approved by the District Advisory Board.
- 5. Since the Pastor, Church Board Secretary and Church Board Treasurer have various legal responsibilities assigned by the *Manual*, we recommend each year the Pastor, Church Board Secretary and Church Board Treasurer review the responsibilities as listed in paragraphs 145-145.7. We especially draw attention to paragraph 145.3 regarding protecting the property and liability issues of the congregation.

*Link to files referenced in this document: <http://cwnazarene.org/local-church-files>



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District Board of the Canada West District Church of the Nazarene
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District Board:

We were requested to review the financial records, operating systems, and procedures for the Canada West District Church of the Nazarene. This was described as an Internal Audit of the organization to provide an opinion regarding the record keeping, processes, operations and functioning of the overall operations including the handling of finances and financial reporting.

Thank you for the opportunity to conduct an internal review of the financial information and operations for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2025. The Financial Statements were prepared by the District Administrator. We found the Financial Statements to be in order and fairly present the results of the operation for the fiscal year ended April 30, 2025.

Our examination included the Financial Statements along with any attached notes and supporting documentation. We reviewed various records, as necessary, along with a general review of processes, procedures, record keeping, Advisory Board and Finance Committee Minutes.

We did not identify any material discrepancies or areas of immediate concern that the Board must address. The processes, policies and procedures are being constantly reviewed by the Board and their Committees as led by the District Administrator. They are current and we have made comments in our Internal Review Document. There are no significant areas that need immediate attention as we found good documentation and, where available, written procedures provided by the District Administrator. There were no items of material concern.

We have reviewed the available information, financial statements, and documents. There was a thorough review of the financial information and confirmation that obligations for proper reporting and provision of information to the Government have been completed and were on time. Your financial records, details, backup, and responsibilities are being well taken care of and very conscientiously maintained. All reporting requirements are done consistently and on time.

The accuracy and completeness of the Financial Statements are the responsibility of the District Board, and they appear to provide the necessary information and extensive detail to ensure that proper reporting is being done.

This report cannot give assurance of the Financial Statements or the potential for the detection of fraud, error, or other irregularities. The processes of record keeping, signing authorities and approvals that are in place are being adhered to, enable division of responsibilities, and give confidence to the financial reporting of the District.

In completing our comments, we thank the staff for their time, taking care to provide us with what was needed and commend the District Administrator for her dedication and performance of duties on behalf of the District.

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will do all we can to respond and assist.

Respectfully submitted,
Apex Management & Accounting Inc.

Bill Mearns, Manager

District Finance Statements

Comparative Balance Sheet – Canada West District

	As at 04/30/2025	As at 04/30/2024	Percent
ASSET			
Current and Long Term Assets			
Total Cash on Hand	565,854.02	324,848.93	74.19
Total Cash on Hand	<u>565,854.02</u>	<u>324,848.93</u>	74.19
Total Prepaid Expenses	5,703.36	7,242.08	-21.25
Total Investment Funds	939,483.13	890,435.58	5.51
Total RBC Fixed Income	770,719.95	514,659.02	49.75
Total Common Shares	1,104,180.48	838,925.19	31.62
Total Mutual Funds	687,023.11	653,381.82	5.15
Total Loans & Mortgages Receivable	1,586,400.27	1,319,647.34	20.21
Total Real Estate	668,287.83	1,032,988.83	-35.31
Total Receivables	11,202.46	11,328.41	-1.11
Total Fixed Assets	2,915,123.04	2,917,714.48	-0.09
Total GST Payable (Rec'ble)	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ASSET	<u>9,253,977.65</u>	<u>8,511,171.68</u>	8.73
LIABILITY			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable	10,596.62	19,874.03	-46.68
Deposits Payable	1,547.68	3,347.68	-53.77
Church Property Sold -UnDesignated	334,418.35	327,998.30	1.96
Church Prop Sold -New Sask Church	15,080.65	15,080.65	0.00
Church Prop Sold- S. Calgary Church	100,170.76	100,170.76	0.00
Deferred Yorkton Property Income	180,206.00	186,626.05	-3.44
Lakeshore Property Sale	68,944.79	68,944.79	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>710,964.85</u>	<u>722,042.26</u>	-1.53
Bonds and Reserves			
Total Debenture Bonds	2,613,065.83	2,110,170.48	23.83
Total Reserves	1,070,323.69	877,079.94	22.03
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,683,389.52</u>	<u>2,987,250.42</u>	23.30
Total Payroll remittances payable	<u>5,628.05</u>	<u>5,206.11</u>	8.10
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>4,399,982.42</u>	<u>3,714,498.79</u>	18.45
EQUITY			
Total Net Assets	<u>4,853,995.23</u>	<u>4,796,672.89</u>	1.20
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>4,853,995.23</u>	<u>4,796,672.89</u>	1.20
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>9,253,977.65</u>	<u>8,511,171.68</u>	8.73

Canada West District Church of the Nazarene Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 05/01/2024 to 04/30/2025	Budget 05/01/2024 to 04/30/2025	Percent
REVENUE			
District Income			
District\Education GTO's	375,770.12	360,000.00	4.38
Donations to District	545.70	0.00	0.00
Government Grants	0.00	6,300.00	-100.00
Repayments	985.00	0.00	0.00
Total District Income	377,300.82	366,300.00	3.00
Ministry Income			
National Board, GMC Grants	94,165.00	0.00	0.00
Donated Bond Interest	48.01	36.00	33.36
Benevolent Fund Donations	500.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts from Estates	4,881.43	4,200.00	16.22
Donations - Local Church	38,711.15	24,000.00	61.30
Calgary The Gathering	5,595.00	0.00	0.00
NMI Donations	19,382.60	5,000.00	287.65
Reunion Income	19,751.01	12,000.00	64.59
Medicine Hat The Table	1,461.48	0.00	0.00
Assessment Center Income	400.00	200.00	100.00
Soul Care Income	16,411.92	18,000.00	-8.82
Prayer Retreat Income	0.00	3,000.00	-100.00
Camp Harmattan Association Donation	16,458.32	20,000.00	-17.71
Lakeshore Camp	14,295.00	0.00	0.00
Family Camp Donations	14,715.69	0.00	0.00
Family Camp Registrations	88,580.88	70,000.00	26.54
Total Ministry Income	335,357.49	156,436.00	114.37
Property Income			
Pty.Inc - Harm Cemetery	3,000.00	1,000.00	200.00
Pty. Inc - Dominion Chapel	8,253.91	8,268.00	-0.17
Pty. Inc. - Winnipeg Land	8,250.00	9,000.00	-8.33
Pty.Inc. - Woodside Blvd	20,250.00	19,800.00	2.27
Pty.Inc - Woodside Park	4,493.00	22,200.00	-79.76
Total Property Income	44,246.91	60,268.00	-26.58
Loan Interest Income			
Loan Interest Income	58,525.06	48,000.00	21.93
Total Loan Interest Income	58,525.06	48,000.00	21.93
Total RBC Investment Income	150,890.37	78,000.00	93.45
Total GIC Income	51,748.29	43,200.00	19.79
Total Healthcare Income	124,066.07	135,792.00	-8.64
TOTAL REVENUE	1,142,135.01	887,996.00	28.62

EXPENSE**Office & Administration Expenses**

Office Storage	1,866.57	1,560.00	19.65
Office Space Rent	6,000.00	6,000.00	0.00
Bank Service Fees	1,248.60	1,200.00	4.05
Telephone - Line\Equip	243.49	240.00	1.45
Zoom/Long Distance	451.29	480.00	-5.98
Telephone - Cell - DS	1,491.91	1,560.00	-4.36
Telephone - Cell- BA	1,301.53	1,200.00	8.46
Internet Expense	1,366.30	1,320.00	3.51
Gen. Off. Supplies	2,727.72	3,000.00	-9.08
Postage, Mail Expenses	1,481.31	1,800.00	-17.71
Credit Card Fees	0.00	120.00	-100.00
Computer Expenses	1,739.18	1,800.00	-3.38
Legal Fees on property sale	17,900.00		
Legal and Audit Fees	5,228.72	2,640.00	98.06
Insurance	4,636.04	4,800.00	-3.42
Amortization	2,591.44	2,200.00	17.79
Total Office & Admin Expenses	50,274.10	29,920.00	68.03

Ministry Expenses

Pastor Assessment Center (Note 1)	800.00	200.00	300.00
Dist. Advisory Board Exp.	905.00	1,800.00	-49.72
Board of Ministry	14.03	3,000.00	-99.53
Finance Committee Exp.	450.00	500.00	-10.00
Discretionary Fund	5,980.52	10,000.00	-40.19
Promotion\Website Expenses	684.43	600.00	14.07
District Travel Expenses	292.60	600.00	-51.23
District Reunion Expenses	27,748.69	25,000.00	10.99
Family Camp at Harmattan	123,587.15	70,000.00	76.55
Gen. Assembly Delegates	11,500.00	6,000.00	91.67
Ambrose University	66,285.84	63,360.00	4.62
Nazarene Bible College	7,347.29	3,600.00	104.09
NMI Ministry (Note 1)	31,882.60	17,500.00	82.19
NDI Ministry	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
NYI Ministry	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00
Public Relations/Advert	739.81	900.00	-17.80
Benevolence	1,839.28	1,500.00	22.62
Christmas Expenses	2,609.73	1,800.00	44.99
Memberships\Subscriptions	2,466.88	2,400.00	2.79
Total General & Admin Expenses	305,133.85	228,760.00	33.39

Total GST Expenses	2,806.17	1,800.00	55.90
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Assistance to Churches

Camp Harmattan Association	16,458.32	20,000.00	-17.71
Matching Grants (Note 1)	44,336.74	0.00	0.00
Lakeshore Camp (Note 1)	14,295.00	0.00	0.00
Winnipeg Initiative - New Hope move	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00
Church Health Development	0.00	2,000.00	-100.00
Bookkeeping Support	1,867.50	6,000.00	-68.88
Local Church Donations (Note 1)	38,711.15	24,000.00	61.30
Total Assistance to Churches	118,168.71	54,500.00	116.82
Total Salaries & Benefits	252,984.24	271,272.00	-6.74

Church Planting

Calgary Gathering (Note 1)	5,595.00	0.00	0.00
Kingdom Advance (Note 1)	53,805.00	0.00	0.00
Medicine Hat The Table (Note 1)	1,461.48	0.00	0.00
Winnipeg Living Water (Note 1)	53,096.00	1,800.00	2,849.78
Total Church Planting Expenses	113,957.48	1,800.00	6,230.97

Pastoral Development

Past. Devel. & Coach Program	7,132.46	15,400.00	-53.69
Benevolence for Pastors	500.00	0.00	0.00
Wellness Support	1,935.00	1,560.00	24.04
Clergy Education Grants	6,623.78	6,000.00	10.40
Soul Care Clergy Conference	15,507.39	19,900.00	-22.07
Travel Subsidy	0.00	500.00	-100.00
Wellness Initiative	1,601.80	0.00	0.00
Leadership Development	6,676.93	15,000.00	-55.49
Prayer Retreat	1,487.90	4,200.00	-64.57
Total Pastoral Development	41,465.26	62,560.00	-33.72

Compassionate Ministry

W & W Team Project	3,444.95	3,000.00	14.83
Total Compassionate Ministry	3,444.95	3,000.00	14.83
Total Travel and Business Expenses	37,370.00	30,300.00	23.33
Total Healthcare premiums	123,229.59	117,792.00	4.62

Property Expenses

Pty. Exp - Winnipeg	2,376.24	7,200.00	-67.00
Pty. Exp - Harm Cemetary	9,302.23	7,500.00	24.03
Pty.Exp - Woodside Blvd (Note 1)	5,825.00	4,900.00	18.88
Pty.Exp - Woodside Park	2,476.73	5,800.00	-57.30
Total Property Expenses	19,980.20	25,400.00	-21.34

Investment Expenses

Bondholder's Interest Expense (Note 1)	65,755.21	60,200.00	9.23
Broker's Fee\Comm\ Int (Note 1)	4,732.43	200.00	2,266.22
Realized Loss: Equities (Note 1)	1,141.66	0.00	0.00
Total Investment Expenses	71,629.30	60,400.00	18.59

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TOTAL EXPENSE	1,140,443.85	887,504.00	28.50
NET INCOME	1,691.16	492.00	243.73

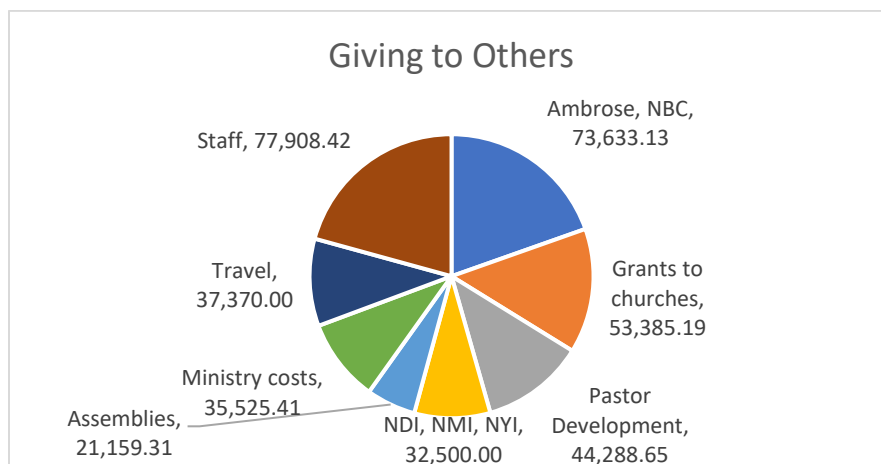
Giving to Others

Thank you for participating in **GIVING TO OTHERS** on Canada West District!

In 2024-2025 local churches contributed **\$375,770.12** to District and Education allocations!

To ensure we continue serving our community with excellence and purpose, here's how your contributions have been invested to benefit our churches, leaders, and ministries:

- **\$73,633.13** was invested in *leadership development and theological education* through Ambrose University and Nazarene Bible College—equipping future pastors and ministry leaders to serve our congregations.
- **\$53,385.19** directly supported *local churches*, helping them to carry out their missions in their communities and expand their reach.
- **\$44,288.65** was dedicated to *pastoral care and development*, providing resources, training, and support to help our pastors thrive spiritually and professionally.
- **\$32,500.00** was allocated to *District Nazarene Discipleship Ministries, Nazarene Youth International, and Nazarene Missions International*, empowering discipleship efforts, youth engagement, and global outreach.
- **\$21,159.31** supported our *District and General Assemblies*, ensuring representation and collaborative decision-making that shapes our shared vision.
- **\$35,525.41** covered *essential ministry infrastructure*—including insurance, office supplies, and legal services—ensuring responsible and effective operations.
- **\$37,370.00** in *travel costs* enabled district leaders and pastors to connect, support one another, and engage in vital ministry across locations.
- The **remaining balance** was used for *staff salaries*, investing in the dedicated individuals who make all these ministries possible through their daily service and leadership.



Another fun fact! From this year's investment income, churches and bondholders with funds in the bond fund received a total **\$65,755.21** return on investment!

Blue Cross Supplementary Health Plan Rates 2025-2026

		Family	Single
Health	Medication 80% coverage \$1000.00 per person per year Direct bill Paramedical 100% coverage per person per year per service \$750 Psychologist, Speech Pathologist, Podiatrist, Osteopath, Audiologist, occupational therapist, hearing aids \$500 Physio, chiropractor, acupuncturist, naturopath, dietician, massage, orthotics Eye Exam 1 per person per 24 months Travel 100% coverage 5 million per incident per trip	154.07	69.00
Dental	80% coverage \$1500.00 per person per year	103.91	41.61
Life	\$50,000.00	25.30	25.30
Dependent Life	\$10,000.00 spouse, \$5000.00 child	4.71	0.00
Critical Illness	\$50,000.00, \$10,000 spouse, \$5000.00 child	22.05	22.05
Accidental Death	\$50,000.00	2.05	2.05
		312.09	160.01
Long Term Disability	66.67% monthly earnings	Employee paid	
Eye Glasses Or other healthcare expenses	25% up to \$500.00 upon submission of receipts to the District	District paid	



Coverage	Full Time, Bi-vocational & Admin Employees Blue Cross 75044
Extended Health & Dental	Eligibility: at least 20 hours a week Reimbursement
Prescription Drugs	80% generic pricing (\$1,000 per participant each benefit year)
Colostomy supplies	100% (\$1,200 per participant each benefit year)
Hospital Benefits/Accom.	100% Private and semi-private rooms (\$1,000 per participant each benefit year)
Medical Services & Equip.	
Accidental Dental	As per fee guide within 12 months of accident
Ambulance	100% if treatment provided
*Home Nursing	\$15,000 per person per benefit year
*Hospital Beds (manual)	100% lifetime maximum (\$1,500 per participant each benefit year)
*Wheelchairs (manual)	100% (see booklet)
Mastectomy Prosthesis	\$200 per participant per benefit year
*Prosthetics	Conventional artificial limbs and eyes
*Braces - Limbs	100%
Diagnostic Services & Lab	100% (\$150 per participant each benefit year)
*Foot orthotics	\$300 per participant each benefit year
*Hearing Aids	\$750 per participant in a 4 year period
*Orthopedic Shoes	\$250 per participant each benefit year
Oxygen & Equipment	100% (\$2,500 per participant each benefit year)
Paramedical Services**	
Acupuncturist	\$300 per participant each benefit year
Audiologist	\$750 per participant each benefit year
Chiropractor	\$300 per participant each benefit year
Dietician	\$300 per participant each benefit year
Massage Therapist	\$300 per participant each benefit year
Naturopath	\$300 per participant each benefit year
Occupational Therapist	\$750 per participant each benefit year
Osteopath	\$750 per participant each benefit year
Physiotherapist	\$300 per participant each benefit year
Podiatrist/Chiropodist	\$750 per participant each benefit year
Psychologist/Social Worker/Clinical Counsellor	\$750 per participant each benefit year
Speech Pathologist	\$750 per participant each benefit year
Travel Benefits	100% 5 million lifetime maximum, 60 days per trip (see booklet for details), ceases at retirement or 70.
Emergency Medical Only	
Eye Examinations**	1 eye examination per participant (ages 19-64) in a 24 month period
Dental Benefits	\$1,000 per participant each benefit year
Preventative Dental	80% Basic and preventative procedures
Periodontic Exam	1 per participant in a 5 year period
Endodontics Exam	1 per participant in a 5 year period
Major procedures	
Ins., AD & D, LTD, Critical Care	
Life Insurance	\$50,000, reduces by 50% at 65, ceases at retirement or 75
Dependent Life Insurance	Spouse \$10,000, Each Child \$5,000, ceases at retirement or age 75
Accidental Death & Dismemberment	\$50,000, ceases at retirement or age 75
Long Term Disability	66.67% of monthly earnings, up to \$5,000 per month, ceases at retirement or age 65
Employee Critical Illness	\$50,000; \$10,000 for spouse; \$5,000 per child, benefit ceases at retirement or age 65

* Benefits must be purchased on the written order of a Health Care Professional.

**Services subject to a Reasonable and Customary per visit maximum as determined by Blue Cross.

This is a summary of the health care benefits, detailed information can be found in the booklets.

District Advisory Board Report 2024 - 2025

In harmony with the responsibilities and duties outlined in the Manual of the Church of the Nazarene 225.25, the District Advisory Board met 10 times to conduct district business. In addition, the members of the DAB served as members of the District Church Properties Board, which met concurrently to handle matters concerning property. Each DAB member also served in an additional role on the district as liaison to a Board or Committee or as Board Secretary.

- Camp Harmattan Board of Directors – Dennis Semenyna
- Lakeshore Board of Directors - Rose Graham
- Nazarene Missions International – Gary Nawrocki
- Nazarene Youth International – Jeff Baker
- Nazarene Discipleship International – John Graff
- District Advisory Board Finance Committee – Adam McDougall
- District Advisory Board Secretary – Darlene Hyatt

In accordance with Manual 225.2, 225.13 and 226, **The following credential matters were addressed:**

1. We recommend that the following minister's credentials be transferred in:
 - Andrew Barker from Canada Atlantic
 - Serena Evans from Canada Central
 - Desire Ndkiumana from Canada Quebec
 - Ruth Smith-Czerniak from Canada Pacific
2. The Following Ministers Credentials were transferred out:
 - Todd MacDonald to Canada Atlantic
 - David Skidmore to Canada Atlantic
3. We recommend the following elders be granted Retirement Assigned Status:
 - Terry Fach
 - Todd MacDonald
4. The following credentials were reinstated:
 - Leon Friesen
5. The following credentials were filed:
 - Teresa Robinson
6. The following ministers are deceased:
 - Richard Titterington
 - John Webster

7. We recommend the following be granted Ordination, Elder Status:
 - Tracy Stewart
8. We recommend the recognition of the credentials of:
 - None
9. The following are recommended for the Granting of a District Ministers License:
 - Eryn Austin-Bergen (Sundre)
 - Darlene Cahill-MacCuaig (Medicine Hat – The Table)
 - Frazier Labinio (Edmonton First)
 - Jocel Longcop (Winnipeg River of Life)
10. The following are recommended for the Renewal of the District Ministers License:
 - Stephanie Austin (Olds)
 - Tim Bridges (Airdrie)
 - Shirley Ewing (Lacombe)
 - Heather MacCarahan (Westlock)
 - Steven Pridgen (Calgary First)
 - Tracy Stewart (Medicine Hat)
11. We recommend the following be listed as district minister's license not renewed:
 - Stephen Estabrooks (Calgary First)
12. In accordance with Manual 225.17, 530.1 and Manual 530.13, the following were granted approval to minister outside the denomination:
 - Enns, Tim – Spiritual Care Practitioner, Winnipeg Southeast Personal Care Home
 - Fach, Terry – Transitional Interim Pastor, Trinity Mennonite Church
 - Fringer, Rob – President, The Salvation Army Booth University College
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 - Prendergast, Heather – National Prayer Coordinator, Leading Influence
 - Teigan, Brad – VP Academic Dean, Rocky Mountain College
 - Yoo, Hank - International Student Ministry, Regina Christian School

13. In accordance with Manual 520, 520.1 and 520.2, the following persons were granted the “SPC” code:

- Coulter, Riley – Director of Stewardship Ministries, Church of the Nazarene Canada
- Fach, Terry – Transitional Interim Pastor, Trinity Mennonite Church
- Fringer, Rob – President, The Salvation Army Booth University College
- Herbert, Tammy – District Nazarene Discipleship International President
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- Nicholas, David – Director, Circle of Friends
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- Ronquillo, Manuel – Men’s Case Manager, Rising Above
- Siggelkow, Mel – Director, Rising Above
- Teigen, Brad – VP Academic Dean, Rocky Mountain College
- Yoo, Hank – International Student Director, Regina Christian School

14. In accordance with Manual 505-520.2, the following persons had role code changes:

- Mark Brower-Herbert to PAS
- Riley Coulter to RA/SPC/PAS
- Moses Chot Jock to PAS
- Leon Friesen to PSV-PT
- Todd MacDonald to RA
- Desire Ndikumana to PSV-PT
- David Prathipati to PAS
- Stuart Williams to EDU

The following District Business matters were addressed:

1. In accordance with Manual 225.1, the statistical year was declared as May 1 – April 30.
2. In accordance with Manual 244-244.1 and 225.18, the following were hired or re-hired: Rose Brower-Young, District Superintendent, Rose Graham, District Director of Operations, Cathie Epp and Jena Beagle as Administrative Assistants, Tammy Herbert as Digital Marketing Coordinator and Reunion Planner.
3. The following policies were approved:
 - Canada West District will allow for fellowship members as per Manual 205.24 and 110.

- In accordance with Manual 225.26: All churches owning property shall develop and approve a contract policy and this policy must be approved by the Canada West District Church of the Nazarene.
 - When new starts are incorporating or applying for charitable status, they must use a box number or the mother church address; the Pastor's address will not be used as the church address on the application.
 - Columbarium will not be permitted at Harmattan cemetery.
4. A church planting coach was retained.
 5. The following were approved as signatories: Eric Ewing, Rose Graham, Delrose Laxton and Rose Brower-Young, Kimberly Barnes for the District; Kenzie Lang, Ryan Hannay, Deanne Sorenson, Penny Ure and Megan Hubschmid for NYI, Amanda Mills and Dawn Maetche for NDI and, Heather Prendergast, Penny Ure, and Myrna Dipert for NMI.
 6. In accordance with Manual 224.3, Darlene Hyatt was elected as District Advisory Board secretary. In accordance with Manual 225.21, Eric Ewing was elected as District Treasurer. In accordance with Manual 225.22, Jeff Baker was elected as District Secretary.
 7. The District Bond Fund will pay 3%; in the event of a reduction of the rate, 30 days notice will be given to bondholders.
 8. In accordance with Manual 225.19, the District Advisory Board Finance Committee Report to the assembly, and the budget for the 2025-2026 year was approved.
 9. In accordance with Manual 225.19, The District 2024-2025 Financial Review was completed May 13, 2025 and the results of same have been published in the journal.
 10. In accordance with Manual 225.15, the following Compassionate Ministries are declared District Approved Specials:
 - Drumheller Fig Tree
 - Edmonton Building Hope
 - Edmonton Circle of Friends
 - Winnipeg Den 205
 - Edmonton Southside Atrium
 - Grande Prairie Rising Above
 - Winnipeg Siloam Mission
 - Rocky Mountain House Kidztown Outreach
 - Sylvan Lake Kids Center
 - Caroline Church Theatre project

The following projects were declared District Approved Specials:

- Airdrie Building fund
- Edmonton First parking lot project

11. In accordance with Manual 119, the following Pastoral appointments were made:

- Tim Bridges to Airdrie Family Life
- John Watton to Caroline
- Walter Gripping, lay pastor, to Claresholm
- Carlos Calderon to Drumheller
- Rick Burk to Edmonton First Church
- Tracy Stewart to High Prairie
- Jeff Baker to Innisfail
- Doug Herbert to Lacombe
- Mark Noonan to Lethbridge
- Andrew Barker to Medicine Hat
- Darlene Hyatt to Olds
- Bernice McNair to Prince Albert
- Kyle Mills to Red Deer First
- Randal Neufeld to Red Deer West Park
- Randy Clark to Regina
- Debbie Tanasiechuk to Saskatoon
- Doug Webb to Sedgewick
- Frank Chouinard to Sherwood Park
- Barry Sigurdson to Sylvan Lake
- Serena Evans to Wapella
- Rick Burk to Westlock
- Annette Smith to Winnipeg New Hope

12. In accordance with Manual 115.2, the following churches were approved to operate with an alternate board structure.

- Claresholm
- Lacombe
- Olds
- Prince Albert
- Red Deer West Park
- Regina
- Saskatoon
- Wapella
- Westlock

13. The following churches were organized:

- Calgary African Community
- Calgary The Gathering
- Gladstone Happy Rock
- Medicine Hat The Table
- Riverton
- Winnipeg Christian Assembly of Southern Asians

In accordance with Manual 236-237.4, the following District Property and Financial Business was addressed:

14. The following grants were awarded or approved:

- Calgary African Sudanese \$13,000.00 New Start grant
- Drumheller \$5,000.00 New Ministry grant
- Edmonton First \$10,000.00 Renovation matching grant
- Gladstone Happy Rock \$13,347.33 New start grant
- Fort Saskatchewan \$1,000.00 ministry grant
- Lacombe \$1,500.00 Ministry grant
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- Prince Albert \$4,200.00 Renovation matching grant
- Riverton \$13,347.33 New Start grant
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- Winnipeg CASA \$13,347.33 New Start grant
- Winnipeg Living Water \$44,360.00 Alabaster grant and New Ministry grant
- Winnipeg New Hope \$2,500.00 Ministry grant

15. The following loan renewals were approved:

- Calgary Skyview
- Lethbridge
- Red Deer First
- Sherwood Park
- Sylvan Lake
- Winnipeg Living Water

16. The following were granted approval to sell or lease property:

- Sundre Church to sell 104 3rd Street NW, Sundre for \$255,000.00
- Lacombe to sell .55 acre Plot 8722607, Block 4, Lot 2 for \$120,000.00
- Red Deer First, cell phone tower lease

17. The following actions were approved for District owned properties:

- Woodside Blvd – retain rent at \$1,700.00
- Woodside Park – sell for \$527,500.00.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Rose Brower-Young, District Superintendent

Rev. Darlene Hyatt, DAB Secretary



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15. We followed up on our pastor's and their Lifelong Learning hours. Those who had not registered were contacted and encouraged to do so.

16. There is a new course of study which will be offered through Ambrose University in the fall. Dr. Rob Snow met with the board to discuss those changes and the path moving forward. Those who are almost finished their course of study are encouraged to complete their studies through NBC but those who are not nearing completion are encouraged to register through Ambrose University.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Rose Brower-Young

District Superintendent

Rev. Jeff Baker

Secretary

Nominating Committee Report

The membership of the committee includes:

District Superintendent: Rose Brower-Young and **District Secretary:** Jeff Baker

DAB Members: Jeff Baker, John Graff, Darlene Hyatt, Adam McDougall, Gary Nawrocki, Dennis Semenyina.

Auxiliary Chairpersons: Myrna Dipert, NMI, Kenzie Baker, NYI, Tammy Herbert, NDI

THE NOMINATING PROCEDURE:

1. To facilitate the recruitment of nominees, our policy is as much as possible and unless otherwise approved, we will nominate twice as many nominees on the assembly ballot as need to be elected, except if there is one person to be elected, then we will nominate 3 persons.
2. The nominating committee will place those people on the ballot by electing them (to the ballot). To do this, we will use the following procedure:
 - a) request nominee names from Pastors of local churches and these names will be included with the names submitted by the nominating committee in the first submission.
 - b) each member of the nominating committee will nominate all the persons they feel are capable of serving in each position. Each nominator will provide a short bio and description of the nominee and why they are suitable and a good fit for the position they are being nominated for.
 - c) From these nominations, the first ballot will be formed, committee members will be provided with the nominee's bio and description and will be asked to vote.
 - d) the ones receiving the most votes, and at least 6 votes, will be contacted to see if they will let their name stand for election at District Assembly.
3. To be placed on the Assembly ballot a candidate must:
 - a) Receive at least 50% of the votes cast from the nominating committee.
 - b) In the event of a tie, we will circulate a ballot with those names on it and vote to break the tie.
4. Persons receiving the most votes will be considered elected to the nominating ballot. In case of decline of nomination, the District Director of Operations will be authorized to go to the person with the next highest number of votes, providing that person has received at least 50% of the votes from the nominating committee. Otherwise, the nominating committee will be asked to submit more nominees.
5. Regarding the eligibility of elders and deacons to serve on district boards: Only Assigned or Retired Assigned elders and deacons that attend a Nazarene Church are eligible.
6. Nazarene Discipleship International, Nazarene Youth International and Nazarene Missions International will elect officials at their annual convention.
7. National board member to be appointed or elected in 2027.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ASSEMBLY:

1. In accordance with *Manual* paragraph 236, the District Advisory Board will serve as the District Church Properties Board.
2. Elections will be by plurality vote.
3. When there are multiple terms of office, the persons with the highest number of votes will serve for the longer terms of reference; and that in the event of a tie, we use alphabetical order to determine order of election.
4. Board of Ministry: In accordance with *Manual* 205.18, the District boards of Ministerial Credentials and Ministerial Studies will serve as the District Board of Ministry and the district will elect the total number necessary to serve on both boards and allow them to organize themselves in a manner most suitable to fulfill these responsibilities.
 - a) And that the total number of the board be 11, including the District Superintendent and District Secretary. (The number of members was previously 14.) To facilitate this change in membership number from 14 to 11, no election will be held in the 2025 year.
 - b) And that the terms of election be staggered so that the required number of members will be elected each year to serve a term of four years (*Manual* 205.18).

NOMINATIONS:

A. DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD (*Manual* 224-228)

ELECT: 1 layperson and 1 ordained minister to serve for 3 years

One layperson to serve for three years to the year 2028 to replace outgoing member John Graff. (Remaining members: Adam McDougall and Dennis Semenyna)

One ordained minister to serve for three years to the year 2028 to replace outgoing member Darlene Hyatt (Remaining members: Gary Nawrocki and Jeff Baker. Rose Brower Young, District Superintendent, ex-officio)

Lay- Vote for 1		Clergy – Vote for 1	
Greg Harbers	Lethbridge	Frank Chouinard	Sherwood Park
Dwight Oliver	Caroline	David Prathipati	Winnipeg CASA
Penny Ure	Red Deer First	Debbie Tanasiechuk	Saskatoon

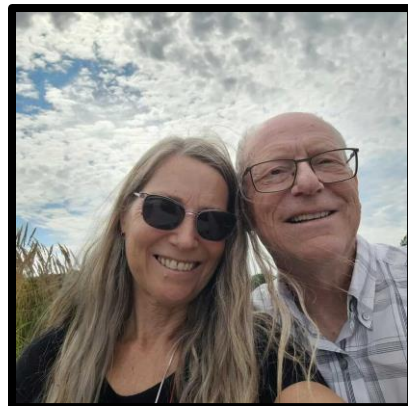
Respectfully submitted, Rose Brower Young

* All *Manual* references from the *Manual* 2023

DAB Nomination Biographies

Rev. Frank Chouinard – District Advisory Board, Clergy

Pastor Frank has been the lead pastor at Spark Church of the Nazarene for three years. Following studies for his Bachelor of Education at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and graduation from Canadian Nazarene College with his Bachelor of Theology, Pastor Frank has led congregations in Sylvan Lake and Medicine Hat Alberta and in Collingwood and Ottawa Ontario. While leading the Trinity congregation Pastor Frank was involved in district ministry in various capacities including District Secretary. He led the formation of Trinity Church's community garden and was chaplain for the Ottawa Misfits motorcycle group. Frank and Cindy have three adult children and five grandchildren (all in the Edmonton area). They enjoy time with their family, visiting and exploring Canada and other parts of the world, touring on their motorcycle, quiet walks, and sitting in their living room with a book in one hand and a good cup of coffee in the other.



Greg Harbers – District Advisory Board, Clergy

Greg and his wife farm in southern Alberta, near Monarch. He operated a Dairy farm for 40 years until he retired from Dairy farming in 2015. Now, Greg grows cereal grains and hay. He has three grown children, two sons-in-law, five grandchildren and another one on the way. Greg attends the Bridge Community Church in Lethbridge Alberta and he has served on the Church Board as a Board Member and Treasurer for 23 years. Greg also teaches the Adult Sunday School class Sunday mornings and he enjoys serving in the church and community in any way he can.



Dwight Oliver – District Advisory Board, Lay

Dwight was born and raised and has lived in Caroline AB all his life. He attended CNC in 1965 and 66. Dwight met his life mate there and cared for her in her last yrs. He has been an almost continuous member of the Caroline Church Board since 1968 Dwight is a life long farmer and permanent Board or Community Committee member for all his days. In the last 25 yrs, Dwight has served in County government and a number of Provincial task forces and agencies. He is out of public life now and is excited about the opportunities that he sees for Christ's Kingdom to grow in his era. Dwight is engaged in a quest to enlarge and raise his vision of the Church as the tangible Body of Christ.



Rev. David Prathipati – District Advisory Board, Clergy

David Prathipati is a Bi-vocational pastor of Christian Assembly of Southern Asia (CASA) Church of Nazarene. David works as a Portfolio Manager, fulltime with Bell Canada for the last 18 years. David is married to Grace for 36 years in an arranged marriage system as per Indian tradition. David and Grace are born and raised in Southern India. Both are engineers by education. Their parents on both sides are Christians for multiple generations. They lived in Southern Africa (Zimbabwe, Botswana, and South Africa) for about 10 years before moving to Winnipeg, Canada in 2008. They have two daughters, Rhema and Rhea and both have graduated from University of Manitoba, and both got married to Joshua and Bryce in 2020 during Covid-19 pandemic. They are blessed with grand daughter Lily in February 2023, through Rhema and Joshua. David has planted a South Asian Church, Christian Assembly of Southern Asia (CASA) as a Parent Affiliated Church (PAC) in Winnipeg in July 2014 and was pastoring from the beginning. It was started with 5 members and is growing steadily despite several challenges. The key focus of this CASA church is to disciple the members and do outreach to people of South Asian backgrounds in new ways. David was ordained in 2024 after completing the requirements David also actively working with International Students Ministries of Canada (ISMIC) that ministers to non-English-speaking international students in Winnipeg for the last 15 years.



Rev. Debbie Tanasiecuk – District Advisory Board, Clergy

Debbie Tanasiecuk, Senior Pastor at Saskatoon Louise Street Community Church of the Nazarene since January 2022 has a wealth of ministry experience and knowledge. She was ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in Canada West in 1995. She has served as lead pastor in Melfort, SK and as associate pastor in Winnipeg, Prince Albert and Saskatoon. In addition to her pastoral ministry, Debbie served for 7.5 years as chaplain at Saskatchewan Penitentiary (men's federal prison). In 2009, she began working for Correctional Services Canada (CSC) as Regional Chaplain for the Prairie Region. Debbie retired in May 2024 after a fifteen-year career in various leadership roles at the regional and national levels for CSC. Debbie served previously on the Board of Ministry and on the Ambrose University Board of Governors. Debbie's other district ministry includes over a decade of service as the district assembly recording secretary, and she, along with her husband Don, support her daughter, Dori, in Harmattan Family Camp's Preschool Palace program. Debbie is interested in mentoring and discipling the next generation of leaders for her local congregation and CWD.



Penny Ure – District Advisory Board, Lay

Penny has been dedicated to Missions serving in the Local church, on the District NMI Council and as the Canadian Global Missions representative since 2017. She has been a member of the DAB and Family Camp Board. Alongside her husband Scott, she finds immense joy in the family, especially their 14 grandchildren. Scott and Penny have fostered for 25 years, serving Samson Cree Nation. Sundays at their home are a lively celebration, often welcoming 30 to 50 loved ones for food and fellowship. With a heart devoted to Jesus, the people He has placed in her life, and the church. Passionately sharing the love of Jesus with all.



NDI Committee Member Biographies

Jonah Antonio – Nazarene Discipleship International Committee Member

Jonah Antonio began ministry in the Philippines as a local NYI leader in his home church, later serving three terms as District NYI President for the Luzon District. He also served as an associate lay pastor at Bayaoas Church of the Nazarene. After moving to Canada, Jonah has served as NDI Director and Sunday School Superintendent at River of Life Church of the Nazarene in Winnipeg and on the Lakeshore Bible Camp Board. Jonah plays a large role in the church planting efforts for both River of Life and Living Water Church of the Nazarene. He currently serves as NDI Director and associate lay pastor at Living Water. Jonah serves because he loves the Lord with all his heart.



Rev. Andrew Barker – Nazarene Discipleship International Committee Member

Rev. Andrew Barker is blessed to serve as Pastor of the Glenview Church Family (Medicine Hat). He has previously served in various roles on both the Canada West and Canada Atlantic District such as: CAD NDI President, CAD District Advisory Board, CAD Board of Ministry, and both the CAD and CWD NYI Ministries. He presently serves as the CWD NYI Secretary. Andrew's heart is to see souls saved and lives transformed through the work and presence of Jesus while helping others take their next steps in their journey of life and faith with God.



Marilyn Gripping – Nazarene Discipleship International Committee Member

Hello! I'm Marilyn Gripping, and my desire is for God to flow through me every day as I live my life inside and outside the church walls. I am a Registered Nurse, mother of four grown children, a doting grandma to ten, and happily married to Walter for four decades. We have been serving together at Claresholm Nazarene Church for over 25 years. From rocking "Auntie M" at Family Camp to leading worship and even trekking to Uganda for mission work, I'm all about active ministry and uniting hearts for God in our community. I have been a part of the district NDI leadership team for several years in the past and would love to serve God again in this capacity.



Rev. Tammy Herbert – Nazarene Discipleship International Director

Rev. Tammy Herbert has served as an ordained elder on the Canada West District for 26 years, currently leading as the District NDI President. Known for her creative and adaptable ministry, she preaches across the district, writes curriculum, and supports local churches in meaningful ways. Her past district leadership roles include District NYI Secretary, SDMI Chair, and a decade on the District Board of Ministry. She and her husband David live just east of Edberg, Alberta where they farm, and Tammy runs a business offering social media and content writing to mental health professionals and faith-based organizations. They have two young adult children, one living in Calgary, the other between home and Edmonton. In moments of rest, you'll find Tammy napping, diving into genealogy research, walking her doodles, or enjoying a good audiobook on the front porch.



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Nazarene Discipleship Int'l Report to the Assembly 2024-2025

Greetings to you Dr. Carla Sunberg. Rev. Mark Collins, Pastor Rose Brower-Young and all the delegates and members of the Assembly!

I am honored to bring you a report on behalf of the Canada West Nazarene Discipleship International Council. I am truly privileged to serve alongside called and gifted men and women as we support our Nazarene churches across Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

This year has been a year of working through projects one step at a time in hopes of doing all we can to resource and equip those in our local churches who serve faithfully to disciple the children, youth, and adults across Canada West. As your NDI council, we see this—partnering with churches as they work to implement new avenues of reaching out to others.

We are deeply thankful for the opportunity to provide ten grants to ten communities this year, supporting creative and compassionate outreach efforts. These grants enabled a wide range of ministries and events that made a meaningful impact in their local contexts. Highlights include:

- Two churches launched or expanded weekly children's ministries, preparing to welcome young families in communities with few or no children attending.
- Volunteers partnered with a local school to spread joy during the Christmas season through thoughtful acts of service.
- A community-wide BBQ was hosted, with backpacks distributed to families to help students start the school year well-equipped. Another community event highlighted the ministries available at the church.
- A men's ministry was empowered to deepen accountability and outreach, encouraging participants to invest in the lives of others.
- A Vacation Bible School welcomed over 100 children, supported by 40 volunteers from the church and community.
- A food ministry created a place of hospitality and fellowship for individuals and families experiencing food insecurity.
- Summer activities were held in a community where a new church plant is underway, helping to build relationships and trust.
- Outreach extended to a nearby small town without a church, offering events and presence in a new area of need.
- A biblical parenting class provided faith-based teaching, fellowship, and children's programming for participating families.

These grants reflect our primary hope to live out the gospel in tangible ways. We celebrate each ministry's creativity, courage, and commitment to serving their neighbours with the love of Christ. We are excited that 12 new grants have already been issued for the 2025-2026 church year. Stay tuned for those stories!



One of the biggest wins for our district and the NDI this last year has been the work of Meghan McDougall in getting the Lay Ministry Training course off the ground and leading a monthly cohort to give those in the course the opportunity to learn together. The students have completed two courses this year. If you're interested in joining or know someone in your church who would benefit from this learning, go to Discipleship Place (<https://discipleshipplace.org/>) to learn more and complete an application. You can join the Canada West cohort in September or January. This is a fantastic resource for our church, and we encourage all lay leaders to check it out.

Rev. Laurel Pridgen continues to advance efforts to help our district churches answer questions and make plans to welcome those with diverse brains and bodies. Laurel has worked with a few churches to help them see how they can change things to include someone who struggles to learn and worship in community. In addition to this, a big development on the global church level has been the release of the Adapted Discipleship Library in partnership with Wonderful Works Ministry. (Just Google and you'll find it!) This is such a valuable resource for our churches! And we are privileged to have Rev. Ryan Nelson, the director of the disability initiatives for Global NDI, with us this week. God continues to show us ways to make it possible to include everyone as we learn and worship.

Even though the district NDI team is not responsible for the implementation of safe place policies in the local church, we are thankful for the work of Rev. Sheri Lynne Martin in the role of NazSafe Coordinator for the District, helping churches as they work to implement policies, raise awareness and equip leaders to be a safe place for children, youth and other vulnerable people who are a part of the ministries. The District has strongly supported this initiative by providing access to MinistrySafe, making it easier to track training and equip those who serve. Thank you, Jacquie Hunt, who has served yet another year as the NazSafe Administrative Assistant.

In November, David and I travelled to LC24, the Discipleship Conference of the USA/Canada Church of the Nazarene. We were inspired to keep doing this work and encouraged by all that the Church Global is doing to support us in providing a timeless discipleship strategy that is easy to share with others. We experience God's grace personally—His prevenient, saving, and sanctifying grace— and as others experiencing it too – this is one side of the discipleship coin, The Journey of Grace - always present, always available, always ready to change hearts. And our role is simple, and the other side of the “coin” of discipleship. Amazingly, God wants to partner with us in the world—using our talents and resources to bless our communities, bring people to Jesus, and walk alongside others as we all grow as Christlike disciples. It's not hard to imagine how this will work at all our churches, just as it has worked throughout the centuries in communities everywhere.

We have also been introducing the five core values of discipleship as foundational to how we live out discipleship together. You'll find a brochure that outlines these values, which include:

- Fervent Prayer
- Compassionate Outreach
- Comprehensive Biblical Learning
- Intentional Mentoring
- Equipping Authentic Relationships

These aren't new, but they are an excellent guideline to help us as we choose the materials we are teaching our people, or consider the kinds of ministries we are investing in to grow well-grounded disciples in our churches, neighbourhoods, and communities.



Other areas we continue to develop and dream about are:

- A commitment to prayer through Pastor Boor, who has been teaching us by word and example what it looks like to live our lives praying.
- A conversation that is just starting about volunteerism, and the benefits and challenges that are a part of a church whose pastor is bi-vocational.
- Supporting the camping ministries more
- Providing resources for intentional mentoring
- How we support churches that want to start a children's ministry in their church or community. How are we helping churches "get ready for them?"
- Continuing to collaborate more and more with district leadership and other auxiliary ministries to fulfill the vision of Canada West to "see a movement of churches who are change agents with their neighbours creating thriving communities through partnerships that result in vibrancy, support, innovation, and belonging."

Here on Earth As it Is in Heaven

I want to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the NDI Team who haven't yet been named. Your dedication and faithfulness are deeply appreciated. We are truly a team—and I could not do this work without each one of you.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to my family, who have once again watched my plate grow fuller as I seek to follow God's leading in how He desires to use me. Their ongoing support and willingness to make sacrifices behind the scenes mean more than words can say.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Tammy Herbert
NDI PRESIDENT, CANADA WEST
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NDI FINANCIAL INFORMATION2024-2025

Bank Account	Amount
Opening Bank Balance (May 1, 2024)	\$ 3,371.87
Total Income	\$ 11,030.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 18,110.28
Closing Balance	\$ 10,769.72
Outstanding Cheques	\$ 890.55
Adjusted Bank Balance (Apr 30, 2025)	\$ 11,660.27
Balance in District Bond Fund	\$ 27,078.23

Income	Amount
5/3/2024 Spark Payment	\$ 200.00
5/22/2024 Transfer	\$ 10,830.00
Total Income	\$ 11,030.00

Expenses	Amount
SPARK (catering, venue, speaker fees)	\$7,542.65 * KRK funds
Donations (deputation for Sotos)	\$500.00
Grants	\$4,500.00
Reunion Expense	\$1,643.89
AFC Supplies (worship bags, Heyday)	\$390.55 * KRK funds
Bank Charges	\$9.95
Camp Supplies	\$390.55
Promotions (NMI Pizza party)	\$100.00
Training (LC24, M25)	\$2,923.24
Family Life Grant	\$500.00
Pizza Party	\$100.00
Total Expenses	\$18,600.83

Check Ledger

5/16/2024 Beth Rush	Spark Speaker	\$ 2,767.40 *
5/16/2024 COTN Canada	Deputation Sotos	\$ 500.00
5/16/2024 Olds Hope Pointe	Grants	\$ 500.00
5/16/2024 Edmonton First	Grants	\$ 500.00
6/25/2024 Penny Ure	SPARK (catering)	\$ 2,190.00 *
7/1/2024 Lacombe Woodland Dr	Grants	\$ 500.00
7/1/2024 Canada West District	Reunion Expense	\$ 705.00
7/1/2024 Tammy Herbert	Reunion Expense	\$ 713.89
7/1/2024 Gripping	Reunion Expense	\$ 75.00
7/1/2024 Hyatt	Reunion Expense	\$ 75.00
7/1/2024 McDougall	Reunion Expense	\$ 75.00
7/1/2024 Calgary First	Grants	\$ 500.00
7/1/2024 Shirley Ewing	SPARK (mileage)	\$ 150.00 *
7/1/2024 Camp Harmattan	SPARK (venue)	\$ 2,435.25 *
7/31/2024 Sherwood Park COTN	Grant	\$ 500.00
7/31/2024 RMH COTN	Grant	\$ 500.00
7/31/2024 Lighthouse Fellowship	Grant	\$ 500.00
9/5/2024 Bank	bank charge	\$ 9.95

Nazarene Discipleship International

Canada West District Church of the Nazarene

Budget 2025-2026

Submitted by Tammy Herbert, District President

District Convention/Reunion 2024 Expenses:	\$	3,650.00
Workshop Presenter Honorariums (3x\$150)	\$ 450.00	
Plenary Speaker Gift	\$ 100.00	
Worship Team Honorarium	\$ 200.00	
Giveaways	\$ 500.00	
Sound and PowerPoint Technician Honorariums (2x\$100)	\$ 200.00	
Children's Worker	\$ 200.00	
Council Expenses - Registration/Travel/Accommodation/Meals	\$ 2,000.00	
estimate 8 ppl at 250 per person		
5 Core Value Banners	\$	800.00
NDI Grants for 2024-2025	\$	5,000.00
based on 10 grants at 500 per grant		
Leadership Training (resilient or other)	\$	1,000.00
NDI President (plus one) to Winnipeg - May	\$	1,000.00
Deposit to District Bond Fund	\$	2,200.00
Delegate Expenses for General NDI Convention	\$ 2,200.00	
Other office / bank charges	\$	150.00
Total Budget	\$	13,800.00
Request from Canada West District	\$	10,000.00
From Bond Fund	\$	3,800.00

Nazarene Mission's International Report

Dr. Sunberg, D.S. Rev. Rose Brower-Young, Canada West Nazarene friends and family:

It is my privilege and honor to bring my fourth report to this Assembly as District NMI President. I can honestly say that God's call on my life has been fulfilled in a unique way as I have served in this capacity. Missions remains my passion, and I have been thrilled to see how the Lord is building His kingdom through faithful Nazarenes across the Globe this year.

We set some goals last year. We have strived to reach them. Are we there yet???

Let's see...

World Evangelism Fund: We wanted to overpay our WEF amount so that new starts could emerge around the world. I do not have the total amount as of yet, but I believe we did. It is an incredible opportunity for us to partner with fellow Nazarenes and see churches popping up in all corners! We, on Canada West, understand that World Evangelism Fund fuels everything in the Church of the Nazarene. We have been faithful! I think we are there!

Nazarene Missions Teams: We sent teams to Papua New Guinea, Costa Rica, Panama and, locally, to High Prairie. In addition, our very own Steve and Rev. Heather Prendergast went to Native American Christian Academy for 3 months to serve with the Herndons. Are we there yet? Most definitely!

Youth and Children: We have prayed for youth and children to hear God's call on their lives to serve in Missions. Several of our youth went on Nazarene Missions Teams and were deeply impacted by their involvement. I have seen such maturity and leadership in JI Solangon, who has applied for Global Missions service, and in Jacci Eckstein as she has promoted Missions through her local church and on social media. Our Social Media presence has increased exponentially. Just being in the presence of these committed young people, and hearing their hearts, is an inspiration to me! I believe that God is still speaking to our youth and children and young adults. We have yet to identify them. Soooo... we are not there yet! We will continue to look for new ways to search out and involve young people on our Council.

In the meantime, we are seeing great strides in our churches utilizing NMI Central's Kids Kaleidoscope in their ministry. This will reap rewards in the future as children are inspired to serve in a lost world.

Care and Connection for our missionaries: Last year was a wonderful connection with the Soto family and we blessed them in many ways. Gave our usual allotment to them. Sent a Box of Sunshine to Elianni at Pt Loma, and Christmas gift cards. This year, we have taken on TWO Links families – the Dandges in India and the Hanes in Singapore. We look forward to “zooming” with them this year and having them come in person in the future. We have supported the Manswells and their family by email, encouragement and prayer. We have had a great Zoom with them. We even did a Virtual Shower for two of their kids. It is a great privilege to have our very own missionaries from Canada West. Praying that God will send more from our District. Are we there yet? I think so...

Alabaster: We have given more than we ever have to Alabaster this year. Thank you, Canada West, for your generosity! As we see places where people heal, learn and worship springing up around the world, we know that our Alabaster offerings of sacrifice have played a part. Definitely there yet!

Prayer: I have seen a greater involvement in our Global Week of Prayer with churches finding unique ways to encourage the involvement of their people in prayer. Are we there yet? There's always room for more prayer.

Projects: Again, Canada West has gone above and beyond in their giving to our Adult Project - New Scent Centre and our Children's Project – furnishings for a District Centre in Costa Rica Norte. Thank you, Canada West! Wow! We are really there!

Deputation tours: Dr. Floyd Cunningham's tour was well-received, and we were inspired by his message that "God's Word is not chained!" Recently, Josh Herndon toured Saskatchewan and Alberta and the response has been phenomenal! The offerings from Canada West have been above and beyond what we ever imagined. I have heard from Josh how inspired he was by his time here as well. I, absolutely LOVE our small churches! High Prairie gave well over \$800.00 with a handful of people. They have committed themselves to going to NACA to serve in the next year as well! Wapella gave over \$1100.00! This is truly amazing! Alan and Yara Cristales spoke in the Winnipeg area with a Faith Promise weekend at New Hope as well as services and involvement in the other area churches. New Hope raised above and beyond their projected goal with Faith Promise pledges. This allows them to meet all Missions obligations and much more! Yes, we are there!

Personally, I have loved connecting with Presidents and Pastors individually and in our Zooms. It has been fun and rewarding to mentor some new presidents and get their ideas and enthusiasm.

Our District NMI Council is truly inspiring! I have been so blessed by all of them!

Executive Council:

Ria Lartec is an amazing Vice President! She is so talented with graphics, technology and takes everything to heart, bringing it to fruition with excellence. Lois Polege is my dearest friend and has assumed a huge role as Secretary. She keeps me on track and is a wonderful support. Heather Prendergast can always be counted on. Her knowledge and work with finances is never questionable. She is not afraid to speak up about tough issues but is always a support. Penny Ure remains on our Executive Council and, as always, wears way too many hats! However, she does that with aplomb and never complains! I can always count on her.

Zone Reps

Northern Alberta: Norman Stewart – so grateful for his input as a man from N. Alberta

Central Alberta: Sally Arkell – what an amazing NMT she has led this year!

Southern Alberta: Evelyn Craig – always willing to step in where needed

Saskatchewan: (still praying for someone!)

Manitoba: Beverley Ferguson-Lewis -love her perspective, both local and global

Other members:

Gary Nawrocki – DAB rep - such a Godly, Mission-focused addition

Carlos Claveria – newest member – so much respect for him and for fresh perspective

Jacci Eckstein – social media - she has done an amazing job

JL Solangan – representative for youth and young adults – called to serve!

DS Rose Brower-Young – the MOST supportive DS in the COTN!

Thanks to Anastasia McDougall and Spencer Noonan for serving on YALT this year. Praying for more involvement this coming year.

It has been such a blessing to be a part of this amazing team! My heartfelt thanks to each one!

I cannot express enough thanks to the Pastors and NMI Presidents of this District! You ARE NMI! I never apologize for saying that Missions is the BEST part of the Church of the Nazarene! And we, in the Church of the Nazarene do Missions the BEST! This District has been a Mission Priority One District and a District of Excellence for three years in a row and you are to be congratulated! It is easy to see why statement of purpose remains: NMI is the Global advocate in EVERY local church nurturing a spirit of mission and mobilizing into action. This is who Canada West is!

We are in exciting days in the Church of the Nazarene for Global Missions. Our Global Missions director, Rev. Jim Ritchie, is an exciting leader with fresh new enthusiasm for reaching the world. I can't wait to see what "The Cause" brings to Global Missions. I know we will have young people involved in it. (BTW, spoiler alert – we look forward to him speaking at our Convention next year!!!) In addition, my dear friend, Cheryl Crouch (recently awarded an honorary Doctorate from SNU) has assumed her role as the new Global President for NMI. She is an amazing, humble but truly inspirational leader. We will see great strides in our denomination under these great leaders!

Goals for the coming year:

- Continue to strive for excellence in the 5 Areas of impact for NMI – Prayer, WEF, Alabaster, Engaging Children and Youth, and Care and Connection
- Access and inspire Youth and Young Adults to serve on YALT and give them meaningful and fulfilling experiences
- Send a Global, a Regional and a Local Nazarene Missions Team
- Access and work with a Zone Rep for Saskatchewan
- Pray for at least one person/couple called to Missions this year
- Increase attendance at Presidents/pastors Zooms

I am thankful for my wonderful, supportive husband. He inspires me by his passion for the lost. He goes along with my crazy ideas and helps me make them a reality. God's healing touch has been on him through a year of chemo and radiation, and we enjoy every day He gives us. Thank you for your prayers for him and for our precious daughter-in-law, Lidy. God's grace is enough!

I, recently, read this: Hobbies are something that people participate in when they have time and resources. Passion consumes your thoughts, time and resources. I always say that Missions is my passion. Passion is that area of your life that fires you up. That is what NMI does for me!

Jesus said, "... for this cause came I into the world..." John 18:37. His Purpose translated into His Passion. In addition to Passion, we need Partners. Even Jesus had 12 partners. The Apostle Paul spelled out his passion, "Dear brothers and sisters, the longing of my heart and my prayer to God is for the people of Israel to be saved." Romans 10:1. Paul also knew his partners. "Every time I think of you; I give thanks to my God...for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it unto now." Philippians 1:3,5. Not only am I thankful for the Passion that Christ gives, but for Partners. Thank you for your partnership in the work of the Lord!

Personally, I am so grateful to the Lord for His continuing Grace to me! I prayed long and hard about whether I should let my name stand for another term in this role. He confirmed it to me, early this year. If you so desire for me to continue in this position, I will strive to make this the best year ever for NMI on Canada West with the Lord's help.

We are in this together. As you will see by our Theme presentation, we are a people of "And". This year will be a year of addition and multiplication for God's glory. As our friends in Africa say, "Tuka Pamoja" (We are together!)

"AND" The story is yet to be told!

Respectfully Submitted,

Myrna Dipert
Canada West District NMI President

NMI Financials

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL
CANADA WEST DISTRICT
FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR:

May 1, 2024 - Apr 30, 2025

as at April 30, 2025

	Budgetted amts		
INCOME	\$15,350	DESIGNATED FUND BALANCES	
District Dues			Totals as at April, 2025
Transfer from Bond Fund		\$12,500.00	
Bank Interest, GST rebate, etc.		1,250.00 *	District President NMT trip \$0.00
Adult / Children's Projects funds collected		4.44	District Leadership Conference 3,500.00
Donations via District Office		2,854.03	General Convention 9,139.36
		320.36	Student NMT Grant Carryover 1,500.00
TOTAL INCOME		\$16,928.83	
			CURRENT TOTAL DESIGNATED FUNDS \$14,139.36
DISBURSEMENTS	-\$15,350	Bank Balanced Carried over from April 30, 2024	13,669.99
1) ADMINISTRATION	-\$2,000		
Council Meetings & Travel		Income to date this current fiscal year	16,928.83
Supplies, Postage, Shipping		Expenses to date this current fiscal year	-14,004.14
Audit Fees			
Zoom Fees			
Bank Charges			
-			
			Current operating balance 16,594.68
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES	-\$2,194.23		Current total designated funds balance \$14,139.36
			Total available funds \$30,734.04
2) DISTRICT CONVENTION	-\$1,200		
Speaker Honorium		Current bank balance	\$16,594.68
Photocopying and supplies		Total Unposted Cheques	0.00
Other Honoriums and Gifts			\$16,594.68
Travel			
TOTAL DISTRICT CONVENTION EXPENSES	-\$1,063.24		
3) NATIONAL OFFICE	-\$1,400		
LINKS and Connect			
Christmas Fund			
-			
TOTAL NATIONAL OFFICE TRANSFERS	-\$1,400.00		

4)	DISTRICT FAMILY AND REGIONAL MINISTRY	-\$2,950	
	Family NMI Events		\$0.00
	Compassion and Outreach ministries		-100.00
	Shipping for Educational Material		0.00
	FC Exp: lodging, meals, travel		-226.63
	FC: honoriums		0.00
	Promotional materials for offerings and projects		-616.32
	Zoom Workshop Honorariums		-241.08
	Deputation Expenses		0.00
	TOTAL DISTRICT FAMILY AND REGIONAL MINISTRY EXPENSES		-\$1,184.03
5)	GENERAL CONVENTION	-\$1,500	
	General Convention Bond Fund transfer		-\$1,500.00
	General Assembly Travel		0.00
	General Assembly Hotel		0.00
	General Assembly Per-Diem		0.00
	-		0.00
	TOTAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXPENSES		-\$1,500.00
6)	LEADERSHIP SUPPORT	-\$1,800	
	District Leadership Conference		-\$1,000.00
	District President NMT trip		-1,850.00
	Deputation Coordinator Account		0.00
	-		0.00
	TOTAL LEADERSHIP SUPPORT EXPENSES		-\$2,850.00
7)	SCHOLARSHIP	-\$4,500	
	Student NMT Grant (up to 10 at \$250 each)		-\$500.00
	Ambrose Bursary		0.00
	District Mentorship Initiative		0.00
	-		0.00
	TOTAL SCHOLARSHIP EXPENSES		-\$500.00
	OTHER EXPENSES		
	Unposted cheques from last fiscal year		-\$458.61
	Project funds transferred to Dist/Nat'l Offices		-2,854.03
	Other NMI expenses		0.00
	-		0.00
	TOTAL OTHER EXPENSES		-\$3,312.64
	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		-\$14,004.14

*We transferred \$1250.00 from the bond fund for Myrna's NMT trip to Papua New Guinea.

** Cheque to Myrna for \$1850.00 for NMT to Papua New Guinea, included the \$1250.00 from the Bond Fund plus this year's allotment of \$600.00.



It is my privilege to present this year's report on behalf of Canada West Nazarene Youth International (NYI). Serving as NYI President over the past year has been an incredible journey. I've been truly blessed to walk alongside our churches and local youth ministries throughout Manitoba, Saskatchewan, and Alberta.

We are fortunate to witness a variety of dynamic youth initiatives taking place across our district. This past year has been one of exploration—a season of seeking new ways to connect, minister, and grow. As a district NYI council, we remain committed to our mission: to call youth and young adults to a dynamic life in Christ. It has been inspiring to see how this mission is being lived out in unique ways across our churches and communities.

District Events

This year, we hosted two district-wide events and a youth rally in Manitoba. These gatherings created valuable opportunities for connection, spiritual growth, and leadership development.

Manitoba Youth Rally 2024

In October, I had the privilege of traveling to Manitoba for the first time and connecting with youth leaders and pastors in Winnipeg and surrounding areas. On Friday evening, we hosted a youth rally at New Hope Community Church with youth from the Nazarene churches in the surrounding area. The evening began with energetic "Minute to Win It" games, followed by a powerful time of worship and a heartfelt message on unity in the Body of Christ. We concluded with snacks, more games, and space to build friendships and community. It was an unforgettable evening.



SNAZ Party 2024 From September 27–29, we gathered at Southside Church of the Nazarene for our annual SNAZ Party. This year, 103 teens and leaders from Saskatoon, High Prairie, Red Deer, Innisfail, Edmonton, Wainwright, Calgary, Olds, and Stettler came together for a weekend of worship, fun, and fellowship. Highlights included: · A day trip to West Edmonton Mall · Worship led by Spencer Noonan and a team of district leaders · A message from Pastor Ryan Hannay, reminding us of our identity in Christ It was a meaningful kickoff to a new ministry year, and we are grateful to Southside Church and our NYI council for making this event such a success.

Spring Retreat 2025 From April 4–6, youth from across the district gathered at Birch Bay Ranch near Edmonton for a weekend of renewal, worship, and deep connection. We welcomed Rebecca Eckert and her husband Dustin (friends of Pastor Ryan Hannay). Dustin led us in worship while Rebecca shared messages around the theme "Not Alone." She reminded us that no matter what we face, we are never alone—God has created us for relationship and community. We ended our weekend with communion, a powerful reminder of the unity we share in Christ. With 41 students and 13 chaperones, the weekend was filled with meaningful worship, prayer walks, small groups, board games, 9-square, and time in God's beautiful creation. It was a truly special time that left many feeling refreshed and spiritually renewed.



Leadership Conference 2025 This year's Leadership Conference took place in Salt Lake City, where we began preparations for NYC 2026. Canada West sent three representatives: · Myself (Kenzie Lang, NYI President) · Ryan Hannay (Vice President) · Annette Smith (Canada West NYC Coordinator & Lead Pastor, New Hope Community Church, Winnipeg) Annette is currently serving as our NYC coordinator, helping us prepare for our upcoming trip in July of 2026. Annette brings a valued experience in youth ministry and previously served as NYI President for Canada Atlantic before accepting the call from God to move her ministry to New Hope Community Church in Winnipeg. We are incredibly blessed to have her on our team. The conference was a great time of collaboration with our fellow Canadian district leaders as we lay the groundwork for an exciting and meaningful NYC experience in 2026.

Looking Ahead to NYC 2026 We are thrilled to be preparing for NYC 2026 in Salt Lake City! Our trip is scheduled for June 30 to July 6, 2026. This year, we re-introduced an application and interview conversation process for both students and chaperones. So far, we have: · 45 student applicants · 7 chaperones Our interview conversations have been an incredible blessing—hearing students' hearts for Christ and their excitement to grow in faith and community has been deeply encouraging. We invite you to pray with us for each participant and for what God has planned for this life-changing experience.

Looking Toward the Future As we move forward, our NYI council has committed to focusing on three key areas of ministry: Youth, Young Adults, and Leaders. 1. **Youth Ministry** We're building on the momentum from this past year by continuing events like SNAZ Party and our Spring Retreat. These events have proven vital in building faith and community, and we're excited to see how they will continue to grow in this upcoming year.



2. Young Adult Ministry Our young adults (ages 18–28) are navigating a wide range of life stages—from university to careers, singleness to marriage, and everything in between. Recognizing this, we're excited to pilot a young adult ministry starting August 2025. This ministry will include: · Social gatherings · Guest speakers on relevant life topics · Opportunities for learning, discipleship, and connection Please join us in praying for this emerging ministry and for the lives it will touch.

3. Leadership Support We are immensely grateful for our dedicated youth leaders who pour so much into students' lives across the district. To support them, we're launching quarterly Zoom gatherings beginning this year. These sessions will offer: · Time for connection and prayer · Shared learning and encouragement · Space for leaders to support one another in ministry We believe this will strengthen our community and equip leaders for even greater impact.

Thank you to Our NYI Council I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our Canada West NYI Council. It has been a joy and honor to serve alongside this amazing team: · Ryan Hannay – Vice President · Andrew Barker – Secretary · Deanne Sorenson – Treasurer · Edward McDougall – Sr. High Representative · Katelyn Lerwill – Jr. High Representative · Psalm Plantilla – Saskatchewan Representative · Jeisella Evangelista & Heart Galapir – Manitoba Representatives Your passion, dedication, and servant hearts have not gone unnoticed. Thank you for all the time, energy, and care you've poured into this ministry. I am deeply grateful to walk this journey with you as we respond to God's call for our district.

Respectfully submitted, Kenzie Lang NYI President



NYI Financials

NYI Proposed Budget 2025-2026

Ambrose Scholarship:		\$500
Scholarship Award	\$500	
Leadership Conference (Salt Lake City)		\$3,300
Registration (District President and NYC Coordinator)	\$450	
Flights (District President and NYC Coordinator)	\$1,200	
Hotel (4 Nights)	\$1,300	
Meals	\$350	
Global NYI Convention		\$1,500
Nazarene Youth Conference 2026		\$1,000
Registration Fee (District President and NYC Coordinator)	\$1,000	
District Events and Retreats		\$2,500
Teen Camp Speaker Honarariums		\$450
Camp Harmattan (Alberta)	\$300	
Lakeshore Bible Camp (Manitoba)	\$150	
NYI Convention (District Assembly)		\$250
Misc./Office		\$500
Total Budget:		\$10,000

NYI Transaction Record 2024-2025

September and October

Account	Date	Description	Income	Method	Expense	Method	Expense Cheque Cashed?	Confirmation Numbers	Overall Balance
Main	09/01/2024	Opening Balance					☐		\$10,947.99
Main	09/28/2024	SNAZ Registration Deposit	\$4,165.00	Cheque			☐	Deposited by Deanne Sorenson	\$15,112.99
Main	09/28/2024	SNAZ Registration Deposit	\$1,955.00	Cash			☐	Deposited by Deanne Sorenson	\$17,067.99
Main	09/29/2024	SNAZ Food Supplies			\$1,366.30	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0245 - Jeff Baker	\$15,701.69
Main	09/29/2024	SNAZ Food Supplies			\$169.60	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0247 - Deanne Sorenson	\$15,532.09
Main	09/29/2024	SNAZ Supplies (Food, Rec, Swag)			\$481.89	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0246 - Kenzie Baker	\$15,050.20
Main	09/29/2024	SNAZ Swag Stickers			\$702.00	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0244 - Anastasia McDougall	\$14,348.20
Main	09/29/2024	SNAZ Southside Coffee Bar			\$226.00	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0248 - Southside Nazarene	\$14,122.20
Main	09/30/2024	Interest Payment	\$0.06	Cash			☐		\$14,122.26
Main	10/04/2024	SNAZ Choice Passes			\$5,731.95	E-transfer	☐	Ref #C1AVMdXgsy2u - Ryan Hannay	\$8,390.31
Main	10/04/2024	SNAZ Supplies (Rec)			\$43.80	E-transfer	☐	Ref #C1AVRq7mBqct - Skyview Naz	\$8,346.51
Main	10/15/2024	SNAZ Registration Deposit (Skyview)	\$850	E-Transfer			☐	Deposited by Kenzie Baker	\$9,196.51
Main	10/11/2024	SNAZ Registration Deposit (Calgary First)	\$1,445.00	Cheque			☐	Deposited by Kenzie Baker	\$10,641.51
Main	10/31/2024	Closing Balance					☐		\$10,641.51
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November and December

Account	Date	Description	Income	Method	Expense	Method	Expense Cheque Cashed?	Confirmation Numbers	Overall Balance
Main	11/01/2024	Opening Balance					☐		\$10,641.51
Main	11/01/2024	Leadership Conference Registration (Kenzie and Annet)			426.06	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0249 - McKenzie Baker	\$10,215.45
Main	11/28/2024	Leadership Conference Registration (Ryan)			213.02	E-transfer	☒	Ref #CAp6ga7a - Skyview Naz	\$10,002.43
Main	12/31/2024	Closing Balance					☐		\$10,002.43
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							☐		

January, February and March

Account	Date	Description	Income	Method	Expense	Method	Expense Cheque Cashed?	Confirmation Numbers	Overall Balance
Main	01/01/2025	Opening Balance					☐		\$10,002.43
Main	01/31/2025	Spring Retreat Deposit (Birch Bay)			\$500.00	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0250 - Birch Bay Associatio	\$9,502.43
Main	01/31/2025	Leadership Conference Flight & Hotel Deposit (Kenzie)			\$1,048.51	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0251 - McKenzie Baker	\$8,453.92
Main	02/08/2025	Leadership Conference Flight (Ryan)			\$810.72	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0252 - Skyview Naz	\$7,643.20
Main	02/24/2025	Retreat Promo Printing (Staples)			\$25.00	E-transfer	☐	Ref#CA9XrAsA - Kenzie Baker	\$7,618.20
Main	02/27/2025	Leadership Conference Meals (American Funds)			\$532.84	Cash	☐		\$7,085.36
Main	03/01/2025	Leadership Conference Meals (Canadian Funds)			\$29.93	Cash	☐		\$7,055.43
Main	03/07/2025	Leadership Conference Hotel Remaining Balance			\$968.14	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0253 - Jeff Baker	\$6,087.29
Main	03/09/2025	Leadership Conference Flights (Annette)			\$504.19	Cheque	☐	Cheque #0254 - Annette Smith	\$5,583.10
Main	03/17/2025	Leadership Conference Visa Meals (Ryan)			\$74.66	Cheque	☐	Cheque #0255 - Ryan Hannay	\$5,508.44
Main	03/24/2025	Leadership Conference Visa Meals (Annette)			\$152.46	Cheque	☐	Cheque #0256 - Annette Smith	\$5,355.98
Main	3/24/2025	Airport Mileage Reimbursement			\$249.60	Cheque	☒	Cheque #0257 - Jeff Baker	\$5,106.38
Main	3/31/2025	Closing Balance					☐		\$5,106.38
							☐		

April and May

Account	Date	Description	Income	Method	Expense	Method	Expense Cheque Cashed?	Confirmation Numbers	Overall Balance
Main	04/01/2025	Opening Balance					☐		\$5,106.38
Main	4/7/2025	Spring Retreat Registration	\$8,645.00	Cheque			☐	Deposited by Kenzie Baker	\$13,751.38
Main	4/24/2025	Spring Retreat Hoodies			\$1,500	E-transfer	☒	Ref #C1AhhPGaYhTz - Kaylin H.	\$12,251.38
Main	05/15/2025	Spring Retreat Camp Invoice			\$6,199.00	Cheque	☐	Cheque #0258 - Birch Bay Ranch	\$6,052.38
Main	05/31/2025	Closing Balance					☐		\$6,052.38
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*Transaction record to date as of May 31, 2025



Annual Report: Executive Director

April 29, 2025

I submit the following Operations report for Camp Harmattan Association year end 2024.

Program and Ministry:

The programs, services, and spaces offered at Camp Harmattan seek to provide elements of the camp's vision statement outlined in the Chair's report. For 2024, this included:

- Running summer camps for children and youth,
- Serving family camps from various churches, including the Church of the Nazarene, Camp Harmattan's sponsoring organization,
- General camping throughout the summer, and
- Providing space for a variety of retreat groups.

Guest retreat rentals continued to climb, as did general camping; youth camps held close to the average of the last few years.

Finances:

Camp Harmattan continues to rely upon God's provisions, and this is especially seen through the donations we receive from the supporters of camp. We continued to see strong financial support in the form of legacy estate gifts for the second year in a row. Here is a rounded breakdown of some of the income received:

- Legacy (Estate) Giving: \$1,004,305 (a total of \$2,163,547 over the past two years)
- General Donations/Fundraisers: \$231,314
- Rental Group Income: \$226,934
- Youth Camp Registrations: \$87,058
- Nazarene Family Camp (Rate and Food Sales): \$98,750
- General Camping: \$34,788

Facilities and Site Development:

We anticipate spending a portion of these legacy gifts towards restoring site improvement deficits, however a majority of the funds are set aside ready to kick-start major capital projects when the time comes. The financial stability has provided the space for deliberate and patient steps to continue forward with both short and long term organizational investments.

Organization

We took the opportunity in 2024 to assess the organization's structure without implementing a great deal of change all at once; instead, as a staff, led by James Kirby and Rebecca Ankers, we focused on successful delivery of the 2024 event calendar. Once the majority of programming was completed, we began the shift towards organizational structure development at the foundational level, and brought on Tara Veer to provide leadership and management in this area.

This will continue into 2025 as we begin to implement some of these policies and procedures, and prepare for the hire of a new Executive Director when the time is appropriate.

It goes without saying, yet it cannot be stated enough, just how important each and every staff member and volunteer are to the growth and success of Camp Harmattan. Know that each one of you is appreciated. Thank you for your prayers and support as we continue forward this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Brock Priebe". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "Brock" and last name "Priebe" clearly distinguishable.

Brock Priebe, Interim Executive Director





Annual Report: Board Chair

April 29, 2025

I submit the following Chair report for Camp Harmattan Association year end 2024.

Vision:

People of all ages may experience community, restoration, and physical and spiritual growth in a Christian camping and retreat environment. People at camp, especially children, are introduced to Jesus and His teachings. People at camp build meaningful connections, foster existing relationships, and create new friendships. People at camp feel refreshed, rejuvenated, rested, and reconnected. People at camp acquire leadership skills, participate in physical activities, and receive teaching to grow in their Christian journey.

Governance:

In January 2024, I stepped into the vacant Executive Director's role on an interim basis per the direction of the Board to provide time for the Board to assess the position of the organization and, once prepared, begin the search for a new candidate. This initially covered the 2024 year, and was extended to cover the 2025 season.

During the year, the Board set to work on policy manual, governance, and by-law reviews to ensure they are updated for effectiveness and alignment, a key aspect of the functional relationship with the Executive Director position. This work is continuing in 2025.

Keith Brower and Rae Runge completed their board terms (April 2024), as did Canada West District Advisory Board Rep. Jonny Blake (June 2024). Thank you all for your dedication to board governance and leadership, as well as broader support for Camp Harmattan; we will continue to build upon the progress and work established. The board welcomed new members, Dale Perry and Jena Beagle in April of 2024, and new DAB Rep Dennis Semenyna (July 2024).

Outlook:

On behalf of the board, I thank each of you for your prayers and support that contribute to the well-being of the organization as we steward Camp Harmattan for our loving God. This includes legacy giving, general donations, fundraiser donations, summer camp sponsorships, year-end giving, volunteering, event participation and support, camping, prayer, working at camp, and much more. I look forward to the growth and transition that is ahead with your support.

Sincerely,

Brock Priebe, Chair

Camp Harmattan Financial Statements

Camp Harmattan Association Summary Income Statement

January - December 2024 (Fiscal Year)

Revised report as of June 13, 2025

	Total	
	Jan - Dec. 2024	Jan - Dec. 2023 (Previous Year)
Income		
43400 DONATIONS AND SUPPORT (less 43460)	231,953.94	198,128.56
43460 Legacies and Bequests	1,004,305.48	159,241.06
44500 Government Grants	14,336.00	23,569.00
44575 Canada West District Grant	0.00	100,000.00
45000 Investment Income	10,014.43	8,630.89
46300 General Camping	34,789.34	13,950.31
46400 Rentals & Other Income	226,933.89	208,758.94
47000 Tuck Sales	8,696.79	3,934.60
47200 Nazarene Family Camp	96,548.19	100,201.77
47300 Youth Camp	87,058.88	98,572.09
49000 Special Events Income	13,151.47	26,732.44
49100 Major Capital Projects (Designated)	0.00	1,000,000.00
Total Income	\$ 1,727,788.41	\$ 1,941,719.66
Total Funds Received	\$ 1,727,788.41	\$ 1,941,719.66
Expenses		
50700 Groceries & Tuck Shops	95,849.50	101,123.05
60900 Administrative Expenses	25,901.54	28,292.29
62100 Contract Services	85,116.38	178,331.52
62800 Facilities and Equipment	219,400.41	253,966.16
65000 Operations	6,817.19	11,199.32
66000 Personnel Expenses	296,895.48	217,098.78
67500 Youth Camp Programs	12,898.37	22,875.73
68200 Special Events	1,361.59	3,551.43
Total Expenses	\$ 744,240.46	\$ 816,438.28
Net Income(Loss)	\$ 983,547.95	\$ 1,125,281.38

Statement may be subject to minor adjustments when finalized for T3010 Report to Canada Revenue Agency

Camp Harmattan Association

Balance Sheet

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2024

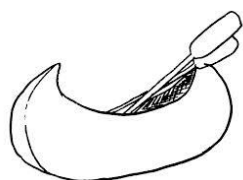
Revised report as of June 13, 2025

	Total	
	As of Dec. 31, 2024	As of Dec. 31, 2023 (Previous Year)
Assets		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalent		
10100 Operating Fund-ATB	33,531.42	7,759.59
10110 Business Growth Plus (Savings)	452,751.22	1,046,756.79
12000 Undeposited Funds	10,655.78	72,826.38
Total Cash and Cash Equivalent	\$ 496,938.42	\$ 1,127,342.76
11000 Accounts Receivable (A/R)	0.00	16,818.85
10930 Non-Redeemable GIC	1,000,000.00	0.00
10931 Amplify GIC	5,000.00	0.00
10932 GIC **Nov 20 2024	500,000.00	0.00
13000 Prepaid Expenses	54,834.75	0.00
Total Current Assets	\$ 2,056,773.17	\$ 1,144,161.61
Non-current Assets		
Property, plant and equipment		
15000 Furniture and Fixtures	20,091.80	20,091.80
15010 Office Equipment	9,497.88	9,497.88
15020 Audio/Visual/Sound Equipment	25,530.64	25,530.64
15030 Food Services Equipment	25,379.79	16,103.54
15040 Equipment-Flood	13,629.96	13,629.96
15050 Signs & Memorials	9,943.00	9,943.00
15060 Playground Equipment	22,655.02	22,655.02
15100 Buildings	1,090,034.42	1,077,891.27
15110 Building Contents	175,682.06	175,682.06
15710 Grounds-Flood Restoration	28,298.31	28,298.31
16400 Vehicles	63,131.32	63,131.32
16410 Machinery & Equipment	61,236.73	50,736.73
Total Property, plant and equipment	\$ 1,545,110.93	\$ 1,513,191.53
18225 Eagle Hill Co-Operative Equity	3,921.19	3,921.19
18230 UFA Co-opertive Limited Equity	265.46	265.46
Total Non Current Assets	\$ 1,549,297.58	\$ 1,517,378.18
Total Assets	\$ 3,606,070.75	\$ 2,661,539.79

Liabilities and Equity

Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable (A/P)			
20000 Accounts Payable		7,123.47	30,201.75
Total Accounts Payable (A/P)	\$	7,123.47	\$ 30,201.75
Credit Card			
28000 Credit Cards		677.57	0.00
Total Credit Card	\$	677.57	\$ 0.00
22300 Benefits Liabilities		772.67	587.26
25500 GST Net Balance		-2,536.89	-5,633.77
26600 Payroll Liabilities		2,593.38	2,593.38
Total Current Liabilities	\$	8,630.20	\$ 27,748.62
Non-current Liabilities			
27210 Term Loan		0.00	16,500.00
Total Non-current Liabilities	\$	0.00	\$ 16,500.00
Total Liabilities	\$	8,630.20	\$ 44,248.62
Equity			
32500 Members Restricted Net Assets		1,513,191.53	1,513,191.53
33500 Externally Restricted Funds		1,008,194.13	1,008,194.13
39100 Members Unrestricted Equity		95,905.51	-1,029,375.87
39200 Net Income(Loss)		980,149.38	1,125,281.38
Total Equity	\$	3,597,440.55	\$ 2,617,291.17
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$	3,606,070.75	\$ 2,661,539.79

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Lakeshore Bible Camp Report

...Experiencing God's Handiwork and Beauty of Creation...



Another year and we are grateful for another great camping season. At the time of this report, we have had our first rental group of the 2025 season and look forward to hosting 17 groups in total.

The 2024 camping season saw a lot of activity with 17 different groups using the camp facilities. This was the most groups that have used the camp in a single year. Many of our individual Nazarene churches used the facility for evangelism and fellowship. A few of our Nazarene churches are running evangelistic and training camps as well as joining in on our district family camp. We also come together on July 18-20 for a Manitoba family camp. This year our speaker is Dr. Stuart Williams and we look forward to coming together as a church family.

I am thankful for the many returning rental groups that come year after year and love the facility. It is a blessing to see some of these groups now supporting us financially and with volunteer labour. Most importantly, it is great to see the camp being used throughout the season to God's glory and towards the growing of His kingdom. At first, the 2025 season was shaping up to surpass the 2024 season for groups using the facilities. However, for reasons of finances or lack of leadership, 2 groups had to pull out and one group has shortened their time. There were 20 groups confirmed for the 2025 season and now 17. We hope the air quality improves or we may see more cancelations. Even with these cancelations we still only have one weekend open in the months of June, July and August.

One of these rental groups is Siloam Mission's Transition Services. 11 years ago, Siloam started renting the camp 2 times a season, once in June and once in August. They bring out many individuals that are in their program that are working on recovery from homelessness, mental health and or substance use concerns. Organizers of this event say that it is amazing to watch their participants come off the bus into the beautiful surroundings of Lakeshore Bible Camp and watch the weight of the world lift off their shoulders. This is not just a highlight for the community members, but also for the staff of Siloam. This has been an opportunity to build relationships between present participants, graduated participants and staff. It has often been a pivotal time for people as they start to connect with others, themselves and God's creation anew. Former participants have even been known to take their vacation time from their jobs to attend these event.

Financially, we are grateful that we continued to operate within the budget and continue to see continued improvements. We are committed to continue making improvements to the camp and are thankful to the many volunteers. This past year saw the completion of all 10 cabins having air-conditioning installed. With global warming, we are seeing temperatures in the mid to high 30's, so this has been very welcomed. Also, we have installed 3 new air-conditioning units in the dining hall and kitchen. We are needing to update our tractor and we have windows being donated for our chapel that need to be installed. We passed our health inspection with a new health inspector and he said our kitchen is higher quality than a lot of

commercial kitchens in the region. We are grateful for the many volunteers from our churches that helped get the camp ready for this year's inspection.

We look forward to what the Lord will do as people come to experience His creation in an amazing part of Manitoba.

Respectfully submitted

Pastor Tim Enns – Co Chair

On behalf of

Pastor Rose Brower-Young – Co Chair

And the Steering Committee of Lakeshore Bible Camp



Lakeshore Bible Camp Financial Statements

Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 2024-12-31	As at 2023-12-31	Percent
ASSET			
Current Assets			
Chequing Bank Account	11,095.76	8,404.92	32.02
Investments	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Receivable	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Current Assets	<u>11,095.76</u>	<u>8,404.92</u>	32.02
Capital Assets			
Building	0.00	0.00	0.00
Accum. Amort. -Building	0.00	0.00	0.00
Net - Building	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Capital Assets	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
TOTAL ASSET	<u><u>11,095.76</u></u>	<u><u>8,404.92</u></u>	32.02
LIABILITY			
Current Liabilities			
Nazarene Kids Camp Reserve	832.61	832.61	0.00
Reserve - Chapel Renovation	1,077.34	1,077.34	0.00
Property Reserve	1,778.42	1,778.42	0.00
GST/HST Paid on Purchases	-218.01	-238.07	-8.43
GST/HST Ow ing (Refund)	-218.01	-238.07	-8.43
Total Current Liabilities	<u>3,470.36</u>	<u>3,450.30</u>	0.58
Long Term Liabilities			
Loans	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>3,470.36</u>	<u>3,450.30</u>	0.58
EQUITY			
Retained Earnings			
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	4,954.62	5,008.19	-1.07
Current Earnings	2,670.78	-53.57	-5,085.59
Total Retained Earnings	<u>7,625.40</u>	<u>4,954.62</u>	53.90
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>7,625.40</u>	<u>4,954.62</u>	53.90
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>11,095.76</u>	<u>8,404.92</u>	32.02

Comparative Income Statement

	<u>Actual 2024-01-01 to 2024-12-31</u>	<u>Budget 2024-01-01 to 2024-12-31</u>	<u>Percent</u>
REVENUE			
Revenue			
Rental Income	20,755.00	20,000.00	3.78
Savings	0.00	1,000.00	-100.00
Fundraising Donations	1,250.00	2,000.00	-37.50
Fundraising sales	405.00	0.00	0.00
Naz Family Camp Offering	4,585.00	1,500.00	205.67
Naz Good Friday Service	1,369.45	1,500.00	-8.70
Camp Donations	2,500.00	2,000.00	25.00
Naz Kids Camp Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
Revenue from Donations	10,109.45	7,000.00	44.42
Family Camp Registrations	1,610.00	2,000.00	-19.50
Children's Camp Registrations	0.00	6,000.00	-100.00
Income from Camp Registrations	1,610.00	8,000.00	-79.88
Government Grants	4,810.00	4,500.00	6.89
Total Regular Revenue	<u>37,284.45</u>	<u>40,500.00</u>	-7.94
Other Revenue			
Other Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Interest Revenue	2.49	50.00	-95.02
Property Sale Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Other Revenue	<u>2.49</u>	<u>50.00</u>	-95.02
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>37,286.94</u>	<u>40,550.00</u>	-8.05

EXPENSE**Payroll Expenses**

Sub Contracts	0.00	0.00	0.00
Wages	6,083.70	5,500.00	10.61
EI Expense	210.99	0.00	0.00
CPP Expense	412.29	0.00	0.00
Employee Benefits	243.66	0.00	0.00
Total Payroll Expense	<u>6,950.64</u>	<u>5,500.00</u>	26.38

Administrative Expenses

Accounting & Legal	0.00	0.00	0.00
Advertising & Promotions	336.95	200.00	68.48
Meeting space	100.00	0.00	0.00
Courier & Postage	0.00	0.00	0.00
Telephone	0.00	0.00	0.00
Gifts and Honorariums	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hosting	375.00	500.00	-25.00
Insurance	10,602.64	9,830.00	7.86
Interest & Bank Charges	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fundraising	296.65	0.00	0.00
Office Supplies	96.95	50.00	93.90
Property Taxes	2,581.58	3,000.00	-13.95
Property Upgrades	2,722.05	0.00	0.00
Fire and Safety	798.11	1,200.00	-33.49
Rental Consumables	1,238.89	1,900.00	-34.80
Septic	2,075.00	2,000.00	3.75
Repair & Maintenance	925.53	1,500.00	-38.30
Travel Mileage	1,225.81	1,800.00	-31.90
GST expense	161.12	500.00	-67.78
Utilities - Hydro	1,323.93	1,800.00	-26.45
Recreation Equipment	331.68	0.00	0.00
Equipment and Appliances	1,026.94	2,750.00	-62.66
Ministry Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Family Camp Expense	1,386.25	2,000.00	-30.69
Children's Camp Expense	0.00	3,000.00	-100.00
Teen Camp Expense	0.00	3,000.00	-100.00
Total General & Admin. Expenses	<u>27,605.08</u>	<u>35,030.00</u>	-21.20

TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>34,555.72</u>	<u>40,530.00</u>	-14.74
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NET INCOME	<u>2,731.22</u>	<u>20.00</u>	13,556.10
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Canada West District Church of the Nazarene

Pastor Reports



77th Annual District Reunion

African Calgary Community Church of the Nazarene

The year of 2024-25 became a blessing year to lead God's people. I am committed to leading this church Ministry with a mission to serve, grow, and connect. Our Sundays of worshipping and gathering are so meaningful to proclaim Jesus's name.

My personal goal is to do out-reach with the South Sudanese people here in the Calgary are and with those involved in the Christian community. This is a Multicultural city and it's diverse. It is my passion to preach the good news to those who need it. I am in the mission field here and that is why I helped the other Sudanese group.

I do appreciate three young men (Tman Tut, Sebit Doyak and Khan Jock) who have been committed to run our Sudanese Sound System every Sunday. It is my mission and vision to reach out to the Sudanese people here in Calgary, Alberta. I praise God for our wonderful Sudanese church board who inspire my leadership.

As a lead pastor, I am cheerful to lead the ACCCON congregation faithfully. We join prayer services with other Sudanese churches in Calgary, monthly.

Last year on Sunday December 22, 2024, the Canada West District of the Church of the Nazarene recognized our church to become an Independent Church. Indeed, it has been a long journey and Calgary First has been faithful to us to reach this milestone together.

In conclusion, it is an honor serving God's flock together with Pastors Boor Doyak and Toefy Buluran and their leadership in the Children's Ministry. I am grateful to lead the African Calgary Community Church of the Nazarene. As a pastor, it is my observation that this ministry is growing and praising the Lord for His abundant blessings.

Our children weekly attendance is 30-40, and adult number is between 40-60 people.

We are blessed to lead this congregation with faith and growth. I am committed to my Pastoral care duty and responsibility to feed God's sheep. Last but not least, I thank God for the gift of my wife Mary Nyabile Gol, and my children for standing firm while leading God's church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Moses Chot Jock

Airdrie Family Life Church of the Nazarene

God has blessed us with a good team of devoted individuals leading us in worship every Sunday morning. Penny and her Team were an answer to prayer and we are so thankful that we have them with us. Through the Leadership of Cathy and Miriam, our food pantry has been well received in the community of Airdrie. Averaging 14 families a month. Throughout the last year, we also lunched our bi-monthly community suppers, which are evolving into much more than just a meal. At this time, we have hosted four of these evenings and have averaged 20 participants each time.

Last year we also collaborated with St. Francis of Assisi Anglican Church and hosted the first annual "Praise in the Park". Even though we were hit with snow, wind, thunder and lightning, the enemy did not prevail and we were able to reach four non-believers and plant the seeds of Christ. This year we will be collaborating with five churches and have booked twelve bands. We also have been able to book the park for the whole day. This year we were also able to have an Easter Sunday Service at Abrio Place Lodge. Through this service, we were able to reach 33 people. This is something that we are pursuing to make a regular occurrence. We also hosted a Kiddie Carnival on Canada day. This saw about 40 people being able to meet us. We did our annual Hot Chocolate for the Santa Claus parade where we handed out 150 cups of Hot Chocolate. When we think of all these things that have been accomplished this year, this would not be possible without the leadership of your Board and Volunteers. This year as we look forward. We would like to acknowledge John Wallwork who has respectfully stepped down from the board. We wish him the rest and relaxation that he deserves.

Now as we move forward into 2025-2026. The board and I as the Pastor; have decided to limit the amount of outreaches that we do. This has nothing to do with finances or losing our missional call. The unfortunate part is that we are running on a Skeleton crew of volunteers to put these all in place. I as the Pastor; have been convicted of the fact that we are all humans and we cannot do everything. We have decided that we would like to focus on two or three outreaches and do them good. So, with this in mind. We would like to ask for continued prayer for our Open Pantry, our community meals and outreach, "Praise in the Park" and as we prepare to develop a discipleship-training program for our congregation. We as a Leadership team have decided that these outreaches are the ones that seem to be the most aligned with our mission as a Church. Therefore, we will be focussing on them. Hopefully as time moves on and we grow we will be able to re-activate the remaining outreaches.

We also want to lift up the health of our Congregation, through expansion, physical and spiritual. The church board has also decided that we would like to continue to find a new place of worship. A place that we can call our own. Where we can run the programs that we have as well as expand into new programs and community outreach. We know that this is a big request but we as a board and I as Lead Pastor, know that through God all things are possible. We would like to ask you for prayer and financial support in this matter. Prayer that God may direct us, and that He would open the doors to this venture.

So, as I close this report, I would like to thank you all for your generosity and submission to God. I pray that as we move forward, we will be able to have another blessed year as we have had this year.

In His Service, Pastor Tim Bridges

Calgary East Church of the Nazarene

He is risen! As Pastor I have been greeting my congregation with this Easter declaration each Sunday since Resurrection Sunday. I will greet you this way, too: may you know the presence and power of our Risen Saviour!

This year I am thrilled to report that the Lord has blown on the embers of our prayers and discussions and dreams: our members have begun to distribute boxes of food to neighbors in need. We praise God for his timing as he has brought this together, for his provision of a food-rescue resource that enables us to provide for families in need, and for the willing team of volunteers who have eagerly offered their time, effort, and money. I thank God for his provision of a team leader – Pam Kvellestad – who has been able to take dreams and discussion and organize them into a ministry.

This is one of the several ignition points where the Lord has blessed us with an opportunity to serve him in compassion and in witness. Through the year, cold-calls, old friendships, student internships, Sunday visitors, and surprise “nudges” from the Holy Spirit have also spread sparks that we trust will ignite in faith.

Please pray for us as we strive to remain faithful and open to what our Risen Lord is doing among us!

In Christ,

Pastor Ryan



Calgary First Church of the Nazarene

Over the past year, we've experienced God at work among us in real and meaningful ways. While our church has navigated staffing transition and change, we've also seen fresh signs of spiritual growth, renewed prayer, and a deepening sense of purpose.

A growing commitment to prayer and spiritual renewal has shaped much of our year. Through worship, listening prayer, and spiritual formation opportunities, our congregation is learning to listen for God's voice, and respond with obedience. These intentional rhythms are helping us refocus on what matters most—God's presence, direction, and mission.

Sunday worship has remained a central gathering point for our community. Many individuals have stepped up to serve, volunteer, and support the life of the church through hospitality, music, tech, teaching, and care. Our ministry to families remains a strong expression of our mission. Volunteers and leaders have provided stability and care, and new initiatives have helped us connect with families inside and outside the church.

Behind the scenes, we are investing in leadership development, facility renewal planning, and long-term vision discernment. Our focus has been on building a foundation for the next chapter of ministry and mission.

We are now stepping into a season of focused discipleship. Our aim is simple: to be a church that brings people to Jesus through prayerful lives, meaningful relationships within small groups, and gospel-centered action.

As we look forward into our next year we are anticipating a renewed urgency to be a holy people invested in the call to invite people into the flourishing life with Jesus. This urgency and the power to sustain such a life of holiness must start and end with the work of the Holy Spirit. This is our aim: To make room for the Spirit to transform us!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Trent McDowell

Skyview Community Church of the Nazarene - Calgary

General Superintendent Dr. Carla Sunberg, District Superintendent Rev. Rose Brower-Young, and members and friends of this assembly. It is an honor to bring you this report on behalf of Calgary Skyview Community Church.

On Sept. 23 last year, Dr. Riley Coulter and I began serving at Skyview as Administrative Pastor and Transitional Pastor respectively. It has been a privilege and a joy to serve alongside other members of their pastoral team since last September – Dr. Riley Coulter, Pastor Ryan Hannay, Pastors John and Ann Webster, and Jennifer Lewars and Christy Erion (office administrators).

Last October, I assembled a Transition Team to assist me in my responsibilities. The team worked together to ensure that Skyview met the eight goals of transition (Facilitating Closure, Preaching, Congregational Care, Administration, Relational Renewal, Vision Clarity, Organizational Health, and the Search Process). Our overarching goal was to ensure that Skyview remained healthy and vibrant during these months of transition, which by all accounts has been accomplished.

In view of the strength of Skyview's unity and congregational life, the Transition Team was able to navigate our way through the goals of transition quite rapidly and begin the search process by February of the new year. As a result, the church board nominated several people to Skyview's Search Committee, who would assist our District Superintendent in the search for a new Lead Pastor.

During this time, the Transition Team created a Pastoral Profile that would describe, among other things, what Skyview is looking for in a new Lead Pastor. This profile was subsequently revised over a period of weeks and eventually approved by the church board. It was then posted on the Nazarene Job Board for the USA/Canada region.

Many interested candidates from across North America (seventeen in all) responded to the job posting and sent their resumes and references to the District Superintendent, who then shared this information with the Search Committee. The committee held their second meeting in early March and short-listed the candidates. They are now in the process of following up with these candidates.

I invite you to continue praying for Skyview Church as the selection process continues. With the help of your prayers, we believe that the Lord will guide us in electing the person he has chosen to lead Skyview in the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. Bryan Roller (Transitional Pastor)

The Gathering Church of the Nazarene - Calgary

This year, we have focused on two main priorities: building the ministry's culture and prayerfully exploring our community's needs. The pillars of this culture are prayerful Spirit dependency, beloved community, incarnational living, and missional empowerment. One of our mentors suggested that in the first year of a church plant, our two goals should be to pray a lot and to meet 1,000 people. We still have a way to get to 1,000 new people, but it has been a helpful perspective shift for us to focus on building relationships and not rushing to develop programs. These have been our major prayers since we learned about the opportunity to move to Rosscarrock almost a year ago. We wanted to cultivate a way of being church that focused on blessing the community and sharing the Gospel in a way that was relevant to our neighbours.

To this end, we have focused on finding opportunities to connect with our community through volunteering at a community pantry that is run out of the community center and a community garden. Seeing how God has facilitated opportunities for us to connect in those spaces and build relationships with neighbours has been exciting. I have connected with the community social worker and some of the youth who engage in the drop-in activities at the community center and build relationships with them. We are in the beginning stages, but some of our relationships have already developed enough trust to discuss personal and important matters with neighbours. There are days when the pace feels slow and we worry we could be doing more, but another mentor has encouraged us many times that this kind of ministry works best at the pace of grace.

It has been an exciting year as we explore what it means to be the light of Christ in our local community. We have been blessed to see God working through conversations with neighbours and other volunteers at the pantry and garden. It feels like the Holy Spirit is expanding our understanding of what it means to be a faithful witness of the Gospel in a broken world and how we can be a source of light, comfort, and God's holy and restorative presence in our neighbourhood, one relationship and carrot at a time.

Looking forward, we plan to organize monthly meals to facilitate community and provide some slight relief to the food insecurity issues in our area. We are also planning a vision-casting evening to invite those interested in partnering with us in this work. We desire to create a ministry culture that enables people to discover and engage with the people, place, or purpose where God has called them.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Mark Brower-Herbert

Caroline Church of the Nazarene

Something is afoot... something seems to have been stirring this past year. What's up? What new and startlingly effective approach have we adopted? Well, in many ways, nothing is greatly different this year compared to previous years. We have been continuing to steadily pursue the ways of the Lord...gathering together, being in his word, embracing some spiritual disciplines, participating in the sacraments, praying, studying, serving, listening for his voice, seeking his leading... etc. The over-arching mission, of growing towards the likeness of Christ, hasn't budged...we still try to keep this front and centre of all we are and do. The pursuit of 'emptying our church' hasn't wavered; Jesus was sent from heaven and in turn he sends his followers...so we continue to pray for opportunities from him to 'go' and exude this 'sent-ness'.

Although our prayers and focus and methods are about the same as before, yet something new seems to have been stirring...something different is afoot. There is a freshness to what is currently happening. There is anticipation about what might be coming down the pike. Has our body of believers been ignited with a growing hunger for kingdom things? A hunger to serve? To loosen our grip on our lives and open our hearts and hands to pursue the things of Lord? To go? To proclaim? Yes, that might be exactly it. Perhaps what we are seeing is simply more and more expression of this hunger.

People have continued to willingly give themselves away to serve others in places like: the Village of Caroline, Sunchild First Nations, Eckville Manor, Clearwater Centre, The Ravines, Mountainview Manor, Caroline Manor, Clearwater Cowboy Church, James River Cowboy Church, Craig Country Church ...and certainly plenty of people have invested themselves to keep our church & programs & property just purring.

Highlights from the past year include: some sabbatical weeks through last summer, the baptism of a dozen candidates in September, welcoming new members into our congregation, holding a preaching workshop for thirty-five participants, planting a new mid-week church service at Craig, Alberta, holding a 24-hour prayer vigil then subsequently a 36-hour prayer vigil, New Story Community becoming part of our congregation, seeing multiple phases accomplished of church office renovations, enjoying Gospel Arts weekends, having an off-site worship team workshop... etc.

Although our prayers and focus and methods are about the same as previous years, yet something fresh and new seems to have been stirring...something different is afoot.

In Anticipation,

Pastor John Watton

Claresholm Church of the Nazarene

This is my fifth report to CWD assembly on behalf of the Claresholm Church of the Nazarene. As a measure of how our Church is doing, I would offer up this as a window into our heart, we have about 50% of our members actively serving and engaging with the people of our community through our “Family Fun Packs” reaching 54 children each week. We have tried to cap it at 50, but those that deliver the packs keep finding more children needing to word of God in their lives...We are a close, knit family with an outward focus, and an intense desire to reach the lost for our Lord.

Some of our ministries have evolved in the past year and these include;

Wednesday afternoon’s Bible study; this is well attended and has often had 10-12 persons engaged in lively discussion, about what was learned and just how does it apply to our everyday lives. Both men and women are attending, and it is going well.

The Wednesday evening has evolved into a time of teaching and equipping our small group of children, they have memorized the books of the Bible, have sword drills, and memorizing passages of scripture. The ladies mostly seniors have chosen to attend the afternoon Bible study, which some where already doing. They found it too much to go out especially in winter twice in one day, travelling at night was a big part of it, in winter conditions.

Craft and chat has moved from a almost only women weekly event, to the inclusion of both men and women, we are just wrapping up our birdhouse building session that included 3 women. Yes the crafting and especially the chatting are still on-going, and the new format seems agreeable to both genders. I have come to understand that my monthly Church service fits the requirements to count as daughter Church. We have started receiving offerings from the seniors, intuited by the seniors... Regular monthly services where the word of God is preached, love and prayers are offered.

We are in a time of revisiting our involvement in the “Second Harvest” food rescue, program we are still getting food rescues but are more selective in what we receive.

Friday “Coffeehouse has evolved into every second Friday and family games nights on the other Fridays, attendance is greatly improved at both events.

Thanks are offered to Brian for agreeing to trying something new, including a different format for the Coffeehouse nights.

Sunday services, numbers are holding steady in the main, but with a slight increace, we have also received several visits by new persons so this is perhaps a good thing.

Sunday School, using the Nazarene curriculum is well attended under the capable leadership of Lynda our NDI president. The children’s Sunday school is well lead by Marilyn and Glenn Schuler. I have started preparing special Children’s messages once per quarter to start. My aim is to personally connect with each child each week, I’m enjoying having them in our church again, in spite of the mess that entails.

Some of my other areas of involvement in the community:

I gave the message at last years fair days service. Aug. 2024

Co-chair our ministerial association

Attend when able the Tuesday Soup Bowl lunches, as a way to connect with-in the community.

I have started discipling three troubled young men, using texting as the median, two of them are showing growth in understanding God's love and purpose for their lives. One of them doesn't seem to take much away from my efforts to reach him, for the Lord, he can quote scripture but has trouble living out what the word says.

Yes, I did pass the Old Testament class. And then two more classes at NBC, with a GPA of 4.0 in these classes... The Classes were on Christian education and Wesleyan Holiness Transformation. I also took part in Pastoral assessment, and was given a good report, encouraging me to seek ordination.

Respectfully Submitted,

Assigned Lay Minister

Walter Gripping



Drumheller Church of the Nazarene

Greetings District Family;

Here is a thought for consideration.... If the opposite of Large is small... what is the opposite of medium?

For the sound people...have you know what happens when someone slaps you with a high frequency? It MegaHertz!

Greeting everyone! Once again, I am privileged to summarize all of what the Lord God has been doing in this church for the past year. Regardless of what may be going on in the world and in Canada, God continues to move and equip us to meet the call He has place in the heart of Drumnaz. He has opened doors for us to be involved our community and make it better; by meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our community.

Though there have been many challenges along the way, we have continued steadfast. Trusting that God will see us through every challenge that come our way. We have been faithful in prayer, faithful in our giving and the Lord has multiplied the resources enabling us to continue to make a difference here on earth as it is in heaven.

We continue to support several programs that also invest in our community, programs that do their part to make Drumheller better. We continue to show our support to AA, Darts (various), Sowing Ladies, TOPS, Good Food Box, and Growing Opportunities and the Meteorites.

Over the past year we have had several struggling individuals walk through our doors looking for support. Through our local compassion and Fig Tree ministry Drumnaz was able to bless every person in different capacities. Providing relief to their stress and giving them hope. We have also had several come through our doors looking for something to eat, a place to warm up and clothing. Others we have found while being out and about after hours and we have been able to bless them with supplies and food.

It is always a great blessing to be able to meet the needs of those who are struggling in life. To earn their trust, to hear their story, to pray over them, but also show them that they matter to us and to God. We continue to be in awe of how God will use us to make a difference in our community and often in the most unexpected ways.

In His service:

Rev. Carlos Calderon

Edmonton First Church of the Nazarene

It has continued to be an honour to provide our third report as the pastoral family of Edmonton First Church of the Nazarene (E1). We continue to evolve in co-ministry model in this third year with WCN, Laura and I endeavour to live and embrace the possibilities of this unique opportunity guided by cornerstone principles.

First, we are participating in a community of Prayer. As Daniel 6:11 indicates that the men assembled found Daniel praying, it is our commitment to making prayer an integrated part of our daily lives, our worship times and a meaningful part of our gathering times. We look forward to increasing prayer-filled connections in the year ahead. (...these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. Daniel 6:11)

Second, we are intentional about being people of the Word. Anchored in images from 2Corinthians 3:3, Ezekiel 11:19, Jeremiah 31:33 and Hebrews 8:10 we are committed to reading, teaching and applying the word to our lives as individuals and a community of faith of which it is said that the Word is read often, taught clearly and lives in the hearts of both individuals and the community. (For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Hebrews 8:10)

Third, we are passionate about being people of Community – Our goal is that we support one another as we embrace our gifts and passions following the lead of the Holy Spirit. From our most senior members who have walked a long life of faith to the newest people beginning their journey in our midst, we envision a community where we can minister and find support that is an example of Christian community. So many have embraced opportunities to build and contribute to a growing welcoming congregational community that has enjoyed 18 new members, 7 baptism moments, 9 funerals, 1 wedding, 2 NMI deputation services and both age related and whole congregation ministries of worship, fellowship and Christian growth. We continue to be encouraged and honoured to be blessed and blessing on the corner of our community through innovative ministries like Soul Sisters, free ESL for women of the community, free access to parking in the community and other opportunities as they will arrive. We anticipate being able to support the development of new congregational life with an emerging Nazarene Filippino community in addition to our support of the Chinese Apostolic community. Frazier has moved through the district licence process.

We continue to be called to journey with folks through the valley of the shadows of challenge and change. It is our hope that while worship is important and effective it is only the beginning of a people for whom “worship ends at 12:00 and church starts at 12:01” (walking worthy of the calling with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:1b-6)

Last, but surely not last, we are privileged to have discovered ourselves in a community of Vision. Vision may be a challenge, that said, our vision has expanded as we have enlarged our understanding of what Sunday ministry looks like with several consistent people providing messages, worship, tech, Christian education both prior to and during the sorship services, and absolutely everyone “being the church” through ministry, music, grounds management, facility management, financial stewardship, and fellowship – simply being good neighbours to the community as we gather and for those not able to gather. We continue to explore how we can be a blessing in our neighbourhood surrounding E1. People of Vison – (Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Ephesians 3:20Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us,...)

It is our daily prayer that we continue to build a community of vision, word and prayer. We will be a safe place to explore and apply our unique gifts in ministry on community. Laura and I recognise many challenges and trust we will all be able to remain open to the Holy Spirit voice that calls us to be people of grace who will be able to extend grace in our church and in our community – we have been blessed, how will we be a blessing in the year ahead...

Looking Forward (Ph3:13)

Pastor Rick & Laura



Edmonton Southside Church of the Nazarene

Here at Southside, the theme of Ignite has been evident in so many ways.

There is a movement of the Spirit happening in our midst. Throughout the year, we have strived to make an impact on our local community with the Good News of Jesus.

Through the Atrium, and all of the relationships and ministry opportunities we have throughout the week, we are seeing the Spirit light a fire in the lives of individuals as they seek Him. New believers, people finding community through Bible studies and ESL classes, playgrounds and Tai Chi. People belonging even before they believe!

Our Bread Run ministry has seen an opportunity to speak truth into lives through a monthly breakfast/devotion before the regular bread run. Around 20 people a month come to hear the Word of God before they pick up free bread. This isn't forced, it isn't required to receive. We deliberately hold the devotion before the bread run so no one feels obligated and still, 20 people come. One Sunday, a man said sorry he was late but he had to shave because it was important to be here looking his best! God is at work in the lives of people in our community.

Our community has embraced the church, as evidenced in the support they have for our youth in their fundraising efforts for NYC. Donation after donation that came in of good quality items for the garage sale that could have been sold by themselves but was gifted to the teens because they wanted to support these young people. Compassion ignited in the hearts of the community. Evident as well in the generosity of giving through community people allowing us to participate in the NMI Missions project with New Scent this past year in ways that we could not have even imagined.

God is at work.

The bridge between the church and the community here in south Edmonton has been built. We voted to change our name to Southside Community Church this past year. We are truly a part of our community and our community values us in their midst. We are a COMMUNITY church!

God is moving. God is lighting a fire, and we are seeing the sparks ignite and fan into flames here at Southside.

Blessings,

Pastor Jen and Pastor Jonny

Happy Rock Church of the Nazarene – Gladstone

Greetings: I bring greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I thank and praise God for we have reached another year to reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness for all the things that He has done through His people and the various ministries of His church. We are blessed to be part of God's ministry and we will continue to follow where He leads. Many of you have played a vital role this year to move us forward with our ministry in Happy Rock and Steinbach. I appreciate all of our church members who participated in the life of our congregation through their worship and helping in different ministries with their volunteer hours, skills, and financial support to God's ministry.

Happy Rock Fellowship:

Happy Rock Church of the Nazarene became an organized church last February 23, 2025. As Christ Church, we are committed to keeping our mission statement and keeping our focus to reach out to our community. In order for us to better prepare and equip us to do the work of Jesus in our community, one of our goals was to encourage our leaders to go for training. One of our leaders enrolled in a Discipleship Course and I'm praying for more to follow.

This year, Christ continued to be in the presence of our children's vacation bible school in which we have almost 30 children who participated. This was also an opportunity for the church to invite people to join us in our worship on Sunday.

We continue to see an increase in the number of children each Sunday through the leadership of our leaders. At the same time, our youth ministry is getting stronger through their fellowship once a month.

For some time, our members have been encouraged to connect with their neighbours and friends in the community to share God's love and invite them to worship. We have seen an increase in the number of visitors. Overall, we are seeing positive changes throughout the life of our congregation, and it is our prayer that we will continue to see more transformation in the life of our members in Happy Rock as they continue to serve and live a Christ-like character.

Steinbach Fellowship:

Our Bible study and worship service in Steinbach Fellowship was usually twice a month but we cut back to once a month, and the congregation in Steinbach was encouraged to join the on-line service of River of Life, Living Water or drive to Winnipeg to attend the in-person worship. The children's ministry is growing every month due to some invitations of our members to their neighbors. I believe that there is a bright future for Christ's church, its mission to the people of the Steinbach community, and our place in the work of Jesus Christ. We continue to pray on God's plan for this ministry.

I thank you all for your prayers and support. May God Bless you all.

Respectfully Submitted, Pastor Virginia Gayot

High Prairie Church of the Nazarene

This first year of me being pastor and living in High Prairie, has been a wonderful, fulfilling year. God has answered many of our prayers, people have seen God move on their behalf in healings and answers to prayer, and church members have grown more committed to the Great Commission in our community.

We started a youth group and have been learning about who Jesus is, and how we need to respond to him. Cooking is a teen favorite and they have made some wonderful meals and baking. We got a pickle ball set up as well as badminton, which has been a lot of fun. We have ty-died t-shirts, made gifts out of resin and painted our favorite landscapes. A favorite board game is Pictionary.

Twice a month we have hosted a Senior's Bistro, giving hot soup and sandwiches to all who come by. This has turned into a meeting place of different people outside of our church and we have become friends. Senior's Bistro also is meeting a need for those experiencing loneliness.

We extended bistro to include a Christmas dinner and Easter dinner, for our community. Both were well attended and we got to meet many new people.

I have been meeting with other local pastors once a month for dinner and we pray for each other as well as held a joint Good Friday service for our community.

I have been able to give spiritual counselling for about 3 or more people and am seeing God move in their lives to bring healing from past trauma.

We had a Work and Witness team come to us last August and help clean up the church and parsonage, as well as build some storage shelves in the kid's ministry room.

I do feel God has ignited in me a desire to reach out to this community, to see people get saved and discipled, and to see youth and young adults grow and mature in their relationship with Christ. Not only me, but our church members are more motivated to reach out to our community and share God's love and gospel message. It has been a wonderful year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Tracy Stewart

Innisfail Church of the Nazarene

Dr. Sunberg, Rev. Rose Brower-Young, Members and Friends,

It is my honor to submit my 13th report on behalf of the Innisfail Nazarene Church. I have been blessed to serve this wonderful congregation for so many years. This past year has been a good year for our church family. We have taken the time to reflect on how we can best reach out and bless our community. Here are some highlights.

In August we planned a Community Block Party with a special focus on collecting school supplies for our local elementary school. We shared our vision with some of the businesses in town and they agreed to let us put drop boxes in their businesses to collect the supplies. Throughout that summer we collected a ton of school supplies. We also had some generous donations of cash which allowed us to go out and buy more needed school items. Backpacks and boxes full of supplies were taken to the school and they were so appreciative. At the Block Party we had between 150 – 200 people from the community come out for the games on the parking lot and the free BBQ. Many of the people who attend commented about this being a great idea and asked if we would be doing it next year. So, with that in mind we are going to keep this great community outreach going again this year. I would like to thank the General Church of the Nazarene and our District NDI for their grants which made this possible.

We have also taken a group of our people once a month to the Mustard Seed Ministry in Red Deer to help serve a meal to their clients. This has been something that is very rewarding for those of us involved. The clients at the Mustard Seed are so appreciative of our ministry to them.

This year our local NMI planned a Work and Witness trip to Panama to help the church there. They went in April of this year and had an amazing trip. We had about 6 from our church and about 7 others from other Nazarene churches join us for what was an amazing trip. A special thank you goes out to Sally Arkell for planning this trip and for the many others who supported it through finances and prayer.

These are just a few of the things that we have been up to this year. We are thankful for God's continued leading in our congregation. Over the past couple of years, we have made prayer a priority. Lavon Tattrie has been teaching a class with about 18 people in attendance on the basics of prayer. And Pastor Grant Rainey has been leading a group of about 12-15 people through prayer evenings where we learn how to listen and hear what God may be saying to us.

I look forward to continuing to lead this wonderful group of people in this great community of Innisfail and Central Alberta.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Jeff Baker

Lacombe Woodland Drive Community Church of the Nazarene

Dr. Sunberg, Rev. Brower-Young, Honored Guests, Members and Friends of the Assembly,

I greet you in the glorious Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! I also bring you greetings from the Lacombe Woodland Drive Community Church of the Nazarene. It is an honor and privilege to present my 8th report as Senior Pastor of this wonderful congregation.

I give thanks to God for the grace extended so wonderfully to me across the many years of my life. I continue to rejoice in the assurance that my sins have been forgiven, my heart has been renewed, and the sanctifying grace of God leads me deeper and deeper into His kingdom. All the glory belongs to Him!

Our “Ignite” theme reminds me of one of my favorite Scripture paraphrases: the way that Eugene Peterson captures Psalm 5:2-3 in *The Message*:

*King-God, I need your help.
Every morning you'll hear me at it again.
Every morning I lay out the pieces of my life
on your altar and watch for fire to descend.*

I received the precious gift of a 14-week sabbatical from my congregation this year, and during that time I had many opportunities for unhurried engagement with the kind of practice that the psalmist describes here. I can testify that my life was reignited with God's Holy Fire through various prayer practices during that time, and through the rest that I was afforded. Since returning from my sabbatical, it has been a main focus of my ministry to seek to help us find renewal of that Holy Fire as a congregation, through deepened and disciplined engagement with God in prayer.

It is all too easy, indeed it is virtually instinctual in our secular age, to seek help in merely human resources for the problems we face – as people in daily life, as families, and as church congregations. But as Jesus instructed His followers, before ascending to the Father, to wait for the Holy Fire, the Holy Spirit, to come upon them before they left Jerusalem to take up their mission, so we are seeking to re-train ourselves into a deeper, prayer-filled dependency on that endlessly renewable, Divine Resource of empowerment and love.

So we have kept our mid-week gatherings focused on prayer, specifically on prayer for our mission. We have also sought to keep a focus on mission and discipleship in our prayers in weekly worship. Since Easter we have been engaging with the Lord's Prayer phrase by phrase in our preaching, worship and mid-week discipleship discussions. We are trusting that as we do so, our church and our personal lives will become and remain centers of Holy Fire. We are seeing this play out in the 8-10 new people who have begun attending our church this year, almost all of them coming because they were invited by a friend in whom they saw something that attracted their attention and drew them. Our people are engaging with others and being missionally active in others' lives, and we are beginning to see the results of that – thanks be to God!

Respectfully Submitted,
Pastor Doug Herbert

Lethbridge The Bridge Church of the Nazarene

In Lethbridge, we have continued to build on what has been developed over the last couple of years. God has continued to keep the door open between our church and our local elementary school. We continue to volunteer for school events and help in whatever capacity we are needed.

God opened a door for us to give the school some family fun packs at Christmas time. The little bags looked like a reindeer face, and we put in a Christmas craft and the Christmas story of Jesus' birth. 100 of these bags were given away at the school concert.

As pastor I also had the blessing of going to M25 in Kansas City this year and was overwhelmed by what God is doing across US and Canada. In one of the workshops, there was a pastor who ministers to schools in her community. I took one of her ideas about showing the school staff our appreciation and just before Easter, we delivered 47 little goodie bags for each staff member of our school.

We have also seen how God is at work in our church family. We are not alone in enjoying meals and potlucks together as a church, but we also started a small ministry called Trinity lunches, where three families or individuals get together and share a meal together. It has been very encouraging to see how our people have grown closer to one another. And our Tuesday morning coffee time has turned into a time of encouragement and prayer.

God has encouraged our people to begin praying for their neighbours and looking for ways to share the Good News. One of our families has been good at connecting with their street. They have had opportunities to talk with them and have coffee with some of them. One of their neighbours is in a band and they went to hear their neighbours play at one of their gigs and they were treated like royalty, and their neighbours thanked them for their support.

In some ways it feels like the steps we are taking as a church are incremental, a slow burn versus a stick of dynamite, but we are reminded that God is with us every step of the way. "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." (Deuteronomy 31:8) And we are encouraged that no matter the pace God has more ahead of us.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Mark Noonan

Glenview Church of the Nazarene – Medicine Hat

May I begin by stating what an honour and blessing it is to share with you my first report as Pastor of the wonderful Glenview Church family. Words cannot adequately express my appreciation and love for them. I am deeply thankful to be a part of this family and privileged to live and serve alongside them.

When I first arrived in Medicine Hat and the Glenview Church, it was not hard to see the rich heritage and history of God doing great and amazing works in and through this family. Over the past year, that legacy has continued, and in many ways, we've seen fresh sparks of the Holy Spirit igniting hearts, faith, and service in powerful ways.

Throughout this year, we've embraced intentional moments of outreach and service, seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Initiatives like **Youth Alpha** and the **Crescent Heights School Christian Fellowship** have helped us engage the next generation with the Gospel.

We were honoured to host the **Community Wide 21 Days of Prayer**. This time served as a reminder to center ourselves on God and invite him to move in our church and community. The joining of multiple churches in 21 intentional days of prayer has deepened relationships and united believers in a shared mission of seeing a "holy fire" lit in our city. We've also had the privilege of serving alongside organizations like **The Mustard Seed** and **The Root Cellar (Food Bank)**, offering practical help and hope to those in need. These connections remind us that the church is not confined to four walls but is called to ignite change in the streets, homes, and hearts of our city.

Yet another highlight this year was our sermon series based on the book **B.L.E.S.S.**, which challenged and equipped us to build relationships and live missionally. It was a powerful reminder that outreach starts with ordinary moments, made extraordinary when empowered by the Spirit. Many within our church family faithfully go about quietly and unassumingly doing the Lord's work here on earth. Many of these contributions are known only to the recipients of the blessings and by God himself. These quiet acts of obedience and service are no less part of the fire God is kindling among us.

As much as it is appropriate to pause and contemplate with thanksgiving the many ways in which God has worked in and through Glenview throughout the past year, I must admit that I am even more excited as I anticipate His work in the future. God is on the move, He is at work, and we have the blessing and opportunity to join with Him in ministry.

May we, by His grace, ignite a lasting impact in our community and beyond—for and with Jesus.

To God be the glory.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. R. Andrew Barker

Medicine Hat The Table Church of the Nazarene

Greetings, Canada West District Assembly!

I am honoured and grateful to present The Table: Medicine Hat 2025 Annual Report. The Table is not just a physical place but a concept that embodies our mission to create a welcoming and inclusive community, just as Jesus did.

What a year! What a God! BUT GOD, as I continuously say.

What started with a vision from God in the summer of 2023, a vision that called us to be a beacon of hope and love in Medicine Hat Village, ignited a move for Steve and me into the Village and the planting of a church, an extension of The Table - The Table: Medicine Hat!

I knew God was asking us to:

1. be their neighbour,
2. to partner with them to seek the welfare of The Villagers,
3. And integrate our faith in Jesus alongside and for the sake of our neighbours.

We moved into the Village in 2024. Neighbours immediately introduced themselves, kids and families started becoming more than unit # numbers, and questions of life and death, faith and football, dogs and plants, birthdays and food, and Jesus began to burst! A hopeful picture of faith was everywhere, and Jesus was found in our friends; the Village was bringing Jesus to us, to The Table!

There was no strategic plan; there was no official launch; there were no billboards or flyers or firecrackers set off. But! There was a vision and an expectation that the Spirit would guide. But God!

In so many ways, I am experiencing an awakening of my soul. I am not hiding the depth with which I love people. However confused or offensive others find unrestrained love, taking risks in planting a village house church and being weird have become my specialty; my passion for the Kingdom of God to be unleashed on earth as it is in heaven has been set on fire; I am not being consumed in the flames, but they are transforming me! And I am experiencing this transformation alongside my neighbours, a testament to the power of love.

So, I close with this: Ask the Lord of the harvest....to give you visions and dreams..to send workers in your churches, on your street, to all the nations of the world...to grant you people of peace...to rekindle a Holy Love...to purify and cleanse us...to be so present in following Jesus on the front lines that only His light glows from you...to fan into flames your calling...to give you peace...and to ignite a love for God and love of neighbour!

But God,

Pastor Darlene Cahill

Hope Pointe Community Church of the Nazarene - Olds

Dr. Sunberg, Rev. Collins, Rev. Brower-Young and members and guests of the Assembly:

It is my privilege to bring this, my nineteenth report, to the Canada West District Assembly on behalf of the congregation of Hope Pointe Community Church of the Nazarene. This year we have seen growth in leadership, ministry participation, giving and in ways to bless our community – for all of which we give praise to God. But, when I consider the theme of this Assembly – Ignite – it seems most actualized in our congregation through God’s igniting of a zeal to grow in prayer.

Over this past year, this has been evidenced in our women’s Bible study where our prayers have moved beyond our own petitions to intercession for the work of Christ in our community and around the globe. The attendees are sharing prayer needs on social media more readily and with greater vulnerability, and, as a consequence, are celebrating much answered prayer and a deepening sense of community. Many who previously would not pray aloud are stepping out in faith and growing in confidence of their ability to pray with others. At a recent Prayer Retreat, there was a marked increase in moving quickly to prayer rather than simply listening or giving counsel.

The highlight of the year though was a 24 hour Prayer Vigil we held immediately prior to Palm Sunday. 27 persons participated in an hour of prayer over a 24 hour time period. Many of those who signed up were our newest attendees. The hour was arranged with a prayer walk through the Stations of the Cross, followed by praying for needs around the world and the work of Nazarene Missions International. Each hour closed with praying for our congregational/personal needs.

The feedback from that event was so encouraging. Several witnessed that, when they signed up, they could not imagine that they would be able to pray for an hour – but that the time “flew by”. Others stated that they received guidance and direction from God during that time. And the overwhelming consensus was that as a congregation we need to have more time of organized prayer, especially prayer that involves varieties of prayer. This is so encouraging as we know that increased prayer will ignite fresh ministry in our community as well as personal and congregational growth in intimacy with God.

May we continue to respond to God’s holy fire as we “pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.” (Ephesians 6:18) We can only imagine how God will use us so that it will be in Olds as it is in Heaven.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Darlene Hyatt

Open Door Community Church of the Nazarene – Prince Albert

One meaning for “ignite” is to set in motion, or to spark. Often we think of ignition as a quick thing. A match or lighter held to dry kindling causing a swoosh of flame or a lightening strike cigarette setting dry grass or forest ablaze. This year has taught me that, this is not always the case. It has also taught me that what we think we are starting, is not always what is produced.

In my report last year I mentioned two women with whom I was meeting regularly. The bulletin board creator spent five months of this past year in Royal University Hospital in Saskatoon after a routine diagnostic procedure went wrong. Most of that time she was in ICU, intubated, and only able to communicate by writing on a small white board tablet. Still hope, confidence in God, and gratitude for simply being alive were born in her in those long lonely quiet days. The cookie baker now has stage 4 liver and colon cancer and unless God intervenes will be in heaven in a matter of months. Interesting journeys on which to accompany friends.

Neither of these women has strong biological family support but it has been heart warming to see individuals from the family of God reach out to them in small but significant ways. People began to see needs as opportunities to act in ways that were new to them.. These acts of concern and kindness demonstrated God’s love and grace in ways words could not.

We did not run any programs as such, or host any big events. Although we did entertain a few community folks with “Why I Glued My Stocking to the Wall”, an Advent play. One thing about ignition is that it is always caused by something. Holy Spirit is the true catalyst of spiritual ignition. I am grateful to see what I believe is the beginning of some Holy Spirit inspired sparks that will continue to ignite in our community in the coming months and years.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Bernice McNair

Red Deer First Church of the Nazarene

This year, we embraced that call by focusing on reaching out to just one person—be it a family member, friend, or acquaintance. None of us are perfect; I, perhaps more than most, have missed opportunities to share about my beloved Jesus. However, this year, our focus was on the individual.

Our aim is to be a place of safety, love, learning, and growth for families of all kinds—whether a family of one or one hundred and one. Just reach out.

This year, we provided Christmas presents to a single father and his sons, sent a team to Costa Rica to support Encuentro, initiated a bread ministry, established a senior's ministry, and began a verse-by-verse Bible study starting in Genesis. We also launched a women's Bible study, a youth group, and a vibrant Sunday school. All these efforts have been avenues to connect with others.

Just as my work outside the church presents opportunities to share, so do our everyday lives. I desire to see my friends from work not only in our daily routines but also for all eternity.

It's been a journey. We continue to work, to love, and to engage with those who need to be loved and told of His grace and mercy. It's not about the healthy (the saved); it's about Him and those still in need of healing.

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven.” Matt. 5:15-16

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Kyle Mills

Red Deer West Park Church of the Nazarene

If you were to stop in on any given Sunday here at the Church of the Nazarene in West Park you would likely be handed a bulletin by one of our Special adults who attends here and it serves as a powerful reminder that this church takes seriously the call to not only minister to the least of those amongst us but also provide an opportunity for them to serve Jesus. In that bulletin you were just handed you would find a Mission Statement for West Park Church of the Nazarene. Our wonderful office administrator Allison reminded me this week of all the ways we fulfilled our mission this year.

✓ **We will pray**

- And all God's people said ... "Amen."
- Prayer Meeting via Zoom every Wednesday

✓ **We will introduce people to Christ**

- Many Sundays we have visitors and no matter where they are in their journey, they hear the name of Jesus throughout our service
- We are all the hands, the feet, and the heart of Jesus wherever we go throughout the week

✓ **We will celebrate**

- Communion, which reminds us not only of Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, but his one-day glorious return
- Christmas Eve Service with The Messengers singing about Jesus' birth. The great I AM clothed in humble humanity
- Tenebrae Service. A solemn time remembering Jesus' sacrifice required to pardon sinners
- Easter Sunday. Resurrection Day being the pinnacle of celebrations.

✓ **We will meet in homes**

- Guess Who's Coming for Supper

✓ **We will regularly gather as a community aside from our Sunday service**

- Ladies and Men's Breakfast meets monthly at A&W
- Plus 50 Lunch meets bi-monthly at various restaurants
- Potluck runs bi-monthly at the church

✓ **We will ask, listen, and respond**

- That we might "see with our eyes, hear with our ears, and have open hearts to receive (Isaiah 6:10)
- God's provision through the faithful giving of his people

✓ **We will teach/mentor**

- Two Bible Study groups studying the book of Luke and one mentorship focusing on discipleship

✓ **We will accept people where they are at**

- Remembering we are all “jars of clay.” 2 Corinthians 4:7

✓ **We will build friendships**

- Coffee Café offers specialty coffees and teas and an urn of regular coffee and package of cookies welcomes everyone every Sunday
- Pre and post Sunday service fellowship
- Impromptu phone calls and visits throughout the week

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Randal Neufeld & Allison Denbury



Regina Prairie View Church of the Nazarene

District Superintendent Rose Brower-Young, Gen. Supt. Sunberg, delegates and friends,

I thank God for His continued provision for our congregation over the past year. As I've met with the church board over the past year I've had multiple opportunities to point to the hand of God leading and providing for our needs. The last opportunity to do so was earlier this week at our regularly scheduled church board meeting with our fiscal year having just ended. We finished the previous year with a slight deficit which hadn't happened in years. A year ago, we determined to stay the course and trust God to provide. We reviewed our year-end financial report this week and saw that we not only made up ground from our slight deficit but finished the year with an approximately 20% surplus over what we had forecasted! After a few moments of scratching our heads trying to make sense of it, I said we need to hit the pause button right now and offer a heartfelt prayer of thanksgiving for God's provision. I then urged those present to remember this occasion and to trust God to provide when walking in obedience to His leading.

I praise God also for the start of a new youth ministry. It has been rewarding to see our handful of teens develop into a community of brothers and sisters in Christ who care about each other. This fall we will move into phase two of this ministry as we become intentional about welcoming unsaved friends of our teens into this group, and hopefully into the family of God!

A heart for Missions has been ignited in our congregation with Missions being front and center over the past year. We hosted deputation services with Floyd Cunningham and Josh Herndon respectively. These services took on added meaning this year as we have a married couple who is now engaged in Missions work with First Nations people in Regina and area, and another married couple who went on a short-term Missions trip to Guatemala earlier in 2025.

Finally, I am thankful for the meaningful worship that we experience during our Sunday services which continue to be a vital component of congregational life. My sincere desire is for the Lord to ignite a fire in my own heart to know, love and serve him with renewed passion, and that this heart that becomes contagious among the people I serve.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pastor Randy Clark

Rimbey Church of the Nazarene

In February, 2025, I completed three years of service as Transition Pastor with the Rimbey Church of the Nazarene family. And these years have been very rewarding to me. This past year the church has enjoyed positive worship times and a continuing excellent ministry to children; especially through the Sunday School. We had a renewed ministry to youth, an active world missions' ministry, an effective adult small groups ministry and wonderful prayer groups. Two Community Kids' Carnivals reached several new families in the community. And we participated in a successful community Vacation Bible School in August.

I was privileged to welcome five new Nazarenes into our membership this past year along with two who transferred from another Nazarene Church. It is great to be a part of a growing church!

God is continuing to bring spiritual renewal to our church. He is Igniting a new spirit among our people...a spirit of love for our people and a spirit of love and concern for others in our community and in our world. New people are attending and coming back. There is a sense of God's blessing and a feeling of anticipation for the days ahead.

The promise in Chapter 3 of the Book of Lamentations, is very true, both for me personally and for the good people of Rimbey Nazarene...

Lamentations 3:22-23

²² The faithful love of the LORD never ends!^[a]

His mercies never cease.

²³ Great is his faithfulness;

his mercies begin afresh each morning.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord as Transition Pastor at Rimbey Church of the Nazarene.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dale Fallon, Transition Pastor

Riverton Community Church of the Nazarene

Greetings to Pastor Rose Brower-Young, fellow pastors and friends of the District Assembly,

I bring a brief report of our Community Church in Riverton MB. This is the first report since we have become organized, as of January 1st, 2025. Thank you, to New Hope Church of Winnipeg for your help these years of the New Start church.

It is a blessing to serve in the family like community church in Riverton. The people are so appreciable for their church, they seem so inspirited and enthused to be involved helping, giving, sharing, and fundraising for the needs for Christmas hamper, kids to camp and giving to people in need. When we have an event to raise funds our church people just enjoy being together for the days by chatting, working together and enjoy each other! II Cor. 8. is like it is alive and well-they want to be part of a caring church family!

The attendance is up for our Sunday services is growing!

The children's Sunday school is slowly growing!

Wednesday Bible Studies are well attended!

The spiritual growth is evident!

my dear wife Barb is my strong stay and keeps tab of my life's journey. The Lord has been giving me strength and health to carry on this ministry.

Thank you, Lord!

Menno Friesen

Rocky Mountain House Church of the Nazarene

When God ignites a fire it is really something to behold. The fire God kindled in a bush in the wilderness left Moses speechless. The fire on the mountain as God delivered the Ten Commandments left the people in fear and awe. The fire that ascended on the heads of the disciples at Pentecost not only grabbed the attention of the people around but transformed the lives of the disciples.

This year God has been igniting new fires in the Rocky Nazarene Church. The first flame people will notice is the flame in the services each week as we worship together. There are no professional musicians among us, but the Spirit works in and through every worship team to draw us to Himself as we worship together. With the music and scriptures is the proclaimed Word from the pulpit, either from Pastor Gary or Pastor Sean, and lives are being changed as they are being disciplined each week.

We have seen a flame ignited through the Celebrate Recovery group, with several people committing their lives to Christ this year. Many are now receiving one year and two year chips to celebrate sobriety and progress on their journey. From the CR connections we were invited to participate in the Angel Tree ministry this year, another wonderful chance to share the love of Christ.

Last year the Lord sent three members from the church on a Work and Witness trip to Papua New Guinea where a flame was ignited through children's ministry, worship and service on the Madang District. One member had never seen world missions up close like this before and a fire has been ignited in his heart.

Invite a choir from Uganda made up of 9-11 year old children and watch a flame ignite in the hearts of people. Hosting the African Children's Choir certainly ignited a flame in the hearts of many people, including some of the children who saw how worship can be full of joy and even dance!

My favorite story of someone being ignited for Jesus focuses on a twelve year old boy who I met as he rode his bike on our parking lot. Then he came to our Block Party. Soon he was at KidzTown, and is a junior apprentice now. He comes early each Sunday for KidzTown practice which means he hears the sermon, then gets cookies with the congregation. Last week when we did roadside clean up to support our Work & Witness teams he was there to help. There is a flame ignited in his young life, and it will be exciting to see what God has in store for him!

There are some big fires being ignited in the hearts of people in Rocky, and the next few months will reveal what God has in store for each of these flames! "He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." Matthew 3:11

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Gary Nawrocki

Saskatoon Louise Street Community Church of the Nazarene

LSCC has been on quite a journey this past year! We all are learning, growing and becoming as we follow Jesus together. We have experienced God's mighty power at work within us accomplishing more than we can ask or think through answers to prayer and personal and congregational growth as we continue to learn and grow as Christlike disciples and embrace new opportunities for ministry.

Answers to Prayer – healing for several people, God's provision for others, new opportunities for ministry in the neighborhood about the church building (e.g. an Indigenous woman who lives in the low income housing units near the church coming to the first worship service in January 2025 to ask for prayer, 2 other Indigenous persons coming to the church for prayer support), new confidence in God at work in our lives.

Personal and Congregational Growth – we had consistent attendance at worship services and prayer meetings, one person was baptized in September 2024, and one new member was received in March. In November, a Christian woman from the church neighborhood started attending our services. She has found a church home with us and now supports our youth ministry and is helping us with mission/ministry in the church neighborhood. We started weekly prayer meetings in June, and in January, we started on a journey to learn how to bless our community and bring people to Jesus as we study *"B.L.E.S.S. – 5 Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World"*. Also, in January we reconsecrated the altars with people praying at them in our services and people are testifying to God at work in their lives. We have had connections with new Canadians, and we provided spiritual care and food to people in the neighborhood. F.L.O youth ministry held 5 youth events (40-50+ youth in attendance). All events had 20+ youth volunteers who participated 3-4 Friday night prep/set-up/band practice nights prior to the event. The Feb 5 youth leaders attended SNAZ Party and met regularly with Pastor Debbie for discipleship and prayer. Pastor Arleen ministered to various groups in the Filipino community leading bible studies, doing discipleship, praying at special events and giving spiritual care and support to families and individuals.

Our Vision and Mission for 2025 is: *Keep praying and keep being open to God's opportunities for ministry*. We have decided to own our name – Louise Street Community Church of the Nazarene as we look for ways to bless our community and bring people to Jesus.

Louise Street – we are praying for people from the Louise Street neighborhood to come to Jesus and then worship with us. Bev, our new neighborhood friend, has a connection with Cobbs Bakery, and we are just in the beginning stages of a bread distribution ministry at the low-income housing units and a seniors' fixed income apartment tower in the church neighborhood, along with praying about how to connect with the people who live in the six (yes – 6!) senior's residences on Louise Street.

Community - F.L.O. ministry to both high school students and emerging adults, Pastor Arleen's ministry to the Filipino community, the organizations renting space/time in the church building and each of the relationship networks of the people in our congregation (families, friends, workplaces, volunteer work, etc.). We have a far reach!

Church of the Nazarene - We are a Church of the Nazarene! We have a global network of churches with the same mission, who also are all about blessing their communities and bringing people to Jesus and making Christlike disciples in the nations! We are not alone. We have a particular shape and form as a church and my hope and prayer is that all of us at LSCC want to show up as such in our personal lives, in our own relationships, in the church building neighborhood and around the world.

Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Debbie Tanasieuk

Sedgewick Church of the Nazarene

General Superintendent, District Superintendent, Pastors, Church leaders and delegates and friends to this assembly:

This is my sixth report as the Sr. Pastor of the Sedgewick Community Church of the Nazarene, and my 33rd report to this Canada West District Assembly.

I am so very blessed to be the pastor of the Church family in Sedgewick, Alberta. This is a wonderful group of people to lead. We have seen some good spiritual and numerical growth in our Church body. We have been experiencing some very good days with new people becoming a part of our Church family, and lots of visitors to our services.

This past Fall we had our 6th Annual Taking Back Flagstaff Prayer Tour with more people attending our 15 nights praying at different locations each evening. Then in April of this year, we had our 5th Annual Flagstaff Fire Prayer Tour with a greater number of people attending each evening and we have a large number of prayer requests being answered. These Prayer Tours have seemed to raise the “spiritual temperature” in our County and surrounding Counties, and we are hearing that many of the Church denominations in our County are growing and ministry is more effective.

Cowboy Church continues to be a great blessing and is growing in numbers. Some folks who attend do not attend any other Church. They see the Cowboy Church as their own.

This year my wife and family have grieved the loss of our daughter, Katrina, who was killed in a tragic vehicle accident. She was 26 years old and just starting her 4th year as a student at the Prairie Bible College in Three Hills, Alberta. She touched a lot of people’s lives with her amazing gentle ministry of love and a listening ear. Her college graduated her with her full degree in Counseling, and my wife and I were honored to receive her degree and her robe.

Many in our congregation have been involved in various Community Boards and leadership in sports etc. Because of this, I believe, God has been honored and the people blessed in many ways.

“Katrina’s Ministry,” named after our daughter, continues to receive wild game, Bison and beef cows, to process and give away to needy families and seniors who struggle with purchasing meat. Since 2021, we have processed over 70 deer, one moose, two Bison and three cows and given it away free. God has blessed this ministry – there’s a great story behind this ministry.

Ministry has been heavy and yet so fulfilling. God has been so very good to our family and Church family.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Douglas Webb

SPark Church of the Nazarene – Sherwood Park

SPark Church identifies with JB Chapman, who said *I was born in the fire, and I cannot endure the smoke*. We seek holy fire and are not content with dissipating smoke (or with ashes). We have asked God to stoke burning embers back to life and are in the midst of rekindled life. As such, this year's District theme – *IGNITE* – resonates well with the goals, dreams, and ministries of **SPark** Church.

This year we have seen souls seeking Christ and set on fire in new life. We have seen believers renewed in the Spirit of God and the flame and passion for Christ rekindled. We have seen followers of Christ young and old desire more of Jesus – to become like Him – and walk in the paths of holiness. And as we pray and seek God, we look not just for a quick flash of His Spirit, but for a burning wildfire of renewal and revival in our midst.

Our goal of starting one new ministry each year continues. This year, through the imagination and vision – and under the leadership of the members of the **SPark** congregation itself – we were blessed to start two: Men of **SPark**, a men's ministry with the goal of building community and having men (who are often reticent to do so) be open to share with one another, and **SParklers**, a playgroup for caregivers and tots. The men's ministry is flourishing and meeting a need within the church community. Unfortunately, **SParklers** was not as well received as hoped, and is on hiatus until a more opportune time – a restart (relighting?) is eventually planned.

We do not give up. We continue fan the coals of ministry service so that we might reach others for Christ . . . that we might see people find Jesus and become like Him, even as we in the church strive to let the fire burn in our own lives for Him.

Respectfully Submitted,

Franklin Chouinard

Main Avenue Fellowship Church of the Nazarene - Sundre

Friends, colleagues, brothers and sisters in Christ,

This marks my final report to the District as a member of Canada West District and as the Senior Pastor of Main Avenue Fellowship. On April 30, 2025, I retired from the post and Natalie and I have transferred to the Atlantic District to take time to rest and contemplate what God has in store for us in the coming years. I pray this will include many days of relaxing at the lake and fishing with Natalie and the pups. As my last day was still in the current fiscal, I was asked to prepare reflections of the past year for the Sundre Fellowship as the church's submission.

When we first arrived, we developed a vision of being a spiritual resource and example of Christlike love to our community. For ten years, we have focused beyond the walls of the building, striving to Live the Love of Christ in all we do. Not only have we poured into the lives of friends and neighbours, but we have also tried wherever possible to share with many in our community whom we don't even know. We have come alongside those in hospitals and care homes, built relationships with people in shops and restaurants and have been available to stop and pray with and for those who know we are Christians but do not themselves have that personal relationship with the Lord. Matthew noted that we are to go out into all nations, build relationship, teach by word and deed and baptize. I would suggest this could also mean that we should baptize those in our community with the Living Water, in His Perfect Word.

We have come a long way over the past ten years, and I am sure that this faith community will not only grow in strength, but they will also become even more relevant in the lives of those in Sundre and beyond. Please pray for this faith family as they move forward into the future and transition from one spiritual lead to another. This is a time of change, exciting change, and I look forward to hearing how much more they accomplish in His strength.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take. Pr 3:5-6 NLT

The Lord has done so much through this faith family and will continue to do so regardless of who is the Lead Pastor because the focus is not on self but rather it is all about the community. Church is more than the building, it is the gathering of the faithful, whether in a coffee shop, a hospital or in the home. Where those gather in His name, He will be there – this is truly the church, ecclesia.

May God continue to bless not only Main Avenue Fellowship richly in His love and grace, but also bless Canada West District, its leadership and ministries to the benefit of the Kingdom.

Shalom Aleichem,

Rev. J. Todd MacDonald CD

Lead Pastor (Retired)

Main Avenue Fellowship Church of the Nazarene – Sundre (Interim Pastor Report)

This Report of the Pastor has been compiled by Interim Pastor Rev. Bud Sargent with high regard for the retired minister of Main Ave Fellowship, Rev. Todd MacDonald.

In my short time serving as Interim Pastor (May 1), it has become very evident that Todd had a vision for the Main Ave Fellowship (MAF) to be a '*community hub*' for the citizens of Sundre and surrounding area. The MAF is a center for numerous community organizations and groups. Todd was successful in his ten years of ministry in developing and sustained numerous connections and relationships within the community. Todd was a well-respected Chaplain at Royal Canadian Legion and welcomed Chaplain and friend of the local detachment of the RCMP. He knew his way around Town Hall and local businesses.

Pastor Todd provided a visionary leadership to the congregation to become what the founder of the Church of the Nazarene envisioned: *"It has been my long-cherished desire to have a place in the heart of the city, which could be made a center of Holy Fire, and where the gospel could be preached to the poor."* (Phineas Bresee)

Todd's vision for the community included the hiring of an intentional staff member as the *Minister to the Community*. Pastor Eryn Austin-Bergen spends her time listening to the wider Sundre and Bergen communities to hear their needs and desires and mobilize the family of God to respond in love. In order to 'ignite' the church to respond to the needs of the community, Eryn and Todd engaged the MAF congregation in a series of Round Table Discussions that resulted in an in-depth analysis of the needs of the community, the strength and challenges of the congregation, and how best the MAF can respond to those needs.

One of the highlights of ministry to the community is the after-school program: MAF-Kids-Club, led by Dorothy and Glenn Reeder. This program provides a safe environment for children to experience the love of God and come to know Jesus.

To sum it up: MAF has a passion to Ignite People to Jesus! *"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."* Matt 11:28-30
NLT

Respectfully Submitted,

Interim Pastor, Rev. Bud Sargent (ret)

Lighthouse Fellowship Church of the Nazarene – Sylvan Lake

When I started along this road of Pastoral ministry that God called me on twenty years ago I had very few expectations. All I had to do was read the Word, tell my stories, and God himself would build His church. In a very simplistic sense, I suppose, that is true, however, without all those irreplaceable, Godly, souls that He set on my path to walk with me, correct me, and encourage me, I would have thrown up my hands and quit years ago.

This Fellowship has been exceedingly blessed with a conscientious church board and congregation. Their hard work and unwavering dedication, both behind the scenes and in visible roles, are invaluable. Please take a moment to thank a volunteer for their vital service.

A detailed account of our activities over the past year would be too extensive for this brief report. Our efforts have included fundraising, construction, fellowship, music, food distribution, and community outreach. Notably, we have given away over 400 pounds of anonymously donated hamburger to those in need. Partnering with local schools, charity organizations, and churches within our community and district to help create numerous hampers, dinners, and free events.

We strive to uphold our commitment to spiritual and biblical growth through various Bible studies and prayer groups. Additionally, we continue to volunteer regularly at the Red Deer Mustard Seed and conduct church services at the local seniors' lodge.

Our vision is to become a central gathering place for the Sylvan Lake community, offering seminars, workshops, and gatherings for adults, parents, couples, teens, and children. We aim to transform our church into a teaching centre, a compassion hub, and a fellowship space where individuals can come to Christ, grow in their faith, find answers to their questions, and have their needs met.

We are pleased with the success of the parenting seminar, "Family Foundations," compiled, written, and presented by Jackie Hann. This initiative provided meals, childcare, for six evenings of seminars, supported by many members of our congregation, the community, and other local churches and organizations.

We are inspired by the desire to reach beyond our church walls and collaborate with ministry partners, regardless of affiliation, to positively impact the culture of our town. Transforming the nature of this community requires belief in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who alone can bring about change.

Throughout these endeavors, we have witnessed the realization of visions, miracles, two Baptisms and several new members. Our church has refused to see limitations in size, finances, or significance as barriers to achieving our objectives. By committing ourselves to God's holy will, we give glory to Him through prayer, faithfulness, and humble devotion to His Kingdom's work.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Barry Sigurdson

Wainwright Church of the Nazarene

Dr. Sunberg, Rev. Rose and district family. I am privileged to present my 19th report on behalf of the Wainwright Church of the Nazarene family.

I consistently find myself praising and thanking our Lord for his faithfulness in and through our Wainnaz family. In particular, I am so encouraged by the way leaders and workers are raised up from amongst our people. It has been exciting for me to bring together and work with a group of enthusiastic high school students who are eager to learn and practice leadership skills amongst their peers through our youth ministry. We meet monthly to plan and coordinate youth group. The unique quality of this group is that it is not a youth group led by me or any other adult as the driving force behind the ministry. I simply have offered an opportunity and then help facilitate the organizing of the group. The group, then, is learning how to make plans, communicate with their peers, coordinate details, lead devotionals and bring leadership for whole events with support from adults (because...Nazarene Safe!). I am so pleased with how the Spirit ignites a spark of leadership experience within these students, as well as the desire of care and responsibility for their peers. I am praying that the Spirit will use these experiences in such a way that these students will be able to carry these opportunities with them as they continue to grow and serve. I am also excited to see how the Spirit ignites a desire to serve and minister amongst the other students, who are witnessing the leadership and care that is being shown to them by their peers. I know the Lord works by sparking a desire to serve in young people as they see other young people serving in these roles. The Spirit ignites the desire to serve and contribute beyond our young people. I am always amazed at our church family's ability to rally and come together to serve our community. We do this in a wide variety of ways. A prime example is our Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt. This event has become a local tradition for many families in our community over the last 15 years (and I must brag that we do this event well). Beyond this being a great opportunity to love our community, I see the Spirit at work in the way our people jump into action for this event. Well over 40 people volunteer onsite, doing everything from greeting, faceprinting, flipping pancakes to hiding Easter Eggs. Many more volunteers donate glass jars filled with gifts for children who attend, cookies and chocolates for them to decorate and take home. This is just one area of service that I am highlighting. The Spirit is at work igniting hearts for service to our neighbours and community. This makes me humbly proud of our church family, and excited as I am reminded that the Lord is at work in our midst. We pray for the continued work of the Spirit, igniting within us new ideas, creativity for ministry and a desire to serve our community and grow as disciples.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ryan Wood

Wapella Church of the Nazarene

It only takes a tiny flame to dispel darkness, and, just as the faith that is as small as a mustard seed is able to move mountains, so too that glimmer of hope can set the hearts of many ablaze for Christ.

When my husband Rod and I came to Saskatchewan in late August of 2024, we were moved by the Holy Spirit and fueled by the fire of hope that He had ignited in our spirits. As He led us to the Wapella Church in the fall, we felt like we were coming home.

Here we found a faithful few who had kept a candle in the window, continuing to gather each week, to pray, to love, and to serve their community. Seeing their quiet strength and resolve was empowering and their warm welcome was irresistible.

There is a devotion here that is undeniable, a love that is unquestionable. God is able to fan into flame the smallest spark and that is what He is doing, and will do, in Wapella!

Already we are seeing familiar faces returning – encouraged by the presence of a Pastor, and new people appearing – excited by the prospect of new life being breathed into the church and community. As a result, a young adult Bible Study has begun, and plans are in place for running a VBS this summer, as well as for ALPHA and Celebrate Recovery to start in the fall. May the Lord continue to bring fresh wind and fresh fire!

A fire needs more than a spark; it requires fuel and oxygen in order to continue to burn. Fires burn hottest where there is dry material and open spaces. A site that some might see as a wasteland, God views as a place of possibility; somewhere that His Spirit is able to spread His love unincumbered and unhindered. Wapella is such a place.

We are excited to be part of the big things that the Lord is doing in the small prairie community.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Serena Evans

Westlock Church of the Nazarene

It has continued to be an honour to report as the pastoral family of Westlock for a seventh church year. We continue to evolve in co-ministry model in this third year with E1, Laura and I endeavour to live and embrace the possibilities of this unique opportunity guided by cornerstone principles.

First, we are participating in a community of Prayer. As Daniel 6:11 indicates that the men assembled found Daniel praying, it is our commitment to making prayer an integrated part of our daily lives, our worship times and a meaningful part of our gathering times. We look forward to increasing prayer-filled connections in the year ahead. (...these men went as a group and found Daniel praying and asking God for help. Daniel 6:11)

Second, we are intentional about being people of the Word. Anchored in images from 2Corinthians 3:3, Ezekiel 11:19, Jeremiah 31:33 and Hebrews 8:10 we are committed to reading, teaching and applying the word to our lives as individuals and a community of faith of which it is said that the Word is read often, taught clearly and lives in the hearts of both individuals and the community. (For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Hebrews 8:10)

Third, we are passionate about being people of Community – Our goal is that we support one another as we embrace our gifts and passions following the lead of the Holy Spirit. From our most senior members who have walked a long life of faith to the newest people beginning their journey in our midst, we envision a community where we can minister and find support that is an example of Christian community. We continue to be encouraged and honoured to be blessed and blessing to Mamo, Beklesch and the family as they seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the ministry here and at home. C.R. has passed significant milestones and is a true blessing ministry where we are able to partner and meet profound needs in the community. Heather has made significant progress through her first year and pending renewal as a District Licenced minister. We continue to be called to journey with folks through the valley of the shadows of challenge and change. It is our hope that while worship is important and effective it is only the beginning of a people for whom “worship ends at 12:00 and church starts at 12:01” (walking worthy of the calling with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all. Ephesians 4:1b-6)

Last, but surely not last, we are privileged to have discovered ourselves in a community of Vision. Vision may be a challenge, that said, our vision has expanded as we have enlarged our understanding of what Sunday ministry looks like with 4 consistent people providing messages, Jess providing consistent tech and missions focus and absolutely everyone “being the church” through music, grounds management, facility management, financial stewardship, and fellowship – simply being good neighbours to the community as we gather and for those not able to gather. We continue to explore how we can engage in community and provide a ministry of hope in Westlock. People of Vision – (Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for

you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Ephesians 3:20
Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us)

It is our daily prayer that we continue to build a community of vision, word and prayer. We will be a safe place to explore and apply our unique gifts in ministry on community.

Laura and I recognise many challenges and trust we will all be able to remain open to the Holy Spirit voice that calls us to be people of grace who will be able to extend grace in our church and in our community – we have been blessed; how will we be a blessing in the year ahead...

Looking Forward (Ph3:13)

Pastor Rick&Laura



Winnipeg - Christian Assembly of Southern Asia – CASA

Our congregation has several immigrants and young families, who are encountering several challenges in Canada with finding or losing jobs, financial difficulties and health issues. They also miss family from back home in their home countries and their support. They face several anxieties and fears. They say that they are in constant fear of losing jobs or making wrong choices that they might regret later on.

We need God's help because people are scared and don't know where to look for help and direction. We teach them to **ignite their faith in our living God and Saviour Jesus Christ** through our sermons and spending time in prayer and live for Christ.

We at our church encourage our members to trust God in all life situations and need to read the word to hear the voice of God about what matters the most in life. We pray together for each of our members and trust God to reveal His direction in their lives. This year has been full of several answered prayers in very unexpected ways, which strengthened and **ignited** their faith in Jesus and are able to stand for Christ in their neighbourhoods and workplaces.

Our verse to encourage is - **Philippians 1** ⁻²⁷ Whatever happens, **conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ**. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit,^[e] striving together as one for the faith of the gospel ²⁸ **without being frightened in any way** by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. David Prathipati

Winnipeg New Hope Church of the Nazarene

This theme of ignite has proven to be an appropriate theme for New Hope Community Church over the past year. The church is in a season of new beginnings, new vision, new inspiration, new ministries, and new growth.

At the first Sunday of 2025, the Verse of the Year was introduced. The Verse of the Year is *Isaiah 43:19*

See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.

The past year there have been many opportunities to celebrate what God is doing at New Hope Community Church.

In September, we launched a new ministry geared to the many young families in our community. The last Friday of each month we host a Family Movie Night. Of course there is always popcorn available. We have seen both church families and community families attend these events.

In October, we held the first Halloween Handout to the community. The New Hope family generously donated enough candy to fill 250 treat bags for distribution. There was an amazing team that gathered together to fill the treat bags and pray over all of them. We also included an invite for the next Family Movie Night. On Halloween night we handed out all the treat bags and it was an opportunity to connect with our community.

In December, we collectively contributed towards, prepared and distributed 7 Christmas Baskets and 3 Christmas Hampers. The Christmas Baskets are geared towards the shut ins of our church family. The Christmas Hampers are prepared for community. The hampers provide a Christmas dinner meal and gifts for any children they may have. Both the baskets and the hampers are a means to show the love of Jesus in a very practical way. We also hosted Saturday Matinees for the community and church family. These movies were Faith based movies that connect with the preaching series at the time. In November, the focus on Sunday morning was on prayer, so we showed the movie War Room. At the beginning of February, we showed Jesus Revolution because we just finished a series on change in the church. Then in April, during the Lenten season, we showed The Passion of the Christ. There have been many other opportunities to celebrate as a church family. We celebrated Orange Shirt Sunday the last Sunday in September. We united together on Remembrance Day in November to pay honour to our veterans. We rejoiced the advent season together and had a Christmas Banquet which provided an opportunity to invite family and friends to. At the end of February, we celebrated New Hope's 65th Anniversary. This was another opportunity to unify the New Hope Church family. I am thankful for this amazing opportunity God has provided for Dan and I to move to Winnipeg and get to know the people of New Hope Church. The people are kind, generous and faithful servants of the Lord. We are small but we are mighty. I am grateful to all who tirelessly serve and give generously.

I humbly submit my first report to the Canada West District on behalf of New Hope Community Church.

Blessings, Pastor Annette Smith

Living Water Church of the Nazarene - Winnipeg

Dear District Family,

Good is good, all the time. The Living Water Church is remained on fire. The Church board and the congregation working together for the betterment of the Church, program and activities, and especially the mission of the church to share the gospel to the community, and continues to follow the Gospel command to be a Christ-like disciple in the nation. The theme "Ignite" is a great help in the faith of every member to be diligent and work together to bring people to Christ.

Membership:

As a result, our membership number has increased. We received 10 people as new and became a full member of our church.

Financial:

And as our number increased, our church revenue also increased, because of their faithfully giving of their offering to the Church. All of our programs and activities, district obligations, church obligations, and projects have succeeded and done well.

Church ministry:

- The NDI, NMI and NYI have worked together to carry out all programs and activities for the children ministry of the Church , such as VBS, Trunks and treats, Children worship during Sunday and Children cantata.
- The NYI's continue to grow in number and they grow spiritually through their regular Bible Study and Fellowship.
- The Adults ministry are still active and on fire, through their successful program, such as Valentines and couple fellowship, Bible studies and fellowship and Every month activities of the Church

These programs and activities have contributed to our Spiritual growth, unity, Love, Spirit and cooperation for the advancement of God's kingdom

Highlights:

One of the happiest event or experience we have received is that God gave us what we have prayed for many years, to have our own Church building. Now, we are enjoying the blessing that God has given us, we become more energetic and enthusiastic in our prayer and serving Him.

In Behalf of the Living Water Church of the Nazarene Winnipeg and Selkirk, Manitoba , Thank you Canada West District for all your prayers and support. God bless us all! To God be the Glory.

Respectfully,

Pastor Bernardo "Jun" Ganancial

Winnipeg River of Life Church of the Nazarene

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the head of our beloved church. Shalom.

What a remarkable year it has been! We have been blessed to witness God's incredible hand at work, guiding us and transforming the lives within our community.

Truly, God has ignited a passionate spirit in our church, inspiring us through diverse ministries and empowering each member to shine brightly in their faith. As we reflect on this year, let us celebrate the ways He has woven His presence into our lives and continue to nurture the vibrant spirit that unites us all.

The River of Life is excited to celebrate the incredible work the Lord has done this year.

1. Church Statistic

Let us lift our voices in joy and gratitude to the Lord for the amazing blessing of new members and community participants! This wonderful growth is a powerful testament to our shared faith and unwavering commitment. Together, we thrive in His love!

Year	2024	2025
EVANGELIZED		
Conversion (Evangelized)	15	20
Baptized	0	5
ACTUAL MEMBERS		
Active Members	72	88
New Members Received by Profession of Faith	10	5
New Members Received by Transfer of Membership	13	4
Community (Probationary) Members	20	24
TOTAL MEMBERS	115	121
Church Visitor		28
LOST MEMBERS		
Removal, Transfer to other denomination	19	0
Lost by Death	0	0
Transfer to another Nazarene church	89	7
Inactive Members	21	27

2. Financial Statistic

YEAR	Goal Budget	Actual Income	Expenses	Surplus
2024	158,760.00	156,215.43	129,379.39	26,836.04
2025	166,198.00	174,856.04	159,760.96	15,095.08

We wholeheartedly praise the Lord for His abundant blessings! Your extraordinary generosity in supporting the kingdom of God has been truly inspiring. Your contributions are the very backbone of our ministry, empowering us to touch the lives of those in need. From the depths of our hearts, we thank you for your unwavering support. May God shower each of you with His abundant blessings!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Eleazar T. Longcop



Canada West District Church of the Nazarene

Journey of Grace Spreadsheet



77th Annual District Reunion

	Airdrie Family Life	Calgary African Calgary	Calgary East	Calgary First	Calgary Skyview	Calgary The Gathering	Caroline	Claresholm	Drum.	Ed.First	Ed.S.S.
Compassionate Project	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evangelism Program	✓	✓			✓		✓				✓
Marriage / Divorce / Parenting Class	✓			✓	✓				✓		
Kids Club / Afterschool Care		✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓		
Community Sports					✓						
Sitting on Community Board / Committee	✓				✓		✓		✓	✓	✓
Community Garden					✓	✓					✓
Hosting Community Events	✓			✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Other	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Involved In Intentional Prayer Ministry - Avg.	9	9	19	10	14	3	18	12	8	13	20
Disciple-Makers Being Equipped - Avg.	4	8	3	106	23	3	8	6	3	2	82
Missional community & Church Planters launch	0	2	0	1	0	2	5	0	0	0	0
New Church Members	0	8	0	2	0	2	2	0	0	7	2
Diciple-Makers Newly Sent	0	6	1	0	12	0	5	0	0	0	0
Morning Worship Attendance - Avg.	19	50	50	176	164	2	90	29	58	84	74
Online Worship Attendance - Avg.	12	15	9	65	72	0	20	0	61	2	39
New Believers	0	18	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	3	2
Baptized	0	0	0	5	7	0	12	0	0	5	0
Connected to a Christian Mentor	1	11	17	44	277	4	21	6	9	1	69
	Fort Sask.	Gladstone Happy Rock	Gladstone Happy Rock Steinbach	High Prairie	Innisfail	Lacombe	Lethbridge	Medicine Hat	Medicine Hat The Table	Olds	Price Albert
Compassionate Project	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evangelism Program	✓	✓	✓			✓		✓			
Marriage / Divorce / Parenting Class					✓					✓	
Kids Club / Afterschool Care				✓	✓				✓		
Community Sports											
Sitting on Community Board / Committee		✓		✓		✓		✓			
Community Garden										✓	
Hosting Community Events		✓		✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Other				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Involved In Intentional Prayer Ministry - Avg.	1	7	7	5	12	26	7	12	1	11	4
Disciple-Makers Being Equipped - Avg.	0	13	0	6	4	26	8	51	1	3	2
Missional community & Church Planters launch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
New Church Members	0	36	4	6	6	0	0	5	0	5	0
Diciple-Makers Newly Sent	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	4	0	2	0
Morning Worship Attendance - Avg.	1	36	15	13	52	20	29	50	8	52	15
Online Worship Attendance - Avg.	0	0	1	0	12	6	52	29	0	5	1
New Believers	0	13	5	1	0	0	0	12	6	5	0
Baptized	0	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	1
Connected to a Christian Mentor	0	3	2	11	2	1	1	5	11	0	1

	Red Deer First	Red Deer West Park	Regina	Rimbey	Riverton	Rocky Mtn. House	Saskatoon	Sedgewick	Sherwood Park	Stettler	Sundre
Compassionate Project	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Evangelism Program				✓		✓			✓		
Marriage / Divorce / Parenting Class						✓					
Kids Club / Afterschool Care				✓	✓	✓					✓
Community Sports			✓					✓			
Sitting on Community Board / Committee			✓			✓		✓		✓	✓
Community Garden											
Hosting Community Events	✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Other			✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Involved In Intentional Prayer Ministry - Avg.	5	7	4	11	0	8	7	69	10	41	7
Disciple-Makers Being Equipped - Avg.	1	2	1	3	0	59	1	0	9	10	19
Missional community & Church Planters launch	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Church Members	18	1	8	6	0	0	1	0	2	0	3
Diciple-Makers Newly Sent	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morning Worship Attendance - Avg.	61	36	68	70	29	83	11	53	35	41	36
Online Worship Attendance - Avg.	16	0	0	43	0	12	0	67	2	0	38
New Believers	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	16
Baptized	0	0	0	0	2	8	1	3	0	0	1
Connected to a Christian Mentor	28	2	17	1	0	6	7	1	0	28	2
	Sylvan Lake	Wainwright	Wapella	Westlock	Winnipeg CASA	Winnipeg Living Water	Winnipeg Living Water Selkirk	Winnipeg New Hope	Winnipeg River of Life & El Siloe	TOTAL	
Compassionate Project	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	38	
Evangelism Program				✓	✓	✓	✓			17	
Marriage / Divorce / Parenting Class	✓	✓				✓			✓	11	
Kids Club / Afterschool Care										13	
Community Sports		✓								4	
Sitting on Community Board / Committee	✓	✓	✓					✓		19	
Community Garden		✓								5	
Hosting Community Events	✓	✓	✓	✓				✓		28	
Other	✓			✓	✓				✓	26	
Involved In Intentional Prayer Ministry - Avg.	21	97	5	6	6	12	7	11	23	580	
Disciple-Makers Being Equipped - Avg.	6	27	0	5	2	5	4	0	14	527	
Missional community & Church Planters launch	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	1	19	
New Church Members	9	0	2	0	2	13	1	1	13	165	
Diciple-Makers Newly Sent	0	0	0	0	0	8	4	0	6	54	
Morning Worship Attendance - Avg.	34	87	10	26	30	49	19	25	78	1964	
Online Worship Attendance - Avg.	121	5	0	4	6	0	0	23	6	739	
New Believers	4	0	0	1	0	27	11	0	11	38	
Baptized	2	13	0	0	0	5	0	0	12	21	
Connected to a Christian Mentor	3	39	0	6	0	17	7	0	19	170	

Journey of Grace – Other Community Involvement

- Outdoor service, kiddie carnival and food pantry
- One prayer walk in our new community.
- Hosting community neighbours and friends in our home for meals and conversations.
- Intentionally pursuing conversation with unhoused guests on church property.
- Intentionally pursuing friendship with unchurched contacts (pastor + a few members).
- Applying for food-rescue resources to start a compassionate project.
- Community Cafe, Bread Run
- We head a block party to bless our community.
- Renting to another Christian church and to a daycare.
- School barbeque
- Financial Training for Families
- Stampede Round-Up
- Good Food Box
- W&W to Papua New Guinea
- Youth ministry
- service in a local park
- community bbq
- Mustard Seed serving
- Picnic and day camp at Lakeshore camp and West Hawk Lake with non-Christian South Asians.
- "SPark in the Park" - an outdoor service
- Renting to another Christian church and to a daycare.
- We're still trying to establish a partnership with a local daycare. We're passed permitting into licensing!
- We're in dialogue with City social workers about hosting community-connect events in our building.
- Going for prayer walks in our community.
- Piano Lessons
- F.L.O youth ministry -our 5 youth leaders are intentionally involved with their classmates to help them to know God, love God and serve God. They support and care for their friends as needed.
- Hosted/Partnered with Closer to Home summer camps for kids for 4 weeks.
- Family fellowships and Picnics
- Caroline Gospel Arts - Steve Harmer illusionist
- Good Food Box Hallowe'en Candy Campfire
- Men's Ministry Program
- Youth Alpha
- Kite and Picnic Afternoon
- Corn and Hot Dog Boil
- Trunk and Treat
- Thanksgiving Potluck
- ongoing Celebrate Recovery ministry
- Had a celebration for 110 years - 74 attended including those from the community.
- Family Fun packs outreach to 52 children each week, Sunday school in a Bag
- Boundaries Group
- We moved into our new neighbourhood and started meeting our neighbours during this period. We also joined community social media pages and reached out to the moderators of those pages to learn about the community, the challenges and needs facing it, and what community events are happening.
- Special Offering: Mustard Seed
- Senior's Bistro: A free lunch for anyone in our community, twice a month.

- Saturday breakfast for homeless.
- Children's ministry
- Youth ministry
- young adults ministry
- sports chaplaincy
- Football Party - parents came that their children attend the Table.
- Outreach to non- Christians (Hindus, Sikhs and others)
- Youth collected donations to give to local youth program that supports at risk youth (EGADZ)
- Adopt a Family through our local elementary school
- Community Café
- Christmas Eve offering for the Adult NMI project
- Piano lessons
- Community Supper
- Hot Chocolate Stand during Community Santa Claus Parade
- Open Pantry
- Food for the Elderly
- Daniel Plan
- Free ESL
- Senior's Bistro, 2 times per month, free lunch.
- Messy Church
- Children's ministry
- youth ministry
- young adults ministry
- mid- week bible study
- served monthly at Mustard Seed, 120 lbs. Hamburger to Mustard Seed and Food Bank, 70 Chickens to food Bank, Library food Pantry
- The Pastor continues to serve as chaplain to our local Royal Canadian Legion branch.
- Family Fun Packs, out reach to 54 children and their families
- Second Harvest food rescue...
- Watching or Babysitting kids while mom goes to an appointment, drop in after school for some children.
- Outreach to non- Christians (Hindus, Sikhs and others) and new people coming to Winnipeg.
- The MAF is a Community Hub for the citizens of Sundre and area.
- Volunteering with the community pantry.
- YARD SALE
- Weight Watchers group meets in our building weekly,
- distribution of Cobbs bread to neighborhood low income housing residents.
- F.L.O. youth ministry
- Palm Sunday Brunch and Celebration
- Active with The Mustard Seed
- Ping Pong Tournament
- 21 Days of Prayer
- Joint endeavour with multiple churches in Airdrie to put on "Praise in the Park"

Canada West District Church of the Nazarene

Compassionate Ministry Reports



77th Annual District Reunion

Building Hope

At Building Hope we continue to strive to minister to the underprivileged of the Abbottsfield area in Edmonton. It often is a challenging ministry as we continue to see the need increase in the face of the general economic situation. Currently we are still operating Monday through Wednesday from 8:30 till 3. Typically, we count that we serve about 2200 to 2300 meals every month. I would say these numbers are somewhat under reported as after working there more regularly it often is difficult to keep an accurate count when you are preparing breakfast and lunch while two or three people are asking for your attention at the same time. But God has blessed us also in that we have a dedicated group of volunteers who exhibit great patience and forbearance. We also give out over 150 to 200 food hampers every month. These are tailored to the person's living conditions as in, if you are living on the street, you would receive items that don't require cooking facilities versus someone who has access to a kitchen.

Our clothing bank is in constant use with people lined up to take advantage of the "shopping". We call it this even though there is no fee attached to the items people take. I have to give kudos to Darlene and Dorothy who manage this area as they provide an under appreciated area of the ministry. A lot of people in Beverly have clothes on their backs and shoes on their feet thanks to their efforts.

Our clothes washer and dryer are also in constant use. Just a short time ago our clothes washer gave up the ghost and The Brick was good enough to donate a new front loader for our use. Initially, it tended to walk across the floor when in use until we did what all men do and read the instructions. After some restraining pins were removed it has worked fine ever since. Our heartfelt thanks to The Brick for this donation.

So in conclusion, I would ask for continued prayer for our ministry. I have found that many people that we serve exhibit a profound sense of gratitude but there are also some that display a great sense of entitlement and sometimes it takes an extra dose of grace to deal with these people. I like to think that the parable of the lost sheep can be turned around in that sometimes you have to be taken advantage of by the many to reach the one for Christ and that one makes all the difference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Reeds, Chairperson



The Den 205 Inc.

This year we are celebrating 25 years of being in ministry. It is very humbling to consider the number of lives that have been transformed through healing prayer ministry. We serve an amazing God.

This fall, we begin School for Soul as an additional resource to those who may be stuck in addictive behaviours, bad character traits or who just long for more of Jesus. We start with two new courses beginning in mid Sept. Scattered Seeds and Imperfectly Perfect. It's a new step in that our classes will be open for co-ed attendance.

In addition to that, we are also beginning a Women's Drop In every Wednesday morning for those who are lonely and seeking company and a cup of coffee, wanting to sit in on a devotional, who may need prayer, looking for a mentor, or want to train in helping others. More information on any of these are available on our website den205.com.

It is always exciting to see new landscapes unfold in the ministry in addition to Lifestyle Prayer and Support Group. We give all the honor and glory to Jesus, who inspires us, leads us and provides all that we need. We are grateful also for all our staff and volunteers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Brandt





Edmonton Circle of Friends Society

We've had another strong year at Edmonton Circle of Friends. As you may know, Circle of Friends is a ministry that is based at Edmonton First Nazarene Church. It is a ministry for all – people with special needs and those without, although truthfully aren't we all people with great need – who graciously have a need-meeting God!

Circle of Friends is a compassionate ministry consisting of multiple areas of community service that have continued to move forward this year. We hold integrated worship and celebration services largely geared to people with disabilities and their families. We also offer "Employment University" weekly, which builds life skills among a wonderful group of young adults, with the assistance of devoted mentors. We continue to provide navigational support and outreach to youth, adults and families.

This year, we launched an inter-faith ministry focusing on advancing disability ministry capacity in the faith community. There has been growing interest in this resource from various congregations and other community groups. Our aim is to support faith communities to explore and consider how they can be more inclusive and better engage individuals with disability.

There has been a spirit of seeking to live up to our calling – to care for all and in particular, individuals with disability.

To that end, we are so grateful to our program leaders and supporters, including individuals and churches on the Canada West District who have prayed for and financially supported Circle of Friends again this year. As in years gone by, we continue to recognize the hand of God in this work.

Ministries like Circle of Friends are crucial in being present – especially over the long haul, even as various programs or eligibility for various services in the community 'wax and wane', too often leaving individuals to fend for themselves.

As we move forward, may we extend the hand of Jesus in love and compassion person-by-person, family-by-family.

Respectfully submitted,

David Nicholas

Director

Edmonton Circle of Friends: circle.friends@shaw.ca

Rising Above - Report to the District Reunion 2025

I am honoured to submit this report for Rising Above Ministry in Grande Prairie, AB.

Rising Above began in 2007 in Grande Prairie, AB. We are a Compassionate Ministry Center of Canada West District Church of the Nazarene.



*Committed to helping people
break cycles of defeat.*

Ministries:

- A 6-month, residential addiction treatment facility in Grande Prairie. We currently manage 51 beds in the residential program.
- Community-based ministry through Inner Healing to help people heal from brokenness.
- Besides our Grande Prairie location, Rising Above now exists in Peterborough, ON, and Fort St John, BC.
- Coming soon. A core team in Slave Lake, AB will be opening a Rising Above program in the fall of 2025. Chetwynd, BC will be starting a Rising Above Satellite (non-residential) program. Timmins, ON, desires to have a Rising Above program in their community.
- Ongoing partnership with Peerless Trout First Nation in northern AB
- Facilitating a Faith-Based Addiction Treatment program at Peace River Bible Institute.
- Seizing opportunities to equip pastors and ministry leaders to help people in their congregations and communities.

Expansion in Grande Prairie.



Construction has begun on a \$4.8 million facility that will increase our residential treatment capacity to 70 beds and provide needed office and meeting space.



Concept of the new facility

God has blessed this ministry.

I count it a privilege to serve as an ambassador of Christ to the marginalized of our community and to equip others to do the same.

Respectfully Submitted
Mel Siggelkow,
Director of Rising Above Ministry.
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Executive Director, Mel Siggelkow, being presented with the “King Charles III Coronation Medal” at our annual banquet. Presented by our local MLA’s

Thank You

Canada West District Church of the Nazarene would like to say thank you
to those who served on Boards and Committees in 2024-2025.

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Sally Arkell
Rose Brower-Young
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Myrna Dipert
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Rick Burk
Rose Graham
Bryan Roller

In Memory



Jack Burt	Lethbridge The Bridge
William Carmichael	Edmonton First
Marie Christensen	Innisfail
Arthur Croft	Rocky Mountain House
Betty Dione	Rocky Mountain House
Dale Doan	Edmonton First
Ken Drepaul	Winnipeg New Hope
Gwen Falk	Innisfail
Cheryl Gibson	Sylvan Lake Lighthouse
Gary Gibson	Sylvan Lake Lighthouse
Dorothy Hemphill	Olds Hope Pointe
Heidi Jones	Sedgewick Community
Lois McCrackin	Olds Hope Pointe
Robert McElroy	Lacombe Woodland Drive
James Meese	Rocky Mountain House
Roy Merritt	Fort Saskatchewan
Henning Olesen	Innisfail
Wayne Phillips	Olds Hope Pointe
Dave Ripley	Calgary Skyview
Rev. Richard Titterington	Sylvan Lake Lighthouse
Dirk Vanderkooi	Edmonton Southside
Katrina Webb	Sedgewick Community
Rev. John Webster	Calgary Skyview
Jeanne White	Sedgewick Community
Don Wyse	Rocky Mountain House



2025-2026 District Calendar

June 2025

7: Lakeshore Garage Sale Fundraiser
9: NDI Lay Ministry Training
10: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
18: DAB Meeting
19: Leadership Development Day
20-21: District Reunion (Assembly & Convs.)
28: Camp Harmattan Day Camp

July 2025

6-11: Camp Harmattan Gr. 9-12 Camp
8: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
16: DAB Meeting
14-17: Camp Harmattan Gr. 3-5 Camp
18-20: Lakeshore Family Camp
Speaker: Dr. Stuart Williams
21-25: Camp Harmattan Gr. 6-8 Camp
25-27: Lakeshore Youth Camp
30-Aug. 1: Camp Harmattan Gr. 1-2 Camp

August 2025

1-10: Alberta Family Camp
Speaker: Dr. Carla Sunberg
7: NYI Alberta Family Camp Young Adult Kick Off
12: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
20: DAB Meeting
22: In the Loop Deadline

September 2025

8: NDI Lay Ministry Training
9: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
13: NYI Leader Zoom Meeting
14: NMI Presidents and Pastors Zoom
17: DAB Meeting
20: All Canada Pastors Gathering
20: NDI Council Meeting
28: NYI SNAZ Party

October 2025

4: NYI Young Adult Gathering
13: NDI Lay Ministry Training
14: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
17: Board of Ministry Meeting
Speaker: Rev. Jeren Rowell
20-23: Administrators Fellowship
Atlantic Canada

22: DAB Meeting

22: In the Loop Deadline

24-26: Soul Care Conference

25: NMI Council Meeting via Zoom

November 2025

9: NMI Pres. and Pastors Zoom with Missionaries
10: NDI Lay Ministry Training
11: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
19: DAB Meeting
25: All Canada Pastors Gathering

December 2025

8: NDI Lay Ministry Training
9: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
17: DAB Meeting
22-Jan.2: National Office Closed

January 2026

11: NMI President and Pastors Zoom
12: NDI Lay Ministry Training
13: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
16-18: Assessment Centre 2026
17: NYI Leader Zoom Meeting
21: DAB Meeting
22: In the Loop Deadline
31: NDI Council Meeting

February 2026

5-8: Nazarene Leader General Meeting
9: NDI Lay Ministry Training
18: DAB Meeting
10: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
20-21: NMI In Person Council Meeting
22: In the Loop Deadline
24: All Canada Pastors Gathering

March 2026

1-7: Global Week of Prayer
9: NDI Lay Ministry Training
10: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
13: Board of Ministry Recomm. Meeting
14-15: NYI Leader Retreat
16-19: Exponential Global 2026
22: NMI Zoom with Missionaries
22: In the Loop Deadline

April 2026

10-12: NYI Youth Spring Retreat
13: NDI Lay Ministry Training
14: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
15: DAB Meeting
18: NMI Council Meeting via Zoom
24: All Canada Pastors Gathering

May 2026

1: Blue Cross care renewal
1-3: NYI Young Adult Retreat
2: NDI Council Meeting
11: NDI Lay Ministry Training
12: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
19: All Canada Pastors Gathering
20: DAB Meeting
22: In the Loop Deadline

June 2026

8: NDI Lay Ministry Training
9: DAB Financial Committee Meeting
17: DAB Meeting
17-18: Mark Bane Seminar
19-20: District Reunion (Assembly & Convs.)
GS Filimao M. Chambo
30-July 6: NYC 2026

July 2026

June 30-July 6: NYC 2026
31-Aug. 9: Alberta Family Camp

August 2026

July 31-Aug. 9: Alberta Family Camp

June 2027

25-July 2: 31st General Assembly, Kansas City

Legend:

DAB - District Advisory Board
NDI - Nazarene Discipleship International
NMI - Nazarene Mission International

Pastors Prayer Meetings: Every Wednesday at 1:00 pm MT/2:00 pm CT

Pastors Affinity Group Meetings: 1st Thurs. of the Month
(Excluding January, June, July, August & September)



PRAYER CALENDAR MINISTRY 2025 - 2026

Please pray each day for the ministry listed beside each date. Because New Starts on CWD are under the sponsorship of a local church, the ministries associated with each local church are listed together.

Date	Ministry	Persons and Requests
1	General Superintendents	Dr. David A. (Christi) Busic Dr. Filimao M. (Samantha) Chambo Dr. Gustavo A. (Rachel) Crocker Dr. T. Scott (Debbie) Daniels Dr. Christian D. (Margit) Sarmiento Dr. Carla D. (Chuck) Sunberg
	District Superintendent	Rev. Rose (Brad Young) Brower-Young
2	Winnipeg New Hope	Annette (Dan) Smith - Pastor
	Riverton Community Church	Menno and Barb Friesen - Pastor and Lay Minister
	Den 205 Compassionate Ministry	Betty (Hank) Brandt - Executive Director Hank (Betty) Brandt - Office Administrator
3	Calgary First	Trent McDowell - Pastor Leon (Pam) Friesen - Assoc. Pastor Spiritual Renewal Steven (Laurel) Pridgen - Director of Operations Laurel (Steven) Pridgen - Children's Ministry Pastor Kristin (Dave) Conrad - Administrative Assistant

	Garrison Chapel Outreach	Ministry Team
	African Calgary Community Church	Moses (Nyabile) Chot Jock - Pastor Boor (Nyaban) Doyak - Assoc. Pastor
4	Airdrie Family Life	Tim (Sharon) Bridges - Pastor Miriam (John Wallwork) Zidar - Administrative Assistant
	Calgary The Gathering	Mark (Rae-Lee) Brower-Herbert - Pastor

5	Drumheller	Carlos (Tammy) Calderon - Pastor Jaimie (Chris) Morgan - Administrative Assistant
	The Fig Tree & Storehouse Association	Jaimie (Chris) Morgan - Co-Executive Director Carlos (Tammy) Calderon - Co-Executive Director
	Chaplaincy	Stephen (Joanne) Conklin - Fort Saskatchewan Penn. Chaplain Brian (Judy) Harder - Bridges of Canada Regional Director - Prairies Reginald (Ria) Lartec - Bridges of Canada Steven (Darlene Cahill) MacCuaig - Medicine Hat Remand Centre
6	Red Deer First	Kyle (Amanda) Mills - Pastor Amanda (Kyle) Mills - Administrative Assistant
	Red Deer West Park	Randal (Charlene) Neufeld - Pastor
7	District Advisory Board	Jeff (Leah) Baker Rose (Brad Young) Brower-Young John (Teresa) Graff

		Darlene Hyatt Adam (Meghan) McDougall Gary (Lise) Nawrocki Dennis (Lois) Semenyna
8	Regina Prairie View	Randy (Tammy) Clark - Pastor Hank (Ann) Yoo - Minister of Music
	Calgary Skyview	Bryan (Colleen) Roller - Interim Pastor Riley Coulter - Interim Pastor Ryan (Makayla) Hannay - Youth & Young Adults Pastor Christy (Duane) Erion - Administrative Assistant Jennifer (Albert) Lewars - Administrative Assistant
9	Rocky Mountain House	Gary (Lise) Nawrocki - Pastor Jana (Sean) Sosa - Administrative Assistant
	Rimbey	Dale (Arliss) Fallon - Pastor (Interim) Ria (Reg) Lartec - Administrative Assistant
10	Saskatoon Louise Street	Debbie (Don) Tanasiecuk - Pastor Arleen (Lito) Plantilla - Children's Pastor
	Circle of Friends	David (Orla) Nicholas - Executive Director
11	Caroline	John (Laurie) Watton - Pastor
	Rising Above, Housing & Employment Initiative CMC	Mel (Liz) Siggelkow - Executive Director Rhonda (Darren) Short - Administrative Assistant
12	Sedgewick	Doug (Shelly) Webb - Pastor

		Brent (Connie) Polege - Associate Pastor Connie (Brent) Polege - Administrative Assistant
	Claresholm	Walter (Marilyn) Gripping - Lay Minister
13	Stettler	Carolyn (Murray) Herbert - Board Secretary
	Sherwood Park	Franklin (Cindy) Chouinard - Pastor Stephen (Joanne) Conklin - Associate Pastor
14	Building Hope Compassionate Association	Douglas (Laura) Reeds - Board Chairman
	Missional Leadership Development	Assessment Center Board of Ministry
15	Edmonton First	Rick (Laura) Burk - Pastor Meghan (Adam) McDougall - Administrative Assistant
	Sundre	Eryn (Josh) Austin-Bergen - Community Lay Minister
16	Camp Ministries	Camp Harmattan Brock Priebe - Board Chairman Sharlene (Brett) Cunningham - Family Camp Team Chair Lakeshore Bible Camp, Manitoba Tim (Lindsay) Enns - Co-Chairperson
	Edmonton Southside	Jonny (Jen) Blake - Co-Pastor Jen (Jonny) Blake - Co-Pastor
17	Fort Saskatchewan	
	Winnipeg Living Water	Bernardo (Juanita) Ganancial - Pastor

	Selkirk Living Water (PAC)	
18	Wapella	Serena (Rod) Evans - Pastor
	Sylvan Lake	Barry (Ruth Ann) Sigurdson - Pastor
19	Widowed Spouses of Ordained Ministers (Fiscal Year of 2024/2025)	Esther Aikens Irene Argyle Evelyn Craig Darlene Fach Alice Geiger Carolyn Johnson Kathy MacMillan Linda O'Brien Lorine Quantz Lynn Rustulka Ruth Titterington
	Retired Clergy	See district journal
20	Westlock	Rick (Laura) Burk - Pastor Heather (Doug) MacCarahan - Office Administrator
	District Advisory Board Finance Committee	Rose (Brad Young) Brower-Young Randy (Tammy) Clark Tim (Lindsay) Enns Eric (Debbie) Ewing Vanessa (Rob) Fringer Rose Graham Dale (Marlene) Hansen Murray (Carolyn) Herbert Adam (Meghan) McDougall Steven (Laurel) Pridgen

21	Siloam Mission	Julianne Aitken - Interim CEO
22	Winnipeg River of Life	Eleazar (Jocel) Longcop - Pastor
	Winnipeg El Siloe Spanish Church (PAC)	Jose Toruno - Lay Minister
	Winnipeg Christian Assembly of Southern Asia (Hindi)	David (Grace) Prathipati - Pastor
23	Gladstone Happy Rock Fellowship Steinbach Happy Rock Fellowship (PAC)	Virginia (Salmineo) Gayot - Pastor
	High Prairie	Tracy (Norman) Stewart - Pastor
	Innisfail	Jeff (Leah) Baker - Pastor Megan (Ian) Hubschmid - Administrative Assistant
24	Lacombe	Doug (Judy) Herbert - Pastor
	Open Door Community Church Prince Albert	Bernice McNair - Pastor Sheldon (Shannon) Hirschfeld - Pastor of Community Outreach
25	Church of the Nazarene Canada	Mark (Ruth) Collins - National Director Riley Coulter - Director of Stewardship Services Alan (Yara) Cristales - NCM Executive Director Yara (Alan) Cristales - Administrative Assistant Sheri Lynne (Robert) Martin - Education Field Coord. Aml (Wagdy) Nasr - Bookkeeper Eric (Trudy) White - Executive Assistant

26	Lethbridge	Mark (Kathy) Noonan - Pastor Laurel (Eric) Reger - Administrative Assistant
	Calgary East	Ryan (Carly) Herbert - Pastor
27	Medicine Hat - Glenview	Andrew (Nicole) Barker - Pastor Danny (Bonnie) Gales - Connecting Pastor Carol (Dwight) Lees - Administrative Assistant
	Medicine Hat - The Table	Darlene (Steven MacCuaig) Cahill - Pastor
	District Support	Rose Graham - Director of Operations Jena (Adam) Beagle - Events Coordinator Cathie (Jeff) Epp - Administrative Assistant Tammy (Dave) Herbert - Digital Marketing Coordinator
28	Auxiliary Ministries	NMI - Myrna (Robert) Dipert NYI - Kenzie (Tyler) Lang NDI - Tammy (David) Herbert
	Ambrose University	Rob (Jennifer) Snow Joel and Helen Thiessen Stuart (Ruthanne) Williams
29	Olds - Hope Pointe Community	Darlene Hyatt - Pastor Peggy (Lorne) Redekopp - Administrative Assistant
	Wainwright	Ryan (Rachelle) Wood - Pastor Alisha Wood - Administrative Assistant
30	Commissioned Minister of Christian Education	Val Friesen

	Personal Prayer	Pray for your own ministry. Phone or visit someone and pray with them.
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We see a **movement** of churches who are change agents **with their neighbours** creating thriving communities through **partnerships** that result in vibrancy, support, innovation, and belonging.

