



DISTRICT CONVENTIONS & ASSEMBLY JUNE 8-10, 2017

Held at Ambrose University, 150 Ambrose Circle SW, Calgary, Alberta

Schedule of Events

Thurs. June 8		
6:00 – 9:00 pm		NMI & SDMI Banquet for Senior Pastors, NMI Presidents & SDMI Directors
7:00 pm		GS to meet with Ordinands
Fri. June 9		
7:00 – 8:00 am		Breakfast
8:30 – 10:00 am		SDMI/NMI Plenary Sessions and Business
10:00 – 10:15 am		Coffee Break
10:15 – 10:45 am		NMI Zone Session Meetings
10:45 – 11:00 am		Coffee Break
11:00 – 12:00 pm		SDMI/NMI Workshop Session 1
12:00 – 1:00 pm		Lunch & NMI Council Meeting Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 pm		SDMI/NMI Workshop Session 2
2:00 – 2:15 pm		Coffee Break
2:15 – 3:15 pm		SDMI/NMI Workshop Session 3
3:15 – 3:30 pm		Coffee Break
3:30 – 4:30 pm		SDMI/NMI Session
5:00 – 6:00 pm		Pastors and Spouses Supper sponsored by Westland Insurance
5:00 – 6:00 pm		Supper
6:00 – 7:00 pm		Elders Choir Practice and Processional
7:00 – 8:30 pm		Assembly Convenes
		Ordination Service - Dr. Gustavo Crocker presiding
8:30 pm		Ordination Reception
Sat. June 10		
7:30 – 8:30 am		Breakfast
8:30 – 9:15 am		Assembly Continues including the Finance Report
9:15 – 10:30 am		District Superintendents report; Dr. Larry Dahl
10:30 – 11:45 am		Coffee Break
11:45 - Noon		Memorial Service and Conclusion of Assembly
12:00 – 1:30 pm		*Key Stakeholders Lunch and Learn
1:30 – 3:30 pm		*Key Stakeholders Seminar

**Key Stakeholders Lunch and Learn and Seminar: Pastors, Office Administrators, Treasurers, Bookkeepers and Board members should attend this fully sponsored event.*



ANNOUNCEMENT – ASSEMBLY VOTE:

The Church of the Nazarene operates on the basis of representative government – with an elected leadership. That includes the position of the District Superintendent. I have been privileged to have served in my capacity as your elected leader and am now in the final year of my third term. The options before me at this time are to either retire, or seek the will of the Assembly for another term (4 years).

It will be my intention to seek re-election at this year's Assembly rather than retiring from the position. The decision has come with much thought, prayer and counsel from others. The idea of retirement has great appeal to me and I am fully aware that there are some remarkably gifted and capable leaders who could step in and provide Canada West District great leadership. My call to ministry came with an understanding that I had only to remain true to my commitment to Christ and to obey and follow as I felt led. I felt that the right step of faith for this time is to seek for the will of the people of Canada West. I have notified the District Advisory Board and our Jurisdictional General Superintendent of my intentions. I wanted to take time to also notify you, the good people of Canada West District, and seek for your continued prayer for this vote and Assembly.

I would be happy to answer any questions you may have about my journey to this decision – or about the process for the vote itself.

Blessings, Larry Dahl

GENERAL ASSEMBLY JUNE 21-30, 2017

General Assembly housing is now available to everyone. To register for the event and/or to reserve housing, please visit: www.GA2017.com. If you have any problems, please contact Experient Housing Bureau Customer Service at 1-800-424-5249.

AMBROSE SEMINARY PASTORS' CONFERENCE

As part of the Canadian Clergy Days initiative, Pastors are invited to participate in the Ambrose Seminary Pastors' Conference, May 9 & 10 at Ambrose University. Our speaker for the Clergy Days Conferences on the other Canadian districts is Dr. Gary Nelson, who is also speaking at this Ambrose conference.

We have arranged to pay your registration fee [\$80]. To register, you will need to use the following website: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/ambrose-pastors-conference-2017-they-smell-like-sheep-tickets-31488427735?aff=ehomecard>, and use the following code when you register: NAZCANWEST17

Clergy Days in Canada are sponsored by the Church of the Nazarene Canada [Dr. Clair MacMillan] and the Canada/US Regional Office, Church of the Nazarene International [Dr. Robert Broadbooks].

Dr. Nelson is President of Tyndale University College & Seminary in Toronto.

I look forward to seeing you on the 9th and 10th!

Riley Coulter



NMI MATERIALS

For the past 2 years, your NMI District Council has agreed to pay the shipping costs for NMI resources for each local Church in the Canada West District (provided they ordered through us and were on time). The feedback from participating Churches was very positive and the process was generally well received. The NMI Council has again agreed to provide the same service for those Churches wishing to participate again this year.

The number of listed resources are down from last year and as well the Nazarene Publishing House is moving towards providing resources in digital format which will be downloadable and free. The transition to the digital format is slow and will take time to fully implement. Not all of the resources are digitally available for 2017, so some material is still only available in printed format. The District NMI Council will again pay for the shipping costs of the printed material and have it available at the 2017 District NMI Convention.

If your Church is interested in participating in having the NMI Council pay for all printed NMI materials please have your order to me by **May 15, 2017**. I will order the materials on May 16 to ensure they arrive in time for the Convention.

Process: 1. Download the order form from NPH :

<http://www.nph.com/vcmedia/2427/2427524.pdf>

2. Fill out the form and email it to:

rbahan@me.com

3. Each Church will be billed separately for their order directly by NPH.

4. Please remember to remit your request by **May 15, 2017**.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE WORK AND WITNESS OPPORTUNITY

Calgary First is looking for team members for a Haiti Work and Witness trip October 16-23, 2017. They plan to build a Pastors Home this time at a cost of \$12,000 US. These funds will be raised by the group through Calgary First. The cost per person will be approx. \$1800 – \$1900 depending on the group rate with the airline. All funds can be raised with the help of family and friends and will be eligible for a charitable tax receipt.

We will be working with Canadian's Darin and Tonya Kucey. The Church of the Nazarene is strong in Haiti: 117,000 Nazarenes; 675 established Churches – all with Haitian Pastors

The average income for the people in Haiti is \$380. Per year. Nazarene Bible College led by A Haitian President is one of seven colleges authorized by the Gov't to offer B.Th. degrees. Haiti was hit hard with an earthquake in 2010 and a hurricane last fall. You will be changed as you will minister through this work in Haiti.

We need to know of your interest by Sunday April 16th. If you have questions please contact us.

Thank you, Debbie and Eric Ewing - edewing@telus.net



CAMP HARMATTAN

Camp Harmattan is looking for Student Volunteers and also for those interested in internships. There are lots of opportunities! Please visit the camp website for all the details: <http://www.campharmattan.com/community/aai-and-work-crew/>

DISTRICT BENEVOLENT FUND

There are several Pastoral needs at this time, including a Pastor who needs help in covering the health care premium and Pastors who need help to attend Assembly and Camp. If you are able to help, please send donations to the district and mark it "District Benevolent Fund". Thank you.

FOR GOING ABOVE & BEYOND

Congratulations to Pastor Randal Neufeld, of our West Park church, who was recognized for his work and support of people with disabilities. He received a Red Deer Community Recognition Award for going above and beyond to make Red Deer more inclusive. This was presented by the International Day of Persons with Disabilities Alberta.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

On April 2, the Calgary East Church of the Nazarene was pleased to present a Distinguished Service Award to Mrs. Corleana Smith.

Corleana has been an active member of Calgary East since its inception in 1976. Words of honour were shared from district superintendent Dr. Larry Dahl, previous pastors, Ross and Bev Johnson, Bob and Lavon Tattie, Doug and Shelly Webb, and present pastor, Rose Brower-Young. A video tribute was shown and some of Corleana's favourite songs were sung. Our speaker for the morning was a sponsorship child at one time. He spoke of the importance of mission, an area that has been a focus of Corleana's for many years.



The Distinguished Service Award (DSA) is a tribute to church people who are living and for their service to the church. Although the DSA is given through NMI, it need not be given in the area of missions. A church may wish to honour anyone in the church for their efforts. DSA's can be purchased from Nazarene headquarters. The amount goes towards medical needs of our missionaries.



UPDATE FROM MARLENE HANSEN

Marlene had her surgery for aortic valve replacement (open heart) on Friday, April 28th at the Foothills hospital. Surgery was successful and she will remain in hospital for several more days. They are anticipating moving her to a regular room on the Cardiac ward. She had a slight stroke which has left her right hand numb – but doctors feel that it will be temporary and will recover with time and physio. Thanks for all your support in prayer for her and Dale in this time.

LACOMBE PASTOR

We are so pleased to report that the Lacombe Woodlawn Drive Community Church has extended an invitation to Pastor Doug & Judy Herbert to be their Senior Pastor. This came after a unanimous vote from the church membership. The Herbert's said yes and will begin June 12th. Please keep this couple and church in your prayers as they move forward in planning for an exciting future together in ministry to the people of Lacombe.

NTS ALUMNI REPRESENTATIVE FOR CANADA

There is yet another new position for Pastor Doug Herbert. He has been elected as the Nazarene Theological Seminary Alumni representative for Canada.

SUDANESE REVIVAL WEEKEND “IGNITE”

I praise the Lord that we had 70 children and youth during revival weekend on March 10-12, 2017. We had over 300 people during the weekend revival meetings.

Pastor Michael Gatkek preached wonderful messages and people were touched by Holy Spirit through Michael's message and received altar call. The atmosphere at our church changed, as people were so happy with the words of God from Michael.





ROSE KNOWS...

That you are all busy getting your reports done
and planning for your Annual Meetings!

Be encouraged with your congregations as you
celebrate what God has done in your church this past year!
I can't wait to see and hear what is coming in 2017-18!

Did you host an event that you want to share with the District? Are you celebrating a milestone at your church or in your church family? Please tell us all about it!

Submissions for the June edition of *In the Loop* are due in by 29 May 2017.

E-mail information to cwdstaff@telus.net.



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Please e-mail cwdstaff@telus.net if you would like to submit anything for inclusion in this newsletter.