



NOVEMBER 17, 2017

A NOTE FROM THE NATIONAL DIRECTOR

This is a time of change indeed. This will be the last Nazarene News release until January 2018. A new format will be developed and distributed on a monthly basis rather than a weekly basis. It will include news from each district with an up-close snapshot of “up to the minute” happenings across Canada.

Another change is the physical moving of the National Office from Brampton to Mississauga, specifically 3657 Ponytrail Drive, Mississauga, ON, L4X 1W5, where we will share space with the Canada Central District Office. The property at 20 Regan Road has been sold, with a closing date of November 29, 2017. Therefore, we will move into the new space on that date. The details regarding phone numbers, etc. will be provided in another part of this issue.

These are changes that will help us function well and will reduce overhead operating costs. As with every move, there are unavoidable inconveniences. I trust that you will be patient with us.

After nine and a half years, Diane McCrae will be leaving the office staff. She has served NCM Canada as well as the National Office needs, and for that we are grateful. We pray God’s blessing upon Diane and thank her for her service to Christ and His Church. Diane’s last day will be Friday, November 24, 2017.

I have just returned from the Ambrose Board of Governors meetings in Calgary, Alberta. This was a very important time together, as we discussed the importance of the role our school plays in the spiritual development of her students, and her influence in our country. Please pray for President Dr. Gordon Smith and his team in these days of great opportunity.

Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

Blessings,
Dr. Ian Fitzpatrick
National Director, Church of the Nazarene Canada

NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CANADA AND NCM CANADA

Effective Immediately

Please send all mail for Church of the Nazarene Canada and Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Canada to the following address:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
3657 Ponytrail Drive
Mississauga, ON
L4X 1W5

Effective November 30, 2017

The new local phone number is (905) 602-8220.
The new fax number is (905) 602-9228.
The toll-free number remains the same at 1-888-808-7490.

CHILDREN CAUGHT IN CONFLICT:
NCM CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Imagine you are a child. Now, imagine what it would be like if your family had to flee from your home in the middle of the night because of violence or persecution. You're shocked. You're frightened. You're vulnerable.

To be vulnerable can mean a lot of things: hunger, sickness, being alone, nowhere safe to lay your head, cold, not being able to go to school, maybe losing family members along the route of escape, or watching them die or be killed.

Around the world, 30 million children have been forced from their homes due to conflict, violence, persecution. They need food, shelter, clothing, drinking water, and safe places to stay. They need hope, healing, and love.

This Christmas season, ministry to these children is the NCM (global) Christmas Project. Please consider supporting these children.

Pray for the children who have been uprooted, displaced, or are refugees.

To donate, please send gifts through the NCM Canada website (www.ncmcanada.ca) under **Disaster Response** and specify **Project Code 128309**. You can also call the National Office at 1-888-808-7490 (VISA and MasterCard accepted).

*Together we are the church.
Together we can make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children.*

NCM CANADA GIFT CATALOGUE NOW AVAILABLE!

The 2017–2018 NCM Canada Gift Catalogue has a new look! The redesigned catalogue is now available and has been mailed out to all Nazarene churches in Canada.

This year's catalogue, as always, includes popular favourites such as goats, blankets, wells and school books. Also included in this catalogue are opportunities to give towards children's needs in child development centres in South Asia and Malawi (Africa).

The catalogue also features our relationship and projects with Canadian Foodgrains Bank, where your giving can be matched 4:1 by the Canadian government (see page 10 of the catalogue). Included this year is the opportunity to sponsor an acre in a CFGB growing project and see your dollars further multiplied!

Youth groups, Sunday School classes, seniors groups and others, including local NMI, continue to participate in giving through the catalogue. Some have fundraising events, others collect loonies and toonies over several weeks, others hold 'auctions' of catalogue items.....the possibilities are endless!

You or your group may give in one of three ways:

1) You can mail your order form and payment to the National Office using the following address:

Church of the Nazarene Canada
3657 Ponytrail Drive
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Please ensure that your cheque is made payable to Church of the Nazarene Canada.

2) You can call the National Office at 1-888-808-7490 and make a donation (VISA and MasterCard accepted).

3) You can submit your order online at www.ncmcanada.ca.

Please find your personal copy of the Gift Catalogue attached to your copy of the newsletter. You can also view the Gift Catalogue online at www.ncmcanada.ca.

PLEASE NOTE

To help ensure that you will receive your gift cards in time for Christmas giving, your order must arrive at the National Office by **December 1, 2017**. Gift cards are also downloadable on the website.

For additional copies of the Gift Catalogue, please contact the National Office.

*Thank you to all who give.
Your gifts do make a difference!*

TOLER RELEASED TO HOME HOSPICE CARE

The Toler family recently [posted the following update](#) on General Superintendent Emeritus Stan Toler's condition after being diagnosed with cancer last year:

For the last ten months, while receiving the best standard of care, he has been blessed with remarkable stamina and has been able to travel, speak, teach, write and most importantly spend time with loved ones.

The prayers of God's people have touched heaven on Stan's behalf. Stan and the family praise God for this season of blessings too numerous to mention.

Now, having exhausted all possible medical treatment for pancreatic cancer, Stan has been released from the hospital and will be under hospice care at home. He is surrounded by his beloved family, and though weakened in body, remains strong in his faith – believing James 5:14-15.

Dr. Toler is the founding Executive Director of the [Resource Center for Pastoral Leadership](#) at Southern Nazarene University. He was elected a General Superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene at the 2009 General Assembly and Conventions in Orlando, Florida and served in the position four years. He was awarded emeritus status in 2013. Dr. Toler previously served as a pastor for more than 40 years in Ohio, Florida,

Tennessee, and Oklahoma. Dr. Toler has written more than 100 books, which have sold more than 3 million copies.

He and his wife, Linda, an educator, have two married sons, Seth (Marcy) and Adam (Amanda), and five grandchildren.

Continued prayer is requested for the Tolers.

The above article appears courtesy of NCN News. For more global Nazarene news, please visit www.ncnnews.com.