

CANADA CENTRAL SDMI DISTRICT CHAIR REPORT – MAY 14, 2016

Welcome! As I begin my 14th Report as the Canada Central SDMI Chair, I want to sincerely thank you for your ministry in Sunday School and Discipleship in your local churches and on the Canada Central District. Your presence here is a clear sign of your enthusiasm and commitment to your local community and to outreach and discipleship to extend God's Kingdom. We, as a SDMI board, are thrilled to partner with you and your local ministry to bring others closer to Him.

CANADA CENTRAL DISTRICT SDMI AT WORK!

I think it is very exciting to see what God has allowed us all to accomplish as we look back on our past year of ministry!

GROW 2015 Training and SDMI Annual Convention Saturday, May 2, 2015

Location - Rosewood Church of the Nazarene

A full day of training was offered to clergy and lay leaders in twenty different workshops by twelve different presenters. The District SDMI board provided this excellent training opportunity for another year along with a delicious hot meal- on site- at the low cost of \$20.00 per person in order to support, encourage and help train local church ministry workers. The main objective that the District SDMI Board works to achieve in providing this day of training is to support and build strong lay and clergy leadership on our District. We believe that we are stronger as a district when we work together in ministry. Just a quick reminder of the GROW 2015 workshops and presenters – it was a great training day!

GROW 2015 WORKSHOPS

- Making Fundraising Fun! Lisa Keizer
- How to Grow Your Faith – Pastor Mark Kitzman
- How to Study the Bible – Pastor Mike Khan
- Sunday School – Really! – Pastor/DS Ian Fitzpatrick (English & Spanish)
- Creating Flow in Worship – Pastor Jeremy Stavropoulos
- Youth Worker's Meeting – Arun Thangaraj
- Thinking Like a Child – Amy Csoke
- Servant Leadership: The Call of All Pastors – Pastor Steve Ottley
- Using What You Love to Make a Difference – Pastor Brian Birnie
- Being An Effective Sunday School or Small Group Leader – Kerby Stavropoulos
- Estate Planning – 2 Parts – Dr. Riley Coulter
- Website Design for Ministry – Kerby Stavropoulos
- Living Porn Free – 2 Parts – Pastor Mark Kitzman
- Plan to Protect Training – 2 Parts – Doug Davis
- Sharing Our Faith (Why Did God Make Mosquitoes?) – Amy Csoke

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CHURCH REPORTING & STATISTICS

Doug Davis is responsible for the collecting and reporting of all statistics from our local churches that must be reported to the International Church of the Nazarene Headquarters every month.

Please use this link to see the statistics for the International Church of the Nazarene and hopefully this will better help each of us understand how Canada Central fits into the whole picture of Christ working through our collective churches:

<http://nazarene.org/sites/default/files/docs/GenSec/Statistics/2015AnnualStatistics.pdf>

Doug continues to offer his assistance and training to local churches that ask for his help. **I strongly encourage each of you to make sure that your local church has someone designated to report these figures monthly.** It would be greatly appreciated if a **lay member** would take on the task of collecting and reporting these numbers instead of the pastor.

Also, Doug and Pastor Ian continue to work on a format to allow the monthly statistics and reporting tallies to be included in the District digital publication, "In The Loop," – hopefully to appear in the near future.

Many churches make this responsibility a top priority and we would like to acknowledge those churches that have been consistent and on-time with their reporting. **Forty churches have reported on-time (10/12 months during this church year) and they are listed here in reverse alpha order:**

Awesome work!!!! Thank you to each of these local churches! (All of these churches were recognized last year – plus a few new churches have been added!! Amazing!)

Woodstock	Ottawa Trinity	Kolapore Calvary
Windsor	Oakville	Hamilton Mountain
Tor Rosewood Chinese	Oakville Spanish	Hamilton Crown Point
Toronto Rosewood	Niagara Heights	Community
Toronto Kennedy Road	Mississauga Bethel Spanish	Egypt
Tor Kennedy Road Tamil	Meaford Bethany	Collingwood Erie Street
Tor Emmanuel Tamil	Markham Village	Community
Tor Emmanuel Spanish	Markham Grace Chinese	Cedardale
Tor Emmanuel Mission	Markdale	Cambridge Preston
Tor Emmanuel Armenian	London First	Brantford
Sault Ste. Marie	London Filipino	Brantford Spanish
Richmond Hill Solid Rock	Lakeside	Bradford Spanish
Quinte West	Kolapore Calvary	Barrie
Pickering Altona Road	Hamilton Mountain	Ajax Connect

Note the churches in bold have reported ON-TIME for every month of ministry in the 2015-2016 church year. Thank you so very much for your faithfulness!

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GROWTH MINISTRY TRAINING (GMT) 2015 – Human Sexuality

Saturday, November 21, 2015

Speaker – Dr. Daniel Boone, President – Trevecca University, Nashville.

Location – Altona Road Church of the Nazarene, Pickering, ON

Dr. Boone presented the official position of the International Church of the Nazarene regarding several topics pertaining to human sexuality. It was an exciting event with over 100 participants! We knew that this involved many hot button topics and we did NOT promise in-depth training on every aspect pertaining to these areas but we wanted to provide some answers to our youth, young adults, parents and Church members. We believe that we need to know what our Church body teaches about many of these issues. God answered our prayers for this conference because God was exalted and many questions were discussed and answered.

One important thought from this event was, **“If we, as the church of Christ, won’t minister to those struggling with their sexual issues and identities, then who will they go to? We have the answers and we must make the effort to reach those that are hurting – that’s what Jesus did despite the negative reactions from the spiritual leaders.”**

GROWTH MINISTRY TRAINING (GMT) 2016

Saturday, November 12, 2016

US/Canada Region SDMI Team Presenting: **TEACH/GMT 2016**

Location – Brampton Church of the Nazarene, Brampton, ON

A national lay ministry conference for small groups, Sunday School, and discipleship ministry, equipping and resourcing.

TEACH 2016 Workshop tracks include...

Children	Tell THE Story
NYI & Youth	Admin/Leadership
Adult	Family/Intergenerational
CLT/Dischipheship Place	

An Important Investment – Translation Headsets

Canada Central has a diverse, multi-cultural identity and the District SDMI Board was seeking a solution to the language barrier for our training events and teachings. We committed over \$5,000.00 to purchasing a translation kit for 25 participants and a translator and we debuted its use at the GMT 2015 Human Sexuality event. There is a learning curve for our wonderful volunteer translators – especially during this event as many non-common words and terms were used by Dr. Boone making substitutions in a quick moment very difficult. A huge THANK YOU to our wonderful Spanish translators!!

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FYI - Pastor Steve Ottley, Assistant District Superintendent, will be using this equipment on the Canada Quebec District and Doug Davis will use it for training on the District for Plan to Protect and District Accessibility Training in the future. God is so good to allow us to invest in this wonderful initiative!

GROW 2017 – MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, May 6, 2017 - Location: Rosewood COTN

Training opportunities for next year – do you have something you would like us to arrange training for? Or do you know someone that would be a great presenter in upcoming GROW events. Please let us know on your evaluation sheet! Even better – give us your name & contact information so we can ensure that your topic is exactly what we try to organize. We believe it's your event and you do have a say!

GMT 2017 – NOVEMBER 2017

PROPOSED - 4 Chairs Discipling – ALL AGES

Presenter – Pastor Calvin Russell / Developed by Dann Spader

Dann Spader is disciple-maker who has spent years exploring what it means to take someone from seeker to making disciples themselves. Over 750,000 people in 80 countries have been trained to make disciples through organizations he has led.

Through studying the life of Christ and His disciple-making methods, Dann developed 4 Chair Discipling, a simple picture for others to follow. Jesus' last words here on earth had a few very specific instructions... We are to "Go... and Make Disciples... Baptize... and Teach."

But what does that mean for us today? Well, it's not easy. But it is simple. Teacher and leader Dann Spader explains disciple-making as a process of moving people through four chairs, from someone seeking to know more about Christ to someone who makes disciples themselves.

Chair 1: Come and See (John 1:39)

Chair 2: Follow Me (John 1:43)

Chair 3: Become a Fisher of Men (Matthew 4:19)

Chair 4: Go and Bear Fruit (John 15:16)

In the process of His four-year ministry, Jesus realized that different people are at different stages of growth and development, and He works to challenge each of them to the next level. In 4 Chair Discipling you'll get a clear and simple picture of how to follow in Jesus' footsteps and do the same thing.

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OUR EXCELLENT TEAM!

I am so very blessed and excited to work with great leaders and volunteers on the District SDMI board.

Kerby Stavropoulos, District Children's Ministries Director from our Ajax Connect COTN is always working on initiatives that are designed to support, equip and teach local church and children's ministry workers. Kerby has been actively involved in providing many training opportunities through our GROW and GMT events. As well, she went to the Canada Quebec District last month and presented a workshop at their SDMI District Convention so they would catch a vision of how we do conventions here in Ontario. We are blessed to have her serve our district!

As I reported at last year's SDMI 2015 District Convention, our **District Adult Ministries Director** position was vacant. We are super excited to report that **Janinne Dinsmore** from our Niagara Heights COTN has taken on this position to complete the church year and she is excited to work in this position following her official election today.

It was a year of changes last year and this year continues to follow that pattern. Kerby Stavropoulos, District SDMI Children's Ministries (CM) Director, advised the board that she felt God had removed the CM burden from her heart and we had asked **Wendy Rampold** (Ferris Lane Barrie COTN) to consider taking on this position. Wendy had served with Kerby for many years on the District CM team and has been actively involved in Children's Ministries in her local church as well. Wendy has agreed to take on this assignment officially and we are thrilled to have her in this position!

Please let us express our appreciation to Kerby Stavropoulos for her excellent leadership of the District Children's Ministries since June 2010 – a total of 6 years!

Regretfully, Suzanne Trotman has declined to have her name on this year's ballot due to a tremendously heavy family, ministry and school calendar. Suzanne has provided so much to the District SDMI ministry and we have been blessed to have her on this team. Fortunately, Kerby has requested to remain on the District SDMI Board team and I'm extremely pleased to keep her active on our team because she plans all our GROW and GMT events – she is amazing and tremendously gifted!

I greatly appreciate the encouragement and strong support of our District Superintendent, Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick. Both he and Pat are instrumental in the Nazarene Church ministry in Ontario and we are so very grateful for their ministry and love for each of us on this district. Also, my family has been supportive and encouraging of my position and assist me in so many ways. So I would like to thank Nick for his wonderful support and my kids for their talents and involvement in the District ministries – Amy & Jani Csoke and Kerby & Jeremy Stavropoulos. It's no

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surprise to see their names as presenters and ministry workers because God is definitely using them all and I'm just so proud and blessed!

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to serve as your District Chair this past year. I am proud of my entire team who work tirelessly to come up with ideas and plans to make these dreams become a reality. Please join me in thanking your SDMI Ministry team and letting them know how much their hard work is truly appreciated.

Your **2015-2016 Canada Central SDMI team** are:

District Children's Ministries Director – Kerby Stavropoulos

District Adult Ministries Director –Janinne Dinsmore

(appointed until Convention 2016)

Treasurer –Susan Davis

Secretary –Wendy Rampold

CLT Director –Vacant

Statistics Director – Doug Davis

Spanish SDMI Representative – Gladys Moreno

Tamil SDMI Representative – Vacant

Resources Administrator – Marg Stahlbaum

General Members –

Kathy Coates (to 2017)

Jeremy Stavropoulos (to 2017)

Suzanne Trotman (to 2016)

Charmaine Kofler (to 2016)

Ex-officio – District Superintendent Rev. Ian Fitzpatrick

District SDMI Chair – Canada Central – Cindy Stavropoulos (to 2017)

Finally, I would like to thank **YOU ALL** again for your passion of ministry. Thank you for giving up your Saturday to invest in your ministry. God will richly bless you and your ministry because you give of yourself, your passion and your time. We love you and thank you! God bless you.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Stavropoulos, District Chair
Canada Central SDMI
Saturday, May 14, 2016