CYCLE OF RESURGENCE - INTRODUCTION

What could God do through our churches if we intentionally worked together to see lives, churches and communities transformed by Jesus Christ?

WHAT IS THE VISION?

The Canada Central District is inviting every church to participate in the Cycle of Resurgence, a shared commitment to strengthening the mission of the local church and seeing God's transforming work extend into our communities.

The Cycle encourages us to consider four connected aspects of our calling:



BLESSING | January–April
Building relationships and demonstrating Christ's love through practical service.

BRINGING | May–August
Sharing the Gospel and inviting people to follow Jesus.

BECOMING | September–December
Helping people of all ages grow as Christlike disciples.

MOBILIZING | Year-Round
Working together in unity to strengthen our shared mission.

ONE SHARED VISION. DIFFERENT EXPRESSIONS IN EVERY CHURCH.

These are not four separate programs, but connected parts of a healthy, disciple-making church. Each season provides an opportunity to focus our efforts and build on what came before. While these aspects of ministry continue throughout the year, a shared rhythm helps us be intentional and work together as a District.

Every church will participate differently, according to its strengths, opportunities and community needs.

HOW THE DISTRICT WILL HELP

Through encouragement, shared resources, training and matching grants for qualifying initiatives, the District is committed to helping churches turn ministry opportunities into action. Our website, centralnazarene.ca/cycle will be a hub of resources, encouragement and support.

BRINGING THE VISION TO OUR CHURCH

Take 60 minutes as a board or leadership team to pray, reflect on the four areas of the Cycle, and identify where God may be calling your church to act.

WHAT ARE WE DOING ALREADY?

Spend five minutes reflecting on each area of the Cycle. Consider what your church is already doing well and where there may be opportunities for growth. This is a starting point for discussion, so don't worry about answering every question.

Blessing Our Community - *5 minutes*

- If our church closed tomorrow, would our community notice? What would they miss?
- What needs do we see around us that our church could help address? *Consider also existing ministries or community programs.*

Bringing People to Jesus - *5 minutes*

- How are we intentionally building relationships with people who don't yet know Jesus?
- How are we equipping our congregation to share their faith confidently?

Making Christlike Disciples - *5 minutes*

- How are we helping people of all ages grow in their relationship with Jesus and become more like Him?
- What is working well in our church in discipling our congregation?

Mobilizing Nazarenes in Unity - *5 minutes*

- Is our congregation connected to the District family?
- What Nazarene churches near to us do we have a relationship with?
- Does our board know about the compassionate ministries on our district?

IMAGINE: WHAT COULD THIS LOOK LIKE IN YOUR CHURCH?

The Cycle of Resurgence will look different in every church. As we seek the Holy Spirit's leading, we want to see lives and communities transformed through Spirit-led preaching, intentional discipleship, meaningful relationships and care for one another. Here are some practical ways your church can participate. As you read through the list - write down ideas that stand out to your team.



BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY

- Organize prayer walks and neighbourhood outreach.
- Provide practical care for seniors and families in need.
- Host community meals or sports programs.
- Partner with local schools, food banks and community organizations rather than duplicating their efforts.



BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS

- Equip your congregation to share the Gospel.
- Offer introductory faith courses.
- Give opportunities for testimony sharing.
- Encourage more Gospel conversations.
- Host summer outreach camps or festivals.
- Host an Invitation Sunday.
- Street evangelism.
- Host outdoor services and invite neighbours.



MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES

- Launch and equip small groups.
- Establish mentoring and discipleship.
- Equip parents for family discipleship.
- Offer new believer classes and baptism.
- Nurture daily Bible reading and prayer.
- Equip members to discover spiritual gifts.
- Encourage families to serve together.
- Encourage spiritual, emotional and relational wellness.



MOBILIZING NAZARENES IN UNITY

- Get your congregation involved with district gatherings, retreats and conferences.
- Partner with neighbouring Nazarene churches on ministry initiatives.
- Share volunteers, resources and expertise with other Nazarene churches.
- Partner with a District Compassionate Ministry.
- Pray intentionally for other churches across our district - follow our district prayer calendar.

SCAN ME

Visit centralnazarene.ca/cycle for stories of how churches on our district are living out different aspects of the Cycle and for links to resources.

Imagine — What could God do?

Explore — Research needs and opportunities

Plan — Choose a next step

Act — Pray and begin

IMAGINE - WHAT COULD GOD DO IN YOUR CHURCH AND COMMUNITY?

Think beyond what your church is already doing. What could God be calling you to begin, strengthen or do differently?

As you brainstorm, consider how one opportunity might lead to another throughout the Cycle. If your church connects with families through a community outreach in the spring, how could you build on those relationships to introduce them to Jesus in the summer? What could you put in place to help them grow as disciples in the fall?

BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY (JAN - APRIL)

How could we build relationships and demonstrate Christ's love in our community?

BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS (MAY - AUGUST)

What opportunities could help us introduce more people to Jesus?

MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES (SEPT - DEC)

How could we strengthen discipleship and help people grow as Christlike followers of Jesus?

NAZARENE UNITY (ALL YEAR)

How could we connect, partner with and support other Nazarene churches and District ministries?

FROM IDEAS TO ACTION

Our top one or two opportunities:

How do they fit into the Cycle?









What support or resources would help?
Consider resources, training, research. Consider also the funds needed - as matching grants are available.

Our next steps
Who is responsible for the next steps?

What will they do? (research? contact district? complete grant? purchase resources?)

When will we start this?

What should be done by our next board meeting?

THE DISTRICT IS HERE TO HELP!

Visit centralnazarene.ca/cycle to learn more about the vision.

- Read stories of how other churches on our district are blessing their community, bringing people to Jesus and making Christlike disciples.
- Discover resources that other congregations have found helpful and get connected to district events that are happening throughout the year.
- Apply for matching grants to help your church get started.

SCAN ME