

# CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## CANADA ATLANTIC

**83<sup>rd</sup> DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS**

*Theme: SET SAIL - Called to the Deep*

### MEET OUR LEADERS



**DR. FILIMÃO M. CHAMBO**

Dr. Filimão M. Chambo was elected to the office of general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene in June 2017 by its 29th General Assembly, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. He was director of the Africa Region at the time of his election, a post he had held since 2009. As regional director, Dr. Chambo was responsible for overseeing the church planting and development efforts of the Church of the Nazarene across the continent of Africa.

Born in Mozambique, Filimão grew up in a pastor's home. Both his father and mother served in full-time ministry for the Church of the Nazarene. At the age of 17, when God called him to full-time ministry, his answer was yes.

Chambo earned a Diploma in Theology at Seminário Nazareno em Mozambique (SNM) in 1993 and a Bachelor of Theology (ThB) at Nazarene Theological College (NTC) in 1997. He was ordained by Dr. Jim Diehl as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in January 2000 on the Gauteng District, South Africa; and later that year attained his Masters of Arts (MA) in Biblical Studies from the University of Johannesburg. His Doctor of Literature and Philosophy in Biblical Studies (PhD) was also earned at the University of Johannesburg and was completed in 2009.

Before serving in the regional office, Chambo's ministry experience included pastoral positions and Christian higher education. He served as pastor in South Africa for the Mphagane and Eldorado Park Churches of the Nazarene and in Mozambique at Igreja do Nazareno da Matola Cidade. He was an educator at NTC, South Africa, and at Seminário Nazareno em Mozambique where he later became president. In 2005 Dr. Chambo was named education coordinator for the Africa Region, where he served until his appointment as regional director in 2009.

Filimão is married to Samantha, who is also an ordained elder, and they have two children, a daughter, Tsakani Gabriella, and a son, Emanuel.

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Rev. Dr. David C. Skidmore was elected District Superintendent of the Canada Atlantic District Church of the Nazarene in June 2024. At the time of his election, Dr. Skidmore was completing his tenure as the founding pastor of Family Life Church of the Nazarene in Airdrie, Alberta. Believing the Lord might be leading him into retirement, he and his wife Peggy had begun to make plans—until he received the unexpected invitation to return and serve his home district.

Dr. Skidmore was ordained on the Canada Atlantic District in 1987, where he and Peggy served as church planters and a pastoral team. During this formative season of ministry, Dr. Skidmore began to explore models of leadership training, leading to the launch of the Lay Training Institute in Amherst, Nova Scotia.

Their call then led them westward, with ministry assignments in the Canada Central and Canada West Districts. Over the years, they served in various capacities including home missions, compassion ministries, and leadership development. It was during this time that the Ministry Development Center was established in the Canada Central District using a modular course of study. This work later matured into a fully developed online school in the Canada West District, staffed by 18 trained facilitators and course developers delivering the Nazarene Course of Study across three western Canadian provinces.

Throughout their ministry, Dr. Skidmore and Peggy have remained committed to co-vocational service, embracing tentmaking as a means of supporting their call. Dr. Skidmore has served as a chaplain in correctional institutions, a program director in an addiction recovery centre, and occasionally in salaried district roles—all while continuing to preach and lead.

Born and raised in Atlantic Canada, both David and Peggy have a profound love for the region and its people. They are deeply passionate about heart holiness and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. They are the proud parents of two married daughters and delighted grandparents of five grandchildren, all of whom they adore. They currently divide their time between Big Lake Camp and Halifax, Nova Scotia.