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NAIM APPOINTS A NEW INTERIM- EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Delta, British Columbia, Canada, July 23, 2010 –Bill Tarter has submitted his resignation as Executive Director of North America Indigenous Ministries. The Boards of NAIM USA and NAIM Canada have appointed Clyde Cowan as Interim Executive Director, effective July 5, 2010.

Clyde first came to NAIM in 1975, after six years in a multi-cultural pastorate. He and his wife, Paula, served in a First Nation community for 13 years and later as Communications Director and in administrative positions. His passion has been to communicate the Gospel clearly, and so Clyde has pursued culturally relevant communications at street level. Beyond NAIM he worked on loan to Interdev for two years and spent three years co-founding and launching COMIX35, harnessing the world's most widely read print material for missions.

Bill and his wife, Deborah felt God leading them away from NAIM and into a natural next step. Bill has been invited to serve as Alumni Secretary at his old boarding school in India where he was born and grew up. Deborah will serve as a dorm parent assistant and tutor.

This is a cordial parting, painful only in the loss of Bill's presence and skill to the NAIM team. Bill came on as Executive Director to NAIM in 2004. He has been influential in encouraging Native believers to take the lead of their Native Church. He has led NAIM well, with a clear vision of our changing world and a passion to move NAIM into the new realities.

Since 1949, NAIM has reached out in Jesus' Name to the Native peoples of Western Canada, Washington State, and New Mexico. Over the years, the faces have changed, but NAIM's commitment to Jesus Christ and to making disciples has not budged. God is building the Native Church in North America, and we believe that this is part of His Great Plan to bring forth a great spiritual renewal of our lands.

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