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Kevin Schular, Executive Director

Hello from Edmonton and Happy Canada Day! What a joy it was to be with BGC pastors and leaders from across Canada at our Annual Celebration in Winnipeg on June 14-16. We had delegates from every district in the BGC and from 7 provinces. Special thanks to Ness Avenue Baptist Church and Grant Memorial Baptist Church for hosting our meeting. They were great hosts and made it simple to focus on the business of our Conference. See pics below for a glimpse of our time together. All of the motions, decisions and business of the AGM are available upon request.

As godly leaders in our nation, we need to pray for our country in these days. These are serious times for the Canadian church as we recognize the encroachment on religious freedom in light of the Supreme Court ruling on Trinity Western University's law school. (Please see related articles below) The LGBTQ rights agenda "has morphed into a movement to compel, through state power, universal approval of homosexuality, gender fluidity and the transgender." (Christie Blatchford, National Post, April 4, 2018)

Canadians are seeing the change right in front of our eyes. One writer framed it this way: "In a free country, you can argue that gay sex is sinful, or natural and good. But a society can no longer be called free once the state attaches penalties, or withholds benefits, for speaking out one's moral or philosophical beliefs, or for practicing them peacefully with others in voluntary communities of like-minded citizens." (John Carpay, Justice Centre for Constitutional Freedoms) We discussed this at Celebration and we recognize the direction our current leaders and courts are taking the nation.

We need to prepare for a completely new Canadian landscape. The EFC reports there are 30 lawsuits against the federal government over the summer student grant attestation issue. This is the canary in the coal mine for religious freedom. If unopposed, this could lead to further decline in religious freedom in Canada.

Don't be discouraged by challenges affecting us! The Lord Jesus Christ is still building His Church here and around the world. The early church shook the Roman empire from the margins of their society and

we have the same message! "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone that believes."
Romans 1:16

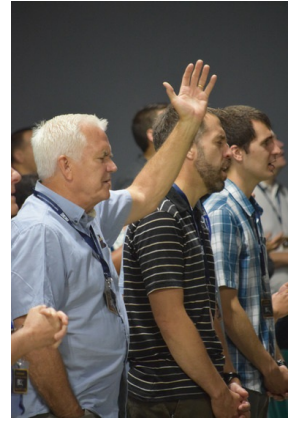
Can you find your face in this picture?
Maybe you can join us next year!



The BGC Women's Forum



Worship At Celebration





Speakers and Discussions







Interesting Reads

1. Trinity Western University School of Law - [Video](#)
2. **Supreme Court sidesteps Supreme Being and supreme commitment:**
Beyond the headlines and headnotes in the TWU law school cases - [Article](#)
3. Trinity Western Decision is a Big Loss for Christian

Freedom- [Article](#)

4. **#MeToo Goes To Church:**

Southern Baptists face a reckoning over treatment of women

- [Article](#)

Seven Essentials of the BGC

Our motto and mission: "A Network of Churches that make disciples who live and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in their Communities, throughout Canada, and out to the Nations." Together, we have identified seven essential areas where God is at work among our church families. These seven areas are also critical to the future growth and health of our churches.

[7 Essentials of the BGCC](#)

We will highlight one Essential in each issue of Baptist Beats.

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