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BGCC National Board Meeting
Oct 23-24, 2017

2020 Leadership Summit
Camp Nakamun, AB
Feb 22-25, 2018

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Have you heard about our 360 Strategy? [BGC360.CA](#)



Kevin Schular, Executive Director

Hello from Edmonton. I trust your summer is going well. I have been fishing, reading and gardening – so renewing! May these last days of August be a season of renewal for you as you prepare for a new ministry season in September.

The need for Leadership is in the news this summer. Our NAFTA trade deal renegotiations, political tensions in the US coming after the horror of Charlottesville, how to defuse the war of words with North Korea – these and many other issues call for outstanding Leadership to work through these matters. I am praying for world leaders!

When I was in college I was taught that “everything rises or falls on leadership”. Perhaps that is not always the case but I cannot think of a family, church, business or national issue that is not made better with sound Leadership. I was glad to attend the Global Leadership Summit last week and be sharpened up as a leader. To quote the founder of GLS, Bill Hybels: “Everyone wins when leaders get better.”

Leadership is on our minds at the BGC as well. At our annual meeting in June, we had a lengthy discussion on how to raise godly leaders for our Conference churches. Our Board Chair, Dick Stephens, has written a letter to our pastors that will be arriving in your Inbox soon. In it he describes a dialogue that I will begin in the next weeks. We want to hear from our pastors, missionaries and key lay people on how we can train up leaders to serve with distinction in our Conference. Watch for that email and the details on how you can be part of this conversation.

One way we do leadership training is our 2020 summit. This is a weekend conference (Feb 22-25, 2018 at Camp Nakamun, Alberta) for Young Adults in our BGC churches. This is NOT open to anyone but rather by invitation only. Pastor, we ask you to be a talent scout in your congregation. Who do you see among your singles or young couples that could be challenged for Leadership as a Pastor or in another ministry? Would you give them a “tap on the shoulder” and invite them to be part of the upcoming 2020? Pastor Micah Brookhart, from our Conference church in Entwistle, AB, will be the main speaker. Micah is one of our young leaders and his church is making a great impact in their community.

The 360 Strategy



Did you know you and your church are being prayed for regularly? Those who have joined the 360 team are praying for you. You can be part of this team as well! Go to www.bgc360.ca and follow the link.

Speaking At Your Church

If you would like Rev. Kevin Schular to serve your church by speaking on a Sunday or to your leadership/mission teams please let the National office know. He is scheduling Sundays for November and into 2018.

Interesting Reads

1. Help Your Kids Embrace the Faith - [Article](#)
 2. 7 Ways God Is Working In Your Finances - [Article](#)
 3. Some good comments on Depression and how Christians address the issue - [Article](#)
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Church Evangelism Ministries (CEM)

There is a great need right here, right now, in our 'backyard'.

CEM exists to equip churches and individuals to share their faith. To do that, we offer workshops and seminars that focus on understanding the need, learning about the spiritual journey, and providing effective tools for sharing with those around us.

CEM was founded by Rev. Les Goertz who pastored and planted churches in Columbia Baptist Conference (BGC-US, now Converge) and BC Baptist Conference for over 40 years. His lifelong passion to see not-yet-Christians come to faith resulted in his book, 'Not-Yet-Christian, The 10 Stages of the Spiritual Journey'. He presented the material in the book to hundreds of churches and groups in Canada, the USA, Russia and the Philippines, as practical tools for churches and individuals to share faith. While Les passed away in February 2016, the CEM Team continues to carry on with the mission of the organization as it is a vital and integral part of church ministry.

Read about BGCC's 7 Essentials for church growth and health [here](#)

Our team is made up of a collection of individuals with varying backgrounds and occupations but all share a passion for reaching the 'Not-Yet-Christian' in the midst of their spiritual journey. **CEM achieves this through training individuals to share faith with family, friends, coworkers and others in their day-to-day lives.** We are committed to

assisting churches in making evangelism an integrated part of church life – and not another program to “fit” into their ministry activities.

Workshop and Seminar Topics Include:

- evaluating present evangelism effectiveness and the need for a fresh approach in reaching not-yet-Christians.
- examining the 10 stages of the spiritual journey, identifying details of each stage and providing a biblical basis for each.
- exploring practical ways to implement new concepts of the spiritual journey in today’s context for individuals and the church.
- learning how to talk about Jesus with other generations
- learning how to share your faith with people of other cultures

Who Should Attend:

- Christians who want to become more effective in communicating their faith.
- Christians who need release from fear and guilt in witnessing.
- Christian leaders who share the task of teaching others to share their faith.
- Christians who desire new insights in understanding the spiritual journey of the not-yet-Christian.
- Christians who believe evangelism is important but feel awkward doing it.
- Not-yet-Christians who seek honest dialogue about their spiritual journey.

Feedback from Recent Seminar/Workshop Attendees:

Many have told us they have not participated in leading some to Christ for many years and some have never shared their faith with not-yet-Christians.

- ‘I feel more confident and more comfortable with the idea of having conversations about faith.’
- ‘This makes sharing a lot less scary. I now have a plan and direction.’
- ‘I feel more relaxed and less pressured in witnessing to those around me.’
- ‘Sharing my faith doesn’t necessarily mean leading someone to accept Jesus at that moment; we can meet each person where they are at now.’
- ‘Simple, practical ideas and questions that I can use right away.’



The CEM Team: Andrew, Vernagean, Christine, Vance, Tim



To connect with the CEM team, please email lmgoertz@telus.net or call (604) 859-7009. Let us know if you'd like to receive CEM's quarterly updates by email.



Equipping churches and individuals to share their faith
www.evangelismministries.net
CEM is a registered Canadian charity

Welcome New Staff

Pastor David & Edith Boyle
- Lakeside Baptist, Kenora, ON

Pastor Steve & Debbie Savage
- Lifebridge Community Church, Dartmouth, NS

Pastor Austin Jorge Ballesteros
- Living Word Christian Church, Langley, BC

Pastor Allan & Evelyn Yadao
- Victoria Christian Faith Fellowship (plant), Victoria, BC

Pastor Sean & Julie Horner
- Brookswood Baptist Church, Langley, BC

Pastor Steve & Layla Masoud
- Cedar Grove Baptist Church, Surrey, BC

Pastor Daniel & Melissa Hsu
- The Bridge Community Church, North Vancouver, BC

Check This Video

[Video Link](#)

Our new church plant in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia - Rob & Julie Laidlaw are the church planters with BGC

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Kevin Schular & Christa Eisbrenner at Global Leadership Summit 2017



Ordination Council for Pastor Chris Hutchinson at Hillsdale Baptist Church, Regina. Aug 5, 2017



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.

<http://bgc.ca/about-us/7-essentials>

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

Multiplying of Faith Communities:

BGCC churches strive to multiply their ministry through church planting and other innovative approaches.

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