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Baptist Beats
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Interesting Reads

BGCC National Board Meeting
Oct 23-24, 2017

20/20 Leadership Summit
Feb 22-25, 2018

School of Orientation
Apr 23-25, 2018

Celebration 2018
June 14-16, 2018

Donations



Kevin Schular, Executive Director

Hello from Armenia! I love the Thanksgiving holiday and although it has just passed by I want you to know how thankful I am to be serving the Lord and our Conference! "It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord!" I trust you are grateful to God for His grace and the call to serve His people. What a joy to be in His service!

Three of us from BGC came to Armenia. We surveyed sites in this tiny nation for possible locations to open a training centre for believers from the surrounding nations. There are many believers craving discipleship and leadership training who live in countries where they are not able to worship openly. What if they could be brought out of their nation to a country where they could be taught and encouraged by BGC Canada pastors and missionaries. Lots more to tell you about in the coming months as we pray over this and discern God's will.



Mt. Ararat towers over the capital city of Yerevan, Armenia. Can't quite see Noah's Ark from this angle though!



Talking about training with Baptist leaders in the country.



Sunday worship at church in Yerevan: Our God is greater, our God is stronger, God you are higher than any other (Click picture for youtube video)

Human Resources

How is the HR department at your church? Most churches cannot keep up with current regulations and laws regarding employees. BGC National Office is working on a HR manual that will be available in the new year. It is full of policies, job descriptions and guidelines to help you navigate hiring, training, discipline and even dismissal. The manual will be comprehensive but each church could excerpt the policies that best suits their needs. We believe this is a practical way for us to serve our churches.

Church Planting

The first two congregations I pastored were church plants. My wife and I loved those early days of exciting yet daunting ministry. Praise the Lord for four new churches being planted in our Conference:

- Rob and Julie Laidlaw are in Eastern Passage, Nova Scotia. They have another couple with them and they are just getting going. You could visit their website to follow their progress and send support. <http://explorechurch.ca/>
- Then in the centre of the nation, Akmal Erastus is planting a church among Punjabis in Winnipeg. Pray for Akmal and Sarah – they believe God has brought them to Winnipeg to reach the 30,000 Sikhs living there.
- The third is our newest church plant is in Calgary, Wilner and

Leonora Pagaling are currently leading City New Life Church for the last year.

- The fourth church plant is on west coast in Victoria. Allan and Evelyn Yadao are planting Christian Faith Church and they have been underway only a short time.

Pray for these and others that are in the pipeline across the Conference.

Interesting Reads

1. Free will explained from secular viewpoint - [Article](#)
 2. Ontario intervenes in case of proposed Trinity Western law school's ban on sexual activities - [Article](#)
 3. Globe editorial: Is it now okay to discriminate against people who oppose abortion? - [Article](#)
 4. US data showing views of different Protestant denominations [here](#).
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Budget

Thank you for your giving and support. As we cross the halfway point of the fiscal year, we are thankful for a small surplus and increased giving from our churches and BGC360 donors. www.bgc360.ca This allows the Conference to support more church plants and mission work in many places. Please keep BGC National in mind as you prepare and plan your budget for 2018.

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:

Church Care

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