

BAPTIST BEATS



June 30, 2022



Happy Canada Day! It is such a privilege to be Canadian! When we look around the world and see how other countries are experiencing natural disasters, conflict or economic upheaval we can only give humble thanks to be living here. Our nation has been blessed with religious freedom, natural resources and peace. However, I long for the Lord to do a deep spiritual work of transformation in our land. Please pray for the Spirit

of God to draw people to Jesus Christ.

we were so encouraged by the Reframe meeting at Ellerslie Road Baptist Church June 14-16. It was wonderful to have an in-person Celebration after Covid and many commented on how good it was to be together again. We had 112 representatives from 41 churches in attendance plus 7 online. Our speakers brought solid Bible teaching and excellent material on the state of the Canadian church. There were helpful books for each registered delegate as well as more giveaway literature from the presenters. We had panel discussions, workshops, and time for laughter. The food and conversations were great too! The consensus was that we need to keep the in-person Celebration in place! Be sure to look through the photos and then access the speaker's messages available on the BGC website.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Kevin Schular'.

Executive Director
Kevin Schular, D. Min

Some Pictures of Our Time at Celebration



Group Picture of Celebration 2022 attendees



Kevin Schular setting the stage



Keynote speaker - Gary Rohmayer (Converge)



One of the guest speakers: Rick Hiemstra (EFC)



The 3 Fs of Fellowship, Friendship, and Food



A few of our BGC pastors also contributing to Celebration this year





And many other things we experienced together. Plan to join us Mid May 2023 -
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Future of the BGC



We live in a changing culture where biblical values are largely ignored and viewed with ridicule or hostility. How can BGC pastors and churches uphold scripture and be able to minister effectively in this time? We have begun a 2-3 year conversation on the future of the BGC. Of course, we are not starting with a blank page. Our Conference has 15 articles in our Affirmation of Faith which are our core values and theology. But there are current issues in our nation that affect our ministries. We began this conversation with 18 pastors and district ministers in April. Then this month at Celebration we had panel discussions and roundtables to move the conversation forward. In September, we will pick this up again. Your participation and input are more welcome!

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Our Conference is committed to resourcing our leaders for fruitful ministry. One way we seek to



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accomplish this is to subsidize our BGC pastors and missionaries when upgrading their theological education. They will develop their theology and leadership skills while learning in an accredited institution. Enrolment for September is going up! We already have 17 pastors/missionaries registered for a course or a degree. Twelve are taking one of the Masters degrees we offer and 5 are in the Doctor of Ministry program. There is room for you! Visit

canadianbaptistseminary.com to

learn how you can get going.

"I think problems can arise when doing pastoral ministry without the equivalent of seminary education. The history of Bible and theology, for example, turns up every conceivable heresy that we find in our world today. They have surfaced before in an earlier setting. They may be called something else, but in essence there are rarely new heresies. If you have the benefit of church history, it shapes a world view that diffuses the enthusiasm for everything that's new by tempering it with the truths of God that have been given to us through the Scripture and godly teachers down through the centuries."

- Dr. Leland Eliason

The Timothy Initiative

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BGC has connected with TTI to plant house churches across the Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu populations around the globe. The founder of TTI was at Celebration to thank us for the partnership we have and to encourage BGC churches to get involved with church planting in these least-reached people groups. Could

your church invest \$515 dollars to plant a church and resource it for its first two years? Contact [national office](#) for more information.

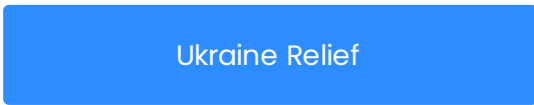
Special Project Donations

We are collecting donations for these projects and they were also talked about during Celebration this year.



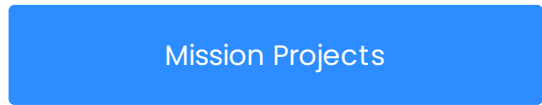
Ukraine Relief

We began receiving donations for Ukraine relief projects that our BGC personnel are leading. Please send a cheque or use the button below to donate and invite your congregation to support as well.



Missions Projects

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Seven Essentials of the BGCC

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. We highlight one Essential in each issue of Baptist Beats

CREATIVE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BGCC CHURCHES FIND WAYS TO EFFECTIVELY ENGAGE THEIR COMMUNITY, NATION AND WORLD.

[7 Essentials of the BGCC](#)

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