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Baptist Beats
THE HEART BEAT
of the BGCC



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Upcoming Events:

School of Orientation
Apr 23 - Apr 25, 2018

Celebration 2018
This Is Us: Embracing the 7
Essentials of the BGCC
June 14-16, 2018

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Kevin Schular, Executive Director

Hello from Edmonton! I hope Spring has sprung where you live – we are just getting into double-digit temps here. Two Aprils ago I was able to paint my fence because the weather was so warm but that's not the case this year.

I want to encourage you to come (or send delegates from your church) to the Annual Celebration in Pinawa, Manitoba June 14-16. We are meeting at Wilderness Edge in the beautiful Whiteshell region of Manitoba. The registration information is elsewhere in this email. It is good to draw together as a Conference family! Our teaching focus will be on The Seven Essentials of the BGC. These values are central to our ministry as a Conference and we want to anchor them firmly in our ethos.

These are serious times for the Canadian church. Encroachment on religious freedom is happening on several fronts - the latest example of this is the Canada Summer Grants issue. This is likely the first time in Canadian history that a values test has been attached to federal funding. We will be talking about the trends in our nation and how to prepare for the next chapter for the Canadian church.

We have much more to talk about at Annual Celebration: News from our Districts about church growth and new plants, update on Canadian Baptist Seminary and leadership development within the BGC, stories from our mission personnel from around the globe, amending our Affirmation of Faith with two new articles and launching a new Great Commission initiative in the Middle East.

For those who cannot be with us in person, we are inviting you to join us through digital means. The AGM is Friday morning, June 15. You could be at your desk and tune in as the business of the Conference is conducted. Connection details will be made available next month.

At this Celebration, I want to engage us in a meaningful conversation in how the BGC can be effective on missions in Canada and the world!

I look forward to seeing you at Celebration!

Can you find your face in this picture?
Maybe your face will be in this year's Celebration Picture!



This Is Us

Our Annual AGM and Celebration is June 14-16. We are gathering at Wilderness Edge in Pinawa, Manitoba. Our Conference adopted "7 Essentials for the BGC" awhile ago and this year we are going to focus on them in our sessions. We will also be sharing about our strategic outreach and training center being launched in the Middle East. See the link elsewhere on this page for all the details. I hope you will join us in June!

Registration is open on the BGC site. Click [here](#) to register!

Pastors at School of O



Learning about the History of Baptists



God Time in the Morning



Learning from Lorne Meisner - BGC-CC District Minister



This Year's Participants



2018 AGM Webcast Registration

If you would like to be a part of this year's AGM via webcast, please register through the link below.

[Register Here](#)

Interesting Reads

1. **7 Mistakes Managers Make That Cause Good Employees to Quit:**
Pastors, do you lead your staff well? Don't make leadership blunders that cause good people to leave your team. - [Article](#)
 2. **Top 10 Leadership Qualities Voted By 200 Global Leaders:**
The "Command and Control" style of leadership is obsolete - [Article](#)
 3. **Epidemic Of Fatherlessness:**
The importance of Dad in the home - [Article](#)
 4. **Catastrophic for the Catholic Church:**
'Catastrophic for the Catholic Church': World media reacts to Pope Francis' denial of hell. - [Article](#)
 5. **Statement on Canada Summer Jobs Program:**
Statement on Canada Summer Jobs Grants. - [Article](#)
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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:

Global/Cross Cultural Ministry

BGCC churches have a plan for cross-cultural engagement because we live in a multi-cultural nation and in a global village.

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