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Baptist Beats  
**THE HEART BEAT**  
of the BGCC



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**Upcoming Events:**

**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 Ontario. I came here for the CCCC pension plan meeting. BGC is a member of this group plan and I was so encouraged to see how our pension is performing. If you have not set up something for your post-ministry years I urge you to contact Josh in our

National Office and get the info you need. You and your church should start contributing as soon as possible. While here I also am visiting our Toronto churches and talking with potential church planters. The Lord is doing great things in our Conference. This is a good time to be alive and serving our King!

I am looking forward to seeing you in Winnipeg at Celebration! We meet June 14-16 and there are a couple of days left to register. The theme is: "This Is Us." Who are we as a Conference? We have identified Seven Essentials of the BGC and we will dive into those in detail to get to the core of those principles that bind us together. Here is the link to register:

Collaboration and alignment is what I want to focus on as Executive Director of our Conference. Below are some questions I want you to be praying and thinking about as we prepare for Celebration. This will be some of our discussion on Thursday afternoon:

Of course, the BGC is Christ's church and He is Sovereign Lord over all. We have to be faithful to preach the Word, pray fervently and walk in holiness and personal renewal. Without Him we can do nothing!

Given that, what can we do together as leaders of autonomous congregations to collaborate and align ourselves for missional effectiveness?

Key Questions for the BGC in 2018:

What do we need to pay attention to now to get to our preferred future?

What are the priorities you see for our Conference to move us in that direction?

What's not here that should be?

What might we be forgetting?

What are key elements that we must not lose sight of?

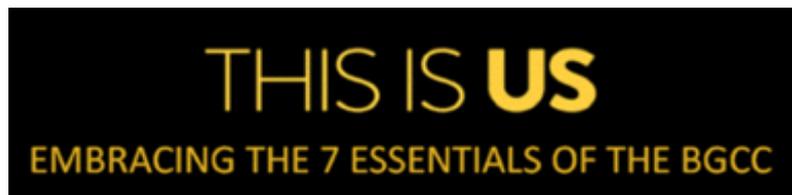
My prayer is that we will leave this Celebration with unity and purpose to guide us in our ministry across Canada and around the world!

If you are unable to be in Winnipeg you can participate online. Join the AGM on Friday, June 15 @ 10:00am- noon CDT. Here is the Zoom link register in order to watch online: [REGISTER](#).

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Can you find your face in this picture?

Maybe your face will be in this year's Celebration Picture!



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## 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](#)

Once registered, you will be provided with the link to the live webcast that day. When you click on that link, it will prompt you to install Zoom. After Zoom has been installed, it will automatically take you into the conference room.

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## Interesting Reads

### 1. 7 Principles of Praying for Political Leaders:

Do you pray for our secular leaders? Here are some pointers to guide us and also how to lead our people to pray. - [Article](#)

2. **The United Church of Canada: What You Need to Know:**  
An analysis of the formerly largest Protestant denomination in Canada - [Article](#)
3. **Seven Ways to Quench the Spirit** - [Article](#)
4. **How To Get Better At Saying "No":**  
When you have too much on your plate - [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. In this month's issue, we are highlighting two Essentials.

## Leadership Development

*BGCC churches have a plan for discovering, developing and enabling its existing and emerging leaders.*

## Multiplying Faith Communities

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

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