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Baptist Beats

THE HEART BEAT

of the BGCC



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Upcoming Events:

Week of Prayer
January 13-19, 2019

School of Orientation
April 1-3, 2019

Celebration 2019
May 30 - June 1, 2019
Banff, AB

Donations



Hello, I trust you are doing well and walking faithfully with the Lord.

Remembrance Day is always a poignant time for me. We take time to reflect on the many Canadians who went into battle on foreign soil and never returned home. I served one year in the 745 Communications Reserve Squadron out of Prince of Wales Armoury in Edmonton. That short time installed a deep respect for the price paid by others before me.

It is deeply moving for me when the bugler plays the Last Post and the lines of Robert Binyon's poem are read:

***They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them.***

There is another line in that poem that is not as well known:

***They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.***

Our troops did not shrink back in the terrible conflict of the battlefield. Very few were cowards or deserters in the face of the enemy. Not like this biblical description of "the warriors of Ephraim though armed with bows, turned their backs and fled on the day of battle." Psalm 78:9

This is a serious time for the Canadian church. I trust you will "face the foe" with courage, faith and empowered by the Spirit of God. It is good to be serving our King together!

CELEBRATION 2019

SAVE THE DATE

Guest Speaker: Scott Ridout - President, Converge USA

When: May 30 - June 1, 2019

Where: Banff, AB

Registration Cost: TBA

What else do I need to know?

The BGC Rate for hotels will not be available after
APRIL 30, 2019.

THERE WILL BE NO EXTENSIONS AFTER THIS DATE.

For more information: www.bgc.ca/events/celebration



Hotel Booking Information [here](#)

BGCC Board Meeting in October



Dr. Roger Helland's Resignation

Dear friends and fellow leaders of Canadian Baptist Seminary and the Baptist General Conference of Canada,

I regret to inform you that I have recently announced my resignation as president of CBS to the board of regents. I gave all I had for three very intensive months. I came into the role as president of CBS with many assumptions mingled with many affirmations. However, after much prayer, thought, evaluation, looking at facts and my limitations, and talking with my wife Gail, I concluded that I simply and regretfully cannot do what it takes to lead a revitalization effort for CBS. I know this comes suddenly and unexpectedly as we all had optimistic hopes for me in accepting the invitation to serve in this role. Thanks for your understanding, prayer, and support. My heart for theological education will continue.

Sincerely, Roger Helland

Summary of CBS response (full letter available upon request)

"We are thankful to Roger for his willingness to step into the role three months ago and are disappointed that he has felt he needs to step down. However, the Regents are confident and convinced that God has a plan and purpose for CBS moving forward. Please be in prayer for us as we seek God's direction in the days ahead."

*For His glory,
Curt Bruneeski
Board Chair
Regents of Canadian Baptist Seminary*

Update: The CBS Regents asked Kevin Schular to be President and the BGC Board approved him serving in a part-time role.

BGC Womens' Forum



In November, the BGC Womens' Forum was hosted at Calvary Baptist in Coquitlam, BC. 88 women from 21 BGC churches, located in BC and Alberta were in attendance.

Budget

Is the Baptist General Conference of Canada in your church's budget? As reported at the Annual Meeting, 41 of our 114 churches do not support national office. Please contribute to both BGC district and national offices in 2019.

BGC Churches in Powell River



Pastor Oskar Arajs Leading Worship



Meeting with the leaders at Westview Baptist in Powell River



Visiting with Pastor Mike Martinig at Kelly Creek

Does Your Church Have An HR Manual?

The BGCC National office has an HR Manual you can use as a template for your own church. Please keep in mind that you may need to verify some of the policies with your own provincial labour laws and regulations. This HR manual is based on Alberta regulations.

The PDF version can be viewed [HERE](#).

If you would like the editable version email us at office@bgc.ca, subject *HR Manual*.

North York Fellowship International Anniversary





Pastor Vic Hermosa



Worship at North York



Rev. Kevin Schular speaking at North York

Interesting Reads

1. **Atheist United Church Minister Keeps Her Job; 'Heresy Trial' Called Off:** *The church did not immediately respond to a*

request for comment Friday but said in a statement that the formal hearing had been called off in light of the agreement - [Article](#)

2. **5 Signs Your Church Might Be Heading Toward Progressive Christianity** - [Article](#)
3. **Russia's Next Weapon: A Church:** *The Russian military plans to build a military church to bolster the spiritual values of its armed forces* - [Article](#)
4. **Two Secret Churches In North Korea Show How Powerful The Bible Really Is:** *In the early morning light, a small group of North Korean believers meet on the riverbank, lugging their fishing gear with them* - [Article](#)
5. **We're Ignoring Canada's Alcohol Problem, Chief Public Health Officer Warns:** *Recent numbers show alcohol abuse among women is on the rise* - [Article](#)
6. **Disappearing donors are putting Canada's charities at risk:** Read about it [here](#)

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.

Spiritual Formation

BGCC churches are committed to disciple-making.

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