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**Kevin Schular, Executive Director**

Hello from Edmonton! I hope you are enjoying this summer - getting lot of rest, reading widely and preparing for a new ministry season.

The BGCC Celebration at Saanichton, BC last month was a tremendous encouragement for Laura and me. Thanks again to Friendship Community Church for their excellent hospitality and servant's heart. I am very humbled and thankful to have been affirmed by the delegates for a five year term as Executive Director. It was so good to meet pastors, missionaries and delegates from each district of the BGC. Please pray for me, the district ministers and our national board as we serve and lead together.

The Great Commission is always on my heart and mind. God is birthing desire in many of us to see our current churches revitalized and many more churches planted across Canada. Also, I have God-sized dreams for what we can do around the world. We will be bringing these initiatives forward in the coming weeks. So take a nap, catch a fish, go for a bike ride, camp, garden or read a book. Let's also pray much and prepare for work, fund raising and a good harvest.

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR PICTURES FROM CELEBRATION TO  
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Please pray for our staff at BGCC office  
Executive Director: Kevin Schular  
Information and Pastoral Relations: Christine Pedersen  
Administrative Assistant: Maria Gallace  
Global Ministries Administrator: Diane Wiebe  
Finance Administrator: Laurel Steeves



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### **Baptist World Alliance Gathering**

Recently, I attended the Baptist World Alliance Gathering in Vancouver. There were approximately 350 delegates and it was good to meet Baptist leaders from all around the world. One of the presenters was from Nigeria – Rev. Olasupo Ayokunle. He shared that there are 5 million Baptists in his country but that they are under increasing pressure from Muslims in the north - Boko Haram being most notorious group. However, the "middle belt" of Nigeria is also suffering as some of the Fulani tribesmen are militant Muslims and are attacking and killing Christians. He asked for prayer for Baptists and other Christians in Nigeria. Click on this link for more info on what's happening in Nigeria.

<http://www.standwithnigeria.org/issues/>



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### **Muslim Challenge August 23-29, 2016 - Vancouver, BC**

Pray for our Muslim Ministry team in the Lower Mainland of BC. They are having a week of outreach August 23-29, 2016. I enjoyed a day together with Randy and Margo Hoffmann, Masoud Baniamerian and Ahmad Zeividavi. What a joy to see their commitment and passion to reach people for Christ.



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## God Stories

The Gathering, Edmonton, AB

Basketball outreach-ministry featured on Global TV:

<https://www.facebook.com/GlobalEdmonton/videos/10153356935675927/>

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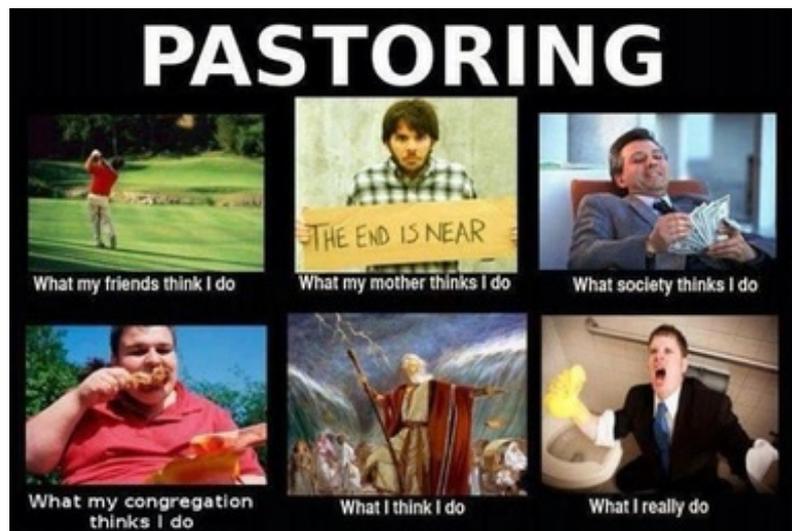
## Interesting Reads

It's time to rethink the term 'Missionary':

<http://www.relevantmagazine.com/god/its-time-rethink-term-missionary#jhwWeZ1Jr qx1clFk.99>

The Mega-Problem Behind the 'Falls' of Megachurch Pastors:

<http://www.relevantmagazine.com/current/mega-problem-behind-falls-megachurch-pastors#2XfxoleXcxwghCt2.99>



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