



**Upcoming Events:**

**National Celebration 2016:**  
June 23-25, 2016  
Friendship Community  
Church  
Saanichton, BC

**Montreal February 2016**

**2020 Summit**  
Feb 18-21, 2016  
Canmore, AB

**CBS Regents Meeting**  
Feb 19-20, 2016  
Canmore, AB

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**Kevin Schular, Executive Director**

Hello from Ontario. I am here this week for the denominational leader's retreat. There are 26 of us meeting at the Salvation Army camp on Lake Simcoe. We have been discussing the response the evangelical church should have for the proposed assisted suicide law the government is bringing in by June. As well we have talked about the Truth and Reconciliation report and Syrian refugees. There have been seasons of prayer for our country and the longing we share for a spiritual renewal across Canada. Our cry has been that of Isaiah's: "Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down to make your name known!"

I trust you had a wonderful Easter season and that your congregation is ready to receive all that the Lord has for your body this spring. I want to encourage you to attend our Annual Celebration in June on beautiful Vancouver Island. We will focus on the theme of **"The Changeless Word for a Changing World"**.

We live in a world where products are constantly being updated or upgraded. From computer programs, smart phone apps to hotel rooms – we are accustomed to everything being modified for better performance and enjoyment. What about God's Word? The Bible was written long ago so how can it possibly still be relevant millennia later. Shouldn't there be an update for 2016?

We look around and see a world full of tumult and upheaval. Increasing acts of terror create fear of others, affluence can distract us from the call of God and post-modernism is suspicious of certainty and objective truth.

The Church in Canada, of which the BGC is part, is called to be the hands and feet of our Lord. Love, gentleness and grace can make a difference. Our message is built on the changeless truths from the Bible that guide us in our faith, ethics and ministry.

We welcome you to share in the ministry and life of BGC Canada. The privilege of gathering together as a family of churches is coming up again in June, 2016. I encourage you to be with us in Saanichton on beautiful Vancouver Island, BC for three days of fellowship with others in the BGC, listening to God stories from Canada and around the world and being challenged to serve Him with grace.

**Montreal February 2016:**



Assemble Chretien, Laval



Core group for new church plant in Montreal



Haitian pastor's meeting



Living Waters International Church



Kevin and Jusme Augustin at his  
Induction



Sinai Church



Pastor Frantz Lacombe

#### Videos:

Living Word International Fellowship Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkkxgSdTbBI>

Closing song at Sinai Church

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC\\_iLl1dyA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pC_iLl1dyA)

Hymn at induction service for Jusme

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GJm0974rL0A>

Lord I need you - in Creole

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25PtUA03Ho0>

Haitian Worship

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Dot7DdqdiR8>

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### 2020 Summit, February 18-21, 2016, Canmore, AB:

Comments from the retreat:

"I am truly blessed to be counted among this gathering of young believers. The facility, food, setting does not matter even remotely! I don't care if this event was hosted in a barn and we were fed nothing but crackers. This event NEEDS to continue. God bless all those who are involved!"

"Most refreshing conference I have been to, great sessions - saturated in the word, great encouraging community."

"The conference has greatly helped my walk of faith in a way that it has reminded me of my identity in Christ and that I should be not misrepresenting God because I am his child and he has died for me. I am also reminded of my purpose which is to reach out to people for his glory."

"I enjoyed the atmosphere, the talks were very inspiring and will be helpful for the future"



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## CBS Regents Meeting, February 19-20, 2016, Canmore, AB:



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## Interesting Reads:

**10 Conversations I wish someone had with me as a Teenager**

<http://www.churchleaders.com/youth/youth-leaders-articles/275236-10-conversations-i-wish-someone-had-with-me-as-a-teenager.html>

Why churches should connect – Jim Renke is a Regional Minister in the NAB. Read his excellent article about churches being part of a fellowship rather than independent <http://jimrenke.com/>

Read the EFC response to the Assisted Suicide issue  
<http://www.evangelicalfellowship.ca/EuthanasiaUrgentAction>

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