

the GATHERING 2011

BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE IN ALBERTA



July 8, 2011 in Canmore, AB

Radisson Hotel & Conference Centre
511 Bow Valley Trail, Canmore, AB
(403-678-3625)



Dr. Reggie McNeal

Reggie currently serves as the Missional Leadership Specialist for Leadership Network of Dallas, TX. Reggie's past experience involves over a decade as a denominational executive and leadership development coach. He also served in local congregational leadership for over twenty years, including being the founding pastor of a new church. Reggie has taught as an adjunct faculty for multiple seminaries and has served as a consultant to local church, denomination, and para-church teams, as well as seminar presenter for thousands of church leaders across North America. He has also resourced the United States Army Chief of Chaplains Office, Air Force chaplains, and the Air Force Education and Training Command. Reggie's work also extends to the business sector, including The Gallup Organization. His books include *Revolution in Leadership*, *A Work of Heart: Understanding How God Shapes Spiritual Leaders*, *The Present Future*, *Practicing Greatness Get A Life!* His latest book, *Missional Renaissance: Changing the Scorecard for the Church* details the three shifts that church leaders must make to engage the missional movement and offers suggestions for a different scorecard to reflect missional ministry.

Dear BGCA Delegates,

We welcome you to our Annual Celebration 2011 where the delegates from our 26 BGCA churches will gather as a district in Canmore, at the Radisson Hotel and Conference Centre. This year, we partner with the Baptist General Conference of Canada national conference, which runs from July 5-8. The Baptist General Conference of Alberta and the BGCC will gather together for an all-day seminar with guest presenter Reggie McNeal. During lunch (12 noon – 2:00 p.m.), we will hold our district annual general meeting privately. We encourage you to participate in the national convention July 5-8, or simply come for just the day, July 8 for the Reggie McNeal seminar and our annual general meeting (lunch provided). Cost for the one day Reggie McNeal seminar, lunch, and annual general meeting is now \$110.00 per person or \$220.00 per couple.

Online registration is available for those who attend the Celebration 2011 July 5-8 and for those who only attend the BGC Alberta annual general meeting on Friday, July 8. At the registration site, please ensure you click the name of the event that corresponds with the one you wish to register for. If you attend the entire BGCC celebration, the Reggie McNeal seminar and lunch are included. If you only attend the one seminar and the BGCA AGM, lunch is also included. You must also reserve a room at the Radisson Hotel before June 5 to receive a special rate of \$129/night. Let them know that you're booking with the Baptist General Conference of Canada. 1-800-395-7046. Or register online below and use the promotional pin code: BAPGEN.

BGC: http://www.bgc.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=297&Itemid=462

Radisson Hotel: www.radisson.com/reservation

REGGIE McNEAL SEMINAR AND BGCA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Friday, July 8: Schedule

9:00am	Reggie McNeal - Session 1
10:15am	Coffee Break
10:45am	Reggie McNeal - Session 2
12 Noon	Lunch (Provided) BGCA Annual Meeting (During Lunch)
2:15pm	Reggie McNeal - Session 3
3:45pm	Reggie McNeal - Session 4
5:00pm	Final Q & A
5:30pm	Dismissal

BGCA BOARD NOMINEES

The voting delegates of the BGCA are asked to affirm the following three outstanding nominees for service as members on the Board of the Baptist General Conference Alberta. They have each served the past three years as board members, whose terms come up for renewal this year.

Tammy Janzen



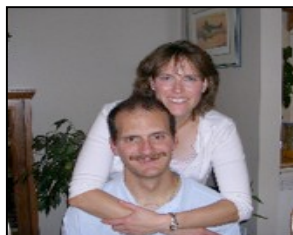
Tammy serves as a Human Resources Specialist at Alberta Pension Services Corporation in Edmonton. She served alongside her husband Heinz who was the Lead pastor at Killam Baptist Church the past four years. She has served on the board of the BCGA the past three years variously as Vice Chair and Chair.

Luchie Swinton



Luchie serves as Rehabilitation Facilitator for the Calgary Stroke Program and also Chair of the Rehabilitation Committee for the Alberta Provincial Stroke Strategy. In addition, she serves as Chair of the leadership team at Abundant Life Church, Calgary. She has served on the board of the BGCA the past three years as the Secretary.

Vaughn Manson



Vaughn with his wife Tara is entering his 11th year as Pastor at Arrowwood Gospel Church. He graduated from Northwest Baptist Theological College with a Bachelor of Theology. Vaughn has served on the board of the BGCA for the past three years as a member at large.

BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE IN ALBERTA

Roger Helland, *District Executive Coach*, Murray Jarman, *Associate DC*.

Our mission: “*To help establish and empower missional, disciple-making leaders and churches in Alberta.*”

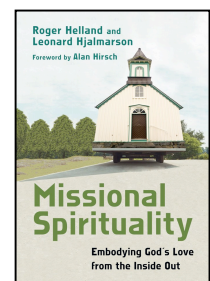


Looking Back

1. Last year was a fruitful year of “coaching” as we held weekend coaching meetings with nine of our churches to help them clarify their mission and develop disciple-making strategies.
2. Two new lead pastors joined us: John Zheng of Calgary Rainbow Christian Church (Mandarin) and Len Nation at Innisfail Baptist. Xinwei Lin moved from Calgary Rainbow Christian Church to Lansdowne Chinese Baptist in Edmonton. Two lead pastors resigned: Greg MacRobbie of Ebenezer (Wetaskiwin) and Heinz Janzen of Killam Baptist. Chris Xu was ordained and Ed Stuckey joined The Gathering in Edmonton to help pastor Josh Pantoja.
3. Our monthly pastoral clusters and our *Missional Training Forum* provided a great place of camaraderie, prayer, and ideas. Our goal is discipleship and last year we saw 120 baptized!

Looking Ahead

1. We have at least 3 locations in vision and seed form that have the potential to become *missional communities*: one in Calgary and two in Edmonton, as well as the vision and potential for another Mandarin church plant in West Edmonton. For an overview of missional communities watch the four short videos by Hugh Halter: <http://missio.us/videos> and read: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Missional_community
2. We will continue to offer coaching and leadership development to our churches as well as continue with monthly pastoral cluster meetings. Calgary pastors Jeff Edwards of Northwest and Mike Swalm of Abundant Life are also moving toward ordination in the fall.
3. We plan to launch an experiment—in lieu of our Harvest Celebrations—with an evening of dessert and dialogue, called *Imagin8*. Based on Ephesians 3:20, our goal will be to provide a forum for our people to share ideas and stimulate their imaginations in terms of what God is doing and could be doing in their churches, followed by prayer and a commissioning.
4. We plan to launch a BGCA *Facebook* site to help with district wide social and spiritual networking, ideas, resources, communication, conferring and collaboration, prayer, and connection among our churches, pastors, and people.
5. District Executive Coach, Roger Helland, also has a new book to be published by IVP Books in October called *Missional Spirituality: Embodying God’s Love From the Inside Out*. For an overview of the book and for his new blog website see: <http://missionalspirituality.com>
6. We plan to learn from and apply Reggie McNeal’s teaching to develop new practices and ways to measure effectiveness in mission and discipleship.



BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE OF CANADA

Jamey McDonald, *Executive Director*

Greetings from the 115 sister churches across Canada and hundreds of workers around the world. Congrats to you on an excellent year of ministry. People ask about work across our conference and I am pleased to report the following:



1. *Quebec* continues to be a shining light. In 2004 we were 3 churches. Today we are 12. We added one new church last year. As many of us came to realize at our Montreal 2010 Celebration, ministry in Quebec labours in stony soil.
2. *Manitoba and NW Ontario (Central Canada)*. We have both big and little churches. I highlight 2 of them: Upper Falls Baptist Church (Vermilion Bay, ON) has 30 people and no pastor. But they function as a gospel witness. Each week they take collections and 60% of the funds go to mission work outside themselves. Tabor Baptist Church (Winnipeg) is close to 20 people. In 2010 they donated over 30,000 pounds of food for the Winnipeg Food Bank.
3. *Saskatchewan*. Ebenezer Baptist Church (Saskatoon) started two new congregations in 2010. One is to Russian immigrants in the area and one is to the inner city of Saskatoon. BGC Sask hopes to start a new community in 2012/13 in the Saskatoon area.
4. *British Columbia*—continues to be our largest district (36 churches). Part of their practice is to meet each fall for a 2-day pastor/leader prayer retreat to seek God's plan for their churches. Rising out of that time is a burden to see churches established in Northern BC as well as the Lower Mainland. They established 1 new church last year.
5. *Alberta*—it has been a delight to work with Roger Helland from the Alberta leadership team. He is a bright, courageous leader with much to offer provincially and nationally.

Larger items to be aware of from 2010/2011:

1. Over \$60,000 was collected for relief situations in Haiti and Japan (earthquake relief).
2. Viet Nam church building—we are shaping a nation by assisting in the construction of their first building for our sister churches there. The goal is \$145000 and we are half way.
3. Phoenix Think Tank—March 2011; 16 pastors (3 from each district) gathered to think about the future of the BGCC in the 21st century. (Thanks to John Klassen, Colin Green, Dean Yurkewich and Roger Helland). Our 2011 Celebration in Canmore will follow up on this.
4. School of Orientation. 23 new pastors were received into the BGCC this past March.
5. BILD. Leadership training by CBS/Conference Leaders is now rolling. There are 8 sites across Canada. The Alberta site is at Castledowns, Edmonton.
6. 20\20 Leadership Summit for Young Adults—January 2012, Canmore Alberta. Pastor Chris Price of Calvary Baptist Coquitlam will speak. I am praying for 5 new communities of believers in Alberta. Who will emerge to lead them? **For updates and information on *Canadian Baptist Seminary, The Journey, and BGCC*, see the annual report of the *BGCC*: www.bgc.ca.**

BGCA Investment and Loan Fund
April 2010 to March 2011

The Fund and History

The BGCA Investment and Loan Fund (Fund) began operating in 1961 with assets of \$20,545 and it has funded over 25 building projects in the BGCA. The total assets are now in excess of \$2.4 million. The Fund showed a surplus of \$16,782, which is somewhat lower than that for the previous year. The lower surplus is because of lower interest rates on surplus cash in the Fund. The net assets of the Fund grew by that amount. The operation of the fund is simple. Money is borrowed from members and friends at one interest rate and lent to Churches for a higher interest rate. The current interest rate paid to the investors is 4 1/2% and the interest rate charged to the Churches is 6%. Interest is paid to the investors twice yearly and the Churches usually make mortgage payments monthly. The money gained by the difference (1 1/2%) in the interest rates is used for administration and building additional assets in the Fund. The Fund issues Bonds to the investors. The current amount of the outstanding Bonds and accrued interest was \$810,191 at year-end. (See financial statement for more details.)



2010 -2011 Activities

There was one new loan made to Faith Builders International Church (FBI) to purchase a unit in a condominium warehouse to be used for their Church services. This loan was for \$325,000 and payments are being made monthly on the mortgage. The other activities of the Fund were administrative in the paying of interest, collecting payments and issuing new and renewal bonds. We are pleased to state that no loans are in arrears. With excess cash in our account the surplus reported for the last fiscal year was significantly reduced. There has been little demand for funds.

It has been my practise to meet with the Churches and their Boards when a request has been made for a loan. This past year I made one visits to the FBI Church. I wish to thank Bob Rolfe for his assistance in the review of this proposed project.

Future Loans

One application for a loan has been received from the Castledowns Church for improvements to their facility. Details have not been finalized at the time of writing this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Stan Nelson (Trustee for the Investment Fund)

Agenda

Annual General Meeting July 8, 2011, Canmore, AB.

12:00 Lunch

12:30 Welcome & Prayer

12:35 Minutes of Last Meeting (p. 7)

Motion 2011-01 Accept the Minutes of July 8, 2011

12:40 Update on BGCA

12:55 Affirm Board Member Nominees & Welcome New Pastors into the BGCA (p. 2)

MOTIONS FOR AFFIRMATION: 2011-12

Motion 2011-02 Based on the recommendation of the Board and District Executive Coach, that we affirm Tammy Janzen, Luchie Swinton, and Vaughn Manson for a second three-year term on the BGCA board.

1:05 Affirm BGCC Affirmation of Faith (pp. 8-10)

Motion 2011-03 That we adopt the BGCC Affirmation of Faith revised in July 2010, incorporate it into the Appendix of the BGCA Constitution and By-laws and discard the previous BGCC Affirmation of Faith.

1:15 Financial Report and Affirm 2011-12 Budget (pp. 11ff.)

Motion 2011-04 Based on the recommendation of the BGCA Stewardship Team and Board, that we adopt the Financial Report and Annual Budget for fiscal year 2011-12 as published.

1:50 Free Will Offering to Support the Mission of the BGCA

1:55 Prayer

2:00 Dismiss

Annual General Meeting Minutes

Baptist General Conference in Alberta

June 5, 2010

Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wetaskiwin

Board chair Tammy Janzen opened the meeting at 10:50am with opening prayer.

Motion 10-01: to adopt the minutes of June 2009 AGM as published (John Klassen/Robert Sandford) MSC

Roger Helland brought an update on the district. This past year largely completed a time of transition, with a lot of new pastors coming in and people leaving. There have been many successes throughout the province with many churches seeing good growth and lots of baptisms.

Welcome of new pastors and honoring of outgoing board members and pastors. New pastors: Peter & Miriam Co, Colin & Colleen Green, Clint Mathies, Bill & Bonnie McGillivray.

Motion 10-02 Based on the recommendation of the BGCA Board and District Executive Coach, that we affirm Jeff Edwards, Ron Fehr and Stan Nelson as new board members for BGCA. (Erich Wagner/Laura Russell) MSC

Lone Prairie Camp – statement: Concerns have been raised regarding a certain lease with the camp that has required the district and the camp to seek legal counsel. Your district and camp leaders and boards have partnered together to resolve this matter; though there is a possibility that formal legal action could result. There have been several communications between the parties through their legal counsels already, but an important face-to-face meeting is scheduled to occur this week. Please be in prayer that a satisfactory outcome can result without litigation.

Motion 10-03 Based on the recommendation of the BGCA Audit Committee and Board, that we adopt the financial statements for fiscal year 2009-10 as published. (Raymond Yong/Joshua Pantoja) MSC

Motion 10-04 Based on the recommendation of the BGCA Stewardship Team and Board, that we adopt the Annual Budget for fiscal year 2010-11-10 as published. (Mike Swalm/Robert Sandford). MSC

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Kenn Eglauer

Category	BAPTIST GENERAL CONFERENCE CANADA: AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Accepted Revision July 2010	Previous Affirmation of Faith 1996
The Word of God	We believe that the Bible is the revealed Word of God, fully and verbally inspired, written under the direction of the Holy Spirit. We believe it is without error in the original manuscripts and is true and trustworthy in all that it asserts . It has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.	We believe that the Bible is the Word of God, fully and verbally inspired by the Holy Spirit. We believe that the Bible in its original manuscripts is free from all falsehood or mistake and so is entirely true and trustworthy in all its assertions on all matters of natural and theological fact and that it has supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
The Trinity	We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption. <u>No change</u>	We believe that there is one living and true God, eternally existing in three persons, that these are equal in every divine perfection, and that they execute distinct, but harmonious offices in the work of creation, providence and redemption.
God the Father	We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of each person, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ. <u>No change</u>	We believe in God, the Father, an infinite, personal spirit, perfect in holiness, wisdom, power and love. We believe that He concerns Himself mercifully in the affairs of men, that He hears and answers prayer, and that He saves from sin and death all who come to Him through Jesus Christ.
God the Son (Changed from 'Jesus Christ')	We believe in Jesus Christ, existing eternally as God's Son. In His incarnation He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of a virgin, led a sinless life, performed miracles and taught with authority . We believe in his substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal visible return to earth.	We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, conceived by the Holy Spirit. We believe in His virgin birth, sinless life, miracles and teachings. We believe in His substitutionary atoning death, bodily resurrection, ascension into heaven, perpetual intercession for His people and personal visible return to earth.
God the Holy Spirit (Changed from 'The Holy Spirit')	We believe in the Holy Spirit, who was sent by the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.	We believe in the Holy Spirit, who came forth from the Father and Son to convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgement, and to regenerate, sanctify and empower all who believe in Jesus Christ. We believe that the Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Christ and that He is an abiding helper, teacher and guide.

Angels	We believe that angels are a distinct order of created spiritual beings; that they can appear in human form; that good angels minister to human beings and serve God as special messengers; that Satan, a fallen angel, and his evil angels whom he leads, exercise great but limited evil power in the world, and will suffer final defeat at the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ. <u>No change</u>	We believe that angels are a distinct order of created spiritual beings; that they can appear in human form; that good angels minister to human beings and serve God as special messengers; that Satan, a fallen angel, and his evil angels whom he leads, exercise great but limited evil power in the world, and will suffer final defeat at the hands of the Lord Jesus Christ.
Regeneration	We believe that all people are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust Jesus Christ as Saviour are regenerated by the Holy Spirit. <u>No change</u>	We believe that all men are sinners by nature and by choice and are, therefore, under condemnation. We believe that those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ as Savior are regenerated by the Holy Spirit.
The Church	We believe in the universal church, the living spiritual body of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a community of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, ministry and fellowship . We believe that the mission of the church is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ into our lost world.	We believe in the universal church, a living spiritual body of which Christ is the Head and all regenerated persons are members. We believe in the local church, consisting of a company of believers in Jesus Christ, baptized on a credible profession of faith, and associated for worship, work and fellowship. We believe that God has laid upon the members of the local church the primary of task of giving the gospel of Jesus Christ to a lost world.
Christian Conduct	We believe that Christians should live for the glory of God and the well-being of others ; that their conduct should be blameless before the world; that they should be faithful stewards of their possessions; and that they should seek to realize for themselves and others the full stature of maturity in Christ. <u>(gender neutral)</u>	We believe that a Christian should live for the glory of God and the well-being of his fellow men; that his conduct should be blameless before the world; that he should be a faithful steward of his possessions; and that he should seek to realize for himself and others the full stature of maturity in Christ.
Ordinances	We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe in Christian Baptism as the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ in order to remember His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and celebrated until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.	We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has committed two ordinances to the local church: baptism and the Lord's Supper. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water into the name of the triune God. We believe that the Lord's Supper was instituted by Christ for commemoration of His death. We believe that these two ordinances should be observed and administered until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

<p>Church Cooperation</p>	<p>We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in an association of likeminded congregations. Such an organization, whether a district or national conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with inter-denominational fellowships on a voluntary, independent basis. <u>No change</u></p>	<p>We believe that local churches can best promote the cause of Jesus Christ by cooperating with one another in a denominational organization. Such an organization, whether a regional or district conference, exists and functions by the will of the churches. Cooperation in a conference is voluntary and may be terminated at any time. Churches may likewise cooperate with inter-denominational fellowships on a voluntary, independent basis.</p>
<p>Last Things</p>	<p>We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the endless suffering of the unbeliever in Hell and the eternal joy of the believer in the presence of God.</p>	<p>We believe in the personal and visible return of the Lord Jesus Christ to earth and the establishment of His kingdom. We believe in the resurrection of the body, the final judgment, the eternal felicity of the righteous, and the endless suffering of the wicked.</p>

Baptist General Conference in Alberta Combined Actuals and Budget 2011-12

	Actual		Budget			
	Apr 2010 - Mar 2011		2010-11		2011-12	
	General	Inv Fund	General	Inv Fund	General	Inv Fund
Income						
Donations - Received	23,211		26,000		15,750	
Church Donations	157,850		166,000		153,000	
Gifts from Other Charities	5,695		8,000		3,300	
Unreceipted Donations	267		2,500		1,000	
Other Income	46,969		25,593		29,500	
Interest on Mortgages & Loans		62,374		84,900		74,850
Interest Income	569	2,193	200	2,400	500	\$ 2,500
Total Income	234,560	64,567	228,093	87,300	203,050	77,350
Expense						
Salaries & Benefits	130,187		130,000		122,200	
Church Planting Expenses	1,875		4,200	25,300	14,000	
Leadership Development	4,575		9,500		6,250	
Meetings & Conferences	7,495		12,650		8,200	
Travel & Hospitality	14,284		16,750		14,750	
Professional Fees & Services	14,755		14,000		11,000	
Bookkeeping Fees	6,821		9,500		7,500	
Office Expenses	3,081		4,300		3,750	
Amortization	9,541		6,800		7,000	
Rent	6,000		6,600		6,600	
Phones & Utilities	3,660		3,600		3,700	
Insurance	2,771		2,750		3,000	
Bank & interest charges	474	51	575	50	675	300
Other Expenses	(400)		17,243			
Administrative Recoveries	(15,000)	15,000	(15,000)	15,000	(15,000)	15,000
Bond Interest Costs		32,644		32,800		34,000
Total Expense	190,120	47,695	223,468	73,150	193,625	49,300
Net Income	44,440	16,872	4,625	14,150	9,425	28,050

Comments:

Salaries & Benefits: reflects 5% cost of living increase for Roger after two years of no increase, also support staffing moving from 3/4 time to half-time during the fall

Church Planting expenses: we hope to increase the number of people receiving training for church planting; due to changes in church planting models and a lack of viable church planting initiatives/projects, we anticipate lower need for grant aid in upcoming year

Leadership Development: reflects phasing out of Journey support at conclusion of agreed three-year support, and reallocating funds to support Canadian Baptist Seminary

Meetings & Conferences: planning to decentralize Harvest to 5-6 smaller events with lower costs to run the event, also less revenue needed to cover costs; Annual Conference costs higher this year due to bringing in well-known speaker for seminar

Amortization: actuals reflect quicker amortization of a new computer (budgeted to be amortized over three years, based on advice of auditors it was amortized fully during past fiscal year)

Professional fees: decrease from last year's budget as we don't anticipate any further legal fees in upcoming year

Other Expenses: reflects income from sale of old computer which had been capitalized