

Incorporation

The final draft of the General Operating Bylaw is now available. Since initial discussions in Convention Council over four years ago, we have invested a great deal of time, energy and resources around the issue of incorporation and the development of this document.

Early in 2008, consultations were held across our Convention that gave opportunity for dialogue. Listening to the concerns of constituents, Council slowed the process down and engaged in a second round of consultations and several revisions of the document. CABP President, Dr. Robert Knowles, comments, “As a Convention Council and family of churches, we have been engaged in a process, a journey of clarification of mission and ministry, and God has been with us as we have worked through this process of incorporation.”

One way to help you understand this document is by answering some “Frequently Asked Questions”. Here are a few (these and others are available on our website):

Have the concerns and questions of Atlantic Baptists been taken into consideration?

Yes, Council has given several opportunities for the member churches to speak into this process. We have received good and helpful feedback from our constituents through two rounds of consultations as well as many letters and emails. Every suggestion was reviewed and carefully considered by the Incorporation Working Group. This led to many

positive changes being made in the General Operating Bylaw document. We believe this incredibly valuable process has resulted in a deep sense of ownership.

Does the General Operating Bylaw infringe on our deeply held belief in the autonomy of the local church?

No, definitely not. The following statement is taken from the General Operating Bylaw: “Local Churches may define their own affirmations of faith and covenant, enjoy the freedom of doctrinal statements, organize and govern their church life under autonomous constitutions and bylaws, develop their ministries, mission, and service, call or dismiss their own pastors and other staff, choose their own officers, and own, control, and dispose of their property without the permission or approval of the Convention” (Section 3.04 (a)).

The final draft is available on our website (www.baptist-atlantic.ca/oasis/business) or you can request a copy directly from our office. It will be presented at Oasis 2010 for discussion and a vote. Please take the time to read it and discuss it within your churches so that the delegates you send to Oasis will be informed.

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Hospital Chaplaincy

The care and comfort provided by hospital chaplains can make a world of difference to patients, families and even hospital staff. Often, the medical staff are focused on the physical care of the patient and may not have the time to attend to the emotional and spiritual care that is needed in a time of suffering. This is where the value of the hospital chaplaincy is felt most. **They are able to spend more time with patients and are able to contribute to a more holistic approach to care.** The hospital chaplains have the opportunity to journey with patients and their families bringing the love and hope of Jesus.

While many hospitals in our region rely on local volunteers, some Associations have funded either part or full time chaplaincy services for over 40 years with significant benefit. The Saint John Regional Hospital is the site for the NB Heart Centre as well as recently being designated a Level 1 Trauma Centre for the province. Rev. Randy Fawkes, chaplain for this area, says that *“The support offered by the chaplain is particularly appreciated by those who come from other regions who would otherwise have limited contact with their own pastor.”*

Rev. Gerald Burke & Rev. Adele Crowell also have contact with many patients outside the

Halifax region. The QEII Health Sciences Centre is the only place in Atlantic Canada for patients requiring organ transplants and other specialized care as well as the IWK Hospital providing acute care to many of our children. *“We see people whose whole lives are shattered, whose whole future is uncertain,”* shares Gerald Burke, Halifax Hospital Chaplaincy. *“To that present darkness, we bring God’s love and light.”*



Most of us have experienced the care and compassion of a chaplain whether as a patient or family member, and can quickly testify to their value. Financial support has been a recurring issue as the chaplaincies do not receive any government funding and must rely on donations from our churches and other individuals. To find out how you can help, contact your Association or our office.

Rapha Initiative

An Awakening of Compassion: A Christian Perspective on Mental Health

1 in 5 people in our region will suffer a mental illness.

Every congregation can create a safe and supportive fellowship for all members and mental health consumers in particular. This DVD offers perspectives from consumers, caregivers, pastors, and other professionals. Whether in a workshop, small group or in a Sunday School class, the DVDs and accompanying study guide will stimulate open discussion to help break down the barriers that exist around these issues.

The DVD and booklet is available through your local Baptist Association, or through Rev. Jennifer Smart, Chairperson of the Rapha Initiative (smart_jennifer@hotmail.com). The Rapha Initiative is a working group under the direction of Dr. Lois Mitchell.

Watch the trailer on our YouTube channel
www.youtube.com/user/cabc1655

www.baptist-atlantic.ca/departments/witness/rapha

This resource was made possible through a grant from the Mental Health Foundation of Nova Scotia and was produced by Rev. Peter Metcalfe, Bedford, NS.

Camp Ministry

SUMMER IS COMING!

We have thoughts of enjoying the great outdoors, canoeing on the lake, roasting marshmallows over a bonfire, and special times spent with friends.

There are several Association or church owned camps around our Convention that provide all of these experiences packed into one week. You can camp with your entire family. Or you can go hiking off into the wilderness. There are camp programs for just about every age group and there is always something to interest everyone. René Robichaud, Executive Director of Shiktehawk Bible

Camp (Bristol, NB) is excited about what God is going to do this summer through camp ministry. “We want your camp experience to be far more than a fun filled summer vacation – we want it to be an amazing life developing adventure! At camp, you will create new friendships, learn new skills, participate in a caring, social environment, and experience the love of God.”

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Do you sense that God may be calling you into ministry as a Lay Pastor? Do you feel called to enhance your skills and knowledge to be better equipped for ministry within your own local church? Then the Lay Pastor Training Program may be for you.

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www.baptist-atlantic.ca/lptp

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September 13th

Berwick, NS: Youth Leader Training
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September 14th

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www.baptist-atlantic.ca/fall-training-tour

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Acadia Divinity College



Stephen McMullin appointed as Director of New Brunswick Extension Program



The Board of Trustees of Acadia Divinity College has voted unanimously to appoint Stephen McMullin as Director of the proposed New Brunswick Extension Program.

"We are incredibly excited about this new and innovative program and the leadership that Stephen will bring to make it a success," says Dr. Harry Gardner, President of ADC.

It is envisioned that, like ADC's Metro Halifax program, the New Brunswick extension program will enable both laypeople and those heading toward ordained ministry to study close to home and complete a significant por-

tion of their degree. Students will be able to complete a degree by combining these extension courses along with intensive courses and distance education courses.

"My responsibility is to implement a shared vision that will establish a highly-regarded and sustainable program that is a true partnership between the seminary, the students, and the churches," says McMullin.

McMullin, who is currently completing his Ph.D. in Sociology of Religion at the University of New Brunswick, has spent more than 27 years serving both rural and urban areas in ministry.

Acadia Divinity College Receives Three Significant Grants

The Baptist Foundation recently awarded ADC two grants of \$25,000 each. The first will assist with the promotion and development of Acadia's innovative Doctor of Ministry Program. The second grant provides seed money to help develop ADC's proposed New Brunswick Extension Program.



In addition, the Christie Foundation of Amherst [First Baptist Church of Amherst] provided a generous grant to enable the

College to develop a strategic plan leading to the establishment of the proposed Taylor Chaplaincy Center. It is envisioned that this Center will offer training and resourcing for military, hospital, and correctional service chaplains.

The College wishes to thank these and other generous supporters. For information on how you can invest in these and other strategic initiatives to advance the ministry of the College, please contact Dr. David Watt, Director of Development at (902) 585-2218.

ADC Expands Canada's Largest Doctor of Ministry Program

ADC, which offers Canada's most innovative and affordable D.Min., has added a host of new courses and instructors in the areas of Spiritual Formation, Leadership and Strategic Planning, Preaching, Biblical Studies, and Theology to its D.Min. program. New unique features also include:

- Holy Land study tour
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New Director

Associate Professor of Leadership, Dr. Bruce Fawcett, has been appointed as the new Director of Doctoral Studies at Acadia. Contact Bruce to learn how you can grow as a ministry leader through ADC's D.Min. bruce.fawcett@acadiau.ca



Continuing Education Spring 2010

All courses to be held
at Acadia Divinity College

Youth Ministry: Adolescents at Risk
May 17 – 21 with *Dr. Marv Penner*

Dead Sea Scrolls and the New Testament
May 31 – June 4 with *Dr. Craig Evans*

**Biblical Understanding of Family
and Marriage**
May 24 – 28 with *Gail Noel*

Events of Interest

May 14
5:00 for 5:30 p.m.
Commissioning Supper
(*Wheelock Dining Hall*)

May 14
7:30 p.m.
Commissioning Service
(*Wolfville Baptist Church*)

May 16
3:00 p.m.
Convocation Ceremony
for ADC graduates
(*Acadia University*)



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