

Core Ministry Priorities

As a ministry partnership of nearly 500 Canadian Baptist churches in the Atlantic Provinces, our role is to resource our pastors, churches, and people, and to facilitate shared mission on behalf of our churches.

In our commitment to *help churches grow passionate disciples*, our Convention has identified three key objectives: **Evangelizing**, **Teaching** and **Serving**. We are committed to fulfilling these objectives through six core priorities:

1. Healthy Churches:

- Strategic Ministry Planning
- Ministry Initiative Grants
- Congregational mission consultants
- Equipping Lay-Pastors
- Seminars and Conferences
- Stewardship Education
- Treasurer's Handbook
- Establishing and maintaining professional standards and ethics for clergy
- Investments and loans for churches and individuals
- Special speakers for various events

2. Effective Pastors:

- *Potential Impact* called-to-ministry program
- Seminary education
- Ministerial credentialing and professional ethics
- Pastoral Coaching
- Resources for Navigating Current Social Issues
- Link – Clergy Teen Retreat
- Ministry Wives' Retreat
- Ministerial Best Practices
- Seminars, Conferences and Retreats
- Recommended salary and benefit guidelines
- Pensions, Insurances, and Benefits

3. Creative Mission:

- Regional mission - evangelism, church planting, congregational revitalization, urban ministry and ethnic ministry
- National mission - French evangelism and church planting, aboriginal ministry and ministry to refugees
- International mission in over 20 countries

4. Passionate Next Generations:

- *Springforth* youth conference
- *Tidal Impact* youth mission tour
- Courses and conferences for youth leaders
- Youth Pastors' Summit
- *Atlantic Baptist Youth Executive*
- Christian undergraduate education
- Young adults short-term mission trips
- Parenting Seminars
- Regional and international Family Mission Tours
- 15 camps in Atlantic Canada

5. Focused Compassion:

- 15 apartment and nursing home facilities for Seniors
- Training Military, Prison, Hospital and Nursing Home Chaplains
- Income supplements for low-income retired pastors/widows
- Rental supplement to assist retired pastors, missionaries and widows
- Baptist Senior Citizens' Homes facilities
- Advocacy for the vulnerable
- Grants for community-based outreach initiatives

6. Celebrated Community:

- Annual gathering and celebration at Convention Assembly
- Leadership of our ministries
- *Convention Connection* bulletin inserts
- Our website - www.baptist-atlantic.ca
- E-updates
- Preservation and celebration of our heritage
- Books and publications
- Online directory to stay connected



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