



We have launched a new blog called Fusi³on on our website (<http://baptist-atlantic.ca/blog>). Fusi³on captures the spirit of who we are and what we want to be about as churches in Atlantic Canada. The blog introduces the following descriptive and prescriptive priorities (“13”):

Impact Leaders
Infuse Culture
Ignite Mission

We want to make certain that everything we do aligns to focus on these three priorities as we strive together for “Healthy churches - missional churches.”

IMPACT LEADERS – We want to be intentional about resourcing and equipping both existing and emerging leaders.

INFUSE CULTURE – Together we can make our communities better by focusing on alleviating poverty, promoting justice for marginalized people and offering hospitality to all creating a beautiful inter-cultural mosaic.

IGNITE MISSION – We want to come along side and learn from those who are already doing this and find ways to assist churches and Associations to expand the Kingdom of God and bring people to faith and radical discipleship in Jesus Christ.

Check out the blog often for new posts. We want to stimulate discussion and engagement around what we see as our mandate as a CABC family. Join the conversation!



Matt Wilkinson
Dir. Youth Ministries, CBOQ

Youth Pastors Summit (Dartmouth)
“Youth Ministry: Now and Not Yet”

Fall Training Tour (HRM 23rd & Moncton 24th)
“Engaging the Wireless Generation”

September 23-24, 2013
<http://baptist-atlantic.ca>

FELLOWSHIP OASIS CAFÉ
OASIS KIDS SEMINARS FAMILY BUSINESS
OASIS YOUTH ALUMNI BBQs
SOUL CAFÉ

OASIS 2013 Register online: baptist-atlantic.ca/oasis

August 9-11 | Wolfville, NS

Rev. Dr. Peter Reid
Speaker

Rev. Dr. Lennett Anderson
Speaker

Dan Bromnes
Worship Leader

Steve Bell
Concert

- Pre-Oasis Events Thursday, Aug. 8th
- Pastors Forum with Dr. Peter Reid - 2:00pm
- AUBA Worship Experience - 7:00pm
- Executive Minister's Kitchen Party - 8:45pm
- Friday Night Combined Rally with Tidal Impact
- Celebrating 250 Years of Baptist Witness
- Audio Downloads inc. in registration (\$29 value)
- Free MP3s if you register online

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ct.esc.wkd
Clergy Teen Retreat

September 27-29, 2013
Camp Wildwood, NB

Designed specifically for
teens growing up in
CABC ministry families
Age 13- Grade 12

www.baptist-atlantic.ca/link

POTENTIAL IMPACT

Discover Your Calling
Invitation only event
for students
entering Grade 12

October 4-6, 2013
Camp Wildwood, NB

To Nominate: youthandfamily@baptist-atlantic.ca

CBM
www.cbmin.org

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

CBM is looking for 16-21 year olds who attended Springforth for at least one year between 2012-2014, to become part of a Short-Term Ministry team going to Kenya in March 2014.

Your Passion
Increase your understanding of global food security issues.

Your Neighbours
Who is your neighbour? Journey with us to Kenya to find out.

Your Community
The things you learn will have a huge impact on your local community.

To learn more visit:
www.baptist-atlantic.ca/springforth-mission-trip

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tidal Impact – Aug. 3-10
www.tidalimpact.ca

Oasis 2013 – Aug. 9-11
<http://baptist-atlantic.ca/oasis>
Pre-Oasis Events – Aug. 8th

Healthy Church Planting & Multiplication Conference
with Ed Stetzer – Aug. 29-30
www.kingswood.edu/cca

Youth Pastors Summit – Sept. 23-24
<http://baptist-atlantic.ca/youth-pastors-summit>

Fall Training Tour – Sept. 23-24
<http://baptist-atlantic.ca/fall-training-tour>

Link – Sept. 27-29
<http://baptist-atlantic.ca/link>

Potential Impact – Oct. 4-6
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Scan the QR Code with your smart phone or tablet to visit the CABC website.

Mobile site & apps coming soon!



CRANDALL AND ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE ANNOUNCE NEW PARTNERSHIP

Crandall University in Moncton, New Brunswick, and Acadia Divinity College (ADC) in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, have announced plans to cooperate in offering a unique educational opportunity to undergraduate students. This partnership will allow a student to enroll simultaneously in an Acadia University Bachelor of Theology (BTh) program while completing a Bachelor of Arts (BA), Bachelor of Science (BSc), or Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) degree at Crandall University. Both degrees can be completed concurrently in four years or four and a half years.

'The Acadia BTh equips students for diverse forms of leadership in the Christian community. Learning about the Bible, Christian thought, and service will enable graduates to make a difference in the world', says ADC President, Dr. Harry Gardner.

The Acadia BTh program will include courses in areas such as youth and young adult ministry, children's ministry, cross-cultural mission, and worship. Practicum experiences will allow students to focus their studies in an area of particular ministry interest. Students will also have an opportunity to complete an international short-term experience as part of their program.

'This program combination is unique in Canada and will help students grow personally and spiritually. It will benefit churches and ministries where graduates serve as laypeople, and will encourage some students to undertake further preparation for full-time ministry,' notes Crandall University President, Dr. Bruce Fawcett.

This new initiative is made possible in part through a generous grant from the Atlantic Baptist Foundation which provides seed money to help launch the program.

Stairs to lead Crandall-Acadia Partnership

Rev. Dale Stairs has been appointed to serve as the Director of the new Crandall-Acadia Bachelor of Theology Partnership. Stairs, who will begin service in September 2013, will spend the first year designing and promoting the program to prepare for the first class of students who will be admitted in September 2014.



Stairs, who currently resides in Saint John NB, is an alumnus of both Crandall University and Acadia Divinity College, and he is completing a PhD at the Free University of Amsterdam. Stairs is a former youth pastor and pastor, and he currently serves as Director of the Youth and Family Ministries department for the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches and also as Director of the Youth and Young Adult Program at ADC. He has provided leadership at the national level through volunteer service with the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada and at the international level through the Baptist World Alliance. Dale and his wife, Twila, with their three children will be relocating to the Moncton NB area.

Things you should know about your University



- Total enrollment for '12-'13 year reached 850 students. This is a 500% increase in the last 25 years.
- Dr. Bruce Fawcett was installed as the University's 8th President in September 2012. Dr. Fawcett is an ordained Pastor within the CABC and comes with excellent credentials as an academic and as a Christian leader within Christian circles in Canada.
- Over 91% of the \$24 million goal has been received or committed to the Future Foundations campaign, including commitments and gifts from over 150 churches within the Convention.
- Students enjoy a variety of extra-curricular activities including athletic competition within the Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association, Canadian Collegiate Athletic Association, and Atlantic Collegiate Athletic Association. For the first time the men's basketball team was nationally ranked, the men's baseball team went to nationals for the sixth time and two athletes were sent to Cross Country nationals for the first time.
- Chapel continues to be a focal point for the Crandall community experience. Currently, a search is underway for our first Dean of Chapel.
- Recognizing their many years of service to Crandall University, Drs. Gary LeBlanc, Douglas Mantz, and Carol Thorne were recently given the title "Professor Emeritus."
- On May 3rd, Crandall unveiled its new donor wall in Stultz Hall and following conveyed the Distinguished Alumni Awards to Dr. Malcolm Beckett (Class of 1974) and Mrs. Laura Selig (Class of 1996) at an awards dinner.
- Graduation took place on May 4th (Education at 9:00 AM, Arts, Business and Science at 2:00PM). Leadership awards were presented to former Moncton City Councillor, Mrs. Kathryn Barnes and former Crandall University President, Dr. Brian MacArthur.



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I WAS A STRANGER

BY PAUL CARLINE | Director of Intercultural Ministries

Jesus was one. Einstein was one. William was one. **A refugee.**

William and Kpazay and their two daughters now live in Saint John, NB. They are proud Liberians and, they would be quick to add, proud members of Forest Hills Baptist who sponsored and settled them so well.

Another young refugee family will be received by Forest Hills this Spring. The church has committed themselves to **biblical hospitality** – *philoxenos: the love of strangers*. Such love isn't always "successful." It can be messy, but it sure beats xenophobia: the fear of strangers. And, it thrills Jesus: "Welcome to the kingdom of my father!! ... for I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matt.25:35)



William, Kpazay, and their daughters.

Want to be more hospitable?

- Refugees are people outside of their home country because of war and persecution and there are 15 million of them worldwide.
- Canada welcomes and resettles about 12,000 annually.
- The CABC is a Sponsorship Agreement Holder and can help your church with a private sponsorship.
- Is God calling you and your church to other marginalized people nearby?

• There are refugees (and other newcomers) already here, possibly living near you and desperate for connections and community.

• Get the contact info for the settlement service provider near you from one of these organizations: www.nbmc.ca (NB); www.isisns.ca (NS); www.peianc.com (PE); www.nlmfac.ca (NL)

• **June 20th is International Refugee Day.** Check out some of this info: <http://www.refugeehighway.net/resources/world-refugee-sunday>

• Let the lives of refugees change our lives.

• Contact Paul Carline, the CABC's Director of Inter-Cultural Ministries, for ideas or with your ideas.

In Africa they say, "It takes a community to raise a child." It really takes a community to raise

anyone – refugees especially. **They are looking for healing, hope and a home.** Hospitality offers all that. The love of strangers marked the early church and changed their world. We are praying for such a movement to grow (like wild fire) in our Convention and communities. With William and Kpazay let us give thanks for God's hospitable love to us in Christ. We were all refugees and are now fellow-citizens and family members.



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