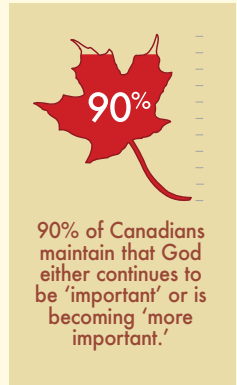


## TAKE A RISK!

### A NOTE FROM THE EXECUTIVE MINISTER

Jesus took full advantage of ministry opportunities. Consider the story of Zachaeus. Zachaeus was searching for spiritual meaning in life. Today, many Canadians are spiritually open. Sociologist Reg Bibby says, "At a time when only 26% of Canadians are saying that religion is 'very important' to them, about 90% maintain that God either continues to be 'important' or is becoming 'more important.' Make no mistake about it: God is doing well in the polls." Jesus was willing to risk reaching someone who was not accepted in the religious culture. He looked at Zachaeus sitting on the limb of



a Sycamore tree and said, "Zachaeus, come down immediately, I must stay at your house today" (Luke 19:5). The meeting with Zachaeus was a "divine" appointment. Notice this encounter did not take

place in church. The crowd was very upset when Jesus decided to go home with this notorious person.



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Reaching unchurched people requires a willingness to spend time with people who are not like us. According to Rick Meigs, "Missional churches take the words of Jesus seriously when he said, "Go and be... (disciples). Such churches try to move beyond the 'come and see' approach to ministry." Reaching people for Christ in our culture requires a willingness to move out of our church buildings and into the lives of people who are spiritually hungry. Zachaeus had a life-changing encounter because Jesus was willing to enter his world and engage him where he lived. Jesus said, "Today salvation has come to this house... For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost" (Luke 19:9-10). Many people who are not interested in going to church are open to a spiritual encounter with God.

The question remains, "Are we willing to step outside our comfort zone and take the risk?"

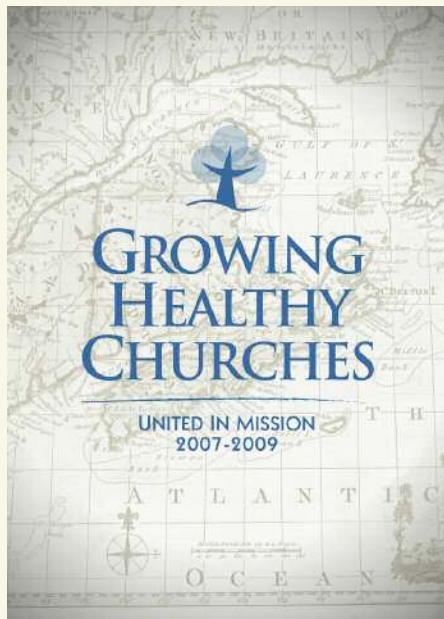
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## THANK YOU FOR GIVING!

Our Convention is a mission partnership of over 500 Atlantic Baptist Churches committed under God to enabling one another in growing passionate disciples of Christ, both locally and globally. While financial support from all churches is important and appreciated, we honour these churches who in 2008 expressed their deep commitment to this effective venture through their exemplary giving to our United in Mission annual fund.



**Did you know?...** In addition to financial support from member churches, the ministries of our Convention also depend on gifts from individuals. For more information on how you can personally support the ministries of our Convention visit [www.baptist-atlantic.ca/donate](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/donate) or contact Rev. Greg Jones, Director of Development, at (506) 635-1922 ext. 114.

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## ADC'S Website A great way to stay connected

ADC is committed to its students and also to the wider Christian community of which it is a part. To this end, we are continuing to work hard on making the our website an accessible and useful resource for the wider ADC family. The front page of the web site is a blog which is continually updated with a variety of information including upcoming events, notice of new resources, and faculty news.

The heart of ADC's community time is the weekly chapel gatherings. We are privileged to have a wide variety of excellent speakers — faculty, students, local pastors, and others from a variety of ministries. We are excited to now invite others to join us in chapel from a distance. Each chapel speaker is now audio recorded and placed on the ADC website. For your convenience, listeners can also subscribe to the chapel podcast in iTunes.

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## Abner J. Langley and Harold L. Mitton Chair An opportunity to invest

Servant-leadership is a key factor in ministry training. Jesus washed the feet of his leadership team and said, "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you" (John 13:15). The Abner J. Langley and Harold L. Mitton Chair of Church Leadership was recently established at ADC in honour of two highly respected church leaders. Abner Langley and Harold Mitton provided dynamic leadership in our churches and in the wider circles of Christian ministry. They served as leadership models and mentors for many pastors who continue to serve today. Dr. Harry Gardner, ADC President, presently holds this Chair. He values the impact these men had on his own ministry development through the years. At present there is \$236,830 in this Chair. The goal is to reach two million dollars so that it is fully funded Chair. You are invited to contribute to the Chair with a gift today or through your will. Please contact Dr. David Watt, Director of Development at (902) 585-2217.



## Calendar of Events

**May 8, 2009**  
**Commissioning Supper**  
4:30 arrival for 5:00 pm  
Wheelock Dining Hall, Acadia University

**May 8, 2009**  
**Commissioning Service**  
7:30 pm  
Wolfville Baptist Church, Wolfville, NS

**May 10, 2009**  
**Convocation**  
3:00 pm  
University Hall  
Acadia University, Wolfville, NS

**August 20, 2009**  
**ADC Alumni, Friends & Family Backyard BBQ at Oasis**  
5:00 pm  
Acadia Divinity College, Wolfville, NS

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**Register:** (902) 585.2217/2210 or [trisha.urquhart@acadiau.ca](mailto:trisha.urquhart@acadiau.ca)



**March 17-28, 2010**  
**Inspirational and Study Tour to Israel**  
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## Spring Course Offerings for 2009

### Youth Ministry: Creativity, Innovation & Change

(YMIN 7163) with Dr. Dave Overholt  
Location: Acadia Divinity College  
June 1-5

### Eschatology – What Lies Ahead

(THEO 7533) with Dr. William Brackney  
Location: Faith Baptist Church, Lower Sackville  
May 11-15

### Evangelism – The Church's First Priority

(PRAC 5213) with Dr. Andrew MacRae  
Location: Bayers Rd. Baptist Church, Halifax  
May 25-29

### Theology of the Holy Spirit

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