

## IS THE OLD REALLY BETTER?

If you are like most people, you don't like change. I remember many years ago preaching a sermon on the **need for change** and I cited one of Jesus' parables. Jesus said, no one sews a new patch on an old garment and no one pours new wine into old wineskins (Luke 5:36-39). After the sermon as I greeted people at the door, one older gentleman who was a farmer looked at me and said, "The old is better!" I knew from his comment that I should make a pastoral visit. We talked about many things and agreed to disagree on a few things but I realized how deeply rooted his resistance to change really was when I looked at the clock in his kitchen. He indicated that he didn't bother to adjust his clock to daylight savings time because that would involve change!

Jesus was calling for **change - change of heart**, change of mind, change of direction. He was calling upon religious people to change their way of seeing God and seeing the world. Jesus preached, "Repent, for the Kingdom of heaven is near" (Matthew 4:17)! **Jesus challenged the status quo** and declared a radical new way of being that

would shatter long held paradigms for religious people. The good news is that the message of the Kingdom resonated with many other people who did "repent (change)" and became transformed to be followers of Jesus.

As I age, I find myself tempted to be more like the farmer in my church who said, "The old is better!" At the same time I want to remain open to change because I believe God wants to do new things. Through the prophet Ezekiel, God said, "And I will give them a new heart, and put a new spirit within them" (Ezekiel 11:19). God wants to give you and me a new heart and a new vision for what God can do in Atlantic Canada. The question remains, "**Are we willing to change**", or will we say, "The old is better"?

I hope you will take the time to go to our website and read carefully the Senior Staff Restructuring Proposal ([www.baptist-atlantic.ca/executiveminister](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/executiveminister)). This proposal represents significant change in the way we do ministry together and we need you to be well informed as we discuss and vote on this proposal in August.



*Peter Reid*  
Executive Minister, CABC



## Camp Ministry

# SUMMER IS COMING!

Support your local camp – send your kids, sponsor other kids, volunteer your time & resources. It's an investment in our children that will have eternal rewards.

### NEW BRUNSWICK

Camp Tulakadik  
[www.camptulakadik.com](http://www.camptulakadik.com)

Camp Wegesegum  
[www.campwegesegum.com](http://www.campwegesegum.com)

Camp Wildwood  
[www.campwildwood.ca](http://www.campwildwood.ca)

Edith Lank Memorial Christian Camp  
[www.edithlankcamp.com](http://www.edithlankcamp.com)

Green Hill Lake Camp  
[www.greenhilllakecamp.com](http://www.greenhilllakecamp.com)

Shiktehawk Bible Camp  
[www.campshiktehawk.com](http://www.campshiktehawk.com)

### NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

Newfoundland Adventure Camp  
[www.nladventurecamp.ca](http://www.nladventurecamp.ca)

### NOVA SCOTIA

Bayside Camp  
[www.baysidecamp.org](http://www.baysidecamp.org)

Camp Jordan  
[www.campjordanministries.com](http://www.campjordanministries.com)

Camp Pagweak  
[www.pagweak.org](http://www.pagweak.org)

Camp Peniel  
[www.camppeniell.ca](http://www.camppeniell.ca)

Kingswood Camp  
[www.kingswoodcamp.ca](http://www.kingswoodcamp.ca)

Long Lake Camp  
[www.longlakecamp.ca](http://www.longlakecamp.ca)

### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Camp Seggie  
[www.campseggie.ca](http://www.campseggie.ca)



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2011 Conference on Evangelism

# Sharing Christ in Pluralistic Canadian Society

Oct 3-6, 2011

Algonquin Hotel & Resort  
St. Andrews, NB



Speaker: Dr. Jim Beverley

Worship Leader: Brent Cummings  
& Company

**Register Today:** [www.baptist-atlantic.ca/evangelism-2011](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/evangelism-2011)

# OASIS

REFRESHMENT *for the* JOURNEY!

*Main Speakers*

Dr. Peter Reid  
*(CABC Executive Minister)*  
AND  
Rev. Mark Buchanan  
*(Pastor & Author)*

*Worship Leader*

Mike Janzen Band

*Devotional Speakers*

Dr. Harry Gardner  
AND  
Mr. Doug Schofield



CONVENTION  
*of Atlantic Baptist Churches*  
*des Eglises Baptistes de l'Atlantique*

REGISTER NOW

[www.baptist-atlantic.ca/oasis](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/oasis)

August 17-20, 2011

ACADIA UNIVERSITY  
Wolfville, NS

## Youth & Family

# Fall 2011 Events from the Youth & Family Department

## Fall Training Tour

Youth & childrens ministry leaders  
Sept. 19-20 - NB, NS & PE [www.baptist-atlantic.ca/fall-training-tour](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/fall-training-tour)

## LINK

Ministry teen retreat  
Sept. 23-25 - Camp Seggie, PE [www.baptist-atlantic.ca/link](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/link)

## Youth Pastor Summit

Sept. 26-27 - Dartmouth, NS [www.baptist-atlantic.ca/youth-pastor-summit](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/youth-pastor-summit)

## Potential Impact

Grade 12 students - Discover Your Calling  
Sept. 30-Oct. 2 - Sackville, NB [www.baptist-atlantic.ca/potentialimpact](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/potentialimpact)

## Youth Leader

Currently, there are over 1000 volunteer youth leaders in our churches.

The **YOUTH LEADER TRAINING PROGRAM** offers high quality training from experienced youth pastors.

Come be a part of our next class in Fredericton, NB  
September 2011

REGISTER BY  
August 1st

[www.baptist-atlantic.ca/yftp](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/yftp)

## Lay Pastor

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.

**New class September 2011**  
Moncton, NB

Application deadline: **June 30**

[www.baptist-atlantic.ca/lftp](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/lftp)



## Building on the Cornerstone

### ATLANTIC BAPTIST FOUNDATION CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF FINANCIAL SERVICES

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- FUNDS AVAILABLE ON DEMAND

On March 19, the Atlantic Baptist Foundation held their annual meeting at Faith Baptist Church in Lower Sackville, NS. Established in 1961, the mandate of the Foundation is to provide financial services for the churches, agencies, and council of the Convention. Even in the current economic climate, the Foundation has been blessed by a **season of exceptional growth**. In celebration of their 50th anniversary, the Foundation has returned the blessing by giving these **Golden Anniversary grants** totaling nearly **half a million dollars**:

• ADC - D.Min Program & NB Internet Programs	\$ 50,000
• ADC - Charles Taylor Centre	\$ 15,000
• CABC - Child Protection Program	\$ 12,000
• CABC - Incorporation Expenses	\$ 75,000
• ADC - Graduate Conference	\$ 7,500
• ADC - Internet Teaching Technology	\$ 15,000
• Gift to 14 Association Camps (\$5,000 each)	\$ 70,000
• New Life Mission (Child at Risk Program)	\$ 12,000
• 2011 Conference on Evangelism	\$ 25,000
• Preparing Future Pastors Fund	\$ 50,000
• CABC - Golden Anniversary Gift UIM Fund	\$ 50,000
• Crandall University (capital project)	\$ 50,000
• Retired Pastors Rental Subsidy Plan	\$ 20,000
• Camp Shiktehawk (Bridge Construction)	\$ 20,000
• ADC - Youth Historical Book	\$ 4,000
• Saint John Hospital Chaplaincy	\$ 10,000
• Halifax Hospital Chaplaincy	\$ 10,000

We want to thank the Foundation for these grants and for their continued faithfulness to the important work we do together.

#### SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

#### TRUST FUND ADMINISTRATION

#### REGISTERED RETIREMENT INCOME FUND

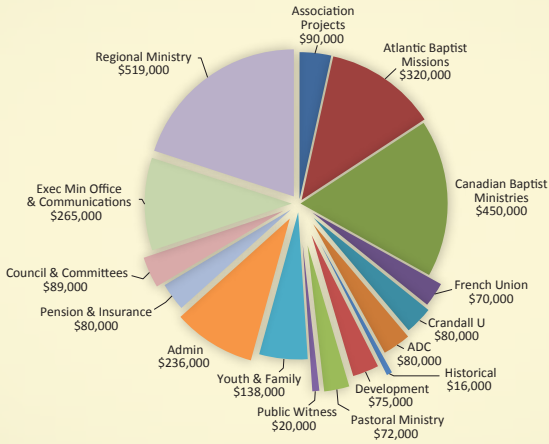
#### CHURCH FINANCING

#### SAVINGS & MONTHLY INCOME PLAN

#### REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVING PLAN

[www.baptistfoundation.com](http://www.baptistfoundation.com)  
800-857-9482 or Toll Free 1-888-263-1444

# United in Mission - 2011 Budget



On behalf of your sister churches who along with your church make up this mission partnership called the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches, we say **Thank You**. As churches and individuals, you generously and sacrificially support the CABC's 'United in Mission' Fund through your tithes and offerings. The CABC is a joint mission of CABC churches, and the only resources the CABC has are those that come from you. So again, **Thank You** for your generous and visionary support!

MISSION TRIP FOR  
PARENTS AND TEENS TO  
**TORONTO**

**March 9th - 16th**

\$875 Per Person  
(Flights, Meals, Accommodations)  
Limited Space!  
Start Fundraising Now!

[www.baptist-atlantic.ca/parent-teen](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/parent-teen)



**LIVE LOVE LAUGH**

**NOVEMBER 4-6** MONCTON NB - RAMADA CRYSTAL PALACE

**SPEAKER:** Wendy Jones

**WORSHIP LEADER:** Lisa LeBouthillier

[www.baptist-atlantic.ca/refresh](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca/refresh)

# ACADIA DIVINITY COLLEGE UPDATES



## ADC – NEW BRUNSWICK

This fall, under the leadership of Dr. Stephen McMullin, ADC will be offering courses in various locations across New Brunswick to help laypeople and those seeking ordination become more effective Christian leaders. For our list of courses, instructors, and locations visit: [www.acadiadiv.ca](http://www.acadiadiv.ca)

## TAYLOR CENTER FOR CHAPLAINCY AND SPIRITUAL CARE:

Under the leadership of Dr. Tracy Demmons, ADC will begin offering new Master of Divinity and Master of Arts degrees in Prison Chaplaincy, Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care, and in Pastoral Care and Counselling. Like all ADC degrees, these degrees can be earned part-time or full time, in Wolfville or from a distance. To learn more about opportunities to acquire the skills to help you become an effective minister in institutional settings visit: [www.acadiadiv.ca](http://www.acadiadiv.ca)

## COMING SOON: COURSES NEAR YOU!

Watch this year for ADC courses in:

- Jacksonville
- Fredericton
- Saint John
- Sussex
- Moncton
- Truro
- Halifax
- Dartmouth
- Lower Sackville
- Wolfville

## DOCTOR OF MINISTRY

In 2010 ADC launched a renewed Doctor of Ministry program to significant national acclaim. Again, for fall '11 we admitted another record-sized entering class. If you are a vocational ministry leader who would like to study with world-class instructors in order to become more effective in your ministry, visit [www.acadiadiv.ca](http://www.acadiadiv.ca) for more information.

## ACCREDITATION RENEWED AGAIN:

Following an intensive 18-month period of self-study and reporting as well as an on-site committee visit, ADC's accreditation by the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS) was recently extended for another 10 years. The unanimous decision by ATS's Board of Commissioners was "without notation" -signifying the high quality of education provided by the Divinity College.



## APPLY TODAY!

It's not too late to apply for admission to one of ADC's exciting new degree programs. For admission requirements and information on how to apply, visit our website:

[www.acadiadiv.ca](http://www.acadiadiv.ca)



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FOR THE CHURCH



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- Leadership and Spiritual Formation
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- Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care
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- Baptist Studies
- New Testament
- Old Testament
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