

ABA Update



Our Values

Impact
Growth
Relationships
Progress
Vision

Our Mission


The ABA exists to connect and enable churches to impact communities for the growth and advancement of the Kingdom of God in Alberta and the World.

Our Priorities

Serving Churches

To make the personnel and resources of the ABA available to respond to the needs of churches, leaders and pastors of ABA churches

Planting Churches

To facilitate a church planting focus in which every church of the nA  can participate in a real and relevant way

Ministry Connecting

To connect pastors, leaders and churches in intentional relationships and ministry partnerships

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

‘International missions’ has always been a hallmark of the North American Baptist Conference, hence of the Alberta Baptist Association. Believing that ‘we can accomplish more together than we can apart’, churches throughout the ABA have historically determined to ‘associate’ together to more effectively accomplish our Lord’s Great Commission on an international/global scale as well as locally.

To further enhance our cooperative efforts with international missions, the ABA Leadership Council recently approved the formation of an ABA international missions team called the ABA Global Operations (GO) Team. Needless to say, the purpose of the ABA GO Team is neither to ‘do’ nor to ‘govern’ international missions in the ABA. That remains the purview of the local church. Rather, the specific mandate of the ABA GO Team is to come alongside the churches of the ABA to...

- Promote global ministries through effective communicating and networking
- Develop global ministries through effective training and equipping
- Resource global ministries through effective prayer and fund-raising

The ABA GO Team is comprised of globally-experienced, mission-minded strategic thinkers who represent the five regions of the ABA...

Northern Alberta - Jeff Kilmartin (Senior Pastor of Wiesenthal Baptist, Millet)

Greater Edmonton - Carol Potratz, (Director of Field Education at Taylor Seminary)

Greater Calgary - Sara-May Cardy, (Director of Small Groups and Strategic Partners at Brentview Baptist, Calgary)

Southern Alberta - Daryl Martin, (Former staff member of the NAB International Missions Department)

Central Alberta - TBD

Meeting for the first time, in June of 2015, the ABA GO Team determined that its initial priority would be to assess what is currently happening in each ABA church with regards to International/ Global Missions. To that end, the ABA GO Team...

1. Conducted a survey among the ABA churches (Fall/2015) to gather some essential data and to discover some common trends regarding international missions in the ABA.
2. Is currently requesting each of the ABA churches to select one international missions contact person to serve as a liaison between that local church and the ABA GO Team. A collective meeting of the ABA GO Team, together with all of the international missions contact persons from each ABA church, is planned for Friday/April/2016 from 4:00-5:30 PM at Taylor Seminary in Edmonton (in conjunction with the up-coming ABA Annual Conference). It would be very appreciated if each local ABA church could help expedite this important initiative selecting an International Missions liaison and then sending the name and contact information of the liaison to one of the members of the GO Team or directly to the ABA office, so that an official invitation and agenda can be provided to each liaison.

For any other information and/or clarification regarding international missions in the ABA, please do not hesitate to contact one of the members of the ABA GO Team.

Of course, our ongoing prayers remain paramount as we all work together, in the ABA, to fulfill our Lord's Great Commission in our Jerusalem & Judea & Samaria & to the ends of the earth!

CONNECT IN PRAYER

Prayer continues to be one of the most important parts of ABA ministry. As we pray, we connect with one another, we become partners in life and ministry.

Pray for...

...churches searching for lead pastors including: Emmanuel in Valleyview; West Meadows in Edmonton; Parkland Baptist in Spruce Grove; First Baptist in Golden Prairie.

...the ABA ministry teams as they resource association ministry.

...a positive and encouraging ABA Annual Conference.

...churches going through financial stress due to the present economics of Alberta

...pastors dealing through health and stress issues.

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land (II Chron 7:14).

...our partner ministries as we we work together to advance the kingdom in Alberta and around the world.

...LifeSpring Community in Calgary as it continues to struggle with financial viability.

Thank God for...

...a good start of the McKenzie Towne Mission Hill campus in Calgary.

...a very positive online Business Session, Ap 6.

Church of the Week

Check the ABA website for the church of the week.

Go to www.nab.ca

ABA Annual Conference

April 22-23, 2016

DEVELOPMENT

Step Into a Deeper Life With God

Hosted by: McKernan Baptist Church, Edmonton

We look forward to this weekend as ABA family members come from across the association to: share stories of what God is doing; renew friendships; worship and celebrate; learn from one another; and be challenged in our walk with God.

As we focus on **DEVELOPMENT**, we will have three of our own ABA leaders challenge and encourage us.



Friday Evening - Spiritual Development
Darren Platt, Lead Pastor of Steele Heights



Saturday Morning - Leader Development
Cory Seibel, Connors Hill Point Pastor, Central Baptist



Saturday Afternoon - Pastor Development
Ray Seutter, Christian Counsellor and educator,
member of McKernan Baptist

Breakout Conversations

The Saturday morning Breakout Conversations will give us the opportunity to hear from one another about how to minister and serve effectively around the following issues: Assisted Death; LGBTQ Issues and Responses; and, Ministry Amongst Immigrants and Foreigners.

Calendar

Ap 22-23

ABA Annual Conference @
McKernan Baptist, Edmonton

May 4

Pastor's Connection @ Taylor,
Edmonton

May 5

Pastor's Connection @ Thornhill
Baptist, Calgary

June 5-7

Leadership Council Retreat

Please check the ABA website
for important dates in the fall
and winter.

Partners in Ministry

Taylor Seminary & E.P. Wahl
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www.taylor-edu.ca

Camp Caroline

www.campcaroline.ab.ca

North American Baptist
Conference

www.nabconference.org

Church Investors Fund

www.ceif.org

Forge Canada

www.forgecanada.ca

The Mustard Seed

www.theseed.ca

NAB Foundation

www.NABFoundation.org