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**NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION
ANNUAL MEETING**

OCTOBER 20-21

Calvary Baptist Church
725 Main St., Carrington, ND 58421

2017 NCA Annual Meeting Booklet

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Friday, October 20

1:00 Worship and Prayer

Time in Cluster Groups
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5:00 Dinner provided by Venturia Baptist Church

6:00 Special Seminar on Child Protection Policies

(hosted by Bill Marti, Director of Operations at Century Baptist)

7:00 Evening Session

Worship and Prayer
Missionary Report
 Pastor Victor, Hungarian Baptist Church in Valea lui Mihai, Romania.
 Pastor Zsolt Albert, Hungarian Baptist Convention.
Main Speaker
 Norm Poehlke, Vice President of Ministry Outreach for the NAB
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Saturday, October 21

8:30 Women's Ministry Breakfast Men's Fellowship

9:30 Morning Session

Worship and Prayer
Missionary Report
 Pastor Brandon and Marci Jones, NAB Missionaries to Brazil
Main Speaker
 Norm Poehlke, Vice President of Ministry Outreach for the NAB

11:00 Break

11:15 NCA Annual Business Meeting

12:00 Lunch provided by Calvary Baptist, Carrington

2017 NCA Business Meeting Agenda

Call to Order

Review NCA activity in 2016-17 (no minutes to approve)

Treasurer Report

2018 Budget Proposal

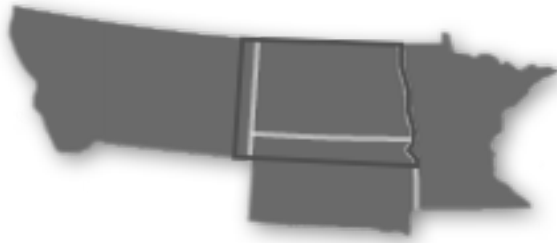
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North Central Association

August 22, 2017

Dear Association,

It has been a pleasure serving as your treasurer for the past five years.

We have experienced the joys of helping plant a new congregation in West Fargo, welcoming a new regional minister, and witnessing an emphasis on our members becoming missionaries to their own communities. We can accomplish so much more together than apart.

We have also weathered the storms of the passing of a regional minister, the closing of several sister churches, and the losses of leaders and members.

Through it all God has remained faithful, and so have you. Thank you so much for your financial support to our association. And thank you for entrusting me with your precious funds.

I will be stepping down as treasurer when my term expires at our annual conference in October because my family and I will be relocating to Missouri in the fall, and, Lord willing, to the field of Brazil next summer as NAB missionaries.

Please ensure that your treasurers no longer send association funds to my address in Herreid. Have them update their records to send funds made out to the NCA to our bookkeepers at Century Baptist Church in Bismarck at the following address:

NCA
Century Baptist Church
C/O Bill Marti
205 Colt Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58503

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brandon Jones', written over a horizontal line.

Brandon Jones, Treasurer of the NCA

North Central Association
Year-End Financial Report
January 1 – December 31, 2016

Balance on Hand:		
Jan 1, 2016		\$30,614.68

Income:

Church Contributions	\$73,808.51	
Fessenden Church Gift	10,000.00	
Individual Contributions	<u>225.00</u>	
Total Income:	\$84,033.51	\$84,033.51
Total Available Monies:		\$114,648.19

Expenses:

Office and Exec Committee	\$1,278.20	
Liability Insurance	808.00	
Northern Plains Regional Ministry	<u>77,500.00</u>	
Total Expenses:	\$79,586.20	\$79,586.20
Balance on Hand:		
December 31, 2016		\$35,061.99

Balances for Other Accounts:

North Central Association Ministry Seed Fund	\$14,724.69
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CIF Certificates: December 31, 2016

#1332-201 – (matures 5/20/18)	\$9,249.49
#1332-202 – (matures 4/22/18)	118,612.91
#1332-203 – (matures 6/27/18)	<u>3,629.55</u>
Total of Three CDs	\$131,492.45

Auditor's report:

I have audited the books for the NCA and found them to be in order.

Carina Flemmer,
Bookkeeper for Camwal Electric

North Central Association
Financial Report
January 1 – August 22, 2017

Balance on Hand:
Jan 1, 2017 **\$35,061.08**

Income:

Church Contributions	\$35,612.27
Individual Contributions	225.00
Interest	0.98

Total Income: **\$35,838.25** **\$35,838.25**

Total Available Monies: **\$70,899.33**

Expenses:

Annual Conference and Training	\$600.00
Office and Exec Committee	242.20
Liability Insurance	889.00
Regional Ministries	<u>58,600.00</u>

Total Expenses: **\$60,331.20** **\$60,331.20**

Balance on Hand:
August 14, 2017 **\$10,568.13**

Balances for Other Accounts/Funds:

North Central Association Ministry Seed Fund	\$14,724.69
North Central Association Scholarship Fund	

CIF Certificates: June 30, 2017

#1332-201 – (matures 5/20/18)	\$9,481.38
#1332-202 – (matures 4/22/18)	121,868.52
#1332-203 – (matures 6/27/18)	<u>3,702.21</u>
Total of Three CDs	\$135,052.11

NCA Church Contributions

January 1 – December 31, 2016		January 1 – August 22, 2017	
Unrecorded Church	\$300.00	Unrecorded Churches	\$252.26
Aberdeen	1,000.00		
Anamoose	200.00	Anamoose	250.00
Ashley	3,800.00		
Beulah	2,625.00	Beulah	1,312.50
Bismarck	6,000.00	Bismarck	1,500.00
Century	15,000.00	Century	7,500.00
Carrington	1,500.00		
Dickinson	2,680.00	Dickinson	2,680.00
Eureka	806.33		
Fargo Metro	3,231.00	Fargo Metro	1,615.00
Fargo River City DT	2850.00		
Fargo River City SW	1,250.00		
Gackle	100.00	Gackle	100.00
		Goodrich	125.00
Grand Forks	6,000.00	Grand Forks	4,000.00
Harvey	1,612.50	Harvey	1,637.50
Hebron	2,000.00	Hebron	1,300.00
Herreid	1,723.50	Herreid	1,272.00
Isabel	400.00	Isabel	300.00
Jamestown	5,000.00	Jamestown	2,575.00
Linton	1,574.16	Linton	597.92
Martin	875.00	Martin	875.00
McClusky	396.00	McClusky	416.00
		Medina	500.00
		Mercer	166.62
Minot	6,000.00	Minot	4,000.00
		New Leipzig	400.00
Plevna	950.00		
Turtle Lake	585.02	Turtle Lake	399.97
Valley City	1,350.00	Valley City	337.50
Washburn	1,500.00	Washburn	1,500.00
Wishek	<u>2,500.00</u>		
Total	\$73,808.51	Total	\$35,612.27

Unrecorded Churches – These are funds we received, but did not record properly as coming from a specific church.

NCA Budget Proposal					
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018 Proposed</u>
NCA Annual Meeting & Training	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,000.00
Office and Executive Committee (RLT)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,500.00
Liability Insurance	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$650.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
General Council*	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	0*	\$1,000.00
Norther Plains Regional Ministries	\$72,800.00	\$75,000.00	\$77,500.00	\$81,500.00	\$81,500.00
Total	\$78,850.00	\$81,050.00	\$85,150.00	\$87,900.00	\$87,900.00
*NAB is in the process of changing their leadership structure. This expense was not needed in 2017, but will be needed again in 2018.					

2017 NCA Moderator's Report

As I come to the end of my first term as NCA Moderator, I look back on two years of extreme contrast in ministry. The first year I found myself in the fast-moving ministry stream of Pastor Gordon Stork as he untiringly charted a new course of ministry for the NCA. Then, a year ago in October, God called home our friend and ministry colleague. After we caught our collective breath from that tragic home-going, we began to plant the seeds for the next season of ministry in the NCA.

Searching for a Regional Minister is a unique endeavor. It was a joy and pleasure to work with the search team during this process. The team consisted of the Regional Leadership Team (Barry Thiessen and Al Donald from the Manitoba Baptist Association, and James Schnabel and myself from the NCA) along with Dan Hamil, the Executive Director of the North American Baptist Conference. As we prayed together, and interacted with the various applicants together, we felt God giving us a unity of mind and spirit.

That unity led to the selection of Randy Jaspers as the next Regional Minister of the Northern Plains Region. We are exceedingly excited about what gifts and abilities Randy brings to the ministry. Please take time over the next few months to welcome Randy and Kristy.

For some of you who may be new to the North Central Association, or the NAB in general, let me take a moment to explain our structure. The NCA is a group of 34 churches in North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana, who all belong to the North American Baptist Conference, and who have agreed to partner together in ministry. The NCA is led by the Executive Team and carries official status as a non-profit organization. Business is conducted at our Annual Meeting as reported in this packet. The Northern Plains Region is the combination of two associations; the NCA and the Manitoba Baptist Association. The MBA has their own Executive Team and conducts their own business. The NCA and the MBA have entered into a partnership in order to support a Regional Minister and share in his services.

I would ask you to be in prayer for Randy and the NCA Executive Team as we work together to support pastors and churches throughout the association. There are several churches who are in the midst of pastoral searches, and several other churches that have called new pastors over the past several months.

May this next season of ministry in the NCA be a reflection of the Apostle Paul's far-reaching admonition in Colossians 3:16:

"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

May God's grace and peace be multiplied to you in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Ethan Johnson

General Council Representative Report

The General Council is finishing the second year of a three year test pilot period in regards to its function within the North American Baptist Conference. During this test pilot period, the General Council has been meeting via conference call twice a year, which is within the provisions of the current constitution.

The intention is that the General Council will meet face-to-face in year three of this triennium, in early 2018 (February 2-3), to recommend a restructuring via changes to the constitution which will be acted on at Triennial 2018. By constitutional mandate, the Executive Committee functions as the General Council between sessions and will make the vast majority of the decisions as the governing body as a single board is tested. The Executive Committee does operate with some limitations however, and the General Council has been voting on those items via RFD.

The General Council has been voting on decisions regarding a reshaping of responsibilities and job description of the new Executive Director as well as some general policy governance for our conference.

One of the goals of the conference leadership is to improve upon their connection with the churches and constituents of the conference. To do this, the conference leadership is developing an "Ownership Connection Committee" (OCC) to cultivate meaningful interaction between the governing board and the member churches. This will allow the governing board to understand the values and expectations of the conference churches, weigh these values with God's plan and will, determine the end goals and give feedback to the member churches. The Regional Ministers, Regional Leadership Teams and pastors will play a vital function in acting as the conduit for this information and feedback.

If the General Council recommends a restructuring in early 2018, this will come before the delegates gathered at the 2018 Triennial, scheduled for July 26-29 in Edmonton.

The General Council also approved bringing the fund raising ministry of the NAB Foundation which was a separate auxiliary organization and include that work under the "Ministry Advancement Department" of the NAB Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Merle Hoots
NCA General Council Representative

2017
NCA Scholarship Fund Report
September 1, 2016 through August 31, 2017

Three applicants were awarded scholarships in August 2017. A total of \$5000 was awarded for distribution for the 2017-2018 school year.

Seven churches in the NCA contributed this year. Two individuals contributed as well.

Pastor David Gallagher, Bruce Schauer and James Reddig serve as committee members for the Fund. Dwight Enockson is the treasurer.

Churches and individuals willing to donate should send there contributions to:

NCA Scholarship Fund
% Dwight Enockson
424 20th Ave SW
Washburn, ND 58577-9542
enocksond@westriv.com
701-460-9956

Scholarship funds are dispersed each semester so a portion of the balance remaining at the end of the 2017 fiscal year is obligated to the recipients for the 2018 winter semester.

Financial Report:

Beginning Balance September 1, 2016 \$6178.18

Income:

Churches \$3296.00

Individuals \$ 425.00

NOW Interest \$ 10.01

Total Income \$3731.01

Expenses:

2017 Scholarships \$2500

2016 Scholarships \$1750

Total Expense \$4250.00

Ending Balance August 15, 2016 \$5659.19

Amount needed for Winter Term \$2500.00

Carryover Funds Available \$3159.18

Churches Providing Support:

Minot
Washburn
Wishek
Goodrich
Metropolitan
Herreid
Carrington

Report from the Executive Director North American Baptist Conference Fall 2017

Greetings and Blessings

Greetings from the North American Baptist Conference and the staff of the International Office in Roseville, California. As a regular rhythm of office life, the International Office staff gather each morning to pray for the churches, pastors, missionaries, and ministries of the NAB. With incredible faith and soberness of mind and heart, you and your church are brought before the throne of grace. My consistent prayer for you is like that of the apostle Paul's for the church of Philippi, namely, "that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God" (Philippians 1:9–11 ESV).

Let me focus your attention on some important happenings in the life of our conference:

Triennial

The NAB Triennial conference gathers the NAB family every three years to encourage and stimulate the ministry of pastors, missionaries, and church and conference leaders to continue our collective mandate to make disciples of Jesus Christ in Canada, the United States, and around the world. Over previous decades, many within the NAB have traveled great distances to meet for times of dynamic worship, biblically based messages, practical instruction, meaningful fellowship, and important governance decisions.

It is the privilege of the NAB International Office and the Alberta Baptist Association to invite the NAB family to Edmonton, Alberta, for the 2018 Triennial.

Downtown Edmonton, which combines urban amenities with an appreciation of beauty and design, will roll out the welcome mat for the Triennial conference, July 26–29, 2018. The plenary sessions will be held at Shaw Conference Centre, with its comfortable meeting space and inspiring views of the North Saskatchewan River Valley. Conference attendees will find rooms at negotiated discount rates at the downtown Westin and Courtyard Marriot hotels, both located just a short walk from Shaw Centre.

Bible teachers and speakers will include:

Rev. Dr. Don Davis—Executive Director of The Urban Ministry Institute

Dr. Barry Jones—Professor of Pastoral Ministries at Dallas Theological Seminary

Mark Buchanan—Associate Professor of Pastoral Theology at Ambrose Seminary

Stephanie Fast—Author with a transforming story about her life as a deserted child of the Korean War

The 2018 Triennial will include a number of unique events. Taylor Seminary in Edmonton will host a seminary open house and a pre-conference traditional hymn sing at their location in Edmonton. The Women's Ministry Leadership Team will present a special women's luncheon. Bible-based learning and supervised care will be available for children. Activities for middle school and high school youth will be

scattered throughout the conference schedule. Very special fellowship times will highlight Triennial festivities, with a unique Alberta barbecue being held on Saturday afternoon.

Triennial informational brochures and registration will be sent in early fall. Register early to receive discounts.

Missionary Sending and Supporting

The North American Baptist Conference continues to seek out, recruit, and fundraise for a number of new missionaries to serve God around the world on behalf of NAB churches. Please continue to pray for the following missionaries, who are currently raising prayer and financial support:

- Brandon and Marci Jones, Theological Education in Brazil
- Jeff and Sonya Kilmartin, NDU Seminary/Least reached people group ministry in Cameroon and Nigeria

We praise God for leading these couples into international missionary service. Please pray for them as they continue to raise financial support. The needs they are meeting are critical and time sensitive.

REACH Initiative—Capital Campaign

At the 2015 Triennial, it was announced that the NAB would launch a capital campaign, uniting the NAB family “on mission together” to focus our hearts and minds on a number of North American and international projects. These projects will expand the NAB’s ministry scope for decades to come.

As the communication phase of the REACH campaign draws to a close, we are encouraging each NAB church to participate through a financial gift and by promoting various REACH projects to their congregations.

For more information or an opportunity to give, go to nabonmission.org/reach.

New Website

The NAB has recently launched a brand new website with new features and tools. The website is a great location to bookmark on your web browser and review regularly for updated information about missionaries, ministries, and conference happenings. You can find it at nabconference.org. Sign up on the website for regular communications, and also follow the links to find the NAB on social media.

Thank You

Thank you for your prayers and encouragement for the leadership of the International Office over the last months. As the Executive Director, can I serve you more directly or specifically? Please reach out to me at dhamil@nabconf.org.

In His overwhelming grace and peace,



Dan Hamil
Executive Director

PROGRAMS

GRADUATE AND CERTIFICATE

Graduate Programs

- Doctor of Ministry
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Christian Leadership
- Master of Arts in Counseling
- Master of Arts (Bible & Theology)
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

Certificates

- Training in Spiritual Direction Certificate of Completion
- Certificate in Christian Ministry

STATISTICS

2015-2016 ENROLLMENT



Total Headcount 326

Average Age 40
students in all programs

Students in Programs 211

Denominations

Baptist	32%
Reformed	17%
Lutheran	16%
Wesleyan/United Methodist	10%
Non-Denominational	12%
All Others	13%

EMBRACING OUR ROLE IN GOD'S MISSION



Greg Henson, President

The first chapter of Genesis provides a wonderful picture of God's good creation and then proceeds to grant us a humbling task. We are to be image-bearers of the King. As the story continues, the various nuances of this role as image-bearers is borne out through the story of Israel, a story that includes the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Then, at the day of Pentecost, the sails of the Church are made full by the powerful wind of the Holy Spirit. The disciples proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom and the revolution that began the day Christ died is now in full swing. Indeed, this is a story worth telling.

Every time I reflect on this story, I am struck by the concept of our role as image-bearers who steward God's creation and participate in his mission of reconciliation. I believe Irenaeus perhaps said it best when he wrote, "The glory of God is man fully alive." If one spends time reading his writings, it becomes quite clear that Irenaeus is not speaking of an individualistic spirituality wherein God's purpose all along was to make humans fully alive; as if God's glory is dependent upon anything. Rather, I believe Irenaeus is simply echoing themes we read in passages like 1 Peter 4:10 and Colossians 3:17.

So what themes is he echoing? 1 Peter 4:10 reads, "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Colossians 3:17 reads, "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Put simply, each of us has received a gift from God and are called to be faithful stewards of that gift. While stewarding our gifts, we are to reflect back to God all glory and gratitude.

Being "fully alive" is embracing our role in God's mission because doing so will bring glory to God. It is important to remember that God's mission is one of redemption and holistic reconciliation. Each of us, whether we are doctors, lawyers, pastors, janitors, teachers, entrepreneurs, bankers, city officials, or anything else, has an important and unique role to play in this mission. The Great Commission requires us to submit each aspect of our lives to the lordship of Christ and, through authentic relationships, invite others to do the same.

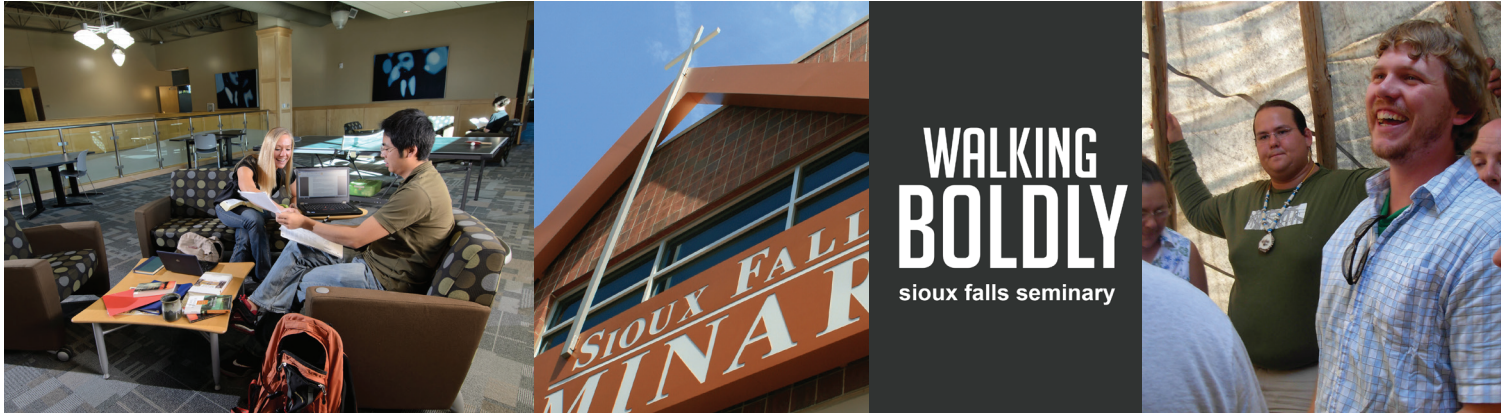
We believe the mission of God requires service to others in the name of Christ and prayerful stewardship of God's resources. In doing so, we bring glory to God.

**JOIN US
IN MISSION**

video: sfseminary.edu/joinus

WAYS TO JOIN US

- Encourage the individuals that God has gifted for service in his kingdom to consider theological education.
- Support Sioux Falls Seminary as we develop servants for their participation in the kingdom mission.
- Pray for the exciting work that God is doing in and through Sioux Falls Seminary as we create systems of theological education and integrated counseling that are affordable, accessible, relevant, and faithful.
- Attend an event, consider taking a class, or enroll in a program.
- Join us as we follow God into mission. You're an integral part. We'd love to have you on the journey with us.



WALKING BOLDLY INTO MISSION

AFFORDABLE, ACCESSIBLE, RELEVANT, AND FAITHFUL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

The Kairos Project

Sioux Falls Seminary is on the move. It is now recognized as one of the most innovative seminaries, helping to change theological education and how it is done both in North America and throughout the world.

We are embracing the fact that the Kairos Project, which began as just a "project" in 2014, is now the educational philosophy that drives everything we do. The mantra that goes with this philosophy—affordable, accessible, relevant, and faithful—is so much more than a set of words. It is integral to everything we do.

A Journey of Discipleship

The Kairos Project is, first and foremost, a journey of discipleship.

While enrolled at Sioux Falls Seminary, students walk alongside a mentor team and in community with fellow students. Kairos develops students in the places where God has placed them. Simply stated, the journey of theological education is integrated into the various aspects of students' lives (home, work, church, etc.). Learning is facilitated through contextually-integrated educational moments and adaptable assignments.

The Kairos Project is designed for individuals who are actively engaged in ministry and/or desire to integrate their faith and work. Students accepted into Kairos move toward outcome-based Christian maturity under the supervision of a mentor team, by the direction of faculty, and through par-

ticipation in a cohort-based community of learning. With the exception of intensives on the main campus each October and April, coursework is typically completed in context. All of the seminary's learning resources, however, are available for students to supplement or enhance in-context work.

In addition to being accessible and relevant, the Kairos Project is also affordable. At only \$300 per month, tuition for the Master of Divinity is about a fourth the cost of the national average. Tracks are available within the Master of Divinity, Master of Arts in Christian Leadership, and Master of Arts (Bible and Theology) programs. Visit sfseminary.edu/kairos or call 800.440.6227 today.

THE FUTURE OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION



AFFORDABLE

lower cost for students

+



ACCESSIBLE

multiple paths to education

+



RELEVANT

embedded into everyday lives

+



FAITHFUL

enriched by history, tradition

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Edmonton, AB T6J 4T3
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COMMUNITY REPORT 2017-18

Latest News

New Issue of The Bridge sent with Children's Ministry DVD

The spring/summer 2017 edition of the Bridge is out! A vibrant, encouraging and challenging issue on children's ministry, it features stories from experts on children's ministry from across the country and around the world. A children's ministry mini-curriculum was included for churches on the mailing list. (To request a copy, visit www.taylor-edu.ca/resources)

Renovations Begin Soon

Long-overdue renovations to Stencil Hall will begin in December. These changes will allow us to better serve our students and others that our facilities.

White Cross Shipment

White Cross sent out another shipment to Cameroon in August! If you or your church would like to know more about how to be involved, contact Keir Hammer at keir.hammer@taylor-edu.ca

Pulpit Supply

Administration and faculty are available to visit with you and your congregation, preach, or bring news on behalf of the Seminary and E P Wahl Centre. Call 1-800-567-4988 or email Becky Hilbich at becky.hilbich@taylor-edu.ca

message from Becky Hilbich

Director of Development, and Church & Alumni Relations

Fanning the flame of God's Spirit working requires keeping in step with His direction. The church at Antioch recognized this as they moved forward in the proclamation of the gospel. Acts 13: 2 records, "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" God had already called Paul, but now called Barnabas to work with him, and a partnership was formed that would carry forward His Kingdom purposes in new ways!

Today, social changes are creating opportunities in the work of education and ministry; within the NAB Conference, new synergies and partnerships are being formed as we seek the Lord's direction together. One example is Taylor's relationship with Sioux Falls Seminary (SFS). Integration of the two institutions began in 2015 with a joint partnership (including the NAB International office) working with our sister seminaries in Cameroon and the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

More recently, Taylor Seminary and Sioux Falls Seminary have entered into a partnership which is systematically bringing the two institutions into one organizational structure. This is a positive arrangement for students and beneficial for each institution, our denomination, and the broader work of the Kingdom, as we, like the believers in Antioch, pursue the Lord's calling going forward in new ways!

Currently, Taylor President Dr. David Williams is taking a short sabbatical (hence the reason why I am writing this section normally written by him); in his absence, SFS President Greg Henson is functioning as CEO at Taylor. Dr. Williams will resume his duties beginning in January. Please pray for him as he encounters the renewing Spirit of the Lord during this time.

God's Spirit is moving in powerful ways that are exciting! You are an integral part of that. Please consider how the Lord may be prompting you to join in fanning the flame of what He is doing!

Becky Hilbich,

Director of Development, Church and Alumni Relations

P.S. We welcome any comments or questions about the partnership with Sioux Falls Seminary! Please email President Greg Henson: ghenson@sfseminary.edu



Photos:

(Left) Students greet each other on the first day of a Spring Session Intensive class at Taylor Seminary. The course was taught by Dr. Doug Anderson of Sioux Falls Seminary. (Right) Taylor prof Dr. Randal Rauser spoke about the value of theology at a barbeque for prospective students in June.

How You can Be Part of All that God is Doing at Taylor

Taylor Seminary

***Developing Christ-minded leaders
who make a difference in the world.***

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- Check out our newly-revised Master of Theological Studies degree (48 credits)! Create a concentration of courses in your interest area with 15 credits of free electives.

Interested in graduate studies but money is tight?

- Alumni can audit a Taylor course for free.
(contact Rick Heavenor for more details)

Prayer & Praise Matters

- Praise God for the developing partnership with Sioux Falls Seminary.
- Praise God for the privilege of serving with the theological schools of the Cameroon Baptist Convention (involving Taylor and Sioux Falls Seminary).

Connect Online

- See our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/TaylorUpdates> for current updates and pictures of the latest happenings.

See our website at www.taylor-edu.ca for more in-depth information.

***Know someone gifted in leadership?
Recommend Taylor Seminary!***

*We're always excited to help students
develop their ministry skills - encourage
them to be in touch. Email:
Rick.Heavenor@Taylor-Edu.ca*



TAYLOR
SEMINARY

E P Wahl Centre

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The E P Wahl Centre offers continuing education for the Church in three main areas:

1. HEALTHY MINISTERS – fostering resiliency for ministry professionals (church, para-church, chaplains, justice workers)

- Healthy Pastors – Fostering resiliency
- Sabbatical Preparation – An essential one-day workshop for those planning a ministry sabbatical
- THRIVE! – A retreat for pastors and spouses
- Flourish – An overview of resiliency principles
- E P Wahl Lectures – a series of lectures on issues related to the challenges of contemporary ministry
- Parish Nursing Institute – Training for nurses involved in compassionate care through the local church

2. HEALTHY CHURCHES – facilitating organizational vitality within ministry communities – staff teams, church boards, volunteers.

- Turbulence – Navigating church relationships with grace
- Building Healthy Church Staffs – a day of training on maximizing team dynamics
- CAPS events – a day of practical equipping and training, and renewal for those who serve in the church office

3. SCRIPTURAL ENGAGEMENT – promoting theological reflection for ministry effectiveness

- Crucial Conversations – Important discussion about contemporary issues
- onWORD Conference – artful, thoughtful, meaningful engagement with Scripture

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The new Parish Nursing Institute was offered at Taylor in June. This first institute attracted eight R.N.'s from BC and Alberta for an eight-day intensive course. The Parish Nursing Institute is all about offering compassion and care to congregations and communities -- "Great Care with Great Love." World-class presenters shared their expertise on such topics as grief, mental health, legal issues, ethics, healing in the Christian tradition, and more.

Join Us in Fanning the Flame!

- Refer A Student
- Study With Us (you can audit a class!)
- Attend One Of Our Educational Events
- Subscribe To The Bridge
- Pray For Us Daily
- Become A Regular, Monthly Donor
- Sign Up For Automated Withdrawals
- Buy/Review A Book By Taylor Faculty

Through your faithful prayers and giving, God continues to use Taylor in the unique location He has placed it, reaching those who do not know Him. This ministry is extended through our students, individuals who serve as pastors, chaplains, counselors, missionaries and more. Your support of the Seminary, Wahl Centre, and White Cross help make it possible to stand for God and Truth, building the Kingdom.



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Greetings and Blessings

Greetings from everyone here at Church Investors Fund, and blessings to you, the church, and the communities you faithfully serve. We pray for you regularly and will continue to do so in the coming year.

Our biggest need in the coming year is for new loans. Over the past year churches have paid down their current loan debt, and we now need to get those funds back out and making a difference for God's Kingdom.

Health of the Ministry

2016 was another good year for Church Investors Fund. Our equity continues to grow at a healthy rate. God has continually showed His faithful hand at the helm, steering Church Investors Fund so that we can continue in our faithful service of building His Church.

We Need Your Help

We still need your help in sharing the Church Investor Fund ministry with your church body. You can be a blessing to our ministry by sharing our video on a Sunday morning. The video is under 2-minutes in length. Call or e-mail us and request a USB drive or an online link to our video. It will make a difference! Thank you!

Online Access

In 2017, we launched a new Online Account Access Portal for **ALL** our investment and loan partners (US and Canada). **This new portal will help us serve our ministry partners better.**

Thank You!

Thank you to our investors! The funding of building projects were made possible by these people in our churches who decided to entrust a portion of their savings to Church Investors Fund and invest in making an eternal difference in God's Kingdom.

Questions? We are Ready to Serve!

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In His Service,
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NORTH CENTRAL ASSOCIATION BAPTIST HEALTH CARE CENTER ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT OCTOBER 20 & 21, 2017

For the 2nd year in succession, Baptist Health Care Center is proud to announce that one of our nurses has been selected as one of three North Dakota Long Term Caregivers award winners. Kristin Thomas, RN was chosen from over 1100 nominees. The odds of this happening could compare to the Vikings and Twins both winning championships in the same year.

A nominating family member stated, "When Kris was on duty, I had peace of mind knowing dad was well cared for. She is a perfect example of a nurse anyone would want caring for their loved ones." A second family's nomination stated "that her greatest fear was that her dad would be alone when he passed away." Kris called the daughter when the inevitable was happening. She stayed with the resident and prayed with him until the daughter arrived. It was very comforting to the daughter to know that her dad was not alone when he passed away.

On August 17, construction was started on a 50 bed assisted living facility. The startup funds were from the sale of the Baptist Apartments which was a separate Corporation from the old Baptist Home. There will be 36 regular units equipped with a kitchen and laundry area. The remaining 14 units will make up a memory care neighborhood that will feature a secure court yard. An enclosed walkway will make it conducive to walk between the two buildings.

At the same time the assisted living is being built, reconstruction of the portion of the therapy department that collapsed as a result of our string of 10-12" snow storms, is being redone. The affected area was shored up and the utilities were nearly all disconnected before the roof caved in early one morning. We are thankful that the area was secured and no one was injured. Completion should be in early to mid-October. Ironically the number of residents receiving therapy has increased by 70%, making it necessary to hire two more therapists.

We plan to install a ceiling lift in the therapy department which will make the use of the Alter-G (anti-gravity) therapy machine more efficient to use. Ceiling lifts are also planned for three resident rooms in the heavy care neighborhood. All funds for these two projects were the result of generous giving by individuals, churches, businesses, wills and grants.



Therapy Roof Collapse



Removal Of The Two Outside Walls

Volunteers continue to serve our residents in various ways. We are hoping that some of our assisted living residents will be lead to volunteer at BHCC. We try to encourage our residents and staff members to be involved in the community by taking part in volunteer opportunities such as Bell Ringers for the Salvation Army at Christmas time, blood drives and the school nutrition Back Pack Program.

Our Pinnacle Customer and Employee Survey reports continue to be positive. For 2016 we were recognized as BEST-IN-CLASS AWARDS in 12 of 16 categories.

Our daily census continues to average 98.5%. The case mix (degree of needs of all residents) has moved up from 1.06 to a high of 1.16. Payment is based on the amount and complexity of each person's care needs.

Competition continues to be at a high level for both staff and residents. Two major increases in skilled, assisted living and basic care were complete early this spring.

Our present board for both BHCC and the assisted living remain the same as in "2016".

Gerald H Grosz – *Chairperson*, Grace Point (EFCA), Bismarck

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David Miller – *Secretary*, Hillside Baptist, Dickinson

Dana Rivinius – Hillside Baptist, Dickinson

Pastor James Grupp – Goodrich/McClusky Baptist Churches

Duane Grubb – Century Baptist, Bismarck

Denny Sotebeer - GracePoint (EFCA), Bismarck

Dr. Guy Tangedahl – Century Baptist, Bismarck

Rev. Dr. Daryl Thompson – Northern Plains District/EFCA, Bismarck

The subject that we don't like to talk about is finances, especially when it's negative. Going into 2017, the governor had proposed a 4% across the board budget reduction for all state agencies. The majority of our revenue comes from Medicaid (State/Federal Funds). We are trying to balance our case mix averages (higher case mix, higher revenue, but also higher care costs) hire and retain adequate staff, keep our beds filled (empty beds do not serve nor do they generate revenue), and meet both state and Federal regulations. If deficiencies are found during the survey process, we could be subject to substantial fines. The legislature restored some of the funding.

BHCC is the only Long Term Care Center in the state that will take stable ventilator residents. Some are young individuals that have "aged" out of another facility and would have had to leave the state resulting in a substantial higher cost to the individual or to the state. Sometime we have to put our hearts ahead of our heads.

Bottom line is we have to remember that we are serving others through Him, it is His business that we are operating and He is the "Chairmen" of a board of one. Pray that we will follow our calling, be good stewards and make wise decisions. Without Him we would not be into our 78th year of service.

Respectfully Submitted

Augie Pepple, Administrator



8/15/2017

Dear Association Members,

As I write this, we are just wrapping up our summer season here, and what a great time of ministry it has been. We saw record numbers attend two of our NAB programs, and generally higher numbers throughout all the camping programs. This year our focus has been on helping campers to “stand firm” in their faith against the tide of the culture around them. My staff had many occasions to speak the truth of the Gospel to the kids, encouraging them to go deeper in their walk with Christ, and to partner in a greater way with other Christians fighting the good fight of faith. We had the great privilege of seeing several campers come to Christ, and many others open up about their hopes, fears, and struggles. God was definitely at work this summer, as he always is, and we praise his name for it.

The newest project at camp, the Lakeside Lodge, is well underway and will be utilized next summer to house our ever-growing summer staff. This project has gone through several revisions, and is now a two level, twelve room dormitory with a spacious conference room. I am very excited to see it finished and utilized for kingdom purposes, not just in the summertime, but all year-round. The estimated cost for the project is approximately \$175,000, which is significantly lower than the original plan that was approved last year. I am continually blessed by seeing what God is doing here, and I look forward to all that is soon to come.

To Him and Through Him,

Tim Brenner
Executive Director
Crystal Springs Baptist Camp, Inc.

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp Inc.
Church and Para Church Organization Contributions & Attendance

CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS	2016	2016
Ashley Baptist Church, Ashley, ND	\$2,800.00	11
Bismarck Baptist Church, Bismarck, ND	\$2,000.00	32
Brandon Valley Baptist Church, Brandon, SD	\$3,198.67	9
Calvary Baptist Church, Aberdeen, SD	\$1,300.00	15
Calvary Baptist Church, Carrington, ND	\$6,082.50	10
Central Valley Community Church, Hartford,		7
Century Baptist Church, Bismarck, ND	\$9,000.00	152
Cornerstone Community Church, Brandon SD		0
Cornerstone Community Church, Harvey ND	\$1,500.00	25
Danzig Baptist Church, Avon, SD	\$500.00	1
First Baptist Church, Avon, SD		0
First Baptist Church, Chancellor, SD		0
First Baptist Church, Emery, SD		39
First Baptist Church, Eureka, SD	\$806.33	2
First Baptist Church, Goodrich, ND	\$25.80	0
First Baptist Church, Hebron, ND	\$700.00	3
First Baptist Church, Linton, ND	\$4,758.80	4
First Baptist Church, McIntosh, SD	\$332.00	2
First Baptist Church, Medina, ND		13
First Baptist Church, Mercer, ND	\$504.00	5
First Baptist Church, Minot, ND	\$8,319.96	42
First Baptist Church, Plevna, MT		0
First Baptist Church, Valley City, ND	\$1,350.00	19
First Baptist Church, Wishek, ND	\$5,166.28	25
Grace Baptist Church, Gackle, ND	\$578.00	1
Grace Baptist Church, Grand Forks, ND	\$5,196.00	96
Herreid Baptist Church, Herreid, SD	\$2,612.21	28
Hillcrest Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD		0
Hillside Baptist Church, Dickinson, ND	\$1,650.00	15
Immanuel Baptist Church, Beulah, ND		37
Immanuel Baptist Church, Wessington Springs,	\$1,000.00	0
Isabel Baptist Church, Isabel, SD	\$1,400.00	8
Martin Baptist Church, Martin, ND	\$2,175.00	7
McClusky Baptist Church, McClusky, ND	\$719.00	4
Memorial Baptist Church, Parkston, SD		0
Metropolitan Baptist Church, Fargo, ND	\$2,500.00	38
Mountain View Baptist Church, Spearfish, SD		0
New Leipzig Baptist Church, New Leipzig, ND	\$1,000.00	2
Oak Hills Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD		0
River City Church, Fargo, ND		16
River Community Church, Dell Rapids, SD		11
South Canyon Baptist Church, Rapid City, SD		0
Temple Baptist Church, Jamestown, ND	\$3,400.00	80
Trinity Baptist Church, Sioux Falls, SD	\$55.00	0
Turtle Lake Baptist Church, Turtle Lake, ND	\$1,000.00	14
United Community Baptist Church, Anamoose,	\$400.00	2

Valley Baptist Church, Milbank, SD	\$200.00	0
Venturia Baptist Church, Venturia, ND		2
Washburn Baptist Church, Washburn, ND	\$2,700.00	1
West Center Baptist Church, Madison, SD	\$1,000.00	21
Non-NAB Churches and Organization	\$950.50	680
North Central WMF	\$2,000.00	
SD Association of NABC		
Total	\$78,880.05	1,479

NAB Camps	1,479
Rentals	2,894
Total	4,373

Total Church & Organization Giving - \$78,880.05

Summer Camp Comparison

<i>Camp</i>	<i>2017</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>2015</i>	<i>2014</i>	<i>2013</i>	<i>2012</i>	<i>2011</i>	<i>2010</i>	<i>2009</i>	<i>2008</i>	<i>2007</i>
FORGE	-	-	3	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Junior High Camp	260	230	186	189	131	136	156	135	127	145	189
Family I Camp	217	286	251	283	285	276	305	207	223	204	173
Senior High Camp	118	108	129	147	122	148	149	172	178	159	232
Intermediate Camp	235	192	193	145	140	156	166	125	146	148	143
Junior Camp	140	126	108	123	147	121	135	135	112	82	127
Family II Camp	168	167	138	99	96	112	40	47	67	89	76
Total	1,138	1,109	1,008	992	925	949	951	841	879	864	983

2017 Summer Rentals	Campers	2016 Summer Rentals	Campers
Charles Hall Youth Services	27		
Prairie Partners (Kids/Teens)	176	Prairie Partners (Kids/Teens)	138
Nazarene Kid's Camp	199	Nazarene Kid's Camp	216
Nazarene Teen Camp	173	Nazarene Teen Camp	159
Moser Family Reunion	82		
CEF Good News Camp	96	CEF Good News Camp	106
Christian Motorcycle Association	88		
Element (Evangel) Camp	106	Element (Evangel) Camp	95
Seventh Day Church of God Camp	42	Seventh Day Church of God Camp	45
Century Baptist Baptism	241	Century Baptist Baptism	131
Church of God	170	Church of God	183
Zoom (Evangel) Camp	100	Zoom (Evangel) Camp	102
TOTAL	1,500		1,175

2017 Summer Attendance Total 2,638

2016 Summer Attendance Total 2,284

Decisions

<i>2017 Camps</i>	<i>Salvation</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>2016 Camps</i>	<i>Salvation</i>	<i>Other</i>	<i>2015 Camps</i>	<i>Salvation</i>	<i>Other</i>
Senior High	2	2	Senior High	0	0	Senior High	0	1
Junior High	4	1	Junior High	0	0	Junior High	0	3
Intermediate	1	0	Intermediate	5	0	Intermediate	1	3
Junior	5	0	Junior	0	0	Junior	5	2
Total 2017	12	3	Total 2016	5	0	Total 2015	6	9

Crystal Springs Baptist Camp, Inc Profit and Loss Report YTD 08/31/2017 and 2016 Year End

	<u>Jan - Aug 31, 2017</u>	<u>2016 Totals</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense		
Income		
4000 · Coffeehouse	2,952.16	4,915.05
4001 · Bookstore	1,738.00	3,290.25
4002 · Candystore	13,077.13	16,073.75
4003 · Registrations	148,893.99	152,963.31
4005 · Donations		
4005-1 · Individual Donations	93,780.09	275,554.44
4005-2 · Church Donations	42,645.33	78,880.05
Total 4005 · Donations	<u>136,425.42</u>	<u>354,434.49</u>
4008 · Miscellaneous Income	4,635.83	27,305.66
4009 · Investment Income	1,275.00	
4010 · Rental Income	155,556.43	201,088.37
4014 · Steer Inc.	68,297.98	96,788.46
4015 · Brochure Sponsor	300.00	5,100.00
4021 · Refunds/Rebates	1,276.39	1,864.67
Total Income	<u>534,428.33</u>	<u>863,824.01</u>
Expense		
6000 · Program Expense	27,790.06	40,505.88
6100 · Staff Expenses	1,214.95	0.00
6101 · Book Store	356.19	4,793.54
6102 · Candy Store	11,695.82	9,744.90
6103 · Coffee House	846.63	1,285.22
6104 · Telephone	3,022.33	4,406.20
6105 · Natural Gas	8,270.77	9,045.67
6106 · Electric	22,320.87	29,639.58
6107 · Internet/TV Services	1,052.16	1,634.41
6108 · Postage	3,194.76	9,726.98
6110 · Mileage	16.80	1,056.16
6111 · Repairs & Maintenance	39,030.96	31,244.79
6114 · Camp Furnishings	3,054.14	12,588.14
6115 · Gas & Fuel	8,801.70	9,074.40
6116 · Insurance	14,828.67	25,159.45
6117 · Groceries	97,433.48	86,923.41
6118 · Advertising	7,878.90	18,911.57
6119 · Tools	5,346.81	7,341.82
6123 · Video/Sound Equipment	1,381.72	4,414.66
6122 · Accounting & Legal (CPA)	0.00	2,265.00
6124 · Supplies	22,232.69	28,981.18
6125 · Missions Giving	1,379.45	1,440.19
6126 · Miscellaneous	8,448.81	5,106.07
6127 · Staff Development	1,118.21	1,973.97
6138 · Travel Expenses	1,322.69	978.08
6141 · Water	2,495.99	4,045.37
6150 · Credit Card Fees	39.90	645.13
6500 · Payroll	216,804.47	274,686.92
6550 · Payroll Tax Expenses	19,509.69	25,654.74
6800 · Fixed Assets Purchased/Improved		
6800-1 · Equipment	16,205.32	23,663.42
6800-2 · Property Improvements	87,379.80	70,371.89
Total 6800 · Fixed Assets Purchased/Improved	<u>103,585.12</u>	<u>94,035.31</u>
Total Expense	<u>634,474.74</u>	<u>747,308.74</u>
Net Income	<u>-100,046.41</u>	<u>116,515.27</u>

The camp received several large donations last year that were marked to be used for building projects. These donations are reflected in the positive Net Income for 2016. That money has been utilized for several building projects within 2017, most notably the new staff dorm, the "Lakeside Lodge." This expense is reflected in the negative Net Income for 2017, and is in line with the budget approved by the Board of Directors in November of 2016. The expected cost of the Lakeside Lodge is approximately \$175,000 and we hope to complete it without having to incur any debt.