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## *Significant Paths*

The Edmonton Triennial was truly a fantastic gathering where spiritual refreshment was found in coming together as the NAB family. Now is the time to reflect on where our past is leading us and to walk forward and journey with God to fulfill the mission that He has for the NAB in the coming three years.



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**W**hen we were brainstorming the theme for this edition of *Onward*, we knew we wanted to touch on Triennial 2018, but we didn't want to simply recap or rehash the ways God's Spirit moved among us; we also wanted to look forward toward the ways God is continuing to move among us and guide the ministries of the NAB, our churches, and our partnering organizations. We know that both Triennial and the exciting ministry ahead stem out of the deep work of the Holy Spirit in our conference. In previous editions, we've used a word or phrase to summarize the theme, but settling upon something that conveyed this duality of forces—coming out of Triennial and going into the coming years—stymied us.

This pairing—one pushing and the other pulling, but both moving us in the same direction—reminded me of the call to “come further up and further in.” This phrase comes from *The Last Battle*, the final novel in *The Chronicles of Narnia* by C. S. Lewis, which tells the story of the end of Narnia and all that led up to it, as well as all that comes after. It is this part of the book, the post-Narnia chapters, where we are given a glimpse of a new Narnia, one that is very much like the Narnia that came before, but somehow more real and more beautiful. Here in this new land, after watching the death of the old, Aslan, the High King of Narnia and Son of the Emperor-over-the-Sea, invites those who have entered this new Narnia to journey deeper into this vast garden paradise, calling out, “Come further up! Come further in!”

We've already come a long way. Looking back at the 2015 Triennial in Sacramento, California, we were challenged with the idea that we are all missionaries in our local context; just as the Father sent the Son and the Son sent the Holy Spirit, we have been sent into our communities. For some of us, what was a new concept in 2015 is now a lived reality in 2018. This year's Triennial continued this momentum by considering how we are to be shaped into the image of Christ to serve, in part, as sent witnesses to the Kingdom of God in our midst.

There is no denying that Triennial was good and beautiful, but we believe God has more for us than to simply sit back and celebrate all He has done in our midst. Rather, as we celebrate, let us look ahead, for there is still so much more to be done. In the same way we recall the 2015 Triennial as the starting point for where we are today, we want to look back on this Triennial in 2021 with awe at the new and grand adventures God has drawn us into.

In the following pages, you'll read about the ways God is leading the NAB forward even as we celebrate all that has transpired.

God has been good to us, but it is time for us to go further up and further in to deepen our commitment to missional living, spiritual formation, international missions, church planting, and cross-cultural ministry.



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# Embracing God's Work within Theological Education



**Greg Henson**  
President  
Sioux Falls Seminary



**David Williams**  
President  
Taylor Seminary

It has been a great joy to be part of the way God is weaving together Taylor Seminary and Sioux Falls Seminary. These two institutions of the NAB are dedicated to supporting the church in fulfilling her task of teaching disciples to observe all that the Lord commanded them. Although we have taken our own unique paths to get where we are today, our journeys have shared a common trajectory. This is bringing us together and showing us in new but familiar ways that we are better together than we are apart.

Part of the journey of transformation taking place at each school has been to recognize that great strides can be made when we work together in a more integrated and intentional way. By embracing our shared call to walk alongside the church in its work to develop followers of Christ who participate in the Kingdom mission, we are finding ways to focus the journey of theological education on each person and the work of Jesus.

As theological seminaries doing our work in North America at the beginning of the twenty-first century, many of our core practices have been shaped by the same cultural forces that have shaped institutional life in general. However, as we all know, these cultural forces are changing dramatically. This reality is forcing

both of our institutions to change. We embrace these changes and believe they are the work of God transforming us for the sake of the church.

Through this process, God is calling us to be better stewards of the resources that are provided to us, to be more attentive to the vocations of all the people of God—not just pastors and professional church leaders—and to make the resources collected at our institutions more accessible to those outside of our regions. Three areas in particular are setting the stage for a bright future: technology, curriculum, and student engagement.

## Technology

Technology is an important aspect in all forms of education. A portion of the NAB Reach campaign was designated for Taylor Seminary and Sioux Falls Seminary for improvements in this area. Together, each seminary has worked hard to find ways for technology to enhance or support the journey of discipleship that we are creating for students.

At Taylor, these changes are taking place in a variety of ways. Upgraded technology has been added to both Stencil Hall and the classrooms. These renovations are enabling Taylor to work with students and event



participants around the world. These upgrades align with similar technology already in place at Sioux Falls. As a result, it is creating opportunities for students at both schools to be in class together despite the distance between them.

With technological hardware and infrastructure in place, Sioux Falls is focused on developing software to better serve students locally and around the world. Beginning this fall, a segment of people engaged in the Kairos Project will use software that Sioux Falls helped develop. This unique software was designed from the ground up to support competency-based theological education. It is setting the stage for better interaction with and support of students engaged in a discipleship journey through theological education.

### Curriculum

In fall 2014, Sioux Falls pioneered a new approach to theological education—the Kairos Project. Building on the concepts of competency-based education, the seminary blazed a new path that led to changes in curriculum, tuition prices, and the student experience, among many others. Since then, the seminary has grown by 60 percent and now has over six hundred people and ministry contexts engaged in its Kairos network around the world. The Kairos Project is now recognized as one of the most innovative and effective approaches in North America.

It was this change that sparked many of the early conversations about greater levels of partnership. As Sioux Falls began implementing these changes, the faculty at Taylor was rewriting its curriculum based on a similar competency-based approach to theological education. The faculty was deeply committed to making Taylor's programs as relevant to the vocational callings of its students as possible. To that end, Taylor worked diligently with local pastors and ministry professionals to better direct its educational competencies and outcomes to the vocational needs of its students. These changes will now come into full effect in the next academic year, but they are already having a positive impact on the students.

Indeed, God was weaving Taylor and Sioux Falls together before we knew it was happening! Perhaps more important than the work God is doing to prepare our institutions for the future, He continues to transform the lives of our students.

### Student Engagement

This past June, a Taylor graduate spoke at a national gathering of seminary leaders about the way she had been shaped at Taylor. Both Taylor and Sioux Falls were extremely pleased as she testified about how Taylor helped her more deeply understand her beliefs and how to stand strongly for her faith in a gracious, humble, generous, and Christ-like way.

That phrase, Christ-like way, might be one of the best ways to think about the work of theological education. Over the past several years, Taylor Seminary and Sioux Falls Seminary have reflected more deeply on what it looks like to develop disciples of Christ who are prepared to live fully into their unique callings within the Kingdom mission. This shift in perspective is, in most ways, a call back to the original purposes of theological education. That is to say, discipleship has always been the work of the local church, with seminaries being invited to play a role in that process through developing pastors. Today, however, the multifaceted ministry of the church calls for a multifaceted understanding of the role that seminaries play in the development of followers of Christ who live into their unique callings.

Nearly half of the students enrolled at Sioux Falls are in a professional vocation outside of a local congregation. In fact, the majority of students enrolled in seminary across North America enroll primarily because they want to learn about integrating their faith and their vocation, whatever that vocation may be. Seminary, therefore, must be a place where all members of the body of Christ can grow in their faith. One student said it best when he noted that “the heartbeat of the seminary here is that the education doesn't give you the right to serve in ministry. The education, in fact, draws you closer to Jesus.”

Such a shift in the way students participate in theological education requires a change in how seminaries think about, approach, and engage in their work. Sioux Falls Seminary and Taylor Seminary have fully embraced this new reality and are excited about what the future holds. Together, we are better able to pursue our shared mission to develop followers of Christ. ■





# Refreshing, Renewed, and Reaching Out



Jean Ewing  
Women's Ministry Leadership Team

**F**or over 158 years, women in NAB churches have organized to meet local needs and to support the needs of women around the world. In 1860, a man at the Eastern Conference suggested that the sisters organize “work” societies to help support the church and aid in her missions. And in 1882, at the Northwestern Conference in St. Paul, Minnesota, the suggestion was made that a union of all women’s societies be formed. It wasn’t until 1907 in Buffalo, New York, during the Triennial Conference that the Women’s Missionary Union was formed.

During the early years of this organization, the focus was on prayer for our churches and missionaries and on providing for the needs of those in ministry. Women have responded generously over the years, often raising thousands of dollars to support missionaries; provide scholarships for women to attend our NAB schools in the US, Canada, and Cameroon; and meet the physical needs of women and children around the world. In 1922, White Cross work became a national women’s project to provide medical supplies for work in Cameroon.

Women’s Missionary Union became Women’s Missionary Fellowship (1979), then Women’s Ministry Fellowship (1997), and then Women’s Ministries (2004). Changes in the times, in needs, and in the opportunities that faced women drove the change in women’s work emphasis throughout the years. Individual NAB churches took on the support of missionaries, initiated compassion funds for the needs of the marginalized, and promoted growth groups, and in the process the influence of women’s ministry groups declined.

For almost two years, the present Women’s Ministry Leadership Team has wrestled with what the heart of ministry to women is in this day and age. We met with a marketing specialist, invited you to take a survey, and talked with many who are involved in ministry with women. At the recent Triennial, we unveiled the result of our seeking, research, and prayer. Based upon the desire of women to be with each other, hear life stories, and learn from other women, we have changed the name to Women’s Connection. Our bimonthly newsletter will be known as TouchPoint.



We hope that these changes will give new strength and energy to the connections we have as women in our NAB churches. What a joy it is to watch women with the same focus connect across the street, in our churches, and across time zones and international borders, sharing stories that challenge and encourage each other.

This past year we have been challenging you to connect more deeply with God through the study *Enjoying Jesus* offered by IF: Gathering. Through studying and applying the spiritual disciplines, we have invited you to experience a deepening relationship with God.

We will broaden our focus to include how to connect with family and friends more purposefully and will offer opportunities to connect with your community more intentionally. As we emphasize and develop these areas, we will need your help so we can share real stories of what God has done and is doing through your lives. We encourage you to respond to invitations to share your story through TouchPoint.

Members of our volunteer leadership team will be in your regions at some time during the next couple of years to hear from you and further refine and define our work among and for you. Our team was a part of a networking

luncheon in the NorCal region in the spring of 2018, and more recently, in September held a luncheon for women leaders from the churches in the British Columbia Baptist Association. We would love an opportunity to meet with women leaders in your region.

Our desire is to continue to support young women in their journey in leadership roles. Women's Connection is providing grant money to attend Blue Ocean and scholarships for youth pastors' wives to be a part of The Summit, the NAB youth leader's retreat. We will continue to provide NAB women with tools and resources that are biblically sound and readily available. We will bring to you compassion projects like Happy Feet through our Share Your Blessing program to give your group a chance to financially make a difference.

Yes, the face of women's ministry has changed over the last 158 years, but at the core is the desire that women must connect with other women through conversation, study, and shared experiences. As we connect, we are challenged to "encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11 NIV). It is our joy to encourage you in your relationships and in the work you are doing where God has currently placed you. ■



## Our Vision

Connect with women of the NAB and help them fulfill their calling.

## Our Mission

Encourage the women of the NAB in their desire to serve God and provide them with valuable tools and resources to accomplish what God is calling them to do.

## Our Core Values

### CALLING AND WORTH

We value the essential role women play in ministry.

### QUALITY RESOURCES

We value God's Word and seek resources that are Biblically sound, applicable, and accessible.

### BROADER CONNECTION

We value supporting the broader vision of the North American Baptist Conference and developing a connection among NAB women.

### LEGACY AND THE FUTURE

We value the legacy of women who have gone before us and are committed to engaging the next generation.

# A Legacy that Looks Forward



**Randy Tschetter**  
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**M**y heart was touched with emotion when I discovered this photo of European immigrants praying on a plot of barren-looking farmland somewhere in rural Canada. Pictured with the women are Rev. R. Milbrandt and Rev. William Sturhahn, the latter an NAB pastor involved with the immigration and settlement of German refugees to Canada in the 1950s. My first thought as I viewed the photo was that their prayer was one of thanksgiving for safe travel from Europe to North America, for the soil from which they would build their lives, and for the opportunity to start over in a land offering religious freedom. However, mingled with their gratitude may have been the raw emotions of having only recently said goodbye to loved ones and their homeland. Perhaps they were standing on land where they had already buried a beloved family member or friend. In ways far too numerous to count – in good and bad times, in happy and sad times, in prosperous and challenging times, in North America and around the world – God has shown Himself to be faithful among this family we call the North American Baptist Conference.

Celebrating God's provisions for this family is one of the reasons we gather at Triennials. The Heritage Commission booth in Edmonton was a busy place as we connected with individuals from Canada, the United States, Cameroon, and Japan. We visited with friends who have a long history with the NAB and with those who are new to the family. Alumni of NAB educational institutions in Edmonton and Sioux Falls shared memories of how their lives were shaped for ministry by interactions with faculty and friends. A seminary classmate and I recalled the impact that professors like Dr. Ralph Powell, Dr. Gerald Borchert, and Dr. Art Patzia had in our lives of faith and ministry preparation. Helen Marie Schmidt, a "retired" NAB medical missionary, described to me how she continues



to be a missionary even though she no longer lives in Cameroon. We answered questions and learned from those who had new stories to share. Congregations and individuals seemed anxious to share historical documents and artifacts with the Heritage Commission. Repeatedly we were reminded of the rich heritage of faith that has shaped our conference for more than 150 years.

In his report at Triennial, Dan Hamil pointed out that the Heritage Commission is now fully recognized as a partner ministry of the NAB. Located on the campus of Sioux Falls Seminary, the archives of the Heritage Commission is a well-lit and climate-controlled facility that houses hundreds of artifacts and thousands of documents related to the life and ministries of this family. With the support of the International Office, the Heritage Commission staff and volunteers are committed to preserving the history of God at work in and through the NAB.

It is important to understand, however, that the archives is more than just a museum that reminds us of the past. Our story – which is filled with examples of great leadership, innovation, and courage, as well as days of disappointment and pain – calls us to walk boldly into the future, trusting that the One who has sustained us will continue to direct our paths. In the words of the psalmist, we recall our past so that "future generations will be told about the Lord. They will proclaim his righteousness, declaring to a people yet unborn: He has done it" (Psalm 22:30–31 NIV)! In remembering and retelling our history, we also declare our confidence that God will continue to shape us for His mission in the world. ■



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# The Summit: Or How I Stopped Tiring Myself Out and Refreshed My Soul



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**M**y first retreat/conference was for NAB youth workers in San Diego, California. I remember Doug Fields coming to speak to us for a couple of hours, probably about the Purpose Driven Youth Ministry. However, the highlight of the trip was the friendships that were built and bonding together while talking about life and ministry at the hotel.

The bond has grown wider and stronger with each Summit I've attended. The Summit has become an essential part of my life as a youth pastor every three years. When asked to join the Youth Ministry Leadership Team (YMLT) in 2009 to help plan the 2010 Summit in Asilomar, California, I was all in.

Needless to say, I cannot wait for The Summit in Phoenix, Arizona, on April 23–26, 2019.

Throughout my years on the YMLT, I have been asked why I have continued to be a part of this team for so long, and the answer is simple: The Summit. Don't get me wrong, I love The Gathering. (Save the date: July 2020.) But The Summit! That's what keeps me energized even now after transitioning to a lead pastor role.

Why, you may ask? For more than nineteen years before I took my current role, my life had been in the grind of youth ministry, daily pouring my heart into the families

in our church. Like many others, we use our resources to attend conferences that are going to help our program to reach more families. However, in the midst of those conferences and hours spent with other youth workers, I continue to hear the same story from youth pastors and leaders, "I'm tired. Really tired."

This was the case when we all gathered in Galveston, Texas, for the 2016 Summit. One night we decided to do something different. We separated the men and the women and allowed for a time of sharing and prayer. That night, tears were shed, hearts were opened, and lifetime friendships were formed. The Summit is a safe opportunity to share life and ministry struggles and be motivated to continue in our calling to serve youth and families. These and many other reasons are why the NAB and the YMLT are committed to putting on a retreat that focuses on the heart and soul of the youth leader.

Our goal is to allow youth leaders around North America to take a big, long, deep breath. For those of you who are not youth leaders, encourage the youth leaders at your church to attend, telling them how impactful these four days can be in their lives, their marriages, and the life of your church. Lastly, I ask you to prayerfully consider paying for your youth leader(s) and their spouse(s) to join us in Phoenix. ■



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## THE SUMMIT

To register for The Summit, check out our new pages on the NAB website.

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## The Business Session at the 2018 Triennial



### Harry Kelm

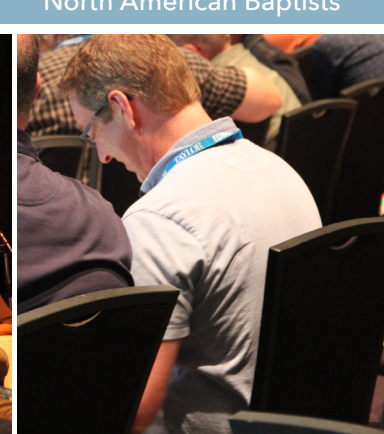
Former Moderator of the North American Baptist Conference  
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**A**s the North American Baptist Conference of churches, we mark time by Triennials. Every three years, we gather together for support and connection, for challenge and encouragement, and for decision-making through a business session. For the past three years, I have served as the moderator of the NAB in addition to my usual role as lead pastor of Grace Baptist Church in Calgary, Alberta. I truly love this community of faith. My parents were immigrants from Germany who came to North America in need of a place to call home, not just to rest their heads but also a home church. They found this home in an NAB church, and I have as well.

I have had the opportunity as moderator to see the benefit of working together as a group of churches. There

are things we can do better together as a conference of churches than we can do alone. I have seen the heart and passion for God's Kingdom displayed in the incredible group of regional ministers. I have had a chance to work together with the staff at the International Office and have been blessed by their desire to serve and to further the work and reach of God's Kingdom. I have heard reports of God shaping our churches and causing us to be on mission wherever God has placed us. I have spoken to church planters who want to be used by God to transform their communities. I have met with missionaries who are committed to sharing the Gospel in various ways and nations across the world. I have been blessed by being moderator.





As moderator, I have also had the opportunity to chair the governing boards of the NAB, as well as the business session of the Triennial Conference in Edmonton. Triennial marked the end of my service as moderator and the transition to past moderator, which grants me a seat on the Governing Board for the next three years. The current moderator is Mike McNeff, lead pastor of RockRidge Church in Murrieta, California.

The business session at the 2018 Triennial was marked by a great sense of unity and peace. There was time set aside on two different days for business sessions, but the business was completed on the first day. The delegates of these business sessions come from the churches of our conference. For those of you who are unfamiliar with the process, each NAB church has the opportunity to have their pastor or church-designated staff person as a delegate. In addition, they can send one delegate per fifty members or any fraction thereof. These delegates decide on the business that concerns our conference of churches. This business involves who we are as people of God and how we do what we do as a group of churches in the Kingdom of God. It determines our leadership and our leadership structure.

One of the major items on the agenda was a revision of the NAB constitution. This change is something we have been working toward for the past nine years. We have had various task forces and many meetings on the possible changes. In essence, the major change was to move from a two-board system to a one-board system that includes members-at-large elected by the delegates.

There have been multiple groups that worked on this revision in the past three years. It was fine-tuned by the Constitutional Change Committee, which was chaired by Ron Norman. There were many presentations to various

groups to seek their input and make changes to the draft. When Ron presented the revision at Triennial, there was little further input given from the floor. Even though a two-thirds vote in favor of the revision was needed for it to pass, a much higher percentage than that voted in affirmation.

A second item of business was the election of the officers and members-at-large for the new Governing Board. This too was done with little discussion. The last item of business concerned the Florida Association, which had become just one church. This was obviously less than ideal. This church had asked to join the Southern Association for fellowship and connection, which would leave the Florida Association with no churches. The recommendation to dissolve the Florida Association passed overwhelmingly.

The rest of the business session involved reports from Executive Director Dan Hamil about things that are happening within the NAB. We also had reports from our cooperating organizations: Church Investors Fund, Taylor Seminary, and Sioux Falls Seminary.

I want to say again that the business session of the 2018 Triennial Conference was marked by great unity and peace. There was prayer concerning each item that came up for decision, and there was joy in being able to come together as God's people and with God's leading to make decisions that directed the NAB.

I can truly say it was a joy to serve the pastors, leaders, and churches within our conference as the NAB moderator for the past three years. To God be the glory. Great things He has done. ■

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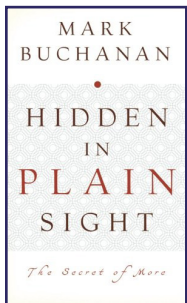
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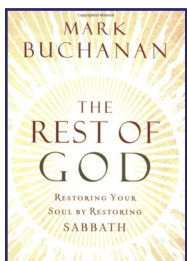
# Books Written by Triennial Speakers

## Mark Buchanan



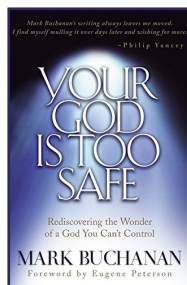
### Hidden in Plain Sight

Mark Buchanan shares a treasure from Scripture that the vast majority of readers overlook, helping believers break their old habits, keep old wounds from reopening, and keep old fears from resurfacing to move into the purpose-filled life God intended for them.



### The Rest of God

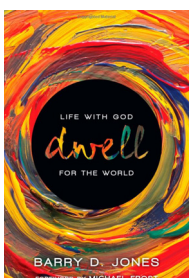
Mark Buchanan states that what we've really lost is "the rest of God—the rest God bestows and, with it, that part of Himself we can know only through stillness." Jesus practiced Sabbath among those who had turned it into a dismal thing, a day for murmuring and finger-wagging, and He reminded them of the day's true purpose: liberation—to heal, to feed, to rescue, to celebrate, to lavish, and relish life abundant.



### Your God Is Too Safe

Buchanan shows how the majority of Christians begin their spiritual journey with excitement and enthusiasm, only to get bogged down in a "borderland"—an in-between space beyond the "old life" but short of the abundant, adventurous existence promised by Jesus. Citing Jonah, he examines the problem of "borderland living"—where doubt, disappointment, guilt, and wonderlessness keep people in a quagmire of mediocrity—then offers effective ways to get unstuck and move into a bold, unpredictable, exhilarating walk with Christ.

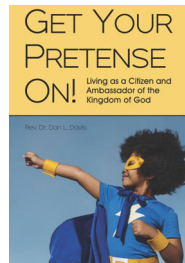
## Barry Jones



### Dwell

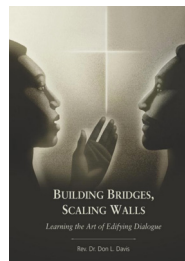
Barry Jones uses the example of Christ making His dwelling among us as the basis for how we should live as His followers. He details what it looks like to live like the incarnate Christ, missionally engaging the world around us out of a deep dependence on God.

## Don Davis



### Get Your Pretense On!: Living as a Citizen and Ambassador of the Kingdom of God

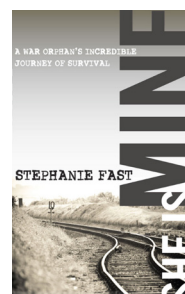
Don Davis calls every believer in Christ to understand and embrace their true identities as both citizens and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God. This book outlines a biblical and doctrinal perspective designed to help you know what it means to act worthy of your true, redeemed status and position and to make a difference in the roles where Jesus has placed you.



### Building Bridges, Scaling Walls: Learning the Art of Edifying Dialogue

The most important skill necessary to overcome division will be careful and clear dialogue, the kind that respects those who disagree with us while making plain our beliefs and convictions. This book calls for humility and charity, built on the rules and rhythms of tender-hearted, tough-minded dialogue. Grasping the principles contained within it will enable us in dialogue to engage the great and thorny issues of our day while learning the art of speaking the truth in love.

## Stephanie Fast



### She Is Mine

Abandoned at age four she roamed the bleak, war-ravaged countryside of South Korea for three years and was finally left for dead. But the Creator had other plans for Stephanie and revealed them through the words, "She Is Mine."

# Significant Paths for the NAB to Journey



**Dan Hamil**

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**T**he city of Edmonton, Alberta, was established in 1795 at the junction of the Saskatchewan and Sturgeon Rivers as a fortified trading post for the Hudson's Bay Company. A wonderful replica of the trading post stands today at Fort Edmonton Park, where thousands of visitors meander each year and consider the realities of days gone by. In the decades surrounding Edmonton's establishment, a trading post on the wide-open prairie was necessary as a gathering place because surviving and thriving in this wild landscape had its challenges. Travelers and those who called this region home experienced seasons of torrential rain, driving snow, and gusting winds. The pace of transportation for both people and goods was slow to begin and even slower in the long darkness of the winter months. With little medical care available, illnesses and injuries turned serious quickly.

A trading post became an oasis. It was a place of safety, where shelter from the weather and the wild could be found; it was a place of replenishment and refreshment, where new supplies or resources could be obtained; it was a place of social and relational connections, where meals could be shared in community after months of lonely hunting and trapping; and it was a place of redirection, where journeys and adventures into new lands and new opportunities could be launched.

At the 2018 Triennial in Edmonton, attendees found a place of spiritual shelter and safety in the gathering of the NAB family, allowing them to deeply reflect on and learn about spiritual matters for the formation of their own souls. Some found, from a speaker—whether at a plenary session or a breakout—or through a conversation at an exhibit booth, new resources, ideas, or thoughts that would benefit their own growth or their church's growth. All enjoyed times of fellowship in a great atmosphere of festivity and food.





As you can see, I truly believe the 2018 Triennial was such a significant place and time for the NAB family to come together and be filled through encouragement toward spiritual growth, times of learning, and the formation and renewal of relational connections.

Upon returning home, I have mused in my head and heart regarding the next three-year journey for this conference of churches. Talking with God as I've walked each morning on my routine prayer path, I've asked Him what part of His great mission we could join Him on, what new adventures He is preparing us for, and what new opportunities He has before us.

Allow me to articulate to you what I believe to be God's vision for us over the next three years. Not all of these are new, but all are significant paths for our conference of churches to journey.

### Every NAB church equipping their people to be a missionary people who reach into their neighborhoods with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

God is a missionary God who has called His people, the church, to be missionary agents of His Gospel and grace. God's very mission, as communicated by our Lord, is to seek and save those who are lost, reconciling all things to Himself through Jesus's life-giving death, resurrection, and ascension. As His followers, He calls us to be ambassadors, going into our own neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces as witnesses of His glory and goodness.

### Every NAB pastor—whether senior pastor or pastoral staff—being formed more and more into the image of Jesus Christ and investing time and energy caring for the formation and health of his or her own soul in community with others

Dallas Willard said that “spiritual formation in the tradition of Jesus Christ is the process of transformation of the inmost dimension of the human being, the heart, which is the same as the spirit or will. It is being formed (really, transformed) in such a way that its natural expression comes to be the deeds of Christ done in the power of Christ.” Pastors serve congregations out of the overflow of their own spiritual depth. As a conference, our desire is for pastors to tap into resources and people who help them continually be transformed in their inmost being in order to serve the church in the Spirit's power.

### Every NAB church sending and supporting an NAB missionary so that all nations would know Jesus as Lord

Psalms 96 says, “Say among the nations, ‘The LORD reigns.’ The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity” (NIV). Though the sending and supporting of international missionaries has been a hallmark of the NAB since its inception, in recent decades fewer and fewer international missionaries are being sent by North American churches in general. If each and every NAB church would financially support one NAB missionary, pray for the missionary regularly and diligently, and seek to train and disciple a new generation of missionary candidates, the NAB could exponentially expand the witness of the good news of Jesus to the nations.

### Every NAB church partnering with an international ministry or church for mutual learning, love, and support

Around the world, there are brothers and sisters in Christ from various geographies who are worshipping God, witnessing for the Gospel, and serving their local communities. In this era of history, each NAB church has the real opportunity to connect and partner with an international church or ministry. Ministry teams can be exchanges. Concerns between the churches and ministry can be shared and prayed for. Each partner—both North American and international—can learn from the other how God is working in unique and powerful ways.

### Every NAB region or association becoming passionate about church planting and working together to multiply existing churches and launch new congregations into locations where God is working and new churches are needed

It has been some decades since our conference of churches has invested energy into planting a significant number of new churches. As our culture shifts toward a more and more post-Christian era, a great need exists for new churches that can reach new neighborhoods and diverse people groups as they follow God's mission to seek and save the lost. Our prayer is that existing churches would multiply and that groups of churches would come together to plant new churches all over North America.

## Every NAB church reaching across cultures to embrace others with the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ

Both Canada and the United States continue to become more multicultural. As has been stated often by church leaders over the last two decades, God is bringing the nations to us. Our call is to love our neighbor as we love ourselves and to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people, regardless of skin color or ethnicity. Our hearts

must mirror the heart of our Lord, who cared so deeply for the least, the lost, the widow, the orphan, and the stranger.

The Edmonton Triennial was truly a fantastic gathering where spiritual refreshment was found in gathering together as the NAB family. Now, though, is the time to open the doors of the past and to walk forward and journey with God to fulfill the mission that He has for the NAB in the coming three years. ■

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# Next Steps on the Journey

**T**hese ambitious visions from God that are propelling us into greater depths of engagement with His mission for our conference are more than simply ideas without substance. As a team, the International Office is working diligently to frame strategies for the fulfillment of this vision. It is important within this process that we provide practical resources for every church, ministry, and individual within the NAB to take their next steps in each of these areas.

The following tangible next steps are intended to help you join God in what He is doing in our NAB movement.

## Every NAB church equipping their people to be a missionary people

We are continually striving to fill our annual Blue Ocean cohort to capacity with NAB leaders and pastors hungry to explore missional movement in their communities.

We are working to bring Ethos, our flagship missional training cohort, to the whole of the NAB through an online version designed to greatly increase accessibility, especially to churches in smaller communities.

To receive resources or build a partnership in areas of missional initiatives, contact Cam Roxburgh at [croxburgh@nabconf.org](mailto:croxburgh@nabconf.org).

## Every NAB pastor being formed more and more into the image of Jesus Christ

We are working to continue to grow The Bonfire cohort by providing ongoing training in missional and formational initiatives through four video conference calls and our major annual gathering in May 2019.

We are working to recruit six churches and one association to pilot a new one-year program that partners with pastors and their boards to develop greater discernment, spiritual vitality, and Christ-likeness in their leadership.

To join with The Bonfire movement or develop your next steps of board training, contact Kent Carlson at [kcarlson@nabconf.org](mailto:kcarlson@nabconf.org).

## Every NAB church sending and supporting an NAB missionary

We are working with every new NAB church plant to get them to an NAB international field in their first three years of starting as a church.

We are working together with regional ministers to connect with churches who do not currently support an NAB missionary to help them establish a partnership that fits their church well.



To take your next steps to partner with an NAB missionary, contact Kerry Bender at [kbender@nabconf.org](mailto:kbender@nabconf.org).

### Every NAB church partnering with an international ministry or church

We will provide training with excellent missiology to help your ministry or church explore a long-term partnership through short-term mission trips.

We will provide whatever level of leadership support you need for an international trip, from leading an entire trip to providing cross-cultural training.

To bring Gateway training to your region, or to plan an international trip, contact Randy Schmor at [rschmor@nabconf.org](mailto:rschmor@nabconf.org).

### Every NAB region or association becoming passionate about church planting

We are working with multiple regions to plant new churches in partnership with the nearby NAB congregations.

We are working to recruit, train, and support every NAB church planter who is called to establish a new work.

To explore your next steps in church multiplication, contact your regional minister or email Stu Streeter at [sstreeter@nabconf.org](mailto:sstreeter@nabconf.org).

### Every NAB church reaching across cultures to embrace others

We are working to bring Gateway's "Without a Passport" training to as many as twelve churches in the year ahead.

We are working at partnering with our rural churches to design outreach to immigrants in their communities who live without a Gospel witness.

To get prepared to engage internationals in your community or for training resources, contact Bud Fuchs at [bfuchs@nabconf.org](mailto:bfuchs@nabconf.org).



## Special Edition Onward

**A**t Triennial, we unveiled a special theology edition of *Onward* that contains articles written by Dr. David Priestly and Dr. Stanley Grenz. These articles, published in a series for the *Baptist Herald* starting in the July/August issue of 1985 and going through July/August of 1986, were designed then, and serve us now, to clearly and biblically explain our beliefs statement, which remains unchanged since the time of their writing, with the exception of only one small addition in 2012 affirming a biblical definition of marriage. We continue to affirm these beliefs today as we partner together to expand the reach of the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout North America and around the world.

The response to this publication at Triennial and since has been overwhelmingly positive. NAB leaders and pastors remain fiercely and passionately biblical as evidenced by a widespread desire to hold fast to the beliefs set forth by our conference leaders more than thirty years ago. The kinds of leaders in the NAB who plant churches, lead ministries, or answer the call to international missions live with prayerful hope that the kindness of God is what leads to repentance and that the shaping of our souls into Christ-likeness prepares us for mission in our communities.

This special edition of *Onward* remains available to you both in digital format and in a printed version. To get a copy, please email [communications@nabconf.org](mailto:communications@nabconf.org).























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From its beginning the Church has always struggled with balance. It doesn't come naturally to individuals, so I guess it is bound to also be the nature of those gathered in groups, such as the Church.

A generation or two ago the Church was known for its strict view that God was a God to be feared for His justice. He was known to demand that we follow closely His rules of the faith that He so clearly laid down in His book. Those who wanted His blessing had one path to follow, and that involved adherence to the rules. God was known first and foremost as a God of Justice. It was clear how He worked and those He blessed followed them closely.

We know this left the Church lacking in grace – as many of us grew up in such churches and felt that there had to be more to the character of God. After all, scripture was full of examples of His grace and mercy as well, but the Church rarely emphasized that part of God. So to counter this one-sided view of God, we started to focus on God's merciful side, accentuating those parts of His personality. For a while this worked. As long as those who held the positions of authority in the church were of the old mindset, the “new” view of God acted as a healthy counterweight to that strict view of God that had missed the mark in many ways.

The problem now is that those who protested the old ways are now the people in authority in our churches. They have gone from being a counterbalance of the “old way,” to being

the mainstream authorities in our churches. This has left us right back where we started.

Now in our churches we hear almost nothing about God but His mercy and grace. The results of this view of God are now becoming clear to anyone who is taking note. It has left us with a Church where we don't practice discipline because God is a God of love who understands that we are weak and lazy.

The people of God have been here before, not only in the Old Testament, but also in more recent history of the Church, and the results are still not pretty.

We are now all quite clear on the idea that God is merciful and full of grace. After all, we know He died for us while we were yet sinners. However, like a good father does, He refuses to leave us in a state of uselessness. The reality is that He is also a God of justice who demands that we also act justly in alignment with His enlightened laws that He has given to us for the betterment of all.

Micah 6:8, the famous passage that we all know, lays it out succinctly. We are first instructed to act JUSTLY, while at the same time loving MERCY. God gave us this formula because it is simply the right path and in alignment with His own character.

Moses proclaimed God's character in Exodus 34:6–7 as well. “The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious

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A Newsletter for the NAB Family



## >> Act Justly, Love Mercy continued

God, slow to anger, **abounding in love and faithfulness**, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. **Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished**; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents" (NIV, emphasis added).

In other words, we can be forgiven, but our actions will still have consequences for us and others. Anytime the church overemphasizes either nature of God, things begin to go

wrong in the church.

The wise still realize that God is capable of being both merciful and just at the same time; that He forgives us, but He disciplines us as well. It might be time for the church to begin again to emphasize the just aspects of His nature...if we are to get back on track. Otherwise God will discipline His Church and it may not feel as loving as we would like. ■



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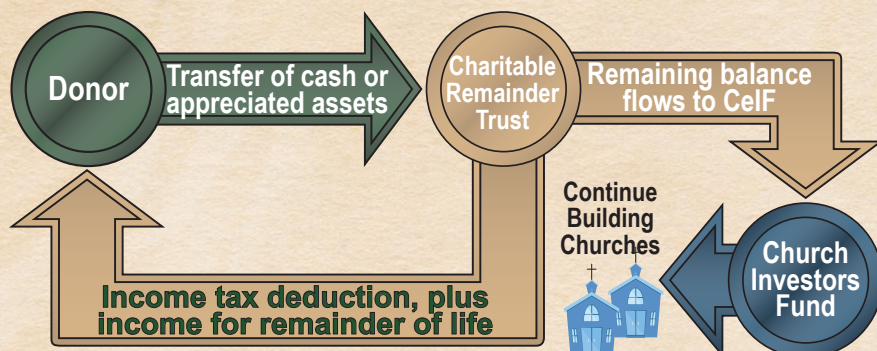
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*"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone."*  
– Romans 12:18



## Uncover the Facts







# 8 Questions

with **Rev. Dan Heringer**  
Regional Minister  
Central Plains Region

**Q:** Would you tell us about your family?

**DH:** *Geri and I met at NABC (now Taylor) in Edmonton, Alberta. We have been married for forty-five years. We have three adult children. Our son and family live in California, and our two daughters are in Texas. We have four grandkids: two in California and two in Texas.*



**Q:** What led you to becoming a pastor/serving in ministry?

**DH:** *I grew up in a pastor's family and was certain from an early age that God was calling me to pastoral ministry. There was never any pressure from my parents, but my experience in a pastor's home was very positive and encouraging. As a typical kid, I thought about other things, but was never serious about anything other than pastoral ministry. My favorite story of the Bible has always been Samuel.*

**Q:** What is the most challenging part of serving in ministry?

**DH:** *To be patient and let God do his work in his time. It is also difficult to take the time to simply enjoy the presence of God, rather than always doing the "work."*

**Q:** What energizes you?

**DH:** *Stories of lives transformed by the power of the Gospel never get old. I love to interact with church leaders about what God is up to in their community and how they can join him on that mission. Any conversation that moves us from contentment with the status quo is a good conversation.*

**Q:** What is your life verse?

**DH:** *Ephesians 2:10: "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." (NLT)*

**Q:** Why or how did God lead you to serve as regional minister (or what led you)?

**DH:** *The local church is where it is at, but in my ministry journey God has blessed me with a great variety: church staff, director of New Day, church planting, on staff at the NAB International Office, and lead pastor. I find that the training and experience gained through that journey prepared me for the regional minister role. So, when I was asked to serve, it seemed that God had been preparing me for this.*

**Q:** What do you most enjoy about serving as regional minister?

**DH:** *Every church and pastor is unique. I enjoy hearing their stories. God has wired me to enjoy variety, so I enjoy the fact that every day brings new opportunities. But mostly I enjoy working with pastors and church leaders as they discover what God is doing in their ministry area and join Him in it.*

**Q:** How can we pray for you?

**DH:** *Wisdom to pay attention to the things that God cares about, not the things I care about. ■*



## Who am i?



I was born and raised in the U.S. Midwest before immigrating to Canada in 1989. As motels and restaurants in rural areas were scarce, my parents would host missionaries, traveling evangelists, foreign students, salesmen, and transients. This experience prepared me to serve the Lord through mission work.

Do you think you know who I am? Find out by visiting [www.CeIF.org](http://www.CeIF.org), email ([epond@cifnc.org](mailto:epond@cifnc.org)) or call Ellie Pond at 800-543-2343, ext 233. ■





## Lehotsky Lazarus Award Winner



The Lehotsky Lazarus Award was formed to honor the late **Rev. Harry Lehotsky**, who was a man willing to stand up and look out for people's welfare in the Winnipeg community and help them gain new life. He brought hope and compassion to a community that appeared to have none. We present this award at the **NAB Triennial Conference** to those who demonstrate a commitment to transforming lives within their own community.

At the 2018 Triennial Conference in Edmonton, Alberta, we were blessed to award the Lehotsky Lazarus Award to **Daniel Schuster, of the Jesus Loves You Society (JLYS)** in Calgary, Alberta.



Daniel grew up in a North American Baptist church alongside his dad, Pastor Sieg Schuster. While attending high school in Manitoba, Daniel first met Harry Lehotsky. He even helped Harry take pickaxes to the basement of one of Harry's first ministry houses and was blessed to see firsthand the relationships Harry was building within the community. It was these memories that began to nurture the seeds that would eventually blossom into the ministry you now see at JLYS. Daniel later served as a youth pastor for Central Baptist Church in Edmonton and then Brentview Baptist Church in Calgary, but he always felt God calling him to do something more with his life. So, in 2003 he found clarity from God and stepped out in faith to care for a broken group of people in the Calgary community.

Over the past fifteen years, Daniel Schuster has faithfully

led the **Jesus Loves You Society "Centre for Families"** in downtown Calgary. This non-profit, charitable organization, **attempts to reach out and serve low income or working poor single moms and children.**

JLYS strives to nurture their **physical** and **emotional** needs. They create a supportive environment where they can rest, be vulnerable, forge friendships, and share a healthy home-cooked meal together. It's a safe place for them to share the hurts and joys, share stories, and cry and laugh with each other.

JLYS provides them with groceries from their food bank and gently used clothes that were graciously donated. They help them secure housing when needed. If there is a need, they do everything they can to help meet that need.

They also aim for **faith** to be **strengthened** and **hope** to be **renewed** through encouragement and prayer. The JLYS serves as a safe place for God to be at work in their lives.

They even created a space for the children where they can laugh, play, be creative, and truly find joy in their lives.

While the **Centre for Families** is structured around five consistent meal gatherings each week, it essentially serves as a resource hub, providing advocacy for those trying to maneuver through Child and Family Services, the Alberta Works welfare system, or the complexities of



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the legal structures; as well as helping to write resumes, find employment, and do whatever is necessary to **become the hands and feet of Jesus**. Daniel shares that “at any given time, the ‘Centre

for Families’ consistently cares for about 300 low-income moms and their children.”

The Jesus Loves You Society receives **no government funding** and operates with only two full-time and three part-time staff, but continues to thrive through the selfless generosity of the committed team of volunteers. Daniel Schuster and this team of servant leaders certainly do not work to achieve notoriety or recognition in the arena of social justice. Neither are they concerned with simply raising awareness regarding the issues facing women and children in poverty. Instead, they choose to **simply live**

**out the profound truth of Jesus’ love, proving a sense of worth to those who struggle with discovering hope and dignity.**

Under Daniel Schuster’s visionary leadership, the Jesus Loves You Society has truly embodied the Biblical principle found in **1 Peter 4:8–11** (MSG) which declares, “Most of all, love each other as if your life depended upon it. Love makes up for practically anything. Be quick to give a meal to the hungry, a bed to the homeless – cheerfully. Be generous with the different things God gave you, passing them around so all get in on it: if words, let it be God’s words; if help, let it be God’s hearty help. That way, God’s bright presence will be evident in everything through Jesus, and he’ll get all the credit as the One mighty in everything.” ■



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# The Future of White Cross



**Keir Hammer**  
Director  
White Cross Canada

**I**thoroughly enjoyed connecting with many at Triennial and at the White Cross Open House! I am so thankful for all of the faithful workers across North America. Recently, I have been reflecting on the long and successful history of White Cross, and I believe its success has been due in part to the close communication with those in the field and quick response to their needs.

One of the ways this used to occur was through the use of quotas. Each region was given specific targets, and those quotas were then met by the active groups. I sometimes wish we could still function that way; it would make my job easier, but that's not the goal of White Cross. The quota system worked well when the medical work was smaller. However, the work has been growing tremendously. This is *very* exciting and also challenging.

I have been asking myself what the best way to meet these growing needs is. The general principle is the



same: adapting to the changing needs of the field. Some traditional items—such as baby layettes—are still very important. The biggest change in the past few years has been the expanding need for medical *and* dental equipment and supplies. The new handbook seeks to highlight these needs and will hopefully be updated online on a yearly basis.

As I dream of the future, I imagine a growing group of volunteers who continue to pay attention to the specifics of these changing needs, as many are already doing. I also hope that volunteers continue to provide a growing and diverse set of skills to reflect the growing variety of needs. We still need those who are committed to the production of the traditional items. We also need those who can utilize their medical and dental contacts to provide needed equipment and supplies. Moreover, as part of my dream I hope to see more volunteers involved in the transportation industry who can help develop a cost-effective network to deliver these materials to the national depots.

Someone recently asked me whether White Cross will ever cease to function. Maybe, when it no longer serves any real needs. However, if we continue to adjust to the needs in Cameroon, encourage others to come alongside, and support the work of White Cross generously with our time, expertise, and gifts, I see it having a long and fruitful future. ■

**For more information about the work of White Cross in Canada and the United States, visit:**

**Canada:** [www.taylor-edu.ca/wahlcentre/whitecross](http://www.taylor-edu.ca/wahlcentre/whitecross)

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# Fresh Wind



**Randy Schmor**  
Director  
NAB Gateway

**W**hen the North American Baptists gather every three years for what has come to be known as Triennial, I'm sure everyone comes with certain expectations concerning what it's going to be like based on experiences at previous Triennials, past conferences they've attended, or even their own personal pasts with both the joys and struggles of ministry and family life. But despite all of these past influential factors—of which I brought plenty of my own to Edmonton last July—it seems that the Holy Spirit had in mind to bring a fresh wind that would transcend these preconceived notions and create new experiences to draw from and remember. This was certainly true for me as I reflect and muse, particularly on NAB Gateway and both the global and local sides of ministry.

## Community and Relationship Is the Point

Within the global side of NAB Gateway, for more than six years we have held a ministry philosophy that dictates how local churches or ministries enter into partnerships. Relationship is first and foremost, followed closely by mutuality, all for the purpose of mission. As a matter of fact, you'll find that vision in Dan Hamil's article, where he lays out the NAB's desire that "every NAB church would partner with an international ministry or church for mutual learning, love, and support" (pg. 15).

But what's recently become clearer to me about the development of these partnerships is that the relationships and community that are formed are the whole point these partnerships exist. It's important that we discuss how the two partners can meet each other's needs in various ways, especially within the challenge of how our majority world partners can meet the needs of the North American church. However, when we realize that the mutual learning, love, and support of relationships

and community is the purpose of the entire enterprise, it helps us refocus our attention on what is most important in the development of these partnerships. This is often a hard lesson for task-oriented folks like ourselves here in the West, but quite innate for our church partners in the global south.

It's also important to note that community and relationship within partnerships of this nature are a current experience of the Kingdom of God and a foretaste of the future we will one day share in this "already, but not yet" Kingdom. Mission outcomes will result from these partnerships as well, but I've found it important to not look past the importance of the vital global church networks and connections that partnerships create and the strong, forever relationships that result.

## Cross-Cultural Mission Is a Local Task

Through the ministry of Cross-Cultural Equipper Bud Fuchs, NAB Gateway is also focused on providing churches with the right tools to minister to the diaspora peoples of the world (immigrants, international students, etc.) who are right in our own communities. To quote Dan Hamil again, our hope is that "every NAB church would reach across cultures to embrace others with the love and Gospel of Jesus Christ." To that end, Bud has developed some great training workshops that seek to help churches to do just that.

We live in a multicultural world, no matter where we are. Whether you are in a diverse, cosmopolitan city or a rural, agrarian setting, you can find people within a very short distance of where you call home who are different from you culturally, linguistically, and of course, spiritually. It's important as the body of Christ that we see these communities and individuals as those God has



called us to with the Gospel of the Kingdom. These communities and individuals may, in turn, join us in our local churches, become initiators for culturally new churches, or take the message of the Kingdom back to their home nation, culture, and families. But no matter the outcome, it's clear that we need to reach out to those locals culturally different than us who haven't heard the Gospel, and we also need to connect and provide fellowship with believers in our communities who are different from us.

### Fresh Wind

Just as the Edmonton Triennial was about connecting the NAB family, at Gateway we strive to connect the global family of God through partnerships and through reaching out locally to those culturally different than ourselves. After all, we are all part of the same family, it's just that maybe we haven't yet met and it's up to the Spirit to connect us, bringing with a fresh wind of new experiences. ■







# In Remembrance

These are the names of those who had passed between Triennial 2015 and Triennial 2018. The list only includes passings that the International Office was directly informed about. Names appear on this list by the date of their passing.

*Dorene Walth*  
*Evelyn M. Frers*  
*Mavis B. Goehring*  
*Stanley (Stan) D. Fandrey*  
*David (Dave) B. Henkelman*  
*Marge Jahn*  
*John Binder*  
*Iona Quiring*  
*Bruno Wilzer*  
*Reinhold Poehlke*  
*Jerome (Jerry) C. Fluth*  
*Betty Loewen*  
*Donald P. Patet*  
*Helen Wood*  
*Paul Reinsch*  
*Gerhard (Gary) Doring*  
*Jeannette Folkerts*  
*Roger Lehr*  
*Carl Pohl*  
*John Wollenberg*  
*Frances Tschetter*  
*Bernhard T. Feige*  
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# INTERCESSOR

## NOVEMBER 2018

### *Missional* ENGAGEMENT

**4** Thank God for the ability to worship freely, and pray for the believers in other countries who do not have that privilege.

**5** Pray for the leaders of your country, both on the local and the national level. Ask that God, who established their authority, would guide them to lead justly.

**6** Keep the church planting strategy meetings with C2C in Quebec in prayer as they take place this week. C2C works with the NAB to assess prospective church planters.

### *International* MISSIONS

**11** Pray for a gathering in Sioux Falls of non-churched millennials sharing their thoughts and feelings on the church while NAB leaders listen to their experiences.

**12** Pray for the ongoing political unrest in Cameroon. Ask God to bring both sides of the conflict together for a peaceful resolution.



**13** Pray for the openings serving alongside Nick and Iris in East Asia as international workers. Ask God to lead the perfect partners to these open positions.

### *Leadership* FORMATION

**18** Pray for regional ministers Dr. Terry Fossen (Alberta Baptist Association) and Rev. Chris Gorman (Northwest Region). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.

**19** Pray for regional ministers Dr. Randy Jaspers (Northern Plains Region) and Dr. David Ewing (Eastern Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.



**20** Pray for regional ministers Dr. James Renke (Upper Mississippi Region) and Pastor Larry Burd (Atlantic Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.

### *Ethnic* PARTNERSHIP

**25** Pray for regional ministers Pastor Ken Solberg (Saskatchewan Baptist Association), Rev. Rick Weber (Northern California Association), and Rev. Bob Klein (Southern California Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.

**26** Lift up the Christian church in Russia today. Praise God for the way He is using the church there and for Gary Clatterbuck and the many who are willing to travel to Russia to serve the seminary!

**27** Pray for the fundraising efforts on this Giving Tuesday as we seek provide scholarships for youth leaders wanting to attend The Summit in April.

#GIVINGTUESDAY



## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

**1** Pray for the Banff Pastor and Spouse's Retreat as leaders from the Alberta Baptist Association gather to reconnect, rest, worship, and enjoy God's presence together.

**2** Pray for VP of Church Planting and Ministry Advancement, Stu Streeter, and regional minister Jim Renke as they visit with NAB pastors in the Upper Mississippi region.

**3** Pray for the Southern Alberta Baptist Association leaders and church board members attending an event on church leadership relationships in Calgary, where Kent Carlson is speaking.

**7** Pray for the call between the regional ministers and the executive team today. Pray that the Holy Spirit would be present in the midst of the necessary business.

**8** Pray for our seminaries around the globe. Pray for wisdom for the professors as they prepare students for ministry, for the students to do their best to take full advantage of what they are learning, and for perseverance as they seek to balance all of their responsibilities.

**9** Pray for the Gateway training workshops happening in Kelowna, BC, on short-term missions and long-term partnerships.



**10** Pray for the Great Plains Association meeting taking place this weekend. Lift up the pastors who will be in attendance, as well as regional minister Dan Heringer.



**14** Pray for Walter and Florence Grob's time with family and friends as they continue their home assignment. Pray for rest in the midst of connecting with churches and donors.



**15** Pray for the patients and staff at both Mbingo and Banzo Baptist Hospitals in Cameroon, that God would continue using the staff to share Christ's love. Pray for the different facility and staffing needs to be met.

**16** Pray for the Taylor Seminary board meetings today and tomorrow. Pray that the meetings would be a time where the Holy Spirit is at work.



**17** Since today is International Students' Day, pray for Cross-Cultural Equipper Bud Fuchs as he continues working with international students in Utah and training churches to host similar ministries in their area. Pray for fruit from the various workshops he led last month.

**21** Pray for regional ministers Rev. Dan Heringer (Central Plains Region), Rev. Terry Holley (Great Lakes Association), and Dr. Bob Krahn (British Columbia Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.

**22** In honor of US Thanksgiving, take time to thank God for the blessings He has placed in your life and the people to help you grow and mature in your faith.

**23** Pray for Kristi TenClay today as she celebrates her birthday. Pray for her ministry as well as wisdom and insight as she leads the students of Rain Forest International School in Cameroon.

**24** Pray for the development of young leaders in the NAB family. Pray that their gifts are used in your church and their spiritual development grows as they serve God and His Kingdom.

**28** Pray for the White Cross ministry as they provide for direct and tangible participation in the compassionate care ministry of the North American Baptist Conference in Cameroon.

**29** Pray for Gateway Director Randy Schmor and the important work he does training churches and missions teams for missional engagement through long-term partnerships with mission fields around the world.

**30** As we enter the season of Advent, looking toward the celebration of Christ's arrival on earth, ask God how you can live incarnationally.

SUNDAY

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TUESDAY

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# INTERCESSOR

## DECEMBER 2018

**2** Pray for the spouses of the ministry leaders in your church. Being married to a pastor often requires an outpouring of patience and compassion that is not always easy to provide. Ask that God would fill them with the fruit of the Spirit.

**3** Pray for the various special projects on each of our international mission fields. These projects provide valuable resources to the ministries our missionaries are involved with. You can view this list at [nabconference.org/special-projects](http://nabconference.org/special-projects).

**4** Pray for a greater depth of understanding and love today in your own life for the call of God to join Him on mission in your neighborhood and city.

**5** Pray for the regional ministers and search committees who are in the process of searching for new pastors for NAB churches. Pray for God's wisdom and guidance as they seek to fill these open positions.

**9** Pray for each of the fields around the world where the NAB has missionaries at work: Brazil, Cameroon, East Asia, Hungary, Japan, the Philippines, Romania, Russia, and Serbia.

**10** Pray for the missionaries that your home church supports. Remember to pray for them fervently, and find a way to bless them in some way this week.

**11** Pray for NAB Student Ministries as they plan and prepare for The Summit, a retreat for youth workers, happening in April. Pray for and encourage the youth leaders at your church to go.

**12** Pray for Calvin and Susanne Hohn on their anniversary, that the Lord would bless this next year of marriage and ministry as they seek to serve Him well in Cameroon.



**16** Thank God for Geoff Hartt and his work leading Hispanics for Christ. Pray that God continues to use this ministry to encourage Hispanic pastors and establish ministry hubs in underserved areas.



**17** Pray for regional ministers Dr. James Renke (Upper Mississippi Region), Pastor Larry Burd (Atlantic Association), and Rev. Rick Weber (Northern California Association). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.

**18** Pray for Paul and Tanya Gericke as they celebrate their anniversary. Pray for this next season of ministry as they serve together in Romania and continue developing Camp Falcon Rock.

**19** Pray for regional ministers Dr. Terry Fossen (Alberta Baptist Association) and Rev. Chris Gorman (Northwest Region). Ask God to continue to give them wisdom as they serve the pastors and churches in their area.

**23** Lift up the next generation of leaders in your church to God.

**30** Pray for NAB partners and partnering organizations around the globe.

**24** Pray for your local Christmas Eve services and those who walk through the doors in search of a Savior.

**31** Thank God for all He has done this past year in your life, in your church, and in the NAB.

**25** Spend quiet time today with your Savior, thanking Jesus for making His home among us and showing us the way to the Kingdom of Heaven.

**26** Pray for those who visited your church for Christmas services without truly understanding the purpose for the holiday. Ask God to open their hearts.



## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

## SATURDAY

## Missional ENGAGEMENT

**1** Pray for your pastors as they approach this Christmas season; pray that as they spend time planning for a busier-than-normal schedule and season, that they would care for their own souls and that others would walk alongside and encourage them.

**6** Pray over every house on your street, asking God with each one how He can use you to bless those who live there and how you can minister to them during this Christmas season.

**7** Pray for the small group leaders and Sunday School teachers who serve your church as they prepare for this weekend. Pray that God would use them to impact and transform lives for His Kingdom.

**8** Pray for those guests who you are inviting to join you this Christmas, whether at your home or at church. Pray the Holy Spirit would begin to stir in them a desire to know God and to seek His presence in their lives.

## International MISSIONS

**13** Pray for those who are planting NAB churches. Ask God to give church planters encouragement and joy today as they reach their communities to join God on mission for Kingdom purposes.

**14** Pray for Chain of Love in Brazil as they care for children and adolescents who have been removed from their families due to situations of physical, social, or emotional vulnerability. Pray for new partner missionaries, Karl and Vanderleen Uebelhoer, as they fundraise to join this ministry.

**15** Pray for the Jones family, who are joining Lyndell Campbell-Réquia in Brazil, training ministers of the Gospel through theological education.



## Leadership FORMATION

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## Ethnic PARTNERSHIP

**27** Pray for our national missionaries serving in local ministries throughout the Philippines, Serbia, Romania, and Hungary.

**28** Lift up Yuri Nakano to the Lord on her birthday. Pray for her ministry at the churches in Japan where she teaches and trains leaders.



**29** Pray for Laci and Eszter Daróczi-Csuhai, national missionaries in Hungary who work with Community Health Evangelism to preach the Gospel in the midst of providing for tangible needs.

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