

Who We Are

The Canadian Baptists of Western Canada is a Christ-centred, moderate Baptist denomination. With more than 175 member churches in all four western provinces, the Yukon and the Northwest Territories, we are one of the most diverse Christian denominations in Canada, worshipping together in churches large and small, rural and urban across Western Canada, in many languages.

We have a three-fold vision:

Inviting faith. Acting in mercy. Cultivating leaders.

We celebrate the good news of the transforming work of Jesus Christ both now and throughout eternity. We believe that this redeeming faith is a journey towards changed lives that reflect the character of God.

Acting in justice and mercy, we reach out to our neighbours to meet the needs of the poor and vulnerable in our communities, both locally and internationally. Everywhere, in word and deed, Christ is proclaimed.

To respond to the spiritual and practical needs of our neighbours, we are committed to equipping strong leaders with the skills and support networks they need to serve God's Kingdom wherever they are called.

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The Canadian Baptist denomination exists to serve churches.

Individual Canadian Baptist churches are autonomous and are called to discern God's call to ministry for themselves. Collectively, they determine the denomination's ministries and actions through a Board of church representatives and annual Assemblies.

The CBWC is organized into three regions: BC/Yukon, Alberta and the Heartland [Manitoba and Saskatchewan]. Each region is served by a Regional Minister who each report to the Executive Minister.

The CBWC has three sister denominations in Canada: Canadian Baptists of Ontario & Quebec, the Union of French Baptist Churches in Canada, and the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. With these three partners, CBWC shares oversight of Canadian Baptist Ministries, our agency for international missions, relief and development.

The CBWC is a member of the Baptist World Alliance and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, and has observer status at the Canadian Council of Churches. Its service to God's kingdom is made possible by church donations, investments of the Baptist Union Development Foundation, and individual donations.

How the CBWC Serves

Residential Camps: Eight residential camps across Western Canada allow about 4,000 children the opportunity to learn about God in a safe, creative environment each year. They are:

- Camp Wapiti, Grande Prairie, AB www.campwapiti.ca
- Gull Lake Centre, Lacombe, AB www.gulllakecentre.ca
- Katepwa Baptist Camp, Fort Qu'Appelle, SK www.kbk.ca
- Keats Camp, Keats Island, BC www.keatscamps.com
- Mill Creek Baptist Camp, Pincher Creek, AB www.millcreekcamp.org
- Pelican Lake Camp, Ninette, BC www.plbc.ca
- Quest Baptist Camp and Retreat Centre, Christopher Lake, SK. www.questnet.ca
- Sylvan Acres Ministries, Port Alberni, BC www.sylvanacres.org

Urban Camping: Camp comes to kids in a year-round program that builds relationships between churches and their neighbourhoods. www.urbancampers.ca

Children and Families Missional Network [CFAM]: Regional coordinators support churches and share resources to strengthen church ministries to families and children. www.childrenandfamilies.ca

Youth Ministry: A Youth Ministry Director and a Youth Leadership Team representing all CBWC regions facilitate a dynamic youth ministry in local churches. www.cbwcyouth.ca

Short-Term Missions: You don't need to leave Canada to serve. Volunteers are matched with challenging short-term mission opportunities across Western Canada. www.shorttermmissions.ca

Refugees & Uprooted Peoples: CBWC coordinators support local churches as they reach out to vulnerable people, especially refugees and those who lack shelter. www.cbwc.ca

Women in Focus: Women are encouraged and trained for local leadership as they grow in their love for God and His service. www.womeninfocus.org

Opportunity Fund: Churches and ministries may apply for grants to support innovative ministries. www.cbwc.ca

Carey Theological College: Carey Theological College is our graduate school of theology located on the UBC campus in Vancouver, providing training for pastors and lay leaders where they live and work. www.careycentre.com

William Carey Institute: The William Carey Institute offers creative learning experiences across Western Canada that equip church congregations and individual Christians in their ministry, personal development, and spiritual journey with Jesus Christ. www.williamcarey.ca

Centre for Spiritual Formation: As part of Carey Theological College, the Centre offers a two-year graduate level program to assist individuals to deepen their life with God. www.careycentre.com

The Edge: The CBWC offers high school grads a \$3,000 bursary to attend Rocky Mountain College's one-year Edge leadership development program in Calgary in exchange for service in local churches. www.rockymountaincollege.ca

Online Resource Library: Pastors and church leaders can borrow books and resources to enhance their ministries by ordering them online. CBWC covers all costs. www.cbwc.ca

Website Resources: The CBWC makes a growing list of resources available on its website to support individuals, pastors and churches in their ministries and personal spiritual growth. Capacity-building resources are also available. www.cbwc.ca

Church Health and Planting: The CBWC works to support the health of all churches and to plant new churches using a variety of church planting models and providing consulting expertise and resources. www.cbwc.ca

Church Support: Several CBWC staff support churches in strategic planning, hiring new pastors, conflict resolution and ministry needs. www.cbwc.ca

Clergy Support: CBWC supports pastors' and leaders' spiritual and personal needs, administers clergy pensions and benefits, ensures lifelong learning opportunities and provides loans to clergy. www.cbwc.ca

CBWC Foundation [formerly BUDF]: The Foundation receives, manages and distributes deposits and donations for the ministries of the local church and the CBWC. It also offers LEGACY for Ministry™ as a program to help with personal financial affairs. www.budf.ca

