

# THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION — OF NAB CHURCHES

ANNUAL MEETING 2015  
OCTOBER 24  
9AM-NOON

CASA DE LUZ  
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## **NORCAL Annual Meeting Agenda**

October 24, 2015

9AM - 12PM

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9:00AM	Continental Breakfast
9:30AM	Welcome Seating of Delegates  Financial Report
10:00AM	Introduction of RM RM Rick Weber, Speaker
10:30AM	Reports from Cooperating Organizations Reports from Churches & Church Plants
11:00AM	Presentation of 2015-16 Budget Election/Affirmation of NorCal Executive Team Constitution and Bylaws proposal
12:00PM	Closing

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# Nor Cal Association of NAB Churches

## Spending Plan 2014-15 vs. 2015-16

### Ordinary Income/Expense

#### Income

400 · Church Support	200,000
401 · Checking Interest	125
410 · Interest	52,500
420 · Grants	15,000
411 · Promisory Note Interest	5,500
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>273,125</b>

#### Expense

5000 - Regional Ministry	167,100
5100 - Association G and A	24,075
5200 - Church Planting	18,000
7001 - Men in HD	0
5700 - Living Hope	6,000
5750 - Horizon/Lodi	9,000
6300 - Indian Christian Church	8,000
5900 - Disciples Church	15,000
6060 - NAB Youth Ministry	2,500
6500 - Professional Fees	500
7000 - Other Expenses	3500
5910- Catalyst Church, Woodland	10000
5920 - Horizon on the River	5000
5930 - Light to the World	5000
5940 - Casa de Luz Sacramento	5000
5950 - Care Lodi	12000
- Oak Tree	0
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>290,675</b>

Plan
Sep-Aug 15
200,000
125
52,500
15,000
5,500
273,125
167,100
24,075
18,000
0
6,000
9,000
8,000
15,000
2,500
500
3500
10000
5000
5000
5000
12000
0
290,675

Plan
Sep-Aug 16
200,000
125
46,500
17,500
4,980
269,105
173,440
19,975
10,000
2,500
3,600
2,000
4,000
10,000
2,500
500
3000
15000
4000
2500
4000
12000
8000
277,015

**Net Operating Income (Loss)**

**-17,550**

**-7,910**

The deficit is reduced by \$13,520 from the note payment received from the sale of Sierra Pines Camp  
 We will fund \$10,000 of Project 1:8 funds in support of Oak Tree's new mortgage payment  
 Crosspointe/Encounter Church is now making payments in excess of interest-no longer subsidized

9/19/15





Since filling the Regional Minister position Annie and I have appreciated your support in prayer, conversation and relationship. You have welcomed us as friends and offered hospitality in many different ways over the course of these first three months. We look forward to deepening partnership in ministry. Our desire is to see the church flourish by reaching people with the gospel, seeing lives transformed and living together on the mission God gives his Church.

In a book of readings entitled, A Guide to Prayer for Ministers and other Servants, this description of the church from Hans Kung is quoted:

*"If the Church really sees itself as the people of God, it is obvious that it can never be a static and supra-historical phenomenon, which exists undisturbed by earthly space and historical time. The Church is always and everywhere a living people, gathered through the midst of time. The Church is essentially 'en route', on a journey, a pilgrimage. A Church which pitches its tents without looking out constantly for new horizons, which does not continually strike camp, is being untrue to its calling. The historical nature of the Church is revealed by the fact that it remains the pilgrim people of God. It renews and continues the history of the ancient people of the covenant and fulfills it in the new covenant. At the same time it journeys through history, through a time of complex imperfection, towards the final perfection, the eschatological kingdom of God, led by God himself. It is essentially an interim Church, a Church in transition, and therefore not a Church of fear but of expectation and hope: a Church which is directed toward the consummation of the world by God."*

This captures the essence of the Church. We are reminded that we are the pilgrim people of God. We must be prepared for changes and developments, flexible in our approach to people and the possibilities for ministry. We want to be eager for new opportunities as God unfolds them before us. We want to be a people looking toward new horizons, continually striking camp, true to our calling.

Over one hundred and sixty years ago there were pioneers who believed cooperation and mutual support was a priority among German Baptists. They were pilgrims - immigrants who understood what it was to strike camp, looking for a new horizon. Once they settled they continued to look for new horizons - planting dozens of congregations throughout the United States and Canada.

I often lack this pioneering spirit. I am more comfortable knowing where my tent will be pitched. I don't want it moved often. I want to sit on the back deck and enjoy my current view of the horizon. I don't want to strike camp. I prefer "end route" to "en route". Playing it safe. Protecting what has been gained. Many of you are like me. Who we are is reflected in our congregations. We have lost a bit of the pioneer spirit that drove our early congregations to reach the next community, next generation and next nation.

There have been times we have been pressed to strike camp. A war breaks out. A building burns. An economy slows down. A pastor transitions. A leadership fails. Financial challenges rise. Demographics change. Culture shifts.

There are times we choose to strike camp. A congregation is planted. Leaders are sent. Finances are sacrificed. Ineffective strategies are abandoned. Preferences are exchanged for priorities. Focus shifts from inside the walls to outside the walls. Urgency replaces complacency. A paradigm shift.

Being reformed into Christ-likeness is not safe by traditional standards. Living on mission involves risk. Paul said, "To live is Christ, to die is gain." That doesn't seem safe. Peter said, "Even if you suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed." That doesn't sound safe. Jesus said, "Whoever wants to save his life will lose it and whoever loses his life for me will find it." That seems scary, not safe.

As Christ followers we are called to strike camp continually. Never getting comfortable but always knowing contentment. Never putting stakes down too deep, yet living on the bedrock of faith. We carry on. We march forward. The Church in transition. Pilgrims. Losers for the sake of Jesus. Hopeful and waiting for the consummation of the Kingdom but living the Kingdom life now.

The work of NorCal is unchanging - we consult churches, counsel people, coach leaders and encourage pastors. This is the ongoing work of the ministry. These are necessary day-to-day activities. This is the fabric of what NorCal is charged to provide. This is necessary and essential to our congregations and leaders. We want to do it well and continue to work to meet the needs of each church as requested.

We will press for change. We will challenge assumptions. We will push to see new congregations formed.

Where is God pressing your congregation to strike camp? We desperately need leaders and churches that will take greater risks in planting churches, multiply congregations and developing leaders.

How will we strategically multiply? Where are we intentionally developing leaders? Who will risk failure without fear?

NorCal exists to come alongside congregations in this expectant journey of hope as we carry on the mission of the Gospel.

May we be pilgrim people, constantly looking toward new horizons, continually striking camp, true to our calling. Working together to accomplish more than we could ever accomplish alone.

Rick Weber  
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## **Executive Director's**

### **Report to Associations/Regions**

#### **Fall 2015**

Reviewing the past months truly brings a response of joy from me, knowing that God is working His will and way among our conference of churches in the NAB. Allow me to reflect on just a few of the highlights of the past year:

#### **Staff Transitions:**

In January, 2015, Richard Brown joined the staff of the International Office as our Chief Financial Officer. Richard has a rich experience of ministry and financial oversight, having worked for the ministry of World Impact in Los Angeles for the previous 24 years. With great acumen, Richard has quickly begun to upgrade NAB's accounting processes and create a significantly more useful financial reporting system for the executive staff of the International Office.

At the 2015 Triennial in Sacramento, I was elected by the Triennial delegates as the Executive Director/CEO of the North American Baptist Conference. I am both humbled and honored to move into this role on a permanent basis after having served as the Interim Executive Director for 18 months.

I am also thrilled to announce that Stu Streeter has accepted the role of NAB's Vice President of Advancement. He will begin September 1, 2015 and will serve this role in a part-time capacity. Stu is currently a lead pastor/church planter, and will continue that role while helping NAB with fundraising and communications. Stu has a Bachelor's degree in communications, and has worked in professional fundraising, stewardship, and consulting with churches for nearly a decade.

#### **Triennial 2015**

The 2015 Triennial Conference in Sacramento, California was a rich time of exploring the theme of "sent." Speakers Dave Johnson, Mark Buchanan, and Reggie McNeal opened God's word and their experiences to those gathered at the Sacramento Convention Center to understand our calling to be a missionary people in our neighborhoods and communities. Missionaries, pastors, and church planters taught a variety of breakout sessions that fleshed out the "sent" theme even further. Authentic community was experienced through fun receptions and group activities. The Women's Ministry Leadership Team hosted a wonderful luncheon for women to explore how they can live as "sent", Taylor Seminary held a reception celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and Sioux Falls Seminary hosted a breakfast for alumni and friends.

The International Office received many notes of thanks for this Triennial Conference. Almost uniformly, those attenders commented that the 2015 Triennial Conference was one of the best Triennials ever.

Looking forward, the location of the 2018 Triennial Conference was announced as being in far western Canada (British Columbia or Alberta). The specific location is currently being determined.

### **Organizational Decisions**

The General Council in May and the Triennial delegates in July approved various elements of a three-year transitional period to implement and analyze some new organizational structures intended to make the North American Baptist Conference both more effective and more efficient.

1. In May, the General Council voted to require Executive Director, by policy, to establish and utilize a strategy group to help develop and implement high level ministry strategies for the North American Baptist Conference. This group, made up of Regional Ministers, representatives from various NAB Cooperative Organizations, two representatives from the Executive Committee, and a few other key individuals, will begin meeting January 2016.
2. Triennial delegates voted to change the number of appointed Executive Committee members from four to eleven, a minimum of which will be two Regional Ministers, and up to four;
3. Also, delegates approved General Council voting privileges for those Regional Ministers that are appointed to the Executive Committee.

### **Direction**

There are two critical theological truths that the International Office desires from NAB churches and attenders to own at deep levels. First, each follower of Jesus Christ is a “sent one,” joining God on mission to reach his or her neighborhood and community. Second, each church should be looking to reproduce or multiply itself, birthing new and perhaps creative church extensions in communities, associations, and regions. God has called us each to be “sent,” both as individuals and churches, going to present and proclaim the gospel.

As we partner together to be a missionary people, “sent” by God in North America and around the world, please take to heart the words of Charles Haddon Spurgeon when he said, “It’s not the strength of your faith that saves you, but the strength of Him upon whom you rely.” May we all be “sent”, relying on the strength of a God who loves us, and calls us to go.

In His overwhelming love and grace,



Daniel Hamil  
Executive Director  
North American Baptist Conference



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**And here's why:**

- **A Biblical worldview** – We believe God is the Creator and Owner of all that exists, and we are called to manage His creation for His purposes.
- **People more than money** – We will work to help individuals honor God with all their resources – not manipulate them to serve our organization.
- **Integrity** – Our relationships, as well as the professional and spiritual lives of all representatives, will be marked by integrity and transparency. All services will be provided without obligation or bias toward a particular product or service.
- **Excellence** – Every aspect of the Foundation will represent excellence so that we glorify God through our communication, technical ability, and service.
- **Confidentiality** – Be assured that neither names nor any information will ever be shared with anyone outside of the Foundation.

## **SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE NAB FOUNDATION**

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**I. A STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND**

**By participating in a stewardship weekend, your church will receive:**

- **Support** for the stewardship teaching of your church.
- **Encouragement** in the area of biblical giving.
- **Education** on the importance of an estate plan as part of Christian stewardship.
- **Opportunity** for personal estate-design appointments.

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## Components of a Stewardship Weekend

### A. Personal Finance Seminar

1. A 3 hour stewardship training course that teaches the principles of biblical financial management. (A short course is also offered for use during the Sunday School hour.)
2. What you will learn:
  - a. How your financial attitudes and habits correlate with your relationship with God
  - b. How culture influences financial behavior and impacts personal values.
  - c. How to control your finances with new tools and skills.
  - d. How to understand budgets and finances and your relationship to money.

### B. Estate Design Seminar

1. A 1.5 hour seminar followed by confidential personal appointments.
2. Individual assistance in designing your estate.
3. Advice on making contributions in a way that will honor God and eliminate tax burdens.
4. You will learn :
  - a. How to navigate the often confusing journey through estate design.
  - b. How to put love of family and God into action with the least expense and delay.
  - c. How to determine if your current estate design is still relevant and legal.
  - d. How to prepare to meet with an attorney that will save time and money.

### C. An Inspiring Stewardship Message during your AM Worship Service(s)

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## II. CAPITAL FUND CAMPAIGN ASSISTANCE

- A. In-depth consulting and guidance in raising funds to build or renovate or retire debt.
- B. Feasibility study to determine church's interest and capacity for a Capital Campaign.
- C. Detailed resources to aid in the Campaign, from launch to Victory Sunday.

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To schedule any of the above services for your church or if you have any questions, contact:

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# Church Investors Fund

2014 was another good year for Church Investors Fund. Our equity continues to grow at a healthy rate, and loan demand continues to improve, especially in Canada. 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.

To continue in this service, however, **Church Investors Fund needs investments.** As you probably know, the funding of building projects are made possible by people in a church just like yours who decided to entrust a portion of their savings to Church Investors Fund and invest in making an eternal difference in God's Kingdom. In what we refer to as a **"Double Dividend"**, the interest a church pays on their loan with Church Investors Fund is used to give fellow Believers a competitive rate on their savings.

Now, more than ever, Church Investors Fund is one of the few, if not only options for NAB churches to obtain funding. The challenge we face is the **over abundant need for funding and the limited amount of funds** available to offer these churches. Church Investors Fund has to turn churches away that we could have otherwise partnered with in ministry. Nothing breaks our hearts more than having to deny resources to churches being led by the Lord to grow His Kingdom. **Would you prayerfully consider promoting Church Investors Fund to your church's congregation?** Doing so would help us obtain the funds needed to further build the Kingdom of God through building churches.

To obtain a copy of our new video on a jump drive to share with your church, please call us at 1-800-543-2343 or email us at ceif@ceif.org. The video is **under 2-minutes** in length and has even been found to be a great lead-in to sermons focused on tithing or financial stewardship.

Your brother,

Bob Glim  
V.P./Marketing

# HISPANICS *for Christ*

## PLANTING CHURCHES & TRAINING LEADERS

*an affiliate of the North American Baptist Conference*

25 September 2015

NABNW  
Annual Report

One of the highlights for this year had to be our presence at the Triennial meeting in Sacramento. We were blessed to have Tony and Fabiola Campos (CA Field Coordinator) as the moderator for the main sessions, Eduardo Buldain (Argentina Field Coordinator) as one of the workshop guests for a presentation on partnerships, and we had Paco Damian (Mexico) and Ricardo Ayala (Chicago and El Salvador) working in our both. We had a wonderful opportunity to meet with churches and to share our ministry.

Another highlight is the launch of our new discipleship based church planting initiative in El Salvador. This has the potential to plant a new generation of churches started with new believers and focused on discipleship rather than growth.

Finally, we applied for and received an R-1 visa for a Romanian pastor to move to Salem, Oregon to plant a new church among Hispanics there and then to help us plant multiple new churches in Oregon and Washington.

The other fields we are involved in; Argentina, Mexico and Paraguay, continue to pursue church planting in their regions. After the end of the year we will have statistics to reflect how this year has been. They have had several teams from North American NAB churches visiting in partnership to support their local ministry plans.

Submitted by,

Geoff Hartt  
Executive Director

**2 Timothy 2:2** Lo que has oído de mí ante muchos testigos, esto encarga a hombres fieles que sean idóneos para enseñar también a otros.

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## THE FUTURE OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION



**AFFORDABLE**

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**ACCESSIBLE**

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**RELEVANT**

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**DEVELOPED LEADERS**

We are working to make theological education more affordable, accessible, and relevant by creating a sustainable model of education that develops people for their unique callings.

## DEVELOPING A SUSTAINABLE MODEL OF THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

### Affordable

- Allows students to make decisions based on mission instead of money
- Possible by developing a sustainable model of theological education
- Does *not* mean giving more scholarships. More scholarships only shift the burden to someone else. In order to be affordable, the cost of education as a whole must be lowered.

### Accessible

- Offers students multiple paths to theological education
- Flexibility in class schedules and format, location, level of training

### Relevant

- Maintains high academic quality while being applicable to a person's current context
- Allows students to grow where God has planted them by reaching them where they are in life and ministry
- Is transferable, instills lifelong learning, and provides active ministry experience

# 60%



**OF THE STUDENTS WITHIN  
ATS\* DON'T PLAN TO SERVE IN  
CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY**

\*ATS = The Association of Theological Schools  
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# WALKING BOLDLY INTO MISSION

## THE ROLE OF SFS IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION

Sioux Falls Seminary is excited to be about the work of the Kingdom. We use the gifts God has given us by working with the local church and moving outward from there. We are committed to:

- working with others to serve those God has placed in our care;
- being faithful in the stewardship of what we have;
- walking alongside others as we cooperatively participate in God's work.

## EXCITING NEWS & ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENTS

- The **Kairos Project**, which offers a new track within the Master of Divinity and M.A. in Christian Leadership programs, gives students the opportunity to focus on the achievement of outcomes while serving in ministry and walking alongside a team of mentors and faculty. The project, currently with 15 students, is academically challenging and fully integrates the life and ministry of a student.
- **Doctor of Ministry Partnerships**
  - Missional Church Leadership: partnerships with the North American Baptist Next Community Initiative and Forge Canada
  - Pastoral Psychoanalysis: working with the Brookhaven Institute for Psychoanalysis and Christian Theology (BIPACT) to offer a first-of-its-kind D.Min. degree
- A **redesign of the Master of Arts in Christian Leadership**, which adjusted the program to 37 credit hours, is:
  - enhancing core theological foundations
  - allowing students to create custom concentrations
  - creating opportunities for partnerships with organizations
- An **updated Master of Arts in Counseling program** is:
  - providing an increased number of licensure opportunities
  - positioning the MACO as our primary (and eventually only) counseling degree
  - giving students the opportunity to pursue areas of expertise including, but not limited to, marriage and family therapy, child and adolescent behavior, and mental health counseling
- **Sioux Falls Psychological Services is celebrating 40 years** of meeting the emotional, spiritual, and relational needs of the region by offering a full range of services for individuals, couples, and families. Their team of multidisciplinary mental health professionals serve through the Therapy and Assessment Clinic, the Child & Adolescent Therapy Clinic, and the Community Counseling Clinic.

## JOIN US: PRAY, SUBSCRIBE, GIVE

To learn more about how you can join us in mission through prayer, subscribing to news updates, or giving, visit [sfseminary.edu/joinus](http://sfseminary.edu/joinus).

Other ways to join in God's work through the seminary are to:

- attend an event
- take a class
- consider a program
- refer a student

NORCAL Annual Meeting 2015



## COURSES & PROGRAMS

### GRADUATE:

- Doctor of Ministry
- Master of Divinity
- Master of Arts in Christian Leadership
- Master of Arts in Counseling
- Master of Arts in Marriage and Family Therapy
- Master of Arts (Bible and Theology)
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies

### NON-DEGREE:

- Certificate in Christian Ministry
- Training in Spiritual Direction

## FIGURES

based on 2013-14 academic year



- Total Headcount = 298
  - Master's students = 174
  - Omaha students = 17
- Male/Female Comparison
  - 59% male students
  - 41% female students
- Master's Level Breakdown
  - Full time 26%; Part time 74%
- Sioux Falls Seminary is larger than half the seminaries in ATS
- Locations: Sioux Falls, SD; Omaha, NE; and online



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## FALL 2015 ASSOCIATION REPORT

### message from the president

The 2014-2015 year was remarkable and certainly one to remember. It was a strong academic year for us, graduating 17 students, completing some significant curriculum changes, and increasing our core faculty by almost 50%. Our EP Wahl Centre saw a banner year with a steady increase in participants and new programming. Overall, we are doing well.

Here are some significant recent events of note:

**Budget.** For the first time in 3 years we have posted a deficit budget. This was due in some degree to a decline in our annual fund donations, but it was largely due to 2014-2015 being a year of reinvesting in the institution, primarily with the hire of new core faculty members and a new Director of the E P Wahl Centre.

**Renewed partnership with Sioux Falls Seminary.** This year has been an important year for a renewal of NAB partnerships. In order to better fulfill our mission, Taylor is partnering with Sioux Falls Seminary in a host of initiatives including a shared online education platform.

**Renewed partnership with Cameroon Baptist Convention.** Taylor Seminary, along with the NAB International Office and Sioux Falls Seminary, are working with the CBC and Cameroon Baptist Theological Seminary to create a nationwide theological education platform in Cameroon.

**NAB on Mission Together.** Taylor is joining other NAB-affiliated organizations in a joint fundraising campaign that advances local and international ministries.

**75th Anniversary Celebration.** Our year of celebration will continue across western Canada throughout the fall and climax in our Celebration Banquet on Oct. 24th here at Taylor. Please see [www.Taylor-Edu.ca](http://www.Taylor-Edu.ca) for more information, and please plan to attend! I'd love to see you.

Shalom,

Dr. David Williams, President



### what pastors are saying

"Overall it was great. I came tired, stressed, discouraged, uncertain about the future. Am leaving refreshed, renewed, peaceful, encouraged. **THRIVE** has provided a safe environment to engage with other pastors and leaders to dialogue about life and ministry issues."

*-Pastor who attended  
**THRIVE 2015**, a retreat from  
the E P Wahl Centre's  
Healthy Pastor Initiative*

### Latest News

#### Carol Potratz Returns!

Taylor welcomes Dr. Carol Potratz as a Core faculty member in a half-time capacity as Director of Supervised Ministry effective August 15, 2015.

#### Dr. Willy Muller Retires

Taylor is putting together a celebration event to honour the educational service of Dr. Willy Muller as he retires. A retirement BBQ will take place at Taylor Seminary on Sept. 19 (5 - 8PM). Please RSVP to [Lori.Muz@Taylor-Edu.ca](mailto:Lori.Muz@Taylor-Edu.ca), or (780) 431-5200.

#### Prof. Thompson Steps Back

Len Thompson (Assistant Prof. of Spiritual Formation) has resigned from his Core faculty position due to health concerns. He will continue to teach one Spiritual Formation course per semester.



### Photos – Taylor's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

1. A maple tree was planted on the Taylor campus by the Board of Trustees to commemorate our 75th Anniversary.
2. **Dr. David Williams**, speaking at the 2015 Triennial. Taylor's 75th Anniversary was honored with a generous gift of a scholarship for a future Seminary student from our NAB family. On behalf of all of us here at Taylor, thank you!  
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# How You can Be Part of All that God is Doing at Taylor

**Taylor Seminary:** One of the core priorities of Taylor Seminary is to provide a high-calibre educational experience that is available through a highly flexible system of course delivery.



## ***Living outside of Edmonton and interested in taking a graduate course?***

The following courses are being offered online this Fall and Winter: *NT Intro, OT Intro, Christian Ethics, Christian Worldview, Applied Cultural Anthropology*

Check out our new live online classroom (Fall Tuesdays 8:30-12:15pm): *Systematic Theology*, taught by Dr. Randal Rauser.

## ***Interested in a Graduate degree with a large degree of choice?***

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.

## ***Living in Edmonton but working during the days?***

Check out our online courses (above), as well as our evening courses (Tuesday and Thursday nights): *Christian Apologetics; Christian Worship; Understanding Islam; Theology of Formation; Biblical Theology of Atonement; Gospel and Epistles of John, Essentials of Pastoral Care; TESOL Methods and Materials; Developing Christian Social Ministries*

## ***Interested in Graduate studies but money is tight?***

- Alumni can audit a Taylor course for free.
- First-time students can take a Taylor course at half-price.

\*(contact Rick Heavenor for more details)

## **Prayer & Praise Matters**

- Praise for the addition of Dr. Carol Potratz to our Core faculty as Director of Supervised Ministry!
- Praise for the new faculty and course delivery partnerships with Sioux Falls Seminary.
- Praise for the denominational diversity of our student body.
- Pray for a complete restoration of health for prof. Len Thompson.
- Pray for our faculty as we embark on a program and curriculum review.
- Pray for our many international students as they orient themselves to a new culture and to graduate level education.
- Pray for the unfolding partnership with the theological schools of the Cameroon Baptist Convention.

## **E P Wahl Centre**

*Dr. Ralph Korner – Director*



### **Upcoming Events include:**

Sept–April (Wednesdays) –

***7 Practices of a Follower of Jesus***

Oct 6&7 – ***“Bummed, Burned, or Broken: Moving Beyond Ministry Disillusionment”***

Oct 21 – ***Lunch & Learn: Preparing for your Pastor's Sabbatical***

Oct 23-24 – ***onWORD Conference***, with Benno Przybylski and singer/author Steve Bell

Nov 6-7 – ***Overflow: A Worship Equipping Conference***

Jan 20 – ***Healthy Pastor's Initiative: Finding Opportunity in Conflict Workshop***

Feb. 3 – ***Sabbatical Preparation Workshop***

Feb. 11 – ***Flourish*** (for pastors; Lethbridge)

Feb. 24 – ***Lunch & Learn: Communication Best Practices for Churches***

March 18 – ***E.P. Wahl Lectures*** with Dr. Norman Wirzba

May 17-20 – ***THRIVE***: strengthening resiliency for ministry workers (Camp Caroline)

June 7-8 – ***Building Healthy Church Staffs***: A team-building event for pastoral staffs and church administrative professionals. (Edmonton and Calgary)

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## **White Cross Shipment**

Another shipment of supplies was recently sent to Cameroon: baby blankets, flannel diapers and jackets (layettes), collected and donated medical supplies and equipment, and rolled bandages. Also, a new White Cross brochure is available. For more updates, send an email to [WhiteCross@Taylor-edu.ca](mailto:WhiteCross@Taylor-edu.ca).

## **Connect Online**

### **75th Anniversary Banquet**

**Guest Speaker: Dr. Benno Przybylski**

**Location:** The Gym on the Taylor Campus  
(now the home of *Imagining Church*)

**Date:** Saturday, October 24, 2015

**Time:** 6:00 PM (Dinner at 6:30 PM, Program at 7:30 PM)

**Cost:** \$35.00 per person; seating is limited.

**Tickets:** [www.Taylor-Edu.ca/75](http://www.Taylor-Edu.ca/75) By Phone: 780-431-5201

### **Pre-Banquet Event: Open House at Taylor**

A time of fellowship for alumni and friends of Taylor;

no RSVP needed for the Open House – just drop by from 3-5:30PM

NORCAL Annual Meeting 2015

## *Please join us as we celebrate our* **75th Anniversary**



### **Regional Celebrations: Dessert Night!**

**Kelowna, BC, Lakeview Heights Baptist Church**

Wednesday, October 14, 2015, 7:00 PM

**Richmond, BC – Bethany Baptist Church**

Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00 PM

**Winnipeg, MB – Whyte Ridge Baptist Church**

Friday, October 30, 2015, 7:30 PM

**Swan River, MB – Temple Baptist Church**

Sunday, November 1, 2015, 7:00 PM

**Cost:** \$5.00 at the door | **RSVP by Phone:** 780-431-5201

**RSVP by email:** [Lori.Muz@Taylor-Edu.ca](mailto:Lori.Muz@Taylor-Edu.ca)  
[www.norcalnab.org](http://www.norcalnab.org)

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## Care Lodi :: Fall 2015 Update!

### Greetings from the East Side of Lodi!

For those of you who don't know us, **Care Lodi was founded in 2012 with a simple mission: to change a broken neighborhood through the involvement of the local church.** We were responding to this calling from an unusual place: the local police department. Veteran officers called together and told leaders from the local faith community that this neighborhood, with its systemic crime and poverty issues, was by far the most needy in the community. They knew that there wouldn't be long-term change unless new resources were brought to bear.

### Enter the church.

**Three NAB churches**— First Baptist Lodi, Temple Baptist, and Horizon Community—took the call seriously and jumped on board. Soon, several more churches from across denominational lines became involved. Volunteers and resources poured in from these churches, along with help from the police, parks and recreation agency, and other nonprofits.

Today, Care Lodi is an “asset-based community development (ABCD) program geared toward finding local assets within the community who are serious about helping see the neighborhood changed. **As an ABCD program, we are staffed by a single, full-time, live-in missionary. Her job is to build lasting friendships in this neighborhood, finding the needs and connecting them to the assets.** The vast bulk of the program is run by volunteers from the local church. These are retired teachers, full-time moms, apartment maintenance people, and others who have heard the call and responded.

**Through these combined efforts, this year we have reached more than 250 low-income youth and their families from this neighborhood.** Of those, we have built a core target group of 40 students from about 20 families. These kids by-and-large come from families where relatives have been involved in gangs. **The kids desperately need a different kind of mentoring than what the gangs provide, and that's what we do.** We help them with their schoolwork, and have seen several them jump from a 0.0 GPA to 3's and 4's. We provide fun activities for them in the local park,, and police tell us that gang activity in the area decreases dramatically when we are there. We have engaged their parents with programming designed to help them engage the new culture and communicate with their children.

**One of the most exciting developments in 2015 has been our connection with a local Spanish-Immersion charter school in the target neighborhood.** The principal of this school saw what we were doing and wanted us to get involved. The end-result was that we were able to contract with them to provide an onsite school counselor for three days of the week, who is using her gift to help connect parents to their kids in powerful ways.

**Through the generosity of the Nor-Cal association of NAB churches, Care Lodi has been able to leverage the local church in a truly powerful way.** It is our hope to be able to continue this partnership and see the local church continue this missionally groundbreaking effort. From the bottom of our hearts, THANK YOU for your involvement!

In His Grip,

Jake McGregor  
Executive Director  
One-Eighty Youth Programs/Care Lodi



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**Frank Erb** serves with *Capitol Commission* as the **Pastor to California's Leaders™**. Frank is a former NAB-NorCal Church Planting Pastor who lives in Roseville with his wife and two children. Each week, he teaches in-depth expository Bible Studies inside the California State Capitol for our State Senators, Assembly Members, Constitutional Officers, Staff, Lobbyists, and other leaders. Frank also regularly visits every Capitol office, attends legislator events, and meets privately with government leaders to share the Good News and provide Biblical guidance, pastoral encouragement, and prayer. He also reaches out to U.S. Congress members in Washington, D.C.. In addition, he teaches in churches and writes about following Jesus.



**Please consider connecting with Frank in one of the following ways:**

- **Sign-up** to receive monthly email updates at [CapitolCom.org](http://CapitolCom.org) or by contacting Frank at [Frank.Erb@CapitolCom.org](mailto:Frank.Erb@CapitolCom.org) or 916-412-7625 or on Facebook.
- **Invite** Frank to speak to your church. He can share about how God is at work in the Capitol or teach on any biblical topic, including *A Biblical Approach to Government (Rom. 13)*, *How to Pray for Government Leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-4)*, or *Leading with Integrity*.
- **Visit** the Capitol. The Staff & Lobbyists Bible Study is open to the public every Tuesday at noon. Frank could also lead a "Capitol Prayer Tour" for your church to explain why and how to pray for our government leaders, as he did at the recent NAB Triennial.
- **Train** with Frank in how you or your church can minister to local elected officials. Throughout the Bible, we see God calling prophets and apostles and others to speak to leaders, and He's still doing so today.
- **Partner** with this ministry. Frank is a missionary who receives no government funding and relies entirely on the financial support and prayers of God's people. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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***Psalm 148:11-13 "Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth ... let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted, His majesty is above earth and heaven."***



## **Executive Board Members**

- Joe Broesamle, - Member, Youth Ministry/*Temple Baptist - Lodi*
- Tony Campos – Member Oct 2013 - Oct 2016/*Casa de Luz - Sacramento*
- Fred Hammond – Treasurer/*Quail Lakes Baptist - Stockton*
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