

New Believers Report to the Canadian National Baptist Convention • July 2014

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CNBC BAPTISMS – 2013

Baptisms	2011	2012	2013	Diff +/-	Diff %
BC	342	325	291	-34	10%
AB	211	192	174	-18	9%
SK	19	37	29	-9	24%
MB	22	33	23	-10	30%
Ont	117	120	143	23	16%
PQ	82	82	164	82	50%
NB	47	18	6	-12	66%
PEI	27	17	15	-2	12%
NS	9	18	7	-11	39%
NWT	4	4	4	---	---
Total	880	857	856	-1	---

Only two provinces, Ontario and Quebec, saw an increase in 2013 baptisms. One Quebec congregation, **La Chapelle**, had 70 baptisms, the most of any CNBC churches. Praise God! Our baptism/attendance ratio was **20.5** (ie, it takes 20 worship attenders to see one baptism).

155 of the CNBC churches had no baptisms in 2013, **52%** of our congregations.

2010: 50% of our seeds/congregations

2011: 45% of our seeds/congregations

2012: 43% of our seeds/congregations

This was a major reason our baptism number remained flat, the increase of churches with no baptisms.

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The 2014 SBC task force on Evangelistic Impact and Declining Baptisms listed five areas of concern for their convention:

Spiritual *...fervent and effective prayer for spiritual awakening in our churches and our nation.*

Leadership *[pastors must] model and prioritize personal evangelism...*

Disciple-making *[pastors must] create a disciple-making culture...*

Next Generation *...reach and make disciples of the Next Generation.*

Celebration *...celebrate new life in Christ as people publicly profess their faith through baptism*

These are relevant for our convention too.

In 2014 NAMB generously gave our convention \$45,000 for use in evangelism. If your church needs funds for EV projects, contact us at the Convention office.