



NATIONAL MINISTRY REPORT

We are celebrating our 30th anniversary at the Annual Convention, July 1-2 in Cochrane, Alberta. It is hard to believe that the Canadian National Baptist Convention is already 30 years old. Thirty years ago we started out with 53 churches and today God has given us 335.

God has been faithful and has blessed us in incredible ways. When we began this convention of churches we were almost all located in Western Canada. Today more than 140 churches are located east of Winnipeg. God has given us rapid growth in our two most populous provinces, Ontario and Québec. Most recently Québec had the highest percentage of growth in membership, worship attendance, and baptisms. This is evidence of the powerful work of God in a place that we would have considered the hardest in Canada, before He chose to show His ability to transform lives even in the most difficult places.

This year we have seen major growth across the convention in total membership (+18 percent), average worship attendance (+13 percent), average Bible study attendance (+5 percent), and total baptisms (+12 percent). For the first time ever the total membership in our churches is more than 20,000.

Last year we saw a record increase in gifts given through our Cooperative Giving Program of more than \$100,000 (+15 percent). More and more of our churches are participating in this cooperative venture which is enabling us to expand programs and resourcing to our churches and their leaders, and our mission around the world.

We are now focusing more attention on disciple-making and on strengthening churches and have completely updated and upgraded our new e-quip.net training site. It contains more than 1,500 training videos available to anyone who has access to the internet. Along with that we operate a site called lead360.ca, which enables any church or association to run a training centre with curriculum and record-keeping made simple, so anyone can operate their own school.



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Last year we also planted 25 new churches across Canada. Our church planting team has trained and equipped an increasing number of church planters and church planter apprentices in order to have a growing number of trained church planters in the pipeline.

Every church planter was assessed and evaluated so they could be better equipped to plant churches that would prosper and be healthy. By increasing support to our church planters and church plants we are seeing a higher and higher percentage of success while lowering the percentage of church plants that do not make it.

God has always been there for us in the CNBC. He continues to bless us with skillful, godly leaders who are called by Him to give themselves away to advance the Kingdom of God. I believe the next 30 years of the CNBC will see even more growth and enable us to reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. He should receive all the glory for all the great things he has done among us.