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COUNCIL RECOMMENDS REV. PETER REID AS NEW EXECUTIVE MINISTER

The Council of our Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches has announced that, after a thorough and prayer-filled process, they will recommend to this year's Assembly that Rev. Peter Reid become the new Executive Minister for our Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. Delegates from the churches of our Convention will vote on the Council's recommendation at Oasis (Convention Assembly), which will be held August 20-23 at Mount Allison University in Sackville NB.

Regarding the recommendation, Dr. Margaret Munro, President of our Convention, said "We are delighted to present the name of Rev. Peter Reid to our churches. This process was not taken lightly as we had a number of very good candidates to consider. However, both the Search Committee and our Council feel confident that Peter is the person that God has led us to and has called as the next Executive Minister for this Convention."



Peter is Senior Pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church in Truro and Past President of our Convention.

On the following page is an interview the Convention Connection (CC) recently conducted with Peter.

Our Convention is leading the way in helping other regions in Canada think about how the local church can more effectively minister to our young adults!

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CC: Hi Peter, can you tell us a little about your life:

PETER: I was born in Truro, Nova Scotia where I lived until I was ten years of age. We then moved to Westchester Station, NS, where I attended High School at Oxford Regional High.

On July 21, 1979 I married Lottie Hatfield who was from Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. She is not only my wife, but remains my best friend and the love of my life.

We have three adult children: Christopher (25), Caleb (24), and Chera (22) as well as a beautiful granddaughter, Sophia (3 in July), who has captured our hearts.

CC: Where did you do your education and where have you pastored?

PETER: I graduated from Bethany Bible College in Sussex, New Brunswick with a B. A. in Religion, 1979. After pastoring for a number of years in Baptist churches, I went to Acadia Divinity College where I graduated in 1995 as the Silver Medalist in Theology. I currently am nearing the completion of the Doctor of Ministry degree at Acadia Divinity College. My goal is to graduate in 2009. The Baptist churches I have pastored are Hoyt, Hillgrove (Digby Co.), Grand Bay, and Immanuel Truro (where I have been since 2000).

CC: Peter, what would you say gives you the greatest joy in life?

PETER: It would have to be to see lives changed and transformed by the grace of God. I love to see people begin a journey of faith by receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour, and to then grow in their relationship with Him, becoming more and more conformed to His image through the gracious work of the Holy Spirit. For this reason I love the local church for I believe the church is the laboratory where in community God shapes our lives and molds us into people who can impact the world for Jesus Christ.

I also love to spend time with my family and friends. My wife and I are avid walkers and are committed to walking daily for our health. I like to read books and am known to enjoy a good movie. My one hobby is golf and I tend to be obsessive about it.

CC: We know you're not new to the ministry of our Convention, Peter, as you currently are serving as our immediate Past President. Why is this mission partnership called the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches important to you?

PETER: I love the warm evangelical spirit of our churches and the willingness to work together for the sake of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are a diverse group with a wonderful degree of tolerance for one another even when we don't always agree on every theological question. I love the fact that there is a great faithfulness to the Word of God and a compassion for social issues. I appreciate the fact that we understand that we are Stronger. Together, and have greater influence when we partner together as a body of Churches. I like the partnership we have with CBM and the other Conventions and Unions across Canada, and I like the emphasis on missions both locally and globally.

CC: What are the primary points of your future vision of our Convention?

PETER: First, I have a vision for healthy, "missional" churches in our Convention. Second, I have a vision to promote Spiritual Formation for Pastors and leaders in the churches of the Convention. And third, I have a vision for connecting Pastors, leaders and churches within the Convention for a greater sense of unity and purpose.

CC: Thanks so much for this opportunity to get to know you. Do you have any final words you want to leave us with?

PETER: I am excited and humbled to be recommended for this level of leadership in our Convention at such a time as this. I am deeply aware of my own needs and ask for prayers for God's strength at this time.



Lottie and Peter Reid

Installation of Dr. Harry G. Gardner

On Saturday, May 10, 2008, Dr. Harry G. Gardner was installed as the President of Acadia Divinity College and Dean of Theology of Acadia University.



Dr. Gardner's predecessors, Drs. Harold Mitton, Millard Cherry and Andrew MacRae, participating in the official gowning.

Upcoming Events & News

ADC Alumni, Friends & Family Backyard BBQ

Would you like to know what your former ADC classmates are up to? Come to the ADC Alumni BBQ during *Oasis* (Convention Assembly) and catch up with your friends!

Where: Mount Allison, Academy Gardens, Jennings Hall

When: Friday, August 22, 2008 at 12 noon

Register: 902.585.2217/2210
or trisha.urquhart@acadiau.ca

2007 Financial Results

Acadia Divinity College is thankful to everyone who partnered with us this past year. Your contribution made it possible for ADC to reach the 2007 financial goal of \$285,000. Thank you!

2008-2009 Mondays in Metro and more ...

In 2007-2008, Acadia Divinity College saw a record number of students taking courses in the Halifax area. This year, Mondays in Metro and more will include:

Fall 2008

Mondays: BIBL 7313
- Contemporary Views of Jesus (Dr. Craig Evans)

Thursdays: IDST 5013 - Hermeneutics (Dr. Leslie McCurdy)

Winter 2009

Mondays: THEO 6013 - Christian Ethics (Dr. William Brackney)

Tuesdays: PRAC 5013 - Homiletics (Dr. Lionel Moriah)

All classes meet from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. - If you would like to audit a course or take a course for credit, contact the Registrar at: (902) 585-2216 or toll-free at 1-866-875-8975.

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Continuing Education Opportunities in 2008/2009

J-term (January 5-9, 2009)

Movements of Awakening and Renewal
(CHUR 7083) with Dr. Robert Wilson

Loss, Grief & Death (PACC 6623)
with Dr. Dennis Veinotte

Leadership & Youth Ministry (YMIN 6143)
with Dr. Bruce Fawcett

Simpson Week (February 2009)

Church History Survey II (CHUR 5023)
with Dr. Robert Wilson

Special Topics in Prison Ministry (CLIN 6123)
with Dr. Duncan Veasey

Church Mission in Contemporary Culture
(PRAC 7203) with Prof. TBA



Day for Discovery "On the Road"

This October, Acadia Divinity College will take its open house on the road to Moncton (Oct. 27th) and Fredericton (Oct. 28th). Watch our website for details! Day for Discovery will also take place at ADC in March 2009. If you know of someone interested in training for the ministry, please contact ADC at (902) 585-2210 or toll-free at 1-866-875-8975.



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