



CBOQ  **ASSEMBLY**
2021



He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

- PSALM 147:3 -

SUMMARY

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A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE MINISTER

And just like that, the seams on the edges of Assembly 2021 have been sewn. Collectively, we have accomplished something CBOQ has never done before. We came together, for three days of listening to each other, to the Holy Spirit, and to those who serve our family of churches, virtually. It brings me joy, even from behind a camera and a computer screen, to witness the conversations and caring, that become our tapestry. This time together is always too short.

Mending is a beautiful process and skill. It is made necessary because a thing has been stretched past its limit or torn. I am so grateful for the mending you are doing on behalf of God in your ministry; and I am grateful for the mending each of us is allowing the Lord to work out in our hearts. Many around us are feeling the pain of being threadbare from the friction of this past year. I hope you have been inspired to offer a hand of grace or a word of encouragement to those in your community needing it the most. I hope you will take away from Assembly, a fresh idea of how the ministry of your church can be new and even more beautiful than before.

Just like mended fabric, the communities God calls us to serve are unique. That garment will never again look the same once the stitches are in place. When we encounter Christ, we never look the way we once did either (2 Corinthians 5:17). The thing that remains the same, is our mission to go and make disciples. We are blessed with passionate leaders who desire to make Christ known. I am always astonished by the level of dedication to service demonstrated by such leaders.

Delegates, thank you for fully engaging in every opportunity of CBOQ Assembly! CBOQ's mission and vision relies on the aggregate leadership, insight, and wisdom brought to Assembly by delegates. CBOQ cannot fulfill our mandate without those faithfully appointed to represent member churches and associations. Thank you for the sacrifices you have made to attend online and lead.

Each week we pray for you. It is our privilege to pray for you and to hear how God is answering those prayers in your community. We are grateful for the prayers you offer on behalf of CBOQ's board and staff team, and other CBOQ churches. Thank you. We will continue to pray! I relish being able to walk with you on this journey. I hope to see you soon. Be sure to mark you calendar for Assembly 2022.

With gratitude and joy,

Tim McCoy
Executive Minister, CBOQ

DAY 1

PRAY FOR:
CBOQ ASSEMBLY 2021

SCRIPTURE:
He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

- PSALM 46:10

DAY 2

PRAY FOR:
THE ASSEMBLY PLANNING TEAM

SCRIPTURE:
Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.

- 1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

DAY 3

PRAY FOR:
ALL CBOQ CHURCHES

SCRIPTURE:
We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

- 1 THESSALONIANS 1:2-3

DAY 4

PRAY FOR:
THE CBOQ BOARD

SCRIPTURE:
The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

- PSALM 23:1-3

DAY 5

PRAY FOR:
GOD TO MAKE HIS WILL KNOWN TO US ALL

SCRIPTURE:
Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

- PSALM 34:3-5

DAY 6

PRAY FOR:
ALL CBOQ PASTORS

SCRIPTURE:
My heart, O God, is steadfast; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn. I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples. For great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

- PSALM 108:1-4

DAY 7

PRAY FOR:
KEYNOTE SPEAKER, BRUXY CAVEY

SCRIPTURE:
May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

- PSALM 19:14

DAY 8

PRAY FOR:
ALL CBOQ ASSOCIATIONS

SCRIPTURE:
In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death - even death on a cross!

- PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

DAY 9

PRAY FOR:
GLORY AND HONOUR BE THE LORD'S AND NOT OURS

SCRIPTURE:
Wisdom's instruction is to fear the Lord, and humility comes before honor.

- PROVERBS 15:33

DAY 10

PRAY FOR:
US TO REMEMBER OUR PROMISES TO ONE ANOTHER

SCRIPTURE:
Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves.

- ROMANS 12:10

DAY 11

PRAY FOR:
WORSHIP LEADER, RACHELLE LUK

SCRIPTURE:
Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.

- PSALM 29:1-2

DAY 12

PRAY FOR:
ASSEMBLY VOLUNTEERS

SCRIPTURE:
Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

- 1 THESSALONIANS 5:11

DAY 13

PRAY FOR:
LEARNING SESSION LEADERS AND PARTICIPANTS

SCRIPTURE:
Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is -- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

- ROMANS 12:2

DAY 14

PRAY FOR:
THE CBOQ LEADERSHIP TEAM

SCRIPTURE:
I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory. Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

- PSALM 62:2-3

DAY 15

PRAY FOR:
THE CBOQ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SCRIPTURE:
For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

- GALATIANS 5:14

DAY 16

PRAY FOR:
THE HOLY SPIRIT TO PRODUCE FRUIT IN US

SCRIPTURE:
But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

- GALATIANS 5:22-23

DAY 17

PRAY FOR:
US TO ALWAYS BE ABOUT BUILDING GOD'S KINGDOM

SCRIPTURE:
So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

DAY 18

PRAY FOR:
TECHNOLOGY TO RUN SMOOTHLY

SCRIPTURE:
Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

- 1 PETER 5:7

DAY 19

PRAY FOR:
ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

SCRIPTURE:
Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty - he is the King of glory.

- PSALM 24:9-10

DAY 20

PRAY FOR:
THE CBOQ STAFF

SCRIPTURE:
For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

- ROMANS 12:4-8

DAY 21

PRAY FOR:
GOD'S WILL TO BE DONE IN CBOQ

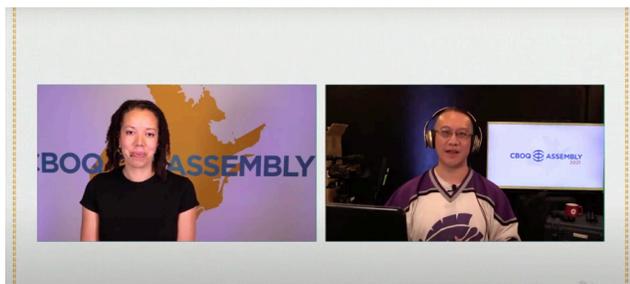
SCRIPTURE:
He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds.

- PSALM 147:3

CBOQ Assembly 2021 was a fully virtual, three-day gathering.

Our theme this year is “Mend” which speaks to the recognition that we need God’s healing and restoration in a hurting and broken world.

Abby Davidson, Pastor of Missional Discipleship at Spring Garden Church in Toronto, along with Alvin Lau, CBOQ Youth Associate acted as our MCs for Assembly and opened our session with a warm welcome.

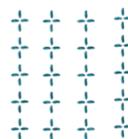


Tim McCoy, Executive Minister, then laid out what “Mend” means for us over the next few days. He also acknowledged that the land on which the CBOQ offices sit are part of Treaty 13 (The Toronto Purchase of 1805) and has for thousands of years been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Haudenosaunee and the Mississaugas of the Credit. He also introduced our new Senior Director of Operations, Koon Wah Leung, in a one-on-one interview, giving our churches a chance to get to know her a little bit more.

Before the plenary took place, we also heard of the challenges that ministry leaders have faced throughout the last year, through a “Ministry Voices” video montage.

We heard from Ministry Partner, McMaster Divinity College (MDC) and President Dr. Stan Porter. He was pleased to share about the 78 students who graduated from the class of 2020 and 2021 celebrated through a virtual convocation. During the same ceremony, they also recognized a pillar of MDC, Rev. Dr. Lionel Pye, Pastor at Campbellford Baptist Church, with an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

He provided insight into some of the challenges the school faced during the pandemic, as students took fewer courses and faculty having to find creative ways to connect. In support of financial challenges students faced, they launched a COVID-19 tuition relief program. While there were lower course enrolments, they saw an increase in M.Div enrolments, with CBOQ students being well-represented. Moving forward, MDC intends to open in the Fall with a multi-modal format, and make use of the recently completed building expansion.





Although we were online, the spirit of worship remained the same, as Rachelle Luk, singer/song-writer and Director of Music at Mississauga City Baptist Church, led us in songs of praise. These served to steady our hearts and minds for the days of fellowship, learning, discussion, and prayer ahead of us.

The night continued with Bruxy Cavey, Pastor at The Meeting House. He introduced his series of talks entitled, “Get it together: Christian Unity as a Fact and a Fight.” Part one was called, “The Ministry of Mending” which tied closely with our Assembly theme this year.

Bruxy highlighted the need for us to “mend our nets” much like the disciples did in Matthew 4:21, to ensure that any torn places don’t go unchecked. Ultimately, Bruxy said, “the mission of the church is hampered by a lack of togetherness—a lack of unity.”



This was reinforced with his thesis that “our unity as brothers and sisters in Christ is not only a spiritual reality given to us by Jesus, but also a relational discipline that we practice as a gift to give back to Jesus.”

Session one reminded us of the challenge of remaining “perfectly united” with one another (1 Corinthians 1:10). Bruxy pointed back to moments in history, specifically as Christians, where disunity was a prominent issue.

He sought to explain that acceptance does not always have to mean agreement, saying, “when we confuse acceptance and agreement, we will tend to withhold acceptance in order to communicate our disagreement.”

Overall, he emphasized the idea that every disciple has the responsibility to “mend” both areas within ourselves and in relationships around us, in partnership with the Holy Spirit.

The night ended with a bonus feature that highlight “Two things that Tim is excited about!” He sat down with Matt Wilkinson, Director of Next Gen, and Cid Latty, Congregational Development Associate. Matt shared about the amazing things happening at Camp Kwasind and the building of the new Kwasind Centre. He invited us to “build bridges” so that the next generation can take one step closer to Jesus through camp (kwasind.com/kwasindcentre). Cid shared about the Revitalization Journey he is undertaking with 15 churches over a 3-year period. During this time, they will walk through church health, mission, and revitalization practices. He welcomed new churches to join in starting January 2022 (baptist.ca/revitalization).

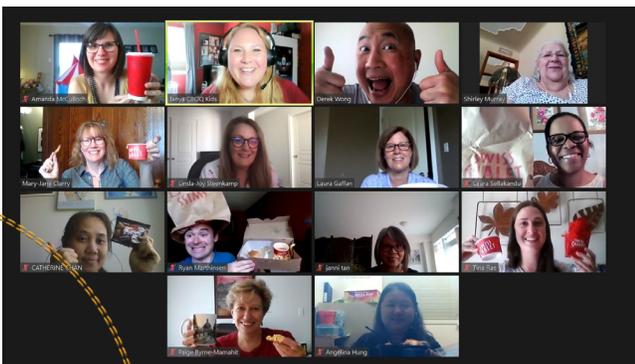


FRIDAY JUNE 11

The morning started off with an invitation to receive prayer at dedicated online prayer spaces via Zoom. This was an opportunity for attendees to be prayed for by staff and fellow pastors and leaders. There's no better way to start the day.

Each year, there are many equipping opportunities that are available to attendees. There were 10 learning sessions on Friday morning. We had 19 available options overall. These included ministry with individuals and families affected by disability, revisioning evangelism in today's age, the hybrid future of church and faith formation, pension and benefits, and anti-racism and reconciliation awareness, among many others.

(Note: these will all be available to registrants after assembly and for a small fee to non-registrants! Look out for details!)



Coming out of the learning sessions, there was a presentation of this year's Recognitions: New Transfers to CBOQ, New Ordinands, 25 Years of Ordained Ministry, Ministry Leaders celebrating 30 or more years at one church, and remembering the faithful servants who have gone on to be with the Lord. You can see the presentation at baptist.ca/assembly.



Similar to the Youth Leaders' Late Nite Gathering, the CBOQ Kids and Family held a Children's Pastor's Lunch, where ministry leaders could connect online.

After lunch, CBOQ staff, Dana Barber, Communications and Member Care, and Paul Lam of Church Life and Leadership (CLL), led a guided prayer for churches. Later that evening, Dana, Cid Latty, and Carol Gouveia (CLL), led guided prayers for associations.

The AGM Q&A was held on Friday afternoon. This time was created by the Board to provide opportunity for delegates to ask questions and ensure there was enough time to answer as many questions as possible.

During the evening session, we heard from our Ministry Partner, CBWOQ. Diane McBeth, Executive Director of CBWOQ, explained that they expanded programming as more people became comfortable with accessing events and resources online. Diane shared that they were able to hold workshops with four emerging leaders from India through their connection with the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department. She shared that they've been able to affirm leaders for key program areas of CBWOQ, greatly expanding



their capacity as an organization. She also announced that her time as Executive Director is coming to an end in September 2021, saying what an honour and privilege it has been to serve in that role. Renee James, Communications Director, highlighted many events coming up for CBWOQ (check out baptistwomen.ca). Their update ended with a guided prayer time led by Carolyn Vanderheide.

Tim also sat down for an interview with the Church Life and Leadership team, specifically, Marc Potvin, Cid Latty, and Paul Lam. They had a conversation around initiatives that have taken place throughout the year. Paul shared about the Journey Together series, a safe space for conversations around race and diversity. Cid spoke about the Revitalization Journey and the 15 churches embarking on a path of discovery, and Marc talked about churches in transition who are searching for new pastors.



Later, Bruxy Cavey continued the series, “Get it together: Christian Unity as a Fact and a Fight” with plenary session #2, “When Division is the Loving Choice.”

“It’s when we disagree about significant issues, in significant ways, yet are still able to manifest the unity of the Spirit, that we bear witness of the miraculous.”

He pointed out that there many things that can unify us, but it’s in the face of disagreement where we truly can show a unity that is unparalleled in the world around us. This is not only driven by the Holy Spirit but through love, and Bruxy provided several scriptural texts to emphasize this point from Matthew 5:43-48, John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:11 and more.

Bruxy reminded us of the two greatest commands given to us by Jesus: Love God with all your heart, soul, and mind and love your neighbour as yourself (Matthew 22:37-40). You can’t have one without the other. You cannot love God, if you do not love your neighbour.

While love remains a driving force for unity, Bruxy highlighted four reasons for when we should divide:

1. A Different Jesus
2. A Different Gospel
3. An Abuse of Grace
4. A Divisive Disposition

On the other hand, Bruxy pointed to a lengthy list of items that we should not divide over. He clarified that while we should not divide over such matters, these conversations do matter. They are reason for debate but even more so, reason to manifest miraculous unity in the face of disagreement.

“Something strong unites. We can disagree about a lot of significant issues and still be family, not because they are unimportant things, but because something stronger unites us. And that is Jesus.”

To conclude the evening, a special 15-minute Q&A session with Bruxy was held, moderated by Alvin Lau, where attendees were given the opportunity to submit questions to be answered. Attendees were also encouraged to visit the dedicated space to receive prayer before the night ended.

SATURDAY JUNE 12

Saturday morning started off bright and early with another invitation to receive prayer as well as guided prayer for the business session and annual general meeting. This was led by Dana Barber and Marc Potvin.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tim McCoy and Rob Denhoed welcomed the delegates and participants to the annual general meeting.



Craig Rumble presented the organizing motions and they were all passed. Rob Denhoed, CBOQ Board President followed by presenting the Board report.

He began by expressing gratitude for the unique and diverse gifts the board served with throughout the year, with members from Montreal to across Southwestern Ontario.

Rob highlighted the important ground that was covered during a stretch of increased meetings. He acknowledged the welcome of Craig Rumble back onto the board, as well as the departure of Melody Carrier, who moved back to the U.S.A with her family, with both of these happening around the end of 2020.

He went on to share about the hiring of Koon Wah Leung, as the new Senior Director of Operations, and referred to her as the “one whom God has prepared” for this role.

The report continued on to highlight how the board are dealing with the questions around how we associate together. Discussions included reviewing our covenant, our membership, and by-laws that surround them. As part of the six-stage CBOQ Identity and Beliefs Process of Discernment developed by Steve Barker and the Advisory Team, the Board saw the need to develop a process for church discipline and restoration.

To address this concern, a new Advisory Team was created to lead the development of a new CBOQ Membership Review Process. Along with this new process, our existing core documents will be reviewed to clarify membership expectation and qualifications. This review process also includes by-laws and policies, led by David Taylor, the CBOQ Policy Officer. Rob pointed to the four distinct motions from churches that were received and stated that three were put before us for voting at Assembly 2021 after a process of clarification and legal advice.

He continued on to present the CBOQ Board proposal regarding the membership review process, review of core documents and resources to equip churches. He highlighted the framework that is being developed around this, and the commitment to complete it. The work aims to define who we are as a family, and how we associate together. This can be referred to in more detail in the Book of Business that was distributed to delegates and member churches.

The CBOQ Board report was received and passed.

The CBOQ Identity and Beliefs Process of Discernment Phase 6 Board Resolution was presented by CBOQ President Rob Denhoed. It was subsequently passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Rob Jackett, Treasurer, presented the 2020 Financial Report, sharing that CBOQ has attained an unqualified audit opinion for 2020. He explained that changes in the budget were mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which had significant impact on CBOQ



events, initiatives, Camp Kwasind operations, and overall giving from churches and individuals.

CBOQ qualified for government assistance including CEWS (Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy), which helped to offset the impact of COVID-19 on operating revenue. All departmental costs were lower, with the exception of administration and organizational support, which had higher than normal legal fees associated with member proposals, change to the annual meeting and a member church real estate transaction.

The report also mentioned the mortgage deferrals offered to a number of churches in response to cash-flow challenges during the pandemic. Complete details of CBOQ's Financial Results and 2020 Audited Financial Statements can be found in the Book of Business.

The 2020 Financial Results + Audited Financial Statements for the year ended December 31 were received and passed.

The 2021 Revised budget was received and passed. The 2022 Draft budget was received and passed.

EXECUTIVE MINISTER'S REPORT



Tim McCoy opened his report by stating CBOQ spent 2020 listening, understanding, and responding. He reinforced the idea that our association together is voluntary and that we are equals, all under the lordship of Jesus Christ, listening for His voice.

Tim highlighted the Revitalization Journey that 15 churches and 73 of their leaders began to discover the “new thing” for their community. (baptist.ca/revitalization)

He also mentioned the desire that churches expressed for direction, clarity and help as it relates to ministering to and with the LGBTQ+ community. Tim referred to the six listening sessions that the CBOQ Board held across our constituency, which brought in over 1000 captured

responses for the Board to consider. As a result of this, the Board has moved to Phase 6 of the CBOQ Identity and Beliefs Process of Discernment: Actions Deemed Appropriate.

Tim continued on to address the question, “how can the gospel impact our world as it relates to racial tension?” He acknowledged that our very own CBOQ family is impacted by systemic racism and its harm in racialized communities, even today. He highlighted the Journey Together Series that CBOQ launched in response to this, to foster a space for listening, understanding, and healing.

The report mentioned the need expressed by churches to adapt to online church. Tim pointed to the Communications Enhancements Grants that many churches availed of to upgrade their technology to be able to provide worship, fellowship and connection to their congregations.

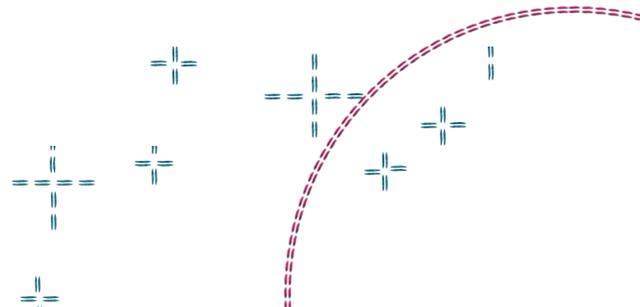
Tim also underscored the need churches communicated about reaching the next generation, and he indicated that CBOQ provided children and family experiences, resources, coaching and care for leaders. Tim spoke of the nearly complete Kwasind Centre, that will provide a new space for campers to take one step closer to Jesus.

Tim shared about how CBOQ walked with dozens of pastors throughout the accreditation process and ordination journey. He also pointed to the weekly Pastor's prayer time as an avenue for connection.

He concluded his report with expressions of gratitude. He celebrated Rev. Dr. Das Sydney of Highland Baptist Church, and his new appointment as the President of the Canadian Council of Churches. He also expressed gratitude to CBM and Rob Jackett for stepping in as Acting Director of Finance and Administration and Treasurer, during the medical leave of Paris Kamotho. And finally, he acknowledged and expressed gratitude for his 15 years of service at CBOQ.

Executive Minister's Report was received and passed.

Next, the Amending by-law no. 6 was presented by CBOQ Policy Officer, David Taylor. It was subsequently passed.



NEW BUSINESS

The Member Proposals were presented. These can be read in full in the Book of Business, starting on p.28

- Trent-Valley Association (TVA) (Motion 1) was received and defeated.
- TVA Association (Motion 2) was referred.
Motion from the floor: Refer to the board to be considered in the context of discernment process was received and passed.
- Woodbine Heights Baptist Church Motion was received and defeated.
Motion from the floor: Amend original wording of the motion was received and defeated.

Motion for Nominations to be closed was received and passed. Motion for persons named in the report and person nominated be elected were received and passed.

NEW PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Janice Charko was commissioned as the new CBOQ President. She introduced herself by sharing a bit of her church, family, and professional background. Janice also shared a story of her battle with an illness over nine years ago that she overcame. She told a story of a vision that God gave her through a dream. This vision encouraged her to fight and keep going as she “still had things to do.” She walked out of the hospital three months later with the confidence that she could make a difference in this world. Janice shared her gratitude for God’s love and grace and giving her the opportunity to step into this new role and work with the CBOQ Staff and Board of Directors. In closing, she expressed confidence that God will guide our path in moving forward and serving our communities. Janice closed the AGM with prayer with a call to mend our nets as a family of churches.

Later in the day, registrants proceeded to the second round of learning sessions. There were nine in total for Saturday. Following this time, there was the final guided prayer session—prayer for each other—led by Dana Barber and Carol Gouveia.



We heard from our third Ministry Partner, CBM. Jennifer Lau, Executive Director and Adrian Gardner, Director of Canadian Partnerships in a review entitled “2020: A Year like No Other.” It recounted the beginning of the pandemic, tracing back to the discovery of the virus and its quick spread around the world, severely impacting many already struggling communities. The review highlighted month by month, the many crises and subsequent needs that manifested as a result. CBM shared that many partners around the world had to adapt programs in order to meet the growing needs of the communities they served. They shared about their weekly “CBM Calling” broadcast that shared the on-the-ground experiences of field staff around the world. CBM discussed their SENT Active in Mission program which raised well above their initial goal for the Latrines for Life project in El Salvador. They emphasized that the work is just beginning as the impact of this global crisis still exists. CBM encouraged us all to continuing embracing a broken world through word and deed and expressed gratitude for the ongoing support from our family of churches.



Bruxy Cavey would conclude the series, “Get it Together: Christian Unity as a Fact and a Fight.” The third session was entitled, “Why is this so hard?”

He indicated that sin was the root cause for the divisiveness that exists within churches. He pointed out that sin functions and manifests itself in many ways if Jesus is not at the centre:

- Sin & Ignorance
- Sin & Satan
- Sin & Society
- Sin & History
- Sin & The Flesh

Bruxy worked to break down each of these categories. He emphasized the necessity of the centrality of Jesus in our communities and as a family in Christ. He then offered steps forward to overcome sin for the purpose of achieving a genuine unity with those around us:

- Don't pretend to agree (that's false unity).
- Don't avoid the issue (that's weak unity).
- Do speak well of others, to their face and behind their backs.
- Do take a learning posture in the relationship (1 Corinthians 13:7; Philippians 2:3).
- Do initiate expressions of unity.

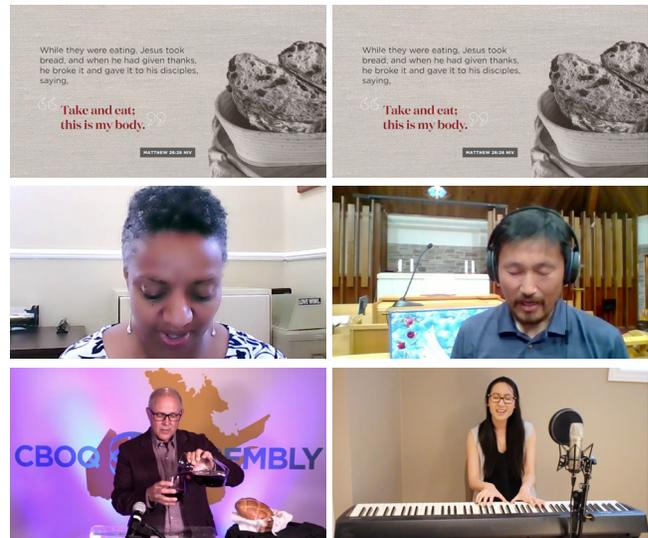
To close his message, he encouraged us to partner in prayer in Jesus and led us in the reading of a Unity Resolution:

1. We believe in the fundamental oneness of the Church and therefore will approach disagreements with other Christian individuals, churches, organizations, and denominations as a loving family, rather than be quick to disassociate or label as heretics.
2. We will approach all disagreements relationally based on Matthew 18:15-17 and will only be willing to disassociate from other Christians after we have done all we can to resolve the disagreement. Such a disagreement leading to division would involve another individual or church clearly responsible for – a different Jesus, a different Gospel, an abuse of grace, or unrelenting divisiveness.
3. When we talk about other points of view within the family of Christ, we will do our best to represent alternate opinions accurately and respectfully. We will not assume nor suggest that Christians who disagree with us do not value or study Scripture to the same extent we do.

4. When people come to our church from other churches due to a negative experience or disagreement, we will not fan the flame of resentment but will help them find healing and wholeness, seeing the whole Church of Christ as one family.
5. We will actively look for opportunities to express our unity in Christ with Christian individuals, churches, organizations, and denominations, knowing that the cross of Christ is stronger than our disagreements.

Following the plenary, we had the opportunity to partake in communion together as a display of unity. Attendees were encouraged to bring elements of the cup and the bread to participate. Two pastors were invited to pray for each of the elements.

Rachelle Luk led us in a final worship set, allowing the spirit of worship to linger as we closed with the Lord's Prayer recited collectively.



Thank you for being a part of this historic virtual experience for our family of churches. We look forward to seeing you (God-willing, in-person) at CBOQ Assembly 2022!

This summary and on-demand viewing of the plenary sessions are available at baptist.ca/assembly.

We'd love to get your feedback!

Fill out the survey at:

<https://cboq.wufoo.com/forms/w14ddgs30b6ea2p/>

UNTIL NEXT TIME!

We look forward to when we can be together again in person! In the meantime, let's all do our part to mend the broken places in and around us, with God's steady and faithful hand guiding us.

VISION:

**A Family of Churches
Transformed by Christ
Revealing God's Kingdom**

MISSION:

CBOQ exists to equip churches and leaders as they engage in their mission from God in their community.

