



The ABA exists to connect and enable churches to impact communities for the growth and advancement of the Kingdom of God in Alberta and the world.

January 16, 2018

An Update and Invitation from the Leadership Council of the ABA

The last two emails I have from Jim Leverette contain the following lines:

“Please join me in giving thanks for the faithful generosity of persons and churches who are part of the ABA.” and

“You (the Leadership Council), and the entire ABA family have been the best example of what it means to be Christian and family.”

Thank you for your support and prayers for Jim this past year, as well as for his family since his passing. This last month has been a period of shock and mourning. But we also have much to be thankful for, and now, of course, have much work to do.

I want to assure you, on behalf of the Leadership Council, that though Jim’s passing leaves a huge hole, and we are mourning his loss, he left the ABA in a strong position financially, organizationally, and with solid leadership in place to carry on. Terry Fossen has been appointed Acting Interim Regional Minister, and we have full confidence in his ability to carry out the executive duties of that role, and to provide pastoral care for us during this transition.

For the next few months the Leadership Council is asking for your prayers and your input as we seek to listen to God and to our ABA churches and leaders about what is next for the ABA. With that in mind, we are inviting you to attend one of the following ABA events, where we will have opportunity to share our thoughts and questions about our priorities and needs as an association in the coming years.

1. Ministry Workers & Family Retreat - January 28 - 31
 - at Camp Caroline - for more info, and to register, go to
 - <http://www.nab.ca/events/ministry-workers-family-retreat/2018-01-28>
2. ABA ReNew Events
 - Tues., Feb. 13 - Temple Baptist, Medicine Hat
 - Wed. Feb. 14 - Renfrew, Calgary
 - Thurs. Feb. 15 - Trochu Baptist, Trochu
 - Tues. Feb 20 - McKernan, Edmonton
 - Thurs. Feb. 22 - Emmanuel, Valleyview
3. Annual Business Session, Wed. April 11

If you are unable to be apart of any of these events, and have questions or feedback to share, please contact myself or any of the ABA LC members, as we value your input.

Also, if you were not able to attend Jim's funeral, the entire service was recorded and can be viewed at: <https://livestream.com/accounts/240232/events/7988126>

Grace & Peace to you from our Lord Jesus Christ,

On behalf of the ABA LC,

Rob McLaren, (Red Deer)

ABA LC members also include:

Corinne Schalm (Edmonton)

Cindy Unger (Olds)

Dwayne Dibben (Whitecourt)

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