Report to the Congregation at Markham Baptist Church.

Re Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec

Assembly 2022.

June 9, 10 ,11.

Alexandra Vega and I thank you for the opportunity to attend the CBOQ Assembly as the MBC delegates. Ruth Currie attended all sessions and Marion Waldron attended the three Guest Speaker Events.

People attended both in-person and on Zoom. In-person meeting and voting were held at the fine facilities of the Scarborough Chinese Baptist Church. Kennedy Road Scarborough

At the Annual General Meeting of CBOQ on Friday June 10, 2022, the regular organizing motions, that you would expect, were passed unanimously.

The theme of the assembly was RENEW

The reports by the Board members and staff were well prepared and excerpts are referenced below your perusal. A summary of the Assembly can be found on the CBOQ website.

There were two sessions for business on Friday and Three opportunities for worship, Thursday Evening, Friday Evening, and Saturday Morning.

Worship was led by the Sanctus Band, a musical group from across Toronto.

The Guest Speaker at the worship times was Gordon T Smith PhD. Author and president of Ambrose University and Seminary in Calgary, Alberta, where he also serves as Professor of Systematic and Spiritual Theology.

The thought-provoking theme of his talks was Hospitality.

* Welcoming one another
* Welcoming the stranger
* Welcoming the Holy Spirit

His books are available from Intervarsity Press

His talks can be found in the CBOQ web site. https://baptist.ca/assembly/ summary[[1]](#endnote-1).

I would encourage everyone to make the effort, to listen to these talks. His suggestions are applicable to all aspects of daily work and ministry,

The motion of most interest to MBC was the motion to appoint our own Pastor Craig Rumble as the President of CBOQ. In his Presidents address, Craig spoke about the commitment made at his ordination 35 years ago. To fulfil his responsibilities as a pastor with the help of God. His words then were “*I will endeavour to do so, the Lord being my helper”*

We know by our own experience that he fulfills this commitment daily.

Craig again made this commitment to fulfill his responsibilities as President of CBOQ with God’s help.

I quote from Craig’s acceptance

*“We alone cannot be wise enough to make decisions about the future and we are less than faithful if we try to advance God’s Kingdom without Him being invited to inspire our every action. I will endeavour to do so, the Lord being my helper.”*

Please pray that the Lord will richly bless Craig, in the extra responsibilities, and lead him and the CBOQ board as they seek to follow the Lord’s direction in all they do.

Respectfully submitted

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Patricia McGee

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1. A person and person at a podium

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