

Annual Meeting Preparation: *Statistical Report*



In preparation for the 2021 Annual Meeting we are compiling information from our MBA churches for the Statistical Report. The first part of this report helps us designate messengers for our Annual Meeting, but it also brings our church families together in remembering the Lord's work.

Each year we set aside a special time in Memoriam to remember those from our churches who have passed on to glory. Recently, we've also added a time to read testimonies of how God worked in our churches through the previous year. It is always a joy to hear of God's great faithfulness to the churches of Minnesota and the spread of the gospel to all nations. Praise the Lord!

Statistical Report Form available for each church online at mbaoc.org

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MBA Annual Meeting Hosted by Grace Baptist Church in Virginia

by Pastor Todd Williamson

MBA Secretary

The weather is starting to change so that means that the MBA Annual Meeting is coming up. I would like to extend an invitation to you and your congregation to join us for the MBA Annual Meetings this year in Virginia. The dates for the meeting are June 21-22.

The topic for this year's meeting will be on **Evangelizing your Neighborhood** with **Dr. Lee Ormiston**. I am certain that Dr. Ormiston will bring us information that we can take back to our churches and our neighborhoods to help in our ministries whether we are Pastor's/Pastor's Wives/or a layman in our churches.

The best part of this year's meeting is that there is no charge for registration or the meal on Monday night. Please register on the MBA website by May 21st so we can make plans for your time with us.

If you would like to make a reservation at an area hotel, through May 21st the MBA has a block at AmericInn & Super 8 in the area. Rates & Information available at www.mbaoc.org

We look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meetings this year!

MINNESOTA BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING
MONDAY & TUESDAY, JUNE 21-22, 2021
EVANGELIZING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD
WITH DR. LEE ORMISTON
GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH
VIRGINIA, MN
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Register for the MBA Annual Meetings (Free) at www.mbaoc.org



MBA News & Notes: Recognition Council for Calvary Baptist-Granada

It is a blessing to report of a congregation desiring to fellowship with the MBA. The process for a church to join with the MBA is to host a Recognition Council that examines the church documents and order and submits a recommendation. Thank you to the Pastors who served on the Council.

We look forward to welcoming Pastor Schofield and the Calvary Baptist Church family into fellowship with the MBA at our Annual Meeting in June!

From the Council:

A Recognition Council was invited by the Calvary Baptist Church of Granada, Minnesota, and convened on May 1, 2021.

Present at the Council were the following Pastors:

Phil Siefkes, *Calvary Baptist Church, Sleepy Eye*

Larry Smetak, *Interim Pastor at Highland Park Baptist Church, St. James*

Dan Mielke, *Grace Baptist Church, Austin*

Ryan Martin, *First Baptist Church, Granite Falls*

David Rogers, *Cornerstone Baptist Church, Willmar*

Dan Johnson, *Fourth Baptist Church, Plymouth*

Matt Morrell, *Fourth Baptist Church, Plymouth*

David White, *Bryant Avenue Baptist Church, Minneapolis*

Jason Pankonin, *Calvary Baptist Church, Granada*

Pastor John Schofield answered questions submitted by the Council.

Ryan Martin was chosen as Moderator and Dave Rogers as Clerk.

The Council examined the Church Covenant, the Doctrinal Statement and the By Laws of the Church.

“The Council recognizes that Calvary Baptist Church of Granada, Minnesota, as a rightly ordered Baptist church and recommends that it be welcomed into the Minnesota Baptist Association at their Annual Meeting.”

Respectfully submitted,

David Rogers, Council Clerk

2021 MBA Ladies Retreat Report

Well another retreat is in the books. The officers were delighted to be able to have our 2021 ladies retreat at Fourth Baptist church in Plymouth. The retreat atmosphere was joyful from the ladies and the officers were grateful for the opportunity to actually have a retreat after having to cancel our 2020 retreat.

Sherrie Holloway did a phenomenal job encouraging the ladies from God’s Word and the concert from the Kingery family was a welcomed treat with many gospel favorites played and a special violin encore. Speaking of treats, the candy and prizes were flowing thanks to many donations and hands willing to put it all together. God abundantly blessed the retreat with nearly 250 ladies in attendance. The feedback from many ladies was that we (the officers) really made them feel special.

The officers would like to extend a special thanks to the host church on accommodating us in the midst of many unique challenges relating to the pandemic.

During the business meeting the new officers were voted in and the 2022 retreat dates, location and speaker were announced. The officers are looking forward to another great retreat and hope to see even more ladies able to attend next April. Keep an eye on our MBA webpage or on Facebook to stay updated on new retreat announcements and information.

On behalf of myself and the other officers, Stacy Thompson, Ranae Tanis, and Nancy Palm we thank you for the opportunity to serve as your retreat officers.

In Christ’s Service,

Michelle Weist, First Baptist Church, Preston

MBA Ladies Retreat President

