Commissions of Mission and Evangelism

The Commission on Baptist Doctrine and Christian Unity identifies, reflects on, and clarifies issues of doctrine that are important to Baptists. It analyzes the causes of disunity among Baptists and promotes ways to overcome this disunity. It shares in theological conversations between the BWA and other Christian communities, in furtherance of Jesus’ prayer for the unity of the church. It also participates in programs to improve inter-church understanding and cooperation. The Commission makes its findings available to the wide Baptist family.

The Commission on Baptist Heritage and Identity seeks to clarify issues pertaining to the heritage and identity of the Baptist family with a view to furthering the local congregation’s understanding of its place and calling in the world and in the worldwide Baptist movement. The Commission records the story of God’s dealings among Baptists around the world and produces materials suitable for use by Baptists and others who are interested in understanding Baptist identity.

The Commission on Baptist Worship and Spirituality reflects on the understanding and practice of worship and spirituality among Baptists with a view to encouraging appropriate corporate responses to God’s gracious care and to promoting habits conducive to healthy Christian formation. It identifies materials for use by Baptist Christians in their daily walks with God. It also recommends materials for use in corporate worship within the Baptist community.

The Commission on Christian Education/Nurture conducts research into patterns of congregational Christian education and congregational leadership formation among Baptists. It gathers and shares information, methodologies and resources utilized, and promotes effective strategies that lead to faithful Christian discipleship and service within and beyond the local church field of ministry.

The Commission on Christian Ethics identifies and reflects on issues of personal and social morality with a view furthering practical Christian discipleship in both the church and the world. It makes its findings available in forms that are suitable for congregational study within the Baptist family.
The **Commission on Evangelism** reflects on the church’s calling to live out and share the Gospel of salvation in and through Jesus Christ. It assists the churches in affirming and fulfilling their evangelistic vocation by clarifying the biblical mandate and promoting and implementing strategies for world evangelization.

The **Commission on Ministry** engages in research and discussion on the calling to Christian ministry and the ways in which this vocation can be effectively discharged by Baptists in contemporary society. The Commission investigates the ways in which oversight is exercised in Baptist churches at the local, regional, and universal levels. It makes its insights available to the wider Baptist family.

The **Commission on Mission** provides an open space for its members to identify, discuss, and consult with each other on the ever-evolving understandings of the mission of the church in the Christian World Communions, especially among Baptists, and to interpret these understandings in light of the Word of God. The Commission makes its findings available to the worldwide Baptist family.

The **Commission on Theological Education** conducts research into patterns of theological education among Baptists. It engages in reflection and shares information on the methodologies utilized, and promotes strategies that lead to sound ministerial formation among Baptists worldwide.

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