

TUESDAY BREAKOUTS

Each workshop will be offered twice with the same content, to allow you to attend two sessions of interest. 1:00-2:00 & 2:15-3:15



AI for Life and Ministry: Tools, Ethics, and Evangelism

AI can be beneficial with planning, research, and wordsmithing, but it also presents us with serious ethical concerns related to privacy, intellectual property, and moral judgement. Our interactive workshop will cover the broad topic of AI technological advancement and its trajectory, practical tips and tools for ministry, and discussions surrounding ethics and the gospel of Jesus. The workshop will include breakout sessions and some real-time practice.

Bio: Dr. Jason Burt is a graduate of Regent College, an ordained minister with the CBWC, and assistant professor of sociology at Trinity Western University. He completed his doctoral work at Baylor University and defended a dissertation on the eroding fabric of social trust. He teaches courses on religion, technology, family, and statistical methods, and has published several peer-reviewed journal articles. The advent of LLMs (Large Language Models such as ChatGPT) inspired him to explore new pedagogical methods to curtail academic dishonesty and to enhance critical thinking and social engagement in the classroom. His creative coursework transformations earned him the TWU Innovative Teaching Award in 2025. He resides with his wife and 3 daughters in Langley.

His workshop will be in the **Ivor Petrak** on Tuesday from 1:00-2:00pm and 2:15-3:15pm.



Giving Grief Room: Making Space for Grief in a World That Tries to Crowd it Out

Grief is a universal experience but often when we find ourselves grieving we are surprised by how grief presents itself. This can be especially true for Christian leaders who may find ourselves surprised by our own grief, or wonder how to support those who are grieving. In this workshop, Leanne Friesen, author of the book "Grieving Room," will share what it means to create space for grief, providing practical insight for those who are grieving and those who support and pastor grievers.

Bio: Besides being the Executive Minister of the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec, Rev. Leanne Friesen is the author of the book "Grieving Room: Making Space for all the Hard Things After Death and Loss." She also curates and produces the Instagram page @grieving.room and regularly leads workshop and presentations on how to make space for grief. She lives in Hamilton, Ontario, with her husband and two teenaged children.

Her workshop will be in the **New Brunswick** on Tuesday from 1:00-2:00pm and 2:15-3:15pm.



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Living in the Word: Some Struggles and Suggestions

Baptists have long been known as “people of the Book.” We say the Bible is our highest authority for faith and life—and we really want it to be just that—because Scripture is powerful and life-giving! But it’s not always easy to apply difficult passages across very different contexts, especially in a contemporary culture that distrusts authority and where Christians sometimes stubbornly disagree, even as every side claims the Bible’s support. Pastors have the daunting task of teaching Scripture, modeling good interpretation, and helping the church to love and engage God’s Word. This seminar won’t make that task easy, but it is an opportunity to discuss some noteworthy challenges and practical strategies to help our churches “live in the Word” faithfully today

Bio: Rev. Ken Radant is Lead Pastor at West Vancouver Baptist Church. Before making the transition into pastoral ministry in 2024, Ken spent 30+ years serving in Christian higher education as a seminary professor, academic dean, and principal. He taught at Prairie Graduate School in Three Hills, AB, at the ACTS Seminaries of Trinity Western University, and most recently at Carey Theological College in Vancouver.

Ken is married to Diane. They have two adult children, and have been empty-nesters since moving to Vancouver’s North Shore in 2017. When not in the office, Ken enjoys music and wilderness/water sports including skiing, hiking, snowshoeing, mountain biking, and especially kayaking.

His workshop will be in the **Conservatory** on Tuesday from 1:00-2:00pm and 2:15-3:15pm.



Staying Connected: Building Relational Resilience in Ministry

Pastoral ministry is deeply relational—and often deeply complex. Whether we are navigating family expectations, handling congregational conflict, or trying to foster healthy patterns in our marriages and friendships, the emotional demands of ministry can take a real toll. This session creates space for honest reflection, offering practical guidance for staying grounded and connected amid these relational pressures. Together, we’ll explore common relational challenges, discover patterns that strengthen connection, and identify habits that protect joy and prevent burnout. Participants will leave with fresh insights to aid them in nurturing resilience and sustaining meaningful relationships over the long haul.

Bio: Dr. Cory Seibel is a professional counsellor who operates his own private practice, Daybreak Counselling, in Edmonton. He has a passion for providing therapeutic services to the church community and ministry leaders. Cory also is part of the teaching faculty for the Psychotherapy and Spirituality program at St. Stephen's College at the University of Alberta, and teaches psychology of religion at Concordia University of Edmonton. Cory has an MA in counselling from Central Seminary in Kansas City and is a doctoral student in clinical pastoral counselling at Washington University of Virginia. Prior to transitioning into the counselling profession, Cory spent nearly three decades as a pastor and seminary professor. Along the way, he earned two degrees in practical theology, an MTh from Spurgeon's College and a PhD from the University of Pretoria. He has published three books and numerous articles and is a frequent guest speaker.

His workshop will be in the **Alberta Room** on Tuesday from 1:00-2:00pm and 2:15-3:15pm.



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Benefits in Motion: The Future of Our Benefits Plan

In today's dynamic workplace, employee and employer needs are changing—and our benefits must evolve with them. This session will provide an overview of the redesigned health and dental plan, highlighting key changes and the rationale behind the updates. Learn how the redesign reflects a strategic balance between coverage, employee wellbeing, and cost sustainability. Discover what's changing, why it matters, and how the new plan supports our commitment to care and fiscal responsibility.

Bio: Loyda Sinanan serves as the Manager Pension and Benefits at Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM), since 2019, overseeing the administration of the Canadian Baptist Pension and Benefit plans (CBBenefits). With a Bachelor of Arts degree and specialized certifications in Pension Plan Administration and Human Resources, she has over two decades of expertise in the field of pension and benefits management. Outside of work, Loyda is an avid reader and food enthusiast. She is married to Darryl, and they have two children, with whom they share a passion for hockey and sports



Rob Jackett is currently Senior Director of Finance and Administration for Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM). He has responsibility for the oversight of CBM's operational budget, investments, the National Canadian Pension and Benefit Plans and provides leadership to the Canadian and International partner network in areas of financial management and systems. Prior to joining CBM in 2008, Rob worked in the Forest Products Industry in Senior Leadership roles. Rob has a degree in Finance and an MBA in marketing from McMaster University and an Executive Certification in Strategic Management from Queens University. He is married to Erla who is an Executive Principal and an Associate Member of University of Toronto's Faculty of Education. They have 2 adult children. Rob has travelled extensively helping build the capacity of CBM's global partners and in his spare time enjoys cycling and many outdoor pursuits.

Their workshop will be in the **Frontenac Room** on Tuesday from 1:00-2:00pm and 2:15-3:15pm.



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