



118th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Education

June 25th—29th, 2017

Roanoke, Virginia

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Theme:

*Reflecting the Light of the
Cross in the Community*

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Week At A Glance

Sunday, June 25

2:00—7:00 PM

Registration Open
Exhibits & Vendors Open
Hotel Check-in
Evening Worship/Youth
Night

4:00 PM

7:00 PM

Monday, June 26

6:30 AM

8:00 AM—4:30 PM

8:45 – 10:30 AM

11:00 AM

Convention in Prayer
Registration Open
Seminars — Select Two (2)
Lecture 1 — **Dr. Adam**

Bond

Clergy Ministry Luncheon
Plenary 1 — *Caregivers:
Caring for Those Who Cared
for You*

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Meetings
• BGCVA Foundation Board
• Committee on
Organization

4:00—6:00 PM

7:00 PM

Community Service Project
Opening Worship &
Communion — **Dr. Robert**

C. Scott

Late Night Worship

10:00 PM

Tuesday, June 27

7:00 AM

Community Breakfast—
Sponsor: Optima Family
Healthcare

8:00 AM—4:30 PM

9:00 – 10:45 AM

11:00 AM

12:15 PM

2:15 PM

3:30 – 4:30 PM

4:00—6:00 PM

7:00 PM

10:00 PM

Wednesday, June 28

6:30 AM

8:00 AM—2:00 PM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

12:15 PM

2:15 – 4:00 PM

7:00 PM

Thursday, June 29

10:00 AM

Registration Open

Classes

Lecture 2 — **Dr. Adam**
Bond

Women's Ministry
Luncheon

Business Meeting

Ministry Meetings

Community Service Project

Evening Worship/Military

Recognition/President's

Night — **Dr. Steven G.**

Blunt

Late Night Worship

Convention in Prayer

Registration Open

Classes (cont.)

Lecture 3 — **Dr. Adam**
Bond

Men's Ministry Luncheon

Plenary 2 — *Faith,
Redemption and
Re-Integration*

Evening of Celebration and
Recognition of Givers

Congress of Christian Education

Congress Goal: Churches and associations will become more unified and pro-active in addressing issues that confront and challenge effective ministry today.

Congress Aim: To offer a variety of teaching/learning opportunities that provide messengers with strategies on how to be effective in addressing issues related to being a 21st century church (missions/outreach, Christian Education, church growth, economics, social justice, children and youth, men and women).

How To Select Your Seminars and Class

Make copies of and complete one registration form for each messenger attending seminars and classes:

Seminar Options

- Select ONE (1) seminar to attend Monday from 8:45—9:30 AM
- Select another ONE (1) seminar to attend Monday from 9:45—10:30 AM

Class Option

- Select ONE (1) class to attend Tuesday and/or Wednesday from 9:00—10:45 AM ³



Monday Seminars ONLY

SELECT TWO (2)

(Select one Seminar for 8:45—9:30 AM; Select another Seminar for 9:45—10:30 AM.)

- **For Youth ONLY!** (Only “Youth” will remain in same seminar/class/ activity everyday) Youth will explore faith and culture in a practical way and experience God in a way through building relationships and meaningful experiential lessons.
- **For Clergy ONLY! Meaningful Conversations, Difficult Situations**
What is the role of health in the ability to effectively minister? What should pastors be doing now to ensure health coverage? How does the church discuss with children and youth pressing issues of today, i.e.: race, voting, social responsibility, etc.? How do pastor and people connect the Church with the community?
- **The Prayer Ministry of the Church**
In the words of author Watchman Nee, “God does not work alone!” God invites us, as partners, individually and collectively as the

church, to join in the work of prayer. Using several translations of Jesus’ Model Prayer (Matthew 6:5-15) as a gauge, participants will examine prayer as central in carrying out the responsibility and authority God has given the church in becoming joint prayer warriors.

- **Organizing Faith Forming Events Around Life Issues and the Christian Calendar**
Whether intentional or not, church life happens – Sunday school, bible study, VBS, ongoing training, etc. How do the celebrations and activities in the life of the church help persons to grow in their understanding of our Christian walk? We can get so caught up in the day-to-day details that suddenly time has passed without a deliberate effort to ensure that Christian formation occurs in everything the church does. This seminar will look at the essentials of purposeful planning that leads to faith formation and growth.
- **Reaching Every Generation for Christ**
The church exists for all generations – past, present, and future. This seminar will identify the needs of generations in the 21st century church.
- **Open Doors on Welcome Hinges?: Inclusivity in the Church**
Who’s in and who’s out of the Body of Christ? What is the criterion for being “in” the Body of

Christ? What disqualifies persons from inclusion in the Body of Christ? Participants in this seminar will compare and contrast Jesus' concept of inclusivity with our concept of inclusivity.

- **Tips for Handling Difficult People**

It has been said that some of the most difficult people to deal with are church folk. This seminar will share helpful language for positively handling conflict, confrontations, and challenging personalities in the church.

- **Retirement Planning: Putting Your Financial House in Order Seminar**

Whether due to limited resources, lack of understanding, or lack of a structured way to save, many of us are financially unprepared for retirement. It may be a sensitive subject, but it's an important one that should not be ignored. Designed especially for clergy, church employees and other faith-based organization employees, this seminar will offer information on retirement, planning, and tips to help you put your financial house in order. This class is open to all!

- **Justice or Just Us?**

A dialogue on the current political atmosphere and its negative impact on many social justice issues including healthcare, voting rights, immigration, etc. with a focus on what individuals and churches can do now and moving forward.



**Please come prepared to give
your individual, church, and
association gifts on President's
Night—Tuesday, June 27 @
7:00 PM**



Tuesday & Wednesday Classes ONLY

SELECT ONE (1)

(Select one class to attend Tuesday & Wednesday from 9:00—10:45 AM. ****All-Week Messengers: You must attend same class each day for certificate.****)

- **For Youth ONLY!**

This class is designed to help young people explore their faith and culture in practical ways. Participants will experience God in new ways through building relations and participating in meaningful experiential lessons (i.e. reaching out to others in need)

- **For Clergy ONLY! Crafting A Sermon**

Crafting the sermon is an art. From “new” to “seasoned” clergy, the art of crafting a sermon to meet the needs of the listener is vital. It takes much prayer and listening to God before the sermon can be constructed to meet the needs of the hearers. This class interactive class will assist clergy with

practical tools for reaching the 21st Century intergenerational pew with God’s transformational message.

- **Faith Formation for the 21st Century Church**

The world is changing and the church is changing with it. We can be bystanders or we can be leaders in change and renewal. In this track, participants will begin with inspiration for renewal and then have the opportunity to hear and share ideas for renewal in areas such as worship, service, faith formation, outreach, stewardship, and leadership. This class will explore effective and creative ways the faith is being formed and shared from one generation to the next.

- **Leadership Qualities for 21st Century Leaders**

Churches and ministries with strong lay leaders more than likely have a strong conviction to develop leaders, have a healthy ongoing leadership development process and, a healthy system in place to intentionally build new leaders. All three are essential for the local church to consistently form and deploy Godly leaders throughout the church’s ministries. Each leader must know and be willingly to abide by the church’s expectations, know their unique duties, and the responsibilities of their particular ministry. Leaders and those aspiring to be leaders will explore

the nature of Godly leadership, the intentionality of leadership, qualities and skills needed for leadership as well as ongoing training and development of leaders.

- **Mastering Your Card: Credit Card Fraud and Tithing Technology**

This class will highlight using new EMV chip technology to protect you from credit card fraud. Additionally, students will examine electronic giving as an effective way to streamline bookkeeping for churches, simplify giving and, actually increase giving.

- **Men as Re-Entry Mentors**

Learn how to work with the Department of Corrections and other community organizations to assist formerly incarcerated persons as they are released and re-integrated into the community.

- **Managing Conflict in the Church**

Conflict and division destroys faith and the Christian witness. Some churches who have great history of evangelism and growth can be torn apart by dissension and factions, leaving them a mere show of what they used to be and, never living up to their full potential as a Christian witness. This class will explore the causes of most conflict in the church as well as how to resolve conflict in a Christ-like manner.

- **Parliamentary Procedures: Conducting Meaningful Meetings in Church**

The last statement Paul makes in

his writing to Corinthian church in 1 Corinthians 14:40 is: “But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way” (NIV).

- **“Get Out!": Why Millennials Are Leaving the Traditional Church**

It has been said that the 21st Century is new and the church needs to find new ways of doing ministry in this new age. At almost 25 years into the 21st Century “will the church survive? What does or should the church and ministry look like in this Century? Is the church wasting time trying to figure out what God has already figured out? Participants in this class will examine the plight of traditionalism that hinders church growth amongst millennials; uncover untraditional avenues used by millennials to nurture and express their relationship with God, and; discover ways the church can regain, recapture, re-energize, and affirm the millennial generation.

- **Work of the Church Secretary, Church Clerk, Administrative Assistant**

The work of the church secretary, clerk, administrative assistant, etc. is indeed ministry that builds up the Kingdom of Christ. Who is the church secretary? Who is the church clerk? Who is the administrative assistant? How do they work together? Participants will explore the basic work of each

responsibility and how each complements the church's overall efficiency, function, hospitality, communication and ministry.

- **Engaging Society As a Witness for Christ: This is How You Do It!**

The church's participation in society as a witness for Christ is rooted in the Bible, which has served as the church's guide for missions and ministry throughout history. Participants in this class will discover how God, through Scripture, places the call and responsibility on the church to witness to society through active participation, which includes responding to society's pressing concerns. (The Future of the African American Church, chapter 2) Particular attention will be placed on God's mission for the church as well as the scope, implementation, and process for engaging your church in community-based/outside the walls into the world missions.

- **Fraud/Theft/Scams Impacting Congregations**

Don't be a victim. Learn how to protect yourself from fraud and scams including, telephone, internet, bank, property, etc.

- **Empowering Healthy Children and Families**

Parents Making a Difference! Healthy Children, Healthy Families (HCHF) support parents and caregivers by providing education on nutrition, physical activity, and

parenting practices that help families make healthy changes.

This workshop emphasizes group discussion, skill building and goal setting to facilitate small steps toward healthy eating and physical activity habits.

- **Deaconate Formation: A 21st Century Look at a First Century Ministry**

The word "deacon" is derived from the Greek word *diákonos* which means "servant", "minister", or "messenger". Participants in this class will explore how deacons and deaconess share in Christ's mission and grace through gaining a deeper understanding of the spiritual formation and practical tools (i.e. parliamentary procedures) needed in order to be effective. This class is recommended for ordained deacons as well as those preparing for ordination.

- **Sacred Music and Worship Arts**

Music, for all ages, is a central part of the worship experience. This class will examine an appreciation for the practice and theology of music and worship arts that enhance, not deter, the worship experience. Participants will be exposed to the use of hymns, anthems, spirituals, traditional and contemporary music. As well as the utilization of other expressions of worship, i.e.: dance, visual arts, dramatic expressions, etc. will be examined.

Community Service Project
(Select Monday or Tuesday to
participate in project from 4:00—
6:00 PM)

The Rescue Mission is providing two opportunities for BGCVA messengers to be engaged in community service during the Annual Session. The non-profit faith-based shelter has separate housing for men and women. The shelters offer a safe environment for people in crisis. In addition to a warm bed and three meals per day, there is medical attention, legal assistance and clothing assistance available.

Spiritual guidance is offered through nightly chapel services hosted by local churches of all denominations. The Case Management Team does an initial assessment to establish the guest's employment, housing, educational, legal, medical, and childcare needs in order to make a realistic plan to exit homelessness. **Please show your support for Rescue Mission by donating items on their Amazon.com [Wish List](#) or by volunteering.** You may also choose to bring items on the list to Annual Session.

BGCVA has been asked to serve dinner on Monday or Tuesday from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM. **Bus transportation is being provided to the Rescue Mission.** Youth will participate on Monday. Adults, please select the preferred day for your participation at the bottom of the registration form on Page 11.



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Pre-Registration Deadline:

Post Marked by June 5

Register Online (www.bgcva.org/events.html) by June 5

Late Registration begins June 6, 2017. Late registration deadline is June 19, 2017.

There is a late fee. Registrations received after June 19 will be processed with On-Site Registrations.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Please complete one (1) registration form for each individual who will attend the session. Registration entitles you to: a messenger bag with BGCVA information, a souvenir journal, and a messenger name badge.

All-Week Messenger Fee: Includes two (2) seminars **AND** one (1) class; and a certificate for attending the same class each day (Tuesday and Wednesday)

One-Day Messenger Fee: Includes, depending on what day and time you come, two (2) seminars **OR** one (1) class

All-Week Youth Messenger Fee: For Grades 2-12. Grades 2-5 **MUST** have a Adult Leader with them (Adult Leader must pay messenger fee also). Includes seminars, class, transportation and activities. Youth must have a permission waiver form signed to participate.

MEAL OPTIONS

Each messenger who orders meals must pick up their own tickets which will be in your messenger name badge holder.

Tickets must be purchased by June 19.

NO tickets will be sold on-site.

SEMINAR AND CLASS SELECTIONS

Provide your church name, church city, name, email, telephone numbers, mailing address, any differing needs, two (2) seminars **AND/OR** one (1) class from the BGCVA Congress Listings (on pages 3 -8).

More than one registration form can be mailed in the same envelope from the same church. You can send one church check or money order for the total amount enclosed for each registration form.

PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHURCH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER PAYABLE TO:

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118th Annual Session Individual Registration Form

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT LEGIBLY

Church Name and City: _____

Full Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Your Telephone: Daytime (_____) _____

Your Mailing Address: _____

City, ST Zip: _____

Differing Needs (Physical, Food Allergies, Medical): _____

CHECK ONE	Code	Type of Messenger	Fee	Late Fee (After June 5)
	A	All-Week Messenger	\$100.00	\$110.00
	B	One-Day Messenger	\$50.00	\$60.00
	C	All-Week Seminary Student (Non-Pastor)	\$50.00	\$60.00
	D	All-Week Youth Messenger (Grades 2-12)	\$65.00	\$70.00

CHECK ANY	Code	Fellowship Meals	Meal /Activity Fee
	CL	Monday—Clergy Ministry Luncheon	\$50.00
	CB	Tuesday—Community Breakfast	\$5.00
	WL	Tuesday—Women’s Ministry Luncheon	\$50.00
	ML	Wednesday—Men’s Ministry Luncheon	\$50.00
	EC	Wednesday—Evening of Celebration	\$60.00

All Meals Require a Ticket

Total Registration Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

Day	Time	SEMINARS Titles (Options—Descriptions on PAGES 4-5)
M	8:45 AM	
M	9:45 AM	

Day	Time	CLASS Title (Option —Descriptions on PAGES 6-8)
T, W	9:00 AM	

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT (Option —Description on PAGE 9): BGCVA has been asked to serve dinner. Bus transportation is being provided to and from the Rescue Mission. Youth will participate on Monday. Adults, please select the preferred day below for your participation.

☐ Monday, June 26, 4:00– 6:00 PM

☐ Tuesday, June 27, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

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