



CONVENTION OF  
ATLANTIC  
BAPTIST CHURCHES  
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## **RATIONALE AND NOTICE OF MOTION RE: THE CHANGE OF NAME FROM THE CONVENTION OF ATLANTIC BAPTIST CHURCHES TO CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA**

### **Preamble (Rationale):**

We (the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches) work in partnership with Canadian Baptists of Western Canada (formerly the Baptist Union of Western Canada), the Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec (formerly the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec), the Canadian Baptists of French Canada (Union d'Églises Baptistes Francophones du Canada) and, our international mission agency, Canadian Baptist Ministries.

There are four other major yet distinct Baptist groups operating in Canada – the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptists, the Baptist General Conference, the North American Baptist Fellowship and the Canadian National Baptist Convention (formerly the Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists).

Many in the Maritimes have great memories of the Baptist Federation of Canada organized in 1944 in Saint John N.B. as a coordinating organization allowing for greater cooperation among the four related Conventions and Unions. For many years Triennial Assemblies were held across the nation as a way to celebrate Canadian Baptist life and promote unity. In the years since the Baptist Federation of Canada has ceased to function it has become increasingly difficult to explain the relationship between our autonomous (yet interconnected) regional Conventions and Unions across the nation.

In November 2015, Convention Council agreed to move forward exploring a change in our operating name to Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada as modeled by our sister denominations across Canada.

On January 14, 2016, Convention Council voted to present a Notice of Motion to be voted on by the delegates at Oasis in Moncton, New Brunswick, August 2016. This will mean that the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches will carry on its work in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland & Labrador using Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada, as its operating name.

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This new identity designation will enable us to highlight our strength and national unity as a family of Baptist Christians operating as four regional groups, but in partnership for mission and ministry. Further, it will help us to differentiate our unique status as the first and largest Baptist group in the country.

In order to be consistent in using the same name for all legal documents, contracts and to carry on business operations, the Council recommends the following resolution to be voted on by the Delegates at Oasis 2016 to approve a corporate name change from “The Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches” to “Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.”

**Special Resolution (Motion):**

A special resolution changing the corporate name and authorizing an application for the issuance of Articles of Amendment to confirm the proposed change to the provisions of the corporation’s Letters Patent.

Be it enacted and it is hereby enacted as a special resolution of THE CONVENTION OF ATLANTIC BAPTIST CHURCHES (herein called the “Corporation”) that:

1. Subject to confirmation by Articles of Amendment, the name of the corporation is hereby changed to **CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA.**
2. The Corporation be and is hereby authorized to make an application to the Ministry of Industry for the issuance of Articles of Amendment confirming this special resolution insofar as it relates to changing the name of the Corporation to **CANADIAN BAPTISTS OF ATLANTIC CANADA.**
3. The directors and officers are hereby authorized and directed to do, sign and execute all things, deeds and documents necessary or desirable for the due carrying out of the foregoing.