Baptist Network Northwest Philosophy

Mission

Baptist Network Northwest is an association of churches offering identification, fellowship, propagation and assistance to churches and their leadership for the purpose of maximizing their ministry effectiveness and advancing the cause of Jesus Christ in the Northwest.

Vision

We will identify ourselves by embracing our doctrinal and Baptist distinctives and by articulating the same with humility, credibility, integrity and purity of life. We will fellowship together to advance the cause of Christ in the Northwest through our local churches by promoting and supporting evangelism, missions, Christian education, youth events and other related ministries. We will propagate new churches by 1) encouraging single churches to adopt the mother-church concept, by 2) encouraging area churches to engage in joint sponsorship of new churches in their region, and by 3) utilizing the NBHM Agency's ministries and by allocating funds in our missions budgets for this program of propagation. We will assist our constituency and our spiritual leaders by 1) our collective and personal compassion and encouragement, by 2) scheduling conferences retreats and seminars for mutual edification, inspiration and instruction, and by 3) providing information relative to our common interests and ministries.

Polity

The Bible gives specific mandates regarding the function of local churches under the Lord Jesus Christ, who is himself the only true head of the church. Church polity is the function of two key matters— biblical leadership and congregational government. Leadership within local churches is vested in two biblical offices, identified as elders and deacons. The congregation, as an outflow of the priesthood of the believer, shares in the responsibility for the church by prayerfully affirming the decisions of its leadership and assisting in discerning God's will for the church.

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Identity

To be Baptist is not simply a matter of name, but one of central beliefs and practices. As Baptists, we hold to historic convictions regarding the authority of scripture over all our beliefs and practices, the prerequisite of personal salvation for church membership, and the defense of religious liberty for all. We are a network of Baptist churches, as identified by our shared doctrine, mission, vision, and polity.

Core Values

- We value covenant community as defined by our doctrine, mission, vision, and polity.
- We value the power of the Gospel to change lives and communities.
- We value the local church as God's ordained instrument for advancing His Kingdom.
- We value called, qualified leaders given by God to serve and lead churches in accomplishing the Great Commission mandate.
- We value relational healing and church renewal by providing network events and specialists to serve through consultation, mediation, restoration, strategic prayer, and education.
- We value church planting, advancing God's Kingdom by birthing new churches and renewing struggling churches to reach the specific cultures of their community.
- We value serving one another, encouraging and resourcing churches through our regional leaders, local fellowships, and financial resources.