Our History

The Baptist Network Northwest is a fellowship of churches united by God’s truth and focused on helping one another accomplish the work of Christ in reaching the lost and building the Body of Christ. The BNN is the result of men coming to the northwest in the mid-20th century to start Bible believing churches and reclaim churches which had exchanged the gospel for other pursuits.

The Northwest Baptist Home Mission was the first joint effort to assist in the work of planting churches. It soon gave birth to the Revolving Fund for financing buildings for the new churches. The Northwest Association of Regular Baptist Churches was next formed so that the churches might more actively encourage one another in God’s Work.

Eventually the Association and the Mission combined efforts and formed what came to be known as the Baptist Network Northwest. While not a denomination, the member churches of the BNN realize the reality and value of interdependence. We believe that autonomy of the local church is the normal Biblical pattern, but we also understand that as a group we are simply working as a greater part of the whole Body of Christ to accomplish ministries which can be done better together.

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Our Distinctives

Our doctrinal stand is founded on our faith in the inerrant Word of God, understood literally from beginning to end resulting in a dispensational perspective on the Scriptures. We continue in the path of our forebears who separated themselves from doctrinal liberalism and stood firm on truths which came to be called the, the “Baptist Distinctives.”

Within our historical doctrinal position, we maintain a gracious attitude in our convictions. We focus on what we are for and we recognize the God-given room for variation in the application of Scripture. According to Romans 14 we hold strongly to our own convictions but recognize the right of others to hold their convictions with equal strength.

Our Purpose

The BNN exists to nurture fruitfulness in local churches, which we accomplish through three broad objectives:

- **We encourage one another** because the work of Christ is challenging. There are victories and setbacks, times of progress and regress. Attempting to make disciples is a life and death work and as the Apostle Paul said, “who is sufficient for these things?” Our gatherings enable regular contact among friends in ministry with the opportunity to rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep.

- **We equip one another**. We believe that all churches have strengths to share and weaknesses to conquer. Through staff ministry, group events, and church to church connections, we build one another up so that we might progress in our ability to accomplish God’s Work.

- **We extend ministry** by working together. Christ commanded his followers to make disciples and be witnesses for Him in their hometown, local region, with non-familiar local people groups, and throughout the world. (Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8). The BNN enables churches to work together with a primary focus on the first three phases of that mandate. Very few churches have the resources to independently launch a new church and see it to maturity but together we are doing this. Our ministry staff is available to consult with churches and pastors on a wide variety of issues and we also empower camp and youth ministries and facilitate connection with foreign missionaries sent by our churches.

Our Events

**Refresh**, This three day event for those in full-time ministry is held annually in September at Cannon Beach Oregon. With a relaxed schedule, those in ministry are enriched through worship, teaching, and fellowship.

**Renew**, This two day retreat is for men in full-time ministry and is held in January at Camp Pinewood, McCall, Idaho and in February at Camp Gilead, Carnation, Washington. Through hour-long prayer sessions, worship and fellowship, men are encouraged to examine their walk with God and be renewed in strength for ministry.

**Refine**, This two day church ministry conference is for all adults in our churches and is held after Easter annually with a goal of strengthening local church ministry. The annual business meeting of the BNN is held in conjunction with this conference.

**Teen Leadership Conference (TLC)** is an annual two day event held between Christmas and New Year’s Day for high school through college aged youth.

TLC provides a rich opportunity for students, & leaders to deepen their walk with Christ and service to Him.

**TNT (Total Night Transformation)** is a regional event held in several locations around the Northwest in the fall. This event provides high school and middle school students a whole night of activities to invite their unsaved and unchurched friends, where the gospel is clearly shared.