



Our Mission

Partnering with local churches around the world to bring hope, healing, and reconciliation through word and deed.

Our Vision

A broken world made new.

Our Values

Faith

We follow with our heart, soul and mind, the one God in three persons. We confess our faith in Jesus the Christ, God's revelation of himself. He is everything, and he is in everything. He supplies our needs for personal, experiential faith and transformational discipleship so that we may be like him. The work of his Spirit within us.

Hope

This happens in unity. The Holy Spirit draws local fellowships of twos and threes, and hundreds and thousands into a shared life – the means of grounding God's presence among his people. These communities of worship are created for his mission in the world. They're entrusted with the message of reconciliation. We boldly and confidently proclaim that Jesus Christ is the hope of

the world. In him, God saves, redeems and glorifies broken people by grace, through faith.

Love

We love God because he first loved us. He is the alpha and omega, eternal. His mission of love to build shalom – peace with justice – in a broken world. As a sign of our gratitude to him, we enthusiastically accept his invitation to join him in his mission. We are called to be global disciples, witnesses to his love and compassion.

Our Key Causes

- Poverty
- Justice
- Kids at Risk
- Build the Church
- Crisis Response

Integral Mission

At CBM, we love God and we love his mission to heal a broken world. Our love for God and his mission is rooted in the fact that he first loved us and rescued us in our brokenness. As a sign of our gratitude to him, we willingly and enthusiastically accept his invitation to join him in his mission.

We are part of a global family of followers of Jesus Christ, we seek to bring hope in a world of poverty, broken relationships, environmental destruction, lost hope and every type of

oppression. Our call is to radical discipleship as followers of Christ the King. The way we do this is through Integral Mission.

Integral mission weaves together our words and deeds. Through our words, we share God's love and redemption offered in Jesus Christ, and invite people to respond by accepting the gift of a new life. Through our deeds, we contribute to the healing and positive transformation of people and communities through physical, spiritual, economic, psychological and social programs.

We believe that both parts are essential, neither takes priority over the other. Neither should be done independently of the other. Each part is essential and necessary for the completeness of God's desire for his creation.

Partners

We work with, for and through our global partners. Wherever we work in the world, our strategy is consistently this – build up local churches' capacity to help heal a broken world through word and deed.

Partnership is intentional collaboration, where the co-participants share a common journey towards the accomplishment of a pre-determined purpose. Whether we are addressing spiritual, social, economic or environmental challenges, our partnerships are formed to undertake either a specific project (which is usually location-based and time-specific) or to develop a broad array of ongoing programs or activities.

Together with our partners overseas, we work together in a spirit of mutuality to determine the scope, style and scale of the activities at an early stage, and agree on how to implement the proposal. We often help our partners when they need assistance in building their local capacity for effective holistic ministry and sustainable programs. We work together to assess and improve one another's ministries and are always ready to learn and receive, while we also seek to share in the gifts and resources we have. And when the task is completed and the time has come, we celebrate what we managed to do together.

Learn more at <https://www.cbmin.org>

CBM Lebanon Staff



Elie and Mireille Haddad joined CBM in 2005 and serve with CBM as Team Leaders for the Middle East and North Africa region. They help the team reach organizational ends by directing, coaching, and empowering our Field Staff, assisting our national partners in our shared objectives. The Haddads promote their sphere of ministry both overseas and in Canada, and they help shape the future agenda for the ministry.

In addition, Elie serves as President of the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS) in Beirut, Lebanon. ABTS equips leaders for the Church in the entire Arabic-speaking world. Students come from as far west as Morocco and as far east as Iraq. Mireille also serves with ABTS, tutoring online courses.



In 2015, Emad and Almess Botros joined CBM to serve at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary (ABTS) in Lebanon, where they first met and studied.

Emad serves as a lecturer in Old Testament and Islamic studies at ABTS. He desires to equip and empower students with tools to develop their understanding of the Old Testament, learning how to apply it in their Middle Eastern and North Africa setting. Emad is also developing resources and models for ministry in that context. While both Emad and Almess are involved in mentoring students in ministry and leadership, Almess also works with Iraqi and Syrian refugees.

Emad was born in Egypt, where he was a high school teacher, then a pastor. Almess was born in Iraq, where she earned her B.A. in accounting. After immigrating to Canada in 2005, Emad worked as a support worker and Almess as an interpreter. Together, they served among the Arab immigrant community around Waterloo, Ontario. They have two boys Timothy and Nathaniel.



Based in Beirut, Lebanon, Joe Bridi works with CBM's local partners to develop strategies for ministry and provide support to graduates of Arab Baptist Theological Seminary who are launching ministries in the MENA (Middle East and North Africa) region. He helps monitor and evaluate existing projects, and provides implementation and reporting support for specific initiatives. Born and raised in Lebanon, Joe has a background in the tech sector, but has felt a strong call to be in full-time ministry over the past several years. He has a heart for people and serves Syrian refugees in his area by leading Bible studies and discipleship groups.

Joe is married to Alexandra. They have two young boys, Jad and Rami.

Botros June Newsletter highlights

Honestly, some days are harder than the others, and it is very distracting and emotionally draining. However, we cope fine by God's grace and your prayers. ***Please continue praying for us as a family to be able to find strength in God's grace, and that we experience God in new ways during these difficult times.***

As for the boys, we are at a new stage, where we are helping Timothy to prepare for university and Nathaniel to cope with everything else going around. Timothy will be going to

university next year, and of course, this matter raises lots of questions, mainly with the possibility that Timothy might be studying in Canada while we are continuing our ministry in Lebanon. ***Please pray for Nathaniel to have peace in heart and mind and for God's guidance to Timothy as he is trying to discover what God has in store for him in terms of undergraduate studies.***

It is our main job to help Timothy finding a place for his study when we visit Canada this summer. Yes, we will be visiting Canada this summer, after being away for almost 5 years! Our visit will mainly be to take a time away from the field to rest and to help Tim search for a university.

As you know, I (Emad) have been the Facilitator for the Genesis Commentary in Bangladesh context. The English version of this commentary has been submitted to Langham publishers. This is a great news! Meanwhile, I am in the last phase of finishing a commentary on Jonah. The deadline is June 2022. ***Please pray for those who will read these commentaries.***

Almess enthusiastically continues her online tutoring ministry. She enjoys having conversations with students related to their personal life, ministry, and studying. ***I would like to invite you to pray with us for peace in the region. Pray for healthy relationships between Muslims and Christians. Pray for the Word of God to be understood and accepted by others. May his LIGHT shine in our hearts and minds and guide our path as we follow him.***

Arab Baptist Theological Seminary

ABTS has a vision to see God glorified, people reconciled, and communities restored through the Church in the Arab world. Its mission is to serve the Church in our region as it realizes its Biblical mission of having Christ acknowledged as Lord by offering specialized learning resources and equipping faithful men and women for effective service.

Programs of ABTS include an undergraduate certificate in ministry and a new virtual Integrated Theology Program leading to a Bachelor of Theology degree. The Seminary also offers a Master of Religion in Middle Eastern and North African Studies program, a Master of Theology program, and a PhD program. ABTS has also begun work on a first of its kind Arabic-language digital theological library in collaboration with MENATE (Middle East & North Africa Association for Theological Education) that will serve seminaries in the entire region.

ABTS sponsors the Middle East Consultation program to equip the Church to live Christ-like witness amid the complex realities of ministry in and beyond Middle Eastern contexts. The Middle East Consultation is an annual event bringing together church and ministry leaders of the Arab world, members of NGOs and mission agencies, Christian thinkers and practitioners, individuals engaging in contexts of Islam, and anyone with a curiosity and concern for issues impacting Christ-followers in the Middle East. MEC 2022 will be held online on September 21, 22, and 23.

ABTS also offers workshops for the local church in various areas, including peacemaking and non-formal theological training.

Khebz w Meleh (KwM) brings together youths from different backgrounds, including Christians and Muslims, to share meals, openly discuss their faith together, and take action for the common good of their local communities.

KwM is a transformative peacebuilding initiative that allows for solid interfaith friendships to be formed. It provides space for young people in Lebanon to come together from across faith divides, to address areas of mistrust, and to experience healing. We are motivated by God to work collectively toward the common good in our societies as we seek to practice his model of peace. Our curriculum allows Muslim and Christian young people to go from talking about their faith together to acting upon their faith, seeking the common good of their community.

Finally, ABTS includes a conference centre and guesthouse, which serve both the ABTS student body and the larger church community.

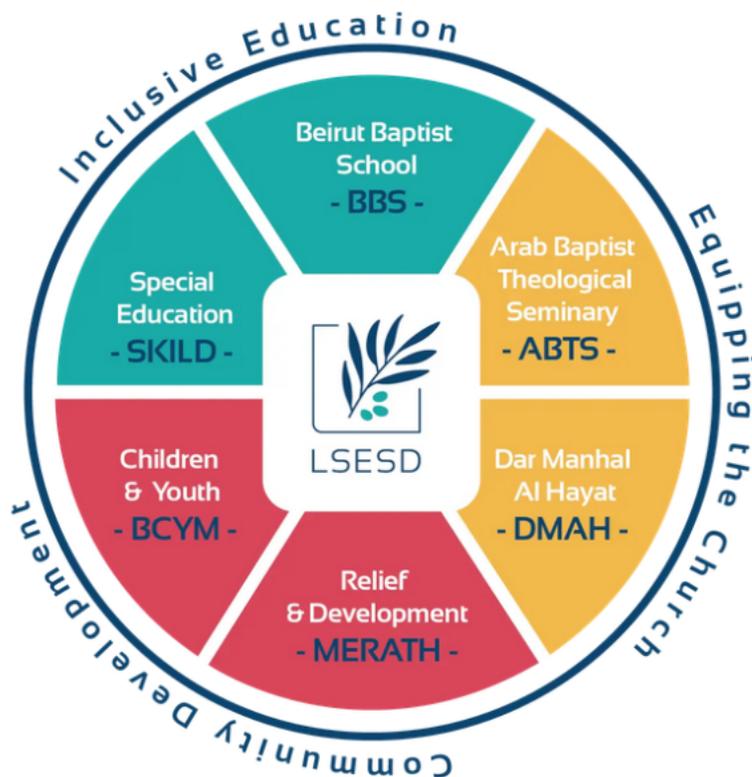
Learn more at <https://abtslenanon.org>

Lebanese Society for Education & Social Development

A Holistic Approach

LSESD has a holistic approach to ministry that combines the demonstration and the proclamation of the gospel. As explained by the Micah Declaration on Integral Mission: “If we ignore the world we betray the word of God, which sends us out to serve the world. If we ignore the word of God we have nothing to bring to the world”.

LSESD also applies an integrated approach to ministry where each one of LSESD’s six ministries complements the other in its own field of expertise. This enables LSESD to tackle issues and challenges from different angles rendering the suggested solutions and impact more durable and holistic.



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Dar Manhal Al Hayat (DMAH) publishes and distributes a wide range of Christian and educational resources in Arabic in response to the needs of both the Church and the community.

MERATH (Middle East Revive and Thrive) partners with local churches and organizations to support vulnerable families in Lebanon, Syria, and Iraq, with basic needs, education and child protection, livelihoods and recovery projects.

The Baptist Children and Youth Ministry (BCYM) organizes events and activities for vulnerable children and youth, including refugees.

The Beirut Baptist School (BBS) is an inclusive school committed to rigorous, relevant and holistic education that cultivates and inspires diverse learners in mind, body and spirit to become responsible citizens and successful lifelong learners.

The Smart Kids With Individual Learning Differences (SKILD) Center supports children with special needs by raising awareness and providing expertise, training and resources to schools and families.

Learn more at <https://www.lsesd.org>

18 students graduated from ABTS in June 2021

240 students enrolled in the various formal programs

>158 participants joined virtually for Middle East Consultation 2021

6 new groups started in Sudan and Lebanon for [Khebz w Meleh](#)

>1000 victims of the Beirut Explosion shown the love of Christ through partnership with several churches

9 training courses held by the Peacemaking team for various churches and for ABTS staff and faculty

170 people reached by the Peacemaking trainings

A Prayer for Lebanon

We invite you to pray with us for Lebanon. Our country is deeply wounded, and many can barely make it through the day. Not very long-ago Beirut suffered from a horrific explosion, but if we look closely, we see God's mercy extended to countless individuals and families who had lost so much. It is in this God that we place our trust and hope. We know that He has been working here when He seemed to be most absent. So, let us be united in prayer, as members of one Body, for He who sees all things also listens and answers according to His unsearchable wisdom.

Pray with us for:

- Those who continue to struggle physically, psychologically, and emotionally as a consequence of the blast, that the healing and comforting presence of God continue to work in their lives.
- Those who have yet to fix their damaged homes, or whose homes have been lost and still do not have a permanent place to stay, that they come to find their abidance in Christ.
- Those who are struggling because of the economic and political situation in Lebanon, that they come to know the timely providence and overwhelming love of Christ.
- Those who continue to serve the people impacted by the blast, that they continue to reflect Christ and bear prophetic witness to those looking for hope.
- Those who have yet to see justice come to pass, that the mercy and wisdom of Christ pervades every aspect of their lives.

Ways to give:

1. Online with a credit card: <https://www.givetogo.org/team/FBCRegina>
2. Mail, or drop off, your donation to First Baptist Church, 2241 Victoria Ave, Regina SK S4P 0S4. (Please do not leave cash in the mailbox.) If you require an in-person pick up, call the church at (306) 359-1450.
Make cheques out to “CBM”
Note “SENT Lebanon” in the memo line or on the envelope
3. To set up monthly automatic donations, please either:
 - a. Phone Barb Keys at CBM at 905-821-3533, who will take your information and get it set up properly.
 - b. Go to the CMB donations page at <https://www.cbmin.org/donate/>. Select, monthly, where most needed, input the desired amount, and then click add to donation. When entering billing information on the next page there is a box titled “Additional Information” Please write in “Lebanon – First Baptist Regina Partnership” and it will be set up properly.

Where your gift goes:

First Baptist Church Regina has an ongoing commitment to our partnership through Canadian Baptist Ministries with the work in Lebanon in three areas:

1. Botros Team Support

Support Emad and Almess Botros in their ministry in Lebanon.

2. Middle East Consultation

MEC 2022 will be held online, and support will help to cover the conference costs as well as registration costs for non-western participants.

3. Syrian Refugee Support

These funds make it possible for Syrian refugee children to participate in children's ministry programs including camp ministries, online ministries and "camp-in-a-box" resources for families.