

This is a call for book chapter proposals for an edited volume tentatively titled *Themes in Ontario Baptist History*. Here are book details:

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Summary:

Baptists have long played an important part in Ontario's religious tapestry. From education to politics and social reform, they have been involved in various aspects of public life. In their interactions with other religions and within their own congregations, they have exhibited a wide range of beliefs and convictions. Yet, despite this rich and sometimes complicated history, few recent sources explore the story of Baptists in Ontario in any substantial way. There are many good individual studies, but they are often isolated case studies and do not provide the surveys offered in this proposed volume. *Themes in Ontario Baptist History* seeks to address existing gaps in the current historical literature. As the title indicates, rather than explore this topic chronologically, each chapter will focus on a particular theme and provide an overview of how Ontario Baptists understood and/or contributed to Ontario's life and culture.

Suggested topics include (but are not limited to):

Ontario Baptists and ... women, education, Indigenous Peoples, labour, missions, evangelism, theological tensions and conflict, empire, war, sociocultural challenges, politics, ecumenism, the arts, the Black experience. This is a preliminary rather than exhaustive list; the editors are willing to entertain other proposed topics.

Proposals:

Please submit a 500-word summary of a proposed chapter, along with CV, to the address below by 1 February 2024. Authors will be notified of the editors' decision by 1 March 2024.

Contact information:

Please email proposals to Taylor Murray (tmurray@tyndale.ca).

The CBHS traces its origins back to the nineteenth century when Baptists passionate about their heritage began a process of preserving critical documents and studying the Baptist presence in Ontario and Quebec. Its primary focus is on the history of all Baptists in the Canadian context, but the study of Baptists around the globe is also a part of its mandate. Scholars, pastors, students and those interested in Baptist history are all warmly invited to attend meetings of the society.
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