

The **2026** Convention *in Retrospect*



**CZECHOSLOVAK
BAPTIST CONVENTION**
of
United States and Canada

Introduction

The 2026 Convention at Heritage College in Cambridge was a warm gathering marked by worship, fellowship, thoughtful conversation, and gratitude to God. This retrospective revisits the people and programme moments that gave the Convention its character.

From the first welcome to the final reflections, the days together offered space to remember God's faithfulness, encourage one another, and look ahead with hope.

The General Board



The General Board helped guide the Convention's shared life. Their contribution went beyond formal duties, showing in the thoughtful care, careful preparation, and steady presence that made the gathering possible.

We are deeply grateful for their service and the warm welcome they helped create—a place where churches, families, and friends could gather in Christian fellowship.

*The General Board, and especially the tireless organising/planning committee, truly **exceeded every expectation**. Their dedication and hard work brought fresh enthusiasm to our community.*

Visionary Leadership – *The Board's commitment to our shared mission gave the Convention a clear sense of direction and helped us move forward together.*

Dynamic Service – *From the first plans to the final details, they served with excellence and showed Christ's love in practical ways.*

When the Board took the stage during the Convention, a simple slide proclaimed: "God is always at work. Hallelujah!"

*That moment captured the heart of the Convention: **God is ever-present**, working through ordinary people in ways we do not always see.*

The Blessing of Unity

Your presence, prayers, and participation are a living testimony to God's faithfulness. Together, we saw:

- **Renewed Hope** – *The leadership's energy and commitment renewed our confidence in the Convention's future.*
- **Spirit-filled Momentum** – *Every session, workshop, and worship service carried the joy and power of the Holy Spirit.*
- **Deepened Fellowship** – *These shared days strengthened the bonds that unite our Czech-Slovak family across continents.*

Looking Ahead

*We leave with grateful hearts, trusting the same God who has guided the Board and will lead us into what comes next. May the encouragement of these days shape how we live and serve, as we remember that **"God is always at work"** and that we share in His glorious purpose.*

General Board: *Visionary leadership and a driving force for the Convention*

Organising/Planning Committee: Diligent service that exceeded expectations and brought hope

Overall Tone: Optimistic, uplifting, and celebratory

A Warm Welcome from the Admin Team

The administrative team welcomed Convention guests with genuine warmth and care. By attending to the many practical details of the gathering, they helped everyone settle in with ease and take part fully in the programme.



From the very beginning, their welcome set the tone for the days that followed—open, gracious, and centred on fellowship in Christ.

*We were delighted to step into the lively heart of Cambridge's **Heritage College** for our inaugural Convention at this venue. As we approached the registration desk, two bright, welcoming smiles greeted us— **Rebekah** and **Stuart**.*

- **Rebekah**, ever-patient and cheerful, handled every enquiry with a smile that seemed to brighten the whole hallway.
- **Stuart**, Rebekah's cousin, was part of the diligent cousin-team with **Ruby**, coordinating the flow of attendees with a calm confidence that turned what could have been chaos into a smooth, welcoming experience.

Together, they made sure that every delegate received a warm greeting, a set of keys, and a clear path to their accommodation. Handing over a key may have seemed like a simple act, but it became a small yet profound symbol of trust and hospitality.

"We depend on them for the next Convention," we whispered, already

imagining the next gathering, brighter and more blessed than ever before.

Our Optimistic Outlook

- ***Together***, we will build on this foundation of excellent service and create a convention that reflects the love and unity of our diverse family.
- ***With*** each new face that comes through the doors, our sense of community grows richer, brighter, and more hopeful.
- ***Looking forward***, we envision a future in which every delegate feels welcomed, supported, and inspired to share the Gospel in fresh, vibrant ways.

A Heartfelt Thank-You

To Rebekah, Stuart, and the entire Heritage College team – thank you for turning a simple check-in into such a memorable, heart-warming experience. Your dedication has set a wonderful precedent, and we cannot wait to see what the next Convention holds for all of us.

Fellowship Around the Table

Some of the Convention's most meaningful moments unfolded around the table. Shared meals gave us time to reconnect with familiar friends, get to know one another better, and continue conversations that had begun elsewhere in the programme.

Eating together became part of the Convention's wider gift: unhurried time to listen, laugh, remember, and encourage one another.



For many of us from the homeland, the pleasure of a good, hearty meal holds a special place.

That sense of fellowship naturally carried into the meal at Heritage College's cafeteria, where we were treated to a banquet that was simply **exquisite**:

- **Generous portions** – plates filled with comforting food, with enough left for a well-earned second helping.
- **Flavourful variety** – each dish seemed to carry a story of tradition while opening the door to new conversations.
- **Warm hospitality** – the staff's smiles and attentiveness turned each meal into a memorable gathering.

As the saying goes, **where there is good food, there is good conversation**. Around those large tables, we chatted, laughed, and shared reflections on faith, community, and the journeys that lie ahead.

We are deeply grateful to the Heritage College team for their friendly service and for creating an atmosphere where nourishment of body and spirit went hand-in-hand.

“A shared meal is a bridge between hearts; let us keep building it across every table we gather around.”

Evening Ice-Cream Socials

The evening ice-cream socials gave us a relaxed and welcoming way to end each day. Away from the formal programme, we could linger together, enjoy one another's company, and share the easy fellowship that comes when there is time simply to be present.

These informal gatherings added a lighter note to the Convention and gave friendships room to deepen.



After each day's programme, we invite you to unwind at our delightful **Ice-Cream Socials.**

These gatherings have become a beloved tradition – a cosy haven where old friends and new can mingle, share stories, and enjoy sweet treats beneath the twinkling lights.



“There’s something truly magical about the laughter that drifts from the social as the night unfolds – a reminder that fellowship sweetens every moment.”

A variety of flavours – from classic vanilla to inventive seasonal selections, ready to be enjoyed together.

Warm conversation – an easy way to catch up with fellow members.

A gentle, family-friendly atmosphere – a welcoming space for all ages to relax before retiring for the night.

Children: Hope for the Future

The children offered a joyful reminder that the life of the Convention reaches beyond a single generation. Their presence brought fresh energy to the gathering and gave visible expression to our hope for the future of the church.

As we encourage children in faith, we are also blessed by what they bring: their openness, their joy, and their place among the people of God.



At the recent gathering, the children were more than attendees; they were a bright and joyful centrepiece of the event.

Roughly twenty eager children gathered together, filling the hall with laughter and exploring the world around them with bright, curious eyes. Through play, warm smiles, and genuine connections, they formed new bonds that reached beyond the meeting rooms.

“In the midst of twenty youthful souls, I found a well-spring of hope for the future of our Convention.”

Their innocence brought a quiet, shared sense of hope to our conversations. Every giggle, shared game, and heartfelt interaction reminded us of the life and hope within our community, as well as the bright future for which we pray.



What This Means for the Convention

- **Renewed Energy** – The children’s presence brought fresh enthusiasm to every session.
- **Community Spirit** – Their genuine camaraderie reminded us of the strength of together-ness.
- **Future Hope** – Seeing them thrive strengthens our belief that the next generation will carry the Convention forward with compassion and purpose.

In the end, the Convention reminded us that when young hearts have room to play, smile, and connect, they help us look towards the future with hope.

Heartfelt Worship

Worship gave the Convention a steady centre. Through song, prayer, and listening to God’s Word, we were reminded that our fellowship is rooted in a shared faith and a shared Lord.

The worship was joyful and reverent, making room for thanksgiving, reflection, and a renewed trust in God’s leading.

We look back with grateful hearts, because through their sincere, Spirit-led leadership, they helped us draw near to God.



What Made It Special

- **A Melodic Tapestry** – The team brought together beloved Czech and Slovak worship hymns with our cherished English praise songs, creating a rich, multilingual chorus that spoke to everyone.
- **Enthusiasm That Sparks Hope** – Every voice and instrument carried joyful energy, filling the sanctuary with warmth and optimism that lifted our spirits.
- **Leadership That Inspires** – The leaders offered heartfelt prayers and sincere, Spirit-filled guidance, helping lead us into a worship experience that felt truly meaningful.

Thank you, worship family, for your dedication and passion, and for helping us worship with such joy. May the Lord continue to bless your gifts, and may we look forward together to many more seasons of uplifting praise!

“Let every breath of praise rise like a sweet fragrance, drawing us ever nearer to His glorious light.” – A hopeful prayer for our fellowship.

The gatherings were more than meetings; they were moments when the Holy Spirit moved through every word, every hymn, and every quiet prayer.

Friday Night: Tim Racinsky

On Friday evening, as the lights dimmed, **Tim Racinsky** took the pulpit and brought the Convention's theme into clear focus. His steady, welcoming message helped us see the vision God has placed before our community.



Through his ministry, Tim made an important contribution to the Convention's opening evening, inviting us to begin with open and attentive hearts.

His presence helped set a gentle, hopeful tone for the days ahead, encouraging us to listen, worship, and reflect together on our calling.

Mission Reports and Baptist Union Updates

Mission reports and Baptist Union updates opened a window onto the wider work of Baptist churches and ministries, giving the Convention time to listen, reflect, and pray. The mission reports reminded us of our shared responsibility and continuing need for prayer, while the Union updates showed the strength of cooperation beyond the Convention itself.

Missionary Introductions: Ruby introduced each missionary through a thoughtfully-crafted, pre-recorded video. These personal glimpses into the missionaries' journeys helped everyone feel connected across continents. We received video reports from the Franka family; Potma family; Sherri Paulson; Krista Frederick. We are deeply thankful for the time and effort they gave to bring us up to date. We are together in this, and we will support and pray for you.

Baptist Union Presidents' Reports: The presidents of the Baptist Unions

shared their latest initiatives and reflections, highlighting collaborative successes and future opportunities for the wider Convention. Their reports showed that the Unions are healthy and have experienced tremendous growth over the last three years, with new churches starting as well. It is an exciting time for Slovakia and the Czech Republic, where much work is also going into welcoming, assimilating, and pastoring the Ukrainians.

Baptist Union Appreciation: *The Unions made it crystal-clear that they appreciate the tangible contributions of our Convention. That mutual respect deepens the bonds between our regions and strengthens our shared purpose.*



2025 Delegation Impact: *The video recordings and conversations with the Union presidents showed how much can grow through constant contact. The delegation we sent in 2025 sparked a ripple of openness, opening hearts and minds across the Unions to richer partnerships and renewed enthusiasm. The Deputation opened doors and created new relationships. We would like to build on this through frequent visits by members of the executive to Slovakia and the Czech Republic, and vice versa.*

Highlights in Vivid Detail

- **A Tapestry of Voices** – *Ruby’s video montage brought together stories of faith, courage, and hope, with each personal testimony adding its own meaningful thread.*
- **Leaders Step Forward** – *The Union presidents shared their reports with humility and vision, offering a hopeful picture of a future built through collective effort.*
- **A Warm Reception** – *The Unions’ gratitude was more than a courtesy; it was a heartfelt recognition of the Convention’s vital role in their ministries.*
- **Opening Horizons** – *The 2025 delegation acted like a lantern in the night,*

illuminating paths that had not been visible before and encouraging deeper collaboration. Here is a photo of three presidents.



“Together, we are writing a beautiful chapter in the story of faith—one where every voice is heard, every heart is uplifted, and every step forward is taken with optimism.”

Saturday Business Meeting

Saturday’s business meeting gave the Convention time to tend to its responsibilities and consider matters affecting our shared work. These conversations are an important part of faithful stewardship, helping us move forward with clarity and care.

Alongside the formal business, we were reminded of our commitment to serve churches well and nurture the connections that unite us.

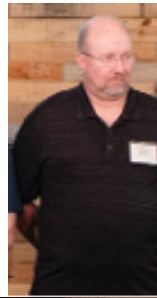
I share this brief reflection on our gathering with a heart full of hope. Business meetings can sometimes feel dry—especially to our younger hearts—but the decisions we make together form the foundations on which our beloved Convention stands.

The Meeting that Sparkled with Energy

Under the steady, God-filled guidance of **Ruby**, the meeting found a vibrant rhythm. Her precision and enthusiasm transformed what might have been a routine session into a lively, Spirit-led celebration.

- **Election of a New Board** – With Ruby announcing her intention to step down, the floor opened to a new wave of leadership.

- **Clear Vision** – The Convention’s investments have performed admirably under the careful stewardship of the steady-handed Eric Shereda and David Dudok.



A Glimpse of Our Financial Journey

Interest earned on our reserves is encouraging, but it cannot by itself sustain all the commitments we hold dear. These commitments are more than figures on a spreadsheet; they are promises of honour that we cherish and must keep.

Current Situation of the Convention and what it might ask from us:

Revenue – Interest from existing funds: sufficient for modest needs, but not enough to cover all costs and expenses.

Expenditure – Ongoing projects in Slovakia & the Czech Republic require a steady, growing source of support.

Goal – We have to secure additional resources for long-term stewardship. We pray that more members will support this work through additional contributions and bequests.

A Heart-felt Appeal

Prayer for Provision – May the Lord place on each of us a special amount—a seed of generosity—to nurture the work already blossoming in our homelands.

Consider a Legacy Gift – In quiet moments of reflection and prayer, consider including the Convention in your will. Bequests once powered our financial growth; they can help light the path forward again.

“We have witnessed the Lord’s faithful hand at work, distributing resources with the utmost stewardship in our homelands. Now, let us step forward together, trusting that He will provide.”

Pray to become involved

We need more of our Convention members and friends to become involved. Will you please pray and ask the Lord if He wants you to become involved. Let me know at nico@czskbc.org if you are willing to serve in some capacity at the Convention.

Looking Ahead with Optimism

The future holds bright promise for our Convention. With every prayer, thoughtful gift, and shared vision, we are weaving a tapestry of faith that will sustain generations to come. Let us pray together, encourage one another, and step boldly into the opportunities God has set before us.

“Where there is no vision, the people perish; but blessed is he who keeps the law.” – Proverbs 29:18 (KJV)

Saturday Afternoon Picnic at Slovenski Park

Ten kilometres east of the College along the 401 highway, a hidden gem awaited us – Slovenski Park. The journey there felt like stepping into a living postcard, and the park did not disappoint.



A Warm Welcome – The Slovenian hosts greeted us with a hearty, home-cooked feast celebrating the flavours of the region. Every bite was a comforting reminder that good food is a universal language of hospitality.

Leisurely Moments – After the meal, we settled beneath towering trees in a shady spot. Laughter mingled with the gentle rustle of leaves as some of us let our inner children loose, darting across the open lawns, while others slipped into the sparkling fountain pools for a quick, refreshing dip.



Joyful Ambiance – The park's lively yet relaxed spirit was woven through everything around us: the scent of trees, the distant sound of water, and the kaleidoscope of colours from blooming flowers. Together, they created a setting that felt both invigorating and soothing.



Looking Ahead – We left with hearts full of gratitude and plans already taking shape. Our next visit is imminent, and we can't wait to return and soak up that wonderful atmosphere once more. The memory of a perfect day spent in nature's embrace stays with us as we look forward to the next chapter of shared adventures.

Saturday Night: Ruby Mikulenčak

Saturday evening belonged to **Ruby Mikulenčak**, our outgoing president.



Through her Spirit-filled ministry and thoughtful, encouraging words, she brought warmth and depth to the programme and helped prepare us for the Sunday celebrations still to come. Her address resonated like a chorus of angels, weaving together gratitude for the past blessings of our Convention with hope for the glorious future ahead.

The evening reminded us that Christian leadership is lived through faithful service, words that strengthen others, and a willingness to encourage the Convention as it moves forward. Ruby continued with the Convention theme: “Steadfast, Unmovable, Always Abounding in the Lord”

Highlights:

- A heartfelt thank-you to volunteers and staff.
- An inspiring call to “walk boldly in the footsteps of Christ.” Ruby’s prayer was that the Convention would always stand firm in the Lord as it moves forward.
- A prophetic glimpse of how our young families will shape the next generation of believers.

Prayer Session every morning

Morning prayer gave the Convention a quiet and purposeful beginning. Before the day’s activities began, we had time to turn toward God with dependence and gratitude.

Prayer reminded us that the Convention is more than a programme; it is a gathering that seeks God’s wisdom and blessing.



On Saturday and Sunday morning, Stuart and Vlado led us in prayer. As I

listened, I was reminded of how powerful prayer is and how seriously we are called to take it. The Convention is built not on tradition alone, but on the Word of God and earnest prayer. When we pray, we can expect results, because God is listening.

The prayers led by **Stuart** and **Vlado** on Saturday and Sunday morning were more than words spoken into the air; they were vibrant currents of divine grace that swept through every heart present.

What the Prayer Sessions Revealed

Power in Prayer: As we listened to these heartfelt supplications, we were reminded that *the Triune God hears every whisper of our longing*.

Beyond Tradition: Our Convention stands not on heritage alone, but on the **living Word of God** and **persistent, earnest prayer**.

Expecting Results: When we approach the throne of grace with sincerity, *God's answering hand is already at work*.

A Heart-felt Appeal

Let us pray together for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, **renewal** in our personal walks, and **new beginnings** that will energise the Convention's ministries across our homelands.

Renewal – That every member may be refreshed, empowered, and aligned with God's purpose.

New Beginnings – That fresh opportunities for outreach, discipleship, and community building may blossom.

Unified Petition – That our collective prayers may become a catalyst for transformation in Canada, the United States, and the lands of our forefathers.

Looking Ahead

The road ahead is bright when we walk hand-in-hand with Christ, anchored in Scripture and buoyed by prayer. Let this be a **turning point**—a well-spring of hope that propels us toward:

Deeper intimacy with God's Word.

Dynamic prayer lives that echo the fervour of Stuart and Vlado.

Vibrant testimony of God's answers in our churches and communities.

May the prayers we have heard this weekend continue to echo, inspiring every believer to *trust, obey, and rejoice* in the abundant possibilities that God has set before us.

“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.” – Matthew 7:7

May we continually **ask, seek, and knock**, confident that our Heavenly Father hears and answers.

Sunday - A Joyful Celebration of Faith Across the Generations

Sunday brought the Convention's generations together in a shared expression of faith. Children, young people, adults, and older members each had their place in the gathered church, reminding us that God's work continues across the years.

This shared presence is both a gift and a responsibility: we receive the wisdom of those who have gone before while nurturing faith in those who will carry it forward.

The children's presentation was **heart-felt and full of joy**, bringing together the youngest voices and the bright, confident words of our high-school students.



- From the tender whispers of toddlers to the articulate testimonies of teenagers, each contribution reflected sincere joy and a growing faith.
- Their warmth and enthusiasm filled the sanctuary with a sense of wonder, reminding us that faith is ever-renewing.
- Together, the young members showed the **vibrant continuity of our community**, bridging tradition with youthful vigor.

We are deeply encouraged by their dedication and by the hopeful future they represent for our Convention. May their voices continue to inspire us all to walk forward together in hope and service.

Sunday Sermon: Looking Ahead with Faith and Hope.

Looking toward the future, we may sometimes feel that the challenges before us are too great. Yet when we keep our eyes on the Almighty, we remember that God's promises are greater than every obstacle.

Standing on the Promises of God

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” – Joshua 1:9

This promise gives us courage for whatever lies ahead. It empowers us to:

- **Rise above adversity** – seeing each trial as a possible stepping stone toward triumph.
- **Inspire one another** – allowing our testimonies to ripple through the congregation and ignite faith.
- **Anticipate divine provision** – trusting God to make a way, even when the impossible seems close at hand.



In God's Hands – Our Safe Refuge

Safe in God's outstretched hands, the whole Convention is protected, cherished, and guided. Like a child held securely in a mother's arms, we can face the future with confidence. This assurance helps us to:

- **Move forward boldly** – knowing that the Master of the universe holds us and leads us.
- **Embrace the unknown** – trusting that every new chapter is written with purpose.

Communion as One Family

It was a profound privilege to share the breaking of bread and the cup of communion together. In that sacred moment, we saw:

- The **body of Christ** clearly displayed, reminding us of our shared identity.
- Hearts **united in gratitude**, echoing the ancient fellowship of believers.
- The **spirit of unity** shining brighter than any external difficulty, sealing our bond as one family under the Father.

Heavenly Father, thank You for the promise of strength and courage that You have placed before us. As we step into the unknown, fill our hearts with the certainty that You are ever-present. May our communion be a reminder of the unity we share in Christ, and may every challenge be transformed into testimony of Your faithfulness. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

May the **light of God's promises** continue to guide us as we walk together in His hands—optimistic, courageous, and united.

Let us encourage one another by sharing stories of God's faithfulness and stepping boldly into the future He has prepared for us.

Honouring Darko Siracki – A Celebration of Service

The Convention honoured Darko Siracki with gratitude for his faithful service and the strength he has brought to the life of our Convention. The tribute was offered with sincere appreciation and respect for all he has contributed to the Convention.



The End of an Era

For many years, **Darko Sirački** guided our Executive Secretariat with faithful service, quiet perseverance, and a gentle spirit that lifted those around him. His devoted wife, **Maja**, stood beside him as a constant source of encouragement, offering her own quiet support throughout those years. “There is only one Darko!” – a sentiment that still rings true in every corner of our fellowship.

A Token of Thanks

When the time came for the transition, **Duško Pilič** and **Daniel Blata**, the newly appointed Executive Secretaries, presented Darko with a heartfelt token of appreciation for his years of steadfast service.

Looking Forward with Optimism

The Convention now looks ahead with confidence. The fresh perspective of **Duško** and **Daniel** promises new initiatives, renewed energy, and continued commitment to our shared mission. Their appointment marks a new chapter, not an ending, as the Convention's shared work continues.

“Thank you, Darko and Maja, for your dedication and ministry.”

Their service has paved the way for the next chapter, and we move forward with confidence.

Celebrating Ruby Mikulenčák's Presidency

The Convention looks back on Ruby Mikulenčák's presidency with deep gratitude and joy. She led us through an important season and helped carry our shared work forward with care and purpose.

We are also grateful for the churches, fellow leaders, and God's faithfulness that sustained the Convention throughout her service.

Her presidency was marked by steadfast leadership, meaningful milestones, and renewed hope for the future of the Czech-Slovak Baptist Convention of Canada and the United States.

1. The Turning Point

When Rev Stan Mantle stepped aside, the Convention found itself at a crossroads. The world was emerging from the pandemic, uncertainty still lingered, and the way forward was not yet clear. Ruby Mikulencak stepped into that moment with courage and compassion, guided by faith and a clear vision for the Convention.

2. A Historic Milestone

- **First woman president** – As the Convention's first woman president, Ruby broke new ground and inspired members to see leadership as a shared and inclusive calling.
- **Deputation to the Czech Republic & Slovakia (2025)** – Under Ruby's guidance, the deputation strengthened ties across continents and helped build connection.
- **Formation of the Convention Planning Committee** – The committee gave Convention meetings a clear structure for strategic planning.

3. Leadership Marked by Faith & Prayer

Ruby brought prayer, courage, and practical leadership together throughout

her presidency. She sought God's guidance in important decisions, shared hope in community gatherings, and kept faith and vision at the heart of her service.

4. Token of Gratitude

In recognition of her service, the newly appointed Executive Secretaries presented Ruby with a heartfelt token of gratitude—a simple, tangible expression of the Convention's appreciation.

“Ruby, thank you for your irrefutable leadership and steadfastness. We will miss you as our president, but we are excited for the journey that lies ahead, which you helped to create.”



Looking Forward with Optimism

- **Continuity of Vision** – Ruby's legacy gives future leaders a strong foundation to build on.
- **Strengthened Community** – The networks and committees she nurtured can continue to grow, deepening fellowship along the way.
- **Bright Horizons** – With purpose and hope, the Convention enters a new season of growth and shared service.

Together, we honour Ruby's contributions and look ahead with hope to the promise of tomorrow.

Reflections from the Convention

Looking back, we remember the Convention through a series of connected moments: welcoming one another, worshipping together, listening to reports, taking care of business, sharing meals, and making time for conversation.

No single moment expressed the full meaning of the gathering. Together, these experiences formed a grateful picture of a Christian community making room for worship, responsibility, friendship, and hope.

What we experienced during the Convention and how it touched us:

Worship: Hearts lifted in harmonious praise refreshes our spiritual palate

Fellowship: Warm conversations over meals/visits strengthens bonds across borders

Teaching: Clear, Scripture-grounded messages equips us for daily discipleship

Vision: Defined theme and actionable steps set a God-centered direction

“Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.” – 2 Corinthians 3:17

The freedom we felt in those moments was real and tangible. It lifted us beyond routine and drew us into a deeper relationship with the Triune God.

Closing Thought

In the tapestry of our Convention, every thread—whether bright or muted—contributes to a greater pattern. Darko and Ruby’s threads, woven with patience and perseverance, now rest beside new, vibrant threads that will continue to enrich the design. May we carry forward the optimism that has always defined our community: a steadfast hope that, together, we can achieve great things for the Kingdom of God.

Looking Ahead

Next Convention: Mark your calendars for **July 2027** – a season of renewed hope and fresh opportunities.

Until then, may the encouragement we received at Heritage College continue to strengthen our churches, our families, and our shared witness. May the optimism that filled those hallowed halls remind us that, with God at the helm, every challenge is an invitation to witness His marvelous works. We give thanks to God for the days we shared and for the future He continues to place before us. We are grateful to everyone who served, participated, prayed, welcomed, spoke, listened, and helped make the 2026 Convention possible. With gratitude, prayers, and boundless hope,

Nico Mulder

On behalf of the General Board

CzechoSlovak Baptist Convention of Canada & USA