Speaker proposals requested for CBTE 2020 conference

By Ruth McGillivray

Following the success of last year’s combined event and honoring the request of participants to repeat the format, CBTE 2020 will be offered once again as a dedicated track at CBExchange 2020—an annual conference on competency-based education where “leaders from hundreds of institutions gather to learn how to build and bring to scale high-quality programs.”

The combined conference will be held November 10–13, 2020, at the Amelia Island Resort in Jacksonville, Florida. Hotel reservations will be offered at a group rate, and ATS is once again offering a $500 discount to member schools to offset the cost of attendance.

Registration will open in April and, at that time, information will be provided on how to register and access the ATS discount code. In the meantime, a request for speaker proposals for both the Competency-Based Education Network (C-BEN) and CBTE tracks has been issued. Proposals for both tracks will be accepted through the CBExchange 2020 website until May 1, 2020. Speaker selection for C-BEN sessions will be made by the C-BEN Board, and selection for CBTE sessions will be made by the CBTE Advocacy Group.

Since its introduction in 2012, pioneers of competency-based theological education continue to see positive outcomes from their programs, and as a second wave of schools prepares to follow suit, we see increasing diversity in delivery models.

In these strange and disorienting times, we are reminded that despite our best plans, God alone knows the future. Now, more than ever, the onus is on us as theological educators to explore innovation in how we prepare and equip Christian leaders for the task ahead; to increase accessibility, flexibility and adaptability of theological education to meet our learners’ changing needs.

We welcome you to join us for this event. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth McGillivray at cbte@nbseminary.ca

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