



CABF Cross Canada Conference

“Chaos and Christ”

October 28-31, 2024

First Baptist Church Halifax, 1300 Oxford St.

Welcome, CABF clergy, chaplains, leaders and members. This year we are excited to have our *second annual* gathering here in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Again our goals are quite simple: to gather, learn, encourage and bless one another. We continue our journey of being and building up the *Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms* community across the land.

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The Plan “Chaos and Christ”

Mon, Oct 28	4 pm	gather at Queens Marque
Tues, 29	8:30 am	gather
	9:00 am	welcome & worship: Rev. Luke Dowding
	9:30 am	presentation: Rev’d Dr. Jody Clarke
	10:30 am	break-out discussion groups
	12:00 pm	lunch
	Afternoon	activity options for Tuesday/Wednesday: Peggy’s Cove, Pier 21, Harbour Hopper tour, NS Art Gallery, NS Museum of the Atlantic.
		Dinner
		Evening option: 7:00 pm Nicholson Lecture at AST with Dr. Pamela McCarroll
		Lecture 1: <i>Eco-anxiety and Climate Trauma: Theological musings and a call to Faithfulness</i>

Wed, 30 8:30 am gather
 9:00 am welcome & worship: Rev. Dawn Stiles
 9:30 am **presentation: Rev. Paul and Kelly Carline**
 10:30 am break-out discussion groups
 12:00 pm lunch
 Afternoon activity options (as above)
 Dinner
 Evening option: 7:00 pm Nicholson Lecture at AST
 Lecture 2: *Practicing Hope amid Climate Crisis*

Thrs, 31 8:30 am gather
 9:00 am welcome & worship: Rev. Jeff White
 9:30 am **presentation: Rev. Dr. Barry Morrison**
 10:30 am break-out discussion groups
 12:00 pm lunch

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Jody Clarke, Professor, Pastoral Theology, Atlantic School of Theology. This presentation will invite participants to reimagine some long held maxims in ministry. For example let's look at "energy management" rather than "time management," or "steering into the storm" as opposed to "crisis management." How about "self awareness" over against "anger management?" In a culture that is swamped by anxiety, we practitioners of the spiritual care arts have a wide array of antidotes. In this presentation we will explore how we can utilize ancient practices as a way of responding to pain and suffering.

Rev Paul Carline is bi-vocational, pastoring with Bloomfield Baptist Church in New Brunswick and working with his family retail business (a country general store). **Kelly Carline** is bi-vocational, mentoring young mothers with addiction abuse disorders and working with the Canadian Baptist of Atlantic Canada in spiritual direction and formation of clergy and spouses. She is currently being trained in the Ignatian spiritual exercises.

From 1995 to 2011, Kelly and Paul worked as field staff with Canadian Baptist Ministries with Somali and refugee communities in Kenya. For six years after returning to Canada, Kelly managed newcomer settlement for the government service provider in Saint John, NB and

Paul worked as Director of Intercultural Ministries for the CBAC. The Syrian crisis became a dominate factor for both of them in the government assisted and private sponsorship of refugees, leading them even more to the Christ who enters chaos.

The Rev. Barry Morrison, ThD

For over forty years, Barry has served Baptist congregations in Saskatoon, Montreal, Hamilton, and Wolfville. Prior to returning to pastoral ministry in Wolfville, he was the first incumbent in the John N. Gladstone chair for Preaching and Worship at Acadia Divinity College. In addition to an M.Div. (McMaster) he holds a Th.D. in liturgy and spirituality from Regis College, University of Toronto; and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Haden Institute.

Contemplative Living: Perspective and Worship

We attach many names to our calling: Minister, Pastor, Teacher, Deacon, Elder, Congregant, Priest – each one denoting various understandings of what it is we're about. In this interactive session, we will consider the purpose and practice of the one (all of the above) who may be named Spiritual Leader, be that one ordained or otherwise. How does our education and theological formation prepare us for such a role? What is involved in the cultivation of a contemplative lifestyle sufficient to the challenges of spiritual leadership in these chaotic times? How can we renew/strengthen/ restore preaching and worship as primary means of spiritual formation, both for the people "at the front" and the "people in the pews"?

Evening Option: 7:00 The Nicholson Lectures at AST are free and open to all | No registration required | Supported by Pine Hill Divinity Hall. Both lectures take place in person at AST's St. Columba Chapel, 634 Francklyn Street, Halifax, NS

Dr. Pamela McCarroll serves as Vice Principal and Jane and Geoffrey Martin Chair in Practical Theology at Emmanuel College of Victoria University in the University of Toronto. Her published research is broadly within the area of practical theology, integrating lived experience into theological reflection.

Options prior and post event:

October 27, 2:00 pm at FBC Halifax, an ordination service for Andrea King and Luke Dowding will take place. A "Kitchen Party" will be held following @ \$60/pp. Please RSVP rustyedwards@fbchalifax.ca

November 1-3: Christmas at the Forum. Details to be announced.

Update on Speakers

Due to a sudden health issue the Rev. Canon Dr. Jody Clark has had to find a substitute speaker.

Dr. David Deane holds a BA, MA, and PhD from Trinity College, University of Dublin. In Ireland, he taught at Trinity and was a fellow of the Irish Research Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences. He left Ireland to take up a position as theologian-in-residence at Colorado State University, where he won a Teacher of the Year award in 2006. Since 2008, he has been teaching at the Atlantic School of Theology in Halifax. He has written for the Times of London and the Irish Times, and his books include *Nietzsche and Theology* (London: Routledge, 2006) and the recently published *Resisting the Tyranny of the Banal: On the Renewal of Catholic Moral Theology* (Lexington, Fortress Academic, 2023). He lives in Dartmouth, where he and Jennifer are proud parents to Sophia, Chora, and Áine.

In his presentation, David Deane will begin by offering an account of the nature of chaos in the 21st Century, showing what is in common with other periods of history and what is unique to now. From here, he will argue that many of the mechanisms that drive this chaos are explored by Paul in his letter to the Romans. Re-reading 21st-century issues (such as social fragmentation, savage capitalism, and the technological manipulation of desire) through the lens of Romans 7, 8, and 9, David will show how Christ remains the answer to seemingly very recent problems.