



Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms

Promoting Historic Baptist Traditions and Freedoms

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To all Members and Friends of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF),
May 2025 be filled with rich blessings and promising hope.

Our Association has expanded over the past year of 2024, and we thank you for your prayerful and financial support. As churches and individuals across our beautiful country (and beyond) have made the (sometimes difficult) decision to take out membership with us, we have discovered new acquaintances and made many new friends.

At our Rushton Lecture in June, (in memory of Vincent Rushton, one of the sparks behind the formation of ABF/CABF) we were presented with thoughts and ideas surrounding MAiD, by two of our Halifax Region Chaplains, Revs. Sarah Scott and Joe Green. This all took place at Bridgewater Baptist Church, hosted by Revs. Erica and Aaron Kenny and a delightful gathering both in person and online took place.

In September, we held our Annual General Meeting via ZOOM, attended by a great number of members. Our new executive for 2025 will be:

President:	Marlene Knowles	Vice President:	Hugh Kirkegaard
Secretary:	Mandi Hecht	Treasurer:	David Allen
Past President:	Lee Nicholas-Patillo		

In October 2024, at our 2nd Annual Cross Canada Conference, held in Halifax NS, we met face to face many individuals who previously had been faces on a screen. What a joy and delight to physically embrace and communicate with each one. Traveling such a great distance was a struggle for some, while others took the opportunity to vacation in our beautiful region.

As we head westward in October 2025 let us keep in mind that this Cross Canada Conference is an opportunity to embrace our growing CABF Family. For those who are able to, let us take this trip to meet and support our new church families and friends in British Columbia and across western Canada. You can stay informed about this gathering through our website where more information will be available soon.

As we look ahead to a New Year, we are also embarking on an exciting project – the restructuring of CABF governance to move into the future. In December, members of Council and interested others took the first steps in this important work, and we are already developing new proposals. As we move forward in this process, we encourage everyone to submit their ideas or thoughts about what CABF could look like in the future to David Gibson (Chair of the Constitution and Governance Committee) at constitutionchair@c-abf.ca. We welcome any thoughts, as even the simplest might prove important!

The days are open for us to fill; our hearts are ready for new experiences and friends, and our lives are waiting in great expectation for renewal, reconciliation and joy.

On behalf of the Executive and Council of CABF,
Shalom,

Marlene Knowles (CABF President)