

CABF 2023 AGM

Report of the Program Committee

The work of the Program Committee continued over the past year with online meetings only, which was a challenge to arrange, from time to time. (How did committees manage to meet in person pre-2020?) The traditional pattern meetings of the CABF has been different, with a Rushton Lunch and Lecture in the fall of 2022 and then again in the spring of 2023. The usual Fall Assembly that is happening now brings us back to the usual schedule. We were alerted earlier in 2023 that the editors of the book in honour of the late Roger Prentice would be coming to Nova Scotia in the fall for the launch of the book, and would include a guest lecturer from the USA for the occasion. We saw the opportunity to integrate this into our fall Assembly. Also, instead of paying tribute to the Rev. Dr. Roger Prentice at the Rushton Lecture 2023, as we had first planned, this fall event serves that purpose very well.

Another opportunity arose with the vision and will to make a minister's retreat happen for all of Canada, thanks to Ryan Sato of First Baptist Edmonton and Rusty Edwards of First Baptist Halifax. The CABF has adopted this into our program of events for this year, with some hopes for this to be an annual event, moving to various locations in Canada. There arose a hope that lay people also could and would attend, so the branding and preparation of this event was changed. At the time of the writing of this brief report, there are twenty people registered for the Cross-Canada event.

As I finish a term with the Program Committee, I thank those who have served with me for their inspired ideas, cooperation, and work behind the scenes. It was also a great help to have, quite often, our President, Marlene Knowles, attend our Zoom meetings.

Your in Christian freedom,

Jeff G. White