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Dear Friends of First Baptist Church Halifax,

The Congregation of First Baptist Church Halifax, in cooperation with the Credentials Committee of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms, extends an invitation to the Ordination Service of Lic. Arla Johnson on Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 4:00pm. The Ordination Service will take place in the Sanctuary of First Baptist Church Halifax.

Lic. Arla Johnson serves as Minister of Inclusive Community at First Baptist Church Halifax, founder and ministerial leader of Queer Spirit Church, and the Halifax Regional United Baptist Association appointed Baptist Chaplain to Dalhousie University. She earned her Master of Divinity degree from the Atlantic School of Theology and is an active member, along with her wife Julie Shore, at First Baptist Church Halifax. In addition to her work with Queer Spirit Church, Arla regularly preaches and leads at First Baptist Church Halifax and has a calling to walk alongside people through death and dying.

Arla has completed the credentialing process and received the recommendation for Ordination through the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms. Subsequently, her Ordination was unanimously supported by the Congregation of First Baptist Church Halifax who with joy and thanksgiving celebrates Arla's calling.

We look forward to welcoming friends from the larger Baptist and faith communities who wish to join us in praying for Arla as we recognize the calling of God upon her life.

Grace & Peace,

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