

Introducing Our Hospital Chaplains



The Rev. Joseph Green (he/him) (B.A. Hons, M.A., M.Div.) is our full-time chaplain. In 2014, he was called to serve churches in the South Shore. While in pastoral ministry, Joe served the community as an RCMP Chaplain, Royal Canadian Legion Chaplain, and as a pastor to pastors in his role as CBAC Connector. Joe entered seminary with a call to Chaplaincy and did his internships at the Halifax Infirmary. He works primarily at the Halifax Infirmary and Victoria General sites.

Joe is married to Amber and they grew up and live in beautiful St. Margarets Bay. Their nieces, nephews, and godchildren keep them young at heart. They enjoy summers in NS at some of our beautiful beaches. He has served on various boards and is particularly sensitive in advocating for the health and wellness of our older generation.

A favorite scripture passage for Joe is the whole chapter of Colossians 3. In verse 17 the Apostle Paul states to do all things, in both word and deed, in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



The Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse (B.A., M.Div., M.Th., D. Min.) is our part-time chaplain. In 2016, she retired after 40 years of pastoral ministry. Ida felt called to chaplaincy and is pleased to partner with Joe in this ministry. Ida spreads 12 hours per week of chaplaincy ministry between the Victoria General, Rehab and IWK hospitals.

Ida is married to husband, Gregg and they have two adult children and three grandchildren.

She has served on the HURBA Chaplaincy Committee (21 yr.) and is a voluntary RCMP Chaplain (25 yr.).

Having undergone thyroid and cancer surgeries, Ida believes *“her experiences have deepened her understanding of patients’ anxieties re: hospital setting and treatment plans.”*

A favorite scripture passage for Ida is Joshua 1:9, *“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”*