

Introducing Our Hospital Chaplains



Rev. Joseph Green (he/him) (B.A. Hons, M.A., M.Div.) is our Supervising Chaplain, working half-time for the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy ministry to provide chaplaincy services to Baptist patients, primarily at the Halifax Infirmary site. He also serves half-time as the NS Health Spiritual Care Coordinator, working with all the hospital and denominational chaplains.

Joe has completed his certification with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care and is working on his qualification as Clinical Pastoral Care Education Supervisor. While in pastoral ministry, Joe served 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. Joe is particularly sensitive to advocating for the health and wellness of our older generation.

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.

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.



Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse (B.A., M.Div., M.Th., D.Min.) has been one of our part-time chaplains for 8 years and has enjoyed working in team ministry with Adele and Joe. Ida provides 12 hours per week of chaplaincy ministry between the Victoria General, Rehab and IWK hospitals. Having undergone thyroid and cancer surgeries, Ida believes “her experiences have deepened her understanding of patients’ anxieties re: hospital setting and treatment plans.” She believes that Hospital chaplaincy is a way to show’s Christ’s love in times of crisis.

Ida was ordained in 1976 and 40 years later, she retired from pastoral ministry and felt God’s call to Chaplaincy. She has served on many boards and committees including the HRUBA Chaplaincy Committee (21 yr.), Coverdale Justice Society (8yr.), C.B.M. (7yr.), Chaplain for Cancer Relay for Life (10 yr.) and as a voluntary RCMP Chaplain (27 yr.). Ida has CASC certification and is RCMP trained re suicide and trauma. She has also been awarded a Canadian Humanitarian Medal and the Acadia Divinity College Distinguished Alumni Award.

Ida is married to husband, Gregg. They have two adult daughters and 3 grandchildren.

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.”*



Rev. Adele Crowell, (B.Mus., B.Ed., M.Div., M.Th.) began working as part-time chaplain at the Victoria General and IWK hospitals in January 2008. Her role expanded in 2011 to include full-time chaplaincy at the QEII Halifax Infirmary, until she retired in May of 2022.

In May, 2024, Adele returned to us in as a part-time member of our Chaplaincy team, working 15 hours per week at the QEII Halifax Infirmary.

Adele has completed her certification with the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care and brings an enthusiasm for chaplaincy ministry.

She lives in Herring Cove, NS with husband, Tom.

Adele feels *“that it is a privilege to support Baptist people during their times of greatest need.”*

One of her favorite scripture passages is Matthew 25:36 (NRSV), *“I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.”*

Let Us Know When We Can Help

Please feel free to contact us in advance if you, or someone you know, will be staying in one of the Halifax hospitals. We would be pleased to visit and help in any way we can.