



Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee

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Deacons and Finance Committee.*

October 7, 2022

«Treasurer»
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Dear «Treasurer»,



As we told you in our July 12, 2022, letter, this has been a very active period for the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy. The first significant event was the retirement on June 2, 2022 of our full-time Chaplain for the past 11 years, the Rev. Adele Crowell.



With COVID-19 still among us, we limited our celebration to a small retirement lunch for Adele on May 28, 2022. The photo to the left is Adele, with husband Tom and Daughters Julia and Amelia at the retirement event.

Fortunately, God blessed us with an ideal replacement for Adele, well qualified and committed to chaplaincy. The Rev. Joseph Green joined us on June 6, 2022. The Induction Service for Joe as Halifax Hospital Baptist Chaplain was held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at Timberlea Baptist Church.



The photo on the left is Joe with the Rev. Dr. Frank Guinta Jr., the Moderator of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association, who administered the Exchange of Commitments with Joe. The second photo is of Joe with the Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse, the part-time Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplain, who gave the Commissioning Prayer. Retiring Hospital Chaplain, the Rev, Adele Crowell delivered the Message.



This past two plus years, COVID-19 has had a dramatic effect on our Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry. On the one hand, we are delighted that our Chaplains were regarded as “*essential workers*” in the health care system and thus were able to visit even when local pastors and family were not. On the other hand, this added to the stress of providing Chaplaincy services and to the complexity of working in the hospital setting. However, it also provided an opportunity where we could continue to carry on a ministry at most of the hospital settings. Both staff and patients were appreciative of our presence and the ways that we were able to provide ministry during this time of stress and provide emotional and spiritual support. Families, friends and ministers made referrals to us through phone or emails. That was helpful.”

Pastor Steve Baker, one of the patients recently visited has provided a testimony on the impact of the Chaplaincy ministry.

“This summer, I found myself in the New Halifax Infirmary on two separate occasions. This is not my local hospital and is about two hours from home. I felt very alone and anxious during these times.

The same chaplain, on both occasions, took the time to visit with me and pray with me and for me. The comfort and reassurance I felt were incredible. My physical concerns were being addressed, and the chaplain supported my spiritual and emotional needs. This was a very important time for me. My spiritual life is extremely important, and although my faith is strong, the reassurance and support, knowing that my spiritual needs were a priority, eased my distress considerably.

Spiritual health impacts both physical and mental health. My physical and mental recovery would not be complete without my spiritual health being cared for. The time

the chaplain took to talk to and pray for me was essential to prepare me for my procedures and subsequent recovery.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to the chaplaincy team, and Rev. Joe Green in particular. Without you, all facets of life would not be addressed, and the full restoration of a person could not be complete. I believe my whole being was cared for when I needed care the most.”

What a wonderful testament to this caring ministry!

Financially, we thought that COVID-19 would also create a challenge. However, with the continued support of the HRUBA, the Atlantic Baptist Foundation and local churches, and with reduced staff hours, donations actually exceeded our reduced budget in 2020, leaving us in a good position for 2021. In 2021, we were back to being fully staffed (Adele full time and Ida 12 hours per week) with an un-reduced budget. Once again our supporters met the challenge and we ended the year only \$509 short of our budget of \$72,002. This was significantly less than the 10% deficit for which we had prepared ourselves. Thank you for your outstanding support!

The 2022 Budget is attached for your information, together with the Statement of Revenue and Expenditures for 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021 for comparative purposes. Our expenses are increasing, so once again we have budgeted for a moderate deficit. Every donation helps and with your assistance we will keep our deficit to a minimum while continuing to provide a full level of service to Baptists in Halifax hospitals. Faithful prayer and financial partners are so important to sustain this caring ministry and we give thanks for each one of you!

We also welcome donations from individuals and estates—perhaps as a memorial to someone who spent time in one of our hospitals. We have recently established an Endowment Fund that can be used for donations of cash or negotiable securities for those wishing to make a legacy donation. Please feel free to contact us for further information.

Our chaplains are always happy to have someone call them to say that a patient is coming to one of the Halifax hospitals. Contact information for Joe and Ida is inside the enclosed brochure. If you would like more of the brochures, or an electronic copy to make your own copies or to post on your church web site, please drop us a line at the address at the top of page 1.

Please share this letter with your pastor and the deacons or your congregation so that they might also be aware of our thanks. May God bless you in your local ministries.

Yours sincerely,



Alan Barkhouse, Chair

Members: the Rev. Marlene Knowles, the Rev. Pamela Estey and David Gibson

Chaplains: the Rev. Joe Green and the Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse

HALIFAX BAPTIST HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY Budget 2022

Statement of Revenue and Expenditures (Adopted March 15, 2022)									
	Year ended December 31	Budget 2022	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020	Budget 2020	Actual 2019	Actual 2018	
				(COVID-19)		(COVID-19)			
						Revised)			
Revenue									
Gifts from Churches									
PEI		\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 950	
New Brunswick		750	750	1,500	750	1,500	1,500	1,070	
Halifax Region Association Churches		17,000	15,146	17,500	13,302	17,500	17,729	16,513	
Rest of Nova Scotia		26,000	25,791	25,000	24,239	25,000	24,777	23,490	
Gifts from Churches Subtotal		45,000	42,937	46,000	39,391	46,000	46,006	42,023	
Grants and Special Gifts									
Halifax Region U. B. Association		17,500 *	17,500	17,500	17,550	17,500	17,500	15,000	
Atlantic Baptist Foundation		10,000 **	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Earnings from Endowment Fund		200							
Personal and Memorial		1,000	1,056						
Retirement Donations		6,250							
Grants and Special Gifts Subtotal		34,950	28,556	27,500	27,550	27,500	29,500	28,000	
Reduced Revenue due to COVID-19				-7,000		-19,125			
Total revenue		79,950	71,493	66,500	66,941	54,375	75,506	70,023	
Expenditures									
Full-time Chaplain: Salary and Benefits		63,709	58,395	56,969	43,955	40,671	56,405	55,533	
Chaplain Retirement		6,250							
Part-time Chaplain: Salary and Benefits		16,500	13,138	16,500	12,780	16,080	15,495	16,185	
Chaplains Subtotal		86,459	71,533	73,469	56,735	56,751	71,900	71,718	
Supplies, Advertising, and Travel		2,000	469	1,000	820	1,000	1,069	100	
Total expenditures		88,459	72,002	74,469	57,555	57,751	72,969	71,818	
Excess of revenue over expenditures		-8,509	-509	-7,969	9,386	-3,376	2,537	-1,795	
CBAC Accounting reconciliation					-1		-37	99	
Cash balance, beginning of year		55,871	56,380	56,380	46,995	46,995	44,495	46,191	
Cash balance, end of year		\$ 47,362	\$ 55,871	\$ 48,411	\$ 56,380	\$ 43,619	\$ 46,995	\$ 44,495	
* In 2022 HRUBA Budget									
** Received in May, 2022									