



Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee

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Greetings and Grace to you our partners in ministry,

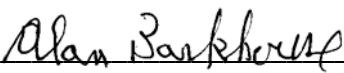
First and foremost we wanted to extend our sincere thanks to you our supporters of the Halifax Baptist Hospital Baptist Chaplaincy. We certainly feel your prayers for us and the staff as we find renewed strength from above to do the work we've been called to. We also give God thanks for your sacrificial giving. Our committee is comprised of pastors and active church members so we know and acknowledge that the pandemic with its shutdowns and constant pivoting has created challenges for local churches. Thus your faithfulness to us financially has been a blessing and we thank God for every remembrance of you.

We wanted to share with you some exciting news. This past month our newest Chaplaincy team member, Rev. Joe Green, was certified by the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care as a Spiritual Care Practitioner. He joins Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse who was certified last year and we are grateful that both have not only made it through the rigor of the process but represent us well denominationally with professional credentials. Please join us in celebration! "To God be the Glory, great things He has done!"

In other news we've tasked Joe with some networking amongst our supporters. This winter Joe provided some Health Care 101 workshops for pastors and visitation ministers in the Halifax Region. These included some practical training with PPE, building orientation, privacy/confidentiality policy, and listening with empathy. Joe is going to be offering another workshop with African United Baptist Association (AUBA) leaders. Additionally, Joe has been speaking and provided face to face updates at churches in the metro area. He has from time to time travelled if his schedule allowed. If your church or local Baptist Association have an appropriate moment in which an update could be given OR if your Association would be interested in a workshop, please contact Joe by emailing joe.green@nshealth.ca.

Lastly we recently had some renewal around our committee table. We've said farewell with thanksgiving to Rev. Pamela Estey who finished her term. We've also welcomed some new faces by welcoming Sharon White from Cumberland County, Pastor Steve Baker from Queen's County, and Rev. Wayne Desmond from here in metro who pastors in the AUBA. They join our chair Alan Barkhouse, David Gibson, Marlene Knowles, and of course our current chaplains Joe and Ida. Please add us to your prayer list as we seek to be good stewards of this ministry.

Blessings,



Chair, Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee