



HALIFAX REGION
United Baptist Association

ANNUAL REPORT BOOK

Tuesday March 22, 2022

Virtual (Business Only) via Zoom

7pm

Our Mission:

Encourage the Churches to obey the Great Commandment – “A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another (John 13:34).

Fulfill the Great Commission – Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age” (Matthew 28:18-20).

Preserve the unity of the church – “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit – just as you were called to one hope when you were called – one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all” (Ephesians 4:36)

~The Association will fulfill this mission by being a fellowship based organization, providing resources, training and engaging staff appropriate to its Ministries, in cooperation with the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada. There are 31 churches in the Halifax Region United Baptist Association (HRUBA). We affiliate together to share in Ministry in areas of Chaplaincy, Camping, Home Missions and other forms of outreach.



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Rules Of Order

- 1) Every sitting of the Meeting of the Association Body of Delegates shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 2) Adequate time shall be allotted in the opening session for a devotional.
- 3) Persons invited to a seat may speak on all subjects under debate, but would have no vote.
- 4) Every speaker shall address the Chair and shall identify themselves and their Church.
- 5) No person shall speak for more than three minutes on any subject without permission of the Body.
- 6) No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the Body.
- 7) Motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the Minutes unless so ordered at the time. When the Motion is not recorded, the Minutes shall note the subject of the discussion.
- 8) The government of the Body and the regulations of its proceedings shall be strictly in accordance with parliamentary usage so called.
- 9) When a Church is received into the membership of the Association the Moderator shall give the "Right Hand of Fellowship" to one of its Delegates.
- 10) At the commencement of each session, except the first, the Minutes of the previous session shall be presented and approved, and the Minutes of the final session shall be approved by Council.
- 11) Resolutions shall be presented in writing when so desired by the Moderator or the Clerk.
- 12) Immediately after the opening of the Meeting these rules shall be distinctly read by the Clerk.

HRUBA AGM 2022 Agenda

March 22, 2022@7pm via Zoom (Chat at 6:45)

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 950 8204 8902

Passcode: 528906

Zoom Host: David Gibson

1. Meeting call to Order/Welcome: Moderator - Frank Guinta Jr.

2. Treaty Land Acknowledgement: Past Moderator/Clerk – Ann Taylor

We acknowledge that we are meeting in Mi'kma'ki (meek ma gee), the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People.

As we perform our work today, we commit to the work it takes to create a culturally safe, inclusive and anti-racist culture within our HRUBA meetings and events.

We acknowledge the equality of all communities and, we encourage, respect and kindness toward these communities, in this meeting and in our daily lives.

3. Devotion and Prayer: Treasurer – Linda Crilley

4. Rules of Order: Clerk – Ann Taylor

Time Keeper: David Gibson

Quorum Count:

5. Approval of the Agenda

6. Introduction of New Pastor: Lic. Raphael Ibryomade, New Beginnings Ministries

7. Approval of AGM Minutes of 2021/04/20

8. Vote to Receive all reports as distributed (excluding Finance, Nomination, and Licensing)

10. Finance/Budget Report: Linda Crilley

11. Licensing Report: Rev. Darren Millett

12. Nominating Report: Ann Taylor

13. Other Business:

a)

b)

c)

14. Announcements:

a)

b)

c)

15. Motion for Adjournment

Closing Prayer Moderator – Frank Guinta

HRUBA Minutes AGM 2021

HRUBA Annual General Meeting (via Zoom)

Hosted by First Baptist Church Halifax

Tuesday, April 20, 2021 @ 7pm (Chat at 6:45 pm)

1. Dave Gibson, HRUBA Constitution Chair and member at 1st Baptist, Halifax, went over the rules for Zoom voting and informed the viewers that the meeting would be taped for recording minutes.

2. Welcome ~ Ann Taylor, HRUBA Moderator and member of Bayers Rd Baptist, welcomed everyone and spoke about the passing of HRUBA Treasurer, (served 4+years) Debra McGaw. HRUBA Council made a donation to Bethel Baptist Church in her memory.

3. Devotional time and opening prayer led by Rev Dr Rusty Edwards, pastor at 1st Baptist Church, Halifax. Rusty read part of a poem entitled “They have threatened us with Resurrection”, by Rev Julie Eskival, Presbyterian pastor and human activist, serving in Guatemala. The disciples thought that the word being spread about Jesus not being in the tomb were rumors. Peter cared enough to check. What he found was “Transformative Hope”; that resurrection was certain!!! We are all given “transformative hope with the threat of resurrection”. When we, the church of Jesus Christ, come through this Pandemic, may we be more committed to helping/transforming our community. May we all live with the threat of transformative hope. Amen

4. Rules of Order read by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, HRUBA Council member at large, on Advisory team and member of 1st Baptist, Halifax, and she was timekeeper as well. (3 minutes to speak on any matter on the floor with 30 second warning; 5 min presentations with 1 min warning)

5. Motion: Moved by Lee Nicholas-Pattillo acceptance of the meeting Agenda as circulated. Dave Gibson seconded the motion; no additions. Motion carried

6. Quorum count (delegates from 15 member churches plus 5 members of Council):
51 present – 44 screens in Zoom Room & 7 in-person at 1st Baptist, Halifax (all Provincial protocols followed); 21 churches represented plus 5 Council members.

7. Introduction of new pastors by Ann Taylor. Thank you to those who sent a picture for the screen presentation. Rev Dr Frank Guinta, HRUBA Vice Moderator, prayed for these ministries and all HRUBA pastors and ministries.

~Aurora North End Parish Church – Pastor Kevin Jolly

~Mt Uniacke – Rev Linda DeMone

~New Beginnings – Rev Glenn Gray (no photo available)

~Birch Cove – Lic Andrew Sutherland

Rev Tara Embrett (no photo available)

- ~1st Baptist, Dartmouth – Rev Gavin McCombie
- ~Timberlea – Rev Dr Elias Mutale
- ~Foundation- Rev Deb Stevens (no photo available)
- ~South End- Rev Dr Leslie McCurdy

8. Vote to receive God's Army Community Fellowship of Eastern Passage to our family of churches: Rev Dr David Watt, Interim pastor at Bedford Baptist Church, member of West End Baptist, made a short presentation about GACF. Over the past year West End Baptist has been their mentor. This group started out as a small Bible Study and have grown to 50 members and 7 children with an average of 42 to 65 in attendance most Sundays, even in the Pandemic. West End will continue to walk alongside GACF in the months and years ahead. Please pray for them as they look for a permanent place to worship. Thank you to GACF for providing 3 amazing pictures for the screen. (service with Rev Dr David Watt, 1st Anniversary service with Rev Kevin Vincent, Associate Executive Minister with CBAC, 2nd Anniversary service with Rev Dr Frank Guinta) Dave Gibson read the following:

HALIFAX REGION UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
(Name of the Society)

SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SOCIETY TO ADMIT A NEW CHURCH INTO MEMBERSHIP

WHEREAS:

- 1) God's Army Community Fellowship has made application to be admitted to membership in the Halifax Region United Baptist Association; and
- 2) has given satisfactory evidence of meeting the requirements for membership as laid out in Section 7.2: Joining of the Association's By-Laws; and
- 3) West End Baptist Church has acted as a mentoring church for the past year and has recommended God's Army Community Fellowship for membership; and
- 4) notice of intention to put this resolution to the vote was given at the March 7, 2020 Meeting of the Association Body of Delegates; and
- 5) a quorum of members of the Society is present at this Annual General Meeting of the Society;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the members of the Society that: God's Army Community Fellowship be admitted into the membership of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association.

This motion was moved by Rev Dr David Watt and seconded by Rev Dr Frank Guinta. Floor open for discussion or comment; hearing none, Ann Taylor, asked for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; Motion carried unanimously. Ann Taylor, Moderator declared special resolution passed.

GACF was warmly welcomed into the HRUBA family of churches. Special thanks to Pastor Jason Cole of Regal Heights for all his help with GACF. Rev John Purdy, HRUBA Home

Missions Chair and pastor at St Margaret's Bay and Birchy Head Baptist Churches, prayed for GACF.

9. Motion to approve the AGM Minutes of Saturday, March 7, 2020 as distributed, moved by Rev Greg Drummond, Bayers Rd Baptist Church; seconded by Rev Deb Stevens, Foundation Baptist Church. Ann asked for errors or omissions; hearing none, asked for show of hands in favor of motion; opposed, none; motion carried.

10. Linda Crilley, Timberlea Baptist Church, HRUBA Financial Advisor, moved that the body receive all other printed reports excluding Finance/Budget, Licensing and Nominating; seconded by Rev John Purdy. Any discussion, questions or concerns about any of these reports; hearing none; Ann asked for a show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.

11. Finance/Budget report and vote: (Financial Report should read 2020, not 2019, at top of page)

Linda Crilley presented the Financial statements of 2020. Thanked the HRUBA family of churches for their support during the pandemic. It was pointed out that Mulgrave Park should be removed from the Dues page of the reports, moving forward.

Linda moved the report, as found in the report book; seconded by Pastor Kevin Jolly, Aurora North End Parish Church (formerly Mulgrave Park); discussion or questions; hearing none, Ann asked for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.

Linda also presented the 2021 Budget. No change to dues for 2021; still \$16.00 per member. Budget much the same as 2020. Linda moved the adoption of 2021 Budget; seconded by Rev Deb Stevens; any discussion, questions or concerns; hearing none, Ann asked for show of hands in favor; any opposed, none; motion carried.

12. Licensing Report and vote:

Rev Darren Millett, New Life Community Church, Chair of Licensing Committee, presented the reports from the Licensing Committee found on pages 22 and 23 of the Annual Report Book

~Renewal of Association Licenses to minister for Sarah Merrick, Regal Heights Baptist; Kevin Jolly, Aurora North End Parish Church, and Allan Myra, South End Baptist

~Association Licenses to Minister for Darian David, Faith Baptist, and Andrew Sutherland, Birch Cove Baptist

~Renewal of Lay Licenses to Minister for Kathy Cochrane, Bedford Baptist, and Peter Freeman, 1st Baptist, Dartmouth

Darren moved the report; seconded by Rev Nelson Metcalfe, Pastor Emeritus, Bedford Baptist Church; Ann called for discussion; hearing none; called for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.

13. Nominating Committee Report:

Rev Dr Frank Guinta, Vice Moderator, Chair of Nominating Committee, presented the 2021 Nominating report found on page 24. Ann asked for further nominations; hearing none; asked for motion. Frank moved the report with the request that Council Executive be

allowed to fill vacancies to be ratified at the next AGM; seconded by Pastor Jason Cole; Ann asked for any discussion: it was mentioned that there are key positions to be filled – Vice Moderator, Treasurer and Clerk; asked if Ann was filling the position of clerk? Only interim!!! No more discussion; Ann asked for show of hands in favor; opposed, none; motion carried.

14. Discussion and vote on By-Law changes.

Dave Gibson, 1st Baptist, Halifax, Chair of Constitution Committee, presented the By-Law changes with a bit of history and explanation for making these changes. It was noted that these changes were emailed to the HRUBA family of churches with a covering letter, giving individuals and churches the opportunity to ask questions through email or Zoom meeting. There were no such requests. Dave then proceeded to read the following:

**HALIFAX REGION UNITED BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
(the name of the Society)**

**RE: SPECIAL RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE
SOCIETY AUTHORIZING THE ALTERATION
OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE SOCIETY**

WHEREAS:

- 1) the members of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association, a Society incorporated pursuant to the Societies Act (Nova Scotia), desire to alter the By-Laws of the Society; and;
- 2) notice of intention to pass the resolution as a Special Resolution was duly given to members attending the Annual General Meeting of the Society; and
- 3) a quorum of members of the Society are present at this Annual General Meeting of the Society;

THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED as a SPECIAL RESOLUTION of the members of the Society that:

- 1) The current By-Laws of the above-named Society, including all amendments thereto, be repealed in their entirety; and
2. The By-Laws of the Society be replaced with the following By-Laws attached hereto and marked as Appendix “A”.

Having been moved by Dave, seconded by Wanda Matthews, Bethel Baptist Church, Ann asked for discussion, questions or concerns; hearing none, asked for a show of hands in favor; opposed, 1; declared Special Resolution passed.

15. Other business:

Ann asked if there was any other business; hearing none; moved to announcements.

16. Announcements:

1. Fall “Inspirational Day” – Rev Dr Frank Guinta asked all present to be in prayer for this Fall event; to put Saturday, October 16, 2021 at Rock Church Fellowship Hall, Lr Sackville, on their calendars. Rev Dr Stewart Blythe will be speaking on “Effective Church in a Time of Decline”. Talking with 3 other associations about joining HRUBA family of Churches in this endeavor.

17. Introduction of new Moderator:

It was Ann’s pleasure to introduce HRUBA’s new Moderator, (who needs no introduction), Rev Dr Frank Guinta. She passed the torch to him for the next 2 years. She prayed for him. Rev John Wilton, on behalf of the HRUBA family, thanked Ann for all her hard work and dedication over these past many years as Moderator. Very much appreciated by all. It was her pleasure to serve in this capacity.

18. Adjournment of AGM 2020:

Ann asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting (8:15pm); moved by Wanda Matthews; seconded by Rev Dr Leslie McCurdy, South End Baptist; no vote needed.

19. Closing Prayer

Frank, as the incoming Moderator, closed the AGM with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by

Ann Taylor

Ann Taylor, HRUBA Clerk

HRUBA AGM, April 20, 2021, 7pm via Zoom Room, hosted by First Baptist Church, Halifax.

List of Attendees

Aurora North End Parch Church (formerly
Mulgrave Park)

Pastor Kevin Jolly

Bayers Rd Baptist Church

Rev Greg Drummond

Bedford Baptist Church

Rev Dr David Watt

Rev Nelson Metcalfe

Bethel United Baptist Church

Rev Dr Vance Arbeau

Eileen Matthews

Wanda Matthews

Rebecca Veinot

Elaine Arbeau

Birch Cove Baptist Church

Rev John Wilton

Lic Andrew Sutherland

Susan Levy

Michael Langille

Ann MacFaw

Birchy Head/St Margaret's Bay Baptist

Rev John Purdy

Faith Baptist Church

Rev Borden Scott

Erica Corbin

1st Baptist, Dartmouth

Sue Demmons

1st Baptist, Halifax

Jean Ferguson

Rev Dr Rusty Edwards

Rev Jenny Eisener

Foundation Baptist Church

Rev Deb Stevens

God's Army Community Fellowship

Rev Joselito Alba

Mennie Alba

Jean Abuyuan

Amie Lozano

Arlyn McDonald

Beth Paran

Jeddore United Baptist Church

Pastor Aubrey Deslatte

New Life Community Church

Rev Darren Millett

Regal Heights Baptist Church

Pastor Jason Cole

Shiloh Community Church

Rev Ogueri Chanaka

Doressa Colley-Norton

South End Baptist Church

Rev Dr Leslie McCurdy

Nancy Cameron

Lynda Scott Lunn

Spryfield Christian Community Church

Rev Pauline Coffin

Timberlea Baptist Church

Rev Dr Elias Mutale

Ann Nelson

Uniacke Baptist Church

Rev Linda DeMone

Karen Peck

West End Baptist Church

Rev Tim Cheprasov

Audrey Peverill

HRUBA Council Members

Ann Taylor, Moderator

Rev Dr Frank Guinta, Vice

Moderator

Linda Crilley, Financial Advisor

Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Advisory
Team

Dave Gibson, Constitution Chair

Financial Report 2021

Statement of Revenue and Expenses

	Draft Budget 2022	Actual 2021	Budget 2021	Actual 2020
Revenue				
Canadian Baptist of Atlantic Canada	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,753.51	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 3,685.61
Dues*	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 32,517.82	\$ 34,272.00	\$ 31,393.28
Home Mission	\$ -	\$ -		
Interest	\$ 250.00	\$ 185.17	\$ 200.00	\$ 257.41
Offerings and Donations	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,111.00
Designated gift from other Reg charity	\$ -	\$ 800.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 850.00
Total Revenue	\$ 36,250.00	\$ 36,261.50	\$ 39,772.00	\$ 37,297.30
Expenses				
	Operations			
Bank Service Charges	\$ 150.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 59.02
Oasis Delegates	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -
Bayside Fall Banquet	\$ 500.00		\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Honorariums	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Office Supplies	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 987.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,026.62
Memorial	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Education & Development	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,297.87	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 675.00
CBAC Donation	\$ -			\$ 500.00
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>\$ 6,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 3,988.87</u>	<u>\$ 5,150.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,760.64</u>
Bayside Mortgage	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00
Bayside Operations	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,053.31
Chaplaincy	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,800.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 17,850.00
Home Missions	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Refugee Fund	\$ -			
Total Expenses	\$ 40,650.00	\$ 36,288.87	\$ 39,650.00	\$ 37,663.95
Net Income	-\$ 4,400.00	-\$ 27.37	\$ 122.00	-\$ 366.65
Cash balance beginning of year Scotia bank	\$ 16,650.98	\$ 16,863.52	\$ 16,863.52	\$ 17,487.58
ABF investment account beginning of year	\$ 8,555.66	\$ 8,370.49	\$ 8,370.49	\$ 8,113.08
Total	\$ 25,206.64	\$ 25,234.01	\$ 25,234.01	\$ 25,600.66
Cash Balance End of year Scotia bank	\$ 12,000.98	\$ 16,650.98	\$ 16,785.52	\$ 16,863.52
ABF investment end of year	\$ 8,805.66	\$ 8,555.66	\$ 8,570.49	\$ 8,370.49
Total	\$ 20,806.64	\$ 25,206.64	\$ 25,356.01	\$ 25,234.01

* \$16.00 per resident member

Membership and Dues

Summary of Requested Contributions Budget 2022						
\$16 Per Resident Member	2022 Dues Request		Actual 2021		Actual 2020	
	#	Dues	#	Dues	Dues Rcd	Dues Rcd
Bayers Road	111	\$ 1,776.00	112	\$ 1,792.00	\$ 1,776	\$ 1,776.00
Bayside	24	\$ 384.00	24	\$ 384.00	\$ 384	
Bedford	203	\$ 3,248.00	203	\$ 3,248.00	\$ 2,960	\$ 3,008.00
Bethel	37	\$ 592.00	37	\$ 592.00	\$ 592	\$ 592.00
Birch Cove	205	\$ 3,280.00	205	\$ 3,280.00	\$ 3,280	\$ 3,280.00
Birchy Head	36	\$ 576.00	36	\$ 576.00	\$ 576	\$ 576.00
Elmsdale	26	\$ 416.00	26	\$ 416.00	\$ 432	\$ 432.00
Faith	106	\$ 1,696.00	106	\$ 1,700.00	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,456.00
LifeBranch (Formerly First Dartmouth)	156	\$ 2,496.00	156	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,496	\$ 2,500.00
First Halifax	311	\$ 4,976.00	270	\$ 4,319.82	\$ 4,976	\$ 4,171.28
Foundation	17	\$ 272.00	17	\$ 272.00	\$ 272	
God's Army Community Fellowship		\$ -		\$ 200.00		
Grove Neighborhood	15	\$ 240.00	15	\$ 240.00		
Hammonds Plains (1st Baptist)	40	\$ 640.00	40	\$ 640.00	\$ 640	\$640.00
Immanuel	16	\$ 256.00	16	\$ 256.00	\$ 256	\$ 256.00
Jeddore	27	\$ 432.00	27	\$ 432.00	\$ 432	\$ 432.00
New Life	53	\$ 848.00	53	\$ 850.00	\$ 848	\$ 850.00
New Beginnings	160	\$ 2,560.00	160	\$ 2,560.00	\$ 2,560	\$ 2,560.00
Regal Heights	58	\$ 928.00			\$ 928	
Sackville United Baptist	52	\$ 832.00	52	\$ 832.00	\$ 864	\$ 864.00
Sackville Christian Fellow	25	\$ 400.00	25	\$ 400.00	\$ 400	\$ 400.00
St. Margaret's Bay	100	\$ 1,600.00	100	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600.00
Shiloh Community Church	29	\$ 464.00	29	\$ 464.00	\$ 464	\$ 464.00
South End	60	\$ 960.00	60	\$ 960.00	\$ 960	\$ 960.00
Spryfield Christian Community	4	\$ 64.00	4	\$ 68.00	\$ 560	
Stevens Road	87	\$ 1,392.00	87	\$ 1,392.00	\$ 2,032	\$ 2,032.00
Timberlea	42	\$ 672.00	42	\$ 672.00	\$ 672	\$ 688.00
Uniacke	28	\$ 448.00	28	\$ 448.00	\$ 448	\$ 448.00
West End	89	\$ 1,424.00	89	\$ 1,424.00	\$ 1,408	\$ 1,408.00
TOTAL	2117	\$ 33,872.00	2019	\$ 32,517.82	\$ 34,272	\$31,393.28

Home Missions

	2022 Draft Budget	2021 Actual	2021 Budget	2020 Actual	2020 Budget
Home Missions					
Faith			\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Grove	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Spryfield	\$500	\$1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Unallocated Funds	\$4,500		\$ 3,500		\$ 5,000
Total	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,500	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 12,000

HRUBA Moderators Report

For the 2021 Fiscal Year

A personal emphasis on “Spiritual Formation” has been my devotional quest this past year. Having a deep desire to go deeper into my discipleship process has had the focus of defining my ministry calling, in these senior years of my life. The foundations for this have been Matthew 28:18-20 seeking to experience the Holy Spirit’s unction as described in Acts 1 and 2. The early outcomes seem to be leading me into a redefinition of what church is and needs to be as we, the HRUB Association are undergoing difficult times during this COVID – 19 season. I have called this “**The Season of Decline: God’s Occasion to Renewing the Church for New Life**”.



Dr. Frank J. Guinta Jr.

The Apostle Peter in his second Epistle suggests:

For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹But whoever does not have them is nearsighted and blind, forgetting that they have been cleansed from their past sins. ¹⁰Therefore, my brothers and sisters, ¹¹make every effort to confirm your calling and election. For if you do these things, you will never stumble, ¹¹and you will receive a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2Peter 1:5-11)

Adding such qualities to our Christian character will ensure we have resources to move forward in an amazing way to bring health to our Association and the churches therein. Saying this at this point in this report I want to express my deep gratitude for the Executive Team, (Lee Nicholas-Pattillo, Rev. John Purdy, David Gibson, Linda Crilley, Ann Taylor), who have worked diligently to ensure all the important tasks of the Association have been fulfilled during this very difficult time. As you read through the reports please take note of the Chaplaincy, Bayside, Licensing and Home missions reports and see the processes that have been engaged, the outcomes that have been achieved and the challenges that have been faced. In all of this you will note that we believe God has been leading us and we seek to deliver nothing less than the hope we will soon be in a place to engage each other in person, to do the encouraging ministries we have been called to fulfill.

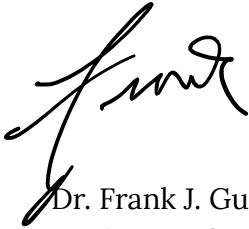
Added to this, it is a joy to express deep gratitude for the way our churches have financially supported this ministry. The gifts and dues extended to the Association have placed us in a solvent position that has enabled us to fulfill our responsibilities with integrity. Please take note of the balance sheets and confirm a sincere hallelujah for how God in all his richness has blessed us. The council has been more than aggressive in fulfilling their ministries and I also extend my gratitude to the efforts they make to activate their ministries during these difficult times.

Coming soon will be a notice that the Association will be sponsoring a major leadership assembly on the theme “**The Season of Decline: God’s Occasion to Renewing the Church for New Life**”. Arrangements are being made, leadership engaged, and venue reserved. Formal notices will be sent to you soon in this regard. Please pray as our team makes plans for this all important HRUBC leadership event.

It has been a joy to serve you as your Moderator. I hope our in-person engagements will be more direct in this second year of this leadership mandate.

Blessings

Frank

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Frank J. Guinta Jr.

Moderator for the Halifax Regional United Baptist Association.

Halifax Baptist Chaplaincy Committee Report

For the 2021 Fiscal Year

COVID-19 had a dramatic effect on this ministry in 2020, with reduced hours for our chaplains and reduced budget to support the ministry, although financially we came out “in the black” at the end of 2020 due to very strong support from our churches.

For 2021, we were back to being fully staffed (Adele full time and Ida 12 hours per week) with a full expenditure budget and somewhat reduced income budget for a small anticipated deficit at year end (see below). The continued support of the HRUBA (chaplaincy in the yearly budget), Atlantic Baptist Foundation (\$10,000 grant) has been fundamental to continuing this ministry. These two sources give us an assured source of income while waiting for donations from local churches that support our Chaplaincy. Once again this year we sent a letter of thanks and a request for continued support to the CABF churches in Nova Scotia. There was a good response in November and we await the year-end report from the CABF office with the December donations.

For now we are in a good financial position, with a surplus from the last several years giving us a working reserve. We are also working on getting an endowment fund set up to provide an additional means of supporting the chaplaincy for those wishing to make memorial or other donations. This will be done through the HRUBA banker.

This year, we were happy to welcome the Rev. Joseph Green to our committee. Joe brings a the background of a local pastor and experience as part-time Director of the Taylor Centre for Chaplaincy and Spiritual Care at Acadia Divinity College, which will certainly add to the perspective of the committee. We can still use more members on our committee, which meets most months to provide support to our Chaplains and oversee financial support for the Hospital Chaplaincy.

Planning for the retirement of our full time chaplain, the Rev. Adele Crowell in June, 2022 is progressing well. A Personnel Sub-Committee has been established and it has revised the Job Profile for the full-time Chaplain. The May 4, 2011 Halifax Baptist Chaplaincy Policy Manual has been extensively updated to create a new Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplain Personnel Manual.

The Sub-Committee produced an advert that has been distributed to HRUBA pastors and local churches and posted on the HRUBA website. It has also been posted on the website of the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms and sent to the CABF office, to Acadia Divinity College and to the executive of the African United Baptist Association.

The closing date for the present advert is January 7, 2022 and the Personnel Sub-Committee will meet on January 11, 2022 to review applications. Finalization of the interview panel and interview questions is underway, with the expectation of interviews being scheduled for the end of January or early February, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Barkhouse

Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee: Alan Barkhouse, Chair;
the Rev. Marlene Knowles, Secretary; David Gibson, Treasurer; the Rev. Pamela Estey,
Member; the Rev. Joseph Green, Member;
Chaplains, the Rev. Adele Crowell and the Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse, and
Advisor to the Personnel Sub-Committee: the Rev. Gary Myatt

HALIFAX BAPTIST HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY Budget 2021							
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures (Adopted March 16, 2021)							
Year ended December 31	Budget 2021	Actual 2020	Budget 2020	Actual 2019	Actual 2018	Actual 2017	
				(COVID-19 Revised)			
Revenue							
Gifts from Churches							
PEI	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 950	\$ 3,975	
New Brunswick	1,500	750	1,500	1,500	1,070	955	
Halifax Region Association Churches	17,500	13,302	17,500	17,729	16,513	19,410	
Rest of Nova Scotia	25,000	24,239	25,000	24,777	23,490	25,691	
Gifts from Churches Subtotal	46,000	39,391	46,000	46,006	42,023	50,031	
Grants and Special Gifts							
Halifax Region U. B. Association	17,500	17,550	17,500	17,500	15,000	15,000	
Atlantic Baptist Foundation	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Christie Fund (First Baptist Amherst)	3,000			2,000	3,000		
Grants and Special Gifts Subtotal	30,500	27,550	27,500	29,500	28,000	25,000	
Reduced Revenue due to COVID-19	-10,000		-19,125				
Total revenue	66,500	66,941	54,375	75,506	70,023	75,031	
Expenditures							
Chaplian: Salary and Benefits	56,969	43,955	40,671	56,405	55,533	55,684	
Part-time Chaplain: Salary and Benefits	16,500	12,780	16,080	15,495	16,185	16,725	
Chaplains Subtotal	73,469	56,735	56,751	71,900	71,718	72,409	
Supplies, Advertising, and Travel	1,000	820	1,000	1,069	100	889	
Total expenditures	74,469	57,555	57,751	72,969	71,818	73,298	
Excess of revenue over expenditures	-7,969	9,386	-3,376	2,537	-1,795	1,733	
CBAC Accounting reconciliation		-1		-37	99	1,606	
Cash balance, beginning of year	56,380	46,995	46,995	44,495	46,191	42,852	
Cash balance, end of year	\$ 48,411	56,380	\$ 43,619	\$ 46,995	\$ 44,495	\$ 46,191	

Baptist Chaplain at Dalhousie Report

For the 2021 Fiscal Year

HRUBA is fortunate to have another year of service from Lic. Arla Johnson. Arla is the Chaplain on duty at DAL University.

A brief **introduction** to the current DAL Chaplain, Arla Johnson:

- Arla is a member of First Baptist Church Halifax (FBCH)
- Arla is a Deacon at FBCH (previously she was on the Deacon Executive)
- Arla is a graduate of Atlantic School of Theology (AST)
- Currently Arla is working with Rev. Dr. Marjorie Lewis (Acadia University Chaplain), and Rev. Dr. Rusty Edwards (Senior Minister at FBCH), who are acting as her coaches while she works toward her licensing for ministry.
- Working with Rev. Rick Gunn (Minister at St. Luke's United Church), they have organized and founded Queer Spirit Church Halifax. Queer Spirit Church delivers a monthly service, that takes place at FBCH. The monthly inclusive service occurs the first Wednesday of each month, with focus for inclusively queer communities. The Queer Church also supports a Queer Theology Group. (Presently, all services are provided via Live Stream.)
- Arla is a proprietor of an active and successful business in Halifax.

Arla makes herself available on **Tuesday mornings**. Just as COVID has challenged many businesses, and many jobs, and many church services, Arla's support for DAL students has also been challenged – she has been unable to meet face-to-face with students.

Arla has **plans for the future**: Arla plans to work with others on the DAL religious support team to discuss and plan how to promote her on-line availability, service times, and ways to include students at services/resources outside of DAL that may be of interest to them. Arla also plans to include DAL students in the Monday night community meal at FBCH and the Wednesday night (on-line Queer Spirit Church service). Arla is aware there is a 'line-up' of students requesting counselling. She is a registered therapist; therefore, she wonders if she can be of assistance in this area. Arla believes this may be another way of making contact with students, supporting them in counselling, and where appropriate, inform them of the support she also provides in chaplaincy. Arla wants to be as valuable and useful a resource as possible, and where possible at DAL; and sometimes this means reaching outside of her chaplaincy role, to complement her chaplaincy role – all in the best interest of the students.

Arla's experiences outside of DAL Chaplaincy reach far-and-wide and when COVID restrictions are lightened in the coming year, she will make more contacts and more invitations will be extended to students.

Respectfully submitted,
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

Bayside Camp and Retreat Centre Report

For the 2021 Fiscal Year

2021 was a wild ride at camp! After 2020 saw our first season in over 65 years where we did not run overnight camp programs, we were doing our best to imagine a summer season despite the ongoing pandemic. We planned and planned! Many thanks to our summer staff team and camper families who waited in limbo for the status of our overnight camp season for over 4 months!



Things looked promising in April and so we launched registration and organized our staff team . However we did not have an official go-ahead or guidelines until just 8 days prior to our staff training launch! Thankfully, at that point our plans were set and only required very small changes to fit with the guidelines and so we were off!

We felt very blessed to host 7 weeks of overnight camps with a total of 342 campers, including 10 Core leaders! Our staff team rose to the occasion and provided the best possible experience despite the limitations of cohorts and distancing requirements.

Normally our calendar outside of summer would be full, however 2021 was very modest, only hosting 4 groups all year. Despite these setbacks we have had a positive financial year with government programs offsetting a significant portion of staff wages and some of our insurance overhead.

Please pray for camp as we navigate the path forward. We now only have myself on staff (down from 4 total previously) and we are in the midst of launching a capital campaign. It will be a difficult few years both financially and operationally as we pursue God's vision for what Bayside can offer our community.

As we look to 2022 there are many unknowns but we are hoping and planning for a season of overnight camps and look forward to the story that God will continue to write through the ministry at Bayside.

We so appreciate and welcome your continued prayers and support. Please feel free to reach out to joshua@baysidecamp.org or 902-868-2267.

Thanks so much!

Joshua Throop

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "JThroop".

Executive Director

HRUBA Home Missions Report

For the 2021 Fiscal Year

In this past year the Missions Commission has participated in the Councils ongoing work to update procedures, practices and of the Association. A key aspect of the Commissions responsibilities is to work with local churches of our Association that apply and receive ministry grants from two levels: The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board and HRUBA.

For the 2022 Ministry Grant process two Churches received approval in 2021 - Spryfield Christian Community Church (Pastor: Rev Pauline Coffin) and The Grove (Pastor: Rev. Miro Rak). Both congregations have gone through challenges in the past year; yet they continue to preserve with the Holy Spirit's leading on matters of vision for ministry, training, outreach, and organization. As we continue to pray for their development journey, we seek ways to encourage them through the grant process. Grant application begin in mid-fall each year and culminate with submission to The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board by the end of November.

The Missions Commission, along with HRUBA and Council, is exploring the changing needs of Churches within the Association. Also, as mentioned above, reviewing, and updating the process for new Churches joining Association and how we come alongside church plants in the future.

Our time is a learning incubator as we work and encourage each other in following Jesus our Lord. We express our appreciation for the grant applicants as they: "strive toward the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philp. 3:14).

In Jesus and for His Kingdom,

Rev John Purdy

Chair

HRUBA Missions Commission

HRUBA Licensing Committee

For the 2021 Fiscal Year

The Association Licensing Committee met on Saturday November 6th at New Life Community Church to interview licensing candidates, together with representatives from the candidate's local church.

On Saturday November 27, 2021 members from the licensing committee met at Faith Baptist and First Hammonds Plains to interview licensing candidates, together with representatives from their respective local church. (These candidates were not able to meet on November 6th, due to unavailable church representatives.)

The Association Portion of the Committee is composed of:

Stephen Davidson, Dr Leslie McCurdy, Rev. Dr. Vance Arbeau, Rev. John Purdy, Rev. Darren Millett.

We recommend that the Council of Halifax Association approve the **licenses to minister** for:

Kevin Jolly (Aurora North End Parish)

Allan Myra (South End Baptist)

Both of Kevin and Allan had Association Licenses to Minister from 2020-21.

We recommend that the Council of Halifax Association approve the **licenses to minister** for:

Terry Henderson (First Hammonds Plains)

Erica Corbin (Faith Baptist)

Submitted by:

Darren Millett

Nominations For 2022/2023

Officers

Moderator:	Rev. Dr. Frank Guinta	2023
Interim Vice Moderator	Rev. John Purdy	2023
Past Moderator	Ann Taylor	2023
Clerk	Ann Taylor	2023
Treasurer/Financial advisor	Linda Crilley	2023

Executive Team

2023

Moderator	
Vice Moderator	
Past Moderator	
Clerk	
Treasurer	
Constitution Chair	
Home Missions Chair	
Member-at-Large	Lee-Nicholas-Pattillo

Financial Team

Treasurer
Clerk
Dave Gibson

Committees of Council

Home Missions	Rev. John Purdy, Chair	2023
Licensing	Rev. Darren Millett Chair	2023
Constitution	Dave Gibson, Chair	2023
Hospital Chaplaincy	Alan Barkhouse, Chair	2023
Nominating	Council Executive	2023
<i>Note: Chairs of Committees are responsible for finding members for their committees</i>		
Council Members-at-large	Lee Nicholas-Pattillo	2023
	Rev. Elias Mutale	2023

Members Appointed to Other Organizations

Rep. to CBAC Examining Council	Rev. John Purdy/Rev. Dr. Frank Guinta	2023
University Chaplain	Lic. Arla Johnson	2023

Respectfully compiled by

HRUBA Executive/Council

Constitution Committee Report

For the 2021 Fiscal Year

In late 2020, the Constitution Committee circulated the draft amendment to our By-Laws to member churches and asked for comment by early 2021. Also circulated was Notice of Motion for a Special Resolution to repeal By-Law #1 and replace it with By-Law #2 at the April 20, 2021 Meeting of the Association Body of Delegates. There were no concerns raised.

At the Annual Meeting held by Zoom, the Special Resolution was passed with a large majority. The Amendment package was sent to the Office of the Registrar and was approved by the Registrar on September 27, 2021. The new By-Law #2 is now available on the HRUBA Website (see [Halifax Region United Baptist Association - Our Governing Documents \(hruba.ca\)](https://hruba.ca)).

Since then, the Constitution Committee has continued work on updating the Policy and Procedures Manual, making it consistent with the changes in the By-Laws and adding detail. The updated manual was adopted by the HRUBA Council at its meeting on June 1, 2021 and is now also available on the HRUBA Website. A motion to ratify the decision of the HRUBA Council to adopt the update will be made at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Association Body of Delegates.

Work continues on updating and adding detail to several sections of the Policy and Procedures Manual and the committee continues to offer advice on governance issues to the HRUBA Executive and Council when new issues arise.

Respectfully submitted,

HRUBA Constitution Committee: David Gibson, Chair; and
Members the Rev. Dr. Frank Guinta, Moderator; Ann Taylor, Clerk, the Rev. John Purdy, and
Lee Nicholas-Pattillo

HRUBA Family of Churches

Bethel
Life Branch (formerly First Baptist, Dartmouth)
Foundation
Immanuel
Jeddore
New Beginnings
Regal Heights
Shiloh
South End
Stevens Road
God's Army Community Fellowship

Bedford
Head St. Margaret's
Birchy Head
Sackville
Elmsdale
Sackville Christian Fellowship
Faith
Uniacke
First Baptist, Hammonds Plains

Bayers Road
New Life
Birch Cove
Timberlea
Spryfield Christian Community
Aurora North Community Parish
First Baptist, Halifax
West End

Staying Connected:

1) Advertise your events on our **NEW** Website:

hruba.ca

2) Send your announcements to our **NEW** email address:

halifaxregionuba@gmail.com

We want to hear what is going on within your church and community. Also, if I am able, as Moderator, I would love to attend.

3) Please send all donations/written correspondence, etc to our **NEW** mailing address:

HRUBA PO Box 20034 Spryfield PO, Hfx, NS B3R 1V0

Also: Please make cheques payable to:

~HRUBA or Halifax Region United Baptist Association

4) **NEW** way to send dues/donations: [**giving@hruba.ca**](mailto:giving@hruba.ca)

Auto deposit has been set up and you will receive an auto message of direct deposit.

**For I am The LORD
Your God,
Who takes hold of your
right hand and says to you:
Do not fear;
I will help you.**

Isaiah 41:13