



## Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee

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(A Ministry of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association—HRUBA)  
<https://www.hruba.ca/ministries/hospital-chaplaincy>

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Grace to you, our partners in Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry,

2025 has been a very active time for our Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy—both for the Chaplains and for our committee. We would like to share with you some of the blessings that God has provided for this ministry and also our dependence on your ongoing support.



In his half-time role as Coordinating Chaplain for the Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy, Joe continues to minister on our behalf to patients, families and staff at the QEII Halifax Infirmery site and to coordinate the ministries of our part-time contract chaplains. Joe has also done a lot of connecting and networking. He is available to make presentations or lead workshops with local churches or associations, preparing pastors and lay persons for more effective hospital visitation.

Since 2016, Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse has continued to minister as our part-time contract Chaplain at the QEII Victoria General, the QEII NS Rehab and Arthritis Centre and the IWK Health Centre. Many of the patients at these locations have longer stays in hospital and establishing a relationship with a Chaplain can be very important to them as they struggle with their circumstances. Ida sometimes shares communion with patients, some of whom have been away from family and church for a long time and feel grateful for this way to express their faith in a difficult time.



Our contract for year-long part-time Chaplaincy Services with Rev. Adele Crowell came to an end on May 1, 2025. Having come out of retirement last year to assist our ministry when our Joe reduced his hours to accept the half time position with NS Health, Adele has now moved to casual relief, being available to substitute during the absence of one of our regular Chaplains when necessary. We would like to thank Adele for meeting this need at such a critical time in our Chaplaincy ministry. Her service has enabled us to achieve things which otherwise would have been impossible.

We are pleased to welcome Rev. Wayne Desmond, recently retired from pastoral ministry, to take over the part-time hours that Adele had been providing. Wayne joined the team on May 1, 2025. An Induction Service for Wayne will be held on Sunday, September 28, 2025 at New Beginnings Ministries in Cherry Brook NS.

May God continue to bless our Baptist Hospital Chaplains as they provide this compassionate ministry on behalf of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association and the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.



Rev. Joe Green has fully taken up his half-time role as the NS Spiritual Care Coordinator at the QEII Hospitals. In that capacity, Joe has been able to support both hospital based and denominational chaplains and has become involved in the training of new chaplains through the delivery of Clinical Psychospiritual Education courses and supervision of CPE students, partnering with Acadia Divinity College and the Atlantic School of Theology. A new CPE course has just started.

This fall we ask that you join us in remembrance and prayer. Every October the national governing body of chaplains, the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care, promotes and highlights Spiritual Health Awareness Week (SHAW). This year SHAW is from October 19-25. The theme this year is a celebration of 100 years of Spiritual Health. Obviously spiritual health has been around a lot longer than 100 years, but we are marking the birth of Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE) as in 1925 Rev. Antoin T. Boisen started this training for chaplains and practitioners. Halifax was key to this kind of training as the first CPE units in Canada were held here at the Victoria General with the support of pioneer leaders like Rev. Dr. Charles Taylor. So, as we celebrate 100 years of CPE, we also celebrate 75 years of CPE in Halifax. If you'd like brochures to mark that week of celebration in October, please contact us via the contact information in the header on the first page. If you could commit to adding the chaplains during the pastoral prayer that Sunday, it would be appreciated. If you could promote it as a Spiritual Care Sunday and take in a special offering it would be a commitment to front line ministry in our hospitals. See the following link for more info on SHAW. <https://www.spiritualcare.ca/shaw-2025.html>

As a Chaplaincy supporter, we want to thank you for responding to God's call for the sick, the lonely, the dying, and those who grieve. Please continue to keep each of our Chaplains in prayer as they live out the call that God has placed on their lives to serve the vulnerable from across our region who find their way to our hospitals.

If you are aware of someone who will be admitted to one of the Halifax hospitals, please let our Chaplains know so that they can visit them. Not everyone remembers to register as Baptist when they are admitted.

We wish to acknowledge all those who prayerfully and financially support this ministry, and we look forward to continuing to work together. We are heartened by seeing how local churches, associations, foundations and individuals have responded by investing in front-line hospital ministry here in our region's largest hospitals. Late last year we put out a call for both sacrificial giving and to join us in prayer as we attempted to meet the ministry needs and budgetary concerns. The response helped us meet our 2024 budget which meant that we didn't need to reduce our chaplaincy services in 2025.

Now another fall season is here, which is always challenging to us as we pray that we will catch up from the period of reduced donations during the summer months. We ask is that you might prayerfully discern if your church can support us financially at this time. We are sensitive to the fact that in these challenging times some small churches are unable to continue even the support they have previously provided, but we also know that every donation contributes to the sustainability of this ministry. Thank you for your support!

May God continue to bless our Baptist Hospital Chaplains as they minister on behalf of us all any may God bless you in your local ministries.

Yours in Christ,



Chair, Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee

Committee: Rev. Dr. Marlene Knowles, David Gibson, Rev. Steve Baker

Chaplains: Rev. Joe Green, Baptist Coordinator ([Joe.green@nshealth.ca](mailto:Joe.green@nshealth.ca))

Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse and Rev. Wayne Desmond

# HALIFAX BAPTIST HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY BUDGET 2025

## Statement of Revenue and Expenditures (with historical comparisons)

(Approved at Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy Committee Meeting of March 13, 2025)

	Year ended December 31	Budget 2025	Actual 2024	Budget 2024	Actual 2023	Actual 2022	Actual 2021	Actual 2020
<b>Revenue</b>							(COVID-19 Reduced)	(COVID-19 Reduced)
Donations from Churches								
PEI		\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,250	\$ 1,100
New Brunswick		1,000	254	1,000		1,250	750	750
Halifax Region		12,000	10,679	15,000	12,760	9,420 **	15,146	13,302
Rest of Nova Scotia		28,000	26,927	26,000	24,521	22,791	25,791	24,239
Donations from Churches Subtotal		42,250	39,110	43,250	38,531	34,711	42,937	39,391
Grants and Special Donations								
HRUBA Budget		20,000	15,209	20,000	20,000	17,500	17,500	17,550
Other Associations		3,000	1,550	3,000	2,650			
Atlantic Baptist Foundation		15,000	15,000	15,000	12,500	10,000	10,000	10,000
Christie Fund		5,000	5,000	5,000				
Earnings from Endowment Fund		1,431	1,013	1,100	760			
Personal and Memorial Donations		8,000	14,999	7,000	8,308	1,812	1,056	
Chaplain Retirement Donations						5,800		
Grants and Special Donations Subtotal		52,431	52,771	51,100	44,218	35,112	28,556	27,550
<b>Total revenue</b>		<b>94,681</b>	<b>91,881</b>	<b>94,350</b>	<b>82,749</b>	<b>69,823 **</b>	<b>71,493</b>	<b>66,941</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>								
Coordinating Chaplain: Salary and Benefits		38,118	52,817	49,322 *	70,972	63,102	58,395	43,955
Chaplain Retirement						5,000		
Contract Chaplains: Fee-for-Service		52,088	35,477	40,000	17,531	16,698	13,138	12,780
Chaplain Subtotal		90,206	88,294	89,322	88,503	84,800	71,533	56,735
Memb. Fees and Professional Liability Insurance		1,900	1,846	1,650	1,037	532		
Professional Development		500	500	500				
Supplies, Advertising, and Travel		2,000	1,689	1,900	1,508	1,464	469	820
<b>Total expenditures</b>		<b>94,606</b>	<b>92,330</b>	<b>93,372</b>	<b>91,048</b>	<b>86,796</b>	<b>72,002</b>	<b>57,555</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures</b>		<b>75</b>	<b>-449</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>-8,299</b>	<b>-16,973</b>	<b>-509</b>	<b>9,386</b>
CBAC Accounting reconciliation					-1	-1		-1
<b>Cash balance, beginning of year</b>		<b>30,148</b>	<b>30,597</b>	<b>30,597</b>	<b>38,897</b>	<b>55,871</b>	<b>56,380</b>	<b>46,995</b>
<b>Cash balance, end of year</b>		<b>\$ 30,223</b>	<b>30,148</b>	<b>31,575</b>	<b>\$ 30,597</b>	<b>\$ 38,897 **</b>	<b>\$ 55,871</b>	<b>\$ 56,380</b>

\* Coordinating Chaplain changed from full time to half time on April 22, 2024 and Contract Chaplain added

\*\* Corrected by \$-3,104 to reverse a deposit incorrectly made to the this account

## How to Donate

As the Office of the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada provides free of charge accounting and personnel services to the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy, the most efficient way to donate to the budget of the Hospital Chaplaincy is to send the donation directly to their office. Please note that the donation is intended for the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy as the CBAC office deals with donations to a number of ministries.

We also have an Endowment Fund to provide long term financial support for the Hospital Chaplaincy ministry. As well as cash donations, the Endowment Fund can receive donations by means a transfer of shares of publicly traded stocks. This will be of interest to donors who wish to reduce taxation on capital gains. Details are available from the HBHCC Treasurer, Suite 303, 5561 Heatherwood Court, Halifax NS B3K 5N7 or by email at [hospitalchaplaincy@hruba.ca](mailto:hospitalchaplaincy@hruba.ca).

### Three Ways to Donate to the Hospital Chaplaincy Operating Budget

*(Please note that your donation is for the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy)*

#### **By cheque:**

Please make out your cheque to:  
Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada  
Mail it to:  
PO Box 6003 Moncton, NB E1C 0V7

#### **By electronic funds transfer to CBAC:**

Auto deposit is available by sending to:  
Debbie Barriault, Finance Officer  
[debbie.barriault@baptist-atlantic.ca](mailto:debbie.barriault@baptist-atlantic.ca)

#### **On the CBAC Website:**

<https://baptist-atlantic.ca/> (click on GIVE)