How You Can Help

This ministry is supported entirely by donations. There is no support from government although there is office space provided by the hospitals. With accounting and payroll support provided free of charge by the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada (CBAC), we are able to keep our overhead to only 1% of our budget, which means that 99% of all donations go directly towards the provision of chaplaincy services.

Financial support for our \$76,000 annual budget comes from the Halifax Region United Baptist Association (HRUBA), the CBAC and donations from churches and foundations in Atlantic Canada.

In 2014, in order to serve the increasing number of patients and their families, we added a part time Chaplain who works 12 hours per week. Together with our full-time Chaplain, they provide more than 2,700 visits per year. We have been have greatly assisted in maintaining this increased level of service by grants from the Atlantic Baptist Foundation and from the Christie Fund.

We also welcome donations from individuals and estates—perhaps as a memorial to someone who spent time in one of our hospitals. We greatly appreciate your generous support to our Hospital Chaplaincy ministry through your church budget or as an individual. Please designate your donation clearly for the Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy.

If you wish to make a donation towards this ministry please make out your cheque to: *Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy* and mail it to: *Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada P.O Box 6003 Moncton, NB E1C 0V7*

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- A young man dies from a brain aneurysm that happened at work.
- A car accident leaves three dead and two people cling to life.
- A woman has a heart attack leaving a young family in a sea of uncertainty.
- A man comes in for a knee replacement; he is far from home. This is his first time away from his small town. Everything is confusing and he is alone.

These are examples of what people from all across Atlantic Canada face daily in Halifax hospitals. Many of them are far from home and removed from the spiritual resources of church and Pastor. Some have not been to church in years, or struggle with faith in God and their relationship with the church. Hospital Chaplains can provide a ministry outreach to them all.

Baptist Hospital Chaplains are there willing to listen, care, and love in Christ's name on behalf of the churches of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association and the Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada.

One person said, "Through you I have experienced loving presence in the middle of my suffering. I cannot thank you enough."

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.

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... I was sick and you visited me... Matthew 25:36

Contact Information for the Chaplains is inside this brochure.

Introducing the Hospitals We Serve

The Halifax Baptist Hospital Chaplaincy is a ministry of the Halifax Region United Baptist Association providing chaplaincy services to four of the hospitals in peninsular Halifax.

Queen Elizabeth Health Sciences Centre

- The Halifax Infirmary site has three intensive care units and eight floors of inpatients dealing with all forms of trauma and focusing on specialties such as cardiovascular, burn treatments, orthopedics, neurology, and plastic surgery.
- The Victoria General site is home to the Palliative Care floor and treats many cancer patients both as inpatients and in outpatient clinics. A unit is also devoted to liver and kidney transplants. The patients in this hospital tend to be there longer and this provides an opportunity for deeper relationships to be formed.

The IWK is a hospital for women and children. Although often an intense and busy time for parents; knowing that there is a chaplain available can provide a support during a crisis or simply a friendly supportive presence during a time of upheaval and uncertainty.

The Nova Scotia Rehab Centre provides rehabilitation services for many folk who have experienced strokes, neurological disorders and amputations. The patients appreciate support during this time, especially if they are from out of town, as it can be a lonely time for them. Often, progress can seem slow and disheartening so encouragement and prayer are greatly appreciated.

Introducing Our Hospital Chaplains



The Rev. Adele Crowell, (B.Mus., B.Ed., M.Div., M.Th.) began working as chaplain part-time at the Victoria General and IWK hospitals in January 2008. Her role expanded in 2011 to include full-time chaplaincy at the QEII. She brings an enthusiasm for this ministry after serving in the pastorate at four different churches spanning thirteen years. She is a member of the Canadian Association for Spiritual Care and has completed her certification. She lives in Herring Cove, NS with husband, Tom, daughters, Amelia and Julia, and granddaughter, Ella.

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 "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."

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The Rev. Dr. Ida Armstrong-Whitehouse (B.A., M.Div., M.Th., D. Min.) is our part-time chaplain working primarily at the Victoria General, Rehab and IWK hospitals. In 2016, she retired after 40 years of pastoral ministry. Ida now feels called to chaplaincy and to partnership with Adele.

Ida is married to husband, Gregg and they have 2 adult children. She has served on the HURBA Chaplaincy Committee (15 yr.) and is a voluntary RCMP Chaplain (19 yr.). Having undergone thyroid and cancer surgeries, Ida believes "her experiences have deepened her understanding of patients' anxieties re: hospital setting and treatment plans."

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."

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