CABF Annual General Meeting
September 28, 2026 @ 7 p.m. (AT)

Promoting Historic Baptist Freedoms

In Attendance: (*Individual Members):* Dave Gibson; David Allen; Joyce Allen; Ed Colquhon; Wendy Donavan; Dawn Tancock; Wayne Morgan; Mandi Hecht; Marlene Knowles; Adam Boyd; John Churchill; Lana Churchill; Timothy Chute; John Perkin; Harriet McCready; Chuck McCready; Jacquie Milliken; Carol Anne Janzen; Jeff White; Andrew Taylor; Conne Veinotte; Sandy Sato; Ryan Sato; Hugh Kirkegaard; Mark Parent; James Stanley; Sheila Stanley; Renee Clark; Rusty Edwards; Harold Corbett; Karin Corbett.

Church Delegates: Alex MacDonald (Bridgewater Baptist Church); Elaine MacDonald (Bridgewater Baptist Church); Justin Bills (Altadore Church); Marion Goertz (Altadore Church); Wendy Donavon (Wolfville Baptist Church).

Confirmation received that quorum for this meeting was met.

1. **Welcome and Prayer**

President Hugh Kirkegaard welcomed everyone to the meeting with a prayer "New Ways" from the Iona Community.

2. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION: Be it resolved that we approve the agenda as presented and available on the website. Moved: Elaine MacDonald. Seconded: Jeff White. MOTION CARRIED.

3. **Approval of Minutes of AGM of October 4, 2025**

MOTION: Be it resolved that we approve the minutes of the AGM dated October 4, 2025. Moved: Harold Corbett. Seconded: Adam Boyd. MOTION CARRIED.

4. **Business Arising from Minutes**

No business arising from the minutes noted.

5. **Treasurer's Report: Consolidated Financial Statement**

- This has been a good financial year, ending with an annual surplus of $17,689.
- The increased revenue is largely due to the generous donations of churches, and we are grateful for this.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the "Treasurer's Report: Consolidated Financial Statement" as presented. Moved: David Allen. Seconded: Dave Gibson. MOTION CARRIED.

6. **Reports**

a. *President*

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the President's Report as presented. Moved: Hugh Kirkegaard. Seconded: Alex MacDonald. MOTION CARRIED.

b. Council and Council Executive

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the report from the Council and Council Executive as presented. Moved: Ryan Sato. Seconded: Marlene Knowles. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Communications Committee

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the report from the Communications Committee as presented. Moved: Mark Parent. Seconded: Marion Goertz. MOTION CARRIED.

d. Constitution and Governance Committee--including a Report on the Special Project to Update the CABF Governance Structure

- Thanks was expressed to the people who were involved in the Special Project to update the CABF Governance Structure, which was a two-year long process and accomplished a lot of work; and thanks to committee chair, Dave Gibson.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the report from the Constitution and Governance Committee as presented. Moved: Dave Gibson. Seconded: David Allen. MOTION CARRIED.

e. Credentials Committee

- Thanks was expressed to this dedicated committee. We have accomplished our goal of having a representative from each province in which CABF has recognized status as an accrediting body on this committee.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the Credentials Committee Report as presented. Moved: Rusty Edwards. Seconded: John Churchill. MOTION CARRIED.

f. Finance Committee

- Note that the work of the treasurer is increasing as the Treasurer acts as registrar for various events in addition to bookkeeping and other duties. For this reason, we are looking for an interested individual to serve as Assistant Treasurer, both to assist the Treasurer and to plan for succession.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the Finance Committee Report as presented. Moved: Dave Gibson. Seconded: Jim Stanley. MOTION CARRIED.

g. Membership Committee

- There were two new member churches who joined the CABF during the last fiscal year, making 19 member churches in total. There are 62 individual members, and one life member.
- Thanks was expressed to Joyce Allen for her service to the Membership Committee for the past 10 years, as she moves on from this role.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the Membership Committee Report as presented. Moved: David Allen. Seconded: Marlene Knowles. MOTION CARRIED.

h. Program Committee

- Watch for information about the next gathering planned by the Program Committee, which will be in Webinar form in February 2027. Rev. John Perkin will speak to the topic of Christian Nationalism.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the Program Committee Report as presented. Moved: John Perkin. Seconded: Sandy Sato. MOTION CARRIED.

i. 2025 Cross Canada Conference Committee

- The 3rd Annual Cross Canada Conference met in 2025 in Vancouver, BC. It was a great experience. There are links available to the keynote addresses given at this conference on the CABF Website.

j. 2026 Cross Canada Conference Committee

- The 4th Annual Cross Canada Conference is being planned for Saskatoon, SK on October 25 – 28th, 2026. Note the deadline to book the hotel room block at a reduced price is Wednesday Sept. 30th, and October 19th is the deadline to register for the conference.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the report of the Cross Canada Conference Committee 2025 and 2026 as presented. Moved: Ryan Sato. Seconded: Wayne Morgan. MOTION CARRIED.

k. *Global Connections Committee*

- This is a newly established committee created through the work of the Special Project to update the CABF Governance Structure. Thank you to the people who are doing the work of

this committee.
- The purpose of this committee is to connect directly with the congregations of the CABF so that they can be engaged in the good work of God's Kingdom both in Canada and globally.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the report of the Global Connections Committee as presented. Moved: Rusty Edwards. Seconded: Harold Corbett. MOTION CARRIED.

l. *Member Services Committee*

- This is a newly established committee created through the work of the Special Project to update the CABF Governance Structure which has come together recently.
- It was created in recognition that CABF is governed by a volunteer board with no paid staff, however there have been numerous requests that have been made of the association for help in various capacities. This committee is designed to be a clearinghouse to tap into the giftedness of our association, to respond to concerns/needs for assistance by matching the need with an appropriate resource.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the report of the Member Services Committee. Moved: Hugh Kirkegaard. Seconded: Dave Gibson. MOTION CARRIED.

7. New Business

A. Nominating Committee Report

- Thanks was expressed to those who worked on Council in the past but are resigning or taking a break. And thanks to those who entertained a request to sit on Council and couldn't commit this year but may be interested in the future. Thanks to Ryan Sato for being the "Western Representative" to Council. The new Council as presented in the Nominations Report includes people from across Canada.

MOTION: Be it resolved that, with the presentation of the Nominating Report, that nominations cease. Moved: David Allen. Seconded: Dawn Tancock. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION: Be it resolved that we accept the report of the Nominating Committee Report as presented. Moved: Marlene Knowles. Seconded: Sheila Stanley. MOTION CARRIED.

B. *2026-2027 Budget*

- This is a balanced budget.

- While the income lines have remained stable over the last number of years, there are some extra expenditures, reflected in new budget line items including:

- A President's Tour. The actual expenditure for this tour was approx. $4,800 and will be reflected in future budgets.
- There was a new line item added to the budget for expenditures incurred under the newly formed "Member Services Committee."
- The budgeting around the Program Committee and the Cross Canada Conferences were changed to reflect the budgeting realities, and there was an additional line item added for hosting Webinars.

MOTION: Be it resolved that the 2026-27 Budget be adopted as presented. Moved: David Allen. Seconded: Jim Stanley. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **Adjournment**

- Incoming President John Perkin expressed thanks to those who attended the meeting, and to those who agreed to serve on Council for the upcoming year.
He is pleased that CABF is an association that stands for justice, peace, and love.

MOTION: Be it resolved that this AGM be adjourned. Moved: Sandy Sato. Seconded: Marlene Knowles.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. (AT)

9. **Closing Prayer**

John Perkin offered a prayer to close the meeting, written in 1910 by Walter Rauschenbusch, an early pioneer of the social gospel.