

CABF Cross Canada Conference

October 28-31, 2024

Halifax, NS (Location: First Baptist Church Halifax, 1300 Oxford St., Halifax)

Schedule:

Monday, October 28

4 pm Gather. (Location tba)

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 29-31

8:30 a.m.	Gather
9:00 a.m.	Worship
9:30 a.m.	Presentation
10:30 a.m.	Break away discussions (chaplains, clergy, and congregants)
12:00	LUNCH

Afternoon (Tuesday / Wednesday) activities - a variety of options include: Peggy's Cove, Pier 21, Harbour Hopper tour, NS Art Gallery, NS Museum of the Atlantic, etc.

Dinner + evening events - tba

Presentations: Theme: Chaos and Christ

Tuesday	- The Rev'd Canon Dr. Jody Clarke
Wednesday	- Rev. Paul and Kelly Carline
Thursday	- The Rev. Barry Morrison ThD

Presenters for the Convergence:

The Rev'd Canon Dr. Jody Clarke, Professor, Pastoral Theology, Atlantic School of Theology. This presentation will invite participants to reimagine some long held maxims in ministry. For example let's look at "energy management" rather than "time management," or "steering into the storm" as opposed to "crisis management." How about "self awareness" over against "anger management?" In a culture that is swamped by anxiety, we practitioners of the spiritual care arts have a wide array of antidotes. In this presentation we will explore how we can utilize ancient practices was a way of responding to pain and suffering.

Rev Paul Carline is bi-vocational, pastoring with Bloomfield Baptist Church in New Brunswick and working with his family retail business (a country general store).

Kelly Carline is bi-vocational, mentoring young mothers with addiction abuse disorders and

working with the Canadian Baptist of Atlantic Canada in spiritual direction and formation of clergy and spouses. She is currently being trained in the Ignatian spiritual exercises. From 1995 to 2011, Kelly and Paul worked as field staff with Canadian Baptist Ministries with Somali and refugee communities in Kenya. For six years after returning to Canada, Kelly managed newcomer settlement for the government service provider in Saint John, NB and Paul worked as Director of Intercultural Ministries for the CBAC. The Syrian crisis became a dominate factor for both of them in the government assisted and private sponsorship of refugees, leading them even more to the Christ who enters chaos.

The Rev. Barry Morrison, ThD

For over forty years, Barry has served Baptist congregations in Saskatoon, Montreal, Hamilton, and Wolfville. Prior to returning to pastoral ministry in Wolfville, he was the first incumbent in the John N. Gladstone chair for Preaching and Worship at Acadia Divinity College. In addition to an M.Div. (McMaster) he holds a Th.D. in liturgy and spirituality from Regis College, University of Toronto; and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction from the Haden Institute.

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Contemplative Living: Perspective and Worship

We attach many names to our calling: Minister, Pastor, Teacher, Deacon, Elder, Congregant, Priest – each one denoting various understandings of what it is we're about. In this interactive session, we will consider the purpose and practice of the one (all of the above) who may be named Spiritual Leader, be that one ordained or otherwise. How does our education and theological formation prepare us for such a role? What is involved in the cultivation of a contemplative lifestyle sufficient to the challenges of spiritual leadership in these chaotic times? How can we renew/strengthen/restore preaching and worship as primary means of spiritual formation, both for the people "at the front" and the "people in the pews"?