

## CABF Initiatives

In pursuit of its objectives, the CABF

- Publishes a Bulletin three times a year;
- Maintains a website: <https://www.c-abf.ca>;
- Maintains a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CanadianABF>
- Maintains a YouTube channel, with links to recorded events on the CABF website: <https://www.youtube.com/@CABF>;
- Develops and adopts policies for licensing, accrediting, ordaining and disciplining pastoral leaders as appropriate;
- Meets semi-annually for worship, fellowship, and study of an issue of contemporary interest. One of these meetings is the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and the other is the Rushton Lecture and Luncheon; and
- Recently we have started yearly cross-Canada conferences.



Photo from the first CABF Cross Canada Conference that was held in in First Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta on October 23-26, 2023.

## More Information about CABF

Go to our Website <https://www.c-abf.ca> for:

- Membership Application Form
- Payment of Annual Membership Fees;
- For information on our Executive and Council;
- Past issues of *The Bulletin*;
- Association governing documents;
- Our Covenant;
- Our Strategic Framework;
- Details regarding Ordination or Accreditation; and
- News and calendar of CABF events.

## How You Can Help

CABF deeply appreciates your financial support as we seek to fulfill our vision of supporting congregations and individuals in living out our Baptist Freedoms. Visit our Website to make a donation.

## Contact Information

Information on how to contact the CABF is available on the Association Website:

<https://www.c-abf.ca>.



*Promoting Historic Baptist Traditions and Freedoms*

# Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms

## Our Vision

Baptists freely seeking, living, sharing and celebrating justice, peace and love under the lordship of Christ.



# Welcome to the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms (CABF)!

The CABF was organized in 1971 as the Atlantic Baptist Fellowship (ABF) by individuals and Churches who wanted to bear witness to the historic Baptist principles of freedom and to continue involvement with non-Baptist communions in joint worship, social action and ecumenical discussions.

Our name change came with incorporation in 2012. In 2022 our scope of practice was expanded from Atlantic Canada to anywhere in Canada.

We seek to be a safe and welcoming environment in which Baptists can share all concerns and points of view without fear of being marginalised.

The CABF is a Canada-wide association composed of both individuals and churches. Currently, our member churches are located in Nova Scotia, Ontario, Alberta and British Columbia. We have individual members in all these provinces and in Quebec. We are open to receiving new individual or church members from any province or territory.

## Introductory Video

You can view a 6½ minute video introducing CABF on our U-Tube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zvli8zufsrq>

## Our Mission

We encourage and support churches, pastors, and other individuals to understand and affirm Baptist freedoms as they express their faith.

## Objectives of the Association

The CABF is incorporated under the Nova Scotia *Societies Act*. Our Memorandum of Association states our objectives:

On a volunteer and non-profit basis to advance religion in accordance with the tenets, doctrines and observances of the Baptist Denomination of the Protestant Christian faith, the objectives of the Association are:

1. To witness to the freedom implicit in the voluntary principle in religion, which is a fundamental tenet of historic Baptist identity;
2. To affirm and celebrate Baptist participation in, and witness to, the whole visible, catholic and evangelical church of Jesus Christ;
3. To promote peace and understanding amongst people of all faiths;
4. To provide a forum for the discussion of doctrinal and ethical questions, and social issues and policies in that spirit of tolerance and mutual respect which issues from Christian love;
5. To bear witness to these objectives with and among Baptists regionally as well as nationally and internationally;

6. To provide accreditation for ordained ministers and chaplains and for lay ministers;
7. To provide support to member churches and to churches that are considering membership in the association;
8. To associate and co-operate with other like-minded organizations;

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## Ministerial Accreditation

The CABF has established an on-going Credentials Committee. The Committee is the first official contact for a candidate seeking ordination or requesting accreditation through the CABF.

This Committee is a nurturing one, assisting candidates for ordination in meeting the standards desired within the CABF as stated in its adopted policies. It advises the CABF Council of any application for ordination and the need to set up an Ordination Council.

The Credentials Committee also receives and acts on requests for accreditation from previously ordained clergy.

The Credentials Committee acts on behalf of the CABF in recommending accredited clergy to the Province of residence for inclusion on the Civil Registry of clergy authorized to perform marriages.

The Chair of the Credentials Committee can be contacted by email by going to the CABF Webpage <https://www.c-abf.ca/> and clicking on Credentials Chair under the "Our Partners" button.