

CABF CROSS-CANADA GATHERING

Edmonton, Alberta

Host site: First Baptist Church Edmonton

October 23-26, 2023

(rev. 05-07-2023)

Hello CABF Clergy, Ministers, Pastors, Chaplains, Leaders and Members.

We're excited to have you join us for our **1st Annual** CABF "Cross-Canada" Gathering!

(Our dream for October 2024 is to gather in Halifax, NS).

The goal is quite simple. . . to gather, learn, encourage and bless one another as we continue to move forward in the journey of being and building up the CABF community.

If you've got questions, we've got answers! We've attempted to include helpful details in the information below. But we're just a text, email or phone call away if you need more info.

Let's gather!

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THE PLAN:

SUNDAY:

optional

Come and worship at FBC Edmonton on Sunday, October 22 at 11:00 am

MONDAY:

Afternoon: Arrive and settle in

4:00 Meet & greet at FBC Edmonton (10031-109 Street NW, downtown Edmonton)

5:00 Dinner at a Local Restaurant (The Common)

7:00 optional activities and more settling in and relaxing

TUESDAY:

9:30-11:30 am Session #1 of 4 (preaching topic, Dr. Jo-Ann Badley)

>>there are also plans for a Chaplain-specific option during this 2-hour session

>>plus there are plans for a Lay Leadership option during this 2-hour session

12:00 Lunch

1:30-4:30 free time

5:00 Dinner at Leopard Pizza Restaurant (Rachael Borley restaurant)

7:00-8:30 pm Session #2 of 4 (preaching topic, Dr. Jo-Ann Badley)

>>2-hour session for Chaplains

>>2-hour session for Lay Leaders

WEDNESDAY:

9:30-11:30 am Session #3 of 4 (zoom meeting on the topic of "Church Life in these Post-Pandemic Days", Guest Speaker to be determined)

>>This session will be for all attendees

12:00 Lunch

1:30-4:30 free time

5:00 Dinner at a downtown Restaurant (TBD)

7:00-8:30 Session #4 of 4 (plus, FBC Edmonton is invited, a public lecture kind of gathering)

[Dr. Randal Rauser, Topic: Progressive Christianity & Canadian Baptists, randalrauser.com]

9:30 pm Late-night Cocktails and snacks at Woodwork (Rachael Borley restaurant)

>>>>>see next page for Thursday details>>>>>

THURSDAY:

10:00 am BRUNCH/BREAKFAST at District Cafe

12:00 pack up, leave, last-minute sight-seeing

ACCOMODATIONS:

[suggested because they are good options but feel free to research other options]

1) The Matrix Hotel (matrixedmonton.com) is a 1-block walk from FBC Edmonton (where we will be doing most of our meetings).

**Here's a link to a block of rooms that have been set aside for us at a reduced rate:*

[Matrix Hotel - CABF Cross Canada Gathering Guestroom Block](#)

2) The Westin Hotel (marriott.com) is approx. 15 minutes away by train. This hotel has a pool and hot tub for those who desire some extra water options!

3) The Days Inn (wyndhamhotels.com) is 3 blocks away from FBC. Much cheaper hotel but with a cheaper price comes less quality.

THE COSTS

There are sources of funding to cover the costs of the program (speakers, snacks, meeting site) so the cost for each participant is to pay for accommodations, meals, transportation and 'tourist-y' activities/fees.

The estimate for travel, accommodations and meals is approximately \$2000/person, accommodations are less expensive if you share a hotel room, of course!). If you live in Edmonton, the costs would be much less because you don't have to pay for travel and accommodations.

TRAVEL LOGISTICS ONCE YOU ARRIVE IN EDMONTON:

You're on your own to get from the airport to downtown Edmonton (taxi ride is approx. \$60, bus transit is long but much cheaper, approx. \$10).

Once you make it downtown, you can travel with ease by bus or train and FBC Edmonton Clergy will provide travel to meals and some sight-seeing excursions during our time together.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Fill out the "information block" below and e-mail it to Ryan Sato (Senior Minister of FBC Edmonton).

ryansato1968@gmail.com

******* PLEASE . . . Submit Registration info to Ryan Sato before September 30, 2023 *******

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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Church name and City: _____

Clergy category (Minister or Chaplain or Clergy Spouse or CABF Member): _____

Dietary/Food Restrictions: _____

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