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EVBA AGENDA for Saturday, November 5, 2016

Kingswood Camp, Lake George Route Q8 from Aylesford Road,
in the new WORSHIP & ACTIVITY CENTRE
THEME: "Social Media & Pastoral Ethics"

- 8:15 a.m. Registration via the east entrance to Worship & Activity Centre
8:55 a.m. Moderator's Welcome, Wayne Merrill
9:00 a.m. Acts of Worship Worship Team with Music & Devotional Thoughts
9:20 a.m. Introduction of John Campbell, Keynote Speaker, by the Moderator
9:25 a.m. Theme Address, "Social Media & Pastoral Ethics," John Campbell
10:10 a.m. Offering in support of the Eastern Valley Baptist Association
One Musical Selection by Worship Team during collection period
10:20 a.m. Kingswood Camp Presentation by Nichole Metcalfe, Executive Director
10:45 a.m. Refreshment Break
11:10 a.m. One Musical Selection by Worship Team as people return.
11:15 a.m. Acadia Divinity College Presentation by John Campbell
11:35 a.m. A Musical Selection by the Acts of Worship Team
11:45 a.m. Association Business Session
Prayer
Adoption of Agenda & Rules of Order
Minutes of May 7, 2016 EVBA as printed in Report Book
EVBA Moderator's Comments – Wayne Merrill
EVBA Past Moderator/Ambassador's Report – Gail K. Cook
Stewardship Committee & Treasurer's Report to September 30, 2016
Leadership Development Committee & Ministry Licenses – Wayne Fevens
Nominating Committee – Gail Cook
Comments on other Reports and acceptance as a group.
12:20 p.m. **New Business**
12:30 p.m. **Evaluation Forms - Explanation by Wayne Fevens**
Announcements
12:35 p.m. **Adjournment, Benediction & Grace**
12:40 p.m. **Lunch at the Earl Merrick Lodge (*Freewill offering in support of Kingswood Camp*)**
1:30 p.m. **ALPHA Presentation at Worship & Activity Centre by Elaine Young**
3:00 p.m. **Conclusion**

Throughout the morning Association and the afternoon ALPHA session Chris and Erin Johnston and others will offer a Children's Learning/Activity Experience in a room in the Worship & Activity Centre & outdoors (weather permitting) on Kingswood Camp property. Toilet trained children 4 years and up may be registered for this Learning/Activity Experience.

EVBA RULES OF ORDER

The following rules of order shall apply to meetings of the Association:

Every Sitting shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Persons invited to a seat may speak on all subjects under debate, but Vote on none.

No person shall speak more than twice on any motion, unless by permission of the body.

All motions carried or not shall be recorded in the minutes.

The governance of the body and the regulation of its proceedings shall be strictly in accordance with parliamentary usage so called.

That the question be now put is not debatable and if resolved by a two-thirds affirmative vote, the pending question shall be put forthwith without debate and if the first mentioned motion is defeated, the debate on the pending questions shall continue until otherwise ended.

That there be a three (3) minute time limit for each speaker.

That there be 42 minutes for each issue under debate unless permission for extension is granted by the body on motion approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote. The motion to extend is not debatable.

That items be given to the Association Moderator at least 24 hours before presentation for debate.

Immediately after the opening of the Association assembly, these rules shall be read distinctly from the Chair.

EASTERN VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Spring Session on Saturday, May 5, 2016 at Avonport Baptist Church

Theme: "Working Through Shame"

To the left of the entrance into the sanctuary of the Avonport Baptist Church Connie Veinotte and Sandra Ward welcomed twenty-five of the twenty-nine persons who had pre-registered while to the right of that entrance Dora Crosby and Marilyn Jolley welcomed and registered the forty-six persons who chose to register at the door. In total seventy-one people attended.

Around 8:45 a.m. Chris Johnston from Coldbrook Baptist Church, along with Graham Hennigar and Jeff Milne from the Centreville Baptist Church formed a Worship Team to provide a musical prelude as folk assembled in the Sanctuary at Avonport Baptist Church.

By 9:00 a.m. the Moderator, Rev. Wayne Merrill (Coldbrook) welcomed those in attendance, and invited the host pastor, Rev. Wayne Fevens, to greet the people and to offer an opening prayer.

The Worship Team, with scripture lessons and prayers offered by Chris, led the congregation in the singing of "Bless the Lord" and "I'll Fly Away."

The Moderator introduced Kevin Graham, who is a gifted counselor and a courageous farmer at his Oakview Farm. Kevin had made available a photocopy of the slides that he had prepared to address the theme, **Working Through Shame**. Kevin noted that there are many stories that illustrate his

journey with shame. He explained how terrified he was about speaking in public; how he wanted to hide as a young person; how nervous he was. However, classes with Dr. Charlie Taylor and Dr. Miriam Ross at Acadia Divinity College enabled him “to tell people what he was really experiencing,” and how that openness “led to peace.” In the opening slide Kevin had a quote from T. S. Elliott which begins with the words, “**Home is where we start from...**”. He shared the thoughts of six writers who have assisted him, as well as others, in working through shame. He provided some biblical examples of people who experienced shame (e.g., Tamar in her encounter with Amnon in 2 Samuel 13:12-19; and Paul in Romans 7:14ff). He described the behaviors related to shame and reviewed Paul Tournier’s “Cycle of Repressed Shame.” Kevin illustrated the principles he had presented with reference to his own personal experiences within his family of origin, within the communities he grew up in, and his assessment of the culture we are now a part of. After introducing Paul Tournier’s “Process of Recognized Shame,” he reminded those present that God loves his creation and intentionally “Seeks us out; Engages us; Confronts us; Heals us; and Restores us.” He concluded with a time for Q&A under the direction of the Moderator.

An offering was received in support of the EVBA as the members of the Worship Team led in the singing of “Lord Let Your Glory Shine.” \$667.00 was received in support of EVBA ministries.

It was then time for a refreshment break in the lower auditorium. By 10:50 the singing of “How Great Is Our God” encouraged folk to return to the sanctuary.

The Moderator introduced Pat Townsend, the Acadia University Archivist who oversees the “Atlantic Baptist Archives” on Level 2 of the Vaughan Memorial Library. Pat acknowledged that she has had 42 years of experience as an archivist at Acadia. She pointed out that in 1845 the Baptist Archives was organized at Acadia College and Silas Rand and Isaac Chipman were dispatched to travel throughout Nova Scotia and New Brunswick to retrieve archival records from Baptist churches. Like many things in life there have been periods of significant activity, and times of diminished activity; however, with the encouragement of Dr. Jerald K. Zeman in the last half of the 20th century, the formation of the Acadia Centre of Baptist and Anabaptist Studies, and the support of the Convention’s Baptist Historical Committee the collection of Baptist archival material has continued to increase. The Atlantic Baptist Archives can be reached by phone (902-585-1011) or by email (archives@acadiu.ca). Pat had prepared a file folder for each EVBA church with a list of their archival material on deposit at Acadia, and a brochure about the Atlantic Baptist Archives. Several brochures were claimed by persons present.

Ron Baxter was then invited to promote the 17th Believers’ Church Conference which will meet at the Acadia University’s Manning Memorial Chapel from June 22 – 25, 2016 with dynamic speakers from Canada, the USA, Germany, England and Wales addressing from their research and experience the conference theme, “The Tendency Towards Separation.” Ron encouraged those present to consider attending the conference even for a day.

The Worship Team was invited by the Moderator to lead the folk in the singing of “They will know we are Christians by our love.”

By 11:30 a.m. the Moderator offered a prayer to open the Association Business Session. After drawing attention to page 1 in the Report Book the Moderator received the **MOTION (Connie d'Entremont/Tracy Kettley) that the published Agenda be accepted. Motion PASSED.**

The Moderator then proceeded to read from page 2, the "EVBA Rules of Order."

The Moderator moved on to page 3 through 6, and the Clerk **MOVED (Ron Baxter/Charlene Arseneau Reid) that the Minutes of the November 7, 2015 EVBA be approved as published. The motion PASSED.**

The Moderator drew attention to and commented on his report on pages 7 & 8. It was **MOVED (Charlene Arseneau Reid) that the Moderator's report be received. The motion PASSED.**

The Moderator drew attention to pages 8 through 11, and Laurie Hennigar addressed the concerns of diminishing financial support which caused a deficit conclusion to the 2015 fiscal year. He responded to a attendee's question by pointing out that if each member church were actually willing to send to the EVBA their recommended share of \$17.00 per adult per annum based on the average attendance at Sunday Worship Services, the Association would be able to adequately support current ministries at Kingswood Camp, the Association Chaplains at two nursing homes, the conferences, workshops, etc. planned by Association Committees and all other budgeted expenses. (Note: Gifts may be sent to EVBA, Box 56, Kentville, NS B4N 3V9.) He then **MOVED (Laurie Hennigar/Liz Johnson) that the Stewardship Committee Report be received, and that the Financial Statement for 2015 be adopted. The motion PASSED.**

Wayne Fevens was invited by the Moderator to present the Leadership Development Committee Report (c.f., pages 12 & 13). Wayne spoke appreciatively of those who spoke and those who attended the March 5th Pastors and Leaders Conference on a snowy Saturday. The theme was "Making An Impact: in the church; in the community; in the world." The report also listed those whom the committee members had met with regarding Association Licenses to Minister. However, contrary to what is published, Wayne noted that two changes are necessary: Isaac Russell is to receive an Association License to Minister; and Linda Davidson to have her Association Lay License to Minister renewed. Wayne then **MOVED (Wayne Fevens/Charlene Reid) that his report be received, and that those whose names appear in the report be approved to receive their appropriate Association License to Minister. The motion PASSED.**

Wayne then invited those who have been approved to receive or renew their Association License to Minister to come forward as he called each name. Those present and receiving a license renewal were Heather Card (Mt. Denson), Richard Manuel (Newport), Charlene Reid (Hantsport), Jennifer Smith (Windsor) and Stephen Wheaton (First Cornwallis); plus those not present, including: Christoph Deutschman (Kentville) and Michael Shaw (Bethany Memorial). Those present and receiving a new license were Evan Colford (Berwick), Kayla Colford (Berwick) and Isaac Russell (Berwick); plus inabsentia, Danny Zacharias (ADC/New Minas). Linda Davidson received a renewal of her Association Lay License to Minister; and although absent Mary Perkins and Laurie Perrin had their Lay Licenses renewed. Wayne Fevens invited those present to stand with him as he offered prayer for these licensees.

Laurie Hennigar was invited by the Moderator to present the Kingswood Camp Report (cf., 14 – 16). Laurie directed attention to Vincent Leung's report on page 14 where he writes appreciatively of the Executive Director, Nicole Metcalfe, the staff and volunteers who worked with her in ministering with children and youth throughout the summer; as well those who have contributed funding and time to the sawing of lumber and the construction of the Worship and Activity Centre under the direction of Randy Aalders and John Hiltz. Laurie challenged those present to pray for the 2016 camping season, especially the campers who will be welcomed in the name of Jesus by staff and volunteers who love the Lord. Laurie then **MOVED (Laurie Hennigar/Virginia DeAdder) that the Kingswood Camp Report be received. The motion PASSED.**

Laurie then presented for information the 2015 Financial Statement of the Kingswood Camp Society, Inc.

The Moderator invited Liz Johnson to present the Chaplaincy Committee Report (cf., pages 17 & 18). Liz brought with her to the platform Kayla Colford who in March of 2016 became our EVBA Chaplain at Dykeland Lodge in Windsor, and Rev. Sarah Scott our EVBA Chaplain at Grandview Manor in Berwick who was accompanied by her daughters Rowan and Pipper. Each of the Chaplains spoke about their ministries with the seniors in their care as well as staff and families of the residents. Liz had distributed the new EVBA Chaplaincy Services brochure which features Sarah's ministry and the Rev. Dr. Dennis Veinotte Memorial Chaplaincy Fund which is gradually being endowed in order to provide financial support for the EVBA Chaplaincy Service in Kings County. A similar brochure is being prepared to feature Kayla's ministry and the well established Rev. Don Ehler Memorial Chaplaincy Fund which now provides a portion of the funds needed to support our chaplain in Hants County. It was duly **MOVED (Liz Johnson/Eva VanBuskirk) that the Chaplaincy Committee Report be received. The motion PASSED.**

The Moderator expressed his readiness to entertain a motion to receive the remaining reports published in the Report Book. A **MOTION (Charlene Reid/Mike Shreve) that the remaining reports published in the Report Book be received** was made. Charlene spoke to the motion as Chair of the Mission Committee to encourage those present to seriously envision how their churches' ministry might be enhanced in 2017, and how some funding through a Ministry Initiative Grant from the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches could help. The application for such a grant must be prepared and presented to the EVBA Mission Committee by the end of September 2016. The question was called and **that motion PASSED.**

Gail Cook, our Past Moderator and Association Advocate, was invited by the Moderator to present the updated Nominating Committee Report. After correcting the email address of the newly nominated Vice Moderator, Rev. Janet Baker (jaypo50@hotmail.com), changing the title for Carol Dimock to "Rev." in the Chaplaincy Committee list, introducing other new nominees, and appealing for others to offer to serve, she **MOVED that the updated Nominating Committee Report be adopted. The motion PASSED.**

The Moderator invited the Clerk to present a Notice of Motion regarding the EVBA Memorandum of

Association and Bylaws. Ron Baxter explained that the six pages of recommended changes, along with the current Memorandum of Association and Bylaws may be viewed on the EVBA Web Site (www.easternvalleybaptist.com). He did read aloud the following opening paragraphs:

I will move, or cause to be moved, the following amendments to the Memorandum of Association and Bylaws of the Eastern Valley Baptist Association:

If at the 2016 CABC Annual Assembly the Delegates vote in favor of the notices of motion prepared by the CABC Council I give as a Notice of Motion that the name “Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada” replace the name “Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches” in the EVBA Memorandum of Association and Bylaws; and that the title “Recognized Lay Leader” and related terms be added in addition to “Recognized Convention Lay Pastor” within the EVBA Memorandum of Association and Bylaws.

These recommended changes will be addressed and voted on at the fall Association on November 5, 2016 at Kingswood Camp.

The Moderator asked Wayne Fevens to explain the procedure for the Evaluation Form, which he did. A word of thanks was also extended to Greg Bishop who processes these forms and provides a helpful analysis to the EVBA Council when it next meets (i.e., May 28th at 9 a.m. at the Cambridge Baptist Church).

It was noted by John Beers that a sub-committee of the EVBA Council has scheduled an Association Musical Night for Sunday, June 5, 2016, at the New Minas Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. The offering that evening will be used to support the EVBA Chaplains and the ministries that they offer. Persons who are willing to share their musical gifts were encouraged to contact John Beers (placed4u@gmail.com).

It was further noted that on Sunday, June 12th, from 2 to 4 p.m. folk are invited to an “Open House” at Kingswood Camp on the south shore of Lake George (Use Q8 from the paved Aylesford Road to the camp.).

The fall session of the EVBA will be at Kingswood Camp on Saturday, November 5, 2016, with registration to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Since the Mission Moment presenter was not present to address those in attendance the Moderator called for a motion to adjourn. **It was duly MOVED by John Pierce that the meeting of the Association adjourn. The motion PASSED.**

It was announced by Tracey Kettley that after lunch the EVB Woman’s Missionary Association would meet in the sanctuary.

Wayne Merrill concluded the morning with a benediction and a grace for the lunch prepared by the people of the Avonport Baptist Church that was being served in the lower auditorium.

Minutes prepared and submitted by,

Ron Baxter, EVBA Clerk

Moderator's Report

It has been a year since I assumed the role of Association Moderator. My how time flies!

I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. Good things are happening in our Association and I thank all of you who are participating and supporting the work we do together.

We seem to be doing a bit better financially this year. Thank you for your giving which enables us to do some things together that we might not be able to do as individual churches. Kingswood Camp had a productive and exciting year and we are pleased to be able to meet in the new building for this Association. We continue to support two chaplains, Rev. Sarah Scott at Grandview Manor in Berwick and Kayla Colford at Dykeland Lodge in Windsor. Our Leadership & Development committee continues to be active interviewing candidates for Association Licenses and organizing leadership conferences. It is also good to see the Missions Committee and the Community Connections Committee become active and promoting various activities.

An Association Music Night was held on June 5 at New Minas Baptist Church. It was a great evening with many churches participating. Thanks to Rev. John Beers for his work in organizing this event. Thanks also to New Minas Baptist for hosting us. By the time you read this there will have been a second music night held at Windsor Baptist. These are great opportunities for us to come together and join our voices and hearts in praise and worship of our amazing God. I hope there will be more to come.

I have also had the joy of participating in several induction and ordination services since becoming Moderator. I participated in the following - Inductions: Rev. Dr. David Bielby (Kentville), Pastor Rick Manuel (Newport), Christoph Deutschmann (Billtown). Ordinations: Heather Card (Mount Denson), Jennifer Smith (Windsor). It was a great joy and privilege to participate in these joyous times in our churches.

In the near future our Council will be taking some time to evaluate what we are doing as an Association and asking questions like: What is our purpose? What can we do better? Is the present structure working well? How can we promote coming together, celebrating together, working together?

Again I thank all of you for your continued participation and support of Association.

Wayne Merrill
Moderator

Report of Past Moderator/Association Ambassador

Dear Friends,

I thank my God every time I remember you in all my prayers for all of you; I always pray with you because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

It has been a joy and a blessing to be able to visit many of the churches within our E. V. B. A.. I always have been welcomed with warmth and felt Christ's love among you.

There are churches that I wish to visit and as yet have not been able to do so. Please be assured that you have not been forgotten. God willing I hope to be able to visit in the spring.

We know there are many challenges facing our ministers and our churches today. Let us not get discouraged for be assured God is working through this beautiful valley. You, His people, are His hands and His feet sharing God's work in each of your neighborhoods.

Remember no matter how small your congregation or no matter where your church is located; in a rural area, small village, or in a town, when God is is the center and you are seeking to share the good news of Jesus - God will honor your work through Him.

God is moving among us. I am excited to see how many of our churches are stepping out of the boat and thinking outside the box. How great and wonderful is the Lord our God. He has filled us with His spirit. May we continue the good work, which He has begun in us.

It is an honor to be the EVBA Ambassador. In this role, it has been truly wonderful to be able to see how God's people are overcoming many difficulties and challenges, yet are keeping the faith. I encourage you as God's people to continue to be in strong prayer - each of us can pray - each and every day pray for your ministers and their families, your leaders, each other and your sister churches.

I pray that you become discerning people, as you share God's compassion and His word in your communities. Beware the enemy will be on the lookout to discourage, to drive wedges among us; remember that Jesus called him the deceiver. Our armor against the enemy is to love the Lord our God with all of our heart, soul and mind, and to love others as much as we love ourselves; and pray without ceasing.

May God's blessing surround you, may His blessing go before you. May His spirit live within you and give you peace.

Respectfully Submitted

Gail K Cook

Stewardship Committeee

No report submitted

Eastern Valley Baptist Association Comparative Income Statement

	Actual Jan 01, 2016 to Sep 30, 2016	Actual Jan 01, 2015 to Sep 30, 2015
REVENUE		
Operating Revenue		
Church Allotments	11,794.73	11,081.42
Faith Givings	0.00	0.00
Convention rebate	4,972.10	3,964.08
D Ehler Memorial Fund - Interest	2,298.04	2,159.24
Pastor Leadership Workshop	730.00	1,208.70
Received for chaplaincy	2,562.51	634.60
Association offerings	670.00	945.00
Kingswood - general	30,696.00	91,325.19
Chaplaincy - Grand View Manor	7,500.06	6,666.72
Chaplaincy - Dykeland Lodge	2,812.50	0.00
Miscellaneous	0.00	15.00
Donations - Dennis Veinotte	1,425.00	2,625.00
Total revenue	<u>65,460.94</u>	<u>120,624.95</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>65,460.94</u>	<u>120,624.95</u>
EXPENSE		
General and Administrative		
Chaplaincy committee	386.35	0.00
Leadership Development	675.00	800.00
Postage	90.93	90.93
Bank Charges	190.93	58.79
Convention delegates	545.40	150.00
Association meeting expenses	384.36	329.51
Miscellaneous	48.14	108.47
Web page	225.00	225.00
Total general and administrative	<u>2,546.11</u>	<u>1,762.70</u>
Payroll expenses		
Chaplains	25,604.39	22,837.50
Chaplaincy supply	100.00	200.00
Travel Allowance - Chaplains	75.60	77.28
Kingswood Director	0.00	0.00
Continuing education	166.97	0.00
EI Expense	600.37	600.53
CPP Expense	914.04	996.39
Workers Compensation Board	59.47	413.82
Pension	1,319.04	880.80
Convention Benefits	2,463.15	2,282.88
Total Payroll Expense	<u>31,303.03</u>	<u>28,289.20</u>
Grants and Donations		
Kingswood- Donation	0.00	0.00
Kingswood Camp- Donations coll...	30,696.00	90,982.49
Total grants and donations	<u>30,696.00</u>	<u>90,982.49</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>64,545.14</u>	<u>121,034.39</u>
NET INCOME	<u>915.80</u>	<u>-409.44</u>

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Eastern Valley Baptist Association Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at Sep 30, 2016	As at Sep 30, 2015
ASSET		
Current Assets		
Cash to be deposited	0.00	2,697.85
Current account	9,629.78	8,700.48
Baptist Foundation Restricted	13,075.64	12,692.02
Dr Dennis Veinotte Mem Chapla...	16,541.12	10,972.48
Baptist Foundation Accts	29,616.76	23,664.50
Accounts Receivable	399.28	4,701.02
Accrued Receivables	200.00	0.00
Total current assets	39,845.82	39,763.85
Capital Assets		
Building	28,700.00	28,700.00
Boat House	11,983.74	11,983.74
New Building	108,151.09	108,151.09
Land	180,000.00	180,000.00
Total Capital Assets	328,834.83	328,834.83
TOTAL ASSET	368,680.65	368,598.68
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	75.00	1,081.10
Accrued Liabilities	150.00	0.00
Eastern Valley WMS	23.10	210.10
EI Payable	431.41	67.68
CPP Payable	760.06	121.84
Federal Income Tax Payable	389.62	80.70
Total Receiver General	1,581.09	270.22
CBM	0.00	0.00
HST Charged on Sales	0.00	0.00
HST Paid on Purchases	-134.65	-31.63
HST Owing (Refund)	-134.65	-31.63
Total Current Liabilities	1,694.54	1,529.79
TOTAL LIABILITY	1,694.54	1,529.79
EQUITY		
Equity		
Kingswood Camp	328,834.83	328,834.83
Total Equity	328,834.83	328,834.83
SURPLUS		
Surplus - Previous Year	37,235.48	38,643.50
Current Earnings	915.80	-409.44
TOTAL SURPLUS	38,151.28	38,234.06
TOTAL EQUITY	366,986.11	367,068.89
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	368,680.65	368,598.68

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CHURCH ALLOTMENTS - 2016

Church	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Alton			\$ 275			\$ 275							\$ 550
Arlington													\$ -
Avonport		\$ 40											\$ 40
Aylesford													\$ -
Benwick													\$ -
Bethany Memorial	\$ 142	\$ 142	\$ 141	\$ 142	\$ 141	\$ 142	\$ 142	\$ 141					\$ 1,133
Billtown	\$ 750												\$ 750
Black Rock													\$ -
Burlington													\$ -
Cambridge	\$ 159												\$ 159
Canning						\$ 500							\$ 500
Centreville													\$ -
Coldbrook			\$ 200			\$ 200			\$ 200				\$ 600
Falmouth													\$ -
First Cornwallis				\$ 225			\$ 225						\$ 450
Forest Hill													\$ -
Gaspereau		\$ 450											\$ 450
Hall's Harbour			\$ 200										\$ 200
Hantsport							\$ 500						\$ 500
Harmony							\$ 500						\$ 500
Kempt													\$ -
Kentville			\$ 500			\$ 500							\$ 1,000
Kingston					\$ 500								\$ 500
Lockhartville													\$ -
Morristown	\$ 550												\$ 550
Mount Denson													\$ -
New Minas				\$ 500			\$ 500						\$ 1,000
Newport													\$ -
Pereaux													\$ -
Port Williams						\$ 813							\$ 813
South Rawdon													\$ -
Third Horton													\$ -
Tremont(New Beginnings)													\$ -
Union Church of Scotsbay													\$ -
Upper Vaughan													\$ -
Wallbrook		\$ 300											\$ 300
Waterville			\$ 300										\$ 300
West Brooklyn													\$ -
White Rock													\$ -
Windsor	\$ 400		\$ 800										\$ 1,200
Wolfville													\$ -
Wolfville Ridge			\$ 300										\$ 300
Woodville													\$ -
TOTALS	\$ 2,001	\$ 932	\$ 2,716	\$ 867	\$ 641	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,867	\$ 141	\$ 200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,794

Eastern Valley Baptist Association Budget 2017							
	Actual 2014	Budget 2014	Actual 2015	Budget 2015	Budget 2016	Estimated 2016	Budget 2017
REVENUE							
Church Allotments	21882	27000	26500	24000	26000	26800	27000
Convention rebate	6501	8000	5000	8000	5500	5600	5600
D Ehler Memorial Fund - Interest	2055	2000	2160	1200	2000	2300	2300
Pastor Leadership Workshop	1439		1209			730	
Association offerings	1330	500	1745	1000	1500	1200	1200
Interest income		1200	800			700	700
Chaplaincy-Grand View Manor	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000	10000
Chaplaincy - Dykeland Lodge						4000	4900
Miscellaneous	155						
Faith givings	348	6500					
Chaplaincy Donations	3071	0	635	500	500	2500	2000
Total revenue	46781	55200	48049	44700	45500	53830	53700
EXPENSE							
General and Administrative							
Chaplaincy committee	201	200	0	200	500	400	500
Evangelism committee		150	0	150	0		
Mission Committee		150	0	200	150		150
Leadership Development	875	400	800	400	500	675	700
Stewardship Committee		50	0	50	50		
Social Action committee		200	0	200	300		
Postage	59	70	90	70	100	150	100
Bank Charges	11	35	65	35	100	190	100
Convention delegates	324	500	211	500	400	750	700
Association meeting expenses	606	200	590	200	600	500	500
Registry of Joint Stocks	40	40	30	40	40	40	40
Miscellaneous	92	100	108	100	100	50	100
Travel (Moderator/other)	0	0	0	100	100		100
Web page	300	300	300	300	300	300	300
Total general and administrative	2508	2395	2194	2545	3240	3055	3290
Payroll expenses							
Chaplains	30886	30000	30237	31504	30830	33800	34500
Chaplaincy supply	200	800	200	400	400	200	200
Pension & Benefits	3996	4358	4209	4358	4300	5115	5220
Travel Allowance - Chaplains	102	200	77	200	200	75	200
Kingswood Director	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000	9000
Continuing education		500	26	500	400	200	300
EI Expense	813	900	795	918	810	816	835
CPP Expense	1292	1400	1321	1318	1350	1240	1265
WCB	558	600	570	600	600		
Total Payroll Expense	46847	47758	46435	48798	47890	50446	51520
Grants and Donations							
Kingswood- Donation	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Total grants and donations	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
TOTAL EXPENSE	54355	55153	53629	46672	56130	58,501.00	59810
NET INCOME	-7574	47	-5580	-1972	-10630	(4,671.00)	-6110

Leadership Committee Report

November 5, 2016

Since the Spring Association the Leadership Committee has met once – October 30, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to interview those seeking an Association License to Minister or a renewal of an Association License to Minister.

The following were granted Association Licenses:

Association License to Minister

Jeffrey Milne

Renewal of Association License to Minister

Jeffrey Baggaley

Annie de Lamirande

The Leadership Committee will be planning a workshop for the year 2017 and a report will be submitted to the Spring Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wayne Fevens, Chair

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

November 5, 2016

OFFICERS

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBERS</u>
Past Moderator & Association Ambassador	Mrs. Gail K. Cook (Cambridge) gailkcook@eastlink.ca	679-4450 (H)
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Vice Moderator:	Rev. Janet Baker (Harmony) joypo50@hotmail.com	644-2637 (H)
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Assistant Clerk:	Rev. Darryl Dykens (Cambridge) dpministry2000@gmail.com	538-8610 (O) 599-2030 (H)
Treasurer	Mrs. Gillian Mitchell (Centreville) themitchells@hrblockns.com	542-3189 (H)
Assistant Treasurer	Mr. Robert Douglas (New Minas) robert.douglas@ns.sympatico.ca	678-2250 (H)
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Ex-Officio: Association ABW Representative:

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

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3. Mrs. Gail K. Cook (Cambridge) gailkcook@eastlink.ca	2018 (1 st)	679-4450 (H)
4. Mrs. Cheryl Ann Dempsey (Morristown) arncher@eastlink.ca	2018 (2 nd)	275-2247 (H)
5. Dr. Carol Anne Janzen (Port Williams)	2019 (1 st)	585-2210 (O)

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1. Rev. Ronald Baxter (Wolfville) evbacurrentclerk@gmail.com Personal: ron2815@hotmail.com	2019	542-2815 (H)
2. Rev. Elizabeth Johnson (Port Williams)		

CONVENTION DELEGATES FOR 2016
To be nominated for the Spring Association

REGION 8 CABC NOMINATING REPRESENTATIVE

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KINGSWOOD CAMP TRUSTEES

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3. Mrs. Cheryl Ann Dempsey (Morristown) arncher@eastlink.ca	2017 (1 st)	275-2247 (H)
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*Past Moderator serves as Chairperson for the Nominating Committee

The next meeting of Association will be held at Falmouth Baptist Church, May 7, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail K. Cook

Mrs. Gail K. Cook, Chairman

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EVBA Chaplaincy Summer/ Fall 2016 Report

Rev. Liz Johnson

Things have been very quiet at the Committee level this summer. We are so thankful to have 2 very loving, competent Chaplains. They both appear to be in the ministry that they are gifted for.

Since my last report:

- There was a coffee party given by the ladies of Wolfville Baptist Church on April 16th.
- The brochure for Grand View Manor was printed. Dykeland Lodge brochure needs a few more photos done then we will be ready to print it as well.
- I spoke at Kentville Baptist for their Visitors group.
- EVBA had a very successful Music Rally at New Minas Baptist on June 5
- Carol Dimock had a yard Sale on Sept.3-5th. The money will go towards the cost of printing the brochures.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Johnson, Chair, EVBA Chaplaincy Committee

Community Connections Committee Report – November, 2016

The Community Connections Committee is the result of a merger of the former Evangelism Committee and Social Action Committees. In the past year, our work has focused on social justice and related initiatives in response to our biblical mandate:

- *He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God. Micah 6:8*
- *How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help? Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. 1 John 3:17-18*

Many of our EVBA churches are actively engaged in refugee sponsorship and resettlement work, often working with other Baptist congregations and in many cases, with people of faith from other Christian denominations.

A few members of the Community Connections Committee organized and hosted one of the more than 100 locations across Canada of the 4th annual "Chew On This!" campaign. It is co-sponsored by Citizens for Public Justice www.cpj.ca, a national faith-

based organization with the motto: “inspired by faith to work for justice”.

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A few of us stood on Main Street in Wolfville at noon on October 17, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, and handed out paper lunch bags with “Chew on This!” printed on them. Each bag contained a freshly picked Annapolis Valley apple, a pre-addressed postcard to the federal minister responsible for developing a national antipoverty plan in Canada, and a fridge magnet to remind the recipients as they chewed on the apple that:

- *Over 4 million people across Canada suffer from food insecurity;*
 - *1 in 8 Canadian households struggle to put food on the table for their children;*
- *852,000 Canadians visit a food bank each and every month;*
 - *1 in 3 people helped by food banks are children; and*
 - *Food banks were started in Canada in the 1980s as a temporary way to address hunger. They were never intended to be permanent.*

The pre-addressed post card encourages the federal government to create and fund a comprehensive strategy for poverty reduction that addresses income and food security, housing, health, jobs, and early childhood care and development.

- *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute.*

Proverbs 31:8

Respectfully Submitted;

Rick Manuel and Jennifer Smart

On behalf of the EVBA Community Connections Committee

Report of Board of Directors, Kingswood Camp Society to the Eastern Valley and Annapolis-Digby Baptist Associations

I am pleased to report that a very successful summer camp season has just been completed. Nichole Metcalfe, Executive Director of Kingswood Camp submitted a glowing report on the camping ministry. God’s blessings and the work of the Holy Spirit in the ministry were evident to those who have been involved with the Camp this summer.

Among the highlights of the ministry are:

- More than 100 of the 318 campers made commitment or re-commitment to Jesus; campers came from 50 different schools and 56 towns in the West Nova Region.
- We had the opportunity to introduce Jesus and show His transforming love to the 180 campers (57% of the campers) who had not attended any church prior to coming to camp.
- 94% of the campers indicated that they enjoyed their camp experiences; many parents gave very positive feedbacks about the impact of Kingswood Camp on their children; both the parents and their children indicated that they look forward to returning to camp next summer.
- We had a wonderful group of dedicated staff and volunteers led by Nichole Metcalfe, the Camp Director and Chris Johnson, the Assistant Director; the team

worked together in harmony and with unity of purpose to minister to the campers. The staff felt blessed through this ministry and have grown in faith and maturity.

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I would like also to draw attention to observations that are derived from data collected the last couple of years:

- Kingswood Camp has been blessed with opportunities to present Jesus and His transforming love to children and youth in the West Nova Region.
- There are significant opportunities for churches of our Associations to reach children and youth in their community through intentional involvements in the ministry of Kingswood Camp.
- A significant majority of the campers learn of Kingswood Camp through schools, friends, word of mouth or other contacts (61%); 26% of the campers learn of Kingswood Camp through churches. Almost every church denomination is represented among the campers.

I encourage our Associations' churches to play a more active role in this vital ministry.

I am equally pleased to report that the Worship and Activity Centre is fast approaching the final stages of completion. Thanks to the good work of Randy Aalders and John Hiltz, the only paid staff, the help of volunteers, the generous donors, the leadership of Board members and God's provisions the construction process has met or exceeded our targets to date.

The Board has approved the recommendation of the Program and Personnel Sub-committee to build an indoor Climbing Wall on the south end of the building.

The Climbing Wall will provide an additional exciting and safe program option for the campers, youth groups and adults.

We invite friends and supporters of Kingswood Camp to help raise the remaining \$50,000 of the \$350,000 building project by committing to provide financial donations or pledges. This will enable our Worship and Activity Centre and Climbing Wall to be completed in 2016. (Please make cheques payable to: 'EVBA/Kingswood Camp' and send them to Laurie Hennigar, PO Box 543, Kentville, NS. B4N 3X7.)

We look forward to welcoming you to the Fall Association Meeting at Kingswood Camp on Saturday November 5, 2016.

The 70th Anniversary of Kingswood Camp has been scheduled for July 15, 2017.

Please plan to join us in celebrating God's faithfulness and the dedication and commitment of so many of His followers to this ministry. Contributions of stories or pictures about camp will be much appreciated. Please send or email them to Nichole Metcalfe. (PO Box 543, Kentville, NS. B4N 3X7 or nichole@kingswoodcamp.ca)

Submitted by,

Vincent Leung,
Chair, Board of Directors, Kingswood Camp Society
(vincentleung1@hotmail.com; 902 542-5415)

Kingswood Camp Society

Comparative Income Statement

	Actual 01/01/2014 to 31/10/2014	Actual 01/01/2013 to 31/12/2013
REVENUE		
RECEIPTS		
Donations	2,604.69	2,879.06
Churches-Annapolis-Digby	0.00	2,439.76
Churches-Eastern Valley	637.50	14,223.91
Eastern Valley Baptist Association	0.00	14,000.00
Digby-Annapolis Association	0.00	1,000.00
Revenue from Fund Raising	0.00	26.60
EVBA Payments	45,433.37	0.00
Camp Rentals	8,153.00	10,510.00
Organization Donations	5,000.00	26,200.00
Camp Registrations	71,623.97	62,979.43
Government Grants	4,073.00	6,838.00
Interest Income	0.00	2,451.79
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,004.68	0.00
U B Woman's Mission Society	0.00	1,755.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>138,530.21</u>	<u>147,303.55</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>138,530.21</u>	<u>147,303.55</u>
EXPENSE		
EXPENSE		
Advertising & Promotions	750.00	795.00
Capital Projects	4,294.90	11,661.08
Postal Expenses	1,354.23	518.12
Dues & Fees	4,051.10	811.30
Electricity - NSP	5,073.88	6,092.16
Food	17,471.96	16,575.07
Honorariums	100.00	0.00
Insurance	6,127.00	5,598.00
Interest & Bank Charges	22.90	9.30
Kitchen Supplies	431.40	0.00
Miscellaneous	433.28	1,000.00
Office Supplies	2,084.77	974.73
Program Supplies	3,291.97	3,762.41
Training & Manuals	0.00	125.00
Conferences	386.48	0.00
Propane	1,807.03	1,751.22
Propane Rental	351.21	615.15
Property Taxes	123.90	237.80
Repairs & Maintenance	7,357.18	10,093.01
Sundry Expense	3,157.63	4,358.28
Telephone	1,081.87	1,314.75
Travel	650.92	3,076.08
Tuck	584.34	829.65
Wages & Salaries	89,189.60	82,260.52
EI Expense	2,347.42	2,151.68
CPP Expense	3,304.32	2,831.41
Medical/Dental	0.00	481.25
Pension	0.00	324.00
Municipal Taxes	118.90	71.44
Rental Costs	0.00	464.36
Bank charges	0.00	43.63
W C B	2,114.58	2,062.23
Loss on Transfer of Assets	328,834.83	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>486,897.70</u>	<u>160,908.63</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>486,897.70</u>	<u>160,908.63</u>
NET INCOME	<u>-348,367.49</u>	<u>-13,605.08</u>
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Kingswood Camp Society

Balance Sheet As at 31/10/2014

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Account Receivable	11,326.52
Baptist Foundation	14,123.72
Valley Credit Union	3,500.30
Total Current Assets	<u>28,950.54</u>

Capital Assets	
Canoes & Equipment	4,053.87
Building	0.00
Boat House	0.00
New Building	0.00
Securities	60,990.00
Land	0.00
Total Capital Assets	<u>65,043.87</u>

TOTAL ASSETS	93,994.41
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LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	
Account Payable	0.00
EI Payable	56.30
CPP Payable	96.88
Income Tax Payable	80.94
Total Receiver General	234.12
HST on Sales	1,599.56
HST Paid on Purchases	-5,762.61
HST Owning(Refund)	-4,163.05
Short Term Loan	16,000.00
Medical/Dental	0.00
Life Insurance	0.00
Pension	0.00
Total - Convention	0.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12,071.07</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES	12,071.07

EQUITY

Owners Equity	
Retained Earning - Previous Year	430,290.83
Current Earnings	-348,367.49
Total Owners Equity	0.00
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>81,923.34</u>

TOTAL EQUITY	81,923.34
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	93,994.41
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Missions Committee Report for November 5, 2016

At the EVBA Spring Meeting, on Saturday May 17th - I announced that the new Grant Forms for 2016 were available and ready for downloading from the CABC Website. I gave an explanation of some ways that the Grants have been used and encouraged each church to think “outside the box.” Finding unique ways of reaching their community in new endeavors or to enhance and grow an existing program. The idea of the Grants is to help churches develop ways to reach their community in ways that are conducive to bringing new life into the church.

I encouraged them to download the application as soon as possible because the process is quite involved. I was reminded that there are many steps to the process and the funds would be distributed in 2017.

September 1, 2016

Present: Charlene A. Reid, Connie Veinotte, Karen Wile and Tracey Kettley

Regrets: Hedley Hopkins, Debra Mosher and Betty Parker

Up to this point we had not received any applications and discussion revolved around how we could get the word out to Member Churches again to spark some interest. It was proposed that the applications be sent out to the churches. Also we discussed doing presentations to other groups such as WMS or Mission Boards etc... I volunteered to go to churches to promote ministerial grants.

We had an impromptu visit from Randy Stanton (CBM Regional Representative – Eastern Canada) and his wife, where they spoke about CBM local and global projects. He mentioned that CBM has been involved in approximately 25 countries for 140 years. We were encouraged to continue working together and invited to initiate new projects in our churches and through our committee. One suggestion was to help feed refugees in Lebanon by raising \$95.00 for a basket of food. He reminded us that word and deed cannot be separated. Thanks were extended to the Stanton’s for their visit and encouragement.

John Beers agreed to send out to all Member Churches that I was willing to come to their church and talk about the Ministry Initiative Grant.

Since the e-mail went out I was invited to and went to present the info on the grant and process to Mt Denson Baptist and Hantsport BC on Sunday September 9, 2016.

Then I was contacted by Wolfville Baptist Church and after many e-mails we were able to set a time for a meeting to go over their proposal for September 29, 2016.

I promoted the grants on Association Mission Day September 24th.

September 29, 2016 – Meeting with Wolfville Baptist Church

Present: Connie Veinotte, Charlene A. Reid, Tracey Kettley, Micheal Robertson, Eveline De Schiffart and Barry Morrison.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Ministry Initiative Grant process. They had prepared the vision and the background for the project requiring funding. Another meeting is set for Friday, Oct 21st to go over final things.

On October 9, 2016 I received another e-mail request from Cambridge Baptist about a grant to begin a music ministry. We have not had enough contact to know if they are prepared for this year’s deadline.

Sunday October 16, 2016

I was invited to First Cornwallis Baptist Church by Dianne Bennett and Pastor Stephen Wheaton on behalf of the Mission Committee to speak about the grant process. After many e-mails and discussion we agreed that the best place to start was to talk about the Gifts of the Spirit. They will continue as a church to explore the possibilities of how they can reach out in the community based on their gifting and the needs of the community they are in. Whether or not they apply for a grant – they are searching for God’s purpose for their congregation.

October 18, 2016

Present: Charlene A. Reid, Betty Parker, Tracey Kettley, Judy Saunders and Linda Davidson.

The purpose of the meeting at Centreville BC was to discuss the Ministry Initiative Grant process. Their proposal was well prepared and with some direction for the cover letter and a little polishing we ended the meeting. They will send the finished proposal to us so we can go over it before the final meeting with the whole committee to decide on approval and send it on to ABM for their review and final decision.

We have set the final date for all applicants to meet and present their final draft on Friday **November 4th, 2016** between 1:00 and 2:30 pm.

We plan to continue to promote the Grants to Member Churches in the New Year, in hopes of having them begin the process earlier in the year so we are able to help them and not have to be under the pressure of the deadline.

We want to keep everyone aware of the Grant money that is available and some of the ways they have been applied in the past (ie – Youth Group, Seniors, Technology, Youth Pastor...). But more importantly to remind everyone that we are the Body of Christ and each of us has been placed in a particular place for a particular reason. Being committed to Christ means being committed to the Great Commission where we reach out beyond our Church building to connect with the people in our communities who need to know the Truth.

Blessing!

Respectfully Submitted

Lic. Charlene A. Reid

Mission Committee Chair

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Delegate to Convention Report

In giving this report, I first want to thank you for the privilege of representing the Association at the 2016 Oasis Convention held at Crandall University, Moncton, N. B., from August 25-28. I have attended Convention for more than fifty years and this was certainly one of the most enjoyable ones I have ever attended. The spirit and excitement for a new phase and approach that we must take toward the challenge facing us in today's world was very obvious and very enlightening.

The main speaker was Dr. Anna Robbins, from Acadia Divinity College, and she was outstanding, and as many remarked "One of the best speakers we have ever had at Convention." We often go afar to find a speaker, but this year our speaker came from our own backyard, and she delighted and challenged us in a new and fresh way.

In her messages, Dr. Robbins stated "There is a storm upon us and we need to learn to navigate the storm using new methods. The storm coming upon us is a reality of constant change. If we do not change our approach, we will die. Just as the tide leaves and comes in, it brings constant change and new things with it. We are fishers of people on a fishing boat – not a cruise ship – and we need to focus on our fishing for our time is short and our time is now." She asked "Do we really believe Jesus is who he said he was?" "If we do, we can change the world, nothing is more true." She asked us the same question God asked Moses, "What do you have in your hand?"

As a Convention, we have 460 churches and that's all we need to start our journey to win our neighborhood for Christ. We need to love Atlantic Canada, one neighborhood at a time. We need to take risks, let go of control, and we need each other. We need to wait on Him and to listen

to Him. We need to listen for that “still small voice.” Our fear of the storm needs to be translated into Light. Dr. Robbins said “We live in one of the most peaceful places in the world and are one of the most blessed people, but we need to learn how to share and live with much less.” She asked, “Are our churches struggling because we have too much and things too good?” How can we be effective lighthouses? We are equipped to shine where we are and need to stop being light housekeepers and be bearers of the Light.

A few examples of some churches that are using new methods to grow their churches were introduced; churches that have been battling the storms of declining congregations, but have witnessed new life and growth as they have been willing to step out and take risks.

Two seminars I attended were interesting and thought provoking. One was called “The New Roman Road (the fastest way to spread a message” - using digital marketing techniques and strategies to share the gospel and to make disciples in this digital age. Some examples of social media ideas: Facebook, private Facebook groups, Facebook live, Instagram, Twitter, U tube. There is material that I brought home on this for anyone interested.

The other seminar was with Paul Carline and Bruce Muirhead on “Blessing Your Muslim Neighbor.” I found it very interesting that our Baptist Churches are on the front line welcoming the refugees as they arrive in their rubber boats from across the Aegean Sea to Greece. Unable to bring their boats with them to shore as the Government would claim their boats; so, as they near the shore, must swim or wade the rest of the way. Our Baptist people are waiting with changes of clothes and food to welcome them and to show the love of Jesus to them. Many never make it, but drown in the attempt. But what a joy to belong to such a great Convention that is doing so much to try to bring healing to a broken world. Many of these Muslims are coming to Christ because of the love shown to them. They are a people on a journey. Some only see darkness and see through a dark glass. The gospel is good news. There was one Christian Syrian lady who spoke to our Convention. She said “We lost our families, our friends, our home and our city.” She had just finished school and plans to attend Crandall University next year because she feels there is where she has found a home.

There are two business items I wish to mention. One is the name change of our Convention from “Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches” to “Baptist Churches of Atlantic Churches.” This is in keeping with the Conventions of Western Canada and Ontario/Quebec.

The other item of business was a motion brought in by the Board of Ministerial Standards regarding the regulations concerning the ministry. The current motion reads the minister is to “refrain from causing or using a conflict within the Church I am presently serving to plant a new Church” to the proposal “refrain from causing or using conflict within the Church I am presently serving to promote my own theological or personal agenda.” The motion, after much discussion, was defeated because it was felt it left it open to misinterpretation and was not clear enough; therefore, the old motion stands.

Next year’s Convention will be held again at Crandall University, due to planned renovations that will be taking place at Acadia University. Rev. Norman Pearce is the newly elected President of Convention.

The theme for the 2016 Oasis was “Refreshment for the Journey” and it certain was a few days of refreshment which we need for our journey and Christian walk. Thank you for giving me the privilege for taking this journey.

Respectfully submitted,
Ethel L. Beers

Oasis 2016: Refreshment for the Journey

170th Annual Assembly of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches

Hosted by Crandall University, Moncton, NB from August 25 -28. Total of 755 - 511 delegates, 135 non-delegates, 8 nursery, 52 young, 49 youth. Recognized nine pastors with 52 years of ministry & 75 years ordained. Dr. Peter Reid opened in prayer & gave updates: encouraged for new building of churches; offering tools to pastors & spouses; can transfer pastor's credentials to another province in Canada; Convention building in St. John not sold yet. Rev. Dr. Cheryl Ann Beals spoke on spiritual wellness; Dr. Lennett Anderson on social justice reality & racism; Rev. Sam Chase spoke on missions, "have to do new things, not better versions of old." Five Rallies beginning with Dr. Peter Reid: "Open Your Eyes:" Join God in changing Atlantic Canada, opening our eyes to the people in our neighborhood. John 4: 27-30-37. People in churches are sitting with backs to the world. Join the movement of sharing Jesus (John 4:42) Stories from the Neighborhood . Dr. Anna Robbins, *The Rock: Overcoming Doubt with Confidence: (Matt. 8:23-27)* "as secularism came in, our faith seems to have gone with it." Acts 26:24, Paul shared his faith with no fear. We have become secular thinking with doubts & lacking confidence; we do not see the difference between secularism & Christianity, not called to battle; have given up fishing boats to build cruise ships. The Holy Spirit is on the move. Understand urgency & be challenged. May those who come behind us find us fruitful. Focus on Christ! "The Anchor: Overcoming Adversity with Adventure: We have to be out to sea, even in a storm. Holy Spirit will empower what God asks. We grieve past but live in the now. Get rid of anchors keeping us from going out to sea. Three C's: 1) Control –leaders are masters of control & of independence. Let go of control, take risks, make Jesus our anchor-be open to Holy Spirit. 2) Cynicism – destruction of humans-pulls things apart until only bare bones. 3) Complacency: not acknowledging what is going on because hard times, pain in ministry. "The Light Overcoming Fear with Hope. Psalm 18: 1-6, 16-18. People fear being transformed into hope but want to talk about God. Focus on Christ's Light in us (John 8:12). He sends us out to sea in a storm. Stop being lighthouse keepers, be bearers. Storm at sea, we need to be fishing –giving hope. Repent, bow down. Jesus loves us with a deep enduring love, wants to empower us –make us willing. Amazing seminars: Tim Milner, "How Right Worship Changes Us." "All have a bias growing up with their first experiences how to worship. Recognize who God is –holy, glory, splendor...humble ourselves & not try to change Him." (Isaiah 6: 1-3) In obedience surrender to Him, using His tools. There is a lack of urgency & vision in our worship-need transformation through Holy Spirit. Worship is to prostrate oneself in reverence –personal, Almighty God meeting with person. Seminar with Christina Dunfield & Rev. Alden Cain, "KAIROS Blanket Exercise. Through different readings, we were led through a journey of abuse to our natives. Donna Augustine & son led two groups on a blanket exercise while reading the First Nations history. A time of knowledge, forgiveness & sharing God's love. Music: Blessed with the Gospel band, Slane Hill, with a Maritime & Celtic style. (Psalm 92:4) Other inspiring Gospel musical talents: Tidal Impact; Paul Coleman; Owen O'Sound Lee; Tim Milner; Seth & Dawn Crowell and Mark Lloyd; Paul Fowler; Jake & Hannah. Business session: Dr. Peter Reid opened in prayer. Welcomed president Norman (Shirley) W. Pearce & vice-president, George E. Gray, wife, Terri,

“God use me to the best of my ability.” Then we formed groups of prayer circles.

Financial report from Daryl MacKenzie: July, 2016, an \$83,671.00 donation drop from churches, etc. compared to 2015. Name change from the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches to Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada; removal of the Ordination to Church Music; to replace the Lay Pastors Training Program with the Certificate in Lay Leadership (to be granted by ADC); under Regulations Concerning the Ministry: remove “I am presently serving” from “refrain from causing or using conflict within the church I am presently serving to promote my own theological or personal agenda.” Dr. Harry Gardner (ADC): “More than ever God is equipping students to serve.” Needs: to refurbish the face of their building; to increase finances; train more Christians for faith & culture –to serve Almighty God. This year: 220 enrolled from 13 countries; online courses “ADC Go”; have first fully funded chair in Preaching; and grant for new professor of Pastoral Care (more funds needed) Dr. Bruce Fawcett shared his personal testimony on his journey back to physical & spiritual wellness after major surgery. He gave thanks to the grace of God & all the prayers & support during his difficult recovery. Oasis 2017 on August 24-27 @ Crandall University, Moncton, NB with guest speakers: Terry LeBlanc and Rick Tobias

Respectively submitted,

Marvin P. DeAdder (Eastern Valley Association delegate) John 3:16

REV. DON EHLER MEMORIAL CHAPLAINCY FUND

FINANCIAL STATEMENT REPORTS

FUND BALANCE

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED DEC. 31, 2015

REVENUE:

Individuals	\$	20.00	
Church Groups		-	
Baptist Churches		250.00	
Eastern Valley Assoc. Offering		-	
West Hants Baptist Fellowship Services -			
Windsor		179.25	
Falmouth		214.30	
Scotch Village		446.35	
Mt. Denson		-	
Hantsport		579.30	
Upper Vaughan		218.00	
Windsor Plains		-	
South Rawdon		-	
Kempt		-	
Dykeland		-	
		<u>1,637.20</u>	
Christian Unity Service		-	
Dykeland Component -			
Individuals		-	
Music/Fund Raiser		-	
		<u>-</u>	
Memorial Donations		-	
Ladies Breakfast		-	
Men's Breakfast		-	
Concert - I'm Still Here		-	
Interest -			
Bank Interest		3.12	
Baptist Foundation - Int.		<u>2294.92</u>	
		<u>2,298.04</u>	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$		4,205.24

EXPENDITURES:

Eastern Valley Association of Baptist Churches		2,298.04	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$		2,298.04

EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES **\$ 1,907.20**

FUND BALANCE, JAN. 1, 2015 81,653.40

FUND BALANCE, DEC. 31, 2015 **\$ 83,560.60**