



Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms

Promoting Historic Baptist Traditions and Freedoms

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

September 2025

CABF's Assembly and AGM: October 3-4, 2025 **First Baptist Church Amherst, NS**

The CABF Assembly and Annual General Meeting are rapidly approaching.

This year the sessions will be held at First Baptist Church Amherst on October 3 and 4, 2025. Hold these dates for in person attendance if you are able and via Zoom if you cannot meet us in Amherst. Zoom login information will be available on the CABF Website closer to the date.

Friday, Oct. 3

6:30 pm: - Registration

7:00 pm: - Welcome and Announcements

7:15 pm: - Guest Speaker: "The Shelter of Freedom" Robert Seymour Wright
(Zoom link available to those registered)

8:45 pm: - Communion Service

9:10 pm: - Refreshments

9:30 pm: - Goodnight

Saturday, Oct. 4

9:30 am: - Registration

9:45 am: - Devotion

10:00 am: - Refreshments

10:15 am: - Guest Speaker: "The Command of Freedom" Robert Seymour Wright
(Zoom link available to those registered)

11:45 am: - Lunch

1:00 pm: - CABF Annual General Meeting (no fee Zoom link will be available)

2:30 pm – Adjournment

Registration

To register for the in-person Assembly, [click here](#) , or go to the CABF Website <https://www.c-abf.ca/events/cabf-events> and scroll down.

\$35 for the full Assembly, Friday and Saturday (includes lunch)

\$25 for Saturday only (includes lunch)

Please register by September 26th

Shalom,
On behalf of the Executive and Council of CABF

Welcome to our Guest Speaker, Robert Seymour Wright

Robert Seymour Wright is a queer, African Nova Scotian Social Worker and Sociologist whose 35-year career has spanned the fields of education, child welfare, forensic mental health, trauma, sexual violence, and cultural competence. He recently completed terms of service as the founding Executive Director of both the Peoples' Counselling Clinic (Nov. 2017 - March 2024) and the African Nova Scotian Justice Institute (Fall 2021 - March 2024) and currently continues at the Peoples' Counselling Clinic as Director Emeritus, Consultant and Therapist.



Robert's identity and work are grounded in his integrated and activist spirituality. He was an early practitioner of what has come to be known as Equity, Diversity and Inclusion work and developed a model for understanding and practicing Cultural Competence that continues to be a useful framework. He pioneered the introduction of Impact of Race and Culture Assessments (IRCA's): a specialized, forensic, clinical presentence report for people of African descent. This latter work has received national attention. In August of 2021 the Government of Canada funded to expand the implementation of IRCA's nationally.

As a lecturer, Robert has taught in social work, sociology, criminology, child and youth studies, education and counselling. He taught in all four of the Africentric MEd cohorts sponsored and organized by the Council on African Canadian Education. As part of that programme, he taught at Acadia in the summer of 2017 a course he developed with the title, "Trauma Informed Approaches to Mental Health: Africentric Perspectives. In the Spring of 2023, he taught, "Counselling for Social Justice and Culturally Responsive Practices at Acadia."

Robert's work was recognized by his profession with the Canadian Association of Social Workers Distinguished Service Award in 2012 and on January 1, 2022 it was highlighted in the Toronto Globe and Mail's Difference Makers feature which highlighted some of the "people working to make Canada a better place". In June of 2022 Robert was presented with the Leighann Wichman Lifetime Achievement Award from the Nova Scotia Rainbow Action Project "in honour of a long-term commitment to activism and leadership that has significantly impacted the lives of 2SLGBTQIA+ people across Nova Scotia."

In August of 2024 he was awarded the King Charles III's Coronation Medal for having made a significant contribution to Canada.

Robert is the father of two grown children and the uncle of so many. He was orphaned in January 2023 when the last of his parent-like caregivers passed. Robert cared for his mother and godparents and facilitated them each passing peacefully at home in their own beds from 2020 through 2023.

AGM Agenda: Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 1:00 p.m.

A Zoom link will be available on the CABF Website <https://www.c-abf.ca>

*(A copy of this Agenda is available on the CABF Website
with hot links next to each item where reports are available)*

1. Welcome and Prayer
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of CABF Minutes
 - a. Annual General Meeting of September 24, 2024
 - b. Members' Meeting of June 7, 2025
4. Business Arising from Minutes
5. Treasurer's Report: Consolidated Financial Statement
6. Reports from Council
 - a. President
 - b. Publications Committee
 - c. Constitution and Governance Committee
 - d. Credentials Committee
 - e. Finance Committee
 - f. Membership Committee
 - g. Program Committee
 - h. Cross Canada Conference Committee
 - i. Website Committee
 - j. Alliance of Baptists
 - k. Canadian Council of Churches (CCC)
7. New Business
 - a. Nominating Committee Report
 - b. 2025-26 Budget
8. Adjournment
9. Closing Prayer