

CABF's 2026 Cross-Canada Conference: Saskatoon, SK

Hosts First Baptist Church and Emmanuel Baptist Church
Dates Sunday, Oct. 25—Wednesday*, Oct. 28, 2026
Venue First Baptist Church, Saskatoon, SK, 401 – 4th Avenue North, S7K 0L4

Dear Clergy, Ministers, Pastors, Chaplains, Leaders, Members and friends of CABF,

We're excited to have you join us for our Fourth Annual Cross-Canada Conference! The goal continues to be quite simple. . . to gather, learn, encourage and bless one another as we continue our journey of being and building up the Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms community across the country.

As you make your initial plans, we encourage you to arrive in time to join us for a Sunday "Meet & Greet" time hosted at the Holiday Inn Express Conference Room (315 Idylwyld Drive), from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Plus if you can arrive earlier, you can join the CABF Morning Worship Services at Emmanuel (10:30 am) or FBC (11:00 am).

*Note that the Conference will conclude after the noon hour lunch on Wednesday, October 28.

With joy and anticipation from the 2026 Planning Committee,

Mandi Hecht, Rob Priestly, Ryan Sato, Harold Corbett, Karin Corbett and David Allen

The Plan

All meetings & on-site lunch meals will be at FBC Saskatoon (except for the Monday evening gathering which will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church)

Sunday 25

An afternoon gathering

4:00 pm "Meet & Greet" time at Holiday Inn Express Hotel
(2 hour gathering, drop in as you are able)

Tuesday 27

All Day

- 8:30 am We gather . . . (for muffins, coffee, etc.)
- 9:00 am Session TWO – Welcome, Morning Prayers, Worship
Keynote Speaker #2: Rev. Dr. Jodi Spargur (Talk #2 of 2), followed by breakout/
discussion sessions for clergy, chaplains and lay leaders, plus a “snack time”
- 11:30 am Ministry Highlight “Show & Tell”
(Mennonite Church of Canada and/or The Good Table)
- 12:00 pm Lunch, provided at FBC Saskatoon by a catering team
- 1:30 pm Free time to explore! (3.5 h)
- 5:00 pm Dinner (optional)
For those who want to dine together, we will choose a restaurant and meet
- 7:00 pm Optional evening activities: go explore and enjoy Saskatoon, or
plan a little group outing with other CABF’ers

Wednesday 28

Half Day

- 9:00 am We gather . . . (for muffins, coffee, etc.)
- 9:20 am Session THREE – Welcome, Morning Prayers, Worship, Keynote Speaker #3:
Amy Caswell Bratton (www.newleafnetwork.ca), followed by breakout/discussion
sessions for clergy, chaplains and lay leaders, plus a “snack time”
- 11:30 am Closing Worship Time & Communion, led by FBC Saskatoon and Emmanuel
Baptist Church
- 12:00 pm Lunch, provided at FBC Saskatoon by a catering team
- 1:30 pm Farewells, blessings and good-byes!

Costs

- There are sources of funding from the CABF that subsidize the costs of the program (speakers, snacks, meeting site) so we keep the conference fee low knowing that each attendee will need to pay for their own accommodations, meals (other than the 3 catered lunches), transportation and 'tourist-y' activities/fees.
- Full Conference fee, \$75; Daily fee, \$30
- We estimate travel, accommodations and meals at approximately \$2,000-2,500/person. Accommodations are less expensive if you share a hotel room, of course! If you live in the Saskatoon area, the costs will be much less because you don't have to pay for travel and accommodations.

Registration

Three options for registering:

1. Use the online form on the CABF website (<https://forms.gle/87UyRpbqH7j4b6en8>) and e-transfer the registration fee to cabftreasurer@gmail.com
2. Prefer to email?
Download the form from the CABF website (https://www.c-abf.ca/images/4th_Annual_CABF_CCC_Registration_Form.pdf).
Complete, scan and email form and e-transfer registration fee to cabftreasurer@gmail.com
3. Prefer to print out and post the form with your cheque?
Print the online form on the CABF website (https://www.c-abf.ca/images/4th_Annual_CABF_CCC_Registration_Form.pdf) and mail the form and cheque to:
CABF, PO Box 217, Mahone Bay, NS B0J 2E0.

[Deadline for Registration is October 19, 2026](#)

Accommodation

Our planning team is suggesting that you consider staying at the Holiday Inn Express & Suites, a hotel that is providing us excellent group rates and is very close to FBC Saskatoon.

NOTE: There are 3 Holiday Inn Hotels in Saskatoon, make sure you book the one on Idylwyld Drive.

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

315 Idylwyld Dr. North, Saskatoon

10 min. walk from First Baptist Church

Location of Sunday afternoon "Meet and Greet" Reception

Reservations made before Sept. 30th: \$149.00+tax per night

Use Group Block name: Canadian Association for Baptist Freedoms

Ph: (877) 859-5095 or (306) 384-8844

<https://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/en/saskatoon/yxeca/hoteldetail>

<mailto:hiexpress@prhotels.ca>

*Harold Corbett is our Accomodation Facilitator for the conference. If you need further details or help, feel free to reach out to him at: (306) 291-5204 or corbh@sasktel.net

Other features of the Holiday Inn Express & Suites on Idylwyld Drive:

- a hotel that's conveniently close to the Central Business District in Downtown Saskatoon
- restaurants and retail shops available in and around the hotel, with the Meewasin Valley Trail and the Wanuskewin Heritage Park just a short ride away
- modern, upscale rooms with triple-sheeted beds, free Wi-Fi, and HDTVs, free Express Start Breakfast, indoor heated pool, and on-site Fitness Center

Getting Around in Saskatoon

You're on your own to get from the Saskatoon Airport to your hotel.

A taxi ride (from airport to downtown Saskatoon) will cost approx. \$40 and an Uber ride may be slightly less expensive.

The Holiday Inn Express & Suites on Idylwyld Dr. provides an airport-to-hotel shuttle.

We'll do our best to arrange ride sharing for evening meals and sight-seeing.