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**REPORT TO THE ANNAPOLIS-DIGBY ASSOCIATION**

**April 29, 2006 at Annapolis Conference Centre, Cornwallis, NS**

**Pastoral** In the opening quarter of 2006 I was able to attend two Eastern Valley and one Mid-valley Pastors' Luncheons (2a). A New Year Letter was sent to Region 2 Pastors (2b). I have made nine intentional pastoral visits (2c), and met specifically with eleven other pastors (2d). Although there have been no new inducted pastors in Region 2 the following persons have begun interim ministries: Rev. Bill Davenport at Newport UBC; and Pastor Thelma McLeod at Bethany Memorial UBC. With the conclusion of the college year Andrew Mack (Canaan) will be returning to Moncton's Hillside UBC, Jeff Irving (Harmony) will be moving to Havelock, NB and Virginia DeAdder will become part-time Pastor at Mount Denson UBC.

**Churches** Although Sharon and I have primarily attended Wolfville UBC this quarter I did attend one other service (3a) and seven church events (3c). I had three Pastor/Deacon meetings (3b); three Deacons meetings (3d); and five Pulpit Committee meetings (3e). Currently the following churches in Region 2 are in a search mode: Newport (Scotch Village); Third Horton (Canaan); Pereaux; Bethany Memorial; Harmony; Lawrencetown; and Fundy Fellowship

**ADC** On January 13<sup>th</sup> I preached at the Chapel. On two other occasions attended the Chapel (4a). On January 16 & 17 our seven Regional Ministers met with members of the 2006 Leaving Class (4b); and also met with the Faculty (4c). I had two D.Min. Mentor Sessions (4d). On various occasions while at ADC I met with twenty-six persons (4f). Dr. John Bartol and I taught both a B.Th. Class and led a Simpson Week Workshop on Managing Conflict. In addition I attended the ADC Mission Class breakfast on March 18 (4g).

**Association** The Annapolis-Digby Association will meet April 28 - 30, and the Eastern Valley Association may meet on May 6. I plan to attend both (5a). I attended two meetings of the EV Council and one of the A-D Council (5b). I met twice with the A-D Mission Commission and once with the EV Mission Committee (5c & 5d). I met in January with the EV Leadership Development Committee (5e).

I led the annual Eastern Valley Pastors & Deacons Workshop which was hosted by the Harmony UBC (Pastor Jeff Irving) on Saturday, March 11/06. Forty-eight people registered representing nineteen churches (5g). On March 10/07 this Workshop will be hosted by Canning UBC. I also attended the afternoon session of the A-D "Pastoral Ministry Workshop" at Deep Brook on April 1 (5g).

I have been asked to help secure leaders for the Kingwood Wilderness Camp (July 30 - August 4) as well as offer a Family Canoe Trip on Saturday May 13 (Annapolis River from Kingston to Wilmot) and June 10 (Forest Home on Highway #12) (5f). Kingswood Camp offers a wholesome camping opportunity so I want to solicit your prayers for, and your involvement in Kingswood Camp.

**Convention** The CABF Field Staff had a working retreat on January 17 & 18 in New Minas. On February 27 & 28 we met again in New Minas (6a).

On February 2 our Senior Staff met with the Convention Council's Review Committee. On March 23 & 24 we were in Saint John for the CABC Senior Staff 2007 Budget meeting (6b).

The Regional Ministers met with ABMB Director, Malcolm Beckett, on February 2 & 3 in Saint John for Natural Church Development Coach Training (6c). Several of our Pastors were introduced to NCD at the CABC Sessions on November 16<sup>th</sup> (Pereaux) and 17<sup>th</sup> (Annapolis Royal)(6d).

I taught the LPTP Class at Immanuel UBC in Truro on January 27<sup>th</sup> and on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The final session is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> (6g). Seventeen students are enrolled. The Faith UBC in Lower Sackville will host the June 25<sup>th</sup> LPTP Graduation at 2 p.m. and you are invited to attend.

From January 23 - 25 I attended the CBM National Staff Conference (6h) at Crieff Hills Community in Ontario. This provided an excellent opportunity for interaction with colleagues from across Canada .

I met with the Board of Ministerial Standards and Education in Wolfville from February 28 - March 2. We will meet again in Wolfville from April 25 - 27 (6i). I have met with a sub-committee twice and spent March 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> with a BMSE Working Group reviewing CABC Regulations (6j).

In February there was 79 hours of office work, and in March 86.25 hours (6o).

United in Mission (UIM) contributions to the end of March, 2006 from churches in the Eastern Valley Association totaled \$38,023 (up from \$29,422 in 2005); and in the Annapolis-Digby Association they total \$15,355 + \$4,901 = \$20,256 (up from \$13,682 + \$4,975 = \$18,657 in 2005). The summary UIM Report to March 31, 2006 shows income of \$449,829 (up from \$378 842 in 2005). It's early, but 2006 is a critical year to drive the UIM Fund over the top by December 31, 2006.

Twenty-seven congregations in Region 2 have availed themselves of the opportunity to host a Tidal Impact Team from July 8 - 14 when over 650 young people from Atlantic Canada and abroad will be in Region 2 to devote themselves to evangelistic outreach in co-operation with our host Baptist churches. Information is available through the Convention Web Site at [www.baptist-atlantic.ca](http://www.baptist-atlantic.ca) . Check it out. Plan to attend the public rally at Kentville Arena, 6:30 p.m. on July 11/06.

**Regional Working Group** The RWG met at Berwick UBC on January 19<sup>th</sup> to look at the Regional Minister's Strategic Plan for 2006. They met on April 4<sup>th</sup> to receive the Regional Minister's Report for the first quarter of 2006 (7a). The (numbers/letters) identify Plan items.

**Personal** So far in 2006 I have only been able to participate in two mid-morning to noon Retreats. I shall undertake to do better in the second quarter (8a). I did take in the Simpson Week at ADC, except for the Wednesday evening lecture (8c). I have registered to audit the spring course on "Effective & Healthy Voice Production (8d). I have read four books in the first quarter (8e). However, it wasn't until February 15<sup>th</sup> that I was able to return to our New Horizon Band (8f). Of the thirteen Fridays I was able to claim six as a "day off" (8g). However, I did claim the New Year Holiday and also flew to Ontario with Sharon for a weekend family visit before the CBM National Staff Conference in January (8h). I extended the Easter weekend in April by claiming vacation days on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> (8i). Our daughter, Susan, and her husband, Tom, from Toronto were with us that weekend. Our grand daughter, Nova, now over fourteen months old is a healthy

cheerful girl. Your prayers on our behalf and on behalf of our family are appreciated.