



December 8th, 2025

Dear Atlantic Baptist Women,

It's with humility that we write to you today. In June of this year, our Executive Director, Tera-Mae, was made aware that as of February 8, 2025, our organization had lost its charitable status due to failure to submit our charity return form with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Since discovering the error, Tera-Mae has been working continually, with the support of the Officers and Executive Board, to get us back on track. All outstanding forms have now been submitted to the CRA along with our re-application for charitable status, and we fully expect that our charitable status will be reinstated. Unfortunately, we have just been informed by the CRA that this will likely take another six to nine months.

Since our charitable status is what allows us to issue tax receipts, this has several implications:

- We are still allowed to collect donations during this period even though we are not able to receipt them right now. It is your donations that enable us to support missions both at home and around the world.
- When our charitable status is reinstated it will be effective as of the initial date of revocation, allowing us to issue receipts for all of your donations, including those received while we were without charitable status.
- We will be sending out receipts for gifts received during January 2025 as usual. The receipts for the remainder of 2025 donations will be sent with those for 2026.

We are also taking steps to keep this from happening again, including: hiring a bookkeeper, clearly articulating the responsibilities of each board position to ensure clarity and oversight, and requiring more regular updates regarding our financial position.

Clearly, this is not an ideal situation. Still, we believe that God continues to do great things through Atlantic Baptist Women, even amidst our human failing. Throughout our 150-year history, we have seen this again and again. We encourage you to reach out to either Katie or Tera-Mae with any questions or concerns. You will find our contact information below.

Thank you for your faithfulness both now and in the past. We look forward to serving with you for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,

Your ABW Executive Board

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