

# interMISSION 2025 Workshop Choices

Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

## **Refugee Sponsorship: Hope-filled Care for Neighbours, Near and Far, with Jacqueline Derrah**

**1** In this workshop with Jacqueline Derrah, Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada's coordinator of refugee sponsorship, see how CBAC is responding to the global refugee crisis by offering hope to some of the world's most vulnerable people. "Through Christian hospitality, we welcome strangers and offer them care, encouragement, and support as they settle in our communities."

## **"In Sympathy with the Adventure":**

### **Maritime Baptist Women Pastors, 1918–1954, with Pat Townsend**

**2** The workshop will focus on the preliminary research I have undertaken on the topic, the resources I have found, and ones I wished I could have found. Several women will be noted in some detail. The research is ongoing and the number of women who pastored continues to grow, so that will be highlighted.

## **"Why the Establishment of the African United Baptist Association in Nova Scotia?" with George Gray**

**3** The topics to explore will include vision, purpose, involvement of the early pastors, leadership, structure, growth, historical highlights, and partnerships regarding the African United Baptist Association of Nova Scotia. An active and vital institution not only in the Black community but also in the greater community at large, the AUBA will mark 172 years in existence in the community of East Preston, Nova Scotia, on August 15–17, 2025.

## **Better Together: How Empowering Women Elevates the Whole Church, with Rev. Kim Butler**

**4** Men and women both play vital roles in spreading the gospel, yet women often still encounter barriers and inequities in our world and within our churches. Imagine the transformative power of a church that fully empowers women to use their God-given gifts without restraint. We invite you to an engaging panel discussion about the biblical foundation, practical implications, and transformative power of fully embracing this call in our communities.

## **Introduction to TREY and the Issue of Sex Trafficking in Atlantic Canada**

**5** Sex trafficking is a growing yet often hidden issue in Atlantic Canada, impacting vulnerable individuals and communities. This workshop introduces Trauma Recovery for Exploited Youth (TREY), a faith-based safe house in Nova Scotia dedicated to supporting survivors of commercial sexual exploitation through holistic care and unconditional love. Learn about the realities of sex trafficking in our provinces, the challenges survivors face, and how TREY is making a difference. Together, we'll explore ways to raise awareness and take action against exploitation.

## **BWA Women are Better Together, with Merritt Johnston**

**6** With Merritt Johnston, the executive director of Baptist World Alliance Women, discover more about the global sisterhood of Baptist women. We are better together, joined worldwide in Christ.

## **Crafting with Rhonda Babineau (Afternoon only)**

Better. Together ... while crafting together! Enjoy making a button art project to remind us of the 2025 interMISSION theme. Please bring your colourful used or new buttons, good quality craft glue (dries clear) and an 8" x 12" used or new frame. Cost \$10 (correct change, please). Limit: 20.

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## **Visit Camp interMISSION at Wildwood (Afternoon only)**

Ready for an unforgettable adventure? Don't miss the field trip to Camp Wildwood! Join the excitement as we meet up with our amazing Camp interMISSION girls for an afternoon packed with fun and adventure! We'll hit the road right after lunch at 12:45 p.m. and be back just in time for a delicious supper at 4:30 p.m. Sign up now and make memories that will last a lifetime! Cost: \$10 (correct change, please). Limit: 12

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## **Leaders of ABW Groups & Woman's Missionary Societies (Morning Only), with Dr. Carol Anne Janzen and Rev. Gail Whalen-Dunn**

Are you part of the leadership for an Atlantic Baptist Women's group or WMS? Come together to talk about the ABW group/WMS that you help to lead. We'll share stories and learn as we join thoughts and prayers to see how we can be better together and nurture and foster growth in Atlantic Baptist Women.

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## **Scarcity or Abundance? How Asset-Based Strategies Change Our Vision of God's Future for the Neighbourhood, with Steven Porter**

Would you like to learn how to create more effective, lasting partnerships with schools, non-profits, and other organizations working in your neighbourhood? How we see a neighbourhood—and the people, places, spaces, and history that comprise it—significantly determines our relationship with a community and our approach to renewal. What difference would it make to centre conversations about renewal on the assets of a neighbourhood rather than its deficits? How might we avoid a "toxic charity" that robs people of dignity? Christian community development employs asset-based strategies to restore hope through mutual transformation. Come learn some basic practices of this approach from the book of Nehemiah and beyond.

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## **Canadian Baptist Ministries: MENA and Lebanon, with Brenda Halk and Alexandra Bridi**

The Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, with its rich history and diverse cultural landscape, presents unique challenges and opportunities for ministry. CBM has been deeply involved in this region, particularly in Lebanon, where it supports a range of initiatives aimed at empowering local communities through education, leadership development, and direct aid. Learn about CBM's work in MENA and in particular Lebanon, including its people, projects, partners, and ongoing challenges of daily life.

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