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Dear Friends,

Greetings to you in the name of our risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. I am writing to inform you of a recent decision of the Council of the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches. The past few months have been a time of change and transition in our Convention. As you know I began to serve as Executive Minister in September, 2008. This was soon followed with the transition of Dr. Bruce Fawcett to the faculty of Acadia Divinity College leaving a large hole in our senior staff complement and creating more change. Mrs. Pat Dunwoody who looked after our Data Base retired at the end of 2008, and Mr. Andrew Hankinson our Web Master is planning to complete his contract with the Convention in July, 2009. I am very pleased that Mr. Andrew Myers has joined our staff as Communications Manager and is a great addition to the team in the office in Saint John.

With new leadership and a certain amount of change happening at the Senior staff level, the Council decided this is an appropriate time to review all senior staff positions to make certain we continue to allocate staff to enhance the ministries we do together and to create capacity for greater ministry to our churches and pastors in the future. For this reason Council decided to freeze all new Senior Staff appointments for two years as of November 2008. This allows time for the Executive Minister to conduct a review consulting with current staff, pastors, and members of the constituent churches concerning our needs.

With all of this in mind Council gave permission to the Executive Minister and staff to function in an interim mode during this time of review. It has been noted that some Senior Staff (including Regional Ministers) will be eligible for re-appointment during this two year period of Review. For this reason the Convention Council has decided that any Senior Staff who are eligible for re-appointment during this period of review will have their term extended to the end of the Review period. In November 2010 the Executive Minister will bring a final report to Council regarding the review.

Please watch for further communication and opportunities for suggestions and input as this process continues. Thank you for your commitment to our shared ministry together.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Peter L. Reid
Executive Minister