

July 2010

Dear Church Clerk,

Your pastor's wife has been invited to participate in an annual retreat planned specifically for ministry wives. Over the past several years, this retreat has been a highlight for many wives of pastors and those in other Christian ministries. The fellowship, worship, teaching, and relaxing atmosphere of the retreat works to strengthen supportive relationships, and renew the hearts and lives of the women who attend.

We feel that women who are wives of those in Christian ministries of various kinds, face concerns and struggles unique to their position and may find it helpful to share with other women in a similar situation to gain insight, encouragement and prayer support. Over the years we have seen some women arrive with heavy burdens and those same women leave with loads lifted, and feeling spiritually renewed. This year's theme for the event is 'Not just one of the girls'. We see this as a very important ministry to these women that benefits the whole ministry family. We believe in the value of this event and as such our Youth and family department of the Convention supports and invests in this event in a variety of ways, including financially.

We would like to encourage you again to reach out to your pastor's wife / ministry wife and give her a Retreat. Perhaps you could contribute \$100 or even the entire registration fee or help provide some childcare while she is away. A beautiful card, signed by all the deacons and or trustees on behalf of the congregation, with a cheque to assist with the cost would be a gift of love indeed!

The retreat will take place at the **Rodd Park House Inn, Moncton NB** on **November 5-7th, 2010**. The registration fee is a first come, first serve bases and covers all expenses associated with the event (lodging, meals, snacks, plenary session room rentals and her share of the 'speaker costs'), **but not her travel costs.**

The cost of the event before **September 10th, 2010** \$215 (2 per room) or \$165.00 (4 to a room); after September 10th the cost is \$235.00 (2 per room) and \$185.00 (4 to a room). Registration deadline is October 10th, 2010, at which point no refunds will be given.

A cheque should be made out to **Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches** with **Refresh** in the memo line and sent to **Janice Potvin** 7303 Hwy 221, Centreville NS B0P 1J0.

Thank-you for considering this request

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Peter Reid
Executive Minister

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