

OVERFLOWING  
WITH  
*Hope*  
CHURCH APPEAL



CANADIAN BAPTISTS  
of ATLANTIC CANADA



## **VISION**

*We have a vision to see every CBAC church "overflowing with hope" in neighbourhoods across Atlantic Canada.*

*This vision has come from our churches and is for our churches.*

## **APPEAL**

*The Overflowing with Hope Church Appeal aims to secure the necessary funding to advance the initiatives of the Strategic Vision and calls upon our family of churches to rise in response.*

# THE CURRENT REALITY

*Looking across the 419 churches in the CBAC family we see tremendous possibilities for ministry, with many signs of God's hope already alive in our churches.*

However...

Too many churches are struggling to find capable leaders, to take care of themselves, or to simply stay open, wondering if they even have a future.

Too many pastors are running dry, feeling alone, and under resourced for the challenges being faced.

As the CBAC, we are all stronger together. Years ago, churches gave to what was called "United in Mission", while in more recent years we simply call it the *CBAC Fund*. However, this has been trending \$100,000-\$150,000 less each year, resulting in a \$300,000 budget gap – and growing.

With no standard to help churches set their contributions to the *CBAC Fund*, each plan in a different way, leading to unpredictable giving patterns. This makes it difficult for CBAC to plan for the long term, as well as short term, when a coordinated effort is necessary.

*To meet these challenges we need a shared understanding of the present situation and a shared effort in response.*

*A renewed commitment to consistent and collaborative financial support through the CBAC is essential for sustaining strategic efforts and strengthening our collective future.*

# THE VISION: “OVERFLOWING WITH HOPE”

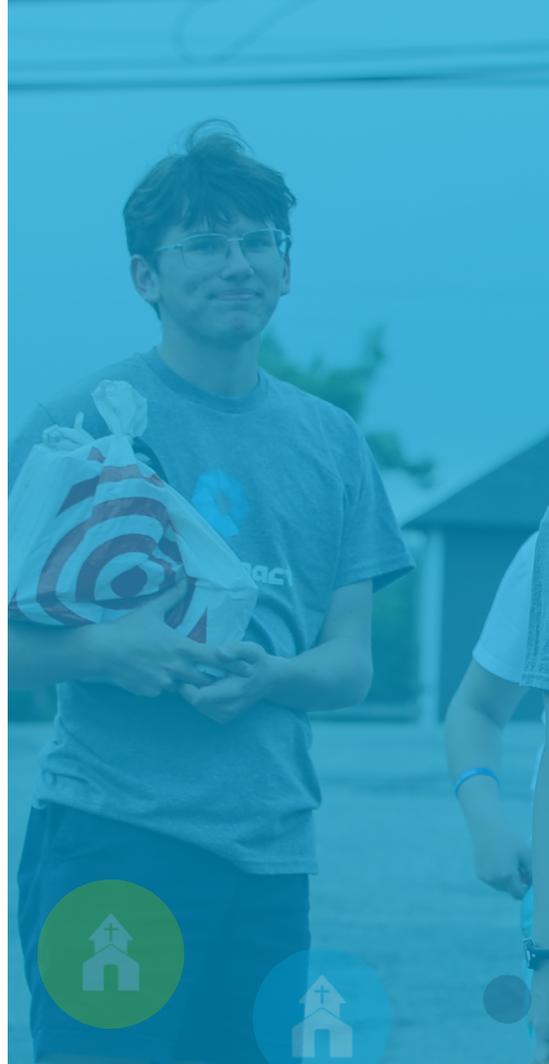
*To address the needs we see, our CBAC family of churches has developed a Strategic Vision we call “Overflowing with Hope.”*

*We are already seeing the impact of this, and a renewed sense of hope is rising in Atlantic Canada.*

*God is at work here!*

By investing in the “Overflowing with Hope” CBAC Fund, we can resource these strategic priority areas:

1. CALLING HOPE-FILLED LEADERS
2. HOPE-FILLED CONNECTIONS FOR COACHING AND CARE
3. HOPE-FILLED CONVERSATIONS FOR THE FUTURE
4. HOPE-FILLED ORGANIZATIONAL RENEWAL





*A collective focus on the priorities detailed in the “Overflowing with Hope” Strategic Vision will honour God’s leading and help build the health and vitality of all our churches, for this generation and for future generations to come.*



# THE CHURCH APPEAL

*Since we want to see every church “overflowing” and thriving in its ministry, we’d like to also see each church engage with support for the vision of hope-filled ministry in Atlantic Canada.*

It may have been some time since your church has intentionally considered its financial contribution toward the ministry of your CBAC family. Currently, the average CBAC church gives approximately **3.5%** of its total revenue to the CBAC each year (based on the churches we have reports for). Some churches give much more, while others give less.

**46** churches gave over 5% of their annual revenue

**105** churches gave less than 5% of their annual revenue

**169** churches gave but did not provide financial information in their Church Life Reports

**99** churches have not given in recent years

**Please discuss the following with your church finance board and congregation:**

*We're asking all churches to consider supporting the CBAC Fund with 5% of total revenue as a baseline amount for 2026 and in years to come.*

Churches that already give above 5% are also encouraged to consider an increase. This extra generosity helps make up the gap for churches with a lesser capacity for giving at this time, and ensures our *Overflowing with Hope* vision can move forward.

While we understand every church has a different capacity for giving, we hope that every church will value its place in the CBAC family and engage as much as possible for the betterment of all.

Your financial support matters: our only source of income is from within the CBAC family (churches, individuals, estates). As your church intentionally grows its yearly contribution to the *CBAC Fund*, you can invest in a hope-filled ministry future for other churches as well as your own.

This level of support can help us act on our strategic vision priorities and begin to dream about greater ways God's hope can impact Atlantic Canada.

You are welcome to contact the CBAC office with any questions or to discuss this further, we are happy to provide any help we can.

**We invite your church to be part of the rising tide of hope. We believe that together we can overflow as an unstoppable ocean of hope in our neighbourhoods, communities, towns, cities, provinces, and across Atlantic Canada.**

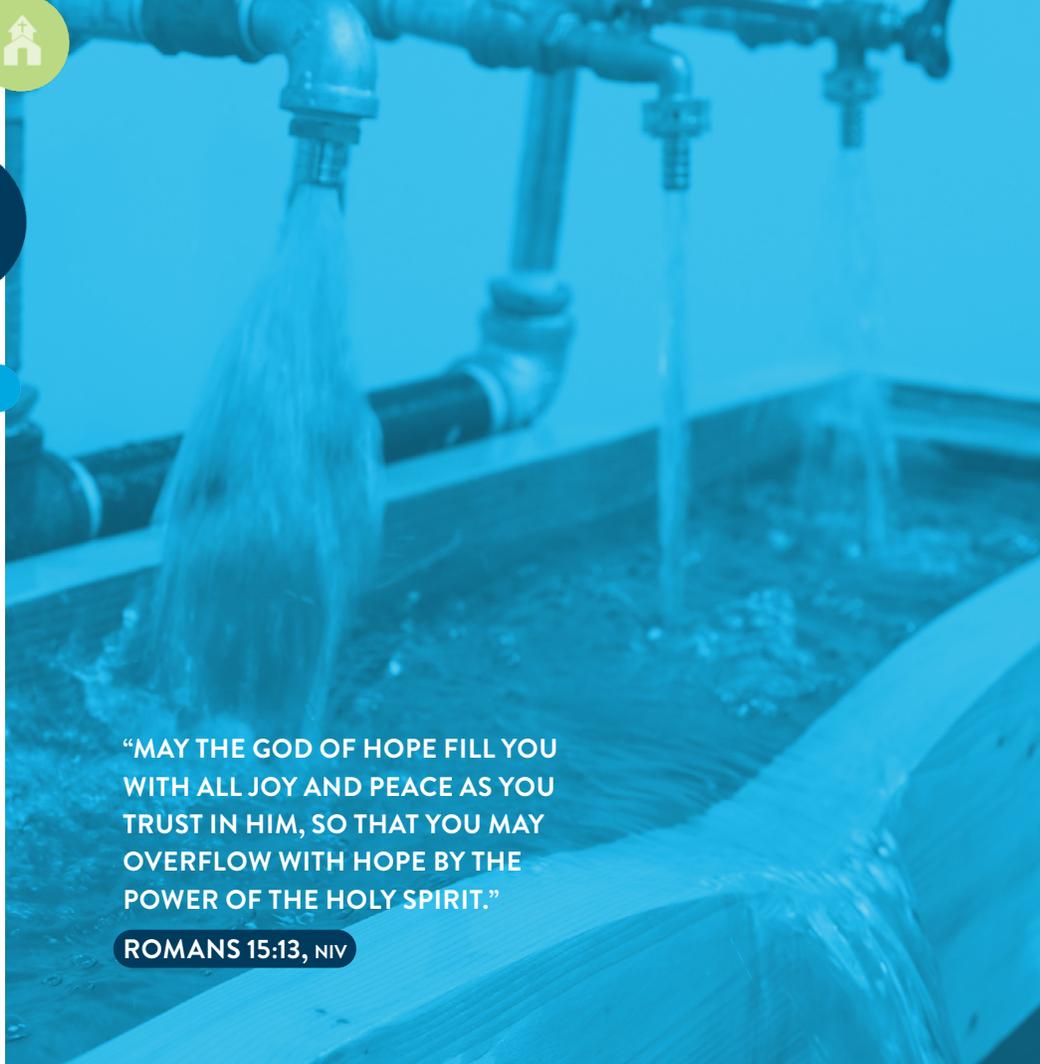


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**“MAY THE GOD OF HOPE FILL YOU  
WITH ALL JOY AND PEACE AS YOU  
TRUST IN HIM, SO THAT YOU MAY  
OVERFLOW WITH HOPE BY THE  
POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.”**

**ROMANS 15:13, NIV**