



Vital Church Maritimes 2024

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

May 9 to May 11, 2024



Jesus says, “When the Holy Spirit comes upon you,
you will be filled with power,
and you will be witnesses for me in Jerusalem,
in all of Judea and Samaria,
and to the ends of the earth” – *Acts 1:8 (NLT)*

THURSDAY, May 9, 2024

12-noon to 1 p.m.	Registration & Gathering Time with Refreshments (<i>lunch not included</i>)
1 p.m. to 2 p.m.	Conference begins with Welcome, Introductions, Worship, etc.
WHAT IS?	
2 p.m. to 3:15 p.m.	SESSION #1: Setting The Scene
3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	Break (Refreshments provided)

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.	EXERCISE #1: Your Church's Missional Story
5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Dinner (provided)
6:30 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.	SESSION #2: Recalling the Work
8 p.m.	Ascension Day Celtic Worship
FRIDAY, May 10, 2024 WHAT COULD BE?	
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Gather & Coffee, Tea, etc.
9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Worship
9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.	EXERCISE #2: Bible Study
10:15 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.	Break (Refreshments provided)
10:45 a.m. to 12-noon a.m.	SESSION #3: Getting Out of the Box
12-noon to 1 p.m.	Lunch (provided)
1 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. 2:30 p.m. Stretch BREAK 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.	MINI-SEMINARS: Shifting from What Could Be to What Will Be. TALK: Discovering Gifts & Passions (Yours and Others) – <i>Kim Lively</i> TALK: We Are Not Alone - Collaborating as Teams – <i>Heather McCance</i> <i>(no refreshments)</i> PANEL: What does it look like? DISCUSSION: What could be for you?

4 pm to 5:30 pm	Free Time
5:30 pm to 6:45 pm	Dinner (provided)
7 p.m. to 8:20 p.m.	TAKE OFF, EH! - Faith & Fun PARTY! Trivia, Sing-a-long, and a special talk from an Airport Chaplain!
SATURDAY, May 11, 2024 WHAT WILL BE?	
8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Gather & Coffee, Tea, etc., Room Check-out
9 a.m. to 9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Worship
9:15 a.m. to 10:30 am	SESSION #4: Mission-Shaped Church
10:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Break (hearty refreshments provided)
11 a.m. to 12-noon	EXERCISE #3: Devising a Flight Plan
12-noon to 12:15 p.m.	Wrap-up, Commissioning Worship
12:15 p.m.	Sent to Soar into the future!



PRESENTER INFO:



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

David Robinson.

A recent migrant to Nova Scotia, David is passionate about mission and congregational flourishing with more than 30 years' of experience in Canadian Anglican churches. Originally from Ontario, he has served in the Dioceses of Toronto, Rupert's Land (Manitoba) and Montreal, as well as consulted in many other areas across North America.

David was a key staff driver to the implementation of missional change in Toronto. He has extensive experience in strategic planning, supporting new church plant, reconfiguration of historic congregations. Dave also held portfolios in Youth & Young Adult Ministry, Rural Ministry Support, Conflict Management and Congregational Health. Dave was a recipient of the Canada 125 Award for his urban mission work and in 2013, he was appointed an Honourary Lay Canon of St. James' Cathedral in Toronto by Archbishop Colin Johnson.

Born and raised in the southern Ontario area, Dave spends his free time on the water as an avid sailor, wilderness canoeist and amateur boat-builder. He now lives in Whites Lake, NS, with his spouse, The Rev. Dr. Heather McCance, President of Atlantic School of Theology, and together they support a 23-year-old child, a 6-year old border collie cross, a 6-year-old black cat and a 40-year-old sailboat.

Through Appreciative Inquiry, Dave has come to understand his purpose in life as, "I am a Skipper and a Guide; I help people to get where they need to go." He continues to do this as a coach, consultant and facilitator in the Church through his consulting practice "Loose Canon Consulting".



OTHER SPEAKERS & PRESENTERS:

Kim Lively – The Connectors Facilitator

Kim Lively is a lay person at St. Margaret's Anglican Church in Oakfield, N.S. where she shares in Christ's mission to bring faith into everyday life and to be a beacon of light and hope in the world.

With over 30 years of law firm management experience, Kim played a pivotal role in the smooth operation of an office. She possessed leadership and organizational skills that ensured the effectiveness of both the company's staff and processes, often serving as the first point of contact for clients.

As a volunteer, Kim spent many years as a leader with Girl Guides of Canada before becoming an expedition coordinator and leader with the Duke of Edinburgh Award, that challenges and empowers youth to make a difference in their communities.

She is currently serving as a co-facilitator with The Connectors missional learning cohort, sponsored through Diocese of Nova Scotia & Prince Edward, where she enjoys sharing her passion for missional leadership possibilities in our Church and our ability to seek new opportunities to build a bright future together.



Heather McCance – President, Atlantic School of Theology, Halifax, NS

Heather McCance is passionate about empowering and equipping people to discover and use their gifts for the ministries to which God calls them. Ordained a priest in 1998, she served in rural multi-point, suburban, and urban parishes for 20 years before becoming Ministry Developer for the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land (south-east Manitoba and north-west Ontario). She then moved to Montreal Diocesan Theological College as Director of

Pastoral Studies before arriving at Atlantic School of Theology last summer where she now serves as President.

Heather holds a Doctor of Ministry degree in leadership development and is a member of the Living Waters Cooperative for the ministry of all the baptized. Her hobbies include reading mystery novels, competitive cheerleading, and sailing. Heather is married to Dave Robinson and mom to their young adult kid, Marvel.

Peter Freeman – Chaplain, Stanfield International Airport

Peter has spent over 30 years engaged in disciplined and intentional customer relations roles, ranging from retail sales, small business ownership, the Canadian airline industry and Spiritual Care at Halifax Stanfield International Airport, N.S. Over his career he has been recognized by his managers and customers for superb customer service and communication skills.

Although born and raised in Nova Scotia, Peter has lived in Edmonton and Toronto. He is currently enjoying the Chaplaincy at Stanfield International, retirement from WestJet, spending time with his wife, the Lovely Anne, and building Lego with his two grandsons, Roland and Linus. Peter is active at Life Branch Church, in Dartmouth, N.S., serving on the leadership team as an Elder, playing Bass on a worship team, and is the lead for the Community Engagement Team.



MUSIC:



Mark McMullin

- Musician and Youth Leader

A self-taught guitarist, Mark is a firm believer in the adage that singing is like praying twice.

Whether it's during campfire worship at DYC, prayerful music during Holy Week, a Baby Shark version of the nativity story at Messy Church, or duets with his four year-old daughter at home, Mark feels closest to God when he has a guitar in his hands and is grateful whenever an opportunity arises to connect with others and God through music.

Mark and his family worship at St. Timothy's Anglican, Hatchet Lake, N.S.



Don Arenburg - Music Leader

Don and his wife Dianne have been members of St. James' Anglican, Kentville, N.S. since 2007. Don soon joined the choir and remained as a member for many years. They both attended the Cursillo weekend in 2001 where Don assisted with the music on the Men's weekend and has continued to do so most of the weekends since then, as well as at the Ultreyas.

Don has also led the music for the services officiated by a team from St. James' at several Nursing Homes in the Kentville area for a number of years.

Don is a Licensed Lay Minister at St. James', and is presently a member of Parish Council. Don is a member of The Connectors ONE, and graduated from Education For Ministry (EFM) in 2017. Don loves to sing praises to the Lord and is looking forward to being ministered to by everyone at VCM 2024.

Rebecca Fairless and Rob Hutten

Rebecca Fairless is a music therapist, singer-songwriter, and church organist at St. Margaret of Scotland, Anglican Church in Halifax, N.S. She performs with folk duo The Dusty Halos.

Rob Hutten is a singer, songwriter, and performer of vintage roots music. He spends his Sunday mornings at All Nations Church in Halifax, N.S. His 2022 album "Sketchy" is available on all platforms.

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