## Rev. Greg W. Jones Associate Executive Minister, Director for Congregational Renewal

Growing up in Riverview, NB, Greg was baptized at the age of eight and became a member of Riverview United Baptist Church. This church and its leaders, along with Greg's family as well as his involvement at Camp Wildwood in his high school years, were formative in his early faith development.

Greg graduated from Riverview High School in 1977, and began engineering studies at Mount Allison University. After his second year he transferred to Atlantic Baptist College (ABC) where he received his Associate of Arts in 1980. Following his graduation from Mount Allison University in 1982 with a Bachelor of Arts (Sociology), Greg attended Regent College in Vancouver from 1982 to 1985 and received his Master of Divinity.

In 1985 Greg with his wife Wendy moved back to Atlantic Canada and began pastoral ministry on the then two-church field of Middle Sackville United Baptist Church and Midgic United Baptist Church. In 1993 Greg was called to become Senior Pastor of First Moncton United Baptist Church, where he served until April 2002. During his ministry in Moncton Greg was also a member of the Convention's Council for several years. In April of '02 he was called as a Regional Minister (Region Six) and Director of Development of the then *Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches*.

In the CABC's restructuring of 2012 Greg transitioned to become one of three Associate Executive Ministers, being appointed as Director for Congregational Renewal. Greg takes point leadership in working with congregations in the challenging journey of renewal, as well as assisting congregations in their search for new pastors and pastors when they are open for a new call. In addition, he spends much of his time consulting, coaching, visioning, and trouble-shooting with congregations and their leaders.

Greg looks forward to continue to work with churches in the area of *Mission Edge Churches* Congregational Renewal, particularly as it relates to the rolling out of the recently printed congregational guide called "*MISSION EDGE CHURCHES: Living Your Kingdom Call*" and both resourcing and encouraging CBAC churches to not only identify as *Mission Edge Churches* but to live into that model out of their desire of being the churches that God calls them to be.

Greg completed the Arrow Executive Leadership program in January of 2011, and the Doctor of Ministry degree at Acadia Divinity College in 2021. The title of his thesis was <u>Towards an Understanding of the Roots</u>, Core Concepts, and Contextual Context of 'Missional Church' within the *Canadian Baptists of Atlantic Canada*.

Greg and his wife Wendy reside in Moncton, NB, and are in the process of having their membership transferred to First Moncton United Baptist Church. Wendy also serves with the CBAC. They have three adult daughters (Laura O'Rourke, Amy Pike, and Molly Jones), and are the proud grandparents of six delightful grandchildren ranging in age from eight to thirteen.