

At 4.00 pm, **Sunday, September 12th**, (rain date September 19th) at the Cairn at Willowbank on Starrs Point, you are invited to join in worship and to a picnic to follow at Willowbank Farm, to remember the **arrival of the Planters** from New England there in June of 1760, for what was a re-founding of the local community both civil and religious after the expulsion of the Acadians.

Bring your own folding chairs and blanket for a picnic as well as something for a pot luck picnic. Hot dogs will be available as well as coffee, tea and juice. You are invited to bring any photographs or articles of interest for display in the carriage house.

Representatives of Canning and Wolfville area church councils have drawn up an order of worship. The hymns will be chosen and performed by local musicians drawn from the repertoire of the time of the Planters arrival. While most of those who arrived were members of the congregational church the religious community was diverse and became very quickly even more so. Both the Planters and the Acadians (some of whom evaded expulsion and were on hand to help maintain the dykes) were peoples of profound faith.

This story includes hurt and healing, taking up roots and planting new ones, letting go of resentment and finding reconciliation and new life, all echoes of the story of God's grace in Old and New Testaments. Each denomination represented will provide someone to read the passage of scripture, someone to offer a two minute reflection about what their denomination has brought to this community and to offer brief prayer.