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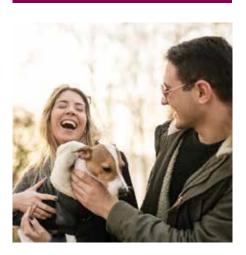
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Office Locations: ABCUSA Office – located in Room 2E

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# **Welcome First Timers**

Whether this is your first time attending or your fourth, come to the Welcome to First Timers session on Friday, June 21, 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM in Rooms 2B-2D to learn about the Biennial Mission Summit and activities you can and should be involved in!

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# Welcome to the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit!



Welcome to the Summit by the Sea! Welcome! Welcome! Welcome!

I am excited that you are here! For the past 18 months we have been planning for your arrival in great detail. Every two years our family gathers from large and small towns, urban, suburban, and rural communities, and from mission centers beyond Puerto Rico and the continental USA. We gather in order to reconnect, and

to be encouraged, empowered, and enriched, that we might return equipped to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus Christ. The church is facing changing realities in this present age. Yet as in every age, God always wants to work through God's word, through God's people, and through the power of the Holy Spirit to bring needed transformation.

At this Biennial Mission Summit by the Sea, through class room type learning opportunities, plenaries, worship, Baptist Talk conversation, the celebrations of ABC life, and much more, you have connected where God has and continue God's effort to equip the saints for the work of the ministry. Welcome seminarians soon to graduate and pastors new to ABC life. May your time be inspiring. Finally, I join with the Region of the South in welcoming you to the hospitality of the South. At this Summit they will launch their 50th anniversary celebration. We praise the work of God through them.

May your time at this Biennial Mission Summit meet your every expectation and more!

Continued Blessings,

**Rev. Dr. Philip K. James** Chair, Biennial Mission Summit Planning Team



Soren Kierkegaard's words are appropriate again, he says, "My very humble work, is to make people aware. . . . to make room that God may come." I originally quoted him in an advent greeting but these words still ring full of joy and hope, and I realize now that we not only wish to make room for our God but also for His people, the many delegates, visitors, and friends attending the ABCUSA Summit by the Sea. We are pleased to

welcome you to the Region of the South and to Virginia Beach, Virginia. We are privileged to have you as our "company", as we say in the south. Virginia's slogan is "Virginia is for Lovers", this includes God Lovers most especially!

We are grateful to leaders in the Office of the General Secretary and the Board of General Ministries who have chosen to bring all of ABCUSA to the place where the Chesapeake Bay meets the Atlantic Ocean. Please worship with us and go about to experience our good food, rich history, sandy beaches, and the many other family attractions. We pray that you are enriched in every way having visited with us.

We are forever committed to the memory of the historical man Jesus and now since we have come to understand through faith the meaning of His life, join us in our belief and eternal commitment to the Resurrected Christ. We look forward to growing in our relationship and trust in Christ having shared time with all of you. Congratulations to Dr. Lee Spitzer, General Secretary, his staff, volunteers and the many workers among the Local Arrangements Committee, led by Dr. Betty Long, first Vice President, American Baptist Churches of the South. You are welcome and thanks for coming. *Yall come again now you hear!* 

**Dr. James M. Harrison, Executive Minister**American Baptist Churches
of the South (ABCOTS)



Being together is always a good reason . . .

The 2019 Biennal Mission Summit in Virginia Beach is the happiest gathering of our family, where we have an opportunity to show our unity and the grace of being together, to proclaim our relevance in this new time, affirming our diversity which always enriches us, and to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the Lord.

Educational experiences, worship services, lunches and dinners, meeting with our friends, camaraderie and confraternization are just some of the incentives to participate. If this were not enough, the location is spectacular. The ocean always invites us to have time to reflect, but it also gives us the opportunity to have relaxation time and at the end, have fun.

The Baptist Family will be celebrating our Summit event, but the most important thing is that we can affirm that we are part of the people of God who today proclaim the good news for all our society, country and all that we can achieve, for the Glory of God Father and for the benefit of all His creation.

I wait for you in Virginia Beach, where I will have the opportunity to greet you, share what we have done in the past years, our goals and projections, and at the end of the experience, celebrate the richness of our multiform face.

Josué D. Gómez-Menéndez ABCUSA President, 2018-2019



"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the **sea** resound!" (Psalm 96:11).

Welcome, American Baptists and friends, to Virginia Beach for the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit by the Sea! During our three days together, we will be inspired by an amazing corps of plenary speakers, engage in cutting edge discussions during our ABCUSA Biennial Academy, enjoy fellowship in a most hospitable shore community,

and worship a Savior and Lord whose "rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth" (Zechariah 9:10). Please plan on staying until the very end, for the Sunday evening gathering where we will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our host region, the American Baptist Churches of the South.

In the well-known Gospel story, Jesus traversed the Sea of Galilee along with his disciples. When the waves buffeted the boat, he "rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm" (Matthew 8:26). In 2019, our country and indeed, the world, are experiencing many waves of turmoil and strife. The storms of life threaten to divide and dismay. I pray that our time together as followers of Christ may provide a positive and

powerful witness to the peacemaking mission of those who are citizens of the universal Kingdom of God.

I am pleased that two of our plenary speakers are leaders of the Baptist World Alliance. ABCUSA was a founding member of the BWA in 1905, and for more than a century we have played a leading role in its mission. The Baptist family is a global community, and this reminds us of the Scriptural affirmation that "the nations on every shore will worship God, everyone in their own land" (Zephaniah 2:11).

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer **ABCUSA General Secretary** 

# Your feedback is important!



If you participated in the Baptist Talk Conversations, please complete this 11 question survey to provide insight into your experience.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ABCMSC2019

friday night - ice cream social

# **ABC Young Adult Caucus**

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Age 19-39? Become a Member! Other ages? Come Alongside and Support!

It's not too late to register on site! Email abcyacaucus@gmail.com for instant info during biennial.

sunday night - dinner

# **Worship Experiences**

From Sea to Sea Dr. Howard Stevenson Friday evening, June 21

An evening hosted by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) celebrating the work American Baptists are doing across our nation, featuring stories from ABHMS and music representing the rich diversity of American Baptists in the United States.

# **Across the Seas**

Rev. Dr. Elijah Brown
Saturday evening, June 22

An evening hosted by International Ministries (IM) celebrating American Baptists' work around the globe, featuring reports from IM Global Servants on the Ups and Downs of Life Across the Seas and interactive elements reflecting on engaging around the world.

# **Navigating Choppy Seas**

Dr. Jolene Erlacher
Sunday morning Word and Witness,
June 23

A morning session hosted by American Baptist Women's Ministries, featuring stories from American Baptist Women and Girls, led by AB Women and Girls, and including music that inspires while navigating choppy seas.

# Worship by the Sea Rev. Ngwedla Paul Msiza Sunday morning, June 23

A morning hosted by the Office of the General Secretary and The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) celebrating and looking toward the future of ABC, culminating in an invitation to the Lord's Table and an affirmation of our life together as American Baptists.

# A Sea of Witnesses Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr. Sunday evening, June 23

An evening hosted by the American Baptist Churches of the South (ABCOTS) region, featuring music and preaching from ABCOTS and celebrating stories from the first 50 years of the region. This session will lift up the life and work of the ABCOTS region and also invite all ABC regions and persons into a meaningful future dedicated to serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

# **Speakers**



**Dr. Howard Stevenson** is the Constance Clayton professor of Urban Education, professor of Africana Studies, in the Human Development and Quantitative Methods Division of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the executive director of the Racial Empowerment Collaborative at Penn, designed to promote racial literacy in education, health, community and justice institutions. He is

a nationally recognized clinical psychologist and researcher on negotiating racial conflicts using racial literacy for independent and public K-12 schooling, community mental health centers, teachers, police and parents.



**Rev. Dr. Elijah Brown,** originally from the state of Texas, assumed the position of general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance on January 1, 2018. He had more than a decade long involvement in the international umbrella organization for Baptists before joining its staff, starting in 2005. His specialties lie in human rights and religious liberty. His doctoral work focused on issues related to World Christianity,

including mission and church growth, peacebuilding and conflict resolution, and the interaction of religion and politics.



**Dr. Jolene Erlacher** founded Leading Tomorrow in 2013 with the aim of equipping churches, businesses, schools, missions agencies and other organizations for effective inter-generational leadership in an evolving culture. She has a passion for equipping a new generation of leaders, and has focused on researching the experiences and needs of Millennials in ministry positions. Her book, *Millennials in Ministry* (Judson

Press) documents her findings. She specializes in providing training and consulting on team effectiveness and inter-generational leadership.



**Rev. Ngwedla Paul Msiza** is a native of South Africa. He was installed on July 25, 2015, as the second African to be president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA). He was first elected one of the 12 vice presidents of the BWA in 2010. Msiza was president of the All Africa Baptist Fellowship, one of six regional fellowships of the BWA, from 2006 to 2011 and general secretary of the Baptist Convention of South Africa

(BCSA) from 2001 to 2010. He is the senior pastor of Peniel Salem Baptist Church in Pretoria.



**Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr.,** has served as the Senior Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina since October 1982. Dr. Jones led a delegation to form a partnership with the Winterveldt School in Mabopane, South Africa, and Friendship Missionary Baptist Church partnered in the purchase and building of a fully equipped Christian educational center for grades K-12. Dr. Jones has organized and led

numerous medical and religious mission teams of preachers, doctors, nurses, technicians and teachers to provide needed healthcare, medical supplies and educational training in Jamaica, Africa, and Guyana, South America for children and families struggling in poverty.

# **ABCUSA Biennial Academy**

n Saturday, the ABCUSA Biennial Academy offers a variety of activities that include continuing education and spiritual growth opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders!

# **Academy Session Schedule**

Full Day Session, all day Saturday (9:00 AM-11:45 AM and 2:15 PM-5:00 PM)

Full Morning Session (9:00 AM-11:45 AM)

Full Afternoon Session (2:15 PM-5:00 PM)

Session I (9:00 AM-10:15 AM)

Session II (10:30 AM-11:45 AM)

Session III (2:15 PM-3:30 PM)

Session IV (3:45 PM-5:00 PM)

# Academy Track Themes (listed in purple)

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# **Full Day Tracks**

# Called to Send, Called to Serve

## Led by the International Ministries Mission Mobilization Team

This track is for individuals who are exploring a personal call to join God in global mission or church leaders who can encourage those considering a call to serve. This interactive track will answer questions and tackle practical issues of what is involved in becoming a global servant. .5 CEUs offered

# Transformational Leadership and the Renewal of the Church

## Led by Dwight Perry

The health and vitality of ABCUSA is dependent upon the health and vitality of the local church. Many congregations are plateaued, inward-focused and declining. There are many factors that contribute to this reality and no "silver bullet" exists. However strong, transformational leaders committed to an outwardly focused agenda of taking the Good News of Christ's Love to the community are key to the church's transformation. This track will focus on four critical areas for the Transformational Leader who is seeking to be used by God to help bring about renewal in their church.

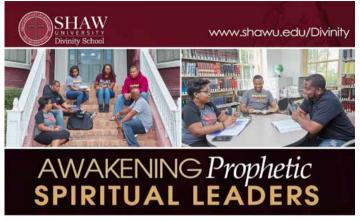
**Session I** focuses on the need for the leader to be transformed. Such topics as transformational vs. transactional leadership, critical areas of growth for the transformational leader, pitfalls to sustained vital spiritual leadership and finally lessons learned from the life of Joseph.

Sessions II and III focus on issues of organizational culture and change as well as a specific pathway by which change can be

**Session IV** looks at developing and deploying ministry saints (Lay people) to utilize their gifts in ministry. Topics that will be covered in this workshop under this theme include the role of preaching in the preparation of laity, the importance of a correct theology of laity, and employing a team approach to ministry versus an individual approach.

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# Full Morning and Full Afternoon Sessions

# Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus in Society

# Jesus was an Inmate: A Movement to End Mass Incarceration [Combined Sessions I and II]

# Led by Raphael G. Warnock

The United States of America, 5% of the world's population, warehouses 25% of the world's prison population. The land of the free is, by far, the incarceration capital of the world. And, in no area of American society are the legacies of slavery and segregation clearer than in the criminal justice system. How can the church and other communities of faith respond? Based upon work being done right now by Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta, and an array of multi-faith partners, this workshop will explore this human rights catastrophe while providing practical responses.

# Whole, Healthy, Hopeful Children in Every Community [Combined Sessions III and IV]

# Led by Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett and a panel of Community Outreach Ministries specialists

You are invited to join a panel of three outstanding Christian leaders of faith-based community organizations who utilize models that effectively combat the adverse impact that socio-economic structures have on children and families in economically underserved neighborhoods. Participants will be afforded the opportunity to listen to and engage with: Rev. Carmen Porco, Ph.D., president of Porco Consulting and CEO of Housing Ministries of American Baptists in Wisconsin, whose theology of poverty and ministry model for Community Learning Centers has been transformational in communities in Madison and Milwaukee, Wis.; Jennifer Muniga, Executive Director of Cameron Community Ministries in Northwest Rochester's Lyell-Otis neighborhood, who has worked with children by teaching preschool, working with runaway and homeless youth in the City of Rochester, serving at Child Protective Services at Bivona Child Advocacy Center and helping the Rochester community rebuild and thrive; Rev. Jermine Alberty, recipient of the Peace and Justice Award from Central Theological Seminary, senior pastor of Bethel Baptist Church in Columbia, Mo., and Executive Director for Pathways to Promise, a cooperative that has facilitated the faith community's work in reaching out to those with mental illnesses and their families since 1988. This outstanding panel will be facilitated by Rev. Dr. Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett, Director, Healing and Transforming Communities, founder of Rizpah's Children and author of Justice for Rizpah's Children.



# Responding to Crisis: Restorative Practice Circles as an Act of Christian Love [Combined Sessions I and II]

# Led by Christine Lafferty, Laura Chanchien Parajón, and David Parajón

In the past ten years, violence has been inflicted on a scale that has never been seen in human history. In this full morning session, learn how the Christian non-profit AMOS Health and Hope based in Nicaragua uses restorative practice circles to promote health and healing, and how you can use circles in your ministry to improve emotional and psychological well-being, reduce conflict, and create safe spaces for sharing.

# From the Steeple to the Street: New Paths for Church Renewal & Multiplication in the 21st Century

# Church Beyond the Walls: Innovating Mission and Ministry Through Fresh Expressions of Church [Combined Sessions I and II]

# Led by Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon and Melodee Fosner

For over a decade, the Fresh Expressions movement has worked to understand how to be church in a changing culture by creating new forms of church alongside inherited congregations. Each month, new leaders (both lay and ordained) are discovering that they can start fresh expressions of church to reach those beyond the reach of the church, and congregations are being revitalized in unexpected ways. Join us to discover the impact and potential of this movement for your leadership and ministry.

# Dinner Church Movement: Finding Traction Among Those Outside the Church Around the Table with Christ [Combined Sessions III and IV]

## Led by Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon and Melodee Fosner

Leaders across the country are rediscovering Jesus' dinner table theology that dominated the Apostolic Era. The present-day Dinner Church movement is giving leaders and churches a renewed ability to reach people who would never attend their Sunday morning gatherings. This session provides an important option for the future of your congregation. It is recommended that attendees of this session also attend the morning session Church Beyond the Walls or have a solid background with Fresh Expressions.

# Fresh Expressions and Latino Communities: Introducing Expresiones Divinas (an Introduction in Spanish) [Combined Sessions III and IV]

## Led by Eliseo Mejia-Leiva

This full afternoon session will focus on the Hispanic population in the United States, which is culturally rich, diverse and growing exponentially. The unique challenges facing first, second and third generation Latinos provide the church with unprecedented opportunities for Latino congregations to grow today. Explore how cultivating Fresh Expressions can maximize the potential of the Church to reach diverse and multicultural communities.

# Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church [Repeated in morning and afternoon]

## Led by Patricia Hernandez and Lawrence Swain

Transition—Interim Ministry for Today's Church will provide clergy and church leaders a basic understanding of the need for churches in transition to call trained transition/interim ministers. The full morning or full afternoon session will include a variety of modules that will highlight key issues faced by churches in transition, the need for trained transition/interim ministers, and specialized transition/interim training for clergy considering interim ministry. It will introduce Transition Ministries ABCUSA as a resource for churches seeking an interim minister, or clergy seeking interim ministry placement opportunities. .25 CEUs offered

# **Individual Sessions**

# **Bible Study**

# **Burmese Bible Study-Walking with Jesus** on the Sea [Session I]

## Led by David C. Laisum

A traditional Burmese saying, "myinma mini yawkya phawngsi" means that the risk of a man working on a boat is like a woman at childbirth. In the earthly days of our Lord, working on and traveling through the Sea of Galilee was not an option. It was part of life. Quick and constant change of the sea was a natural occurrence, and so was the risk of people working on it. As we work on the sea-of-life, all sorts of storms are opportunities to invite Jesus, walk with Jesus, and show the world that Jesus Christ is Lord.

# English Bible Study-Being Jonah in a World of Ninevites [Session I]

# Led by Kyle Witmer

Who are your Ninevites? How does one approach Ninevites? Did Jonah get it right? In this session we will look at the overall missiological thrust of the book of Jonah, seeking the implications for us as Christians in our current context.

# French Bible Study-Courir vers la mer: Le Pélérinage Prophétic de Jonas [Session II]

## Led by Older Azard

La prophétie de Jonas pour le peuple de Ninive révèle l'universalité et la compassion de Dieu envers les perdus. Le refus du prohète d'accepter l'ordre du Seigneur d'aller précher la répentance aux païens (les Ninivites), de peur qu'ils n'obéissent et que Dieu ne leur pardonne. Explorons ensemble le miracle de Dieu à l'égard de son prophète afin de sauver le peuple de Ninive.

# Spanish Bible Study-Huyendo al mar: La jornada profética de Jonás [Session II]

# Led by Lilybeth Bosch

En la jornada profética de Jonás, el huyó, atravesó angustia, tuvo coraje y cuestionó a Dios; aun así, experimentó su justicia y misericordia, el mismo mensaje que Jonás tenía que compartir con los Ninivitas. Dios fue paciente y con profundo amor le preguntó: ¿No crees que yo debo preocuparme y tener compasión por la ciudad

de Nínive? La experiencia de Jonás nos invita a respondernos: ¿Dónde estamos ubicados en nuestra jornada profética? ¿Cómo respondemos a la pregunta de Dios?

# English Bible Study-Jonah and the Scariest Truth of Missions [Session III and IV, Repeated]

### Led by Greg Mobley

When one of ancient Israel's most famous prophets is assigned the case of investigating a crime spree in the foreign city of Nineveh, Jonah takes off for parts unknown. As our wayward prophet careens along a comical thousand-mile misadventure in which he encounters a crew of superstitious Phoenician sailors, a whale, a city full of evil-doers, a scorching sirocco, a scrubby tree, a worm, and a herd of righteous cows, Jonah is forced to confront his deepest fear. This session will explore one of Scripture's bestknown stories, uncovering its continued relevance to a world riven with culture clashes, threatened by ecological degradation, and overgrown with superficial, self-righteous religion.

# Spanish Bible Study-Jonás y la voz profética: Retos para la iglesia de hoy [Session III]

## Led by Abner E. Cotto-Bonilla

El libro de Jonás es un gran ejemplo para entender el llamado de Dios para la iglesia de hoy. En este estudio biblíco reflexionaremos sobre el llamado de Jonás y las implicaciones de su respuesta en su entendimiento acerca de Nínive. ¿Por qué Jonás huye de Dios en medio del llamado? ¿Cómo esta historia nos ayuda a entender el mandamiento más importante de acuerdo a Jesús: ama a Dios y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo? El estudio bíblico se enfocará en temas como peregrinaje, immigración y respuestas teológicas para el llamado de Dios a la iglesia de hoy.

## **Creation Care**

# Being a Caretaker of God's Creation: A Bible Study [Session I]

## Led by Thomas Carr and Katherine Smith

In an age when the most vulnerable human beings are crying out in the midst of global ecological devastation, how does our Christian faith speak to our call to be servants of God's love for all life? This session offers a biblical, theological, and spiritual basis for the work of creation-justice along with a new lens through which to see our faith and ministry in relation to all God's creation.

## .125 CEUs offered

# Become a Climate Ambassador! Be a Voice in Your Church and Community on Creation Care [Session II]

# Led by Ani Fête Crews

We all depend on nature to flourish; that is one reason that God calls us to care for creation. When creation suffers, the most vulnerable among us bear the consequences. Join this session and our ecumenical partner, Blessed Tomorrow, to become a Climate Ambassador, serving as a witness to the impacts of climate change in your congregation and community. This session is the first of a three-part training to equip you with knowledge, experience, and resources to speak confidently on climate change, its impacts, and solutions. Following the event, participants will complete the remaining parts of the training virtually. .125 CEUs offered

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# Community Organizing: Learn About Living Your Faith and Environmental Ethics in the Wider World **[Session III]**

## Led by Shantha Ready Alonso

This session provides practical tools for mobilizing effective action and advocacy in the broader community. .125 CEUs offered

# **Small Things Matter: Become a Creation Justice** Congregation [Session IV]

## Led by a Creation Justice Network Panel

Individual choices make a difference. This session focuses on actions that individuals and congregations can take to move towards ecological sustainability, and why these choices matter.

## .125 CEUs offered

## Financial Wellness

# **MMBB: Financial Planning-Start Today!** [Sessions I and III, Repeated]

## Led by Colin E. Nass

Unbiased, expert guidance is hard to find. Now, more than ever, planning is an essential step towards financial well-being. A good financial plan along with sound advice can lay the foundation for a financial future that is more manageable and more secure. Join us for an overview of the planning process and learn more about what financial planning can do for you.

# **MMBB: Taking Advantage of Your Benefits** [Sessions II and IV, Repeated]

## Led by Patricia L. Hunter

Nobody understands the complex financial issues facing clergy and faith-based leaders the way we do. Whether you are an employer or an employee, we offer peace of mind about financial security. Find out about MMBB's Financial Services' benefits, investment options and financial planning services.

# **Practical Resources for Churches and** Leadership

# Help, We Need a Pastor! [Session I]

## Led by Miriam Méndez

The pastoral search process is a crucial and formative stage in the journey of the church, yet a daunting task that can produce either positive and/or negative energy. Laying a good foundation and employing best practices can provide a healthy pastor-congregation relationship. Learn about: key steps in selecting a search committee, the function of the search committee, working with your regional/denominational leaders, interim/transitional period, and steps in the search process.

# Cause and Issues-Based Fundraising [Session II]

# Led by Denise Gray-Felder

Fundraising is more than asking for money. Participants will discuss ways to communicate with existing donors and to persuade new donors to support critical issues facing the church, our country and the world. Participants will examine ways that effective fundraising organizations use stories of change, and learn to leverage volunteer support to increase donations. Come prepared to share, debate and question.

# Leading and Succeeding for the Future [Session III] Led by Debora Jackson

Learn about strategic and tactical tools for succession planning in organizations, ministries, and churches. Learn how to: discern God's leading in our lives and churches, freeing us to make room for others; recognize and celebrate the gifts and abilities of others; create critical development experiences to broaden skills; and foster a culture that is permissive and welcomes new leadership.

## Embracing a Noisier Table [Session IV]

## Led by Sandra Hasenauer

Can you remember the specifics about when a motion needs a second and when it doesn't? Can you quickly bring to mind in the middle of a discussion how to properly amend a motion? And how often do these concerns for order actually get in the way of honest discussion that brings wide perspectives to the table? Participants will: learn ways to gather input as effectively as possible; explore the possibilities of the consensus model (with a note that what many of us take as "consensus" is not); and learn how to create a holding space for authentic conversation.

# Making Sure 'Born-Digital' is 'Born-Again': The Salvation of Your Church's Story [Session IV]

# Led by Jenny Manasco

Today's church records-annual meeting minutes, clerk's and treasurer's reports, membership rolls, newsletters, etc.-are "borndigital" in Word documents, spreadsheets, websites, social media posts, digital pictures, digital recordings, and other formats. But all of these digital records are more fragile than the paper of the past. Come find out what basic digital preservation steps you can take to ensure these records can be "born-again" (accessed in the future). The salvation of your church's story is at stake!

# Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age

# A Matter of Integration [Sessions I and III, Repeated] Led by Wesley T. Allen

Explore the call to live out our faith in social media in a way that grounds us to a theology of evangelism, justice, hope, and personal integration. This session will focus on the reality of social media identity and why it should be grounded in physical identity.

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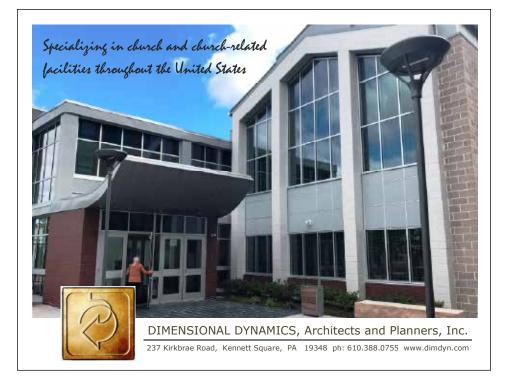
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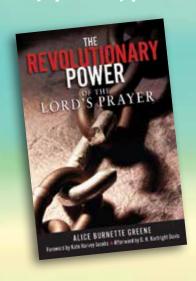




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# **ABCUSA Biennial Academy Speakers**



# Rev. Wesley T. Allen

Wesley T. Allen is a dual-class "Geek-Pastor," serving as the pastor of the Central Baptist Church of Riverton-Palmyra, N.J., and as the Communications Coordinator for the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. He works out his faith journey on his blog, Painfully Hopeful (www.painfullyhopeful.me) the title of which

defines his life perspective. While he studied theology at Eastern College and has his M.Div. through Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Wes migrated toward computers and communications because he loves the new opportunities for learning that these provide him. Rev. Allen will lead: Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: A Matter of Integration (Repeated Sessions I and III, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. or 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.), and **Sharing Good** News in a Social Media Age: What's the Purpose? (Repeated Sessions II and IV, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



# **Shantha Ready Alonso**

Shantha Ready Alonso has served as Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries since 2015. Creation Justice Ministries' mission is to educate, equip and mobilize communions and denominations, congregations, and individuals to protect, restore, and rightly share God's creation. She began her career in congregation-

based community organizing with the PICO network and the Gamaliel Foundation. She then worked in young adult, anti-poverty, and eco-justice ministries at the National Council of Churches USA. She served as vice chair of the World Student Christian Federation, a global fellowship of 109 national Student Christian Movements, from 2008-2015. She is a contributing author to For Such a Time as This: Young Adults on the Future of the Church and editor of the anthology: Towards a Global Christian Movement for Eco-Justice: Young Voices from North America. In 2018, she was named as one of the "Grist 50" environmental leaders to watch. Alonso will lead: Community Organizing: Learn About Living Your Faith and Environmental Ethics in the Wider World (Session III, 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)

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Rev. Dr. Older Azard

Older Azard is assistant pastor of Haitian Crossroads Baptist Church, Newark, NJ, and serves as the Assistant Principal of East Orange Campus High School, East Orange, NJ. Rev. Dr. Azard will lead: Courir Vers la Mer: Le Pélérinage Prophétic de Jonas (Bible Study in French) (Session II, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)



## Rev. Dr. Chris Backert

Working with church leaders to develop new expressions of Christian community is the passion of Chris Backert's life. In addition to his role as National Director of Fresh Expressions US, he serves on the National Ministry Team of the General Association, a missionary movement of local churches. He is also the founder of both

Ecclesia, a US network of missional churches, as well as Missio Alliance. Previously, he served as pastor of New Life Christian Fellowship, a large university congregation in Blacksburg, Va., and has been involved in the planting of three new congregations. Rev. Dr. Backert will co-lead: Church Beyond the Walls: Innovating Mission & Ministry Through Fresh Expressions of Church (Full Morning Session 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.), and Dinner Church Movement: Finding Traction Among Those Outside the Church **Around the Table** (Full Afternoon Session, 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



## Lilybeth Bosch

Lilybeth Bosch es de Gurabo, Puerto Rico. Es esposa, madre y pastora asociada de la Iglesia Bautista de Mamey en Gurabo. Cursó su bachillerato en Educación Cristiana en la Universidad Teológica del Caribe, participó de "Raíces Latinas Leadership Institute de la Escuela de Teología de Boston University y actualmente

cursa su maestría en Divinidad, en el Seminario Evangélico de Puerto Rico. Una de sus pasiones lo es, el ser profesora del curso de Valores Cristianos Ecuménicos en CeDIn, Escuela Laboratorio de la Universidad Interamericana, Recinto Metro en Puerto Rico. Vive agradecida de la oportunidad que Dios le ofrece de compartir la palabra y crecer a través del dialogo con todos los que ella encuentra en los diferentes caminos que Dios crea. Bosch will lead: Huyendo al mar: La jornada profética de Jonás (Bible Study in Spanish) (Session II, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)



## **Rev. Thomas Carr**

Rev. Thomas Carr has been involved in issues of ecology and environmental justice with local congregations for 30 years, ecumenically and on an interfaith basis. Carr is the co-founder of the American Baptist Churches USA Creation Justice Network and the Connecticut Interreligious Eco-Justice Network (IREJN). He is also

part of the National Religious Coalition on Creation Care (NRCCC). He is an activist for local, state and national environmental and (Academy Speakers continued on next page)

human justice concerns. He also assists religious communities to understand the spiritual basis for caring for Earth and all of God's creation through preaching and offering workshops related to ecojustice. Carr is the Pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Suffield, Conn., an ordained American Baptist Churches USA minister, and a certified Spiritual Director. Rev. Carr will lead: Being a Caretaker of God's Creation: A Bible Study (Session I, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.)



Rev. Dr. Mia Chang

Rev. Dr. Mia Chang planted NextGen Church in 2008. Rev. Mia was ordained as a pastor by the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey upon completing her studies at the Alliance Theological Seminary in New York. She obtained her doctorate in ministry studies at Palmer Theological Seminary of Eastern University in Pennsyl-

vania. Dr. Chang will co-lead: Church Beyond the Walls: Innovating Mission and Ministry Through Fresh Expressions of Church (Full Morning Session 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.), and Dinner Church Movement: Finding Traction Among Those Outside the Church **Around the Table** (Full Afternoon Session, 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



**Rev. Abner Cotto-Bonilla** 

Abner E. Cotto Bonilla es Pastor de la Misión Bautista Hispana de Westchester en White Plains, Nueva York. Nació en San Juan, Puerto Rico en 1984. A lo largo de los años, Abner ha servido como Tesorero, Vicepresidente y Presidente de la juventud, maestro escuela bíblica, Coordinador y educador del Instituto

de Capacitación Teológica y como Asistente Pastoral en la Iglesia Bautista de Mamey en Gurabo, Puerto Rico. En su colaboración con las Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico, también fue Promotor y Presidente de la Unión de Jóvenes Bautistas de P.R y miembro de la Junta Administrativa. Es miembro del Intergenerational Think-Tank del National Council of Churches USA. Es el actual Presidente del Caucus Nacional Hispano de ABCUSA. Pastor Cotto Bonilla will lead: Jonás y la voz profética: Retos para la iglesia de hoy (Bible Study in Spanish) (Session III, 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)



**Ani Fête Crews** 

Ani Fête Crews is the Director of Blessed Tomorrow, a coalition of diverse religious partners united as faithful stewards of God's creation. Blessed Tomorrow supports its faith partners in acting and advocating on climate solutions through a variety of convening, training, research, messaging, and technical guid-

ance. Ani has 15 years of experience in issue advocacy, coalition building, community outreach, and leadership development in both the non-profit and government sectors. Prior to joining Blessed Tomorrow, she served as Senior Director of Member Engagement with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), where she led key leadership development and engagement programming for the nation's state public health agencies. Ani was also a founding leader of the non-profit Enroll America, a public education campaign that helped enroll millions of uninsured Americans in health coverage following passage of the Affordable Care Act. Fête Crews will lead: Become a Climate

Ambassador! Be a Voice in Your Church and Community on Creation Care (Session II, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)



Rev. Dr. Verlon & Melodee Fosner, (Co-leaders)

Verlon & Melodee Fosner have been in church leadership for 35 years, and for the past 18 years have served a 93-yearold church in Seattle, Washington. In 2004, their long effective church began to decline, and they were faced with the deci-

sion: move to the suburbs or become an urban church. They felt called to not only stay, but to dive further into the urban neighborhoods of Seattle-especially the ones with a sparse church presence. After numerous failures, they decided to try the Agape' Feast church model talked about in the New Testament. And to their great surprise they found an immediate intrigue among the unchurched Seculars living in Seattle neighborhoods. What began as an urban Dinner Church spread into a multi-site Dinner Church, and then expanded into a national Dinner Church Network. Then in 2016, Verlon and Melodee joined the Fresh Expressions US team to lead the Dinner Church Collective. Rev. Dr. Verlon & Melodee Fosner will co-lead: Church Beyond the Walls: Innovating Mission and Ministry Through Fresh Expressions of Church (Full Morning Session 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.), and Dinner Church Movement: Finding Traction Among Those Outside the Church Around the **Table** (Full Afternoon Session, 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



**Denise Gray-Felder** 

Denise Gray-Felder is founding president of Communication for Social Change Consortium (www.cfsc.org), former chief communication officer of Michigan Medicine, the academic medical center of the University of Michigan, and former vice president of the Rockefeller Foundation. Felder will lead: Cause and Issues-Based Fund-

raising (Session II, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)



# Rev. Dr. Sandra L. DeMott Hasenauer

Rev. Dr. Sandra L. DeMott Hasenauer serves as executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Rochester/Genesee. Prior to this role, she served as the associate executive director of American Baptist Women's Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, 2002-2018. Receiving her M.Div. from Colgate Rochester

Divinity School/Bexley Hall/Crozer Theological Seminary in 1993 and ordained at the First Baptist Church of Macedon, NY, that same year, she served as associate pastor and interim minister at several churches prior to joining the national ABCUSA staff. She received a Doctor of Ministry in Transformational Leadership degree at Boston University School of Theology in May 2018 and her thesis focused on engaging the idea of "beloved community" at a structural level in faith-based organizations. She serves on the board of Cameron Community Ministries in Rochester, NY, a designated Community Outreach Ministry of American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Rev. Dr. Hasenauer will lead: Embracing

a Noisier Table (Session IV, 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



Rev. Dr. Patricia Hernandez

Growing up, Rev. Dr. Patricia Hernandez developed a deep affinity for and sensitivity towards those who live on the margins of mainstream society. Out of this concern emerged her call to ministry. Hernandez serves as Associate General Secretary for American Baptist Women in Ministry and Transition Ministries with the ABCUSA

Office of the General Secretary. More than degrees or position, what is important to her is breaking barriers, building bridges and becoming Beloved Community where all God's people are able to fully utilize their God-given gifts and fully live out their God-given calls. Rev. Dr. Hernandez will co-lead: **Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church** (Repeated Extended Session, 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



# Rev. Patricia L. Hunter, CFP®

Patricia Hunter brings 30 years of experience to her ministry, as Director of Financial Wellness Programs. Patricia works with pastors and church employees in the areas of investments, retirement planning, taxes, and estate planning. Her passion is helping pastors and church workers get out of debt and encouraging them

to save enough money to retire with dignity. Before joining MMBB in 1987, she served as assistant pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Seattle, Wash. Highlights of her MMBB ministry include leading MMBB seminars, serving as one of the national coordinators for women in ministry and helping members through challenging times. In 2008, she earned her certification as a CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional. Rev. Hunter will lead:

MMBB: Taking Advantage of Your Benefits (Repeated Sessions II and IV, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson

Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson is Director of Lifelong Learning at Yale Divinity School, where she has the responsibility of developing a robust program to leverage the abundant intellectual and professional resources of the School for the betterment of churches and other ministries. She is a seasoned executive, consultant, and pastor with

deep expertise in leadership development, organizational renewal, and strategic planning, who helps organizations, churches, and individuals realize full potential in life-giving and restorative ways. She is a visionary leader who empowers organizations to discern their vision, enabling them to bring that vision to fruition. Prior to her appointment at Yale Divinity School, Debora was the Executive

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Director of the Ministers Council of American Baptist Churches USA from 2012 to 2017. Rev. Dr. Jackson will lead: **Leading and Succeeding for the Future** (Session III, 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)

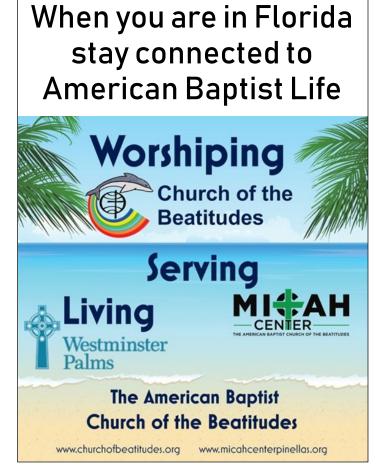


## **Christy Lafferty**

Christy Lafferty is originally from Cleveland, OH, but has lived and served in Nicaragua for a total of 10 years. Starting during her involvement in her home church's youth group, she has felt a deep sense of call and passion for service as motivated by her Christian faith. After college, she was commissioned as a young adult mission-

ary for 3 years, working alongside local communities in Nicaragua and farm workers in California. For the past 7 years, Christy has had the honor and privilege of working with AMOS Health and Hope (amoshealth.org). Along with Drs. Laura and David Parajón and other trained staff, she played a role as a circle keeper and led restorative practice circles during the height of a sociopolitical crisis in Nicaragua that started in April 2018, where over 400 people were killed and thousands injured. Using restorative practice circles with a staff of over 70 people, the circle process helped create a safe space to help process the situation of collective violence, and enabled staff to be able to engage in humanitarian aid activities under extremely difficult conditions. Christy is also currently going through the application process to become a missionary with International Ministries. Lafferty will co-lead: Responding to Crisis: Restorative Practice Circles as an Act of Christian Love (Full Afternoon Session, 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)

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Rev. Dr. David C. Laisum

David Laisum serves as Pastor of First Baptist Church of Battle Creek, Michigan. He was born in K. Hai Mual, Chin State, Myanmar. He attended High School and College in Myanmar and worked with the Myanmar Baptist Convention as Assistant Youth Director and lectured at Myanmar Institute of Theology. He received a MATS

at McCormick Theological Seminary (Chicago), Th. M. at Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago and D. Min at University of Chicago Divinity School. Rev. Dr. Laisum will lead: Walking with Jesus on the Sea (Bible Study in the Burmese language) (Session I, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.)



# **Jenny Manasco**

Jenny Manasco is the Digital Archivist for the American Baptist Historical Society. Prior to joining ABHS in 2018, she spent 15 years at Union University as Instruction Librarian, Systems Librarian and Archivist-sometimes all at once! She is a Certified Archivist and Digital Archives Specialist and holds degrees from the Univer-

sity of Kentucky (Go CATS!), The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Indiana University. Manasco will lead: Making Sure 'Born-Digital' is 'Born-Again': The Salvation of Your Church's **Story** (Session IV, 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



## **Richard Mansfield**

Richard Mansfield is Technology Evangelist for Accordance Bible Software and has been an Accordance user since 1998. He has a BA in English Education from Louisiana Tech University in Ruston, La., and M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. For over a decade, Richard taught

philosophy and Bible classes for Indiana Wesleyan University. He lives with his wife, Kathy, in Ruston, La. Mansfield will lead: Introduction to Accordance Bible Software (Session I, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.), Bible Study with Accordance (Session II, 10:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.), Preaching and Teaching with Accordance (Session III, 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.), and Advanced Accordance Features (Session IV, 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



Rev. Dr. Eliseo Mejia-Leiva

Rev. Dr. Eliseo Mejia-Leiva serves as associate director of Hispanic, multiethnic, and international church-planting ministries with New Church Development. He is also senior pastor of Paris First United Methodist Church (UMC), has served as president of the National Association of Hispanic UMC Leaders and was the founder

and director of HILT (Hispanic International Leadership Training). He is a native of El Salvador and is fluent in both English and Spanish. Rev. Mejia-Leiva has a passion for equipping new and seasoned leaders in the USA and internationally. Rev. Dr. Eliseo Mejia-Leiva will lead: Fresh Expressions and Latino Communities: Introducing Expresiones Divinas-an Introduction to Fresh Expressions, in Spanish (Full Afternoon Session 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



Rev. Miriam Méndez

The Rev. Miriam Méndez serves as the Executive Minister and Senior Regional Pastor of the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. In this role Rev. Méndez works with local churches in mediation and conflict resolution, education and resourcing pastoral search committees, providing opportunities for leadership development,

and working with declining churches to help them to re-imagine a new future and mentors young pastors and leaders. She is a native New Yorker and Puerto Rican with a rich and long history with American Baptist Churches. She has been shaped by her over 20 years of extensive and high energy leadership in pastoral ministry, Region work, spiritual direction, mentoring, seminary teaching, and community leadership. Throughout her ministerial career, Rev. Méndez has served as an interim pastor, co-pastor, lead pastor, associate pastor and church planter. This has given her a rich and unique insight into the various roles and complexities of pastoral ministry. Rev. Méndez will lead: Help, We Need a Pastor! (Session I, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.)



**Dr. Gregory Mobley** 

Gregory Mobley is a Professor of Hebrew Bible and Congregational Studies at Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School. Mobley came to Yale in 2017 after 20 years of teaching Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Andover Newton Theological School (1997-2017) and at Union Theological Seminary in New York (1996-97). He

is the author of three books: The Return of the Chaos Monstersand Other Backstories of the Bible (Eerdmans, 2012), Samson and the Liminal Hero in the Ancient Near East (T & T Clark, 2006), and The Empty Men: The Heroic Tradition in Ancient Israel (Doubleday, 2005). Mobley's primary interest is in uncovering in order to appreciate the meaning-making of the stirring stories under the surface of the over-edited moralistic and priestly layers of the Bible, and he is currently writing a commentary on Judges for the Illuminations series. He is an ordained American Baptist pastor. Dr. Mobley will lead: Jonah and the Scariest Truth of Missions (Repeated in Sessions III and IV, 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m. or 3:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



Colin E. Nass, CFP®, AEP®, RICP®

With over 25 years of experience, Colin Nass brings a broad range of financial planning and investment experience to MMBB. Prior to joining MMBB, Colin worked for Lenox Advisors providing financial planning to the firm's High Net Worth clients. Colin has also worked for Deutsche Bank AG as a Director of Financial Sales and with

Merrill Lynch in New York and Hong Kong. While working for Merrill Lynch, he was FINRA registered, passing the Series 3, 7, 8, and 63 exams. Colin has also passed the New York State Life and Health Insurance exam. Colin holds a B.S. in Optics from the University of Rochester and a Master of International Management degree from Baylor University in Texas. He became a Certified Financial Planner® in 2005 and later earned the Retirement Income Certified Professional® and Accredited Estate Planner® designations. Nass will lead: MMBB: Financial Planning-Start Today! (Repeated Sessions I and III, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m. or 2:15 p.m.-3:30 p.m.)



Laura Chanchien Parajón, MD, MPH David Parajón, MD, MPH, MBA

Dr. David Parajón and Dr. Laura Chanchien Parajón have been ABC IM Medical missionaries since 2001. They are also the co-founders of AMOS Health and Hope (amoshealth.org), a non-profit Christian public health organization based in

Nicaragua and a long-term partner of International Missionaries. Hundreds of people from IM mission teams have to come to serve alongside AMOS to build clinics, water filters and schools for the poorest people in Nicaragua. AMOS serves over 60,000 people in Nicaragua by accompanying and supporting community health workers to provide empowering health care services for vulnerable populations.

They have experience as circle keepers and led restorative practice circles during the height of a sociopolitical crisis where over 400 people were killed and thousands injured in Nicaragua. Using restorative practice circles with a staff of over 70 people, the circle process helped create a safe space to help process the situation of collective violence, and enabled staff to be able to engage in humanitarian aid activities under extremely difficult conditions. The Parajóns will co-lead: Responding to Crisis: Restorative Practice Circles as an Act of Christian Love (Full Afternoon Session, 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



# **Rev. Dr. Dwight Perry**

Rev. Dr. Perry is both a scholar and practitioner who "serve[s] in academic leadership within an evangelical seminary that is urban in its context, biblical at its foundation, and seeks to equip men and women for the work of the gospel," he notes as his career objective. As the first African-American to graduate with a PhD

from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Deerfield, III., Perry has persevered across many barriers on race and diversity. Prior to joining North Park Theological Seminary, he served as regional president/executive minister of Converge Great Lakes where he was known for his straight-talk approach to ministry. He is a sought-after national speaker and is passionate about proclaiming God's Word. Perry will lead: Transformational Leadership and the Renewal of the Church (Full Day Track)



# Rev. Dr. Lawrence O. Swain

Dr. Swain received Jesus Christ as his personal savior and was baptized in 1962, receiving a very clear call to pastoral ministry in his senior year of high school. He pastored three churches, served as Executive Minister of the Pittsburgh Baptist Association (facilitating the region's merge with the American Baptist Churches of

Pennsylvania and Delaware) and most recently the American Baptist Churches of Ohio from 2004-2015. He has received training and certification in interim ministry from the Center for Congregational Health and is a member of the Association for Intentional Interim Ministry (AIIM). He is Transition Ministries Training Coordinator for Transition Ministries, ABCUSA and is a certified Interim Ministry Educator and Transition Facilitator with the Center for

Congregational Health. Dr. Swain will co-lead: Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church (Repeated Extended Session 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m. or 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



# Dr. Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett

Rev. Dr. Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett is director of ABHMS' Healing and Transforming Communities, of which the Rizpah's Children initiative is part. Community Ministries' network consists of Rizpah's Children partners, Christian centers and other ministries in relationship with ABHMS that heal and transform communities throughout the

United States and Puerto Rico. Rizpah's Children is also its own network that focuses exclusively on children in poverty. Ordained in 2001, Turner-Triplett earned a D.Min. from Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University, Richmond, and master's degrees at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wynnewood, Pa., and the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Dr. Turner-Triplett will lead: Whole, Healthy, Hopeful Children in **Every Community** (Full Afternoon Session, 2:15 p.m.-5:00 p.m.)



# Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock, Sr.

Dr. Raphael Warnock is senior pastor of the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, spiritual home of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. At age 35, Warnock became the fifth and youngest person ever called to Ebenezer's senior pastorate. Under Warnock's leadership, more than 4,000 new members have joined the church. He

earned a bachelor's degree from Morehouse College, Atlanta, as well as two master's degrees and a doctorate from Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Warnock is a member of the 100 Black Men of Atlanta and a lifetime member of the NAACP. His activism was honored in 2016 with footprints on the International Civil Rights Walk of Fame. Dr. Warnock will lead: Jesus Was An Inmate: A Movement To End Mass Incarceration (Full Morning Session, 9:00 a.m.-11:45 a.m.)



## **Rev. Kyle Witmer**

The Rev. Kyle Witmer is a follower of Jesus, husband of Debby, and father of Hannah, Brennan, Julia, and Emma. He currently serves as a missionary with the Karen people in Chiang Mai, Thailand. There, he teaches at the Siloam Bible Institute, training pastors and church leaders for Thai Karen Baptist Churches. Before coming

to International Ministries, Rev. Witmer served as an ABC pastor in Indiana and Ohio for 22 years. He has two earned academic degrees, a BA in Music Education, and an MBS with a focus in Christian Education. Kyle still loves to sing, and he cuts his own hair. Rev. Witmer will lead: Being Jonah in a World of Ninevites. (Session I, 9:00 a.m.-10:15 a.m.)

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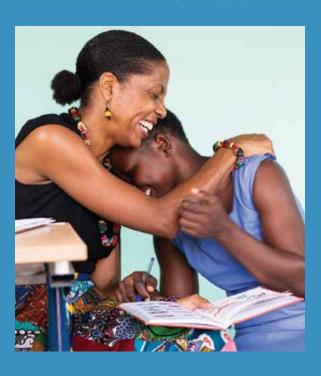
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# What are the Baptist Talk Conversations?

The Baptist Talk Conversations are an open opportunity for anyone attending the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit to engage in meaningful dialogue about a topic of interest by self-selecting into a small group. The Conversations began in 2013 as the Mission Summit Conversations, as a part of a restructuring proposal within American Baptist life. These conversations are characterized by authentic conversation around topics that American Baptists care about deeply and through the work of the Mission Table led to the identification of a set of priorities as listed below:

- Anti-Violence
- Discipleship
- Ending Poverty
- Gospel in a Rapidly Changing Society
- Innovative Models of Pastoral Ministry
- Next Generation of Leaders
- Women in Ministry

These Mission Table priorities continue to be embraced throughout the life of ABC. In 2017, Baptist Talk was added to the Mission Summit Conversation as another avenue for engaging in dialogue with one another as American Baptists. In 2019, the Mission Summit Conversations and Baptist Talk have been combined.

Each Biennial, a new component is added to the Conversations in order to enhance the dialogue. This year, Carolyn Lukensmeyer, Executive Director Emerita, representing the



After participating in the Baptist Talk Conversations, please complete this 11 question survey to provide insight into your experience.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ABCMSC2019



National Institute for Civil Discourse will offer a teaching component at the beginning of the session demonstrating how to engage one another in civil discourse. Following the educational component, participants will have an opportunity to engage in dialogue with one another by choosing one of the conversation topics centered around the ABC priorities or choosing to engage in civil discourse.

The 2019 choice of topics are listed below:

- Church mergers, satellites, and shared ministries
- Cross generational ministry
- Discipling alternatives to Sunday School
- Faith and Politics
- Overcoming barriers to women serving local congregations
- Racism
- Selling the building but maintaining the congregation
- Systemic solutions to poverty
- Systemic solutions to violence



**Dr. Carolyn J. Lukensmeyer** is the Executive Director Emerita of the National Institute for Civil Discourse, an organization that works to reduce political dysfunction and incivility in our political system. As a leader in the field of deliberative democracy, she works to restore our democracy to reflect the intended vision of our founding fathers.

Dr. Lukensmeyer previously served as Founder and President of AmericaSpeaks, an award-winning nonprofit organization that promoted nonpartisan initiatives to engage citizens and leaders through the development of innovative public policy

tools and strategies. During her tenure, AmericaSpeaks engaged more than 200,000 people and hosted events across all 50 states and throughout the world. Dr. Lukensmeyer formerly served as Consultant to the White House Chief of Staff from 1993-94 and on the National Performance Review where she steered internal management and oversaw government-wide reforms. She was the Chief of Staff to Ohio Governor Richard F. Celeste from 1986-91, becoming the first woman to serve in this capacity. She earned her PhD in Organizational Behavior from Case Western Reserve University and has completed postgraduate training at the Gestalt Institute of Cleveland.

# **Worship Experiences**

You are invited to be a part of five exciting and distinct **Worship Experiences** in the Ballroom throughout the weekend. The theme, speaker and highlights for each Worship Experience are included below. All details were not finalized at the time this Program Book was printed. In order to provide you with complete Session Details, you will find light green pages in your registration bag, outlining the order of service for each Worship Experience. If you do not have a copy, please request one from an usher.

# Friday Evening, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

6:30 PM	Doors open-Gathering music with the Biennial Mission Summit Worship Band	
THEME	"From Sea to Sea" An evening celebrating the work of American Baptists across our nation, featuring stories from ABHMS and music representing the rich diversity of American Baptists in the United States	
SPEAKER	Dr. Howard Stevenson, Clinical Psychologist and Researcher, University of Pennsylvania	
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 42:5-12	
HOST	American Baptist Home Mission Societies	
AWARDS	Suzan Johnson Cook Religious Freedom Award Edwin T. Dahlberg Peace and Justice Award	
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE	Spoken Word benediction by rapper Andy O.	

# Saturday Evening, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

6:30 PM	Doors open-Gathering music with the Biennial Mission Summit Worship Band	
THEME	"Across the Seas" An evening celebrating American Baptists' work around the globe, featuring reports from IM Global Servants on the Ups and Downs of life Across the Seas	
SPEAKER	Rev. Dr. Elijah Brown, General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance	
SCRIPTURE	Isaiah 11:9	
HOST	International Ministries, Sharon T. Koh and Jim Bell as worship leaders	
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	Opening song, "Every Move I Make," demonstrating connections among American Baptists Interactive elements reflecting on engagement around the world	

# Sunday Morning Word and Witness, 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM

8:30 AM	Doors open-Gathering music with the Biennial Mission Summit Worship Band
THEME	"Navigating Choppy Seas" A morning session hosted by American Baptist Women's Ministries, featuring stories from American Baptist Women and Girls
SPEAKER	Dr. Jolene Erlacher, Founder, Trainer & Consultant at Leading Tomorrow
SCRIPTURE	Psalm 107:29
HOST	American Baptist Women's Ministries and AB GIRLS
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	Sharing ABWM highlights Testimonies from AB GIRLS Interactive Q&A during Bible study with Dr. Erlacher

# Sunday Morning Communion Service, 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM

10:20 AM	Doors open-Gathering music with the Biennial Mission Summit Worship Band
THEME	"Worship by the Sea" A morning session hosted by the Office of the General Secretary and MMBB, celebrating and looking toward the future of ABC
SPEAKER	Rev. Ngwedla Paul Msiza, Baptist World Alliance President
SCRIPTURE	John 6:1-14
HOST	Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board and the Office of the General Secretary
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	Litany written and led by Regional Executive Ministers Stories from ABC regions
AWARD	Sparrowk President's Award
COMMUNION	Led by Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer, General Secretary of ABCUSA

# Sunrise Service on the Beach

Join us for Sunrise Service on the Beach! Sunday at 5:30 AM at the 17th Street Park on Atlantic Ave. Parking is available in the 19th Street lot, one block west of Atlantic.

# Worship Experiences (continued)

# Sunday Evening, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

6:30 PM	Doors open-Gathering music with the Biennial Mission Summit Worship Band
THEME	"A Sea of Witnesses" An evening hosted by the American Baptist Churches of the South region, featuring music and preaching from ABCOTS
SPEAKER	Dr. Clifford A. Jones, Sr., Senior Pastor of Friendship Missionary Baptist Church
SCRIPTURE	Genesis 32:12 Acts 14:15
HOST	American Baptist Churches of the South, Dr. Betty Long as worship leader
SPECIAL MUSIC	Choir selections from FBC Hampton and ABCOTS churches in the Tidewater area
PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS	Prayer for the ABCOTS region and mission work of ABCUSA Announcement of the 2021 Biennial Mission Summit

# Orientation to American Baptist Life



Seminarians and ministers new to the American Baptist family will attend the Biennial Mission Summit as a part of the Orientation to American Baptist Life (OTABL).

The OTABL welcomes and orients seminarians and ministers new to the American Baptist family. New Ministers to ABC are recommended by their re-

gional Executive Minister and Seminarians are self-identified through communications with their seminaries. OTABL participants will be placed with a mentor and a mentoring group during the program. The mentoring component will be hosted by Regional Executive Staff members. Throughout the Biennial Mission Summit, OTABL participants will attend designated sessions and have opportunities to reflect on their experience with other participants and with a mentor.

Please welcome them warmly as our next generation of American Baptist leaders.

The travel ban. An imam denied at a prisoner's execution. The rise of Christian nationalism.

# Let's talk about RELIGIOUS LIBERTY







# **2019 BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT**

# **Daily Activity Guide**

All events are in the Virginia Beach Convention Center unless otherwise noted. Schedule and Locations are subject to change. Meeting rooms are located on the second floor.

# Wednesday, June 19, 2019

Time	Event	Place
4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Registration Open	Entrance to Exhibit Hall B
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	American Baptist Gathering of Members of National Boards Dinner	DoubleTree-Grand Ballroom

# Thursday, June 20, 2019

Time	Event	Place
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM	ABCUSA Theologians Conference (with lunch)	Room 2A
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Registration Open	Entrance to Exhibit Hall B
10:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Ministers Council Program "Servants of the Jubilee"	Room 3C
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Ministers Council Clergy Luncheon	Rooms 3A & 3B
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Dinner	Room 4C
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Region Staff Dinner	Rooms 3A & 3B
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	American Baptist Hispanic Caucus Meeting	Room 4B
7:00 PM - 10:00 PM	National Black Caucus Worship	Rooms 2B - 2D

# Friday, June 21, 2019

Time	Event	Place
7:00 AM - 8:30 AM	AB Women's Ministries Board Alumnae Breakfast (by Invitation)	Room 2A
7:00 AM - 8:00 PM	Registration Open	Entrance to Exhibit Hall B
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	American Baptist Men Breakfast	Rooms 3A & 3B
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	American Baptist Hispanic Caucus Annual Meeting	Room 4C
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	American Baptist Indian Caucus Meeting	Room 4A
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Black Caucus Business Session and Bible Study/Forum	Rooms 2B - 2D
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Region Staff Continuing Education Event	Room 2A

# **Registration Hours**

Wednesday	4:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Thursday	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Friday	7:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Saturday	8:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sunday	8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

# **Hall of Ministries Hours**

Friday	10:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Saturday	9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Sunday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

**Use #ABCMissionSummit** or #SummitbytheSea to share posts about any event!

# **Business Session** reminder

Reminder-All Delegates are asked to attend the Business Session on Sunday afternoon, June 23. Due to scheduling needs, the meeting will begin promptly at 2:15 PM and will end by 3:00 PM. Please bring your Delegate Packets.

Friday, June 21, 2019 (continued)			
Time	Event	Place	
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches/Asian Caucus Meeting	Room 3C	
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM	Women's Day – American Baptist Women's Ministries	Rooms 1C & 1D	
10:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Hall of Ministries Open	Exhibit Hall B & C	
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	MMBB Financial Services Member Luncheon (by Invitation, Spouses Welcome)	Exhibit Hall A	
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Women's Day Luncheon – American Baptist Women's Ministries	Rooms 1A & 1B	
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Welcome to First Timers	Rooms 2B - 2D	
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	Judson Press Author Meet & Greet	Exhibit Hall Booth #725	
3:00 PM - 6:45 PM	American Baptist Portuguese-Speaking Caucus Meeting	Board Room	
4:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Luther Rice Society Dinner (by Invitation)	Rooms 3A & 3B	
4:30 PM - 6:45 PM	Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches Dinner	Room 3C	
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations Dinner	Room 2A	
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	National Black Caucus Dinner	Rooms 2B - 2D	
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Orientation to American Baptist Life (OTABL) Welcome Reception	Rooms 1A & 1B	
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Friday Evening Worship, Hosted by American Baptist Home Mission Societies	Ballroom	
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM	American Baptist Women in Ministry After Party	Rooms 1A & 1B	
9:00 PM - 10:30 PM	Young Adult Caucus Ice Cream Social	Tower Cafe	

Saturday, June 22, 2019			
Time	Event	Place	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Alderson Broaddus University Breakfast	Room 3A	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	American Baptist Seminary of the West Breakfast	Room 2A	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Andover Newton Seminary Breakfast	Room 3D	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Baptist World Alliance Breakfast	Rooms 1A & 1B	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Central Baptist Theological Seminary Breakfast	Room 4A	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Breakfast	Room 3B	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Ottawa University Breakfast	Room 3E	
8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Registration Open	Entrance to Exhibit Hall B	
9:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Hall of Ministries Open	Exhibit Hall B & C	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Being a Caretaker of God's Creation: A Bible Study with Thomas Carr	Room 2A	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Burmese Bible Study - Walking with Jesus on the Sea with David Laisum	Room 3D	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	English Bible Study-Being Jonah in a World of Nivevites with Kyle Witmer	Room 3E	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Help, We Need a Pastor! with Miriam Méndez	Room 4D	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Introduction to Accordance Bible Software with Richard Mansfield	Room 2D	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	MMBB: Financial Planning-Start Today! with Colin Nass	Room 3C	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: A Matter of Integration with Wesley Allen	Room 2B	
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Jesus Was An Inmate: A Movement to End Mass Incarceration with Raphael Warnock	Room 4B	

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Saturday, June	e 22, 2019 (continued)	
Time	Event	Place
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Church Beyond the Walls: Innovating Mission and Ministry Through Fresh Expressions of Church with Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon and Melodee Fosner	Rooms 1A & 1B
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Responding to Crisis: Restorative Practice Circles as an Act of Christian Love with Christine Lafferty, Laura Chanchien Parajón and David Parajón	Room 3A
9:00 AM - 11:45 AM	Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church with Patricia Hernandez and Lawrence Swain	Room 2C
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Called to Send, Called to Serve with the International Ministries Mission Mobilization Team	Room 3B
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Transformational Leadership and the Renewal of the Church with Dwight Perry	Room 5C
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Become a Climate Ambassador! Be a Voice in Your Church and Community on Creation Care with Ani Fête Crews	Room 2A
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Bible Study with Accordance with Richard Mansfield	Room 2D
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Cause and Issues-Based Fundraising with Denise Gray-Felder	Room 3D
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	French Bible Study-Fleeing to the Sea: Jonah's Prophetic Journey with Older Azard	Room 4A
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	MMBB: Taking Advantage of Your Benefits with Patricia Hunter	Room 3C
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: What's the Purpose? with Wesley Allen	Room 2B
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Spanish Bible Study-Huyendo al mar: La jornada profetica de Jonas with Lilybeth Bosch	Room 4D
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	MMBB Annuitant and Appreciation Reception (by Invitation)	Exhibit Hall Booth #225
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	American Baptist Home Mission Societies Luncheon	Exhibit Hall A
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Community Organizing: Learn About Living Your Faith and Environmental Ethics in the Wider World with Shantha Ready Alonso	Room 2A
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	English Bible Study-Jonah and the Scariest Truth of Missions with Greg Mobley	Room 4C
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Leading and Succeeding for the Future with Debora Jackson	Room 3E

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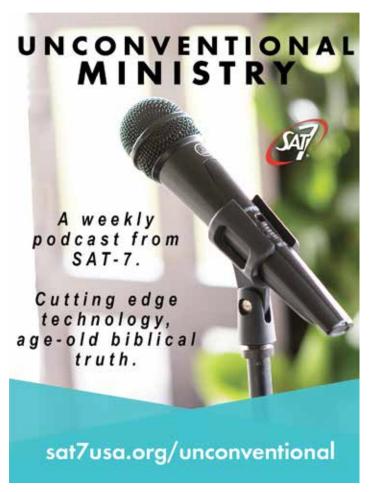


Saturday, June 22, 2019 (continued)				
Time	Event	Place		
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	MMBB: Financial Planning-Start Today! with Colin Nass	Room 3C		
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Preaching and Teaching with Accordance with Richard Mansfield	Room 2D		
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: A Matter of Integration with Wesley Allen	Room 2B		
2:15 PM - 3:30 PM	Spanish Bible Study-Jonas y la voz profetica: Retos para la Iglesia de hoy with Abner Cotto-Bonilla	Room 3B		
2:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Dinner Church Movement: Finding Traction Among Those Outisde the Church Around the Table with Christ with Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon and Melodee Fosner	Rooms 1A & 1B		
2:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Fresh Expressions and Latino Communities: Introducing Expresiones Divinas (Spanish) with Eliseo Mejia-Leiva	Room 3A		
2:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church with Patricia Hernandez and Lawrence Swain	Room 2C		
2:15 PM - 5:00 PM	Whole, Healthy, Hopeful Children in Every Community with Marilyn Turner-Triplett and a panel of Community Outreach Ministries specialists	Room 3D		
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	Haitian American Baptist Caucus Bible Study	DoubleTree Hotel Pine Room		
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Advanced Accordance Features with Richard Mansfield	Room 2D		
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Embracing a Noisier Table with Sandra DeMott Hasenauer	Room 4A		
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	English Bible Study-Jonah and the Scariest Truth of Missions with Greg Mobley	Room 4C		
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Making Sure "Born-Digital" is "Born-Again": The Salvation of Your Church's Story with Jenny Manasco	Room 4B		
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	MMBB: Taking Advantage of Your Benefits with Patricia Hunter	Room 3C		
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: What's the Purpose? with Wesley Allen	Room 2B		
3:45 PM - 5:00 PM	Small Things Matter: Become a Creation Justice Congregation led by a Creation Justice Network Panel	Room 2A		
5:00 PM - 6:45 PM	American Baptist Churches USA Past Officers Dinner (by Invitation)	3rd Floor VIP Lounge		
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	American Baptist Haitian Caucus Dinner	Room 3A		
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School Dinner	Room 4A		
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Fuller Theological Seminary Dinner	Room 2C		
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Palmer Seminary of Eastern University Dinner	Room 2A		
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Retired Executives Dinner hosted by the Office of the General Secretary	Room 2D		
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Roger Williams Fellowship Dinner	Room 2B		
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Saturday Evening Worship, Hosted by International Ministries	Ballroom		

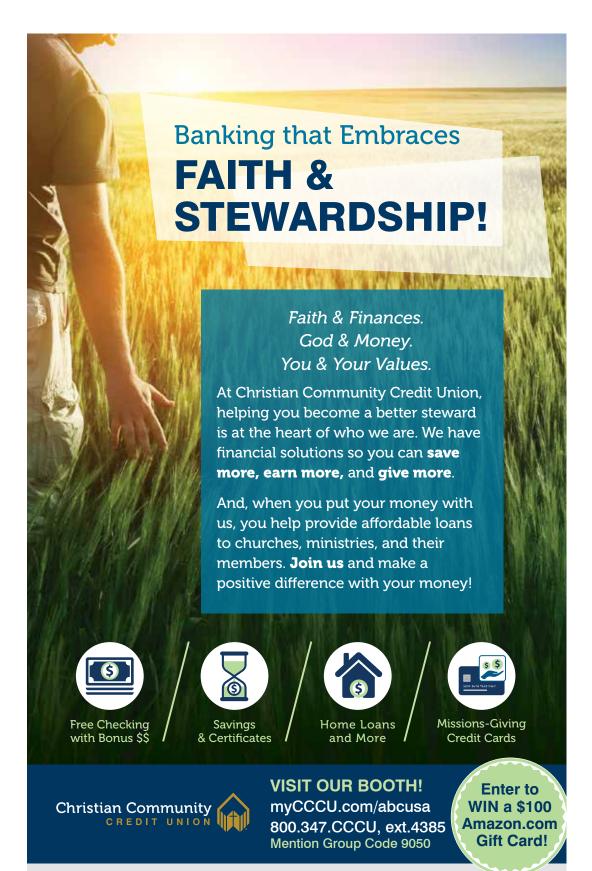
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5:30 AM	Sunrise Service on the Beach	17th Street Park on Atlantic Ave	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	ABCUSA Intercaucus Breakfast	Room 2C	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	American Baptist Historical Society Breakfast	Room 2B	

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Sunday, June 23, 2019 (continued)			
Time	Event	Place	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Baptist Peace Fellowship Breakfast	Room 2A	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Friends of North East Christian University Breakfast	Room 2D	
7:00 AM - 8:45 AM	Northern Seminary Breakfast	Room 3B	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Registration Open	Entrance to Exhibit Hall B	
9:00 AM - 10:15 AM	Sunday Morning Word and Witness, Hosted by American Baptist Women's Ministries	Ballroom	
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	Sunday Worship with Communion, Hosted by the Office of the General Secretary and MMBB Financial Services	Ballroom	
12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	International Ministries Luncheon	Exhibit Hall A	
12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Hall of Ministries Open	Exhibit Hall B & C	
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	Business Session – DELEGATES PLEASE ATTEND	Ballroom	
3:15 PM - 5:15 PM	Baptist Talk Conversations	Rooms 1A - 1D	
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Celebrate 2021! Discover Puerto Rico with a Festive Buffet & Live Music - iCelebre el 2021! Descubre a Puerto Rico con un Buffet festivo y música en vivo	Outside Ballroom	
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Orientation to American Baptist Life (OTABL) Closing Dinner	Outside Ballroom	
5:15 PM - 6:45 PM	Young Adult Caucus Dinner	Outside Ballroom	
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Sunday Evening Worship, Hosted by and the American Baptist Churches of the South	Ballroom	







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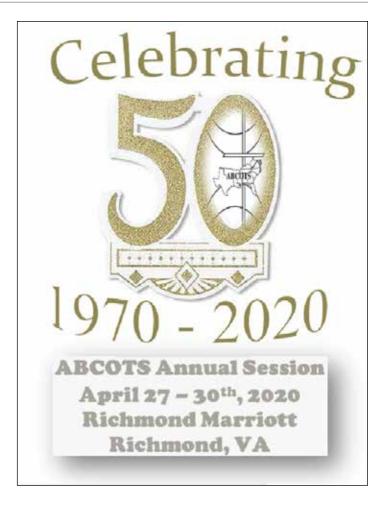




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Special thanks to all of the volunteers who helped to make this event possible.

# **Board of General Ministries Election Slate**

Ex officio: President, Vice President, Budget Review Officer, (to be voted separately-see below)

# **At-Large Directors**

Region	Director	Class	Nominee & Term	Class
Central	William Poland	*2021		
Chicago	Kathryn Ray	*2022		
Cleveland	Camille Brown	^2019	Thomas Gilmore	2020-2023
Central Pacific Coast	Manuel Magana	^2020	John Nichols	2021-2024
Connecticut	Joyce Blandon	^2020	Laura Austin	2021-2024
Dakotas	Cecelia Dachtler	^2020	Lizette Hunt	2021-2024
Dist/Columbia	Emmett Dunn	*2021		
Evergreen	Stephanie Commandest	^2022		
Growing Healthy Ch	Al Marks	*2022		
Great Rivers	James Wolfe	^2020	Patrick Embley	2020-2020
Indiana/Kentucky	John Campbell	*2022		
Indianapolis	Shawna Simmons	*2019	Shawna Simmons	2020-2023
Los Angeles	Ehhtoowah Hso	*2021		
Massachusetts	Wesley Roberts	^2019	Stephanie Salinas	2020-2023
Maine	Bonnie Higgins	^2020	Pam Morse	2021-2024
Michigan	Thomas Roberts	^2019	Nancy Lewis	2020-2023
Mid-America	Bruce Van Der Beek	^2021		
Metro New York	Noemi Nunez-Sanchez	^2023		
Nebraska	Mark Harvey	*2020	Mark Harvey	2021-2024
New Jersey	Rosa Sierra	*2022		
Northwest	Manuel Luquin	^2021		
New York State	Judith Christiansen	^2021		
Ohio	Ken Atchison	^2021		
Pennsylvania/Del.	Kelly Legg	^2020	Christopher Hamilton	2021-2024
Philadelphia	Cedric Jones	*2020	Cedric Jones	2021-2024
Puerto Rico	Liani Colon-Sanchez	*2022		
Rhode Island	Janice Fletcher	*2020	Janice Fletcher	2021-2024
Rocky Mountains	Kay Farley	^2019	Bryan Roberts	2020-2023
Rochester/Genesee	Tasha Wilson	^2019	Clifford Matthews	2020-2023
South	Robert Jemerson	*2022		
Vermont/N Hamp	Annie Svitavsky	*2020	Annie Svitavsky	2021-2024
Wisconsin	Kurt Kaufman	*2022		
West Virginia	Marijane Kiley	^2022		

# General Directors elected by the Board of General Ministries

Raimundo Barreto	^2023	
Zina Jacque	^2023	
Marilyn Malone	*2023	
Thomas Ross, Jr.	^2023	
Angela Russell	*2021	

# Officers To be voted separately

President: Karen Podsiadly		
Vice President: James Wolfe		
Budget Review Officer: Paul Higgins		

## Key

\*First Term *^Second Term* 



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**Nominated** 



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# **ABCUSA Officers**

For the January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2021 Biennium



## **President**

**Karen M. Podsiadly** has been nominated to serve as President. A native of Rochester New York, Podsiadly was educated at State University of New York College at Geneseo and Western Illinois University with degrees in Sociology and College Student Personnel, respectively. Currently the Director of Community Develop-

ment at The College at Brockport (SUNY), she has served for over twenty-five years in a variety of settings within American Higher Education. Podsiadly previously served as President of Rochester Genesee Region of American Baptist Churches, Inc. and recently as chair of the Executive Director Search Committee for the region. She has also served on the Board of Directors at The Community Place of Greater Rochester and as a Church Trustee and President of Women's Ministry at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church. She also currently serves as the Board Chair at ROC Achieve Charter School. Among her greatest passions is mentoring young people with a particular affinity for supporting young women as they make choices towards healthy and successful lives.



# **Vice President**

Rev. Dr. James O. Wolfe III (Jim) has been nominated to serve as Vice President. Wolfe is pastor of First Baptist Church, Pontiac, Illinois where he has served since March 1, 1990. Prior to serving in Pontiac, Jim served two churches in New Jersey: Memorial Baptist Church in Salem and Calvary Community Baptist

Church in Pennsauken. Jim was ordained March 15, 1981 at the Bethel Baptist Church, South Charleston, WV. He is a graduate of Alderson-Broaddus College, where he met his wife Janet, a Registered Nurse. He holds the M.Div. and D. Min. degrees from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Palmer), and a Ph. D. from the Graduate Theological Foundation. Jim currently serves on the Board of General Ministries, and as Special Director to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the American Baptist Historical Society, and serves on the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Churches of the Great Rivers Region.



# **Budget Review Officer**

**Paul Higgins** has been nominated to serve as Budget Review Officer. This will be his fourth term serving in this role. He is the Vice President of Finance for Rainbow Acres, a residential ranch-style community for the developmentally disabled in Camp Verde, Arizona. Prior to joining Rainbow Acres in

2010, Higgins served as the Vice President of Finance at the American Baptist Assembly/Green Lake Conference Center for thirteen years, where he also served as Vice President of The Golf Courses of Lawsonia, Camp Grow Ministries, and Worldwide Gifts of Green Lake. He served as Treasurer of American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin for four years, and previously served on committees for American Baptist Churches of the South and American Baptist Churches of the Pacific Southwest..

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Charles and Marie Mercer have served American Baptist churches in a variety of different ways, including spending time in international mission, pastorates, volunteering with community organizations and working with areas of special need within their communities. Throughout their lives, their service has exemplified the fruits

and gifts of the Spirit, and their legacy will live on for years to come.

# **Luke Mowbray Ecumenical Award**

Presented at the Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith **Relations Dinner** 



The Rev. Dr. Stephen Butler Murray, a member of Grosse Pointe Congregational Church, an American Baptist church, is the 24th recipient of the award. Dr. Murray has served on the Governing Board of the National Council of Churches and the Board of Directors of the Dwight Hall Center for Public Service and

Social Justice at Yale University. He is a member of the Christian Ethics Commission of the Baptist World Alliance, is Co-Chair of the Theologians Commission of American Baptist Churches USA, and has served as a member of the international think tank of The Elijah Interfaith Institute in Jerusalem and the American Baptist Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations.

# **American Baptist Home Mission Societies Awards**

# Edwin T. Dahlberg Peace and Justice Award



Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski is executive director of BPFNA ~ Bautistas por la Paz, the largest network of Baptist peacemakers in the world and the first Baptist organization to formally incorporate Spanish into its identity. Under her leadership, the organization has emerged as a multicultural four-nation fellowship that transcends borders and creates

eye-to-eye coalitions for peace, inclusion and justice.

# Suzan Johnson Cook Religious Freedom Award



Rev. Dr. Richard P. Olson is retired distinguished professor of Pastoral Theology at Central Baptist Theological Seminary and author of Side by Side: Being Christian in a Multifaith World (Judson Press, 2018). He chaired the planning committee for the American Baptist Churches USA-sponsored Midwest Baptist-Muslim Dialogue.

# **ABHMS Leadership Award (Cultivating** Leadership)



Lt. Col. Ruth Segres has attained the highest chaplain rank in the U.S. Air Force. She provides pastoral care for numerous units, serving 14,000 airmen and their families. While on tour in Afghanistan, she aided in 850 traumas with a 98 percent success rate.

# ABHMS Discipleship Award (Equipping Disciples)



Rev. Don Ng is a mentor for American Baptist Churches USA's Young Adult Caucus and serves on the Steering Committee for the Creation Justice Network. He was director of Education for Discipleship and Youth Ministry at American Baptist Educational Ministries, pastor of First Chinese Baptist Church, and was ABCUSA President for the 2014–2015 biennium.

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# **House Band**



# Rev. Julio González-Paniagua, Worship Director

Rev. González is by vocation an educator, and by Lord's calling, Pastor of the Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana de Central Islip, Nueva York (First Spanish Baptist Church of Central Islip, NY). As a musician, composer, arranger, conductor and Liturgy and music workshop leader, his ministry is active within the Baptists

in Puerto Rico, the United States and Latin America. He received a B.A. in Music and a Master in Education, both degrees from the University of Puerto Rico; his MDiv is from the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. He was the music director for the 2011 Biennial in Puerto Rico and has been part of the House Band for the following Summits. He and his wife Annie were pastors in Puerto Rico for 11 years and keep a powerful ministry with music, preaching and teaching. His daughter Rochely lives with them in New York, and his youngest, Diana, lives in Puerto Rico. Julio is the worship director and is orchestrating the musical experiences for our Biennial Mission Summit.



### Spc. Amanda DiClerico

Amanda DiClerico is a Virginia Beach native and graduate of Princess Anne High School. Specialist DiClerico participated in Drum Corps International as a marching member of Spirit from Jacksonville State University from 2007 through 2009. She earned her

Bachelor of Music from Christopher Newport University in 2012 and studied with Mr. Rodney Martell of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra. Upon graduation she enlisted as a musician in the United States Army. In addition to numerous musical performances in the United States, she has performed in Germany, Kuwait, Iraq, and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. She is currently serving with 392nd Army Band at Fort Lee, Va.



### **Benjamin Garnett**

Benjamin has been a trumpet player for over 25 years and a singer for over 20 years. Originally from central Kentucky, Benjamin has logged stage time with bands including The Villebillies, FLAW, The King is Dead, and more. His trumpet can be heard on the Villebillies album Holy Water. He has served

as a musician in the US Army for over 11 years and is currently stationed at Fort Lee, Va., with the 392nd Army Band where he is the rock band group leader.



# Pastor Anátalys González-Ortiz

Annie, as everyone knows her, is a daughter, sister and wife of a pastor. She has been involved in a wide array of ministries all her life within Puerto Rico and abroad, including the ABCU-SA's General Board and the Hispanic Caucus. As a singer, apart from being worship director and lead singer of plenty official activities, she

was part of Seguidores de Jesús (Jesus' Followers), a Christian musical group from her hometown Yauco, with whom she has recorded twice, and with Orquesta Crescendo. She was associate pastor for three years at the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Yauco and 11 years as pastor, with his husband Julio, at the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Santurce (First Baptist Church of Santurce) and part of the staff of ABC regional offices at Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto *Rico*. At present, she is the president of the Association of Spanish Speaking American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan New York. Annie will be singing at the Biennial Worship Services.



### Rev. Joseph Greemore

Joe loves to make music. Whether from pulpit or pew, choir or car, stage or studio. He has served the ABCUSA for nearly 25 years. Joe attended Ottawa University where he met Shelby, his wife, and together they have raised three children: Corbany, Addyson, and Greyson. Joe serves with the Mid-American Baptist Church-

es, where he has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waterloo, Iowa, for more than five years. Rev. Greemore studied extensively in several areas of music performance as well as music education and performed in several ensembles (Adelante Singers, Bel Canto, Colorado Choral Arts Society, Spirituals Project, San Kofa) including a royal command performance. He has performed with various groups on tour in several European countries and in the Middle East. Joe served in the army reserve from 2005 to 2013 as an aviation mechanic and worked with chaplains, also performing in various ensembles.



### Terra Allen

Terra is a wife, mother, soldier and vibrant woman of God. She is the wife of the Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen, Sr. and the proud mother of Alexandrea, Marcus Jr. and MeKiyah. In addition to her role as First Lady of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Madison, Wisc., she also serves as a youth teacher and a member of the Levites

Praise Team and Mt. Zion Choir, along with Director of the Mt. Zion Academic Learning Center. Lady Allen is a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army Reserves where she has served for over 14 years. While deployed, she was attached to the 101st Airborne Division Band as a vocalist. This allowed her to travel across Iraq to perform and boost the morale of troops while deployed to

a war zone. In September 2009 she became one of the first five members of the United States Army to graduate from the Army School of Music as a Military Occupational Specialty qualified vocalist.



# Rev. Erica Van Brakle

Rev. Erica is the Pastor of the First Baptist Church of La Grange, Ill., and the Outdoor Ministries Coordinator for the American Baptist Churches of Metropolitan Chicago. Pastor Erica wears many hats including Co-Founder of the American Baptist Young Adult Clergy Network, Communication Coordina-

tor and Chapter Representative for the Ministers Council of Metro Chicago. She began singing and learning music theory in the Children's Choir at the First Baptist Church of Peoria, Ill. Her music, theatre, and dance training continued at Roosevelt Magnet School of the Performing Arts and included the highlight of singing at Christmastime in the East Room of the White House. During her high school and college years she made many lifelong friendships at the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians yearly music conference. She attended Central Baptist Theological Seminary where she received her MDiv and is currently working on her Doctorate in Creative Leadership. She met her husband, Rev. David Van Brakle in 2006 at the Orientation to American Baptist Life. Together they are the proud parents of Ethan, 7 and William, 5.



# Luis López

This soft-spoken guy has a mainly quiet personality, but not so when he's behind the piano keys. He started studying music before hitting his teen years, and was immersed in music from classical training to Jazz and Salsa. His first musical steps were done as a student of Rev. Julio González-Paniagua, whom Luis fol-

lowed for over ten years as the pianist of Primera Iglesia Bautista de Santurce (First Baptist Church of Santurce). He is a professional in the Human Resources area.



### Carlos Carmona

Carlos is a very talented and versatile bassist and guitarist since his youth from Carolina, Puerto Rico. A master of Latin rhythms, he is always looking for new ways of engaging fellow musicians and audiences in the subtle art of the low sounds. He plays in local Christian groups, as well as many denominational activities for

the Puerto Rico Baptist Churches. He balances his days with his work in the tax area, his church and music duties, and his wife Sheila and son Christian. Carlos has played every Sunday, for nearly 20 years, at the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Santurce (First Baptist Church of Santurce).



# **Hornrette Washington**

Hornrette Washington began playing piano at an early age. Born to the late Reverend Richard and Reverend Inez Thomas, she grew up learning the basics of church protocol and music ministry. She started an interdenominational children's choir "The Starlets of Corona" and she has played and recorded with many gospel

artists. She served as Minister of Music for the Antioch Baptist Church in Corona for 33 years, retiring in 2013. She has played over 25 years for the American Baptist Churches of Metro New York regional meetings as a musician and worship leader. She has ministered at the International Christian Consultation on Prostitution (ICAP) and is faithful to American Baptist Women's Ministries and American Baptist Women in Ministry. Hornrette has received numerous awards from Government and City Officials. She is a Silver Life Member of the NAACP. In February 2009 she received the Christian Spirit Award. She has recorded with Gospel/Jazz recording artist Tony Smith. Hornrette recorded a solo instrumental CD entitled "Essence of Gospel" in September 2009. Her travels have taken her throughout the United States, Nigeria, and Japan as she worked as worship leader engaging others to lift their voices in praise and worship to the Almighty. Hornrette always says that she is blessed to be a blessing to others.



### Rev. Samuel Kim

Rev. Kim is the Senior Minister at Japanese Baptist Church in Seattle, WA. He is originally from Surrey, British Columbia, Canada and is passionate about pastoral theology and its relationship to contemporary culture. In addition to his ministry, he records and produces his own music and is a freelance soundtrack composer. His

wife Rhea is a non-profit attorney for the homeless children and youth of Seattle, and he is blessed with an 18-month-old daughter, Eden. He is joining the House Band as the lead guitarist.



### Claire Dent

Claire is originally from Chicago and now resides in Marietta, Ohio, with her husband, Tim. She began playing the violin at the age of 4, under the instruction of her grandfather, Richard F. Hire. She has played with many groups and orchestras, including the West Virginia

Symphony. She has recorded five CD's, and actively plays in concerts as well as speaks at churches, conferences and retreats. Musical highlights include playing with the late George Beverly Shae, and the late Anthony Burger of the Gaithers. She has also been involved with many American Baptist Women events, State Conventions and four past American Baptist Churches Biennials. Claire's desire is to use her gifts to praise the Lord and bring honor to Him. The couple have three grown sons, a wonderful daughter-in-law, a nine-year-old golden retriever and one cat.

(House Band continued on next page)



# Jorge Siberón

This multitalented man will be our Biennial House Band drummer. A perfectionist and dedicated musician and worshiper, Jorge (or *Sibe*, his friendly nickname) was raised by his parents into the Gospel. His family founded a Christian musical group called G.A.L.A., where he sings. He also has a talent for working

the music and sound tech. Jorge was at the helm of the rhythm section in the 2011 Mission Summit in Puerto Rico. Professionally, he is an Account Executive at an orthopedic and surgical supplies company. Jorge has been married for 26 years to Ruth and they have two kids, Jorge Jr. and Jonen. The family lives in Caguas, Puerto Rico.



# Sgt. Carlos Morales

Carlos started playing the saxophone during his teens at his church, *Iglesia Bautista Luz del Mundo*, in Puerto Rico. He graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a BA in Music and with a Master in Music Education, from Eastman School of Music, Rochester, NY. After teaching music for a while in Puerto Rico and

in New York, Carlos enlisted in the US Army, stationed in Fort Lee and Fort Monroe, both in Virginia, and spent a year in Fort Yongsan, South Korea. Sargent Morales graduated recently from the US Army School of Music with one of the highest scores of his class. During his Eastman's years, he met and married Sarah Elisabeth. They have two daughters, Giovanna and Gabriella, and a son, Carlos J. Carlos and his family are stationed at Fort Lee, Va.

# Special Thanks to the 2019 Biennial Mission Summit Tech Team

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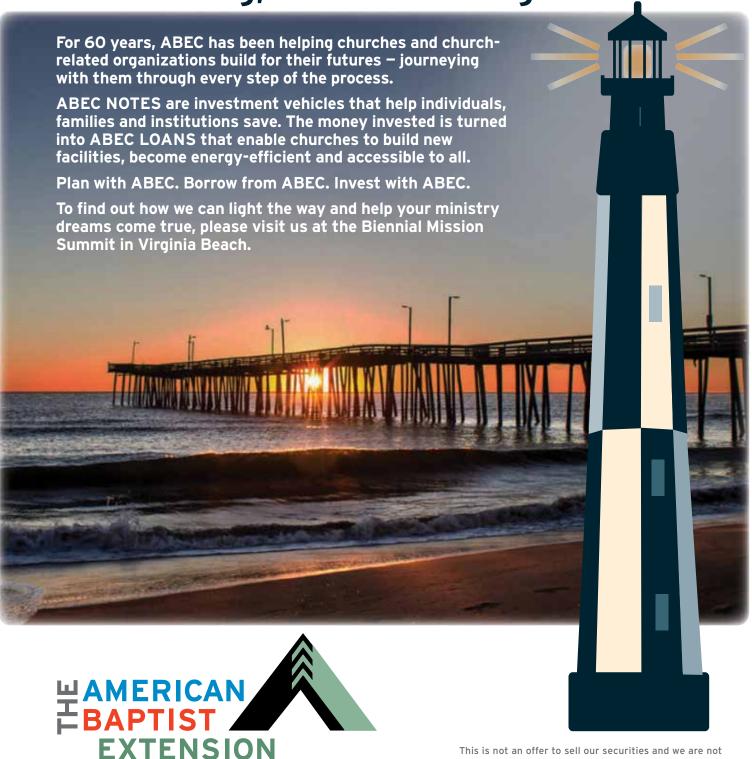
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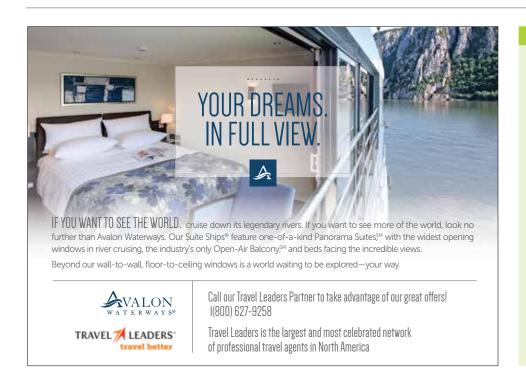
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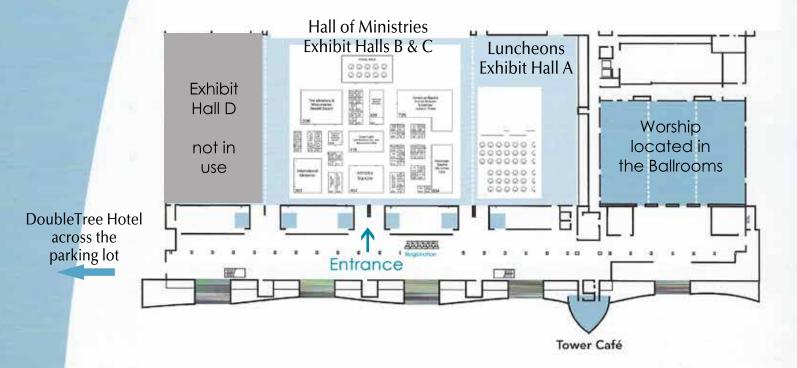
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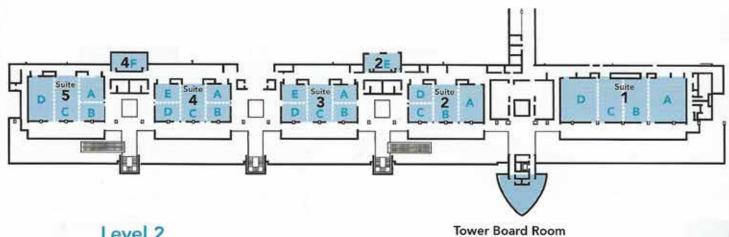
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ABCUSA Biennial Academy and Baptist Talk Conversations meeting rooms

Meal Events

# Hall of Ministries

# **ABCUSA 2019 Biennial Mission Summit** Virginia Beach, Virginia

ABC-related Exhibitors	Booth
ABC Black Caucus	215
Academy of Christian Training & Service	807
Alderson Broaddus University	721
American Baptist Churches of the South	416
American Baptist Churches USA	804
American Baptist Churches Creation Justice Network	319
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American Baptist Historical Society	318
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American Baptist Homes and Caring Ministries	705
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American Baptist Seminary of the West	719
American Baptist Women's Caucus	219
American Baptist Women's Ministries	803
AMOS Health and Hope	622
Andover Newton	715
Bacone College	819
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty	612
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Blessed Tomorrow	432
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Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School	711
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Franklin College	720
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ABC-related Exhibitors	Booth
Haitian Baptist Church at the Crossroads/Haitian Caucu	ıs 216
Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico Minis	try Square
International Ministries	203
Judson Press	725
Kachin Baptist Churches USA	708
Kodiak Baptist Mission	304
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New Baptist Covenant	424
Northern Seminary	821
Ottawa University	701
Palmer Theological Seminary	815
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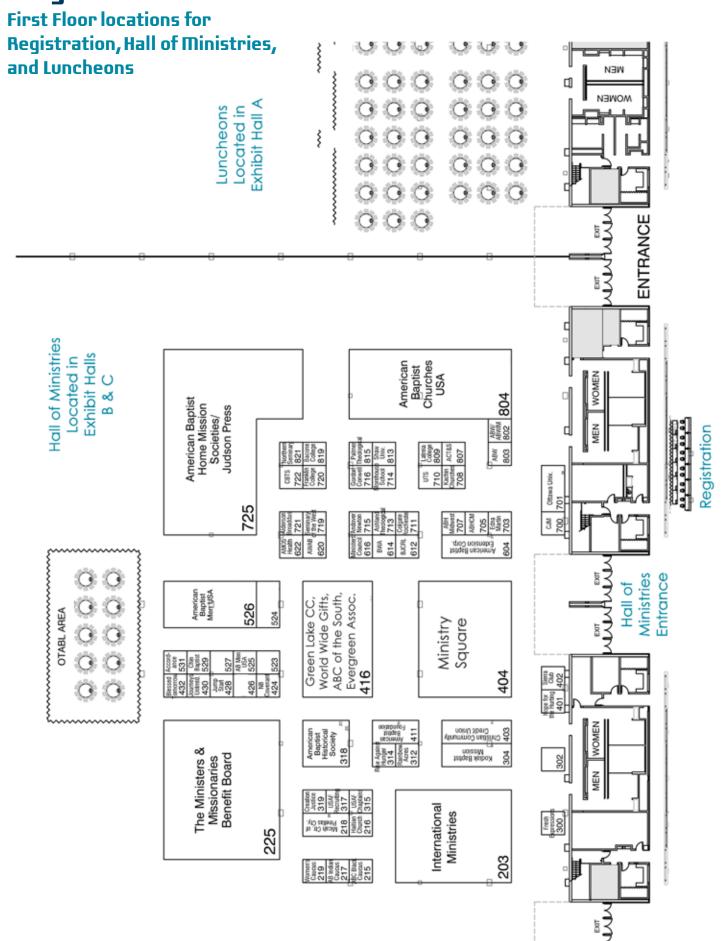
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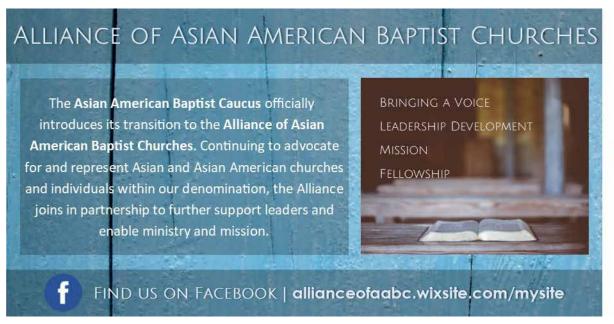
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