



## BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES

June 27-29, 2017

### AGENDA

**Meeting Site:** DoubleTree by Hilton  
1000 NE Multnomah Street  
Portland, OR 97232  
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**Officers:** Judy Fackenthal, President  
Josue Gómez-Menéndez, Vice President  
Don Ng, Past President  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Lee Spitzer, General Secretary

**Parliamentarian:** Dennis Johnson      **BGM Chaplain:** Kay Farley

*On Tuesday, June 27, 2017, a Breakfast Buffet will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the Multnomah Grille of the DoubleTree; a Lunch Buffet will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Broadway/Weidler Rooms.*

*Andrew Arndt, ABC of Indiana and Kentucky and Joyce Blandon, ABC of Connecticut will be serving as Tellers for this meeting. Nancy O'Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, will be ministering to us through her gift of music at various times during this meeting.*

#### **Tuesday, June 27, 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; BGM Plenary; in Holladay**

1. Welcome and Call to Order ABC President Judy Fackenthal, presiding  
  
Introduction of New Directors attending their first meeting  
Announcements
2. Morning Worship Kay Farley, BGM Chaplain  
*Lighting of the Christ Candle*
3. Sharing the ABCUSA Focus Statement Unison  
*American Baptist Churches are missional congregations that nurture devoted disciples of Jesus Christ who live their lives in mission and ministry for the healing of the world through the love of God.*

## 4. General Consent Agenda

President Fackenthal

Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting

- a. Directors to Other Boards: Frederickson MMBB; Kiley, IM; Wolfe, ABHMS
- b. Reports from ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary & AMOs
- c. *Transformed by the Spirit/Journey* Team – Jeff Woods
- d. Rhythms of the Spirit – Brad Berglund
- e. ABC Creation Justice Network, Baptist Talk, FNECU – Don Ng
- f. Professional Ministries Team – Jeff Woods
- g. Burma Refugee Commission – Florence Li

**Proposed Action:** To approve the General Consent Agenda: Written Reports posted prior to the meeting and the Proposed Agenda and Minutes of the BGM's November 17-19, 2016 Meeting held in King of Prussia, PA and Minutes of the BGM's May 8, 2017 Meeting held in Chicago, IL.

- 5. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee, March 9-11, 2017  
Meeting held in Atlanta, GA Josue Gómez-Menéndez  
ABC Vice President
- 6. Starting a New Day!  
Collective Sharing of Hopes and Dreams with Lee Spitzer, ABCUSA General Secretary
- 7. Report of the General Secretary Lee Spitzer
- 8. Sharing the Board Role as Initiated at the November BGM Meeting and Enhanced by the Executive Committee in March
- 9. Recess Meeting of the Board of General Ministries for Dinner and Vespers

***DINNER, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; in Broadway/Weidler***

*Following dinner, there will be a time to honor Susan Gillies for her service of ministry as the Interim General Secretary.*

***BGM VESPERS – 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; in Holladay***

*BGM Chaplain, Kay Farley will lead in a time of evening prayer and meditation and we will share in the Lord's Supper.*

***New BGM Member Orientation – 8:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.; in Holladay***

*Following the BGM Vespers, there will be an orientation for new BGM members.*

**Wednesday, June 28, 8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.; BGM Plenary; in Holladay**

*A Breakfast Buffet will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the Multnomah Grille of the DoubleTree; The BGM Finance Committee will meet from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the Hawthorne Room. The Commission on Baptist Talk will meet from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the Sellwood Room.*

- 10. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries Josue Gómez-Menéndez, presiding  
ABC Vice President
- 11. Worship/ Lighting of the Christ Candle Chaplain Kay Farley

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| 12. Report of the Budget Review Officer                | Paul Higgins    |
| 13. Presentation                                       | Ryan Burge      |
| 14. Current 588 Real Estate Status and Building Issues | Alan Musoke     |
| 15. Report of the ABC President                        | Judy Fackenthal |

**LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Lunch Buffet in Broadway/Weidler Room**

**BGM Plenary, 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.; in Holladay**

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| 16. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries | President Fackenthal, presiding                        |
| 17. Report from World Relief Officer               | Shirley Fair   |
| 18. Mission Resource Development                   | Al Fletcher<br>Acting Associate General Secretary, MRD |
| 19. Credentials and Caucus Committee               | Josue Gómez-Menéndez, Chair of CCC                     |
| Report of Changed Relationships                    |  |

**Proposed Action:** To receive the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches  
(document 1205.1:6/17) dated November 9, 2016 – June 15, 2017.

20. Specific Issues (Additional items, as consensus dictates)
21. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
- a. BGM Finance Committee (Room – Ross Island)
  - b. Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations (Room – Hawthorne)
  - c. Becoming a Beloved Community (Room – Sellwood)
  - d. Communicating ABC Identity (Room – Morrison)

***American Baptist Gathering of Members of National Boards Dinner/Plenary, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; in Holladay***

**Thursday, June 29, 8:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.; BGM Plenary; in Holladay**

*A Breakfast Buffet will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the Multnomah Grille of the DoubleTree;*

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| 22. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries | President Fackenthal, presiding |
| 23. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer           | Chaplain Kay Farley             |
| 24. 2019 Biennial Mission Summit                   | Lee Spitzer and Judy Fackenthal |
| 25. Action Group/Report                            |                                 |

The full Board of General Ministries will receive oral and/or written reports of Action Group work and proposals which resulted from Wednesday's break-out sessions.

26. Specific Issues (Additional items, as consensus dictates)

27. Closing Worship

Chaplain Kay Farley

*The BGM offering will be collected as part of our worship.*

28. Prayer and Adjournment

President Fackenthal

**LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Lunch Buffet in Broadway/Weidler Room**

*World Relief Committee Meeting with Dinner, 1:00 p.m – 9:00 p.m.*

Future BGM Meeting Dates/Locations:

November 15-18, 2017 Valley Forge, PA

***November 17, 2017 Celebration Service for the Mission Center 3:00 PM***

June 13-15, 2018 Green Lake, WI

November 9-11, 2018 Valley Forge, PA

June (Biennial – TBD)

November 13-16, 2019 Valley Forge, PA

Future BGM Executive Committee Meeting Dates/Locations:

September 14-16, 2017 San Juan, Puerto Rico

March 8-10, 2018 Meet at the 2019 Biennial location

September 13-15, 2018 Omaha, NE

March 14-16, 2019 St. Louis or Springfield, IL

September 12-14, 2019 Denver, CO