



BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES

November 16-18, 2017

AGENDA

Meeting Site: Crowne Plaza
260 Mall Boulevard
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Ph: 610-265-7500

Officers: Judy Fackenthal, President
Josue Gómez-Menéndez, Vice President
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer
Don Ng, Past President
Lee Spitzer, General Secretary

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

Please remember to sign the BGM attendance sheet.

Thursday, November 16, 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: BGM Plenary: Independence North

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. BGM Action Groups

Robin Crouch, West Virginia Baptist Convention and Charity Matic, ABCOFLASH 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.

1. Welcome and Call to Order Judy Fackenthal, Presiding, ABC President
2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Kay Farley, BGM Chaplain

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.

3. General Consent Agenda Items Judy Fackenthal

Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting

- A. Directors to Other Boards:
 - i. MMBB, Fredrickson
 - ii. IM, Kiley
 - iii. ABHMS, Wolfe
- B. Reports from ABCUSA & AMOs
- C. *Transformed by the Spirit*/Journey Team – Jeff Woods
- D. Rhythms of the Spirit – Brad Berglund
- E. Reports of Green Lake, NECU, and ABC Creation Justice Network – Don Ng
- F. Professional Ministries Team – Jeff Woods
- G. Burma Refugee Commission – Florence Li

Proposed Action: To approve by general consent the Minutes of the BGM June 27-29, 2017 Meeting (held in Portland, OR) and receive the designated written reports identified on the agenda.

4. ABCUSA Development Update

David Gnirk

5. Big Issues

A. Report of the Budget Review Officer – Paul Higgins

i. YTD Financials through September 2017

ii. Recommended Distribution of National Portion of UM for 2018

Proposed Action: To adopt the 2018 distribution of the national portion of United Mission.

iii. 2018 ABCUSA Budget

Proposed Action: To adopt the 2018 Estimated Income and the 2018 ABCUSA budget."

B. Investment Policy

Proposed Action: To adopt the ABCUSA Investment Policy.

C. United Mission

Lee Spitzer

D. Building Update

i. 588 Property

ii. 1075 Building

E. Biennial Mission Summit

F. General Secretary's Report

Lee Spitzer

i. Church Growth and Evangelism – Fresh Expressions

ii. Creation Justice Network – Cooperation with Eco-America

iii. The Local Church and Genocide (U. S. Holocaust Memorial Center)

G.

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I.

6. Parking Lot Issues

A. ABCUSA President's Report

Judy Fackenthal

B. Thoughts from President-Elect Josue Gómez-Ménendez

C.

D.

7. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

BGM Finance Committee	Devon
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations	Freedom Ballroom II
Becoming a Beloved Community	Freedom Ballroom I
Communicating ABC Identity	Radnor

DINNER, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Independence South

Recognition of ABCUSA staff.

Friday, November 17, 9:00 a.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North

A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant of the Crowne Plaza. – Please remember to bring your breakfast ticket with you. The BGM Finance Committee will meet from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Wayne Room for a plated breakfast meeting.

A Buffet Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant of the Crowne Plaza.

8. Reconvening/Announcements Vice President Josue Gómez-Ménendez, Presiding

9. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer Chaplain Kay Farley

10. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convene ABHS Annual Corporate Meeting Garth Brokaw, President
Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director

11. Reconvening Board of General Ministries

12. Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Efforts Victoria Goff and Salvador Orellena

13. Civil Discourse Presentation and Discussion Theo Brown

14. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee,
September 14-16, 2017 Meeting (held in San Juan, Puerto Rico). Vice President,
Josue Gómez-Menéndez

15. President's Nominations and Appointments Judy Fackenthal, President
For 2018-2019 Biennium

16. Big Issue Item/s

17. Parking Lot Issue/s

18. Credentials and Caucus Committee Josue Gómez-Menéndez, Chair of CCC

Report of Changed Relationship

Proposed Action: To receive the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches
(document 1205.1:11/17) dated June 15, 2017- November 8, 2017.

19. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) followed by Dinner and Vespers.

BGM Finance Committee	DeKalb 206
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations	Von Steuben 306
Becoming a Beloved Community	Wayne
Communicating ABC Identity	Radnor

DINNER, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Independence South

BGM VESPERS/INSTALLATION SERVICE – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Independence North

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary: Independence North

A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant of the Crowne Plaza. – Please remember to bring your breakfast ticket with you.

BGM Lunch Buffet 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Stirling's Restaurant

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| 20. Reconvening/Announcements | President Fackenthal, Presiding |
| 21. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer | Chaplain Kay Farley |
| 22. Recognition of Retiring Board Directors | President Fackenthal,
Vice President Gómez-Menendez
General Secretary Spitzer |
| Robin Crouch (General Director) | |
| Shirley Fair (Central) | |
| C. Duh Kam (District of Columbia) | |
| Charity Matic (Los Angeles) | |
| Dianne Steelman (Ohio) | |
| Don Ng (Past President) | |
| 23. Action Group Reports/Proposals | |
| 24. Big Issue Item/s | |
| 25. Parking Lot Issue/s | |
| 26. Closing Worship | Chaplain Kay Farley |
| 27. Prayer and Adjournment | President Fackenthal |

Future BGM Dates:

June 13-15, 2018 - Green Lake, WI

November 8-10, 2018 - King of Prussia, PA

Future BGM Exec. Comm. Dates:

March 8-10, 2018 – TBD

June 12-13, 2018 – Green Lake, WI

September 13-16, 2018 – Omaha, NE

November 7-8, 2018 - King of Prussia, PA

March 14-16, 2019 – TBD

June 2019 (Biennial TBD)

September 12-14, 2019 – Denver, CO