



## **BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES**

June 16-18, 2016

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting Site:** Green Lake Conference Center  
W2511 State Rd. 23  
Green Lake, WI 54941  
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**Officers:** Judy Fackenthal, President  
Josue Gómez-Menendez, Vice President  
Don Ng, Past President  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Susan E. Gillies, Interim General Secretary

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

*Please remember to sign the BGM attendance sheet.*

### **BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES RETREAT**

**Thursday, June 16, 2016 (9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.) – Friday, June 17, 2016 (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**  
**Brayton Case, Kern Lodge**

*Meals in the Bauer Dining Room: Please enjoy breakfast from 7:00 a.m. – 8:15 a.m., prior to the beginning of the BGM Retreat on Thursday. On Friday morning, breakfast will be served from 7:15 a.m. – 8:15 a.m. Lunch on Thursday will be served from 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. and dinner at 6:00 p.m.*

*Note: On Thursday morning, the BGM Finance Committee will go through the breakfast line and take their plates to the Tower Dining Room for a breakfast meeting from 7:00 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. The ABCUSA Nominating Committee will have a plated breakfast meeting from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. in the Hansen Room of Kern Lodge.*

Participants: The Board of General Ministries; ABCUSA-Office of the General Secretary board-related Staff; and Region Executive Ministers Marcia Patton, Charles Revis and John Williams and Doris Garcia-Rivera, presidenta de Seminario Evangelico de Puerto Rico (members of the ABC Nominating Committee and the General Secretary's Search Committee).

We will come together in a retreat setting to intentionally focus on building relationships and exploring issues of race, gender and culture and the impact of those issues on our life together. We will contemplate how to best leverage the gift of diversity as we discern leadership for the future of the denomination. We will conclude with communion. The retreat will be facilitated by consultant Erin Hawkins, General Secretary of the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race.

**Friday, June 17, 2016; 1:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.; Brayton Case, Kern Lodge**

*Dianne Steelman, ABC of Ohio and Wesley Roberts, ABC of Massachusetts, 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

Introduction of New Directors attending their first meeting  
Announcements

2. Opening Worship Kay Farley  
*Lighting of the Christ Candle* BGM Chaplain

3. Consent Agenda President Fackenthal

**Proposed Action:** Approval of Proposed June 2016 BGM Agenda and Minutes of BGM's November 12-14, 2015 Meeting (held in King of Prussia, PA)

4. Elections, Nominations and Appointments Vice President Josue Gómez-Menendez

**Election of General Directors**

*Up to five (5) General Directors are elected, by the Members giving due regard to geographic, racial, ethnic and gender diversity and expertise on the Board of General Ministries, the National Boards and within the Constituencies of ABCUSA.*

**Proposed Action:** At the recommendation of the BGM Executive Committee, to elect Zina Jacque, ABC of Metro Chicago, as General Director (class of 2019) to the Board of General Ministries.

**Proposed Action:** At the recommendation of the BGM Executive Committee, to elect Thomas Ross, Jr., ABC of Metro New York, as a General Director (class of 2019) to the Board of General Ministries.

**President's Nominations and Appointments**

President Judy Fackenthal nominates the following:

Zina Jacque, Class of 2019, to the BGM Executive Committee  
Raimundo Barreto, Class of 2018, to the Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations

**Proposed Action:** To elect Zina Jacque to the BGM Executive Committee and Raimundo Barreto to the Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations.

President Judy Fackenthal appoints the following:

Thomas Ross, Jr., Class of 2019, to the ABCUSA Nominating Committee

**Proposed Action:** To recognize the appointment of Thomas Ross, Jr., to the ABCUSA Nominating Committee

5. Election of the Executive Directors of ABHMS and IM as National Secretaries of ABCUSA

*The ABC Bylaws, Article XV, Section 1: The Executive Director of the corporation managed by each National Board, elected or appointed by such National Board in accordance with Article XIII, Section 2 of these Bylaws, shall be elected by the Board of General Ministries as a National Secretary of ABCUSA to serve for a term which is concurrent with such person's term as such Executive Director; provided that the General Secretary serves as a member of the advisory search committee of such corporation which recommends the appointment of such Executive Director and the corporation remains a party to the Covenant of Relationships.*

**Proposed Action:** To elect Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, as a National Secretary of ABCUSA to serve for a term which is concurrent with his term as Executive Director.

**Proposed Action:** To elect Rev. Sharon T. Koh, Executive Director of International Ministries, ABC, as a National Secretary of ABCUSA to serve for a term which is concurrent with her term as Executive Director.

6. Welcome to Interim General Secretary Susan Gillies  
Report of the Interim General Secretary

7. Reflection on BGM Retreat

We will meet in small table group discussions to consider these questions:

- What nudged us in becoming a Beloved Community?
- What is God stirring within each of us?
- What are possible next steps from this retreat?

8. Specific Issues

*Noted below are Specific Issues (Parking Lot Issues and Big Issues) facing the ABC family, ABCUSA and the larger Christian world that we will address during our afternoon session today.*

***Note: Break: 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.***

***Following Break, BGM will meet in Executive Session to discuss the General Secretary Search (Job Description, Process, Recruitment firms, and Timeline).***

- a. Mission Table 7 Priorities – President Fackenthal  
Shift in BGM Action Groups
- b. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee – President Fackenthal
  - March 10-12, 2016, Camp Verde, AZ
  - June 15, 2016, Green Lake, WI
- c. Caucus and Credentials Committee

-Report of Changed Relationships – Josue Gómez-Menendez

**Proposed Action:** To receive the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches (document1205.1:6/16) dated November 5, 2015 through June 3, 2016.

-Caucus Annual Reports/Requests for 2017 Funding – Paul Higgins

**Proposed Action:** To approve funding (with a total budget of \$\_\_\_\_) for 2017 for American Baptist Caucuses.

- d. Biennial Mission Summit and OTABL Report – Judy Fackenthal
- e. Director of Development – Ken Marsenburg
- f. United Mission Advertising Team (UM AD) – Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne
- g.
- h.

9. Convening of the Corporate Meeting of ABHS

Garth Brokaw, President  
Deborah Van Broekhoven, Executive Director

10. Recess of BGM; Convening of BGM Action Groups (4:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.)

***BGM Finance Committee – Boehr, Kern Lodge (Led by Paul Higgins, Alan Musoke)***  
***Committee on Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations – Hansen, Kern Lodge (Led by June Totten)***  
***Becoming a Beloved Community – Cary, Kern Lodge (Led by Camille Brown, Pat Hernandez)***  
***Communicating ABC Identity – Brayton Case, Kern Lodge (Led by Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne)***  
***Renewing Congregations – Stansbury, Kern Lodge (Led by Wesley Roberts, Jeff Woods)***

**6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. – DINNER IN THE BAUER DINING ROOM**

**7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – CELEBRATION OF TRANSITIONS AND  
STRONG WOMEN LEADERS OF THE PAST**

*Along Memory Lane at Green Lake there is a boulder with a memorial plaque commemorating the women who have served as presidents of ABC. In honor of Rev. Judy Fackenthal's service as ABC president for the 2016-2017 biennium, we will gather to dedicate a bronze plaque which will update the commemoration to include the following ABC presidents:*

*Trinette V. McCray (2000-2001)*  
*Margaret Johnson (2004-2005)*  
*Mary Armacost Hulst (2008-2009)*  
*Ruth M. Clark (2012-2013)*  
*Judith K. Fackenthal (2016-2017)*

*We will conclude with prayer.*

**8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. – RETIREMENT CELEBRATIONS  
HONORING DEBORAH VAN BROEKHOVEN & LEO S. THORNE**

*We will celebrate the faithful years of ministry of Dr. Deborah Van Broekhoven, Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society, who served in this role since September 1, 1998, and Rev. Dr. Leo S. Thorne, Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development, ABCUSA, who served in this role since January 12, 2006. Both will conclude their service on August 31, 2016.*

**Saturday, June 18, 8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Brayton Case, Kern Lodge**

*Please enjoy breakfast in the Bauer Dining Room (serving from 7:15 a.m.-8:15 a.m.).*

11. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries

Josue Gómez-Menendez, Presiding  
ABC Vice President

Opening Prayer

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

12. Celebrations and Concerns

13. Specific Issues

*Noted below are Specific Issues (Parking Lot Issues and Big Issues) facing the ABC family, ABCUSA and the larger Christian world that we will address during our morning session today.*

***Note: Break: 10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.; following the break, President Judy Fackenthal will preside.***

- a. Report of the Nominating Committee – Judy Fackenthal
- b. Report of the Budget Review Officer – Paul Higgins
  - YTD Financials Through April 2016
  - 2015 Audit
  - Proposed Action:** To accept, as recommended by the BGM Finance Committee, the Auditor's Report on the 2015 ABCUSA Audited Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.
  - Mission Initiative Fund
  - Building Issues – Alan Musoke, Associate General Secretary for Finance/CFO/Treasurer
- c. Bylaws/Standing Rules Changes – Don Ng, Past President
- d. Statements of Concern and Public Witness Statements – Don Ng
- e. Action Group Reports (*Note: If our time runs short, these reports will be shared in November.*)
- f.
- g.

14. Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting – Time for Sharing/Questions

President Fackenthal

15. Signing of AMO Covenant: ABCUSA/Kachin Baptist Churches USA

*Mr. Zau Hkawng Dure, General Secretary of the Kachin Baptist Churches USA, Rev. Dr. Maw San Awng Jum, Associate General Secretary and Ms. Nang Doi Lahpai, President are with us today as guests as ABCUSA and the Kachin Baptist Churches USA enter together into covenant relationship.*

16. Closing Worship

Kay Farley

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

17. Prayer and Adjournment

President Fackenthal

***REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN YOUR NAMETAGS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX AT THE BACK OF THE PLENARY ROOM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. THANK YOU.***

**LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Bauer Dining Room**

*A Buffet Lunch will be served in the Bauer Dining Room for those who do not have to rush to meet a shuttle to the airport. For those who do, a boxed lunch will be provided.*

**Future meetings of the BGM and BGM Executive Committee:**

*September 8-10, 2016 (Executive Committee) – Rochester, NY*

*November 16-19, 2016 –King of Prussia, PA (Nominating Committee will meet on Nov. 15)*

*March 9-11, 2017 (Executive Committee) – Atlanta, GA*

*June 27-28, 2017 – Portland, OR (Nominating Committee will meet on June 26)*

*June 29, 2017 – Pre-Biennial Events; June 30-July 2, 2017 – Biennial Mission Summit*

*September 14-16, 2017(Executive Committee) – Puerto Rico*

*November 16-18, 2017 – King of Prussia, PA (Nominating Committee will meet aft. of Nov. 15;*

*Executive Committee dinner on Nov. 15)*