



BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES

November 12-14, 2015

AGENDA

Meeting Site: Doubletree by Hilton
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Officers: Don Ng, President
Judy Fackenthal, Vice President/BGM Chaplain
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer
Ruth Clark, Past President
A. Roy Medley, General Secretary

Parliamentarian: Dennis Johnson

Please remember to sign the BGM attendance sheet.

Thursday, November 12, 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Jefferson B & Paine Rooms

Joyce Blandon, ABC of Connecticut, and Vivan Martindale, ABC of Vermont/New Hampshire, will be serving as Tellers for this meeting. Past President Ruth Clark, ABC of the Central Region, and Nancy O'Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, will be ministering to us through their gifts of music at various times during this meeting.

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Don Ng, Presiding
ABC President

Introduction of New Directors attending their first meeting
Introduction of Dr. Josue Gómez Menendez, ABC Vice President, 2016-2017
Announcements

2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Judy Fackenthal
ABC Vice President/BGM Chaplain

3. Consent Agenda

President Ng

Proposed Action: Approval of Proposed Agenda and Minutes of BGM's
June 23-24, 2015 Meeting (held in Overland Park, KS)

4. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee, September 10-12, 2015
(held in Charleston, WV) President Ng

5. Report of the Nominating Committee Vice President Fackenthal

Election of General Director of the Board of General Ministries

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: To elect Rev. Raimundo Barreto as a General Director (class of 2018) to the Board of General Ministries.

6. President's Nominations and Appointments Judy Fackenthal, President Elect

7. U.S. Commission on Burmese Refugees

Proposed Action: To approve Rev. Biak Mang, General Secretary of the Falam speaking Chin churches in the U.S., as a member of the Commission on Burmese Refugees.

Proposed Action: To approve Rev. Joan Friesen, executive minister of ABC of Greater Indianapolis, as a member of the Commission on Burmese Refugees to serve for one year.

8. Report from the World Relief Officer Lisa Rothenberger

Lisa Rothenberger, associate executive director of International Ministries, has served as World Relief Officer for the Board of General Ministries since January 2004. In this role, she administers the promotion and distribution of the annual One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering. For more than 60 years, OGHS has provided disaster relief, development aid and refugee resettlement assistance. Lisa will share a report, clarifying the work and function of the World Relief Committee.

9. Introduce the "Big Issues of the Day" and "Parking Lot" Agenda Process President Ng

Big Issues of the Day

What are the big issues facing the ABC family, ABCUSA and the larger Christian world today that we must not overlook? Some possible "Big Issues of the Day" are:

- a. Review of Biennial Mission Summit (Don Ng)
- b. Becoming a Beloved Community, June 2016 BGM Retreat (Judy Fackenthal)
- c. General Secretary's Search –Interim General Secretary Nomination (Don Ng)
- d. Proposed Draft Amendment to Standing Rule 15.5.3 (Don Ng)
- e. Act on UM Adaptive Team Update (Bridget Lipin)
- f. Update: Transformed by the Spirit, Phase II (Jeff Woods)
- g. Rhythms of the Spirit (Judy Fackenthal)
- h. Applications from Organizations for AMO Relationships (Don Ng, Roy Medley)

- Proposed Actions:** To approve the ABCUSA Budget for 2016; the ABCUSA Rep Process Budget for 2016; the Mission Resource Development Budget for 2016
-YTD Financials through September 2015
-UM Funding Distribution
-Mission Initiative Fund (Report of Action Taken by ABCUSA Finance Committee)
-Building Issues

What are the necessary routine items that we need to address when time is available? Some possible “Parking Lot” items are:

- Report of the Credentials & Caucus Committee (Wesley Roberts)
 Changed Relationship Report
 Future Meeting Dates (Judy Fackenthal)

11. Parking Lot Issue/s

g Shirley Fair, ABHS Treasurer
Deborah Van Broekhoven, Executive Director

14. Recess of BGM; Convening of BGM in Action Groups (4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
Meeting room assignments, where noted, are subject to change. Confirmation will be received at the meeting.

BGM Finance Committee – Room to be determined (Led by Paul Higgins, Alan Musoke)
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations – Summit 4 (Led by June Totten, Roy Medley)
Becoming a Beloved Community – Summit 3 (Led by Camille Brown, Pat Hernandez)
***Communicating ABC Identity – Summit 7 (Routinely led by Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne;
 At this meeting, led by Jonathan Malone, Bridget Lipin)***
Renewing Congregations – Room to be determined (Led by Wesley Roberts, Jeff Woods)

DINNER, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Hamilton Room

Thursday, November 12, 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Jefferson B & Paine Rooms

15. Reconvene/ BGM Photo Session

President Ng

Immediately following dinner, at 7:30 p.m., Bridget Lipin, assistant director of communications/web manager, will be photographing BGM directors, members of the Executive Committee and retiring directors and officers with the goal of becoming more intentional in recording visual historic records.

16. Baptist World Congress, Durban, South Africa

Roy Medley



We will hear a report of celebration of the Baptist World Congress, held July 22-26, 2015 in Durban, South Africa. This report will be provided interactively as General Secretary Roy Medley, who attended Baptist World Congress, interviews other ABC delegates to the Congress—Ruth Clark, June Totten and Pat Hernandez.

17. Celebrations and Recognitions

Recognition of Retiring Board Directors

President Ng

We will honor those who have served faithfully among us, sharing generously of time, talents and Christian love.

Julia Bebeau General Board: 2008-2011; BGM: 2012-2015
Ruth Clark (years of service noted below)

Recognition of Retiring Past President

President Ng, General Secretary Medley

We will honor Ruth Clark for her many years of faithful and committed leadership.

6 years as GB/BGM Representative (2006-2009, 2010-2011)
2 years as BGM President (2012-2013)
2 years as BGM Past President (2014-2015)

Recognition of Retiring ABC President Don Ng

General Secretary Medley

In his role as ABC President for the 2014-2015 biennium, Don Ng has served the denomination with great distinction. His love for the American Baptist family, and his openness to being led by the Spirit, have inspired those who have had the privilege to work with him. We will honor Don at this time for his faithful leadership and dedication to the mission and ministry of ABC which has brought us closer to becoming the beloved community. We celebrate the fact that he will remain engaged in the work of BGM as past president.

2 years as GB/BGM Representative (2010-2011)
2 years as BGM Vice President (2012-2013)
2 years as BGM President (2014-2015)

VESPERS - 8:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

BGM Chaplain Judy Fackenthal will lead in a time of evening prayer and meditation.

Friday, November 13, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Jefferson B & Paine Rooms

A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in Three01 Restaurant, Doubletree by Hilton Valley Forge.

18. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries President Ng

19. Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Judy Fackenthal

20. Concerns and Celebrations

21. Big Issues

22. Parking Lot Issues

BREAK: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

23. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups **(10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)**

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***BGM Finance Committee – Room to be determined** (Led by Paul Higgins, Alan Musoke)*

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LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Three01 Restaurant

24. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries Vice President Judy Fackenthal presiding

25. Big Issues/Parking Lot Issue/s (as consensus dictates)

**DINNER CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF GENERAL SECRETARY A. ROY MEDLEY
5:00 p.m.–6:30 p.m.; Hamilton Room**

Following dinner, there will be a special program of speakers, music and presentations including honoring Roy with the title, General Secretary Emeritus. Uniting all of us in Christian community and in remembrance of our Lord, Dr. Medley will officiate in celebrating the Lord's Supper.

We welcome special guests at this dinner, including Roy Medley's wife Pat Stauffer Medley and family, Don Ng's wife Joy Shih Ng, and several ecumenical Heads of Communion.

Saturday, November 14, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Jefferson B & Paine Rooms

A Buffet Breakfast will be available from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in Three01 Restaurant.

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26. Reconvening/Announcements

Don Ng, presiding

27. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer

28. Action Group Reports/Proposals

The full Board of General Ministries will receive reports of Action Group work and proposals which resulted from Thursday's and Friday's break-out sessions.

29. Closing Worship

Judy Fackenthal

30. Prayer and Adjournment

Don Ng

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

The next meeting of the Board of General Ministries will be held on June 16 (beginning in the morning) – June 18, 2016 (ending at 12:00 Noon) in Green Lake, WI. (The BGM Executive Committee will meet on June 15, 2016.

LUNCH, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Three01 Restaurant

A Buffet Lunch will be served in the Three01 Restaurant for those who do not have to rush to meet a shuttle to the airport.

Staff of the former Board of Educational Ministries will meet together for its third annual reunion at 12:30 p.m. in the T. Burkes Private Dining Room of the Doubletree.