

## BGM Item 3F: Professional Ministries Team

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#### BGM Report

October 24, 2017

New to 2017, the Professional Ministries Team has begun developing “reflection papers” related to the seven Mission Table priorities listed below. Rev. Dr. James Kelsey presented the first paper in the spring entitled, “How Can We Engage Christ’s Presence in a Rapidly Changing World.” Rev. Randy Harris presented the fall paper which focused upon the discipleship priority entitled, “The Dilemma of Discipleship.” Both papers are posted on the ABCUSA website.

Additional assignments will be made at the next meeting on May 12, 2017. Future reflection papers will continue to focus upon the priorities below:

1. Next Generation of Leaders
2. Violence
3. Discipleship
4. Poverty
5. Gospel in a Rapidly Changing Society
6. Women in Ministry
7. Innovative Models of Pastoral Ministry

The Professional Ministries has also begun suggesting policy in places where it is lacking in relation to the American Baptist Churches Information System (ABCIS). Geri Blier, the director of ABCIS, met with the PMT at their October meeting to begin identifying needed policies.

In other work, the PMT members are in the process of updating their previously developed bibliography for clergy growth and renewal.