

**Summary Reports (ABC Creation Justice Network, Baptist Talk, FNECU)**  
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Baptist Talk Commission

Since our meetings in November 2016 in Valley Forge, the commission has met over 3 conference calls to prepare for the first Baptist Talk Learning Opportunity that will take place on Sunday, July 2, 2:45-4:45 at the Portland Biennial Mission Summit. A 9-page resource has been prepared by Jeff Woods and assignments made to whom will be facilitating the process at the Learning Opportunity. The Commission members are: Raimundo Barreto (NJ), Cecelia Dachler (DAK), Zina Jacque (Chicago), Jonathan Malone (RI), Vivan Martindale (VT/NH), Wesley Sun (Chicago), Jeff Woods (OGS), Don Ng (Chair).

Creation Justice Network Task Force

At BGM's November 2016 meetings, Tom Carr (CT) and Ian Mevorach (MA), co-chairs along with Owen Owens who was formerly on the staff of ABC National Ministries and who authored, *Spiritual Health in Hard Times: The Bible's Hope for Life on Earth* led the board on a Bible study about eco-justice. Copies of Owen's book were given to each board member to replicate more studies in their respective regions. Since November 2016, the Task Force has had 2 conference calls to prepare for the Portland Biennial Mission Summit as well as to discuss creation justice topics. In Portland, the Task Force will have an exhibit booth to network with others as well as to distribute resources. The Task Force also drafted a statement to call the President of the US to reconsider his decision to withdraw from the Paris Climate Agreement. Other members of the Task Force are: Ashley Anderson (MA), Karyn Bigelow (DC), Dwight P. Davidson (OH), Stacey Simpson Duke (MI), Kathleen Moore (NY), Jamie Washburn (RI), David Wheeler (OR), and Don Ng (OGS).

Friends of Northeast Christian University (FNECU)

To financially support the efforts of the Council of Baptist Churches of Northeast India (CBC-NEI), FNECU has been organized with Jerry Cain (MO) Chair and Don Ng (CA) Vice Chair. The goal is to establish a new liberal arts university in Nagaland "committed to integrating faith and knowledge, character and service to transform and empower students for leadership in challenging times." FNECU has met 2 times in conference calls followed by a meeting on May 25-26 in Chapel Hill, NC. Our immediate priority is to financially support the renovation of a building in Dimapur to begin offering classes this Fall. Plans are underway to visit in early February 2018 when there would be convention anniversaries and pastor conferences. This would be an opportunity for anyone who may be interested in learning more about NECU. Other members of FNECU are: Peter Armacost (FL), Ben Chan (IM), Fred Downs (NC), Joseph Huse (IN), Anjo Keikung (Nagaland), Leno Peseyie (CA), Rani Mathai (IL), Varhese Mathai (IL), and John Sundquist (MI). A FNECU breakfast will be on Sunday, July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Biennial Mission Summit.

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