

American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES

Proposed Agenda: June 18-20, 2013



**Sheraton Overland Park Hotel
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**Ruth Clark, President
Donald Ng, Vice President
James R. Ratliff, Budget Review Officer
Frank Christine, Jr., Past President**

“American Baptists Serving as the Hands and Feet of Christ”

Scripture Focus: *“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”*
Colossians 3:12-16

Tuesday, June 18, 2013: 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., Leatherwood 3 Meeting Room

PLENARY I (2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

Camille Brown, ABC of Ohio, and Dean Parker, Philadelphia Baptist Association, will be serving as Tellers for this meeting. Nancy O’Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, will be ministering to us through her gift of music during this meeting.

1. Welcome and Call to Order ABC President Ruth Clark, presiding
2. Announcements and Introductions

During this time we will welcome Dr. James O. Wolfe, from the Great Rivers Region, who is being nominated as a new BGM At-Large Director. Bill Frederickson will provide a brief introduction.

3. BGM Worship Jeff Savage, BGM Chaplain

Lighting of the Christ Candle

4. Team Building Don Ng, ABC Vice President

5. Consent Agenda President Clark

Proposed Action: *To approve the June 18-20, 2013 Proposed Agenda and the November 8-10, 2012 minutes of the Board of General Ministries (meeting held in King of Prussia, PA).*

6. Report of the Nominating Committee Election of New Member President Clark

Election of At-Large Directors of the Board of General Ministries

The Board of General Ministries is composed of At-Large Directors, Special Directors and Ex Officio Directors. There are 33 At-large Directors, one from each ABCUSA Region, elected by the Biennial Delegates. Any vacancy for an At-large Director “may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of General Ministries on nomination of the ABCUSA Nominating Committee.”

Proposed Action: *To elect Dr. James O. Wolfe III, ABC of Great Rivers Region, as an At-Large Director as nominated to the Board of General Ministries.*

7. Introduction of New Director of Development, Dr. Kenneth C. Marsenburg, Jr. A. Roy Medley

8. Report of the President Ruth Clark

On April 20, 2013 the Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations partnered with Central Baptist Theological Seminary to host a conversation between Baptists and Muslims at Prairie Baptist Church in Prairie Village, KS. This conversation was one of three dialogues held by ABC-related theological schools to create an atmosphere where faith communities can live in peace and respect with one another and promote the common good in the society in which we live and in the broader world.

President Clark will conduct a panel interview about this April event with Dr. Molly T. Marshall, president of CBTS and Dr. Stephen Jones, interim pastor of Prairie Baptist Church, Prairie Village, KS.

9. Report of the General Secretary A. Roy Medley

BREAK (3:40 p.m. - 3:55 p.m.)

Beverages will be available outside the meeting room.

Vice President Don Ng, Presiding

10. Report of the BGM Finance Committee Jim R. Ratliff, Budget Review Officer

- YTD Financials through April 2013
- Revisions to Mission Initiative Fund Guidelines

Proposed Action: *To approve the Mission Initiative Fund Guidelines, as proposed.*

- 2012 Audit

Proposed Action: *To receive the 2012 Audit as recommended by the BGM Finance Committee.*

11. Executive Session of the Directors of the Board of General Ministries

Report of Actions of the Executive Committee

Election of the General Secretary

The ABC Bylaws, Article X, Section 4 (xii), provides that the Board of General Ministries shall: elect the General Secretary; and evaluate the performance of the Office of the General Secretary biennially.

The ABC Bylaws, Article XV, Section 1 also states: Upon nomination by the ABCUSA Nominating Committee (which, for purposes of this nomination, shall include one additional individual chosen by the National Boards), the General Secretary shall be elected by the Board of General Ministries for a term of four (4) years (or such shorter term as the Board of General Ministries may specify) and may thereafter be reelected to such office by the Board of General Ministries for any number of additional terms.

During Executive Session the Board of General Ministries will hear the report from the Executive Committee and the Executive Committee will bring to the Board of General Ministries a recommendation regarding the reelection of General Secretary A. Roy Medley for the 2014-2017 term. A ballot vote will be taken.

12. Break-out Session: Response Groups (4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

- **Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations—Presidential Suite**
June Totten, Ruth Clark, Ernest Jones, Mo Khan, Jonathan Malone, (Hopeton Scott)
- **Congregational Renewal—Hospitality Room 1524**
Don Ng, Jeff Woods, John Duckworth, Elisai Echevarria, Kay Farley, Bill Frederickson, Nancy O'Neill, Dean Parker, Koreen Villers, James Wolfe
- **Finance—Birch Room**
Jim Ratliff, Alan Musoke, Paul Higgins, Beryl Hornberger, Charity Matic, Wesley Roberts
- **Mission Resource Development—Willow Room**
Frank Christine Jr., Leo Thorne, Robin Crouch, Dennis Johnson, Vivan Martindale, Alan Rudnick, Elmore Warren

- **Missional Response—Hospitality Room 1024**
Duh Kam, Roy Medley, Perla Belo, Shirley Fair, Danny Jack, Ray Jepson, Jim Thomason, Tasha Wilson
- **Professional Church Leadership—Leatherwood 3**
Jeff Savage, Pat Hernandez, Andy Arndt, Julia Bebeau, Camille Brown, Felipe Candelaria, Mercy Johnson, Dianne Steelman, Wesley Sun, Amaury Tañón-Santos

BGM DINNER (6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.)

The Board of General Ministries and staff will enjoy dinner together at 6:00 p.m. in the Maple Room of the Sheraton.

PLENARY II (7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.); Leatherwood 3 Meeting Room

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| 13. | Reconvene | President Ruth Clark, presiding |
| 14. | Ministers and OTABL Conference Planning | Don Ng |
| 15. | <i>Transformed by the Spirit</i> – Update; Next Steps; Donor Funding | A. Roy Medley |
| 16. | Mini Mission Summit Table Conversations | C. Jeff Woods
Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries |
| 17. | Biennial Preview | Brad Berglund, MS/Biennial Manager/Consultant
John S. Williams, Executive Minister, ABCCR |
| 18. | Recess of the Meeting | |

Wednesday, June 19, 2013: 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

BREAKFAST BUFFET (7:00 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.)

A Breakfast Buffet will be served in the Maple Room of the Sheraton.

BGM MINISTRY SITE VISITS AND RESPONSE GROUP MEETINGS

19. Reconvening the Board of General Ministries (8:15 a.m.)
- An informal reconvening of the Board of General Ministries will take place as delegates gather in the lobby of the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at 8:15 a.m. for bus transportation to ministry sites noted below.*

20. Ministry Site Visits

*BGM delegates will be divided into three groups for the Ministry Visits.
Buses will leave promptly at 8:30 a.m.*

- *Bethel Neighborhood Center, 14 S. 7th Street Trafficway, Kansas City, KS 66101; 913-371-8218*
- *Central Baptist Theological Seminary, 6601 Monticello Rd., Shawnee, KS 66226; 913-667-5700*
- *Judson Baptist Church, 8300 State Ave., Kansas City, KS 66112; 913-299-8335*

21. Break-out Session: Response Groups (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

- **Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations—Presidential Suite**
June Totten, Ruth Clark, Ernest Jones, Mo Khan, Jonathan Malone, (Hopeton Scott)
- **Congregational Renewal—Hospitality Room 1524**
Don Ng, Jeff Woods, John Duckworth, Elisai Echevarria, Kay Farley, Bill Frederickson, Nancy O'Neill, Dean Parker, Koreen Villers, James Wolfe
- **Finance—Willow Room** (*Finance & Mission Resource Development will have a joint meeting.*)
Jim Ratliff, Alan Musoke, Paul Higgins, Beryl Hornberger, Charity Matic, Wesley Roberts
- **Mission Resource Development—Willow Room**
Frank Christine Jr., Leo Thorne, Robin Crouch, Dennis Johnson, Vivan Martindale, Alan Rudnick, Elmore Warren
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LUNCH BUFFET: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

The Board of General Ministries will enjoy a buffet lunch together in the 1906 Patio and Maple Rooms, reconvening for business at 2:00 p.m.

JOINT PLENARY (ABCUSA/ABHMS/IM/MMBB): 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Courtyard Room 1&2, Overland Park Convention Center

The Board of General Ministries, the Board of International Ministries, the Board of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board will meet together at 2:00 p.m. to share ministry reports.

DINNER (ABCUSA/ABHMS/IM/MMBB): 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., Courtyard Room 3&4, Overland Park Convention Center

*Dinner will be provided at 5:00 p.m. for Board Directors, Spouses and Staff of all organizations.
The Joint Plenary will be reconvened at 6:15 p.m. in Courtyard Room 1&2.*

Thursday, June 20, 2013: 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Courtyard Rm. 1, 2, Overland Park Convention Center

BREAKFAST BUFFET (7:00 a.m. -8:15 a.m.)

A Breakfast Buffet will be served in Courtyard 5 of the Overland Park Convention Center.

PLENARY III (8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.)

22. Reconvening the Board of General Ministries President Ruth Clark, presiding

The Board of General Ministries will reconvene at 8:30 a.m., but will need to immediately recess for the Corporate Meeting of the American Baptist Historical Society.

23. Convening of the Corporate Meeting of ABHS Deborah Van Broekhoven, Executive Director

Following adjournment of the Corporate Meeting of ABHS, the Board of General Ministries will reconvene.

24. Election of the Executive Director of MMBB

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 Mr. Louis Barbarin, Executive Director of MMBB, as National Secretary of ABCUSA to serve for a term which is concurrent with his term as Executive Director.*

25. Transition Ministries ABCUSA Pat Hernandez, National Director
ABWIM & Transition Ministries

26. Response Group Reports/Proposals for Action

The full Board of General Ministries will receive reports of Response Group work and proposals for action from the Board of General Ministries

27. Joint Board Reflections (Team Building) Don Ng

28. Reflections on Mission Site Visits (Team Building) Don Ng

29. Business Session

- Response Groups- Proposal/s for BGM Action
- World Relief Committee
Election of New Member

Standing Rule 14.7.1, which pertains to membership of the World Relief Committee, determines that the WRC will consist of 10 members, two of those 10 members to be “persons nominated by the Board of Directors of ABFMS from among its membership.”

Proposed Action: *To elect Danica Keefe as an At-Large Director as nominated by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society.*

- Report of the Credentials and Caucus Committee

The Board of General Ministries will receive a report from the BGM Executive Committee, which convened as the Credentials and Caucus Committee at its meeting on June 18.

Report of Change of Relationships

Proposed Action: *To recognize the changed relationships of local churches as recorded in the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches dated November 5, 2012 to June 7, 2013.*

30. Recognition of Nominees for ABC Officers, 2014-2015 Biennium

A. Roy Medley

Rev. Dr. Don Ng – ABC President
Rev. Judy Fackenthal – ABC Vice President
Mr. Paul Higgins – ABC Budget Review Officer

31. Closing Worship

Jeff Savage

The BGM offering will be collected at this time as part of our worship.

32. Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 14-16, 2013 in Valley Forge, PA