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August 13, 2018

The Reverend Dr. Lee Spitzer, ABCUSA General Secretary
The American Baptist Churches USA
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Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

Dear Dr. Spitzer:

The purpose of my correspondence is to request Camp Lake Louise be granted status as an "Associated Ministry Organization (AMO)". This request is a result of: (1) dialogue with David Knipel, ABCUSA OGS counsel; (2) careful review of ABCUSA Standing Rule 17; (3) careful review of the "Covenant Between American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. and ABC Associated Ministry Organizations; and (4) our phone conversation of August 13, 2018.

The American Baptist Churches of Michigan and the Camp Lake Louise Advisory Council, after conversation with our own legal counsel and ABCUSA legal counsel, believe the granting of AMO status to Camp Lake Louise would address the unique need of Camp Lake Louise to evidence an association with the ABCUSA without being part of the ABCUSA group exemption.

It is my understanding you will need to make a request to the ABCUSA Executive Committee to include this matter on the November 2018 agenda of the Board of General Ministries for action. Please be advised that Mr. Bruce Johnson, chair of the Camp Lake Louise Advisory Council and I are willing to attend the Board of General Ministries November 9-10 meetings to address questions/concerns related to our request.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael A. Williams".

Michael A. Williams
Executive Minister