

President's Report
September 2018

This is my report as your president of the American Baptists Churches - Board of General Ministries, as of September 2018.

Building issue:

A. We are still working on some protocol-legal issues that will be presented in our next meeting to finalize the sale of the Mission Center alongside our partners. The legal counselor of our denomination, David Knipel, has taken a leading role over this matter.

B. For the relocation, we are still making progress with the current tenants, and looking forward to making a site tour for next November.

(BMSPT) - Biennial Mission Summit Planning Team, we had a face to face meeting in Valley Forge, on August 8, 2018. We refined the schedule and the possible speakers. We are going to have a more detailed report at our EC BMG at Vermont.

On the other hand, we are conversing with Annie Marcucci, working ahead with the venue of 2021, San Juan P.R. We already signed the contract with the convention center for our future celebration.

We participated in an IM experience on August, promoting the Annual Offering and talking about our experiences last year dealing with the effects of the devastating path of Hurricane Maria.

We are going to be one of the panelists in the November event hosted by ABHMS, Space for Grace.

(ABC-USA Hispanic Caucus) - In accordance with the Caucus, we are preparing a learning experience for next February for future hispanic leaders in the New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania area.

We received a letter from AWAB. In conversations with our past presidents and with our General Secretary, we need to find open spaces for dialogue and future understandings of how we can be effective in our common ministries. We are going to discuss these issues and the letters in our next meeting.

Finally, on the administrative side of this board, I appreciate the efforts of the Task Force lead by our VP Dean Parker, working in the process of conducting the first year appraisal of our General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer.

Thank you all for your prayers, texts, emails and good thoughts.

In Jesus Christ,



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