



## **American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.**

### **BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**September 12-14, 2013**

**Meeting Venue:**

***First Chinese Baptist Church  
15 Waverly Place  
San Francisco, CA 94108  
415-362-4139***

**Hotel Accommodations:**

***SW (Sam Wong) Hotel  
615 Broadway  
San Francisco, CA 94108-2118  
415-362-2999***

**Ruth Clark, President  
Donald Ng, Vice President  
Jim Ratliff, Budget Review Officer  
Frank Christine, Jr., Past President**

### **MINUTES**

**Present for all or part of the meeting:** Voting members (quorum established)—Ruth M. Clark; Don T. Ng, James R. Ratliff; Frank Christine, Jr.; Beryl F. Hornberger; Jonathan A. Malone; A. Roy Medley; Wesley A. Roberts; Non-Voting members—Dennis L. Johnson (parliamentarian); Alan Musoke (treasurer/CFO); Unable to attend: Jeffery L. Savage (chaplain); Guest: Ken Marsenburg, ABCUSA Director of Development; Recorder—Cathy Brubaker

**Thursday, September 12, 2013; 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

#### **BGM EC 121 CALL TO ORDER, DINNER, BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT CELEBRATION**

The Executive Committee met at 5:00 p.m. at the First Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco, CA. ABC President Ruth Clark provided a warm welcome to all and called the meeting to order. Vice President Don Ng, host for this meeting, led the Executive Committee in prayer. Following prayer, the Executive Committee shared dinner together.

Following dinner, there was a time of discussion and celebration of the 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial, held June 21-23, 2013 in Overland Park, KS. The Executive Committee viewed the Biennial Mission Summit DVD. It was agreed that the Spirit of this family celebration was truly phenomenal. It was a hope-filled event with an American Baptist prevailing identity present; it was an event with a generational transition of leadership evident; there was a good representation of American Baptists from all areas of the

country; it was an international celebration with “the children of Judson” present; it was a reclaiming of American Baptist historic justice; and, it ended so wonderfully with Ronny Lanier’s prayer for newly elected ABC officers and Roger Frederickson’s closing remarks, noting that this was one of the “best ever” Biennials that he had attended, since the 1970’s. Roy also expressed his delight that the second pre-biennial Theologians Conference (Baptists and the Spirit: Living into God’s Future), co-hosted by ABCUSA and Central Baptist Theological Seminary on June 20, expanded its registration numbers from 50 participants in 2011 to over 100 participants this year.

Don also reported during this time that a reunion of former staff of the Board of Educational Ministries, which was dissolved in 2003, is being planned to follow the BGM meetings in November. A report of that event and photos will follow.

The evening meeting was adjourned until Friday morning.

#### **Friday, September 13, 2013; 8:30 a.m – 9:00 p.m.**

#### **BGM EC 122 RECONVENING/DEVOTIONS**

Ruth reconvened the meeting of the BGM Executive Committee.

Standing in for BGM Chaplain Jeff Savage, who was not able to be at this meeting, Parliamentarian Dennis Johnson led in the lighting of the Christ Candle and in a time of worshipful reflection on Psalm 139, using a portion of Gary Chamberlain’s book, *The Psalms: A New Translation for Prayer and Worship*.

Dennis also led in a time of reflection on the person and ministry of friend and colleague Rev. Dr. George Tooze, who passed away on August 3. Among other things, Dr. Tooze pastored several churches, served for many years on the General Board, and more recently (since 2003) as president of the MMBB Board of Managers. George will also be long remembered for his work to initiate MMBB colloquiums for ABC clergy. He was a leading scholar of Emily Chubbock Judson and recently finished a seven-volume work on her life and ministry. As the Executive Committee paused for a time of quiet remembrance of George and of others who have contributed to molding and shaping each one’s life, they meditated on the questions: What is God calling you to do or to be? What is your purpose in life?

A prayer was shared for the Tooze family. In closing, the Executive Committee shared together in praying “Thanksgiving for Community,” a prayer from the Iona Community, Scotland.

#### **BGM EC 123 CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Wesley Roberts, seconded by Beryl Hornberger, and it was

**VOTED:** To adopt the agenda dated September 12-14, 2013, and to approve the June 18, 2013 minutes of the BGM Executive Committee (held in Overland Park, KS).

#### **BGM EC 124 PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

President Ruth Clark shared an oral report of her work and ministry since the June 2013 meetings in Overland Park. A copy of her written report is attached to the official minutes.

## **BGM EC 125 REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

The General Secretary's written report was transmitted prior to the meeting for review and is attached to the official minutes filed in the General Secretary's office. Time was provided during this meeting to address questions.

## **BGM EC 126 BREAK/TOUR OF CHURCH FACILITY**

Vice President Don Ng serves as senior pastor of First Chinese Baptist Church, and he provided a tour of the facility for the Executive Committee, including the YMCA which is located adjacent to the church and whose facilities the church uses. FCBC was organized in 1880 in a storefront as a community outreach to immigrants and newcomers, and that has been an essential part of the church's ministry since. Today, FCBC offers English language instruction and citizenship classes in partnership with the City College of San Francisco, as well as English conversation groups. FCBC also holds a 6-week summer day camp program for Chinatown community children.

FCBC moved to its current location in 1888; the church edifice was destroyed in a devastating fire after the 1906 earthquake. Two years later the present church building was erected, and a third floor added in 1930.

In 1998 FCBC planted a sister church in the Southwest corner of the city, Sunset Ministry, which continues as a strong witness to the community as it reaches out to English-speaking Asian Americans.

## **BGM EC 127 MISSION TABLE UPDATE**

At 10:00 a.m., Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries joined the Executive Committee by phone to provide an update on planning for ABC's first ever Mission Table, to be held November 11-13, 2013 at American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, WI.

Planning began in the Spring with a team that includes Jeff, two executive ministers, Judy Allbee and Dwight Stinnett, ABHMS representative Marilyn Turner and MMBB representative Perry Hopper.

Topics from the Mission Summit will inform the Mission Table, with the ultimate goal of advancing conversations to a new level. The expectation is that every member of the Mission Table will be motivated to take some course of action regarding a topic that is relevant and urgent to their respective region/organization/institution. The hope is that significant learning will happen around the tables as all engage in conversation and in developing relationships with a diverse group of participants.

The Mission Table will be comprised of 100 people, 66 which have registered as of today. The event is scheduled to begin on Monday evening and end on Wednesday at noon and is being planned as an interactive event, as reflected in the schedule below:

Monday: Get acquainted, goals of Mission Table, "human graft" to test participant's initial interest on topic.

Tuesday: Participants will split the day evenly between engaging in topics self-selected and others assigned, in order to spend time with persons outside their traditional circles and to ensure a wide range of experiences and perspectives on issues. Pre-selected groups will address 3 topics (Our Leaders, Our Witness and Our Future) in 3 rounds. Small groups will formulate broad perspectives about what it already knows/have done in regard to the topics and share experiments tried. During the last half of the day, Mission Table conversations will focus on what might be in the future and

suggest experiments. By the end of the day, it is anticipated that the Mission Table will have selected as priorities 10 or 11 of the 32 Mission Summit topics.

Wednesday: Participants will self-select their own topic.

The Mission Table is being designed to promote action steps and continued conversations following the event. A report of the 32 topics that came out of the Mission Summit has been uploaded on the Mission Summit website ([www.missionsummitconversations.com](http://www.missionsummitconversations.com)). Mission Table learnings will be posted as a tab on this site, as well as on the ABCUSA website, allowing people to view how the conversations were further advanced following Mission Summit.

The second Mission Table will be held on November 9-11, 2015.

## **BGM EC 128 FINANCIALS**

### YTD Financial Statements

Budget Review Officer Jim Ratliff reported on the Year-to-Date Financials ending July 31, 2013:

Overall there was a net loss of \$195,000, primarily due to Denominational Emphasis which has a loss of \$69,000, the 2013 Biennial Mission Summit, which had a loss of \$57,000, and Mission Resource Development which had a loss of \$34,000.

Net revenue compared to last year is up by \$122,000, due to the fact that there was no Biennial revenue in 2012 and also due to Transition Ministries' change of status from an Associated Ministry Organization to a department of ABCUSA in July 2012.

The net loss of \$69,000 for Denominational Emphasis will be offset with a reserve balance of \$77,000 at year end. Women in Ministry has a net loss of \$32,000, which will be offset by additional quarterly contributions from the Endowment. Transition Ministries has a loss of approximately \$19,000 due to legal fees. There currently is a net loss of \$57,000 in the Biennial line. These, however are preliminary figures. There is still income and expenses that will need to be factored in. The final numbers will be reflected in the August financial statement.

### Building Issues

Jim reported that the 588 Real Estate Council has been established. The Council has currently had one meeting by conference call, with an upcoming face-to-face meeting, with the NEC, being planned for mid-October to discuss the future of the Mission Center building. The Council determined, following an analysis with CBRE Realty Associates (which currently provides building services), that the Director of Building Management position will be brought in house again. This new position will report directly to 588 Associates and be managed by the Treasurers' Council.

Jim reported that there is a new contract with a company, RF Management LLC, that will occupy 979 square feet of Mission Center space. Palmer Seminary remains the second largest organization to lease space, and is currently in its second year of a three-year lease. Palmer's ultimate plan is to build a new facility on Eastern University's campus. They have recently experienced some major issues with zoning which they are currently working to resolve.

## **BGM EC 129 APPORTIONMENT OF MISSION SUMMIT**

## **BIENNIAL DELEGATES/LOCAL CHURCHES AND UM GIVING**

Alan Musoke received a question from Rev. Reg Mills in May related to how the number of delegates from churches to the Biennial/Mission Summit is determined for churches not giving directly through United Mission Basic, although giving to the same entities represented in UM giving. It was agreed that this can be a very complicated process, since the number of delegates a church receives is based on membership size and designated UM giving. Some churches, such as Central Baptist Church in Springfield, IL, to which Reg was referring in this particular inquiry, are significant giving churches, but their giving is not directly through UM. Following discussion, it was

**VOTED:** To forward the discussion related to the determination of the number of Biennial Mission Summit church delegates from churches which do not give directly through UM to the BGM Finance Committee to review with request to bring back a report to the Executive Committee at its November 2013 meeting.

It was noted that if a recommendation is made to the Executive Committee such that the BGM Finance Committee wishes to endorse a change in the Bylaws, it could be forwarded for Biennial consideration in 2015, but a bylaws change would not be effective in time to make a difference in delegates for the 2015 Biennial Mission Summit.

## **BGM EC 130 JOINT BOARD MEETING**

At its June meeting, BGM was invited to share feedback related to the Joint Board Meeting held on June 19, 2013 in Overland Park, KS. Meeting in table groups, directors addressed the questions: Where did you find common ground or similarities? Who did you get to know or become acquainted/reacquainted with? How might we strengthen the “ties that bond?”

Vice President Don Ng collated responses from the table groups to present to the Executive Committee for review at this meeting. Discussion resulted in considering whether there might be a better process by which to accomplish this goal—a more informal gathering to become better acquainted? devising a process which would provide in a more intentional way direct interaction with one another? meeting board director to board director to share board challenges? or, using a Mission Summit conversations approach? The question was also raised as to whether other boards might spend time reflecting together about the Joint Board meeting process.

The collation of BGM Joint Board Reflections will be presented to the full Board at its November meeting for additional discussion.

Following this discussion, the Executive Committee adjourned to travel to Grand Lake Gardens in Oakland.

## **BGM EC 131 LUNCH MEETING WITH ABC LEADERS IN THE BAY AREA**

The Executive Committee hosted a buffet lunch meeting for American Baptist leaders in the Bay Area. Lunch was served at 12:00 p.m. in the Grand Assembly Room of Grand Lake Gardens (401 Santa Clara Ave.). Following lunch, there was a rich time of discussion and interaction with our guests.

Following this lunch gathering, the Executive Committee continued to meet for their afternoon business session at Grand Lake Gardens.

## **BGM EC 132 ABCUSA OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

Ken Marsenburg, Director of Development, shared with the Executive Committee an update on steps taken in ABCUSA Development since the June BGM meetings and how he sees the work progressing. He distributed the following handouts with the Executive Committee to inform the discussion: Giving-USA Highlights; ABCUSA *Transformed by the Spirit* Progress Report; Major Gift Prospect Identification Form.

Ken reported that ABCUSA's Office of Development has been working on three phases, with the initial phase providing a focus on vision casting; the second, a focus on tithing and the third, a focus on *Transformed by the Spirit* giving and prospects for annual giving. Ken is actively working on case statements for various areas--Immigration, Women in Ministry, Burma, Human Trafficking, Partnering with other denominations, and Peacemaking—and is attempting to shape each case statement with measureable outcomes, working to identify prospects who have capacity for endowing ABC and leadership who might help tell the stories. The Office of Development is also working on an annual plan that ties into the General Secretary's Circles and in those efforts is developing a list of possible giving areas that might attract future donors. There is also a concerted effort being made to develop relationship with region executive ministers.

The Office of Development is working toward a goal of \$800,000 in gifts for the year 2014. On September 23 there will be a meeting of the ABCUSA Development Advisory Team to vision cast and to build a list of those who might open doors of opportunity or who themselves might have the capability for significant gifts. A cadre of volunteers will be established to advocate locally in various areas.

Following Ken's report, there was a time for questions and further conversation. As part of this discussion, it was noted that there is a plan to develop a printed communications piece, "AB Connects," which will articulate the ABCUSA story. It was proposed that this publication include stories of other boards and organizations as well so that it becomes the voice of American Baptists, a branding of "one body in Christ."

Ken emphasized that ABCUSA needs to operate on the "5 P's": Prayer, Proportionate Giving, Personal Visits, Pledge Giving and Phased Approach in giving. Roy also emphasized that ABCUSA plays a unique role and we are often invited because of our titles to various tables to represent American Baptists in a plethora of ways, and that we are limited only by our inability to dream.

## **BGM EC 133 TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT: NEXT STEPS**

Roy shared an update on *Transformed by the Spirit*. Sumner Grant, former executive director of MMBB, will be volunteering time to assist the Journey Team for the next two years. ABC will begin to rely less heavily on consultants by picking up leadership and administrative functions of *Transformed by the Spirit*. Alan Roxburgh will be working 4 days per month on our behalf and without the assistance of Craig Van Gelder. Alan will keep the "balcony overview" of *Transformed by the Spirit* in the denomination. He will be staff to the Journey Team and will assist the NEC and other boards around their adaptive challenges. When his schedule permits, he is willing to fulfill speaking engagements and will lend support to Jeff Woods for regions new to *Transformed by the Spirit*, assisting in coaching and getting them involved and into the flow. Jeff will continue to work with regions currently on board, checking in to see that their needs are fulfilled and asking the question, "How might we walk alongside you?"

The Journey Team has been reconfigured, with two members rotating off and new members coming on. The Journey Team will take on more responsibility by overseeing the coaching team in recruiting, in training and in working with regions in assigning members. Dwight Stinnett and Judy Allbee will handle regional workshops in place of the consultants.

Roy reported that he and Ken Marsenburg are working together on a travel itinerary to make donor visits in Oregon. They will be revisiting a couple who have given large gifts in the past, and Executive Minister Steve Bills is also assisting by providing a list of folks they might visit in October.

#### **BGM EC 134 NOVEMBER BGM MEETING PLANNING**

The Executive Committee reviewed a draft of the November 2013 BGM Meeting Schedule. Budget Review Officer Jim Ratliff asked for an hour on the agenda to accommodate a full discussion of the 2014 budget prior to the November vote. It was also decided that when the Executive Committee meets in Valley Forge, it may be good to consider providing a building tour for those who wish to participate.

In regard to Response Group work, it was determined that there needs to be a good balance between hands-on participation and receiving reports. BGM needs to continue to find ways to connect with the community and to invite outside people to the meeting as it meets in various areas of the country.

There was also consensus related to the value of Response Groups and the work accomplished through these breakout sessions. Roy recounted that an outcome of the June Missional Response Group work was a request for a Summit meeting between American Baptist, Chin Baptist USA, and Kachin Baptist USA leaders to discuss how we solidify relationships between the different organizations. There are several options that the Response Group discussed regarding what form this might best take: becoming a region of ABC; relating as an Associated Ministry Organization; or defining a special relationship, as ABC has in the past established with Church of the Brethren and other organizations. These and other options are on the table for discussion at the Summit meeting. Each organization is its own corporation, its own identity and is seeking recognition of their ordination with ABC. And while each organization has its own life, they desire that life to be within ABC life. Roy emphasized that ABCUSA wants to convey a strong commitment that we are together in this as family.

#### **BGM EC 135 DINNER – SAUSALITO**

At 6:00 p.m. the Executive Committee left Grand Lake Gardens to enjoy dinner together at Spinnaker's Restaurant in Sausalito. Following dinner, Don and Joy Ng hosted a time of fellowship and dessert at their home (also in Sausalito) before the Committee returned to the SW Hotel.

#### **Saturday, September 14, 2013; 8:30 a.m –10:30 a.m.**

#### **BGM EC 136 RECONVENING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

President Clark reconvened the meeting of the Executive Committee. Dennis Johnson lit the Christ candle as a sign of Christ's presence and the Executive Committee's desire for worshipful work during the morning session.

#### **BGM EC 137 FLORIDA MEETINGS**

EMERGE: Baptist Witness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Don Ng reported on planning for the 2014 Ministers Conference and Orientation to American Baptist Life (EMERGE: Baptists Witness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century) which will be held on January 6-9, 2014 in Orlando, FL. Don is serving as coordinator for the Ministers Conference and David Laubach as coordinator for OTABL. The planning team has had one face-to-face meeting and several conference calls, as well as one-on-one meetings of the co-coordinators. Don shared copies of the Emerge brochure and highlights of the schedule. Speakers include American Baptist leaders: Kirk Byron Jones, Molly Marshall, and Steve VanOstran.

The OTABL and Ministers Conference tracks have more flexibility in 2014 with seminarians and new ministers able to attend Minister Conference workshops and ministers able to attend Orientation sessions. Also each national board will provide a seminar for all participants.

### MMBB Colloquium

John Mandt and George Tooze have for many years served as co-leaders for the MMBB Colloquium. With George Tooze's passing, some shifting will need to take place. Currently there are African American, Women, Asian and Hispanic Colloquiums. These colloquiums provide a sense of fellowship and a sharing of mutual resources. Even with the budget constraints, the decision was made to retain all due to the value they provide to participants. It was noted that to be a participant, one must participate in UM and be a member of MMBB.

The General Secretary expressed deep appreciation for the work of American Baptist leaders like Rev. Dr. George Tooze and the former Rev. Hugh Pickett, who also contributed much through MMBB to the American Baptist family. Following discussion, and with a desire to share a spirit of gratitude for their many years of ministry to this denominational family, the Executive Committee

**AGREED:** To recommend that the Board of General Ministries send a memorandum of appreciation to the families of Rev. Dr. George H. Tooze and Rev. Hugh D. Pickett to acknowledge their work on behalf of the American Baptist family

### **BGM EC 138 WOMEN'S CAUCUS – UPDATE**

Don Ng provided a brief report on the gathering of the Women's Caucus at the Biennial/Mission Summit in June. There were 17 persons present. Of those 17, Don Ng, Judy Fackenthal, and Amaury Tanon-Santos were present as members of BGM, as well as Perla Belo, Shirley Fair, Virginia Holmstrom, Sharon Gober and Julia Bebeau.

There was time for conversation/discussion related to the proposal that the Women's Caucus become a caucus of the BGM, after which a list of ideas was generated. Two persons were assigned to continue to work to refine the list and another was assigned to develop a Facebook page to establish presence for the Women's Caucus. Discussion was very frank about the reason for the Women's Caucus to exist--to assure that women are fairly placed in national executive staff positions where their voices can be influential and representative for all American Baptist women; there is a feeling that this is currently lacking in the denomination. Don also spoke forthrightly to the Executive Committee advocating for the need to have women in national leadership positions. He reported that Julia Bebeau expressed her desire to have the Executive Committee once again consider the Steering Committee's request for caucus status and to have the endorsement come to the full board in November.

The Executive Committee spent significant time in discussion related to the request of the Steering Committee of the Women's Caucus and how they fit the criteria as stipulated in the Standing Rules as well as naming ways in which efforts have been made, or efforts might intentionally be made, to move forward in advocating for the placement of women in national leadership positions.



A motion was made, seconded and it was by consensus:

**AGREED:** To present the request of the Women's Steering Committee to become a caucus of the Board of General Ministries to the BGM at its November 2013 meeting.

### **BGM EC 139 RECESS OF BGM EC/ CONVENING OF CREDENTIALS & CAUCUS COMMITTEE**

President Clark recessed the meeting of the BGM Executive Committee. Wesley Roberts, Chair, called to order the meeting of the Credentials and Caucus Committee

The following motion was made by Jonathan Malone, seconded by Don Ng

**MOTION:** That the proposal of the Steering Committee of the Women's Caucus for caucus status under the Board of General Ministries be brought for vote to BGM in November and that the Executive Committee meet with Julia Bebeau and other leaders of the Women's Caucus prior to the November meeting.

Discussion for clarification took place after which the following motion was made by Jonathan Malone and seconded by Beryl Hornberger:

**MOTION:** To recind the original motion.

After additional discussion, a motion was made by Wesley Robert, seconded by Don Ng, and it was

**VOTED:** That the Credentials and Caucus Committee recommend to the BGM the approval of the Women's Caucus as a caucus of the Board of General Ministries  
(1 abstention)

It was decided that Don Ng will contact the Women's Caucus representatives on behalf of Wesley Roberts, chair of the Credentials and Caucus Committee. The General Secretary commended the Executive Committee for its open, frank and caring discussion, symbolizing so well its concern for the beloved community.

Wesley Roberts adjourned the meeting of the Credentials and Caucus Committee. President Clark reconvened the meeting of the Executive Committee.

### **BGM EC 140 BGM REPRESENTATIVES TO ABHMS AND IM**

President Clark reported that Mercy Johnson, currently BGM's representative to IM, has been invited by IM to accept a nomination to serve on its board as vice-president, with her term beginning in January 2014. She has accepted IM's invitation and thus, her last meeting with BGM will be in November. President Clark expressed her appreciation for Mercy's work and her desire that she go with BGM's blessings.

It was decided that names of directors to serve as BGM representatives to the ABHMS and IM boards for the years 2014-2015 will be brought to the November meeting for approval.

## **BGM EC 141 TRANSITION MINISTRIES: APPROVAL OF HOUSING ALLOWANCES**

The following housing allowances were presented by Transformation Ministries for approval on behalf of:

Rev. Jonathan Kline

A motion was made by Wesley Roberts, second by Jim Ratliff and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the request from Rev. Jonathan Kline, serving First Baptist Church of Punxsutawney, PA, that \$300 of his \$1300 monthly honorarium be designated as housing allowance for the year 2013.

A motion was made by Wesley Roberts, seconded by Frank Christine and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the request from Rev. Jonathan Kline, serving First Baptist Church of Punxsutawney, PA, that \$300 of his \$1300 monthly honorarium be designated as housing allowance for the year 2014.

Rev. Steve Gage (who completed an interim at Chillicothe, OH and is beginning as a new interim in Hamilton, OH in September)

A motion was made by Beryl Hornberger, seconded by Wesley Roberts, and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the request from Rev. Steve Gage, serving First Baptist Church of Hamilton, OH, that \$3000 of his \$5050 monthly honorarium be designated as housing allowance for the year 2013.

A motion was made by Beryl Hornberger, seconded by Wesley Roberts and it was

**VOTED:** To approve the request from Rev. Steve Gage, serving First Baptist Church of Hamilton, OH, that \$3000 of his \$5050 monthly honorarium be designated as housing allowance for the year 2014.

## **BGM EC 142 FUTURE MEETING DATES**

The following dates and venues were confirmed at this meeting:

### *Dates currently being held – 2014*

*November 14-16, 2013 – BGM EC & BGM – Meeting at Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA*

*March 12-13, 2014 – BGM EC – Meeting venue (Indianapolis; Judy Fackenthal's region, where we've not been recently)*

*June 11-14, 2014 – BGM EC – Meeting in Green Lake, WI*

*September 11-13, 2014 – BGM EC—Meeting venue tbd (Propose Seattle or Portland; received officially 2 invitation letters for 2017 MS/B meetings in those areas-Evergreen & ABCCPC)*

*November 13-15, 2014 – BGM EC & BGM - Meeting at Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA*

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*March 12-14, 2015 – BGM EC - (propose Richmond, VA or venue in region of the south)*

*June 22-25, 2015 – BGM EC & BGM - (Overland Park)*

*September 10-12, 2015 – BGM EC - (Northern New England; Maine or NH—meet with rural pastors)*

*November 9-11, 2015– Mission Table*

*November 12-14, 2015 – BGM EC & BGM - (AZ at rainbow acres, Paul Higgins; OR to FL to AB retirement community)*

President Clark expressed thanks to Don for his thoughtful planning. Cathy will forward this information by email to Annie Marcucci, so she can begin working on venues.

**BGM EC 143 PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT**

President Clark adjourned the meeting of the BGM Executive Committee.

*The next meeting of the BGM Executive Committee will be held on Thursday, November 14, 2013, prior to the meeting of the full Board of General Ministries on November 14-16 at the Crowne Plaza in King of Prussia, PA.*

Submitted by

Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley  
General Secretary

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Documents attached

*Worship Program: Praying the Psalms*

*BGM EC Proposed Agenda: September 12-14, 2013*

*BGM EC Roster*

*BGM Minutes: June 18, 2013 (1001:6/13)*

*Report of the ABC President*

*Report of the General Secretary*

*YTD Financials Through July 2013*

*May 14, 2013 Email Inquiry from Rev. Reg Mills*

*ABC Bylaws, Article IV-Delegates to Biennial Meeting*

*BGM Joint Board Reflections*

*Roster: Lunch Meeting with Bay Area Leaders*

*Giving USA Highlights*

*ABCUSA Transformed by the Spirit Progress Report*

*Major Gift Prospects Identification Form*

*November ABCUSA Integrated Schedule*

*Emerge: Baptist Witness in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Brochure*

