



## **American Baptist News Service**

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### **Individual Registration Opens for Mission Summit/Biennial**

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 1/25/13)**—Individual registration is open for Mission Summit 2013, an American Baptist Biennial Gathering, in Overland Park/Kansas City, KS, June 21-23, 2013.

Registration and additional details may be found at [www.americanbaptists2013.com](http://www.americanbaptists2013.com). Individuals may also download the paper registration form on the website. Speakers for the event have been announced, and you can view the press release here: <http://www.abc-usa.org/2013/01/16/mission-summitbiennial-speakers-announced/>.

### **The Mission Summit**

The event will occur in the form of a Mission Summit, allowing for conversations to take place among American Baptist leaders and lay people from across the United States and Puerto Rico.

These *Mission Summit Conversations* will be an open opportunity for anyone attending the Mission Summit/Biennial to engage in meaningful dialogue about a topic of interest by self-selecting into a small group. The Mission Summit Conversations are the heart of the Mission Summit; three rounds of Mission Summit Conversations will be held. Following the second round of Mission Summit Conversations, a representatives from the Mission Summit Conversation groups will be invited to report out during an open plenary session.

### **2013 Registration Changes**

A new highlight of registration for the 2013 event is church registration. In November, the Mission Summit/Biennial Planning Team, with approval from the Board of General Ministries Executive Committee, announced the new registration policy, with hopes that it will make it easier for individuals to attend Mission Summit 2013. Churches are invited to register for the event, based on average worship attendance for each church. Once a church has registered, an unlimited number of members from that church may register to attend the Mission Summit/Biennial at a reduced rate of \$35 per person.

If an attendee's church has not registered, the full individual registration fee of \$150 applies. The list of registered churches is online at [www.americanbaptists2013.com](http://www.americanbaptists2013.com), or you may contact [MissionSummitRegistration@abc-usa.org](mailto:MissionSummitRegistration@abc-usa.org) at any time to find out if your church has registered. Individuals must wait until after their church has registered in order to pay the reduced individual registration rate of \$35.

To read more about the new Mission Summit/Biennial Church registration, view the announcement at: <http://www.abc-usa.org/2012/11/27/new-mission-summitbiennial-2013-registration-changes-announced/>

This Mission Summit/Biennial will include celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation, the 200th anniversary of the Judsons' arrival in Burma, and the 375th anniversary of the founding of the First Baptist Church in America. In addition to these celebrations and inspirational times of worship, we will have the mission summit experience, providing networking, discussion and problem-solving opportunities about the future of your church. Finally, this new registration policy will allow unlimited members of your church to attend at a nominal fee. Don't miss this historic event!

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