



BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES

November 13-15, 2014

AGENDA

Meeting Site: Crowne Plaza
260 Mall Blvd.
King of Prussia, PA 19406
610-265-7500

Officers: Don Ng, President
Judy Fackenthal, Vice President/BGM Chaplain
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer
Ruth Clark, Past President
A. Roy Medley, General Secretary

Parliamentarian: Dennis Johnson

Thursday, November 13, 2:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; BGM 1st Plenary; Independence North (Lobby Level)

Julia Bebeau, ABC of Greater Indianapolis, and Kenneth Kho, Intercaucus President, will be serving as Tellers for this meeting. Nancy O'Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, will be ministering to us through her gift of music at various times during this meeting.

1. Welcome & Orientation to Our Time Together
Getting Acquainted
Introduction of New Directors attending their first meeting
Recognition of Resignations (Eli Echevarria)
Announcements
Don Ng, Presiding
ABC President
2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle
Judy Fackenthal
ABC Vice President/BGM Chaplain
3. Consent Agenda/**Proposed Action:** Approval of Proposed Agenda and Minutes of BGM's June 12-14, 2014 Meeting (held in Green Lake, WI)
President Ng
4. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee, September 11-13, 2014 (held in Seattle, WA)
President Ng

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.

Approval of Slate of BGM Directors for Biennial ElectionABC Officers Nominations for Biennial ElectionElection of BGM Committee Members

6. Introduce the “Big Issues of the Day” and “Parking Lot” Agenda Process

President Ng

Big Issues of the Day

What are the big issues facing the ABC family, ABCUSA and the larger Christian world today that we must not overlook? Some possible “Big Issues of the Day” are:

- a. Focus Session: ACT on UM Report
(This focus session will be an order of the day for BGM’s plenary sessions on Thurs. afternoon, Nov. 13 and Fri. morning, Nov. 14. The ACT on UM Team will be present with us: Kevin Doi, Judy Fackenthal, Jeffrey Haggray, Miriam Mendez, Chris Roush, Alan Rudnick, Ashley Whitaker; Staff: Leo Thorne)
- b. Update: Transformed by the Spirit, Phase II (Jeff Woods, Roy Medley)
- c. Rhythms of the Spirit (Judy Fackenthal; Bridget Holmstrom)
- d. Report of General Secretary’s Search (Don Ng)
- e. Biennial Mission Summit, June 26-28, 2015 (Leo Thorne)
Proposed Action: Biennial Mission Summit Budget
- f. Theologians Conference, June 25, 2015 (Roy Medley)
- g. ABC/COB/PNBC Middle East Trip, April 15-30, 2015 (June Totten)
- h.
- i.

Parking Lot Issues

What are the necessary routine items that we need to address when time is available? Some possible “Parking Lot” items are:

- a. President’s Report (Don Ng)
- b. General Secretary’s Report (Roy Medley)
- c. Reports from BGM Directors to Other Boards (Bill Frederickson, MMBB; Vivian Martindale, IM; James Wolfe, ABHMS)
- d. Report of the Credentials & Caucus Committee (Wesley Roberts)
Changed Relationship Report
- e. Intercaucus Report (Kenneth Kho)
- f. Report of the Budget Review Officer (ABCUSA 2015 Budget, YTD Financials through September 2014)
- g. 588 Real Estate Council (Ruth Clark, Don Ng)
- h. Child Care Policy (Taskforce appointed by President Don Ng to draft a revision of the policy: Paul Higgins, Richard Hanson, Ashley Whitaker, Tasha Wilson)
- i. National Association of Evangelicals (Ruth Clark)
- j. ABC Creation Justice Network (Roy Medley)
- k. World Relief Committee Report (Shirley Fair, Danny Jack)

- l. Action Group Reports
- m. Future Meeting Dates
- n.
- o.

7. Big Issue Item (ACT on UM)

8. *(Additional items, as consensus dictates)*

9. Recess of the BGM for Dinner and Evening Vespers

DINNER, 6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Freedom Ballroom III (Lobby Level)

EVENING VESPERS, 7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Independence North

BGM Chaplain Judy Fackenthal will lead in worship and communion.

Friday, November 14, 8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; BGM 2nd Plenary; Independence North

A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in Stirling's Restaurant, located on the lobby level of the Crowne Plaza.

10. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries

President Ng

11. Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Judy Fackenthal

12. Big Issues (ACT on UM)

BREAK: 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

13. Signing of AMO Covenant: ABCUSA/Rainbow Acres

Vice President Judy Fackenthal, presiding

Rev. Gary Wagner (President & CEO) of Rainbow Acres, Ms. Kathryn Mikesh Houser (Chair of the Rainbow Acres Board of Trustees, and a member of FBC of Johnston, Des Moines, Iowa) and Rev. Dr. Christine Rousch (Vice President for Development & Church Relations, as well as member of ACT on UM) come today as guests as ABCUSA and Rainbow Acres enter together into covenant relationship.

14. Concerns and Celebrations

15. Parking Lot Issues

16. Big Issues

17. Recess of the Meeting until Friday afternoon, when BGM meets to work in Action Groups

LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Stirling's Restaurant

A Buffet Lunch will be available from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in Stirling's Restaurant.

The BGM Executive Committee will meet for a working lunch together in Berwyn (Conference Level).

BREAK: 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

18. Convening of BGM in Action Groups (2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

Finance Committee – Radnor (Conference Level) (Led by Paul Higgins, Alan Musoke)

Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations – DeKalb 206 (Led by June Totten, Roy Medley)
Becoming a Beloved Community – Von Steuben 306 (Led by Camille Brown, Pat Hernandez)
Communicating ABC Identity – Lafayette 506 (Led by Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne)
Renewing Congregations – Duportail 406 (Led by Wesley Roberts, Jeff Woods)

BREAK: 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

DINNER, 5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.; Independence South

Dinner will be served from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in Independence South. Our guest for the evening, Rev. Jim Winkler, General Secretary/President, National Council of Churches of Christ, will address the Board.

FUN & FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m.; Valley Forge Amphitheater (Conference Level)

We will share an evening of Fun & Fellowship, with BGM directors and staff invited to share gifts and talents—a song, a joke, a hobby or something that reflects our creative selves.

Saturday, November 15, 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; BGM 3rd Plenary; Independence North

A Buffet Breakfast will be available from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in Stirling's Restaurant.

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| 19. Reconvening/Announcements | Don Ng, presiding |
| 20. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer | |
| 21. ABHS Annual Corporate Meeting | Garth Brokaw, President
Deborah Van Broekhoven, Executive Director |
| 22. Big Issues | |
| 23. Parking Lot Issues | |
| 24. Closing Worship | Judy Fackenthal |
| 25. Prayer and Adjournment | Don Ng |

The next meeting of the Board of General Ministries will be held on June 22-24, 2015 in Overland Park, KS. The Theologians Conference will be held on June 25, 2015, with Biennial Mission Summit following on June 26-28, 2015.

LUNCH, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Stirling's Restaurant

A Buffet Lunch will be served in the Stirling's Restaurant for those who do not have to rush to meet a shuttle to the airport.