



## BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES

November 17-19, 2016

### AGENDA

**Meeting Site:** Crowne Plaza  
260 Mall Boulevard  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Ph: 610-265-7500

**Officers:** Judy Fackenthal, President  
Josue Gómez-Menendez, Vice President  
Don Ng, Past President  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Susan E. Gillies, Interim General Secretary

**Parliamentarian:** Dennis Johnson      **BGM Chaplain:** Kay Farley

*Please remember to sign the BGM attendance sheet.*

**Thursday, November 17, 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North**

*Stephanie Commandest, Evergreen Association of ABC, and Manuel Luquin, ABC of the Northwest, 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 and Call to Order

Judy Fackenthal, Presiding  
ABC President

Sharing of Regrets  
Announcements

2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle

Kay Farley  
BGM Chaplain

3. General Consent Agenda

President Fackenthal

Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting

Directors to Other Boards: Frederickson, MMBB; Martindale, IM; Wolfe, ABHMS

Reports from ABCUSA & AMOs

New Baptist Covenant –Judy Fackenthal

National Ministers Conference–Debora Jackson

General Secretary Emeritus Ecumenical Report–A. Roy Medley

*Transformed by the Spirit*/Journey Team–C. Jeff Woods

Rhythms of the Spirit–Brad Berglund

ABC Creation Justice Network–Ian Mevorach, Tom Carr

Professional Ministries Team–Jeff Woods

Burma Refugee Commission–Florence Li

Emerging Theologians Commission–Jennifer Davidson

Proposed Agenda and June 2016 Minutes

**Proposed Action:** To approve the General Consent Agenda: Written Reports posted prior to the meeting and the Proposed Agenda and Minutes of BGM’s June 16-18, 2016 Meeting (held in Green Lake, WI)

4. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee, September 8-10, 2016  
Meeting (held in Rochester, NY)

Josue Gómez-Menendez  
ABC Vice President

5. Report of the Nominating Committee

ABC Officers Nominations for Biennial Election

The following slate of ABC Officers for the 2018-2019 biennium will be forwarded to the 2017 Biennial delegates for vote at the Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, OR:

President:

Vice President:

Budget Review Officer:

Election of BGM Committee Member

**Proposed Action:** At the recommendation of the BGM Executive Committee, to elect the following member to serve on the BGM Finance Committee: Thomas Ross, Jr.

6. Role of the Board of General Ministries

C. Jeff Woods  
Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries

7. Recess of Full Board for Executive Session– General Secretary’s Search

*BGM will meet in Executive Session without staff present. If an action is taken, a person will be selected to record minutes, which will be placed in a sealed envelope and attached to the official set of minutes filed in the Office of the General Secretary.*

8. Reconvene Meeting of BGM President Fackenthal  
Specific Issues (*Additional items, as consensus dictates*)

*Noted below are Specific Issues (Parking Lot Issues and Big Issues) facing the ABC family, ABCUSA and the larger Christian world that we will address during our session today or throughout the BGM plenary sessions as time permits.*

- a. June BGM Retreat Follow-up–Judy Fackenthal
- b. Report of the ABC President –Judy Fackenthal
- c. Report of the Interim General Secretary–Susan Gillies
- d. Commission on Baptist Talk–Don Ng
- e. Biennial Mission Summit (Phase IV; Business Sessions) & Orientation to American Baptist Life (OTABL) –Judy Fackenthal
- f. UM Adaptive Challenge Update–Judy Fackenthal
- g. Conflict of Interest Statement Update–Judy Fackenthal, David Knipel
- h. Report of New Baptist Covenant –Judy Fackenthal
- i. Update on Work of Taskforce on Race and Race-Based Violence–Zina Jacque

9. Recess Meeting of the Board of General Ministries for Dinner and Vespers

**DINNER, 6:00 p.m. — 7:30 p.m.; Independence South**

*Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies will be our special guest for dinner. Following dinner, Dr. Haggray will share his vision for ABHMS ministry.*

**BGM VESPERS—7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

*BGM Chaplain Kay Farley will lead in a time of evening prayer and meditation and we will share in the Lord's Supper.*

**Friday, November 18, 2016, 8:40 a.m.; Meet in the Lobby of the Crowne Plaza**

*A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant of the Crowne Plaza. The BGM Finance Committee will meet from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the Wayne Rm. for a plated breakfast meeting. The Commission on Baptist Talk will meet from 7:00 a.m. -8:30 a.m. in DeKalb 206 for a plated breakfast meeting.*

*Following breakfast, at 8:40 a.m., BGM directors and staff will meet in the lobby of the Crowne Plaza for transport to the American Baptist Mission Center.*

**Tour of the Mission Center, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**

*Upon arrival at the Mission Center, and prior to a Tour of the Mission Center, we will gather in the lobby for an introduction to Rev. Dr. Al Fletcher, new Acting Executive Director of Mission Resource Development and Dr. Laura Miraz, new ABCUSA Director of Human Resources.*

*Immediately following the tour of the Mission Center, Bridget Lipin, assistant director of communications/web manager, will be photographing BGM directors and members of the Executive Committee, with the goal of becoming more intentional in recording visual historic records.*

**BGM Plenary, 10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.; Side Dining Room of the ABC Mission Center**

10. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries  
Josue Gómez-Menendez, Presiding  
ABC Vice President
11. Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle  
Chaplain Kay Farley
12. Current 588 Real Estate Status  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Alan Musoke, Associate General Secretary for Finance/CFO/Treasurer
13. Report of the Budget Review Officer  
Paul Higgins  
-2017 ABCUSA Budget; Rep Process Budget for 2017; MRD Budget for 2017  
**Proposed Action:** To adopt the 2017 Estimated Income and the 2017 ABCUSA Budgets for ABCUSA, Representative Process and Mission Resource Development  
-YTD Financials Through September 2016  
-UM Funding Distribution  
-Building Issues – Alan Musoke, Associate General Secretary for Finance/CFO/Treasurer
14. Adjourn BGM/Convene ABHS Annual Corporate Meeting  
Garth Brokaw, President  
Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director
15. Reconvene BGM/ Report of C-TAC  
Garth Brokaw, ABCUSA Representative to C-TAC
16. Report from World Relief Officer  
Lisa Rothenberger
17. Specific Issues (*Additional items, as consensus dictates*)
18. Recess of the Meeting of the BGM  
*At the conclusion of the plenary session, BGM directors and staff will meet in the lobby of the Mission Center for transport back to the Crowne Plaza.*

**LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Stirlings Restaurant**

**BGM Plenary, 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.; Independence North**

19. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries  
President Fackenthal, Presiding

20. Credentials and Caucus Committee

Josue Gómez-Menendez, Chair of CCC

-Report of Changed Relationships

**Proposed Action:** To receive the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches (document 1205.1:6/16) dated June 4, 2016 through November 8, 2016.

-Caucus Funding

21. Recognition of Retiring Board Directors

President Fackenthal, Vice President Gómez-Menendez  
Interim General Secretary Gillies

*We will honor those who have served faithfully among us, sharing generously of time, talents and Christian love.*

Beryl Hornberger: 7 years of service (2 yrs., General Board; 5 yrs. BGM)

Jonathan Malone: 7 years of service (2 yrs. General Board; 5 yrs. BGM)

Vivan Martindale: 6 years of service (1 yr. General Board; 5 yrs. BGM)

Dean Parker: 5 years of service (all on BGM)

(Ashley Whitaker, who has served on BGM for 3 years, will be resigning as BGM director due to her move to a new ministry site.)

22. Specific Items (*Additional items, as consensus dictates*)

23. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)

*Meeting room assignments, where noted, are subject to change. Confirmation will be received at the meeting.*

**BGM Finance Committee – Duportail 406** (Led by Paul Higgins, Alan Musoke)

**Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations – DeKalb 206** (Led by June Totten, Jeff Woods)

**Becoming a Beloved Community – Wayne** (Led by Camille Brown, Pat Hernandez)

**Communicating ABC Identity – Radnor** (Led by Tasha Wilson, Susan Gillies, Al Fletcher, Bridget Lipin)

**DINNER, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.; Independence South**

**7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Creation Justice Network Bible Study & Snacks in the Amphitheatre**

*Led by Rev. Ian Mevorach, Rev. Tom Carr and Dr. Owen Owens*

**Saturday, November 19, 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North**

*A Buffet Breakfast will be available from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant.*

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24. Reconvening/Announcements

President Fackenthal, Presiding

25. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer

Chaplain Kay Farley

26. Mission Resource Development

Al Fletcher  
Acting Associate General Secretary, MRD

27. Specific Items (*Additional items, as consensus dictates*)

28. Action Group Reports/Proposals

The full Board of General Ministries will receive oral and/or written reports of Action Group work and proposals which resulted from Friday's break-out sessions.

29. Closing Worship

Chaplain Kay Farley

*The BGM offering will be collected as part of our worship.*

30. Prayer and Adjournment

President Fackenthal

***REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN YOUR NAMETAGS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX AT THE BACK OF THE PLENARY ROOM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. THANK YOU.***

**LUNCH, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Stirlings Restaurant**

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

*FYI: Staff of the former Board of Educational Ministries will meet together for its third annual reunion at 12:00 p.m. in the Wayne Rm. of the Crowne Plaza.*

***Future meetings of the BGM and BGM Executive Committee:***

***March 9-11, 2017 (Executive Committee) – Atlanta, GA***

***June 27-28, 2017 – Portland, OR (Nominating Committee will meet on June 26)***

The BGM Executive Committee will begin meeting the morning of June 27, with the Board of General Ministries meeting June 27-28, ending with the American Baptist Gathering of Members of National Boards dinner and plenary in the evening.

***June 29, 2017 – Pre-Biennial Events; June 30-July 2, 2017 – Biennial Mission Summit***

***September 14-16, 2017 (Executive Committee) – Puerto Rico***

***November 16-18, 2017 – King of Prussia, PA (Nominating Committee will meet aft. of Nov. 15; Executive Committee dinner on Nov. 15)***