

ABCUSA Intercaucus Call
Thursday, April 26, 2018

Present:

Edgard Nicolas, President (Haitian Caucus)
Ashley Whitaker, Vice President (Young Adult Caucus)
Randy Palada (Asian Caucus)
Trinette McCray (Black Caucus)

- Open with prayer by Edgard
- Question from Edgard: when does the Intercaucus normally gather?
 - No automatic Intercaucus gathering alongside/before/after Board of General Ministries (BGM, formerly known as General Board)
 - Do we want to meet before/after the BGM gathering in November in Valley Forge, PA?
 - Trinette suggested adding a meeting during a break/meal at Space 4 Grace (ABHMS gathering in November in Valley Forge), November 14-16, 2018
 - Trinette proposed Intercaucus sponsoring a booth (in vendor/display hall, with brochures and information about Intercaucus/Caucuses) and a snack break/coffee break. She will look into these possibilities.
 - Ashley will contact ABHMS about the event agenda and when we might have an Intercaucus meeting without conflicting with Space 4 Grace programming
- Edgard reminded us that our financial and annual caucus reports for 2017 and our proposed caucus budget for 2019 are due to Iris Cobb by May 15, 2018
- Invitation from Pat Hernandez, National Director, American Baptist Women In Ministry/Transition Ministries: “Celebrating Ministering Women: Radical, Redeemed, Ready.” June, 2020. Green Lake, WI. Denomination-wide gathering celebrating women who minister. Men and women welcome, will celebrate both ordained and lay women. 40th anniversary of first ABCUSA Women in Ministry gathering.
- Invitation from Ministers Council: partnership/representation of Intercaucus with Ministers Council. Edgard will gain more information re: time, financial commitment, role, etc.
- If a caucus has a statement of concern to share with the Intercaucus, please send to Edgard for consideration.
- Randy: will be ending term as leader of Haitian Caucus at end of 2018. Will send new leader’s information to Edgard/Intercaucus once selected.
- Close with prayer by Edgard