

Summit by the Sea!



June 21-23, 2019
Virginia Beach, Virginia
www.americanbaptists2019.com

Join us this summer at the Virginia Beach Convention Center for the Summit by the Sea! Held in a family-friendly destination where you can bring the whole family, the national biennial of American Baptist Churches USA will offer inspiring speakers and preachers, along with chances to learn about American Baptist and partner ministries and meet new-to-ABC ministers and seminarians. It will also incorporate opportunities for education from experienced professionals and leaders through the ABCUSA Biennial Academy, offering continuing education credits and spiritual growth opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders alike.

Visit www.americanbaptists2019.com to register online. Or, you may fill out the Registration Form and select your meal and event choices on pages 5-8 of this brochure. Then, pull out the entire center four-page section and send with your payment to ABCUSA.

Baptist Talk Conversations, held Sunday afternoon, provide an opportunity for persons to share their thoughts, views, ideas, ministries, and concerns with one another around topics that they care about deeply. This year, the Mission Summit Conversations and Baptist Talk sessions have been combined. A teaching component on Civil Discourse will be provided by the National Institute for Civil Discourse. Following the presentation, participants will have an opportunity to engage in a Mission Summit/Baptist Talk conversation.

Conversation Topics include: Church Mergers, Satellites, and Shared Ministries; Cross Generational Ministry; Discipling Alternatives to Sunday School; Faith and Politics; Overcoming Barriers to Women Serving Local Congregations; Racism; Selling the Building but Maintaining the Congregation; Systemic Solutions to Poverty; and Systemic Solutions to Violence.

3-DAY YOUTH *Beach Break* **CONFERENCE**

Bring your whole family! Youth are invited to Virginia Beach for Beach Break: A 3-Day Youth Conference, running in conjunction with the Biennial Mission Summit, June 21-23, 2019. The event is open to youth groups and individual attendees from sixth through twelfth grades. Activities and optional lodging will be held at an off-site hotel, and youth will attend selected worship opportunities at the larger event.

Through main session speakers, hands-on service, and excellent worship, Beach Break will give students space from their busy lives to connect with Jesus, to be inspired to serve their community and the world, and to connect with other Christian teenagers.

There will also be a Vacation Bible School option available at the Virginia Beach Convention Center for kids in kindergarten through fifth grade (K-5). Youth attending the K-5 program are expected to stay with their families; a housing option is not available.

For more information or to register for these events, visit www.abc-usa.org/beachbreak.

Worship Experiences

From Sea to Sea

Dr. Howard Stevenson

Friday evening, June 21

An evening hosted by the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) celebrating the work American Baptists are doing across our nation, featuring stories from ABHMS and music representing the rich diversity of American Baptists in the United States.

Across the Seas

Rev. Dr. Elijah Brown

Saturday evening, June 22

An evening hosted by International Ministries (IM) celebrating American Baptists' work around the globe, featuring reports from IM Global Servants on the *Ups and Downs of Life Across the Seas* and interactive elements reflecting on engaging around the world.

Navigating Choppy Seas

Dr. Jolene Erlacher

Sunday morning Word and Witness, June 23

A morning session hosted by American Baptist Women's Ministries, featuring stories from American Baptist Women and Girls, led by AB Women and Girls, and including music that inspires while navigating choppy seas.

Worship by the Sea

Rev. Ngwedla Paul Msiza

Sunday morning, June 23

A morning hosted by the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board (MMBB) and the Office of the General Secretary, celebrating the sustaining work of MMBB and looking toward the future of ABC, culminating in an invitation to the Lord's Table and an affirmation of our life together as American Baptists.

A Sea of Witnesses

Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of ABC of the South
Sunday evening, June 23

An evening hosted by the American Baptist Churches of the South (ABCOTS) region, featuring music and preaching from ABCOTS and celebrating stories from the first 50 years of the region. This session will lift up the life and work of the ABCOTS region and also invite all ABC regions and persons into a meaningful future dedicated to serving as the hands and feet of Christ.

Speakers



Dr. Howard Stevenson is the Constance Clayton professor of Urban Education, professor of Africana Studies, in the Human Development & Quantitative Methods Division of the Graduate School of Education at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the executive director of the Racial Empowerment Collaborative at Penn, designed

to promote racial literacy in education, health, community and justice institutions. He is a nationally recognized clinical psychologist and researcher on negotiating racial conflicts using racial literacy for independent and public K-12 schooling, community mental health centers, teachers, police and parents.



Rev. Dr. Elijah Brown, originally from the state of Texas, assumed the position of general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance on January 1, 2018. He had more than a decade long involvement in the international umbrella organization for Baptists before joining its staff, starting in 2005. His specialties lie in human rights and

religious liberty. His doctoral work focused on issues related to World Christianity, including mission and church growth, peace-building and conflict resolution, and the interaction of religion and politics.



Dr. Jolene Erlacher founded Leading Tomorrow in 2013 with the aim of equipping churches, businesses, schools, missions agencies and other organizations for effective inter-generational leadership in an evolving culture. Her passion for equipping a new generation of leaders emerged from various leadership experiences in education

and ministry. She has focused on researching the experiences and needs of Millennials in ministry positions. Her book, *Millennials in Ministry* (Judson Press) documents her findings. She specializes in providing training and consulting on team effectiveness and inter-generational leadership.



Rev. Ngwedla Paul Msiza is a native of South Africa. He was installed on July 25, 2015, as the second African to be president of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA). Prior to serving as president, in 2010 he was elected one of the 12 vice presidents of the BWA. Msiza was president of the All Africa Baptist Fellowship, one of six regional fellowships of

the BWA, from 2006 to 2011 and general secretary of the Baptist Convention of South Africa (BCSA) from 2001 to 2010. He is the senior pastor of Peniel Salem Baptist Church in Pretoria.


ABCUSA Biennial Academy


On Saturday, June 22, an ABCUSA Biennial Academy will offer a variety of activities that include continuing education and spiritual growth opportunities for both clergy and lay leaders! Many different options will allow for something for everyone: learning tracks with credit available, Bible studies, workshops, and educational seminars.


For full session and presenter information visit www.americanbaptists2019.com.


Academy Session Schedule


Sessions are color coded on the registration form on pages 6-8 to indicate the following session schedule:

 Full Day Session, all day Saturday
(9:00 AM-11:45 AM and 2:15 PM-5:00 PM)


 Full Morning Session (9:00 AM-11:45 AM)

 Full Afternoon Session (2:15 PM-5:00 PM)

 Session I (9:00 AM-10:15 AM)

 Session II (10:30 AM-11:45 AM)

 Session III (2:15 PM-3:30 PM)

 Session IV (3:45 PM-5:00 PM)

Academy Track Themes (listed in purple)

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus in Society pages 3 & 9

Bible Study pages 9-10

Called to Send, Called to Serve page 3

Creation Care page 10

Financial Wellness pages 10-11

From the Steeple to the Street: New Paths for Church
Renewal & Multiplication in the 21st Century page 9

Practical Resources for Churches and Leadership page 11

Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age page 11

Social Media, Technology and Ministry: Biblical
Study and Sermon Preparation for the 21st Century
Pastor Using Accordance page 11

Transformational Leadership and the
Renewal of the Church page 3

Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church page 9

Full Day Tracks

Attendees who select one of the two all day tracks below cannot select other sessions during the ABCUSA Biennial Academy on Saturday.

Called to Send, Called to Serve

Led by the International Ministries Mission Mobilization Team

This track is for individuals who are exploring a personal call to join God in global mission or church leaders who can encourage those considering a call to serve. This interactive track will answer questions and tackle practical issues of what is involved in becoming a global servant. **.5 CEUs offered**

Transformational Leadership and the Renewal of the Church

The health and vitality of ABCUSA is dependent upon the health and vitality of the local church. Many congregations are plateaued, inward-focused and declining. Many factors contribute to this reality, and no "silver bullet" exists. However strong, transformational leaders committed to an outwardly focused agenda of taking the Good News of Christ's Love to the community are key to the church's transformation. This track is designed to provide tools and insights to help church leaders become one of these transformational leaders willing to tackle the challenges of transitioning churches for the new world in which we presently live.

Full Morning and

Full Afternoon Sessions

There will be a selection of full morning and full afternoon sessions. Attendees who select one of these extended sessions cannot select another session for the same time period (morning or afternoon).

Being the Hands and Feet of Jesus in Society

Jesus was an Inmate: A Movement to End Mass Incarceration [Combined Sessions I and II]

Led by Raphael G. Warnock

The United States of America, 5% of the world's population, warehouses 25% of the world's prison population. The land of the free is, by far, the incarceration capital of the world. And, in no area of American society are the legacies of slavery and segregation clearer than in the criminal justice system. How can the church and other communities of faith respond? Based upon work being done right now by Ebenezer Baptist Church of Atlanta, and an array of multi-faith partners, this workshop will explore this human rights catastrophe while providing practical responses.

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Registration Information

Fill out and return the completed form (pages 5-8) with payment to ABCUSA. For more info, visit www.americanbaptists2019.com.

Attendees may register:

ONLINE: www.americanbaptists2019.com

FAX: 610-768-2229

MAIL: ABCUSA Office of Travel &
Conference Planning
P.O. Box 851
Valley Forge PA 19482-0851

A valid credit card is required for online and fax registrations. Make checks payable to American Baptist Churches USA.

Questions

Call: 1-800-ABC-3USA x2234

Email: missionsummitregistration@abc-usa.org

Registration Categories

- **Delegates:** Delegates are selected by their church for the purpose of electing the officers for the coming biennium and for voting on any other official business. Delegates may attend all worship experiences and sessions, and visit the Hall of Ministries. **Delegates are encouraged to attend the Business Session on Sunday at 2:15 PM.**
- **Participants:** Participants may attend all worship experiences and sessions, and visit the Hall of Ministries. Participants may attend the Business Session on Sunday at 2:15 PM, but they may not vote on matters of business.

Hotel Reservations and Changes

All hotel reservations must be guaranteed with a valid credit card. Payment is due to hotel at check-out. Housing forms received without a valid credit card will not be processed. (Checks and cash are not accepted for hotel reservations.) **Hotel prices do not include tax. Reservations must be received by ABCUSA Housing no later than May 21, 2019.** Please note that ABCUSA rates are lower at these hotels than normal hotel rates. Attendees staying at one of the event hotels will have access to complimentary shuttle service to and from the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

If making your own hotel reservations, please provide the name of the hotel and number of nights you have reserved on page 5. This information will help to reduce our costs at the Convention Center. Shuttle service to the Convention Center will not be available from other hotels.

Air Travel

Attendees traveling by air should book flights into the Norfolk International Airport.

- You may contact our ABC preferred travel agency, Travel-Leaders, at 1-800-798-4081. Mention this event. A \$30 booking fee will apply.
- Attendees will need to arrange their own transportation to/from the airport. Local shuttle services include:
 - Orange Peel Transportation 757-463-7500
 - James River Transportation 804-342-7300

Transportation to the Convention Center

Attendees staying at one of the event hotels will have access to complimentary shuttle service to and from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. Attendees making their own hotel reservations will be responsible for arranging their own transportation to the Virginia Beach Convention Center.

ABCUSA Biennial Academy Sessions and Baptist Talk Conversations

Attendees are asked to pre-register for these sessions when registering for the Biennial Mission Summit, in order to allow planners and leaders to be prepared for space and material needs. Please visit www.americanbaptists2019.com for additional information about each session.

Orientation to American Baptist Life

Seminarians and ministers new to ABC will be attending and participating in the Biennial Mission Summit. For more information about the Orientation to American Baptist Life contact Kevin.Walden@abc-usa.org.

Child Care

Please contact Kathy.Young@abc-usa.org for more information if you need child care for children not yet in kindergarten.

Special Meal Request

Please contact Kathy.Young@abc-usa.org by May 15, 2019 if you have a special meal request.

Delegates should check the ABC website, www.abc-usa.org, for the official notice of the Biennial Meeting and for proposed bylaw amendments.

Fill out and return pages 5-8 to ABCUSA or register online at www.americanbaptists2019.com. One adult registration per form. Photocopy as necessary.

TITLE FIRST NAME LAST NAME
(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Rev., Dr.)

PREFERRED FIRST NAME FOR BADGE E-MAIL

MAILING ADDRESS

CITY STATE ZIP

DAYTIME PHONE CELL PHONE

CHURCH NAME, LOCATION CITY & STATE (Mandatory):

List any special requirements you have for attending this meeting:

DEADLINE for individual registration is June 7, 2019 (Online, postmark or fax).

| Check Here | Before March 15 | After March 15 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Delegate | \$149 | \$199 |
| Participant | \$99 | \$149 |
| Single Day Participant – Friday, June 21 | \$50 (\$75 if purchased on-site) | |
| Single Day Participant – Saturday, June 22 | \$50 (\$75 if purchased on-site) | |
| Single Day Participant – Sunday, June 23 | \$50 (\$75 if purchased on-site) | |

Mail completed registration form (pages 5-8) along with payment to: ABCUSA, Attn: Registrar, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

Arrival Date: (mm/dd/yy) ____ / ____ / ____ Departure Date: (mm/dd/yy) ____ / ____ / ____

Hotel reservations and changes must be received by ABCUSA Housing no later than May 21, 2019. All cancellations will be charged a \$25 fee. Beginning June 10, 2019, all changes and new reservations are to be made directly with the hotel. Reservations must be cancelled 72 hours prior to arrival to avoid no show charges. Credit Card information (below) is required to reserve hotel. Please visit www.americanbaptists2019.com for hotel details.

| Hotels (Please number your choices in order of preference, 1-3) All located in Virginia Beach, Virginia | Single Rate* | Double Rate* | Quad Rate* | Suite Rate* | Location Information |
|--|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--|
| DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Virginia Beach, 1900 Pavilion Dr. | ___ \$202 | ___ \$202 (1 bed) | ___ \$202 (2 beds) | | Located next to the Convention Center, approx. .5 mile |
| Westin Virginia Beach Town Center, 4535 Commerce St | ___ \$189 | ___ \$189 (1 bed) | | | Located downtown approx. 9 miles from the Convention Center |
| Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Virginia Beach-North Beach, 3900 Atlantic Ave. | ___ \$199 | ___ \$199 (1 bed) | ___ \$199 (2 beds) | \$299 (2 Queen beds) | Beachfront hotel, located approx. 2.5 miles from the Convention Center |
| Wyndham Virginia Beach Oceanfront, 5700 Atlantic Ave. | ___ \$198 | ___ \$198 (1 bed) | \$198 (2 beds) | | Beachfront hotel, located approx. 3.5 miles from the Convention Center |

***Hotel Rates do not include tax.** Parking rates subject to change. Attendees staying at one of the event hotels will have access to complimentary shuttle service to and from the Virginia Beach Convention Center. If making your own hotel reservations, please provide the name of the hotel and number of nights you have reserved here: . This information will help to reduce our costs at the Convention Center.

Room Occupants (including yourself):

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Payment: Please do not enclose cash.

Make checks payable to **American Baptist Churches USA**, Ck #

Credit Card is required to reserve hotel. Exp. Date (mm/yy):

Billing Address (if different than mailing address above):

Card #:

Signature on card (required)

Donation (tax deductible) I wish to contribute to the Youth Programming (please circle) \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100

I am registering as: (check category)

☐ Delegate ☐ Participant

Single Day Participant (select one)

☐ 6/21/19 ☐ 6/22/19 ☐ 6/23/19

Total Registration Cost \$

Hotel: Payment due to hotel at check-out.

Total Cost of all **Events and Meals** \$

Donation \$

Processing fee (Required) \$6.00

Total Payment MUST accompany registration \$

Mail completed registration form (pages 5-8) along with payment to: ABCUSA, Attn: Registrar, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851

REGISTRATION FORM



To register, fill out pages 5-8 and return to ABCUSA, or register online at www.americanbaptists2019.com. A complete list of events and additional information is also available here.

All events listed in this brochure require pre-registration. Many have no cost, but still require pre-registration to allow for adequate space and planning needs.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

| Date and Time | Session Name | Price | Quantity | Total |
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| THURSDAY, JUNE 20 | | | | |
| 8:00 AM-5:00 PM | ABCUSA Theologians Conference (with lunch) | \$100 | | |
| 12:00 PM-1:30 PM | Ministers Council Clergy Luncheon | \$20 | | |
| 1:30 PM-5:00 PM | Ministers Council Program | Free | | |
| 6:00 PM-8:00 PM | Region Staff Dinner | \$36 | | |
| FRIDAY, JUNE 21 | | | | |
| 8:30 AM-10:00 AM | American Baptist Men Breakfast | \$23 | | |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 PM | Region Staff Continuing Education Event | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM-3:30 PM | Women's Day-American Baptist Women's Ministries, Morning and Afternoon Sessions Lunch Included | \$75 | | |
| 9:00 AM-12:00 PM | Women's Day-American Baptist Women's Ministries, Morning Only Session, No Lunch | \$45 | | |
| 12:00 PM-2:00 PM | MMBB Financial Services Member Luncheon (spouses welcome) | by Invitation | | |
| 12:00 PM-2:00 PM | Women's Day Luncheon | \$40 | | |
| 3:00 PM-4:00 PM | Welcome to First Timers | Free | | |
| 4:30 PM-6:45 PM | Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches/Asian Caucus Dinner Adult/Child Under 12 | \$50/\$20 | | |
| 5:15 PM-6:45 PM | Committee on Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations Dinner | \$34 | | |
| 5:15 PM-6:45 PM | National Black Caucus Dinner | \$48 | | |
| 9:00 PM-10:30 PM | American Baptist Women in Ministry After Party | \$5 | | |
| 9:00 PM-10:30 PM | Young Adult Caucus Ice Cream Social | \$10 | | |
| SATURDAY, JUNE 22 | | | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | Alderson Broaddus University Breakfast | \$24 | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | American Baptist Seminary of the West Breakfast | \$15 | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | Andover Newton Seminary Breakfast | \$24 | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | Baptist World Alliance Breakfast | \$20 | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | Central Baptist Theological Seminary Breakfast | \$23 | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | Friends of ABCUSA Unity Breakfast-Many Branches, John 15:5 | by Invitation | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary Breakfast | \$10 | | |
| 7:00 AM-8:45 AM | Ottawa University Breakfast | \$23 | | |
| 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ■ ■ ■ ■ | *Called to Send, Called to Serve with the International Ministries Mission Mobilization Team Full Day Track , Attendees must attend all sessions and are not able to select other sessions on Saturday. | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM-5:00 PM ■ ■ ■ ■ | Transformational Leadership and the Renewal of the Church Full Day Track , Attendees must attend all sessions and are not able to select other sessions on Saturday. | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM-11:45 AM ■ ■ ■ ■ | Church Beyond the Walls: Innovating Mission & Ministry Through Fresh Expressions of Church with Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon & Melodee Fosner Full Morning Session , Attendees cannot choose another morning session. | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM-11:45 AM ■ ■ ■ ■ | Jesus Was An Inmate: A Movement to End Mass Incarceration with Raphael Warnock Full Morning Session , Attendees cannot choose another morning session. | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM-11:45 AM ■ ■ ■ ■ | Responding to Crisis: Restorative Practice Circles as an Act of Christian Love with Christine Lafferty, Laura Chanchien Parajón, David Parajón Full Morning Session , Attendees cannot choose another morning session. | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM-11:45 AM ■ ■ ■ ■ | *Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church (an identical session is available in the afternoon) with Patricia Hernandez and Lawrence Swain Full Morning Session , Attendees cannot choose another morning session. | Free | | |

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| SATURDAY, JUNE 22 (continued) | | | | |
| 9:00 AM–10:15 AM □ □ □ □ | *Being a Caretaker of God's Creation: A Bible Study with Thomas Carr Session I, First Morning Session | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM–10:15 AM □ □ □ □ | Burmese Bible Study–Walking with Jesus on the Sea with David C. Laisum Session I, First Morning Session | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM–10:15 AM □ □ □ □ | English Bible Study–Being Jonah in a World of Ninevites with Kyle Witmer Session I, First Morning Session | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM–10:15 AM □ □ □ □ | Help, We Need a Pastor! with Miriam Méndez Session I, First Morning Session | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM–10:15 AM □ □ □ □ | *Introduction to Accordance Bible Software with Richard Mansfield Session I, First Morning Session | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM–10:15 AM □ □ □ □ | MMBB: Financial Planning–Start Today! (an identical session is available in the afternoon) with Colin E. Nass Session I, First Morning Session | Free | | |
| 9:00 AM–10:15 AM □ □ □ □ | Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: A Matter of Integration (an identical session is available in the afternoon) with Wesley T. Allen Session I, First Morning Session | Free | | |
| 10:30 AM–11:45 AM □ □ □ □ | *Become a Climate Ambassador! Be a Voice in Your Church and Community on Creation Care with Ani Fête Crews Session II, Second Morning Session | Free | | |
| 10:30 AM–11:45 AM □ □ □ □ | *Bible Study with Accordance with Richard Mansfield Session II, Second Morning Session | Free | | |
| 10:30 AM–11:45 AM □ □ □ □ | Cause and Issues-Based Fundraising with Denise Gray-Felder Session II, Second Morning Session | Free | | |
| 10:30 AM–11:45 AM □ □ □ □ | French Bible Study–Courir vers la mer: Le Pélérinage Prophétique de Jonas with Older Azard Session II, Second Morning Session | Free | | |
| 10:30 AM–11:45 AM □ □ □ □ | MMBB: Taking Advantage of Your Benefits (an identical session is available in the afternoon) with Patricia L. Hunter Session II, Second Morning Session | Free | | |
| 10:30 AM–11:45 AM □ □ □ □ | Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: What's the Purpose? (an identical session is available in the afternoon) with Welsey T. Allen Session II, Second Morning Session | Free | | |
| 10:30 AM–11:45 AM □ □ □ □ | Spanish Bible Study–Huyendo al mar: La jornada profética de Jonás with Lilybeth Bosch Session II, Second Morning Session | Free | | |
| 12:00 PM–2:00 PM | American Baptist Home Mission Societies Luncheon | \$30 | | |
| 2:15 PM–5:00 PM □ □ □ □ | Dinner Church Movement: Finding Traction Among Those Outside the Church Around the Table with Christ with Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon and Melodee Fosner Full Afternoon Session , Attendees cannot choose another afternoon session. | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–5:00 PM □ □ □ □ | Fresh Expressions & Latino Communities: Introducing Expresiones Divinas (an Introduction in Spanish) with Eliseo Mejia-Leiva Full Afternoon Session , Attendees cannot choose another afternoon session. | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–5:00 PM □ □ □ □ | *Transition–Interim Ministry for Today's Church (an identical session is available in the morning) with Patricia Hernandez and Lawrence Swain Full Afternoon Session , Attendees cannot choose another afternoon session. | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–5:00 PM □ □ □ □ | Whole, Healthy, Hopeful Children in Every Community with Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett Full Afternoon Session , Attendees cannot choose another afternoon session. | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:30 PM □ □ □ □ | *Community Organizing: Learn About Living Your Faith and Environmental Ethics in the Wider World with Shantha Ready Alonsa Session III, First Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:30 PM □ □ □ □ | English Bible Study–Jonah and the Scariest Truth of Missions with Greg Mobley Session III, First Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:30 PM □ □ □ □ | Leading and Succeeding for the Future with Debora Jackson Session III, First Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:30 PM □ □ □ □ | MMBB: Financial Planning–Start Today! (an identical session is available in the morning) with Colin E. Nass Session III, First Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:30 PM □ □ □ □ | *Preaching and Teaching with Accordance with Richard Mansfield Session III, First Afternoon Session | Free | | |

*CEUs will be offered for this session

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| SATURDAY, JUNE 22 (continued) | | | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:30 PM □□■□ | Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: A Matter of Integration (an identical session is available in the morning) with Wesley T. Allen Session III, First Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:30 PM □□■□ | Spanish Bible Study–Jonás y la voz profética: Retos para la iglesia de hoy with Abner E. Cotto-Bonilla Session III, First Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 3:45 PM–5:00 PM □□□■ | *Advanced Accordance Features with Richard Mansfield Session IV, Second Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 3:45 PM–5:00 PM □□□■ | Embracing a Noisier Table with Sandra L. DeMott Hasenauer Session IV, Second Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 3:45 PM–5:00 PM □□□■ | English Bible Study–Jonah and the Scariest Truth of Missions with Greg Mobley Session IV, Second Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 3:45 PM–5:00 PM □□□■ | Making Sure 'Born-Digital' is 'Born-Again': The Salvation of Your Church's Story with Jenny Manasco Session IV, Second Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 3:45 PM–5:00 PM □□□■ | MMBB: Taking Advantage of Your Benefits (an identical session is available in the morning) with Patricia L. Hunter Session IV, Second Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 3:45 PM–5:00 PM □□□■ | Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age: What's the Purpose? (an identical session is available in the morning) with Welsey T. Allen Session IV, Second Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 3:45 PM–5:00 PM □□□■ | *Small Things Matter: Become a Creation Justice Congregation with Creation Justice Network Panel Session IV, Second Afternoon Session | Free | | |
| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | American Baptist Haitian Caucus Dinner | \$40 | | |
| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School Dinner | \$30 | | |
| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | Fuller Theological Seminary Dinner | \$30 | | |
| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | Palmer Seminary of Eastern University Dinner | \$31 | | |
| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | Retired Executives Dinner hosted by the Office of the General Secretary | \$36 | | |
| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | Roger Williams Fellowship Dinner | \$36 | | |
| SUNDAY, JUNE 23 | | | | |
| 7:00 AM–8:45 AM | ABCUSA Intercaucus Breakfast | \$26 | | |
| 7:00 AM–8:45 AM | American Baptist Historical Society Breakfast | \$25 | | |
| 7:00 AM–8:45 AM | Baptist Peace Fellowship Breakfast | \$25 | | |
| 7:00 AM–8:45 AM | Friends of North East Christian University Breakfast | \$25 | | |
| 7:00 AM–8:45 AM | Northern Seminary Breakfast | \$15 | | |
| 12:00 PM–2:00 PM | International Ministries Luncheon | \$25 | | |
| 2:15 PM–3:00 PM | Business Session (DELEGATES PLEASE ATTEND) | | | |
| 3:15 PM–5:15 PM | Baptist Talk Conversation on Church Mergers, Satellites, and Shared Ministries | Free | | |
| 3:15 PM–5:15 PM | Baptist Talk Conversation on Cross Generational Ministry | Free | | |
| 3:15 PM–5:15 PM | Baptist Talk Conversation on Discipling Alternatives to Sunday School | Free | | |
| 3:15 PM–5:15 PM | Baptist Talk Conversation on Faith and Politics | Free | | |
| 3:15 PM–5:15 PM | Baptist Talk Conversation on Overcoming Barriers to Women Serving Local Congregations | Free | | |
| 3:15 PM–5:15 PM | Baptist Talk Conversation on Racism | Free | | |
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| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | Celebrate 2021! Discover Puerto Rico with a Festive Buffet and Live Music ¡Celebre el 2021! Descubre a Puerto Rico con un Buffet festivo y música en vivo. | \$15 | | |
| 5:15 PM–6:45 PM | Young Adult Caucus Dinner | \$10 | | |

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Whole, Healthy, Hopeful Children in Every Community [Combined Sessions III and IV]

Led by Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett and a panel of Community Outreach Ministries specialists

This full afternoon session focuses on how conditions for children in economically poor neighborhoods are being adversely impacted in this current social-economic and political climate, and looks at what faith-based community organizations are doing in response.

Responding to Crisis: Restorative Practice Circles as an Act of Christian Love [Combined Sessions I and II]

Led by Christine Lafferty, Laura Chanchien Parajón, and David Parajón

In the past ten years, violence has been inflicted on a scale that has never been seen in human history. In this full morning session, learn how the Christian non-profit AMOS Health and Hope based in Nicaragua uses restorative practice circles to promote health and healing, and how you can use circles in your ministry to improve emotional and psychological well-being, reduce conflict, and create safe spaces for sharing.

From the Steeple to the Street: New Paths for Church Renewal & Multiplication in the 21st Century

Church Beyond the Walls: Innovating Mission & Ministry Through Fresh Expressions of Church [Combined Sessions I and II]

Led by Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon and Melodee Fosner

For over a decade, the Fresh Expressions movement has worked to understand how to be church in a changing culture by creating new forms of church alongside inherited congregations. Each month, new leaders (both lay and ordained) are discovering that they can start fresh expressions of church to reach those beyond the reach of the church, and congregations are being revitalized in unexpected ways. Join us to discover the impact and potential of this movement for your leadership and ministry.

Dinner Church Movement: Finding Traction Among Those Outside the Church Around the Table with Christ [Combined Sessions III and IV]

Led by Chris Backert, Mia Chang, and Verlon and Melodee Fosner

Leaders across the country are rediscovering Jesus' dinner table theology that dominated the Apostolic Era. The present-day Dinner Church movement is giving leaders and churches a renewed ability to reach people who would never attend their Sunday morning gatherings. This session provides an important option for the future of your congregation. *It is recommended that attendees of this session also attend the morning session Church Beyond the Walls or have a solid background with Fresh Expressions.*

Fresh Expressions & Latino Communities: Introducing Expresiones Divinas (an Introduction in Spanish) [Combined Sessions III and IV]

Led by Eliseo Mejia-Leiva

This full afternoon session will focus on the Hispanic population in the United States, which is culturally rich, diverse and exponentially growing. The unique challenges facing first, second and third generation Latinos provide the church with unprecedented opportunities for Latino congregations to grow today. Explore how cultivating Fresh Expressions can maximize the potential of the Church to reach diverse and multicultural communities.













Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church [Repeated in morning and afternoon]

Led by Patricia Hernandez and Lawrence Swain

Transition-Interim Ministry for Today's Church will provide clergy and church leaders a basic understanding of the need for churches in transition to call trained transition/interim ministers. The full morning or full afternoon session will include a variety of modules that will highlight key issues faced by churches in transition, the need for trained transition/interim ministers, and specialized transition/interim training for clergy considering interim ministry. It will introduce Transition Ministries ABCUSA as a resource for churches seeking an interim minister, or clergy seeking interim ministry placement opportunities. **.25 CEUs offered**

Individual Sessions

The following Academy offerings feature individual sessions. Track offerings are grouped together with Track themes listed in purple. Attendees may choose to select all sessions for one particular track or options from different tracks for each time slot:

-    Session I: 9:00-10:15 AM
-    Session II: 10:30-11:45 AM
-    Session III: 2:15-3:30 PM
-    Session IV: 3:45-5:00 PM

Attendees may also select a full morning or full afternoon session and select two individual sessions for any open time periods.

Bible Study

Burmese Bible Study-Walking with Jesus on the Sea [Session I]

Led by David C. Laisum

A traditional Burmese saying, “myinma mini yawkya phawngsi” means that the risk of a man working on a boat is like a woman at childbirth. In the earthly days of our Lord, working on and traveling through the Sea of Galilee was not an option. It was part of life. Quick and constant change of the sea was a natural occurrence, and so was the risk of people working on it. As we work on the sea-of-life, all sorts of storms are opportunities to invite Jesus, walk with Jesus, and show the world that Jesus Christ is Lord.

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English Bible Study—Being Jonah in a World of Ninevites [Session I]

Led by Kyle Witmer

Who are your Ninevites? How does one approach Ninevites? Does Jonah get it right? In this session we will look at the overall missiological thrust of the book of Jonah, seeking the implications for us as Christians in our current context.

French Bible Study—Courir vers la mer: Le Pélérinage Prophétique de Jonas [Session II]

Led by Older Azard

La prophétie de Jonas pour le peuple de Ninive révèle l'universalité et la compassion de Dieu envers les perdus. Le refus du prophète d'accepter l'ordre du Seigneur d'aller prêcher la repentance aux païens (les Ninivites), de peur qu'ils n'obéissent et que Dieu ne leur pardonne. Explorons ensemble le miracle de Dieu à l'égard de son prophète afin de sauver le peuple de Ninive.

Spanish Bible Study—Huyendo al mar: La jornada profética de Jonás [Session II]

Led by Lilybeth Bosch

En la jornada profética de Jonás, el huyó, atravesó angustia, tuvo coraje y cuestionó a Dios; aun así, experimentó su justicia y misericordia, el mismo mensaje que Jonás tenía que compartir con los Ninivitas. Dios fue paciente y con profundo amor le preguntó: ¿No crees que yo debo preocuparme y tener compasión por la ciudad de Nínive? La experiencia de Jonás nos invita a respondernos: ¿Dónde estamos ubicados en nuestra jornada profética? ¿Cómo respondemos a la pregunta de Dios?

English Bible Study—Jonah and the Scariest Truth of Missions [Session III and IV, Repeated]

Led by Greg Mobley

When one of ancient Israel's most famous prophets is assigned the case of investigating a crime spree in the foreign city of Nineveh, Jonah takes off for parts unknown. As our wayward prophet careens along a comical thousand-mile misadventure in which he encounters a crew of superstitious Phoenician sailors, a whale, a city full of evil-doers, a scorching sirocco, a scrubby tree, a worm, and a herd of righteous cows, Jonah is forced to confront his deepest fear. This session will explore one of Scripture's best-known stories, uncovering its continued relevance to a world riven with culture clashes, threatened by ecological degradation, and overgrown with superficial, self-righteous religion.

Spanish Bible Study—Jonás y la voz profética: Retos para la iglesia de hoy [Session III]

Led by Abner E. Cotto-Bonilla

El libro de Jonás es un gran ejemplo para entender el llamado de Dios para la iglesia de hoy. En este estudio bíblico reflexionaremos sobre el llamado de Jonás y las implicaciones de su respuesta en su entendimiento acerca de Nínive. ¿Por qué Jonás huye de Dios en medio del llamado? ¿Cómo esta historia nos ayuda a entender el mandamiento más importante de acuerdo a Jesús: ama a Dios y a tu prójimo como a ti mismo? El estudio bíblico se enfocará en temas como peregrinaje, inmigración y respuestas teológicas para el llamado de Dios a la iglesia de hoy.

Creation Care

Being a Caretaker of God's Creation: A Bible Study [Session I]

Led by Thomas Carr

In an age when the most vulnerable human beings are crying out in the midst of global ecological devastation, how does our Christian faith speak to our call to be servants of God's Love for all life? This session offers a biblical, theological, and spiritual basis for the work of creation-justice along with a new lens through which to see our faith and ministry in relation to all God's creation. **.125 CEUs offered**

Become a Climate Ambassador! Be a Voice in Your Church and Community on Creation Care [Session II]

Led by Ani Fête Crews

We all depend on nature to flourish; that is one reason that God calls us to care for creation. When creation suffers, the most vulnerable among us bear the consequences. Join this session and our ecumenical partner, Blessed Tomorrow, to become a Climate Ambassador, serving as a witness to the impacts of climate change in your congregation and community. This session is the first of a three-part training to equip you with knowledge, experience, and resources to speak confidently on climate change, its impacts, and solutions. Following the event, participants will complete the remaining parts of the training virtually. **.125 CEUs offered**

Community Organizing: Learn About Living Your Faith and Environmental Ethics in the Wider World [Session III]

Led by Shantha Ready Alonsa

This session provides practical tools for mobilizing effective action and advocacy in the broader community. **.125 CEUs offered**

Small Things Matter: Become a Creation Justice Congregation [Session IV]

Led by a Creation Justice Network Panel

Individual choices make a difference. This session focuses on actions that individuals and congregations can take to move towards ecological sustainability, and why these choices matter. **.125 CEUs offered**

Financial Wellness

MMBB: Financial Planning—Start Today! [Sessions I and III, Repeated]

Led by Colin E. Nass

Unbiased, expert guidance is hard to find. Now, more than ever, planning is an essential step towards financial well-being. A good financial plan along with sound advice can lay the foundation for a financial future that is more manageable and more secure. Join us for an overview of the planning process and learn more about what financial planning can do for you.

MMBB: Taking Advantage of Your Benefits [Sessions II and IV, Repeated]

Led by Patricia L. Hunter

Nobody understands the complex financial issues facing clergy and faith-based leaders the way we do. Whether you are an employer or an employee, we offer peace of mind about financial security. Find out about MMBB's Financial Services' benefits, investment options and financial planning services.

Practical Resources for Churches and Leadership

Help, We Need a Pastor! [Session I]

Led by Miriam Méndez

The pastoral search process is a crucial and formative stage in the journey of the church, yet a daunting task that can produce either positive and/or negative energy. Laying a good foundation and employing best practices can provide a healthy pastor-congregation relationship. Learn about: key steps in selecting a search committee, the function of the search committee, working with your regional/denominational leaders, interim/transitional period, and steps in the search process.

Cause and Issues-Based Fundraising [Session II]

Led by Denise Gray-Felder

Fundraising is more than asking for money. Participants will discuss ways to communicate with existing donors and to persuade new donors to support critical issues facing the church, our country and the world. Participants will examine ways that effective fundraising organizations use stories of change, and learn to leverage volunteer support to increase donations. Come prepared to share, debate and question.

Leading and Succeeding for the Future [Session III]

Led by Debora Jackson

Learn about strategic and tactical tools for succession planning in organizations, ministries, and churches. Learn how to: discern God's leading in our lives and churches, freeing us to make room for others; recognize and celebrate the gifts and abilities of others; create critical development experiences to broaden skills; and foster a culture that is permissive and welcomes new leadership.

Embracing a Noisier Table [Session IV]

Led by Sandra Hasenauer

Can you remember the specifics about when a motion needs a second and when it doesn't? Can you quickly bring to mind in the middle of a discussion how to properly amend a motion? And how often do these concerns for order actually get in the way of honest discussion that brings wide perspectives to the table? Participants will: learn ways to gather input as effectively as possible; explore the possibilities of the consensus model (with a note that what many of us take as "consensus" is not); and learn how to create a holding space for authentic conversation.

Making Sure 'Born-Digital' is 'Born-Again': The Salvation of Your Church's Story [Session IV]

Led by Jenny Manasco

Today's church records—annual meeting minutes, clerk's and treasurer's reports, membership rolls, newsletters, etc.—are "born-digital" in Word documents, spreadsheets, websites, social media posts, digital pictures, digital recordings, and other formats. But all of these digital records are more fragile than the paper of the past. Come find out what basic digital preservation steps you can take to ensure these records can be "born-again" (accessed in the future). The salvation of your church's story is at stake!

Sharing Good News in a Social Media Age

A Matter of Integration [Sessions I and III, Repeated]

Led by Wesley T. Allen

Explore the call to live out our faith in social media in a way that grounds us to a theology of evangelism, justice, hope, and personal integration. This session will focus on the reality of social media identity and why it should be grounded in physical identity.

What's the Purpose? [Sessions II and IV, Repeated]

Led by Wesley T. Allen

This session will explore the different ways Christians interpret the idea of "sharing the Gospel," and how these different interpretations can lead believers to use social media in much different ways.

Social Media, Technology and Ministry: Biblical Study and Sermon Preparation for the 21st Century Pastor Using Accordance

Introduction to Accordance Bible Software [Session I]

Led by Richard Mansfield

Learn the basics of the Accordance philosophy, design, and interface and discover how Accordance can revolutionize your Bible study and communication of Scripture. **.125 CEUs offered**

Bible Study with Accordance [Session II]

Led by Richard Mansfield

Accordance allows you to search the Scriptures with blinding speed and efficiency. Learn how to access original language meanings from translated Bible versions and amplify to an ever-growing literary of biblical reference works. **.125 CEUs offered**

Preaching and Teaching with Accordance [Session III]

Led by Richard Mansfield

In this session, learn how to create fully-searchable personalized content in Accordance as well as how to access sermon illustrations and striking visual images from a wide range of teaching and preaching resources. **.125 CEUs offered**

Advanced Accordance Features [Session IV]

Led by Richard Mansfield

Take Accordance Bible Software to the next level with Hebrew and Greek texts and lexicons, syntax and diagramming tools, biblical language grammars and much more. **.125 CEUs offered**



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