

**OTABL WEBINAR 2 Q&A**  
**Edited after the webinar by Dr. Walden**  
**in collaboration with ABHMS and IM.**

**Answering Key:**

Black Typing: Questions and Comments During webinar

Red Typing: Dr. Walden

Blue Typing: Guest follow-up comments/recommendations

**Webinar #2 Generic Questions/Comments**

**It almost seems as if ABHMS and IM are interwoven, are they sometimes confused with each other?**

Could be David. I thought Zofia did a great job when she held up her two hands representing the globe. We had these two organizations PRIOR to the formal organizing of our denominational family in 1907. And this was important because we didn't wish to create a denomination that would minimize the authority and the primacy of the local church.

- I do think these are changing times and many of our American Baptist Family are unaware of how our mission organizations were founded and how we are organized. The presenters all did a great job of explaining what they do for the family!

**American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) Questions**

**Does Home Missions have resources specific to racial reconciliation and dealing with white privilege?**

GOOD ABHMS QUESTION: I'll note this for when they take a break, Answering for Office of the General Secretary: You might not know, but ABCUSA is recognized as being one of the most racially diverse denominations in the United States and our Board of General Ministries constantly works to reflect that. Just this past week we were engaged with a PhD project that is studying us because of our harmonious diversity. The Executive Director and CEO of ABHMS is African American; The Executive Director and CEO of MMBB is African American; The Executive Director of International Ministries is Asian-American; and the General Secretary is a Messianic Jewish person.

Answering again for OGS. After the webinar I was reminded that my colleague Rev. Marsha Scipio leads our office in our partnership with the National Institute for Civil Discourse. If you would like to know more information about this ministry of ABCUSA, you can contact Marsha at: [Marsha.Scipio@abc-usa.org](mailto:Marsha.Scipio@abc-usa.org) 610-768-2326 or 800-ABC-3USA ext. 2326

From Rev. Lauren Ng: While there is not a specific ministry named for racial reconciliation, the collaborative efforts of our cultural ministries will result in ways to address it. Our Intercultural Ministries and Cultural Competency program areas offer trainings, tools and resources that speak directly to our leaders in an effort to build our capacity and ability to address white privilege and on how to dismantle racism. Through the cultivating of a network of leaders that represent the denomination, regions, churches and communities, ABHMS envisions the fostering of a movement, not confined to a specific ministry.

Dr. Laura Miraz: Additionally, ABHMS is a significant partner with New Baptist Covenant who does have efforts related to racial reconciliation.

<http://abhms.org/ministries/developing-leaders/intercultural-ministries/>

<https://abhms.org/about-us/staff/rev-dr-brenda-r-halliburton-williams/>

<http://newbaptistcovenant.org/>

### **Does Home Missions have resources to help church planters?**

GOOD ABHMS QUESTION

Rev. Lauren Ng: Again, while ABHMS does not have a specific ministry around New Church Planting, our Discipleship Team periodically advises and consults with individuals and regions and as an organization, we serve as a convener of a network of leaders exploring how to do church planting in our contemporary contexts.

<https://abhms.org/about-us/staff/dr-jeffrey-johnson/>

### **International Ministries Questions**

#### **What is the process for those exploring international mission service full time?**

GOOD International Ministries Question!

After our webinar, Rev. Koh asked Dr. Rodney Ragwan to send us a link to their website where it talks about DISCERNING GOD'S CALL FOR GLOBAL SERVICE.

<https://www.internationalministries.org/are-you-discerning-gods-calling-for-global-service/>