

## President's Report

June 2019

This is my report as your president of the American Baptists Churches - Board of General Ministries, as of June 2019.

Dr. Lee Spitzer resignation due to his official retirement:

In our March 2019 meeting, our Executive Committee received the news of Dr. Spitzer's retirement dated for next December 2019. After six (6) months of medical leave, he was able to return as the head of this family, so after his arrival we were able to resume the evaluation process that we had already begun last summer (2018). We thought that this process, along with other interviews and documents, were very important for the upcoming search process.

A. A designated task force, led by our Vice President, Dean Parker, was in charge of the evaluation process, which included interviews with OGS staff, NLC, etc. We should receive a report at our next June meeting.

B. Our new search process should be conducted by our Nominating Committee. Due to the reality that we aren't going to have enough time during this year to perform this task and beginning on January 2020 new appointments for that committee will take place, we are going to develop a process with our new Board of General Ministries leaders, elected on Virginia Beach, to design it.

C. We are going to appoint an Interim GS and there will be an announcement on November 2019.

In conversations with Annie's office, we were able to follow up on some Biennial issues. Also, we're still working ahead with the 2021 biennial details and with the organization. Her experience in such matters was a blessing.

On behalf of the Board of General Ministries, I was able to participate in some experiences, extending greetings and/or as the speaker of the event.

(ABC-USA Hispanic Caucus) - Ordination Worship of the President of the Hispanic Caucus, Rev. Abner Cotto, last April 28, 2019 and New Jersey Hispanic annual gathering.

The Baptist Peace Fellowship will celebrate their annual event in Cali, Colombia next July 15-20, 2019.

As always, thank you all for your prayers, texts, emails and good thoughts. It is always necessary and pertinent in this ministry.

In Jesus Christ,



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President