

## President's Report

September 2019

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

In re Dr. Lee Spitzer official retirement:

After the biennial meeting, we were able to resume the evaluation process with the whole board (BGM), that we had already begun last summer (2018). We reaffirm that this process, along with other interviews and documents, were very important for the upcoming search process.

We began conversations with our new president elect, in order to clarify and design the steps to work with this very special task. The search process should be conducted by our Nominating Committee. So it is clear that beginning on January 2020 new appointments for that committee will take place, and in consequence the development of the process.

We are going to appoint an Interim GS and there will be an announcement on November 2019. The Biennial team met in late August to make a review of the experience. It's so important that we can make some appointments for the progress of the 2021 biennial.

On behalf of the Board of General Ministries, I was able to participate in The Baptist Peace Fellowship annual event in Cali, Colombia past 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Josué D. Gómez-Menéndez'.

Josué D. Gómez-Menéndez  
President