



**BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES
NOVEMBER 5-7, 2021
AGENDA**

Meeting Site:

Crowne Plaza
260 Mall Boulevard
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Ph: 610-265-7500

Officers:

Karen Podsiadly, President
Jim Wolfe, Vice President
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer
Jeff Woods, Interim General Secretary

Chaplain:

Zina Jacque, Metro Chicago

Parliamentarian:

Bill Fredrickson, NJ

Board of General Ministries Plenary (Independence North)

Friday, November 5, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Saturday, November 6, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Sunday, November 7, 9:00 AM -12:00 PM

Please refer to the Integrated Schedule for committee meetings, meals, vespers, etc.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Call to Order Karen Podsiadly, Presiding, ABC President
2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Zina Jacque, BGM Chaplain

Sharing the ABCUSA Focus Statement Unison
American Baptist Churches are missional congregations that nurture devoted disciples of Jesus Christ who live their lives in mission and ministry for the healing of the world through the love of God.
3. General Consent Agenda Items Karen Podsiadly

Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting

A. Directors to Other Boards:

Report from Special Director to American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Report from Special Director to International Ministries

B. Reports from ABCUSA & AMOs

C. Professional Ministries Team

D. Burma Refugee Commission

E. Theologians Commission

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| 4. Team Building | Beloved Community |
| 5. ABCUSA President's Report | Karen Podsiadly |
| 6. Report of the Interim General Secretary | Jeff Woods |
| 7. Election of General Secretary for two year term (2022-2023) | Karen Podsiadly |
| 8. ABCUSA Documents – Small group discussion | Jeff Woods |
| A. Role of the Office of the General Secretary | |
| B. Interim General Secretary Strategic Plan | |
| 9. Antiracism Task Force Proposal | Karen Podsiadly |
| 10. Report of the Budget Review Officer | Paul Higgins |
| Year to Date Financials through September 2021 | |
| 2022 ABCUSA Budget | |
| 11. MRD Update | Marie Onwubuariri |
| 12. President's Nominations and Appointments | Karen Podsiadly |
| For 2022-2023 Biennium | |
| 13. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee | Jim Wolfe |
| 14. Proposed process for GS Search Committee (2024-2027) | Jim Wolfe |
| 15. Best Practices of Non-Profit Boards | Jeff Woods |
| 16. ABCUSA Survey | Jeff Woods |
| 17. ABHS Annual Corporate Meeting Saturday Morning | Jonathan Malone, President
Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director |
| 18. Report of the Credentials and Caucus Committee | Josué Gómez-Menéndez, Chair of CCC |
| Report of Changed Relationships | |
| 19. World Relief Committee Update | Zina Jacque |

20. Celebrating Ministering Women: Radical. Redeemed. Ready.

Pat Hernandez

21. Action Group Reports/Proposals

22. Recognition of Retiring Board Directors

Karen Podsiadly and Jeff Woods

23. Prayer and Adjournment

President Karen Podsiadly

Upcoming Board Meetings:

June 13-15, 2022 Green Lake, WI

June 15-18, 2022 Celebrating Ministering Women: Radical. Redeemed. Ready.

November 4-6, 2022 King of Prussia, PA (Crowne Plaza)