

## ABCUSA President's Report

During January and February, I had the opportunity to meet with several committees planning future denominational events as well as beginning the process of searching for our next General Secretary.

The Biennial Mission Summit Planning Team met via Zoom January 5, 6. The theme for the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit is "For Such a Time as This." The Biennial is scheduled for San Juan Puerto Rico, June 23-25, 2023. If you would like to share your feedback, please visit the ABCUSA website and take a brief survey focusing on the Biennial theme. The survey is open until March 21.

I also had the opportunity to participate in a National Leadership Council prayer event, conversation with Emerging Theologians, and a review of Orientation to American Baptist Life.

The General Secretary Search Committee met January 27-29 in Tampa, Florida to begin the process of searching for our next General Secretary. At the Tampa meeting we were joined by Dr. Marcia Patton, co-author of the book, Sacred Decisions. Dr. Patton led us in learning the process of decision-making by consensus. The committee met via Zoom on Saturday February 19 to further the conversation and discuss hiring an outside consultant to facilitate the decision-making process. The search committee is eager to receive input from all areas of the family. A survey is available on the ABCUSA website and will be available until March 5. The next meeting of the search committee is scheduled for March 26.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as your president and ask for your continued prayers for the mission and ministry of American Baptist Churches/USA.

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