Orientation to American Baptist Life-Report to BGM; June 2022

Planning has begun for the 2023 Orientation to American Baptist Life (OTABL). Coordinators are Judy Fackenthal and Zina Jacque; working with a planning team of Doug Avilesbernal (Evergreen region), Mark Click (ABC Ohio), Lisa Harris-Lee (ABHMS), Sandra Hasenauer (ABC Genesee/Rochester), and Marc Kirchoff (IM). Orientation will be a hybrid event with six pre-recorded presentations from our ABC partners. Participants will gather prebiennial in Puerto Rico with an emphasis on being connected and equipped through ABCUSA and partners. The team, working creatively and beyond presupposed expectations, will explore new ways to connect and equip these new American Baptist leaders. Watch for a new expression of OTABL as we work closely with the Office of General Secretary, IM, ABHMS, MMBB and REMC.

Please be thinking of potential participants. OTABL is for seminarians and pastors new to our denominational family. If you know of someone who fits this description, please send their name and contact info to <u>otabl@abc-usa.org</u>.

It is a joy to serve with this group!

Blessings,

Judy Fackenthal