



**BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES  
NOVEMBER 4-6, 2022  
AGENDA**

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

**Officers:** Jim Wolfe, President  
Michelle Nickens, Vice President  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Jeff Woods, General Secretary

**Parliamentarian:** Bill Frederickson

**BGM Chaplain:** Cedric Jones

*Please remember to sign the BGM attendance sheet.*

**Friday, November 4, 2022, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North**

*For all who arrive in time, a buffet breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. and a buffet lunch from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Forager Restaurant.*

1. Welcome and Call to Order Jim Wolfe, Presiding, ABC President
2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Cedric Jones, 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. Presentation from Church Mutual, Jeff Dromeshauser
4. Becoming a Beloved Community Segment
5. General Consent Agenda Items Jim Wolfe

**Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting**

A. Reports from ABCUSA & AMOs

- B. Special Directors to Other Boards
- C. Professional Ministries Team – Jeff Woods
- D. Burma Refugee Commission – Florence Li

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| 6. Report from the ABCUSA General Secretary    | Jeff Woods |
| 7. Report from the ABCUSA Nominating Committee | Jim Wolfe  |

ABC Officers Nominations for Biennial Election

The following slate of ABC Officers for the 2024-2025 biennium will be forwarded to the 2023 Biennial delegates for vote at the next Biennial Mission Summit:

President:  
Vice President:  
Budget Review Officer:

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| 8. 2023 Biennial Mission Summit, San Juan, PR Update                           | Tina Kiernan     |
| 9. Orientation to American Baptist Life  | Jeff Woods       |
| 10. Report from the ABCUSA President   | Jim Wolfe        |
| 11. ABC Interpreting the Impact of COVID-19 on Congregations Task Force Update | Jeff Woods       |
| 12. Anti-Racism Convening Table Update   | Karen Podsiadly  |
| 13. Bylaw Change Biennial Delegate Count                                       | Jim Wolfe        |
| 14. Report of the Budget Review Officer  | Paul Higgins     |
| a. Year to Date Financials through September 2022                              |                  |
| b. 2023 ABCUSA Budget  |                  |
| 15. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee                               | Michelle Nickens |
| 16. General Secretary Search Committee Update                                  | Jim Wolfe        |
| 17. Report of the Credentials and Caucus Committee                             |                  |
| Report of Changed Relationships  |                  |
| 18. Mission Resource Development   | Robin Stoops     |
| 19. World Relief Committee   | Janice Fletcher  |
| 20. Additional Agenda Items  |                  |

*(Agenda Items not addressed at the end of the Plenary Session, will continue to the next day's agenda)*

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| 21. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.) |
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BGM Finance Committee	Devon
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations	Radnor
Becoming a Beloved Community	Wayne
Communicating ABC Identity	Berwyn

**DINNER, 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.; Independence South**

**Saturday, November 5, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North**

*A BGM buffet breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in The Forager Restaurant. The BGM Finance Committee will meet for breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Devon Room. CCUIR will meet for breakfast from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Radnor Room.*

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| 22. Reconvening/Announcements            | Jim Wolfe, Presiding                   |
| 23. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer | Chaplain Cedric Jones                  |
| 24. ABHS Annual Corporate Meeting        | Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director |
| 25. Becoming a Beloved Community Segment |  |
| 26. Presentation by Benjamin Jakuk       |  |
| 27. Continuing additional agenda items   |  |

**LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; The Forager Restaurant**

*Return 1:30 PM to BGM Plenary; Independent North*

28. Becoming a Beloved Community Segment
29. Continuing additional agenda items

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**BGM VESPERS, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Independence North**

***Remember to turn your clocks back an hour when you go to sleep.  
Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 6, 2022***

**Sunday, November 6, 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North**

*A BGM buffet breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in The Forager Restaurant.*

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| 31. Reconvening/Announcements                        | Jim Wolfe, Presiding     |
| 32. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer             | Chaplain Cedric Jones    |
| 33. Continuing and additional agenda items           |                          |
| 34. Regional Ministries                              | Soozi Whitten Ford       |
| 35. Recognition of Retiring Directors                | Jim Wolfe and Jeff Woods |
| Stephanie Commandest (Evergreen Baptist Association) |                          |
| Marijane Kiley (West Virginia Baptist Convention)    |                          |
| 36. Action Group Reports/Proposals/Reports           |                          |
| BGM Finance Committee                                | Paul Higgins             |
| Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations               | Raimundo Barreto         |
| Becoming a Beloved Community                         | Marijane Kiley           |
| Communicating ABC Identity                           | Bonnie Higgins           |
| 37. Closing Worship and Holy Communion               | Chaplain Cedric Jones    |
| 38. Prayer and Adjournment                           | President Jim Wolfe      |