

President/Search Committee Report

The Board of General Ministries' Executive Committee met in Orlando, Florida March 1-3, 2023. At that meeting we received reports from the various areas of ministry in which we are engaged. This included the report of the General Secretary, financial reports, and an update on the Biennial Mission Summit. The Executive Committee is committed to board development and support of the anti-racism convening table. We spent time reviewing and discussing *The Color of Compromise* by Jemar Tisby. We are committed to continuing this conversation.

One of the responsibilities of the president is chairing the ABCUSA nominating committee. The ABCUSA nominating committee is tasked with becoming the search committee when it becomes necessary to search for a General Secretary. The search committee has been diligently engaged in this process since January 2022, following an interim plan adopted by the Board of General Ministries. The committee engaged in a denomination-wide survey, listening conferences, and in-person presentations in an effort to secure input from the wider denominational family. Following this process the committee met in December 2022 and finalized the position description. The position description and application/nomination process was published on the ABCUSA website on January 17, 2023. Applications and nominations were received January 17-February 24. The search committee met March 22-24 to review the applications received and begin the process of scheduling interviews. We will continue to post updates on the ABCUSA website as appropriate. We are grateful for your prayers as we continue this important and strictly confidential process.

In addition to chairing the General Secretary Search Committee it was my honor to participate in the National Leadership Conference held at the Green Lake Conference Center, May 9-12. The National Leadership Conference is composed of regional executive ministers, and directors of AMOs, and national boards. I was invited to coordinate the worship experiences for the group, including a closing communion service, which reminds us that regardless of our diversity, we are one body in Christ. The NLC allows a wonderful opportunity to renew friendships and make new acquaintances, as well as bid farewell to retiring colleagues. It is a great opportunity to be in community with those with whom we serve.

It is an honor to serve this family. I am grateful for your prayers as together we move forward in the ministries to which God has called us.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Wolfe
President ABCUSA