



BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES
JUNE 20-22, 2023
AGENDA

Meeting Site: Sheraton Puerto Rico Hotel
 200 Convention Boulevard
 San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00907
 Phone: 787-993-3500

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.

Tuesday, June 20, 2:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Bahia 2

For all who arrive in time, a buffet breakfast will be served in the San Geronimo Room from 7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and lunch from 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the San Geronimo Room. We are pleased to be joined by the Board of International Ministries for breakfast each morning. Breakfast vouchers are not needed.

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. Becoming a Beloved Community Segment
4. 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

Proposed Action: To approve by general consent the Minutes of the Board of General Ministries Meeting dated November 4-6, 2022 and to receive the designated reports identified on the agenda.

5. Report of the ABCUSA General Secretary Jeff Woods
6. Report of the ABCUSA Nominating Committee Jim Wolfe
Election of At-Large Director of the Board of General Ministries
The Board of General Ministries is composed of At-Large Directors and Ex-Officio Directors. There are 33 At-large Directors, one from each ABCUSA Region, elected by the Biennial Delegates. Any vacancy for an At-Large Director may be filled by a majority vote of the Board of General Ministries on nomination of the ABCUSA Nominating Committee.

Proposed Action: To elect Douglas Hill for the vacancy in American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware, as an At-Large Director (class of 2024) as nominated to the Board of General Ministries completing the term of Christopher Hamilton.
7. Report of the ABCUSA President Jim Wolfe
8. 2023 Biennial Mission Summit Tina Kiernan
Tina Kiernan, the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit Coordinator will join the board meeting at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, June 20.
9. 2023 ENGAGE! Jeff Woods
10. Report of the Budget Review Officer Paul Higgins
 - a. Year to Date Financials through April 2023
 - b. 2022 Audit
11. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee Michelle Nickens
12. Report of the Credentials and Caucus Committee Michelle Nickens, Chair of the CCC
Report of Changed Relationships

Proposed Action: To accept the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches.
13. Mission Resource Development Presentation Robin Stoops
14. General Secretary Search Committee Update Jim Wolfe
15. American Baptist Women's Ministries Jim Wolfe
16. World Relief Committee Janice Fletcher
17. Standing Rules Committee Janice Fletcher
18. Additional Agenda Items
(Agenda Items not addressed at the end of the Plenary Session, will continue to the next day's agenda)
19. Recess of BGM Plenary

DINNER, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; San Felipe Room

BGM VESPERS, 6:30 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.; Bahia 2

Wednesday, June 21, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Bahia 2

A BGM buffet breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the San Felipe and San Cristobal Room.. The BGM Finance Committee will meet for breakfast from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the Luna Boardroom. The CCUIR will meet for breakfast from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in Sol Boardroom.

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| 20. Reconvening/Announcements | Jim Wolfe, Presiding |
| 21. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer | Chaplain Cedric Jones |
| 22. Becoming a Beloved Community Segment | |
| 23. Continuing and additional agenda items <i>(Agenda Items not addressed at the end of the Plenary Session, will continue to the next day's agenda)</i> | |

LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; San Felipe Room

24. Recess of BGM Plenary
25. New Board Directors Orientation: *An orientation for new BGM directors (Note: All BGM Directors are welcome to attend.)* **(Bahia 2, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.)**
26. Convening of BGM in Action Groups (3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.)

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| BGM Finance Committee | San Geronimo |
| Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations | Bahia 2 |
| Becoming a Beloved Community | Laguna 1 |
| Communicating ABC Identity | Bahia 1 |

ALL BOARD DINNER GATHERING, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.; San Felipe and San Cristobal

Thursday, June 22, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Bahia 2

A BGM buffet breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-8:30 a.m. in the San Felipe and San Cristobal.

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| 27. Reconvening/Announcements | Jim Wolfe, Presiding |
| 28. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer | Chaplain Cedric Jones |
| 29. Presentation by Katie Choy Wong | |
| 30. Becoming a Beloved Community Segment | |
| 31. Regions Ministry Update | Soozi Whitten Ford |
| 32. Continuing and additional agenda items | |

33. Action Group Reports/Proposals
BGM Finance Committee
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations
Becoming a Beloved Community
Communicating ABC Identity

Paul Higgins
Raimundo Barreto
Emmett Dunn
Bonnie Higgins

34. Closing Worship and Holy Communion

Chaplain Cedric Jones

35. Prayer and Adjournment

President Jim Wolfe

LUNCH, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; San Felipe