

Question	Answer	# of Responses	%
1. 1. What overall rating would you give the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit event?		249	
	Excellent	132	53%
	Average	21	8%
	Good	89	36%
	Fair	3	1%
	Poor	4	2%
2. 2. How satisfied were you with Cvent Events App/Cvent Attendee Hub?		249	
	Excellent	103	41%
	Good	73	29%
	Average	47	19%
	Fair	5	2%
	Poor	4	2%
	N/A	17	7%
3. 3. What did you like most about the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit event?			
	The praise and worship was excellent.		
	People I met, events I attended. Music, and Messages I enjoyed & learned from		
	Breakout sessions and social times		
	Worship		
	Opportunities to meet folx and learn about the histories and efforts of ABC USA ministries		
	Evening services		
	The preaching and being with people!		
	the exhibit hall		
	Sermons		
	Meeting people		
	worship services - music and preaching		
	That it was hosted in Puerto Rico		
	The Worship services were very inspirational and mostly inclusive in their call to action. I also like		
	The classes		
	Evening preaching		
	Worship/praise band and preachers who offered compelling messages		
	Powerful preaching		
	Black Caucus		
	Location		
	The diverse themes sessions and the worshipful at night		
	Evening speakers and worship		
	the music (the band and song choice)		
	Proximity of the Hotel to Convention Center/ The user friendly App		
	Updates on Missions and connecting with other American Baptist		
	Location		
	Worship & workshops		
	The main session speakers and diversity that was represented.		
	The worship experiences (preachers, worship leaders, singers and musicians); the networking		
	The night worship services		
	Interaction with leaders and lay people		

Organized and executed.

Powerful speakers at main gatherings

The music, the message.

Music

It was a great event because of the great organization and spirit of the people who participated.

Sunday morning worship and sermon

Built-in breaks this year were fabulous

Fellowship and worship

Worship band and preachers

The worship speakers were EXCELLENT, as was the praise team!

The worship services

Devocional y predicacion

Fellowship

The one-on-one connections and conversations in person with colleagues

the worship sessions and meeting partners from across the denomination

Venue

Worship

Meeting people and learning of the various aspects of ABC-USA

The music was outstanding and the fraternal welcome from brothers and sisters of Puerto Rico

Good sermons, great music and good fellowshi

The worship music and preaching were great!

The people of Puerto Rico were very nice and gave us a welcome warm.

The excellent preaching in the worship services

Music, IM luncheon

Good messages which were well delivered during worship

Some workshops and the dellowship

The speakers and Women's and Girls Day

Speakers

Inclusivity

The worship services! The worship team was phenomenal!

hospitality, location

The enthusiasm shown by the speakers and musicians.

Worship, being with colleagues and the AWAB breakfast.

Reunions.....connecting with so many people that I only see every two years.

The involvement of our youth !

Worship, Sat 'conversions,' meeting new people (and folks I know) in-between meetings, special

The various evening speakers, and seeing my friend voted as new ABC President

Being able to connect with my fellow Christians in a more personal way...especially the long

Worship services

The Preachers ☑

Preaching

Theme and focus on Women in Ministry.

exhibits, visiting with people, contacts

International Ministries luncheon

The colleges was very informative

The exhibition center provided a variety of information about ABC related activities , programs &

Preaching

Easy access to the event hall from the hotel.

Being together again with friends and colleagues.

The Workshops, the worship experience and the break time to reconnect with old and new friends.

Connecting with old friends

Meeting old friends.

worship

Preaching and MMBB lunch, choir at worship and reconnecting with ministry friends

Cultos

Meal programs

The worship and preachers

Exhibition

The praise music was wonderful

Connecting with ABC resources and people from around the country.

Connecting with the wider family

The proximity of the hotels to the convention center.

worship music

Breakout sessions were a good way to connect with others on an individual level.

Music

Conversations, relationship building, connection

worship

Worship

Convenient venue of the Sheraton and the Convention Center

Connecting with others

The location, the worship, and the fellowship was great.

Excellent preaching with a consistent prophetic message. Also so grateful for a true place on the

The venue

connecting with my ABC family

The plenary messages were riveting and inspiring. I was most moved by the serendipitous

The worship experience and the preaching by our amazing female preachers.

Excellent worship preachers

worship services

AWAB Breakfast

Spending time with friends and colleagues

Diversity, multicultural

Worship and keynote

The networking, Saturday evening worship were favorites.

Workshops

Preaching; quality workshop leaders

The visuals were great but most of all the Presenters were phenomenal.

Being able to come together after so long of not being able to

A considerable and authentic presence of our PR family throughout the event (formal and informal)

Connecting with people

seeing people I hadn't seen for a long time

So many faces missed in recent times; renewing fellowship!

preachers

What I liked most was the overall assembly of the ABCUSA churches.

The interaction with other new pastors

The location was awesome. It gave a new perspective by highlighting the experiences of our
Worship times

A less hectic schedule, leaving more time to connect with others

Great worship services, time to connect with others, great location for side trips

Worship

The diversity of people and events. The atmosphere was always charged with excitement and the
awareness of God doing something.

Talking with other people there

The celebration of the diversity of the denomination and what we can be together.

The band was amazing and the blend of Spanish and English, and traditional and modern was really
moving. And again, the quality was top notch which made it easier to engage.

Opportunity to meet people

Worship

It's always good to visit with friends. The food was generally quite good; worship was great and
the preachers were fabulous!

Fellowship

Learning about the partner organizations

The Worship Service and Communion... the Hispanic Caucus meeting and location

The worship band was probably the best that I've heard since I started attending biennials (6 time
attendee).

The worship music

Multilingual worship

Connecting conversations

Connection to people

Connecting with colleagues; women preachers!

Worship service and Self Care vs Sole Care session

Outstanding Sermons

Preaching and fellowship

The music and fellowship

Inclusiveness

The worship. The ease of hotel near convention center.

Worship was excellent

Worship experiences

Sermons

The music in worship had the highest quality musicians I've heard at a biennial

Preaching

The dual language english/spanish constant presentations.

The AWAB breakfast gathering!

Meet different sisters and brothers in God ,

Speakers

worship services

Worship services, time to network with missionaries, meeting new people at meals and learning
their stories.

Preachers, AWAB breakfast, space to connect with others

Worship, the app, ease of check-in, diversity of events.

Worship services

This by far the best Biennial that I been to

Seeing old friends, worship

Fantastic, dynamic preachers!

Other than enjoying people, the speakers/preaching! Worship/music team among the best we've had in recent times

The Worship experience, the preaching, and the fellowship.

Good pace, excellent speakers

Making new friends from all across the globe.

Worship

The opening Speaker the Rev. Dr. Freddie Hayes was the perfect person to open this Session.

I loved the location and hospitality of the island churches. I was happy to see a diversity of people and hear a diversity thoughts. Even human on the island I met was delightful in and out of the

Meeting new people from many places and perspectives

Celebrating mission and unity in Christ

Seeing and meeting so many people. The music.

The worship, the fellowship, the sessions

The networking

The preaching/services

Worship

Being, meeting, talking to other Christians and not needing to keep my faith hidden.

Variety of workshops and worship experiences

Why do you have this question twice? It is #3 and #5

The sessions about helping us come up with new ways to revitalize our church.

Worship

Facilities

The worship services

Worship

Praise and worship singing

Worship band

Being together

As always the music at the services.

Inclusion of LGBTQ individuals

I liked getting a better sense of the breadth and depth of ABCUSA

The mobile app and The Exhibit Hall of Ministries

Worship music and venue.

Energetic, prophetic, multi-ethnic, beautiful location

The worship and focus on women in ministry

The music

The location and app

Connecting with friends

Workshops, exhibits

The place

Seeing old friends and the various workshops.

Organization and on time every program
 Connecting with friends.
 Workshops, MMBB Lunch, Black Caucus Worship
 The praise band was good.
 Friday night worship
 In Puerto Rico
 Connection with fellow baptist.
 Location! Presenters and the exhibits were very good.
 The evening worship praise band
 Worship, fellowship, connections, and attended sessions
 Seeing old, making new friends
 Meeting new people and learning what they are doing for the kingdom
 All the people I got to see - both new and old - as well as hearing all the presenters stories and personal experiences.
 Speakers were excellent
 Connecting with persons who I talk with over the years and never met in person
 Good

4. 4. How would you rate the quality of audio and video at the event?	245	
Very Satisfied	142	58%
Satisfied	74	30%
Neutral	24	10%
Dissatisfied	4	2%
Very Dissatisfied	1	0%

5. 5. What stood out to you the most about the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit?	
All of the speakers were pushing the women in ministry agenda	
The workshops were stimulating. I especially enjoyed the IM site and the popcorn on the final day.	
The vibrancy of the worship	
Rev. Dr. Frederick Douglass Haynes III, God Bless that Man of God	
Music, preaching	
The ease of gathering so much diversity together.	
quick registration , great presentations	
powerful music and preaching at worship	
There were not very many people in attendance.	
I met a lot of friendly people there and I also like the emphasis on Puerto Rican culture and food.	
Meeting new people in my ABC family	
Quality of the preaching, Terror and Hope film and discussion	
The beautiful surroundings--gift of being together--hearing movement within the denomination on some critical issues	
Brandon Fleming	
Joy Martinez-Marshall and the other preachers were excellent	
The film "Terror and Hope"	
The sense of connection as ABC	
The preaching all seemed to come with an agenda. More message that are unifying vs. divisive.	
Program	
How diverse we are as a denomination and the openness to embracing that diversity. I also appreciated the ease in voting.	

The diversity of the denomination, the inclusive nature of the worship experiences, and the beauty and rich culture and history of the locale
The Cvent Events App/Cvent Attendee Hub
Women preachers
Good organization
Participants
Prophetic challenge for our mission as Christians
The eagerness to understand our Lord.
Great fellowship and worship
Worship Service and the various presenters in the Exhibition Hall.
Intergenerational Connection at such a time as this and Mission Summit conversations
The prophetic preaching! Truly inspired, particularly coming from women pastors
The worship team was excellent. they knew their stuff and delivered with passion and authenticity
The meaningful worship and woman representation
La organización
I was able to be half day
The speakers
the community in attendance
Political agendas of most speakers
Theme message.
Variety of topics
The opportunity to meet brothers and sisters from many different places, and backgrounds, as
It was good to be together as a denomination.
I thought it Kairos that women in ministry were so well showcased v/v the tragedy in the SBC. It
Meeting missionaries and other brothers and sisters who came from all around the nation and the whole world.
music
Women lead most of the worship services
Music
Worship messages.
Diversity
Inclusivity
The location was excellent and the facilities were as well!
quality of preaching & hospitality
The facilities were excellent. It was very easy to find your events. Very helpful staff and volunteers.
Worship and the AWAB breakfast
The convention Center and surrounding facilities. The main speakers. The worship Team. They would be number one.
The involvement of AWAB and its 150+ member churches
Face-to-face gathering after being virtual for so long!!!! Also, REALLY appreciated the Meal vouchers given to those of us staying in the Sheraton!
It seemed to be very organized.
The well planned schedule of events

Location of venue

The theme

Worship was excellent!

Worship. It was wonderful.

dismally low attendance, all the "woke" left showing up to strut about and push or insinuate their agenda. You are just postponing the inevitable schism that will have to come, under a pretense of a toleration and inclusivism that really isn't or won't be tolerant or inclusive of those who will dare to cross the "inclusive" crowd. This is from someone who is not by any stretch of the imagination a fundamentalist.

First preacher

Fellowship/Networking

The overall theme was resented well & motivating.

Preaching

Music, wonderful convention center

The participation.

Support of women in ministry in contrast to the Southern Baptist position. Highlighting of Puerto Rican leadership.

The warm atmosphere and friendly of the staff, volunteers and participants.

Connecting with old friends

Meeting old friends.

women in leadership roles

Call to action in obedience to Christ

Organización

AWAB Breakfast

The great program

Worship and Music

Meeting, connecting and networking with larger ABC USA family

They did fantastic job with everything

The exhibit hall

The great things we are doing

The general sessions and worship experience

the Friday nights speaker

What stands out in my mind the most was the more divisive nature of the messages given at the general worship services.

Gathering of old friends

Connection times outside of plenary sessions

The timely session

Workshops and worships are excellent.

The AWAB Breakfast as an official event

There was a strong reaction to the SBC statements about women in ministry. While I'm glad that the ABC welcomes women to all positions of leadership, it seems that we overly-focused on this during this year's biennial.

The inclusion of local talent.

The preaching

The venue, the band

I loved the Puerto Rican flair - the diversity not just on display but woven throughout the weekend
That we could do contextual worship well and enjoy the younger praise team in two languages.
Worship and preaching
Diversity and inclusion
number of people attending
The exhibition space was very helpful.
Empowerment of female pastors
Incredible keynote speakers
The wonderful display of diversity
The exhibit hall
Summit addressed real live issues we've had to face as a faith community and are still grappling
Breakout sessions
I liked seeing people again in person
The narrow focus of the Biblical text and the preachers' treatment thereof
the call to take a stand
The nightly worship services.
The networking, the worship times, the workshops
Friday night worship. Rev Haynes was amazing
Worship times
Open blocks of time in the schedule
Location
Speakers
Engaging, learning, sharing, discovering, being present in the moment
The people I met & got to talk with.
The celebration of the diversity of the denomination and what we can be together.
Connecting with other American Baptist and talking about where we are in ministry and what
we're learning was amazing. It's always good to see old friends and make some new ones. I
thought the worship was fire.
Worship
The schedule felt more relaxed
The theme's development
Learning about the partner organizations
The classes, the bonding, the networking, some of the presenters
The speakers were all amazing.
Music and seeing my ABC family
Speakers for the different worship services.Meeting and conversing with people
I loved the worship services and speakers
The preaching was prophetic, powerful and poignant.
Presence of women in ministry, inclusion of AWAB breakfast
Preachers that weren't men
Great speakers
The relationship building.
Speakers
Gathering with different churches

The fact that events were not back to back. This allowed for valuable networking.

Inclusion of AWAB more meaningfully this year. Seeing partnership like Hispanic Caucus and ABHS.
Proximity to hotel, worship services were organized and not too long.

The AWAB breakfast gathering

Is my first experience and I'm impressed with the organization
worship services

Worship, particularly the band!

Worship services

Worship sermons

The evening plenaries.

All-around, well-planned and executed.

The Worship experience & the preaching. The workshops were relevant also.

Making new friends.

Fellowship

The speakers both whole group and smaller sessions were so thoughtful, passionate, and informative. I felt inspired and educated. I also benefited for the time given between scheduled events to meet new folks and make new friends.

The opportunity to meet many people who comprise the body of Christ.

Celebrating mission and unity in Christ

The music Thursday night, at the MMBB lunch, and the large team in the main ballroom. All brought great, skill, energy and joy.

The preaching, the fellowship

Fellowship

Worship

Meeting global servants and Baptist-associated groups.

Being able to get together in person as a family

The sessions about helping us to revitalize our church.

Puerto Rico

Facilities

Fellowship and worship

Worship

Praise and worship singing

Worship band

I was able to walk to Convention Center.

Preaching

The worship team, conversations with other attendees, channeling sermons

Good preaching

To finally see people in person

The worship

The music; representation of women

Connecting with others

The pace was good.

Workshops, exhibits

The networking

Connecting/reconnecting with colleagues

The intergenerational workshop.
Music
Worship speakers, hotels were great
Accessibility for the people that need translation.
Again, the band.
Friday night worship, the venue was lovely
Worship Team
Preachers in worship
Worship
English and Spanish mixture in the conference
Seeing and meeting missionaries
Very organized
Talking and making connections within ABCUSA and beyond.
Speakers
The variety of sessions

6. 6. What did you dislike about the 2023 Biennial Mission Summit?

Being chastised for not being woke enough
There was a sameness to the meals together sponsored by different ones.
How late the worship services were.
The lack of opportunity for different groups to have exchange. The AWAB was separate from IM and Creation Justice separate from Black Caucus, etc... I value time for affinity bonding but do feel as though the denomination is segmented. We'd benefit from a mechanism which allows for exchange and discussion of pressing concerns. We must be less siloed. Which I recognize is a difficult process to engage, but to think we're better than the next denomination because these issues don't cause us to split up would be foolish. We're not together now; we're already split up. We're confessional so I'm not proposing creedal requirements for issues/concerns, but some type of engagement which provides the chance at growth, development, maturity in the denomination.
the vendor hall - it felt lifeless and blah. Someone should go to CBF's GA and see how exciting their hall is!
Food

Exhibit Hall needed more vendors, was tucked in a corner and never felt "happening", the food was very over priced, boxed breakfast was sparse quantity for cost, attended a breakfast event and only offered one small cup of coffee
lack of free coffee/hospitality stations
Not enough sessions for the times we are in.
I didn't like that AWAB wasn't well represented and that the LGBTQ issues weren't included in people's message to be woke.
Registration, class sign-ups during Registration, T-shirt selections
How cold the convention center was

I would like the recordings of the messages to be made widely available--and not just for a fee.
Also, captioning added for maximum accessibility.
All the worship music was the same genre. I'm happy for people who appreciate contemporary music to receive that blessing, but a variety of genres better reflect the diversity of the denomination.

Food and hotel

In some sessions there is no time to discuss the points of view of the panel

The grab and go breakfasts were disappointing, as was the dinner on the terrace, but the event itself was good.

late evenings

The music was too long and too loud. A better mixture of current songs and those that people know.

Humidity

Worship music is too loud

Although the musicians were great, I didn't connect with the worship team.

The air conditioning was way too high inside the convention center (I had to wear long sleeves and thick jackets to be reasonably comfortable.) During worship services, there should have been English translations projected on the screens for Spanish-language songs and vice versa.

Everything went well for me

Lack of diversity - all women preachers and musical teams were PR. Pre-biennial events not published well. Many did not know they occurred. Recommend pushing the beginning of the Biennial dates back to include those events and discard "pre" events.

Parking

Was ☹

Those volunteering were told we'd get breakfast, but didn't.

Too much about culture too little about Jesus

I feel that attendance at this important ABC gathering event is declining. I believe that we should meditate on this issue and seek to understand what is happening to us as a God's people and ABC ministry.

The food was ok - I was particularly concerned about the lack of nutritious options for our vegetarian and vegan friends

Food options

Please, please, please! Ditch the STAGE SMOKE. That is a terrible thing to do to musicians and clearly it affected some of the speakers. It was also troublesome for audience toward the front on the side with smoke. It affected me and I have had to work around it in theater and music work

The convention center was lacking in amenities for those with physical challenges. Limited seating throughout the venue, and food services closed early. Otherwise, the meeting rooms and worship space were comfortable.

The video and projectors took too long to update or load during services and meetings

Sábado en la noche debía de ser todo en español

That I could not use the CVent app, the poor quality of the breakfasts, and the freezing temperatures.

Prices and themes at the Biensl. So expensive

Political agendas of most speakers

Business meeting on Sunday

The repetitive insistence on social/political issues that limits our commitment to preach the Gospel of Jesus as the central vocation of the Gospel, making it more of a social action for justice and cultural issues than the proclamation of Faith in the promises of God and Redemption as a work of Preachers using false history to make people feel guilty.

I was not terribly impressed about either of the workshops I attended. Specifically, the history of the Baptist work in PR was only given from an Anglo perspective, and there could have been a native speaker doing the Spanish parts.

Sermons and many of the conferences, although brilliant and full of enthusiasm, were very biased with too much political projection, but little emphasis on an authentic preaching of the Gospel, eluding a solid testimony addressed to the spiritual life of today, and narrowly focused on issues of social justice and other similar interests.

The amount of time given to the reading of reports at luncheons, e.g. MMBB, ABHMS rather than hearing the luncheon speaker. The reports could be simply be printed and picked up for folks to read. Incredibly dull; but the speakers were engaging.

Sermons were not uplifting. Bordered on offensive a few times.

The music during worship did not appeal to me

The cost of some meetings and food

The convention center was too cold.

Meals for those with sensitivities completely ignored
rooms were too cold

It was way too cold in most of the breakout meeting and smaller dining events. We froze! Didn't anyone notice?

The singing at worship was too long.

Speakers eversion to speaking out on issues surrounding the LGBTQ+ community.

The meals. Could you have some gravy with your meat? The lack of main speakers representing the over year old Anglo's. I think the only one that came close to that category was the speaker at the MMBB dinner.

Mostly, the up-charges on every piece of equipment used (at hosted dinner event); added expense of having something as basic as electrical hookup for the booths (come on, in the 21st century things like electric plugs and free wifi should be a no-brainer),

Lack of local food options

No sufficient Hispanic workshops

Underwhelmed by the workshops; but still good content

Didn't always know where to go for the workshops.

you've confounded faith with ideology, being "woke" appeared as nothing more than clever, cliché-ridden preachers, self-satisfied with their own edginess, tickling ears, using all the right shibboleths. If this is where you want to take American Baptists, I'm bored with it, not interested.

Poor attendance

Dislike the prices on the food

The Bilingual presentations. But I know it was necessary.

The Puerto Rican music team was good, but I would have liked some musical variety.

just for smaller kids and basically babysitting, I wouldn't have done. Also, I was disappointed that the off-site AB-Women's event didn't have programming for girls. And the only youth they had were our daughter and nieces.

The representation was clearly from a liberal left perspective. I thought we were supposed to be a balanced denomination

Expensive location, but wanted to be supportive of PR partners
Smoke machine and strobe lights were distracting
Uso del tiempo
Music was too loud in worship
No water vending machine
Male and female Speaker need to be in balance.

Perhaps a little heavy on the length of music during worship... and not singing more familiar songs
not much - except that the AWAB breakfast was cold.

Women in ministry is an important topic - but it isn't THE most important topic. Too much time on one topic (in plenary sessions and worship) and too many snide remarks about southern Baptist.

My biggest issue was with the overly aggressive nature of what was said during the sermons. I'm all for racial and social justice both in the church and in the world, but social justice is not an end in itself. It is an outflow of our understanding of who God is and how He interacts with humanity.

American Baptists are, by-and-large, a group who strive for the ideals of equality between male and female as it relates to leadership roles in the church. We have been on the front lines in the fight for racial justice. Being confrontational with a group of pastors who agree with you but don't look like you doesn't help the causes, but creates a barrier. I felt more like an outsider being lectured than a fellow-worker being encouraged to do the work of mission.

Why was ABW the only sponsor that didn't receive an offering?

trying so hard to be "not SBC" that we didn't really celebrate mission at the mission summit.
nothing

Two nights dinners that I paid to attend are the same; but, presentations were good.

For me, I had conflicting dinner events for Friday and Saturday. I wish that these were spread out
I'm concerned about the increasing presence of AWAB at the biennial. Churches in my region who
The grab and go breakfast.

The cost of attendance

The lack of unity and true inclusivity

Dislike is too strong, but I was disappointed there we're ways to provide direct advocacy for Puerto Rico. Several of our hosts mentioned the injustice of being a colony of the US - paying taxes and not having representation - I feel like it was a missed opportunity not to offer ways the larger family (especially US citizens) could support their independence to decide how they wanted to be governed.

It was a bit expensive but worth the cost.

Food, it should have been all Puerto Rican cuisine.

Paying for a full-page ad for the program book that people only saw on their phone screens through the app.

music was too long at the end of some services

The "Woke" sermon emphasizing every imaginable topic is anything to do with LGBTQ rights, trans issues. This made me feel unwelcome and question my church's future support. Also, there were few sessions that appealed to me as a non-minister.

More music and worship than prayers

Not enough workshops

There was no mention of the great need for our faith to support the LGBTQ community.

Temperature of venue; lack of food choices in venue.

I enjoyed every aspect of the summit, particularly touched by the diverse discussion topics as well as the diversity of the participants and their viewpoints.

Not enough exhibitors

Worship - flashing lights and loud music was too much stimulation for my concussion brain to handle

Cost of meals, Not able to see much of the location when short on time

I like all kinds of music. I strongly lament the absence of a variety of music especially since we crowd about our diversity.

Volume at some of the general sessions was a bit much

I have no dislikes. If I have to list something, it would be the cold temperature in the conference center.

The lack of time to interact more with the new pastors in Engage

The women's event and youth event were off site and kept us separate. Some parents did not bring their children because of this

Voting process on Sunday, led to opportunities for people to not be counted or counted twice

Food

Too much music and way too loud.

The fact that the app did not have meeting locations built into calendar items. It made it harder to find events than it needed to be.

The messages did not resonate. There was incredible cognitive dissonance in declarations of diversity and inclusion followed by hostility and dismissals of perspectives and priorities of those who aren't in the right demographics. I appreciate the creative direction, but felt we did as much damage as good by getting aggressive with those seeking to be allies. It did not feel like a safe or inviting space. I am perfectly willing to see/hear the ugly truth. But I felt we got ugly while sharing it, and we failed to turn the corner towards the good news.

Main events Worship experiences

Worship music was too loud

The rotating lights during worship. I know at least 2 people for whom the lights triggered migraines.

Time flew by

The lack of cohesion in diversity. It felt quite segregated

It was a majority Women theme... almost all presenters and speakers are women. Men appeared to be pushed out

Include location on the app so all info is in one centralized place

The worship style was exclusively contemporary and was not always friendly to sing along with.

Felt like an insider's club to someone attending for first time

Lack of LGBTQ+ representation; the food was terrible and needs not accommodated by con center

As a person with mobility issues, Having to walk from the hotel to the convention center.

Speakers Never used a feminine term for God. :-(
Wish the evening worship service started earlier
Destination a little expensive
Food that was catered was sub par
Allowing AWAB (association of welcoming and affirming Baptist booth in the exhibition
The volume of music in worship.

Being born into a different Baptist denomination that believes very differently on major topics, I cringed a bit whenever the American Baptist faith was referred to simply as "Baptist", as if American Baptists were the only Baptists. For example, the LGBTQ+ community must not be taught "we are Baptists" and then walk into a Southern Baptist church. American Baptist members could be unknowingly setting up people to get hurt, perhaps yet again. We must differentiate "American" Baptist every time for such a time as this.
workshops options seemed light

Main ballroom was way too big for the group that came so that people would talk during the event instead of listening to who was speaking. Quite rude and distracting.

Too much institutional reporting, it enough stories of what makes the work of ABCUSA so powerful
Vegetarian meal options.

Can't think of anything

Some of the music was too repetitive

In the middle of a trans genocide not naming transphobia until the last night of worship was

Cost of travel to get to PR

This is picky, but there isn't anything else: quality of food in breakfast functions.

The food, more variety please.

Some of music was too loud. I'm not a lover of moving lights.

There was absolutely nothing presented to help our churches reach our lost community. To Help unite believers for the common goal of reaching the lost. It was one big gripe session anti-American. Anti those who established the American Baptist churches. This summit was a big embrace for the Devil's perversion of what God-created and exalting homosexuality and lesbian Lifestyle that God destroyed the world for in the days of Noah. That God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah for and that God is going to destroy America for. You cannot take out Romans chapter 1 Or any other verse and chapter in The Bible just because you want to justify your sin. Shame on you. I was ashamed to be at this conference. Such a waste of money you complained about global warming and yet you provided airfare for a thousand people to destroy the quoton quoth climate you say you are trying To save. Those millions of dollars Could have gone to help these poor puerto ricans who you have turned against America. The gospel is the power of salvation folks. Not your protest not your anti-American lump everybody as a white supremest racist propaganda. The gospel is the power

The breakfast at the conference center was small for what I am used to so, I was glad I had brought my own snacks to compensate. The Loft Hotel charged about a \$300 extras fee that was not noted in my estimate. This caused me to overdraw as I was not expecting it. It was returned on check out as I did not use the "fee" items. Transparency around this would have been better.

Some of the meetings were scheduled and conflict of others, or were not advertised such as the opening black caucus worship service.

The signage was hard to follow and find directions.

While each worked for some people, the sermons at the main sessions didn't connect or resonate with me that much.

The food, having to scan into every room and inability to be invited by leaders into rooms, not enough inclusive language, too many sessions and events running over scheduled end time

Food

The program time during the lunches went on too long.

This app was good but I needed to have the ability to enter my own events and details, not just the ones I signed for and paid for.

I couldn't find the water during break time. And the app didn't have the session room numbers.

ABCUSA position on homosexuality, inability for my wife to be a part of the entire event

No drinking water

Check in- I had ordered some stuff when I register and did not receive what I ordered

People were not friendly - meals expensive

The preachers

Preachers covered the same topics and had similar styles

Worship space was too small

Too much change about technology.

Time of events, 7am is very early and 8pm is very late for worship

Lack of free coffee

Events (luncheons, workshops, etc. seemed crowded on time.

1) Overwhelming number of options for meals, workshops, etc. 2) Slide issues/wrong lyrics on screen 3) Convention Center too cold/wasting energy

The name tags should have where people are from or what region, that would be helpful

There should be free water in obvious locations. I never did find any.

not interactive enough and the music

Room numbers needed in the app

Speakers at worships

The exhibit hall was poorly organized

Schedule, cost, worship

The preaching was lacking and there was a lot of complaining.

Meals more affordable,

Worship Music

God was not at the center of the conference or in teachings.

Worship was too late-I (and my child) was too exhausted to really take it in, the workshops were very basic lacked meaningful depth

Jesus was not preached, what people are against was.

Inclusive language for God was missing in worship

Heat of Puerto Rico

Scheduling. Business meeting should be earlier, Friday would be best. Also the times were not adhered to. If an event is going to be 2 hours then say so. Don't say it runs for an hour and it runs for 2.

Would've liked to know the menus if the meals when registering.

Some sessions said closed, but there was space

Going from floor to floor felt slow when having to use an elevator (I have mobility issues)

I think there should've been more worship times. Like, every morning after breakfast.

The limited amount of other activities to do during the open sessions when no workshops or events were happening.

Not a variety resource material and books

The conflict of choosing workshops set at the same time

Regular

7. 7. What topics would you like to see more of at our next event?

How American Baptists are drawing people to salvation and relationship with Jesus

I liked ideas we can use in our local churches.

Strategic planning; Church growth post covid.

The emphasis on real life implications of spiritual status was a strength at this biennial and I believe should remain a central focus. I.e. sin not only seen as individual, spiritual issue, but having institutional and systemic implications.

Some more action and response. I feel like ABC is not taking advantage of opportunities presented in our larger culture by thinking ahead and responding with more than just "we have ordained generational changes, new ways to get the message out there

anti-racism, clergy care, housing/homelessness, preaching workshops, clergy scheduling

On mental health and wellness for clergy. The state of the church and where is it headed.

Welcoming and affirming in the church community.

Trauma Informed Discipleship

Applying our Baptist distinctives to this present age

More inclusion of LGBT issues, people with disabilities, inclusion, inclusion, inclusion

The work mission at latinamerica

Practical ways to implement ministry back in our home churches.

I would love to see us be open to learning from LGBTQ+ Christians.

Topics on how to reach the youth for Christ

LGBTQ

Missionary

Disciple making

Discipleship, evangelism, refugee resettlement

How we bridge the racial divide

How we can renew and redouble our commitment to God to evangelize, reach and disciple the emerging generations (children, teenagers and youth). That were my takeaways of the true story movie "Jesus Revolution". Are we active listening carefully to our children, teenagers and young adults about their needs, struggles and what they need from the Church now? They do not follow institutions. They embrace causes and movements.

Conversations around gender identity.

Baptist doctrine

Immigration topics, discussions around social justice and racial equality

Un tema mas biblico

Where ABC stand on abortion, bisexuality, discrimination, ect.

More highlights on specialized ministers and pastors working together

No personal experiences, actual issues about the Bible and social issues

more strategic planning sessions to begin to activate some of the ideas generated

missions, evangelism, church leadership, worship, church growth, Christian education, discipleship
eco-Justice

Social Justice

More about the Christian family challenged to educate all its members in the Word of God; more about ways and means to help our present generation in a holistic spiritual transformation rather than a secular social or cultural struggle.

Some of the Baptist distinctives, some of our theological positions

Touching on one of the preachers, "the value of taking risks."

I would like to hear more about teachings and facts aimed at spiritual transformation as the best path towards social, cultural, and political changes. I would like to hear testimonies of the preaching of the Gospel as a hope for peace and justice based on the promises of the Lord, more than as a social action, in order to spread the Kingdom of Christ.

missions

Bible study on the prophets from a social justice angle; creative, imaginative worship planning;

unique community ministries

Positive preaching.

Leadership, Discipleship and practical evangelismo

Shared pastors between churches

Continued focus on equity in education and the church

intentional cross-cultural mission. being inclusive denomination in 21st century. young adult being center stage like IM did in their presentation. virtual trips

How to engage younger people in churches.

Issues facing the LGBTQ+ community.

Honest in both church and state. The danger of nationalism. Matthew 25, dealing with hunger and poverty.

Anything to do with Critical Race Theory/Theology; prioritizing social gospel!, innovative examples of doing church; perhaps, 'how to's' in communicating new ways of doing church, especially for rural congregations, the strength of the non-non-hierarchical, fragile freedoms of Baptist polity for attracting "nones"

Fundraising topics

Youth and young adult presence

Ecosystem abuse

Transition in pastoral leadership in the church. How do we know what our congregation needs?

how about something actually related to who Jesus is, is our message anything different from the ideological agenda of the Democratic party. How about women actually preaching content of the gospel and not about women preaching?

Youth related

Have more workshops and better catering

Honest look at homophobia and transphobia

Local church life issues

Creation Care as a Christian faith mandate.

Evangelism and Discipleship, Tracks for Pastors

I'd like to hear some conservative voices because they were clearly ignored at this event.

Baptist distinctives - importance of staying together despite different theological perspectives

Bible study

Relacion entre áreas y nuevas herramientas

Women in action

Mostly female speakers were at most of sessions

Discipleship, church's unforeseen transitions, how ABC works interdependent of one another,

How best to search for a new pastor

Taking ministry outside the four walls, using tech and social media

human trafficking; short term mission opportunities; lack of interaction with local congregations, technology workshops

I would like to see a more concerted effort to instill a sense of unity.

Mental health

More stories from local churches/ministries. Intentional space for conversations around our shared mission instead of our differences.

Soul care and self care

From the Mission Table results, we might consider the higher priorities such as youth and young adults

More justice oriented themes like this conference...making the Good News Good Again.

Unity, Mission, service, engagement, Biblical education

More ways to directly engage in prophetic work - the preachers talked eloquently about the need for this, but more ways to enter in - engage in this work - and highlighting those who are doing so in the ABC family - would be great. I remember fondly when Raphael Warnock talked specifically about addressing incarceration injustice in a way that inspired people to action.

Mission engagement (hands on) not just from "missionaries" but regular folk invigorated in mission.

Was not able to attend workshops as worked in the exhibit hall.

no suggestions

How to grow an urban church, conversations about inclusivity, workshops on how to be a better church leader, leading church groups with purpose, how to find and retain new members, how to exist in a post Covid environment online and in-person.

Person to person intercession

Would love for AWAB to do a session/workshop on their mission.

How Baptists should participate in their local interfaith coalitions.

more financial education sessions that impact clergy and lay persons

More conversations on our intergenerational and interfaith interactions.

Vision casting and leadership efforts of the Office of the General Secretary on matters that are impacting us as American Baptists.

I felt the emphasis on women being held back, coinciding w position of SBC recently was somewhat overplayed, and I'm a woman. But I understand that leadership needs to be coming from both genders and the leaders planning the convention worship were women. Both genders need to hear what was said.

We did well to "catch" diversity; we can only go deeper in its exploratino
Event in support of women in ministry. Tools for conflict resolution. Extended self-care session (90 minutes)

Practical ways for the church to address social justice, LGBTQ issues

Revitalization of declining congregations; social Justice action in the church; the importance and role of women in ministry in the church

Baptist history

Climate justice/creation care in all aspects of planning

Ways of resolutions to same old problems

The problems we have at connecting with younger generations and how to change the decline our churches are experiencing overall.

American Baptist History and Identity... We take for granted that everyone understands our stories and tradition, but many don't and all of us could use a reminder. There are great Missional histories that could and should inform the future.

Immigration issues

Latino community within ABCUSA

Topics of diversity and current events

Urban ministry and rural ministry, evangelism to reach the next generations

How to navigate our theological diversity with grace

Something similiar

LGBTQ inclusion

Contemplative spirituality

LGBTQ+

LGBTQ+ rights and visibility; racial justice

Workshops on building communities

Disciple making

Burma voices and leadership.

How to keep an open mind

Local church resources

Intercultural ministerial engagement, politics and religion

China in Latin America and intolerance to Spiritual workshop at all including Christianity.I

Organización

A gathering specifically for spouses and partners of clergy..

Missions

current topics - such as rise of Christian nationalism, Burma current status and work

How to combine a small church with another church that is growing even if not an ABC one. How to discover needs in a small town and use our building for those needs. How to break down political divides and be a bridge of love and compromise in our communities.

More stories.

Good diversity of workshop options, no suggestions.

Practical application/experience

Serving and learning from and alongside queer Christians

Inclusion

A Progressive View of the Bible, Responding to the tenor of extremist, white supremacy, Christian Nationalism

The coordination or discussion around one initiative we can do from ABCUSA headquarters throughout all the regions in concert with each other to impact our country.

How to reach the world with the gospel! The gospel is the power of God unto salvation. How to use the word God which is the most powerful tool we have ,to bring people together not divide them. To bring people together for the common goal of reaching the lost before Jesus comes.

Preaching Skills and Church Administration training

Good question, sustainable ways to support long term help for folks with food insecurity and improvements around water as a human rights

More exposure to available grants, and financial supports of a denomination

Discipleship and Evangelism

I'd like to see a focus on encouragement or the fruit of the Spirit and not so much a laundry list of all the "isms" that make life bad. Less, "Ain't it awful!" And more "Grace, inspiration, and encouragement." Our message is supposed to be good news, after all.

Mental health, the struggles of solo pastors, struggle of closing a church, young clergy

Plan an excursion!!

Intergenerational

How to be a citizen, informed and engaged, without running for office. How to relate to/work with elected representatives.

Christian education for the children

Work in the USA

Finding common ground & ministry ideas

G l b t inclusion

Bible interpretation

Cultural Humility

About topics for women and men separately.

LGBT inclusion

sessions led by BIPOC, AWAB

Baptist witness in current political divisions

Trauma informed ministry, LGBTQ conversations and education

Spiritual care, Bible study

Spiritual Maturity

Salvation, evangelism, repentance, Holy Spirit

Regional meetings

Bible study, church finance/admin resources, info on venue/host city
 Discipleship, evangelism. You can never get enough.
 More social events
 Christian education, discipleship,
 More workshop about justice for creation
 Discipleship, pastor wife workshop, new ideas to create community in church.
 Spiritual formation for different life phases
 Jesus has always been the only answer
 LGBTQIA+ inclusion
 Racial Justice/Refugees-Migrants justice
 Raising/nurturing the family. Raising Godly children. Programs that have been sore aching
 millennials and generation Z
 Immediate actions for outreach
 more worship focused sessions.
 Anti-ism responses and programming to allow people to see parts of the surrounding area.
 Family, mental illness,
 Español language reconstruction or Interpretes

8. 8. Did you (or do you plan to) view content in the On Demand Library? (Note: this is available

Yes	184
No	62

9. 9. Please share your feedback about the Exhibit Hall.

I enjoyed talking with people representing many different ministries, some I knew, some I didn't
 I enjoyed the Exhibit Hall.
 Loved the booths
 Seemed to be lacking in exhibits.
 Good
 Good lay out
 Sorely lacking - did not draw me in - was haphazardly set up and not very vibrant. See 6
 great, sad that there was not many people
 it felt fairly sparse this year, but there was definitely plenty of space. more sofas and chairs and
 It was a big space well maintained.
 It was great to see what is going on and what is available in ABC
 Too Cold!!!
 Great space to gather information and see colleagues--would have loved it if water or a beverage
 I thought there would be more exhibitors
 Good
 Great
 Good exhibits
 Good
 Good information
 The setup felt a little confusing in my opinion.Maybe larger signs or more uniform signs would help.
 Everything was well distributed as always
 Well organized and a great display of ABC USA, Inc
 ABEC booth was under par.
 Excellent

Good variety of our ABC groups and others

Wonderful information and give aways.

Too sober and institutional. They need to be more directed at how we can do more to help our

It was overwhelming as always, AND I enjoyed it.

Good

Was mostly effective for me. But have loud PA events in the hall made it difficult to have any other

I was not able to walk to and through the Exhibit Hall

Very easy to navigate, lots of diverse booths

Excelente

Was ok

Rather limited amount of booth

Regular

lots to see and look at; in some ways could be overwhelming

I noticed fewer exhibitors

Very nice.

It was an excellent

It was good with many attractions, nice moments to interact with other, and a lot of suggestions.

It looked smaller and poorer than in the past.

the exhibit hall was decently done but way underutilized.

It was very good and well presented, although I think that there were fewer options than in other
good

Rather unexciting this year; no curriculum for children or adults, very few resources from Judson

There were many spaces empty, only table but no displays

The Exhibit Hall was designed beautifully. Signage was good. Hospitality was great.

Seemed smaller but friendly

The layout was great. I enjoyed interacting with the vendors during my frequent visits.

great space, very inviting. loved the ice cream and pop corn machine

I enjoyed seeing many friends and sharing with them.

i liked that there were places to hang out and talk. I liked the ABHMS area.

They need more seating, and someone could give away water bottles. Doughnuts.

The Exhibit Hall was great for catching up with old friends!

As an exhibitor, it was good. Thank you!

Good

It was set up nicely. Could see the exhibit booths and navigate with ease.

Not so colorful

Okay but displays lacked normal excitement

Excellent

It was fun. Needed a big layout / map exhibit.

Very nice and spacious. I was disappointed that the food vendors opened to late and the one
Decent.

Great exhibits, seemed under-attended

Excelente

Good layout, small bookstore

Great

Excellent and make outstanding

Well done. If there was a map, I wasn't aware of one

Most of the exhibitors had great materials that got conversations started. Some had only candy to
Would love some options for groups / Bible study / curriculum, etc Loved interview format at
great setup. More vendors with resources and services that churches can tap into. Expand to non
i felt like there wasn't enough booths

People were approachable and informative. I spoke with several of the booth operators. I'm not a
Good, could benefit from food vendors

Enjoyed the conversations around the different exhibits.

small

The layout was a little confusing as the entrance was crowded and didn't open up to the rest of the
There were fewer exhibitors and made the place less exciting. The room was too large.

It was fine.

The exhibit hall was nice.

Grateful for our presenters and their preparation, conversation around tables, and the ABC family

It seemed smaller than usual - maybe the size of the space? I always enjoy what it has to offer and

Could have used some pizzazz from vendors selling things.

It wasn't as varied and large as I thought it would be. Enjoyed our IM exhibit and connection with

Excellent

good variety

It was well maintained. Very nice staff.

Great

It seemed like number of exhibitors were low as well as rarely staffed.

Awesome; well organized

Well done!

Exhibit Hall carried a broad variety of displayed items by the various ABC-USA affiliates, as well as
open tables for informal networking and rest were helpful.

Wish there had been more booths with resources

I was in there a lot and enjoyed speaking to different tables.

Expansive and representative of our equally expansive ABC family

Well laid out, easy to access various vendors

The exhibit hall was good. I wish there were intentional engagement strategies.

Great

I found nothing of interest to me in the Exhibit Hall

Good exhibitors, I wished there were more

It was well laid out and having the opportunity to talk and engage with all the ABC partners was

The Exhibit Hall was a great hub for meet and greets, as well as being informed regarding

The layout of the booths made a lot of sense. I appreciated how similar exhibits were placed in

Good ABC representation.

Partners should not hold events in booth that conflict in times with other events.

AC did not seem to be functioning well

Good variety and opportunities to mingle. The Whova app would facilitate connection with

It was great and well organized

Excellent presentations

Exhibit hall was great!

Excellent .Lots of information

The exhibit halls were excellent

It was a great space for engaging conversation with ministry partners and practitioners.

Hard to have good exhibits when shipping so far.

Excelent

Great!

Most women I know were too cold. Missions presentations were excellent.

Good spatial orientation

AWAB should not be present

Interesting

Was nice and open. Lots of good info.

Though not popular I wish for more things for sale

Great information, but as expressed previously, we need to be careful and responsible with whom

Excelent

Great spacing and variety!

It was very engaging and welcoming.

Should have exhibits by ABC related colleges & Univ

Poor...room to improve.

Everything was alright. The attention and information about each one was clear

Nice

Very nice! So many vendors have been associated with American Baptists for a long time. Much

Super complete and very helpful

it was okay. a good place to meet and catch up with people

Went through near the beginning and not much happening. Much livelier later in the week. Could

Really liked the exhibit hall.

Good spacing, good diversity of vendors. More exhibitors would be nice.

That isn't an important part of the event for me

Large

Good job.

It was great!

Great exhibitors and conversations

Glad I was able to have an on-site appointment with MMBB.

Again there was nothing there to help Our churches reach the lost around the globe with the

The exhibit hall is always a special place to meet and greet friends and learn more about our

Excellent

Wow, this was such a great way to learn about so many of our partners and I am excited to share

It was community building space

I enjoyed walking around and stopped by almost each one. It was a good place to visit and talk and

Not enough exhibitions this year. Very disappointing.

Perfect. Please have ICE CREAM. It felt like a "Thank You".

It would be nice to have more exhibitors but overall fine

It was ok, not as robust as in past biennials.

I thought it was laid out very well. We spent a good bit of time there talking with people.

It was good

Would love more exhibitors

Fine

Excellent setup and plenty of space

Good variety. Most booths had relevant info.

It was smaller than I've seen in the past.

Cost seemed to prohibit many orgs from having booths
 I liked that there were places to sit and chat. I also learned some helpful info from exhibitors.
 Good exhibits. They were resourceful. Arrangements felt like close family
 Wonderful
 More vendors
 Nice to talk to missionaries, wish full exhibits could have come
 Poor
 it was fine.
 It was exciting to meet the missionaries. Wish there was a bookstore. I'd like to see more groups
 It would be nice if tables were more affordable so we could have more booths.
 Poor participation
 I expected a lot more vendors to be there.
 Did not have drinks or snacks available for evening services
 Great!
 Enjoyed the exhibit hall and meeting those present
 Great
 Great space, temps in session rooms were too cold.
 Plenty of room to get around, good visibility, nice to have seating spread throughout
 Excellent
 Everything looks very professional
 Good, however some booths did not have representatives present during some of the busy
 Excelente
 The layout similar to Portland
 Good

10. 10. How likely are you to attend the 2025 Biennial Mission Summit, if you are able to do so?:

I am not sure how I will feel about attending an in person or online event in 2025.	13
I prefer to only attend online sessions from my home.	4
I will consider attending the event if I am able.	63
I will definitely attend the event if I am able.	146
Other (please specify): : as much as I enjoyed the event, I returned home with COVID-19, so pandemic practices need for be employed in the future to ensure safety of attendees because others are at more risk.(had vaccines and booster)	
Other (please specify): : Depends on the chosen location and my availability	
Other (please specify): : Depends on the cost	
Other (please specify): : Depends on whether the committee presents a more balanced representation of our denomination.	

Other (please specify): : I am grateful for the opportunity to see that what used to be done in darkness and behind closed doors, the american baptist church summit has brought out into the forefront. This scripture no longer holds true that men loved darkness because their deeds are evil. You all helped flaunt Sin in Broad daylight in the faces of those of us who have Dedicated our lives to preaching the gospel. You have tried to pervert the meaning of what it meinch To serve the Lord Jesus Christ with a pure heart.

Other (please specify): : I will not be in attendance

Other (please specify): : If I can't physically attend I would almost certainly attend at least some of the online events

Other (please specify): : Location, location, location

Other (please specify): : Not likely.

Other (please specify): : Not lookingNo forward to it.

Other (please specify): : Not sure if I will again

Other (please specify): : The BWA is in Brisbane. I will go to that one

Other (please specify): : Very interested in attending but also planning to attend the BWA in Brisbane that summer and if the dates are too close together will not be able to attend the Biennial as have already committed to the BWA meeting and have never been to one of those before..

Other (please specify): : Why didn't you share where the next biennial would be?

11. 11. In the future, would you prefer to meet (check all that apply):

At a conference center like Green Lake Conference Center in Wisconsin? 52

In a city convention center like San Juan or Overland Park? 98

Other (please specify): : Orlando is probably one of the cheapest places to fly to

In a convention hotel where all of the events, meals and hotel rooms are under one roof? 93

Other (please specify): : I think it's important to have airport access within a reasonable distance.

Online? 12

Other (please specify): : Online as a hybrid experience and/or devastation prevents an in-person experience.

Other (please specify): : Locations of historical or natural significance ('touristy').

Other (please specify): : Not Greenlake

Other (please specify): : a beautiful place easy to travel to, not in the middle of nowhere

Other (please specify): : Any of the above if it meets needs of the event and attendees

Other (please specify): : Any of the above is fine

Other (please specify): : At a place where we could do a week of vacation after the biennial.

Other (please specify): : Boston, MA

Other (please specify): : Hybrid

Other (please specify): : Hybrid--a robust online offering should be made available, especially as COVID persists and most have dropped precautions.

Other (please specify): : I don't see how you can afford or justify so much expense for a showing of 300 delegates, out of the purported 5,000 churches.

Other (please specify): : I will never attend again.

Other (please specify): : I'm open to all of the above except I wouldn't want to do online only unless we have another emergency

Other (please specify): : Imagine ways to be more in the community. Not simply in a city at the finest venue.

Other (please specify): : In a place where we can connect more with the community. I always feel like I'm in Conventionland even though I'm in a new city each time! Having some Puerto Rican flavors was a nice switch up!

Other (please specify): : larger church, conference center, but not Green Lake (very inconvenient for travel)

Other (please specify): : Like Gaylord Properties

Other (please specify): : no particular preference

Other (please specify): : No preference- but would prefer to be in person.

Other (please specify): : no preference, all have advantages

Other (please specify): : no preference, but there should be some acknowledgement/awareness/engagement with local context.

Other (please specify): : Not sure it makes a difference

Other (please specify): : San Diego, CA

Other (please specify): : Somewhere with a variety of housing and dining options nearby

Other (please specify): : These are all good options

Other (please specify): : Top two options are fine

Other (please specify): : whatever is cost effective

12. 12. Is there anything else you would like us to know?

I had trouble signing in to The One Demand Library to resee or share with those I represented as a delegate. I will try again later, but can I get someone to help me? IT is not my speciality

I enjoyed the biennial. I am grateful for the opportunity to have attended. I can only imagine the challenges of coordinating such a gathering and want to express gratitude to the leaders. In San Juan I felt a tension between being in a colonized space at the finest venue while so much of the population is disconnected/disenfranchised/disallowed to be in the same space. I heard elements of this tension in the preaching as well. I believe ABW provided a good example of how we might be in less privileged spaces as they held sessions at local churches. This might be an option in the future. I know there are matters of transportation which complicate things. And such a limited amount of time. Keep up the good work.

The Mission Summit part was totally lost on me. I thought it was about celebrating the missional movement of ABC, not the "mission of ABC." I actually didn't realize this until the Mission Roundtable which was not the best timing after an exciting meeting before it.

It is disappointed the only on demand options post conference are the main events. nametags. Please put NAME, CHURCH NAME, CITY/STATE, and REGION on nametag. It would be nice if it was on the level that the one in Portland Oregon was.

Overall, I thought the focus and presentations were giving a consistent message. I enjoyed the biennial.

The organization was excellent!!!!

Again, captioning videos is critical--please make this investment.

All was excellent

Clear guide for local people related to the special cost of the parking tickets

Thank you! The conference was a blessing and I'm still talking to people about it.

Great job! The conference was such a blessing.

Keep the good work. Blessings.

Thanks for all your work in putting biennials together!

Great event overall!!!!

Romans 12:1-16 I invite you to rethink the way the ABC Biennial is being celebrated.

It was really great to be with our Puerto Rican siblings. Loved my time there. Thank you!

Please make the even hub easier to navigate post Biennial. I am still not able to locate the speaker recordings. Also, please make women's events such as the WIM social earlier in the evening. Women's events seem to be relegated to evening's end when people are tired and want to go to their rooms. It is unfair.

Great job

Tener traductores en español presencial

I felt poor attendance from the Churches in San Juan. more evangelism. I like preachers that preach what is in the Bible, with conviction. ie I love listening to Dr. Stanley, Pastor Hagee, Joyce Meyer, Dr Franklin Jensen, Dr.Youseff, Pastor Graham, Pastor Morrison and some others.

good job overall

This was a very expensive Biennial. If anything can be done to reduce costs for travel, meals, hotels, etc., more people could attend. Also, topics addressed (during worship especially!) should be less politically driven. Most sessions were all about social issues and nothing about discipleship, evangelism, church leadership, church growth, Christian education, worship. I came away with nothing to help my local church.
i do not know how to locate the Demand Library
God bless you!

How did Dr. Jeff Wood became the General Secretary without a vote of the convention?

We should have been able to give direct feedback to the individual aspects instead of one general survey.
Thank you!

Puerto Rico did an outstanding job of hosting. Felt more personal than Overton, Kansas.

Location and site were good.

My first experience was awesome and overwhelming and I'm encouraged to attend future Biennial Summits.

Make online a real option for including more people

Excellent program! My compliments to all the staff, board members, service staff and volunteers who made this possible.

It would have been nice to hear what the children did while adults were in workshops.

It would be nice if the calendar on the app had room numbers.

The letter that ABW sent to the IM Board was uncalled for. To call a sister organization

Some of the music was painfully loud. And I really loved the app!!

Great job, everyone! It was a delight.

Blessings to the Planning Committees...job well done!

Thank you

Thanks for a good planning of Puerto Rico Region

Thank you for planning such a wonderful experience. The spirit of the Lord was present. It was my first time and impressed with the encouragement from others

Well done!!!

Staff did ab excellent job in every aspect.

Nope. I'm all set. Good job. Way to bounce back after the Pandemic pivot to online only.

List where meeting are happening in the event app.

Don't be so blatantly liberal.

it was a good event - thanks for all the hard work to make it happen!

Thank you to the planning team. Well done!

Tener más comunicación sobre el evento

Great job everyone!

Thanks Tina and Alyssa for your excellent service

Registration Center should improve onsite registration.

Perhaps consider beginning the evening session/worship at 7 instead of 7:30

Had a great time awesome experience, enjoying the music, speakers, exhibits,

Overall a good event, despite some AV hiccups.

Registration / logistics / scan codes / app ALL WERE AWESOME - hats off to Tina and her team

Baptists must reach out to future generations Youth and young adults should be encouraged to attend. I noticed a lack of young people.

This was my first missions summit as I have only been an American Baptist pastor for a few years now, but overall I was not impressed with the worship services. Other aspects of the convention were helpful and meaningful, but from the theming to the delivery of that theme, it was a disappointment.

My most preferable thing is meeting in the Conference Center in any State if the space is available to host that many people.

I affirm the use of English and Spanish throughout the biennial.

This was the best Biennial I have been to. Now, can we get a mechanism for taking the stupid statement (you know what I mean) off anything that looks like it could be official polity?

We need to find a way to make the mission summit about missions, not hot button political issues. The messages were great and well-delivered, but also passionately divisive. I hope we haven't lost the ability to be radically inclusive, welcoming, and have conversation with people who do not share our viewpoints.

Thank you for all the hard work that goes into bringing the larger ABC family together. Thank you.

Leaders like me are overbooked so was unable to enjoy the biennial and to actually travel in my own country to sight see. Why have a biennial in Puerto Rico if you don't include events to meet the people in their churches or see the island.

thank you for all of your hard work

The American Baptist Biennial needs to be more inclusive of LGBTQ+ churches, leaders, and congregants or we can not support the event.

Keep us informed

Thanks for the Herculean effort in planning and implementing the Biennial!

Great to see folks in person an overall great experience

Overall it was an excellent summit featuring topnotch speakers who were very passionate about subject matter.

It would have been good to have the full functionality of the app (room locations, contact of fellow attendees, etc.). It also would have been good to know that the which sessions were being planned to be livestreamed in the app head of time (I don't believe attendees got notice of this). Livestream of Friday night service was not working.

It has been difficult to figure out how to navigate the attendee hub. The question about the on demand library is the first I heard that there was such a thing.

This was my first time attending and the experience was affirming, encouraging, inspiring and simply outstanding!!

I think the worship should better reflect the diversity of culture and worship styles in ABCUSA

Everyone did a great job in completing thier responsibility

Some organization meetings and presentations focus on telling people about the great things they have done during the year, focusing on the value you have elsewhere. It would be better if more focused on giving value in the meeting itself. What have you learned to impart to people that will benefit them.

The format for the evenings plenaries were better because the informative Remember to provide a bit more free time to make connections with attendees.

Who select pre-enters and speakers, how are they chosen?

Great job!

Engage was a great opportunity for me.

Rethink how to include new people, can be very confusing if you haven't been before
Excelent job

Excellent event, thanks for all the organizing!

As stated in #6, it would have been better to not walk to the meeting space. Golf carts would have been helpful for transportation.

More visibility of LGBTQ in the general session, also, consider allowing people to attend the worship services without the 50 dollar guest fee.s.

Convention Centers are more flexible, but too costly.

Thank you. Well done.

Praying to fulfill God's purposes given to us...blessings!

The volume level is too high for the National partner meals and especially worship services. Continue to desire music that is worship driven church and not concert style.

Better information about food for lunch and dinner oytside of delegates selected activities.

1. Train all registration personnel in the management of changes, updates and collection to streamline the process and reduce lines. 2. Prayer room- educate volunteers to be silent while there are people praying.3. Arrangements for food, and hotel for the volunteers that came from different town to be early and finish at night working

Gratificante

We are grateful to now be associated with the American Baptist denomination and we have discovered, especially after attending our first biennial, that apparently we have been American Baptists all along...we just didn't know it! Thank you, each of you, for all you do!!

I think splitting 'worshipful work' from the worship services was a great idea. Enjoyed the breakout sessions very much especially the panel ones. The break out sessions on Saturday had good topics but did not always live up to the possibility of what they could have been. Really liked having the mission trip opportunity the two days prior to the Biennial. Please do that again!

ABC is doing incredible work and it is not being shared to the wider world. We should clearly be sharing and celebrating content and news from biennial. Felt like we are 25 years behind on communications. I have experience in this area and would be glad to share more/help going forward.

Thank you to the staff and volunteers that made this happen!

Great job to the planning team! Thanks to our Puerto Rican hosts!

What is the on demand library?

The work of the team was obvious. Thank you!🙏

Special meals were better this year than in previous years but continue to be unacceptably exclusive. Simply serving a vegetarian meal (pasta!) To a gluten free or diabetic guest is an unacceptable insult and no organization should be allowed to cut corners by not providing these needed options.

There needed to be clear instructions about how to access the On Demand Library.

One day you all will stand before GOD ALMIGHTY and be judged for what you allowed to take place here.

Not at the moment. ABCUSA did a wonderful job planning this Biennial Summit.

Why was there no teen or young adult presence? They are not just the future, but the now. They are ready to hear what we heard and engage with planning for the future of ABC. Even the inter generational panel was all adults.

Music needs to be more diverse. Select a conference hymn and sing it for each gathering.

I greatly appreciate all the diligent and excellent work that went into putting on a fine event. I'm very glad I attend wish more people from our church had also. Thank you all!

I think we missed the mark. Puerto Rico did not shine as much as it could have. There were no fresh local fruits and vegetables. There was not enough locally inspired offerings and an excursion offering would have been perfect.

The Puerto Rican hosts did a fantastic job.

Yes, why was our most recent past president not placed at reserve seating during meal events? She seemed sidelined. On several occasions when head tables or reserved tables were introduced- she was sitting at an unreserved table by herself. ABC, you know better on how to treat folks that have been in leadership and served us well.

The app would have been so much more useful if it had the r

Thank you for all the planning, foresight, and hard work. This mission summit was extremely meaningful.

It was overall expensive with travel and hotel and food

Workshop sessions were ok. Greg Mamula's was best. Others had very limited applicable content.

Great job! ❤️

Keep growing strong

Name tags should have home location, region and church names

I thought the app worked well for voting but I wished it had info like room numbers and more of the full schedule. I ended up referring to the triangular prism displays and the website as well

It was good to see everyone; especially since COVID. Thanks for holding this Biennial in person.

Thank you for your amazing work. These gatherings are important. Be careful about pastor centric language. I bring lay members so they can experience the full ABC family, but they sometimes feel it's "not for them."

I appreciated the movement of the messages from identifying the problem, through lament, and on to joy and action. Lament was actually my favorite and the most helpful to me

There was a lot of great content but needed better more creative delivery of information.

The theme was for such a time as this, but the speakers talked about the same things as were spoken about as the last 3 biennials. I won't be coming to another one. Very little Christianity. This is just a democrat political convention now.

Please be mindful of people who are sensitive to flashing lights and/or strong

Would love to have more varied music groups.

Thanks for coming to Puerto Rico we hope to see you again

More workshop options, quieter music at Women in Ministry event,

We need more inclusive worship.

Please put God & Jesus as the focus of the teachings and of the conference. Not all churches have social justice issues, and for some reason, that was the main topic.

Please please put God & Jesus at the center. Let's focus on His love, the hope we have in Him, and His goodness.

The child care was fantastic!! My daughter was so happy, and loved the trips

Is there feedback for specific sessions?

We need time to become adept at online technology. There were a couple language problems - but not many. Being in Puerto Rico is fun but many complained about the heat. ☀️🔥

