

## President Report September 2024

My time over the last several months has been continuing to emphasize our American Baptist Identity. I have sought to reiterate our sense of connectivity and shared goals. To that end, I have consistently championed our shared core value of being “**united in Christ together in mission.**”

The following details my activity from **June through August 2024.**

### Local Church Life (1) MI.

- June 9 Greetings Chin Baptist Church Farmington, MI

### Regional Engagement (2)

- June 8<sup>th</sup> Greeting American Baptist Women of Michigan Dewitt, MI
- June 20<sup>th</sup> Presentation American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest, & Hawaii (ABCOFLASH). **BGM Director(s) Brandon Bouldin and Paul Higgins.**

### Denominational, Program Partners, and beyond

- June 13<sup>th</sup>, Installation Service of General Secretary Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs Strain, Federated Church of Green Lake, WS
- June 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Planning Committee Meeting
- July 7-11<sup>th</sup> ABCUSA Representative at the Baptist World Alliance in Lagos, Africa. New By-laws and (3) Resolutions (World hunger, Religious Nationalism, Peace in the Middle East) were approved and ratified.
- August 5<sup>th</sup> Biennial Planning Committee Meeting
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists (AWAB)

I have been in communication with the staff. I have had meetings regarding the Biennial Summit Planning team, with leaders from the Association of Welcoming & Affirming Baptists (AWAB), Baptist World Alliance (BWA), and several regional executives and/or regional board representatives.

In sum, it continues to be my joy and delight to continue to share the love of God to all of God's people. May God continue to bless of beautiful diverse ABCUSA family.

In Christ's Service,

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