



FINAL

BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES NOVEMBER 14--17, 2024 AGENDA

Meeting Location: Alloy Hotel King of Prussia
301 West DeKalb Pike
King of Prussia, PA 19406
Ph: 610-337-1200

Officers: Nikita McCalister, President
William Poland, Vice President
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer
Gina Jacobs-Strain, General Secretary

BGM Chaplain: Doug Scalise, MA

Parliamentarian: Bill Frederickson

Friday, November 15, 2024

*For all who arrive in time, a breakfast buffet will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the Fusion Room.
Lunch buffet will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Steelworks BC Room.*

Please remember to sign the BGM attendance sheet.

Friday, November 15, 2024, 2:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – BGM Plenary - Steelwork BC

1. Welcome and Call to Order Nikita McCalister, ABCUSA President
2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Doug Scalise, 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.

Proposed Action: Approve minutes of the Board of General Ministries Meeting dated June 12-14, 2024, and approve the agenda for the Board of General Ministries Meeting for November 2024
3. Confidentiality Presentation Paul Higgins and Bill Frederickson
4. Beloved Community (20 minutes)

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| 5. Report from ABCUSA President | Nikita McCalister |
| 6. Report from the ABCUSA General Secretary | Gina Jacobs-Strain |
| 7. Report from American Baptist Historical Society | Dr. Priscilla Eppinger |
| 8. Regional Ministries Report | C. Jeff Woods |
| 9. Report from the ABCUSA Nominating Committee | Nikita McCalister |

Proposed Action : (1 officer) Election of At-Large Directors 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 **DAVID GRUMMON** as at Large Director for ABC of the Central Region (filled vacancy for 2025) as recommended by the ABCUSA Nominating Committee

10. BGM Picture (location to be determined)

DINNER, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.- Hammer & Fire Restaurant in Alloy Hotel

Saturday, November 16, 2024, 9:15 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - BGM Plenary - Steelwork BC

Breakfast buffet will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the Fusion Room.

Lunch buffet will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Hammer & Fire Restaurant.

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| 11. Welcome and Call to Order | Nikita McCalister, ABCUSA President |
| 12. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle | Doug Scalise, Chaplain |
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| 13. Board Orientation /Confidentiality Workshop (45 minutes) | C. Jeff Woods |
| 14. Standing Rules Committee | Janice Fletcher |
| 15. 2025 Biennial Mission Summit | Gina Jacobs-Strain |
| 16. American Baptist Women's Ministries | Jim Wolfe |
| 17. Report of the Budget Review Officer | Paul Higgins |
| a. Year to Date Financials through September 2024 | |
| b. 2025 ABCUSA Budget | |
| 18. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee | Nikita McCalister |

Lunch buffet, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Steelworks BC Room

20. Reconvene and Relight Candle

Nikita McCalister, ABCUSA President

21. Sharing the ABCUSA Focus Statement

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22. Report of Changed Relationships

Alan Musoke

Proposed Action: To receive, as recommended by the BGM Executive Committee, the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches (document 1205:1:11/24) and to forward the report to the Board of General Ministries.

23. President's Nominations and Appointments

Nikita McCalister

Awards (Sparrowk President's Award and Mowbray Ecumenical Awards)

Proposed Action: To be discussed

24. Mission Resource Development

Wendy Clemmer

25. World Relief Committee

26. Beloved Community Celebration

27. Additional Agenda Items

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

28. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

BGM Finance Committee	Summit 3 Room
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations	Summit 4 Room
Becoming a Beloved Community	Summit 2 Room
Communicating ABC Identity	Summit 8 Room

DINNER, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.- Hammer & Fire Restaurant

BGM VESPERS, 7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. – Steelwork BC

Sunday, November 17, 2024, 9:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - BGM Plenary - (Steelwork BC)

Breakfast buffet will be served from 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the Fusion Room.

Lunch buffet will be served from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Hammer & Fire Restaurant.

29. Reconvening/Announcements

Nikita McCalister

30. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer

Doug Scalise, Chaplain

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31. Action Group Reports/Proposals/Reports Committee Chair

BGM Finance Committee

Paul Higgins

Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations

Chaks Zadda

Becoming a Beloved Community

Emmett Dunn (or designee)

Communicating ABC Identity

Bonnie Higgins

32. Recognition and Prayer for Outgoing Officers

Nikita McCalister & Gina Jacobs-Strain

33. Recognition of Retiring Directors

Nikita McCalister and Gina Jacobs-Strain

Annie Field (8 years, 2017-2024)

Janice Fletcher (8 years, 2017-2024)

Bonnie Higgins (10 years, 2015-2024)

Cedric Jones (8 years, 2017-2024)

34. Closing Worship and Holy Communion

Doug Scalise, Chaplain

35. Prayer and Adjournment

Nikita McCalister