



FINAL

BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES NOVEMBER 15--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 Steelwork 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. General Consent Agenda Items Nikita McCalister

Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting

a. Reports from ABCUSA & AMOs

- b. Special Directors to Other Boards
- c. Commissions

- 4. Confidentiality Presentation Paul Higgins and Bill Frederickson
- 5. Beloved Community (20 minutes)
- 6. Report from ABCUSA President Nikita McCalister
- 7. Report from the ABCUSA General Secretary Gina Jacobs-Strain
- 8. Report from American Baptist Historical Society Priscilla Eppinger
- 9. Regional Ministries Report C. Jeff Woods
- 10. 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

- 11. 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.

- 12. Welcome and Call to Order Nikita McCalister
- 13. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Doug Scalise, Chaplain
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- 14. Board Orientation /Confidentiality Workshop (45 minutes) C. Jeff Woods
- 15. Standing Rules Committee Janice Fletcher
- 16. 2025 Biennial Mission Summit Gina Jacobs-Strain
- 17. American Baptist Women's Ministries Jim Wolfe

18. Report of the Budget Review Officer Paul Higgins
a. Year to Date Financials through September 2024
b. 2025 ABCUSA Budget

19. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee Nikita McCalister

20. Report of the Credentials and Caucus Committee Bill Poland

Lunch buffet, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Hammer & Fire Restaurant

21. Reconvene and Relight Candle Nikita McCalister

22. Sharing the ABCUSA Focus Statement Unison
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23. 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.

24. President's Nominations and Appointments Nikita McCalister
Awards (Sparrowk President's Award and Mowbray Ecumenical Awards)
Proposed Action: To be discussed

25. Mission Resource Development Wendy Clemmer

26. World Relief Committee Janice Fletcher

27. Beloved Community Celebration

28. Additional Agenda Items

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

29. 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)

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30. Reconvening/Announcements Nikita McCalister
31. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer Doug Scalise, Chaplain
- Sharing the ABCUSA Focus Statement Unison
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32. Action Group Reports/Proposals/Reports Committee Chair
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| BGM Finance Committee | Paul Higgins |
| Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations | Chaks Zadda |
| Becoming a Beloved Community | Emmett Dunn (or designee) |
| Communicating ABC Identity | Bonnie Higgins |
33. Recognition and Prayer for Outgoing Officers Nikita McCalister & Gina Jacobs-Strain
34. Recognition of Retiring Directors Nikita McCalister & 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)
35. Closing Worship and Holy Communion Doug Scalise, Chaplain
36. Prayer and Adjournment Nikita McCalister