

American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.

**BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES
Agenda**



**Green Lake Conference Center
Green Lake, WI**

**Ruth Clark, President
Donald Ng, Vice President
Jim Ratliff, Budget Review Officer
Frank Christine, Jr., Past President**

“American Baptists Serving as the Hands and Feet of Christ”

Scripture Focus: *“As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”*
Colossians 3:12-16

Thursday, June 14, 2012: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Johnson, Kern Lodge

New Member Orientation: A New Member Orientation session will be held on Thursday, June 14 from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This orientation session, led by President Ruth Clark and Vice President Don Ng, is for those new members who were not able to participate in the January orientation held in Orlando and for those newly nominated as directors.

Thursday, June 14, 2012: 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.; 680 North Restaurant

The **ABC Officers** will meet on Thursday, June 14 at 6:00 p.m. for an informal dinner. 680 North Restaurant is located at 680 Illinois Ave., Green Lake.

Friday, June 15, 2012: 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., Brayton Case, Kern Lodge

(The BGM Executive Committee will meet on Friday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. in the Tower Dining Room, Kraft Centre.)

BGM WORSHIP (2:00 p.m.)

Lighting of the Christ Candle

BGM Chaplain, Rev. Jeffery Savage, will lead the Board of General Ministries in Worship.

PLENARY I (2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.)

Nancy O’Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, and Elmore Warren, ABC of the South, will be serving as Tellers for this meeting.

1. Welcome, Prayer, and Call to Order ABC President Ruth Clark, presiding

2. Approval of the Minutes

Proposed Action: *To approve the January 20-23, 2012 minutes of the Board of General Ministries (meeting held in Orlando, FL) and the April 16, 2012 minutes of the Board of General Ministries (telephonic meeting).*

3. Report of the Nominating Committee/Presidential Nomination/Election of New Members

Election of At-Large Directors of the Board of General Ministries.

The Board of General Ministries is composed of At-Large Directors, Special 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.” The following nominations for At-Large Directors are being presented for action by the Board of General Ministries:

Rev. Camille Brown, Cleveland Baptist Association (class of 2015)
Ms. Koreen Villers, West Virginia Baptist Convention (class of 2014)

Proposed Action: *To elect At-Large Directors as nominated to the Board of General Ministries*

Election of General Directors of the Board of General Ministries

The Board of General Ministries shall have the “exclusive right to elect up to five General Directors to the Board of General Ministries.” The following nomination by President Ruth Clark for General Director is being presented for action by the Board of General Ministries:

Mr. Mo Khan

Proposed Action: *To elect General Directors as nominated to the Board of General Ministries*

4. Standing Rules

President Ruth Clark

At its January meeting, the Board of General Ministries adopted Standing Rule 11 (Board Committees) and Standing Rule 14 (Committees and Groups of the ABCUSA). President Clark will present the remaining Standing Rules. The Standing Rules will come to the BGM for action at its plenary session on Sunday morning, June 17.

5. Report of the BGM Executive Committee (2:40-2:55 p.m.)**6. Team Building – Baptist Identity (2:55-3:40 p.m.)**

Vice President Don Ng

Identify a point in your life journey when you became an American Baptist.

BREAK (3:40 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

Beverages will be available inside the meeting room.

7. Reports of the President and the General Secretary (4:00-4:30 p.m.)**8. Break-out Session: Response Groups (4:30-5:30 p.m.)**

- **Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations—Tower Dining Room, Kraft Centre**
June Totten, Ruth Clark, Ernest Jones, Mo Khan, Jonathan Malone, (Hopeton Scott)
- **Congregational Renewal—Cary, Kern Lodge**
Don Ng, Jeff Woods, John Duckworth, Elisai Echevarria, Kay Farley, Bill Fredrickson, Nancy O’Neill, Dean Parker, Koreen Villers
- **Finance—Mitchell Dining Room, Kraft Centre**
Jim Ratliff, Alan Musoke, Paul Higgins, Beryl Hornberger, Charity Matic, Wesley Roberts
- **Missional Resource Development—Johnson, Kern Lodge**
Frank Christine Jr., Leo Thorne, Robin Crouch, Dennis Johnson, Vivan Martindale, Alan Rudnick, Elmore Warren
- **Missional Response—Boehr, Kern Lodge**
Duh Kam, Roy Medley, Perla Belo, Shirley Fair, Danny Jack, Ray Jepson, Jim Thomason, Tasha Wilson
- **Professional Church Leadership—Hanson, Kern Lodge**
Jeff Savage, Pat Hernandez, Andy Arndt, Julia Bebeau, Camille Brown, Felipe Candelaria, Mercy Johnson, Diane Steelman, Wesley Sun, Amaury Tañón-Santos

DINNER (5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)

The Board of General Ministries and staff will enjoy a buffet dinner together at 5:30 in the Bauer Dining Room. The Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations Response Group will share a served working dinner in the Tower Dining Room; The Finance Response Group will share a served working dinner in the Mitchell Dining Room.

PLENARY II (7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

9. Constituent Celebrations and Concerns

President Ruth Clark
Jeffery L. Savage, BGM Chaplain

10. Governance Table Groups

Dennis Johnson, BGM Parliamentarian
James Thomason, ABC of the Dakotas

The Board of General Ministries will be meeting in table group discussion on the issue of governance. The document, “Non-Profit Boards: Taking Governance Seriously” by Dr. Reg Mills was transmitted to the Board, and posted on the BGM document page of ABCUSA’s Web site, for review prior to this discussion.

Saturday, June 16, 2012: 9:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.; Brayton Case, Kern Lodge

BREAKFAST BUFFET (7:00 a.m. -8:30 a.m.)

A Breakfast Buffet will be served in Bauer Dining Room.

PLENARY III (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

11. Call to order

Vice President Don Ng, presiding

12. Prayer/Song/Devotion

Jeffery L. Savage

Lighting of the Christ Candle

13. Finance Seminar

James R. Ratliff, Budget Review Officer

- Audit
- Budget
- Fiduciary Responsibility

14. Audit Report

James R. Ratliff, Budget Review Officer

Proposed Action: To approve the 2011 Audit as recommended by the Finance Committee.

BREAK (10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.)

Beverages will be available inside the meeting room.

15. Break-out Session: Response Groups (10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

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LUNCH (12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.)

The Board of General Ministries will enjoy a buffet lunch together in the Bauer Dining Hall, reconvening for business at 6:30 p.m. The Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations Response Group will share a served working lunch in the Tower Dining Room; The Finance Response Group will share a served working lunch in the Mitchell Dining Room.

BEN MOTT INSTALLATION SERVICE AND RECEPTION (2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)

The Board of General Ministries will participate in the installation service of new ABA President, Ben Mott. The service will begin at 2:00 p.m. in Morehouse, Bauer Lodge.

FREE TIME (4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

Time has been provided prior to and following dinner for members of the BGM to enjoy the beauty and respite of the American Baptist Assembly/Green Lake Conference Center grounds. An optional tour of the grounds will be available from 4:00-5:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please let us know by adding your name to the sign-up sheet which will be available at Kraft Centre and meeting at the Kraft Centre prior to 4:00pm. on Saturday.

DINNER (5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.)

Members of the Board of General Ministries, spouses and staff will pass through the buffet line in the main dining room and bring their plated food to the Tower Dining Room. The tables will be pre-set.

FREE TIME (6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.)

PLENARY IV (6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.)

16. Introduction to Green Lake Conference Center

Ben Mott, President
Tom Jones, Chair of the Board

17. Biennial/Mission Summit Update

Leo Thorne, Biennial Program Coordinator
President Ruth Clark

Sunday, June 17, 2012: 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.; Brayton Case, Kern Lodge

BREAKFAST BUFFET (7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.)

A Breakfast Buffet will be served in Bauer Dining Room.

MORNING WORSHIP (9:00 a.m.)

The Board of General Ministries will share in worship at 9:00 a.m. in Morehouse, Bauer Lodge with the Green Lake family. General Secretary A. Roy Medley will be delivering the morning message.

PLENARY V (10:15 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

18. Call to Order/Prayer

ABC President Ruth Clark, presiding

In January the Board of General Ministries designated its offering for the Transformed by the Spirit initiative. An offering will be taken at this time and will be designated for _____.

19. Financing for *Transformed by the Spirit*

President Ruth Clark

20. Standing Rules

Proposed Action: *To adopt the ABCUSA Standing Rules as proposed/amended.*

21. Report of the Credentials and Caucus Committee

The Board of General Ministries will receive a report from the BGM Executive Committee, which convened as the Credentials and Caucus Committee at its meeting on June 15.

- Request from the Women's Caucus

One of the functions of the Credentials and Caucus Committee is to receive applications from groups wishing to be recognized as a Caucus of the ABCUSA and make appropriate recommendations to the BGM for the purpose of aiding BGM in certifying and terminating the caucus status of such groups. At this meeting the Credentials and Caucus Committee will present its recommendation pursuant to a request from the Women's Caucus.

- Report of Change of Relationships

Proposed Action: *To recognize the changed relationships of local churches as recorded in the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches dated June 15, 2011 to June 1, 2012.*

22. Response Group Reports/Proposals

The full Board of General Ministries will receive reports of Response Group work and proposals which resulted from Friday's and Saturday's break-out sessions.

23. ABC Resolution: Retirement of Rev. Dr. Daniel Vestal

A. Roy Medley

Rev. Dr. Daniel Vestal has served as executive coordinator of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship since 1996, and was instrumental in beginning CBF in 1990-1991. Dr. Vestal will be retiring from his role as executive coordinator, effective June 3, 2012, and will be honored by CBF at its General Assembly on June 22, 2012 in Ft. Worth, TX. General Secretary Roy Medley has been invited to extend a greeting on behalf of himself and the ABC family at this celebration.

24. Benediction

President Clark

PLEASE RETURN YOUR NAMETAGS IN THE DESIGNATED BOX AT THE BACK OF THE PLENARY ROOM PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. THANK YOU.

12:30 P.M. DEPARTURE

Bag lunches will be provided upon departure for the airport.