



## **American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A.**

### **BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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**MINUTES: MARCH 13-14, 2013**

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

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

**Present for all or part of the meeting:** Voting members (quorum established)—Ruth M. Clark; Don T. Ng, James R. Ratliff; Frank Christine, Jr.; Beryl F. Hornberger; Jonathan A. Malone; A. Roy Medley; Wesley Roberts; Non-Voting members—Dennis L. Johnson (parliamentarian); Alan Musoke (treasurer/CFO); Jeffery L. Savage (chaplain & a member of the *Transformed by the Spirit* Journey Team); Guests, present for part of the meeting: Representative members of the Journey Team: Judy Allbee, Zina Jacque, Dwight Stinnett, Betty Wright-Riggins; Alistair Brown, President of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary; William Clark Crothers, Interim President of Judson University; Leo Thorne, Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development; Recorder—Cathy Brubaker, Assistant to the General Secretary

#### **BGM EC 85 WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2013; 2:00 p.m.; Boeing Rm.**

ABC President Ruth Clark welcomed members of the BGM Executive Committee, and called the meeting to order.

#### **BGM EC 86 WORSHIP**

Jeff Savage, BGM Chaplain, led the Executive Committee in a time of worship, focusing on the New Testament passage Acts 6:1-15 and reflecting on these questions: What? (What word or phrase strikes you

most in the text at this moment?) So What? (What is going on “here and now” that is influencing your hearing?) and Now What? (What response is God the Spirit inviting?) Following this time of meditation, the group shared together insights about what God might be calling us (both personally and as a leadership body) to be and to do in response to this Scripture passage.

## **BGM EC 87 TRANSFORMED BY THE SPIRIT**

Members of the *Transformed by the Spirit* Journey Team—Judy Allbee, Zina Jacque, Jeff Savage, Dwight Stinnett and Betty Wright-Riggins—joined the Executive Committee to provide a report of the Journey Team’s work, from where this process initially began to the present. (Jeff Savage is a member of the Journey Team as well as the Executive Committee, and he also participated in this report.)

The eight Journey Team members (including Patricia Stratton and Ed Rogers), initially did not know one another well. The Team began to coalesce by listening to one another, by building relationship and by providing a model for what the *Transformed by the Spirit* initiative might look like. Each time the Journey Team gathered, more churches and regions began to come on board, increasing the number of those becoming involved. Participants in the Adaptive Challenge Teams (ACT) and the Action Learning Teams (ALT) have found this initiative to be a positive force, both energizing and encouraging. At each stage of the process there have been those who are three steps ahead, but they have reached back to help bring others along, without the expectation that they follow in lock-step.

It is eye-opening to see how *Transformed by the Spirit* has moved from its initial phase to a grass-roots level. It has been good to observe group meetings where the Spirit moved and to hear participants of these groups, considered in many ways to be outside the structure, speaking to the process. Digging into God’s Word and letting God’s Word speak and direct has been an essential part of this process. It was agreed that the continuation of such groups, representing various parts of the ABC family is imperative for the future, both to own the work and to get to know one another in a way that allows shared ministry to be accomplished.

It was also agreed that ABC needs to move outside its tried and true ways when considering new avenues for ministry. The *Transformed by the Spirit* initiative is leading ABCUSA into a promising future and the Journey Team expressed delight that BGM is supporting and encouraging this initiative to move forward.

There are initial conversations about a final face-to-face meeting of the Journey Team before the June Mission Summit/Biennial.

### Discussion of future work after the consultation period ends

General Secretary Roy Medley reported that The Missional Network consultant Alan Roxburgh will be at the Mission Summit/Biennial, functioning in the dual roles of listener and coach. Roy and Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries, and a small group of other key leaders, will meet on April 16 with Alan Roxburgh and Craig Van Gelder regarding next steps and the place the Mission Summit will play in the process of moving forward.

Roy emphasized that the Mission Summit/Biennial, with its large group of delegates, changes the nature of the *Transformed by the Spirit* initiative and that ABC needs to be prepared for the next stage so the momentum continues. This process provides ABC with the possibility to do something in a new way, with permission to fail, to try without a guarantee of success. There is a need for education in order to prepare delegates for the Mission Summit and there needs to be an expectation that people take away something of value from this experience.

Roy noted that although the *Transformed by the Spirit* process has sometimes not progressed as expected, the Adaptive Challenge and Adaptive Leadership teams have continued taking the methodology around discernment into other parts of region life, and that it has been seeding, flourishing and energizing the whole.

He suggested that we need to review our own expectations about how we have measured programmatic results in the past.

## **BGM EC 88 ABCUSA EXPERIMENTS (ADAPTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM WORK)**

### ABCUSA Identity

Don Ng reported that Stacey Emerson served as coach and Leo Thorne as team leader for the ABCUSA Adaptive Leadership Team work on ABCUSA Identity.

Leo Thorne, who joined the Executive Committee to help facilitate this report, provided an introduction to the work of the ALT group. The team met four times, for a day or more. They began by struggling with how American Baptists view denominational identity and how the church sees itself in a post-modern way.

He reported that what helped the group move forward in its work was an email they received from the General Secretary suggesting that the team may want to narrow their focus to consider the role of BGM in identity formation, with the intent of making it transferrable to other parts of the denomination. They then began addressing the question, “How do we, BGM, incarnate that identity and live into it?”

Don distributed a document which resulted from the work of the ABCUSA Identity group, “ABCUSA Identity Experiment—History & Proposals”, for Executive Committee review and for discussion later in this meeting.

### The Beloved Community

Ruth Clark reported on the work of The Beloved Community ALT group. Karen Yee served as coach and Jeff Woods as team leader. Ruth indicated that it was the goal of this Adaptive Leadership Team that ABC lives the reality of being the most diverse denomination. Ruth cited ways in which this has recently come to fruition as this ALT group worked to design experiments focused on BGM living out its role as the beloved community, including the December 2012 joint ABC-COB journey to Israel and Palestine. The Beloved Community ALT group has continued to focus on ministry examples that might also be transferrable to the whole denomination.

President Clark closed this session with a prayer of thanksgiving for members of the Journey Team, for their oversight and insight into this process, asking God to bless their ministries and the gifts He has so abundantly bestowed upon them.

## **BGM EC 89 UPDATE ON SITUATION IN CONNECTICUT**

Dr. Judy Allbee, Executive Minister of ABC of Connecticut, provided a moving report of the situation in Connecticut, following the December 14, 2012 Newtown, CT school shooting in which 28 people died, including 20 5-6 year olds, 6 teachers, the shooter and his mother. She noted that this evil traumatized the state in ways that even 9/11 did not because “it was our babies.” Judy, who was on a one-month sabbatical at the time, reported that she wrote to CT pastors who needed to bring a word of comfort to their congregations, including the pastor of Stepney Baptist Church in Monroe, CT (the closest American Baptist church to Newtown), whose pastor spent the day with parents who were waiting to hear of their children’s fate.

The General Secretary sent a letter to President Obama, which he invited region executives to sign. Also, Judy reported that the ABCCONN board of managers wrote a policy statement on gun violence, which was sent to the governor, the lieutenant governor, to Senators and to President Obama. The ABCCONN Executive Committee worked further to identify ways in which the region might best live this out and become a community that cares for one another. ABCCONN also took out a ¼ page ad in the town newspaper to share the support of ABCCONN and ABC in the healing process. Judy reported that the Governor has attended 90% of all funerals and the Lieutenant Governor has attended all funerals. Parents continue to show up at legislative meetings with pictures of their children in order to encourage stricter gun laws; although, as in other communities, the NRA continues to have a huge influence in CT.

The Executive Committee discussed its deep concern in regard to mental health services—how do we provide adequately for those experiencing mental health issues? There has been so much unresponsiveness due to lack of funding and other issues. At the end of her report, Judy quoted the words of Dr. Martin Luther King: “Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Jeff Savage led in prayer for Judy and for her leadership in the region, for families, pastors and congregations in Connecticut and for wisdom for all of us to move forward in boldness, courage and wisdom.

## **BGM EC 90 CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Concerns and celebrations were shared. During this time, the Executive Committee expressed congratulations to Ruth Clark, who will receive an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree on May 4 from Bacone College, Muskogee, OK, and to Don Ng and Leo Thorne, who will each receive an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree on May 18 from American Baptist Seminary of the West, Oakland, CA.

## **BGM EC 91 CONSENT AGENDA**

A motion was made by Wesley Roberts, seconded by Jim Ratliff, and it was

**VOTED: To adopt as presented the items included in the consent agenda: the proposed Agenda dated March 13-14, 2013, the minutes of the November 8, 2012 Executive Committee meeting (held in King of Prussia, PA) and the minutes of the March 5, 2013 Executive Committee conference call meeting.**

## **BGM EC 92 REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

President Clark shared an incredibly exciting report of her work and travel, both nationally and internationally, as a representative of the ABC family since November 2012, including personal testimonies of God’s faithfulness. The President’s full written report is attached to the official copy of the minutes filed in the General Secretary’s office.

## **BGM EC 93 REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY**

In his report to the Executive Committee, the General Secretary expressed his deep appreciation for the staff of ABCUSA. He noted that although ABCUSA staff consists of only three executive programmatic persons in addition to himself, its services provided internally include accounting, personnel, travel and conference and building management. He praised the work of an excellent management team and committed support staff. He proposed for the Executive Committee’s consideration offering a tangible expression of appreciation to ABCUSA staff.

A motion was made by Wesley Roberts, seconded by Frank Christine and it was

**VOTED: That President Ruth Clark and Vice President Don Ng plan an event for ABCUSA staff which recognizes and expresses appreciation for their work.**

As part of his report, the General Secretary made a recommendation that the Executive Committee consider discussing with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) our interest in establishing a more formal relationship, as ABC has with Church of the Brethren (COB) and with the Progressive National Baptist

Convention (PNBC). Ruth reported on her recent conversation with Keith Herron, president of CBF, addressing the issue of how ABC and CBF might partner together in new ways. CBF's new Executive Coordinator, Suzii Paynter, will bring greetings to delegates at the Mission Summit/Biennial, and Roy will attend CBF's June 27-28, 2013 Annual Assembly to bring greetings from ABC. The Executive Committee agreed that it might be best to determine a common interest around which ABC and CBF might establish fellowship as we look toward a process for coming into a more formal relationship. Roy will continue conversation with Suzii Paynter about a possible process.

A motion was made by Wesley Roberts, seconded by Beryl Hornberger, and it was

**VOTED: To further explore what a relationship with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship might look like.**

The General Secretary's full written report is also attached to the official copy of the minutes filed in the General Secretary's office.

### **BGM EC 94 DINNER AND SHARING OF MINISTRY REPORTS**

The Executive Committee enjoyed dinner together at 6:00 p.m. in the Lockheed Room of the Spring Hill Suites. Following dinner, guests—Dr. Dwight Stinnett, Executive Minister of ABC of the Great Rivers Region; Dr. Alistair Brown, President of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary; and Dr. William Crothers, Interim President of Judson University—shared reports of ministry from their respective organizations.

At the conclusion of each report and a time for questions, one of the following members of the Executive Committee led in prayer for these leaders and their respective ministries: Wesley Roberts, Don Ng, and Beryl Hornberger.

The meeting was adjourned until Thursday, March 14.

### **Thursday, March 14, 2013; 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Boeing Room**

### **BGM EC 95 RECONVENING OF THE BGM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

President Clark reconvened the meeting of the BGM Executive Committee.

### **BGM EC 96 WORSHIP**

Chaplain Jeff Savage led the Executive Committee in reading and meditating on the New Testament passage Acts 14:21-28, focusing on the development of the early church and on the question, "How does this passage speak to our *Transformed by the Spirit* journey?" Leo Thorne led in a closing prayer.

### **BGM EC 97 FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### Year-end Financials

Budget Review Officer Jim Ratliff reported that he had all good news to bring to the Executive Committee related to the 2012 Year-end financial statements. Net revenues increased over the previous year; the Rep Process is in the black; Transition Ministries is in the black; legal expenses are down by \$25,000; and, we have two significant gifts of \$50,000 each, both coming from recipients who have never previously given nationally

to ABC. A good number of pledges are also being realized at this time. Although ABWIM was over budget by \$28,000, their endowment will cover the loss. The stock market has also provided a significant gain, which has continued through January, February and March.

The Executive Committee agreed that there seems to be a sense of unity and hope throughout the denomination that hadn't been realized prior to *Transformed by the Spirit*, a sense of wanting to learn from one another, of collegiality and trust. There are "pockets" of signs of hope and relationships between national and regional staff that are much strengthened and we are seeing new, incredibly gifted leadership in the denomination. *Transformed by the Spirit* has brought new hope and a sense of new life.

### Biennial Banking Resolution

A proposed Banking Resolution was presented to the Executive Committee for review.

A motion was made by Wesley Roberts, seconded by Don Ng, and it was

**VOTED: To adopt the following resolution to establish a bank account for the June 21-23, 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial meeting:**

### Resolution for ABC Biennial Fund Account

*WHEREAS Delegates from Cooperating Churches and Regional Organizations of American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. (ABCUSA) meet biennially in odd-numbered years at a time and place fixed by action of the Board of General Ministries; and*

*WHEREAS funds are received and disbursed in connection with such Biennial Meetings for which provision must be made for safeguarding, depositing, issuing of checks and counting; and*

*WHEREAS the 2013 Biennial Meeting will be held in Overland Park, Kansas;*

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,**

*(1) that the Treasurer of ABCUSA or the Senior Accountant of ABCUSA, or the Chair of the Finance Subcommittee of the Local Arrangements Committee or their agent designated for this responsibility in writing by the Treasurer, be, and hereby is, authorized to endorse and deposit in a temporary American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Fund account with Overland Park, Kansas, negotiable instruments and orders for the payment of money, on which endorsement may be made in writing or by a stamp, and without designation of the person(s) so endorsing; and*

*(2) that the Treasurer or Senior Accountant, or Chair of the Finance Subcommittee or such agent as may have been designated in writing by the Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to sign checks withdrawing funds from said account, and that the Depository is authorized and directed to honor, pay and charge the said account of American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Fund, all checks and orders for the payment of money when so drawn and so signed by the Treasurer or Senior Accountant, or the Chair of the Finance Subcommittee of the Local Arrangements Committee or such agent as may have been designated in writing by the Treasurer, and further*

*(3) that the form or forms of resolution required and provided by the Depository relating to the authorization of the Treasurer or Senior Accountant, or the Chair of the Finance Subcommittee of the Local Arrangements Committee or such agent as may have been designated in writing by the Treasurer, are hereby adopted to the same extent as if set*

*forth in full in this resolution.*

### **BGM EC 98 EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The BGM Executive Committee met in Executive Session. One item of discussion during this time was another term for the General Secretary. Minutes from this session have been written, sealed in an envelope and attached to the official minutes filed in the General Secretary's office.

### **BGM EC 99 CORA AND JOHN SPARROWK PRESIDENT'S AWARD**

At each Biennial meeting, the Cora and John Sparrowk President's Award is presented on behalf of the Board of General Ministries to an exceptional Christian leader. The recipient must be an American Baptist who has over a period of years made an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the life of Christ's Church and who in life and service manifests richly the fruits and gifts of the Spirit. At this meeting, it was

**VOTED: To confirm Andrew and Beverly Davison as the 2013 recipients of the Cora and John Sparrowk President's Award, to be presented at the 2013 Mission Summit/Biennial in Overland Park, KS.**

Following this action, discussion continued regarding funding concerns for the Sparrowk Award. Roy shared the history of the fund, which was established several years ago by a former ABC president. From the earnings, ABCUSA provides a monetary gift of money and hotel and travel expenses for the recipient/s. Concern was shared that we may need to augment the fund in order to present a more worthy monetary gift. Several approaches were discussed: Asking Cora Sparrowk if she might like to increase the base (which she did in 2009 by contributing an additional \$3500); assigning an additional corpus for the award or providing travel money otherwise budgeted; or providing an opportunity for other former presidents to contribute (re-describing the award). Alan Musoke estimated that the fund stands currently at \$11,159 and generates approximately \$550 yearly. Roy noted that it would be good to increase the base by about \$9,000 to bring it to \$20,000. It was decided that Alan will review the figures to confirm what the draw has been and that this item will be brought back to the table for the next meeting.

### **BGM EC 100 REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### Director of Development

Leo Thorne, Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development, provided an update on the search for ABCUSA's new Director of Development. Since this is a first-time staff position for ABCUSA, a consultant was contracted to provide the ground work needed for the search. In consultation with the General Secretary, with the Director of HR, as well as with input from the Mission Resource Development Response Group, a job description was posted on January 14 and a search committee of 9 persons was formed. The search committee initially reviewed 12 applications, later reducing those to 9, from which they selected 3 finalists. It was decided early on that there must be a good racial/ethnic mix of candidates and if not, the process would be continued in order to meet that standard. The first round of interviews will be conducted in Chicago on March 21-22.

#### Action Learning Team (ALT) Groups

#### **ABCUSA Identity**

ABC Vice President Don Ng and Leo Thorne presented, on behalf of the ABCUSA Identity Action Learning Team, a proposal for discussion/possible action to the Executive Committee in the form of the document entitled, "ABCUSA Identity Experiment." A section of the document notes:

*“The ALT understands that, since the BGM draws from a wide variety of persons and seeks in its representation to have one person serving from each region in order to act as the governing board to broadly reflect American Baptist life, the board itself experiment with what we seek to discover as our ABC identity. The ALT believes that, if we as a board practice this “incarnational” approach in our meeting, in God’s time a new and clear ABCUSA identity will emerge.*

*This new culture and practice would include:*

- *Meeting American Baptists face-to-face in the geographic settings they are serving by placing board meetings “on location” with the aim to get to know the different **contexts** of ministries.*
- *Finding opportunities of sharing and interacting with **ABC people** in selected local churches and regions as a way of entering into their lives and various ministries with the hope that they get to know us and our ministries and we get to know them. Such visits may also have a positive impact on United Mission giving.*
- *Strategizing and **prioritizing issues** that may emerge from engaging with ABC constituents and with each other.*
- *Working and collaborating more together as a full board to harness the **synergy of the whole** and give shape to the **bigger picture** of ABC ministry and mission.*
- *Addressing regular business items with **expediency** and using alternate modes of conducting business, leaving time for greater collaborative efforts.*
- *Involving BGM members to become **directly engaged** with ABCUSA’s wider ecumenical and other ministries.*

*The ALT’s proposed experiment is to consider revising the June 2013 BGM meeting schedule to reflect the above qualities. In the time that we would have at our discretion, ideas may include: a visit to an ABC church in Kansas and/or Missouri; a visit to Bethel Christian Center or to Central Baptist Seminary.*

Following presentation of the document, the Executive Committee discussion included concern about how we might make this workable for the June meeting in Kansas City and beyond in order to connect in more intentional ways with churches, regions and ministries to provide a wider picture of what God is doing. Can we be more experimental as well as informational and as a smaller board do things differently?

It was

**AGREED: That the ABC officers would explore a ministry experience for the Board of General Ministries while meeting in Kansas City in June 2013.**

## **The Beloved Community**

Continuing her ALT report on Wednesday, March 13, President Ruth Clark noted that the Beloved Community Action Learning Team spent significant time discussing how the Board of General Ministries might serve as an example in its work around discovering other demographics. She noted that perhaps the BGM might include this as part of its November 2013 meeting agenda.

### ABCORI Executive Minister, Tom Wiles

The Board of Ministries of the ABC of Rhode Island unanimously voted to call Rev. Tom Wiles, former pastor of First Baptist Church of North Platte, Nebraska, as their new Executive Minister. Rev. Wiles began in his new position in mid-February.

### National Leadership Council

The NLC will be meeting on April 2-5, 2013 in Green Lake. A draft of the agenda (designed with an attempt to make this more experimental than it has been in the past) was shared with the Executive Committee. Ruth and Roy will attend this meeting.

### BGM Orientation, June 2013

There is one new BGM director, James Wolfe of the Great Rivers Region, who was elected at the November 2012 BGM meeting, but for whom the June 2013 meeting will be his first. Ruth and Don will meet together with him individually for a more personal orientation.

Planning Retreat, September 2013

Ruth, Don and Roy have met together and have had some initial discussion about the possibility of making the September 2013 Executive Committee meeting (held in San Francisco) more of a planning retreat.

2014 Ministers Conference/OTABL, Orlando

The dates tentatively being held for the 2014 Ministers Conference and Orientation to American Baptist Life are January 6-9, 2014 (in Orlando). Although the Ministers Council will not be supporting the Ministers Conference and the use of the Palmer Grant for that purpose, we have committed to move ahead with planning.

Mission Table

Jeff Woods continues to take leadership for the planning of the Mission Table. It is anticipated that over 100 persons will participate, with the make-up of the group including national and regional executives, lay or clergy persons, 3 representatives from the seminaries and 3 from the colleges and caucus representatives. Ruth, as ABC president, will chair the Mission Table. This will be an opportunity to assess where the energy levels were at the Biennial and to determine how to link the work of congregations around these issues. It will be a time to partner together and to discuss ways in which regions, boards, congregations, and seminaries can be intentional about coming together around common issues.

**LUNCH: 12:00 p.m.**

The Executive Committee recessed for lunch together in the Lockheed Room of the Spring Hill Suites.

**BGM EC 101 FOLLOW-UP**Response Groups

Various members of the Executive Committee shared updates regarding the work of the response groups since the November meeting of the Board of General Ministries—Congregational Renewal (Don), Christian Unity (June, Jonathan & Roy), Professional Church Leadership (Jeff), Mission Resource Development (Frank), Missional Response (Roy) and Finance (Jim).

Mission Summit/Biennial

We attempted, unsuccessfully, to connect Reg Mills, Chair of the Mission Summit/Biennial Planning Committee, to the meeting via GoToMeeting. He most graciously relayed his report through Ruth by cell phone. He reported, among other things, on the themes/programs for each day and the work to accommodate Biennial guests. He also reported that Jeff Woods has written a manual for conference facilitators. Reg emphasized that it is the job of each director of the Executive Committee to give leadership by being sure that their own local church is registered for the Mission Summit/Biennial.

Baptist-Muslim Dialogue

Roy and Ruth reported on the ABC-COB (Church of the Brethren) joint trip to Israel and Palestine on December 9-18, 2012, and Roy reported on the ABWomen's Ministries trip to Lebanon and the Republic of Georgia on January 15-28, 2013.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF) Discussions

The ABCUSA and CBF leadership teams met jointly on February 5, 2013 to discuss areas of common interest/cooperation. Also, Roy participated in a meeting with Pat Anderson (interim coordinator of CBF), hosted by Tony Campolo at Eastern on October 30, 2012 to discuss ABC/CBF relations.

Mercer University Status

Roy noted that in a conversation he and President Clark had with the president of Mercer University, there was an expression of interest on their part to become a recognized ABC school. After discussion it was suggested

that because this would be the first time we would be considering a school that was not founded by ABCUSA that Roy should inform ABHMS and the American Baptist Association of Colleges and Universities (ABACU) of their interest in order to receive feedback.

Business Session at Mission Summit/Biennial

The business session at the Mission Summit/Biennial will include the election of ABC officers for the 2013-2014 biennium and the election of new BGM directors. Roy will check the ABC Bylaws to determine what type of ABCUSA financial report needs to be made.

**BGM EC 102 2014 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

The Executive committee

**AGREED: To tentatively hold the following 2014 meeting dates:**

**March 13-15, 2014**  
**June 18-21, 2014\***  
**September 11-13, 2014**

*\* Later it was discovered that we had already directed the Office of Travel and Conference Planning to hold the dates of June 12-14, 2014 for the BGM and BGM Executive Committee meetings, and that a contract is already in place with Green Lake for those dates. The June 2014 meeting date will come to the BGM Executive Committee's June 2013 agenda.*

**BGM EC 103 ADJOURNMENT**

President Clark adjourned the meeting of the BGM Executive Committee following prayer.

The next meeting of the BGM Executive Committee will be held on June 18, 2013 in Overland Park, KS.

Submitted by,



Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley  
General Secretary

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Documents attached:

*Agenda (1102:3/13)*

*BGM EC Roster*

*Worship Program*

*ABCUSA Identity Experiment*

*The American Baptist Churches of Connecticut Policy Statement on Gun Violence*

*Minutes of the November 8, 2012 BGM Executive Committee meeting (1002:11/12)*

*Minutes of the March 5, 2013 BGM Executive Committee Conference Call (1002:3/13)*

*Report of the President*

*Report of the General Secretary*

*ABCUSA Year-End Financials*

*John & Cora Sparrowk President's Award Letter/Nomination form/Guidelines*

*Job Description: ABCUSA Director of Development*