

## **“Rhythms of the Spirit” Report • American Baptist Churches USA**

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Because of a limited budget during this interim year, there are only three Rhythms of the Spirit events in 2017.

1. Spiritual Direction at the Biennial Mission Summit, June 29 – July 1 in Portland Oregon. These two paragraphs will appear in the program book in June.

### **Spiritual Direction -**

*American Baptist spiritual directors are emerging as vital companions on the journey of “connecting with Christ and others”. For those attending the Biennial Mission Summit who need someone to encourage them in the practice of seeking and finding God, especially within the context of this gathering, or for those who wish to have someone listen deeply to their life experience, you may sign up with a spiritual director in the prayer room. D131 and D132. Rene Colson Hudson will be there to assist you. Learn more about the practice of Spiritual Direction at [www.abcspiritualformation.com](http://www.abcspiritualformation.com)*

### **Prayer Room – Centering Prayer and Taizé - Rooms D131 and D132**

*The prayer room will be open for personal reflection, quiet prayer and resourcing each day throughout the Biennial Mission Summit. Join us there on Friday and Saturday following the evening gathering for Taizé music with Brad Berglund and centering prayer with Karen Gygax Rodriguez. If you desire a meeting with a spiritual director, sign up in the prayer room.*

2. Rhythms of the Spirit retreat, August 14 – 18, 2017

*The August, 2017 Rhythms retreat will be held at Camp Canonicus with the help and support of the staff of ABCORI. This high value of partnership is meant to demonstrate that life in the Spirit is cooperative and unifying. The leadership team is as follows: Brad, Betty Wright Riggins, Karin Patton, Jennifer Davidson. The promotional card is attached to this email message.*

3. Pilgrimage to the Taize Community, July 14 – 25, 2017

*Brad is taking a group to France in July. The theme of the journey is “A Pilgrimage into the Heart of Christ”. We will visit important pilgrimage cathedrals and churches, walk the labyrinth, immerse ourselves in the life of the Taize community for their week-long program and conclude in Paris. This trip is in partnership with Illuminated Journeys and does not require funds from the Rhythms of the Spirit budget.*

*Respectfully submitted,  
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