



**Report of the Society
To
The Board of General Ministries
ABHS Corporate Members
June, 2012**

Our previous report was given to you at a convened face-to-face meeting of the corporate membership of the American Baptist Historical Society in January 23, 2012 at the Doubletree Hotel in Orlando, Florida. This written report now submitted will briefly inform you of the activities of the Board of Managers and the Society since that time. There are three major areas to report:

- Launching the work of the Strategic Planning Committee as Phase II of the Visioning Process. Phase I was implemented in September, 2011 with the Future Search Process that involved 65 partners, supporters, friends and Board members of ABHS.
- Launch of the Judson 200 Bicentennial Celebration
- Other work coming from the Board of Managers

Strategic Planning

The Board appointed the following persons to serve of the Strategic Planning Committee. The goal was to have an inclusive participation of partners, depositors, institutions, Baptist societies, pastors, and ABHS board members. Daniel Vestal, Bill Sumners, Heidi Holmstrom, Arlene Deselles, Everett Goodwin, David Laubach, Joe Stoner, Garth Brokaw, Beverly Mitchell, Adam Bond, Melva Gray, Shirley Fair, John Douhan, Trinetta V. McCray. The Committee held its first meeting April 17 – 19, 2012 in Atlanta, GA. The work is continuing through assigned sub-groups and will give their recommended Strategic Plan to the Board late September. The approved plan will be shared with the ABHS corporate members during your November meeting.

Judson200

The Judson200 celebration was launched in Massachusetts in February. Executive Director, Deborah Van Broekhoven made significant presentations along with Janet Ballard, ABHS Archivist. To connect with continued events and review historic information please go to the Judson200 special website at: www.judson200. The American Baptist Historical Society giving significant leadership to gathering and posting information about the various events on this one website that was set up by ABHS Archivist, Jan Ballard. Most exciting is the upcoming Judson Legacy Tour to Burma January 17-31, 2013 led by Rosalie Hunt and co-sponsored by the ABHS.

Other work of the Board of Managers

The Board continues to work on the operational and financial strategies. At its meeting in September, significant recommendations from the Strategic Planning Committee were acted upon that would address operational “low hanging fruit” that would strengthen the foundation for the vision that comes forth from the planning and visioning process.