



## **BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES**

June 12-14, 2014

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting Site:** Green Lake Conference Center (American Baptist Assembly)  
W2511 Wisconsin 23  
Green Lake, WI 54941  
920-294-3323

**Officers:** Don Ng, President  
Judy Fackenthal, Vice President/BGM Chaplain  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Ruth Clark, Past President  
A. Roy Medley, General Secretary

**Parliamentarian:** Dennis Johnson

**New Board Directors Orientation:** *An orientation for new BGM directors (those who have come onto the board since November 2013) will be held on Wednesday, June 11 from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the Tower Dining Room. The orientation will begin with dinner. Please pass through the line in the Bauer Dining Room in time for all to gather at 6:00 p.m. for dinner together.*  
(Note: All BGM directors are welcome to attend!)

**Thursday, June 12, 2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; BGM 1<sup>st</sup> Plenary; Brayton Case (Kern Lodge)**  
*For all who arrive in time, a Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and a Buffet Lunch from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Bauer Dining Rm.*

*Kay Farley, ABC of the Rocky Mountains, and Jonathan Malone, ABC of Rhode Island, will be serving as Tellers for this meeting. Nancy O'Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, and Andy Arndt, ABC of Indiana and Kentucky, will be ministering to us through their gifts of music at various times during this meeting.*

1. Welcome & Orientation to Our Time Together  
 Getting Acquainted  
 Introduction of New Directors attending their first meeting  
 (Ashley Whitaker, Manuel Luquin, Jose Manuel Magana)  
 Recognition of Resignations (Mo Khan, James Thomason)  
 Appointment of BGM Chaplain (VP Judy Fackenthal)  
 Announcements  
 Don Ng, Presiding  
 ABC President
2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle  
 Judy Fackenthal  
 ABC Vice President/BGM Chaplain
3. Consent Agenda/**Proposed Action:** Approval Proposed Agenda and  
 Minutes of BGM's November 14-16, 2013 Meeting (held in King of Prussia, PA)
4. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee, March 13-15, 2014  
 (held in Indianapolis, IN) Don Ng
5. Election of Members to Committees/**Proposed Actions**  
Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations: To elect Arndy Arndt,  
 Ruth Clark, Ernest Jones, Dennis Johnson, Duh Kam, Manuel Magana, and  
 Alan Rudnick  
Finance Committee: To elect Robin Crouch, Beryl Hornberger, Danny Jack,  
 Charity Matic, Don Ng, and Wesley Sun
6. Introduce the "Big Issue of the Day" and "Parking Lot" Agenda Process Don Ng

Big Issues of the Day

*What are the big issues facing the ABC family, ABCUSA and the larger Christian world today that we must not overlook? Some possible "Big Issues of the Day" are:*

1. Focus Session on ACT on UM (Judy Fackenthal, Leo Thorne, Ashley Whitaker)
2. Update: *Transformed by the Spirit*, Phase II (Jeff Woods, Roy Medley; 15 min.);  
 Rhythms of the Spirit
3. Report of General Secretary's Search (Don Ng)
4. Burmese Diaspora
  - i. Report/**Proposed Action** on Relationship with CBCUSA, KBCUSA
  - ii. Renaming of Burma Refugee Taskforce to an ABC Commission, Request  
 of ABHMS (Roy Medley)  
*Bylaws, Art. XI, Section 4. Board of General Ministries Commissions. The Board of  
 General Ministries may create Board of General Ministries commissions to report to it on  
 matters assigned by the Board. Each Board commission may consist of members of the  
 Board of General Ministries, members of the staff of the ABCUSA or of a National or  
 Regional Board, or other persons. Procedures for the appointment and organization of  
 Board commissions and their powers and functions may be stated in the Standing Rules.*
  - iii. Report from Myanmar Travelers, Nov./Dec. 2013 (Roy Medley, Ruth  
 Clark, Don Ng)

- iv. Burma: Congressional Bill regarding Burma Military (Roy Medley)  
**Possible Proposed Action:** *The BGM urges active support of ABC congregations with Senators and Representatives for this legislation which ties funding for the US government with progress in human rights and religious liberty.*

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#### Parking Lot Issues

*What are the necessary routine items that we need to address when time is available? Some possible “Parking Lot” items are:*

- 1. President’s Report
- 2. General Secretary’s Report
- 3. Reports from BGM Directors to Other Boards (Bill Frederickson, MMBB; Vivian Martindale, IM)
- 4. Update on Development (Ken Marsenburg; 15 min.)
  - i. BGM Annual Pledge
- 5. Report of the Credentials & Caucus Committee (Wesley Roberts)
  - i. Changed Relationship Report
  - ii. Report on Caucuses/Inter-Caucus
- 6. Report of the Budget Review Officer (ABCUSA Audit, YTD Financials)
- 7. Mission Center Property/**Proposed Action:** Disposition transaction approval process
  - i. History of ownership (Alan Musoke; 30 min.)
- 8. Possible Resolutions/**Possible Proposed Actions** on Sudan and Middle East, if adopted by NCC
- 9. Request from Rainbow Acres
- 10. Report of Future Baptist Convocation, NABF, March 6-7, 2014 (Ernest Jones & Dean Parker)
- 11. Action Group Reports
- 12. Future Meeting Dates
- 13.
- 14.

7. Parking Lot Items

8. Big Issue Items

9. Introduce the Action Groups for 2014-2015

Don Ng

10. Recess of the BGM for Dinner and Evening Vespers

**DINNER, 6:00 p.m.– 7:30 p.m.; Bauer Dining Rm.**

*A Buffet Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Bauer Dining Rm.*

**EVENING VESPERS, 7:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.; Vesper Circle**

*BGM Chaplain Judy Fackenthal will lead in a time of contemplative worship and communion.*

**Friday, June 13, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.; Action Groups**

*A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Bauer Dining Room.*

**11. Convening of the BGM in Action Groups**

*The Finance Committee will begin its meeting at 7:30 a.m. in Boehr (Kern Lodge).  
The meeting will begin with a continental breakfast. All other groups will begin at  
9:00 a.m. in the rooms indicated below following breakfast in the Bauer Dining Room.*

*Finance Committee – Meeting room to be determined (Led by Paul Higgins, Alan Musoke)  
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations - Kraft Meeting Rm. (Led by June Totten, Roy Medley)  
Becoming a Beloved Community - Cary, Kern Lodge (Led by Camille Brown, Pat Hernandez)  
Communicating ABC Identity – Johnson, Kern Lodge (Led by Tasha Wilson, Leo Thorne)  
Renewing Congregations – Stansbury, Kern Lodge (Led by Wesley Roberts, Jeff Woods)*

**LUNCH, 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Bauer Dining Room**

*A Buffet Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Bauer Dining Room.*

*The BGM Executive Committee will pass through the line and have a working lunch together  
in the Tower Dining Room.*

**Friday, June 13, 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.; BGM 2<sup>nd</sup> Plenary; Brayton Case (Kern Lodge)**

12. Reconvening of the Board of General Ministries Judy Fackenthal, presiding  
Lighting of the Christ Candle

13. Concerns and Celebrations Don Ng

14. Introduction to ABCUSA's Promotional Video Leo Thorne  
"Inspired, Transformed...American Baptist Churches" Associate General Secretary, MRD

15. Big Issues

16. Parking Lot Issues

17. Recess & Free Time, 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

**DINNER, 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Bauer Dining Rm.**

*A Buffet Dinner will be served from 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m. in the Bauer Dining Rm.*

**FUN & FELLOWSHIP, 7:30 p.m.; Brayton Case**

*We will share an evening of Fun & Fellowship, with BGM directors and staff invited to share gifts  
and talents—a song, a joke, a hobby or something that reflects our creative selves.*

**Saturday, June 14, 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; BGM 3<sup>rd</sup> Plenary; Brayton Case (Kern Lodge)**

*A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Bauer Dining Room.*

- 18. Call to Order/Announcements Don Ng, presiding
- 19. Lighting of the Christ Candle
- 20. Big Issues
  - a. Update: 2015 Biennial Mission Summit Planning Susan Gillies  
MSPT Chair
- 21. Parking Lot Issues
- 22. Closing Worship Judy Fackenthal
- 23. Prayer and Adjournment Don Ng

*The next meeting of the Board of General Ministries will be held on  
November 13-15, 2014, Valley Forge, PA*

**LUNCH, 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.; Bauer Dining Rm.**

*A Buffet Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Bauer Dining Rm. for those who do  
not have to meet a shuttle.*