



**BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES**  
November 16-18, 2017  
**AGENDA**

**Meeting Site:** Crowne Plaza  
260 Mall Boulevard  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Ph: 610-265-7500

**Officers:** Judy Fackenthal, President  
Josue Gómez-Menéndez, Vice President  
Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer  
Don Ng, Past President  
Lee Spitzer, General Secretary

**Parliamentarian:** Dennis Johnson      **BGM Chaplain:** Kay Farley

*Please remember to sign the BGM attendance sheet.*

**Thursday, November 16, 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: BGM Plenary; Independence North**

**4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. BGM Action Groups**

*Robin Crouch, West Virginia Baptist Convention and Charity Matic, ABCOFLASH will be serving as Tellers for this meeting. Nancy O'Neill, ABC of Wisconsin, will be ministering to us through her gift of music at various times during this meeting.*

1. Welcome and Call to Order Judy Fackenthal, Presiding, ABC President
2. Opening Worship/Lighting of the Christ Candle Kay Farley, BGM Chaplain

Sharing the ABCUSA Focus Statement Unison  
*American Baptist Churches are missional congregations that nurture devoted disciples of Jesus Christ who live their lives in mission and ministry for the healing of the world through the love of God.*
3. General Consent Agenda Judy Fackenthal

**Written Reports Posted Prior to the Meeting**

- A. Directors to Other Boards:
  - i. MMBB, Fredrickson
  - ii. IM, Kiley
  - iii. ABHMS, Wolfe
- B. Reports from ABCUSA & AMOs
- C. *Transformed by the Spirit/Journey Team* – Jeff Woods
- D. Rhythms of the Spirit – Brad Berglund
- E. Reports of Green Lake, NECU, and ABC Creation Justice Network – Don Ng
- F. Professional Ministries Team – Jeff Woods
- G. Burma Refugee Commission – Florence Li

**Proposed Action:** Approval of Proposed Agenda and Minutes of the BGM June 27-29, 2017 Meeting (held in Portland, OR).

4. ABCUSA Development Update David Gnirk

5. Big Issues

A. Report of the Budget Review Officer – Paul Higgins

i. YTD Financials through September 2017

ii. Recommended Distribution of National Portion of UM for 2018

**Proposed Action:** To adopt the 2018 distribution of the national portion of United Mission.

iii. 2018 ABCUSA Budget

**Proposed Action:** To adopt the 2018 Estimated Income and the 2018 ABCUSA budget."

B. Investment Policy

**Proposed Action:** To adopt the ABCUSA Investment Policy.

C. United Mission

Lee Spitzer

D. Building Update

E. Biennial Mission Summit

F. General Secretary's Report

Lee Spitzer

i. Church Growth and Evangelism – Fresh Expressions

ii. Creation Justice Network – Cooperation with Eco-America

iii. The Local Church and Genocide (U. S. Holocaust Memorial Center)

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6. Parking Lot Issues

A. ABCUSA President's Report

Judy Fackenthal

B. Thoughts from President-Elect Josue Gómez-Ménendez

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D.

7. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.)

BGM Finance Committee	Devon
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations	Freedom Ballroom II
Becoming a Beloved Community	Freedom Ballroom I
Communicating ABC Identity	Radnor

**DINNER, 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.; Independence South**

Recognition of ABCUSA staff.

**Friday, November 17, 9:00 a.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North**

*A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant of the Crowne Plaza. – Please remember to bring your breakfast ticket with you. The BGM Finance Committee will meet from 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Wayne Room for a plated breakfast meeting.*

*A Buffet Lunch will be served from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant of the Crowne Plaza.*

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| 8. Reconvening/Announcements  | Vice President Josue Gómez-Ménendez, Presiding                    |
| 9. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer   | Chaplain Kay Farley   |
| 10. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convene ABHS Annual Corporate Meeting   | Garth Brokaw, President<br>Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director |
| 11. Reconvening Board of General Ministries   |   |
| 12. Puerto Rico Hurricane Relief Efforts  | Victoria Goff and Salvador Orellena                               |
| 13. Civil Discourse Presentation and Discussion   | Theo Brown  |
| 14. Report of Actions of the Executive Committee,<br>September 14-16, 2017 Meeting (held in San Juan, Puerto Rico). | Vice President,<br>Josue Gómez-Menéndez                           |
| 15. President's Nominations and Appointments<br>For 2018-2019 Biennium  | Judy Fackenthal, President  |
| 16. Big Issue Item/s  |   |
| 17. Parking Lot Issue/s   |   |
| 18. Credentials and Caucus Committee  | Josue Gómez-Menéndez, Chair of CCC                                |

Report of Changed Relationship

**Proposed Action:** To receive the Report of Changed Relationships of Local Churches

(document 1205.1:11/17) dated June 15, 2017- November 8, 2017.

19. Recess of BGM Plenary/Convening of BGM in Action Groups (3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) followed by Dinner and Vespers.

BGM Finance Committee	DeKalb 206
Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations	Von Steuben 306
Becoming a Beloved Community	Wayne
Communicating ABC Identity	Radnor

**DINNER, 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.; Independence South**

**BGM VESPERS/INSTALLATION SERVICE – 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.; Independence North**

**Saturday, November 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; BGM Plenary; Independence North**

*A Buffet Breakfast will be served from 7:00 a.m.-9:00 a.m. in the Stirlings Restaurant of the Crowne Plaza. – Please remember to bring your breakfast ticket with you.*

*BGM Lunch Buffet 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.; Stirling’s Restaurant*

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| 20. Reconvening/Announcements               | President Fackenthal, Presiding   |
| 21. Lighting of the Christ Candle/Prayer    | Chaplain Kay Farley   |
| 22. Recognition of Retiring Board Directors | President Fackenthal,<br>Vice President Gómez-Menendez<br>General Secretary Spitzer |
| Robin Crouch (General Director)             |   |
| Shirley Fair (Central)                      |   |
| C. Duh Kam (District of Columbia)           |   |
| Charity Matic (Los Angeles)                 |   |
| Dianne Steelman (Ohio)                      |   |
| Don Ng (Past President)                     |   |
| 23. Action Group Reports/Proposals          |   |
| 24. Big Issue Item/s                        |   |
| 25. Parking Lot Issue/s                     |   |
| 26. Closing Worship                         | Chaplain Kay Farley   |
| 27. Prayer and Adjournment                  | President Fackenthal  |

**Future BGM Dates:**

***June 13-15, 2018 - Green Lake, WI***

***November 8-10, 2018 - King of Prussia, PA***

**Future BGM Exec. Comm. Dates:**

**March 8-10, 2018 – TBD**

**June 12-13, 2018 – Green Lake, WI**

**September 13-16, 2018 – Omaha, NE**

**November 7-8, 2018 - King of Prussia, PA**

**March 14-16, 2019 – TBD**

**June 2019 (Biennial TBD)**

**September 12-14, 2019 – Denver, CO**