

**Board of General Ministries
Action Groups
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BGM Item 8
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Becoming a Beloved Community	Communicating ABC Identity	BGM Finance	Christian Unity & Interfaith Relations
1. Camille Brown – Leader Pat Hernandez—Staff 2. Joyce Blandon 3. Judith Christiansen 4. Stephanie Commandest 5. Emmett Dunn 6. Kay Farley 7. Robert Jemerson 8. Marijane Kiley 9. Manuel Luquin 10. Edgard Nicolas 11. Bill Poland 12. Kathryn Ray 13. Tom Roberts 14. Bruce Van Der Beek	1. Tasha Wilson – Leader Bridget Lipin -- Staff 2. Ken Atchison 3. John Campbell 4. Liani Colon-Sanchez 5. Janice Fletcher 6. Bonnie Higgins 7. Ehhtoowah Hso 8. Kurt Kaufman 9. Manuel Magana 10. Ralph Al Marks 11. Dean Parker 12. Wesley Roberts 13. Angela Russell 14. Rosa Sierra 15. Annie Svitavsky	1. Paul Higgins – Leader Alan Musoke—Staff 2. Mark Harvey 3. Cedric Jones 4. Kelly Legg 5. Noemi Nunez-Sanchez 6. Tom Ross	1. June Totten – Leader Jeff Woods -- Staff 2. Raimundo Barreto 3. Cecelia Dachtler 4. Zina Jacque 5. Dennis Johnson (non voting) 6. James Wolfe Shawna Simmons (for vote)

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As committees of the denomination, two groups: Finance Committee and the Committee on Christian Unity will continue with their members having been elected by BGM. Therefore, all other members would have a choice to serve on the other Action Groups. You are given a first choice and a second choice and the ABC Officers will finalize your choices striving to maintain balance and representation.

The Action Groups are:

A. Becoming a Beloved Community

ABC life has welcomed and celebrated the great diversity and gifts that its members bring in the making of the whole. Statistically, ABC is more multi-ethnic than any other Protestant group in the US. While we have affirmed such God-given richness, we still have not attained the spirit of a “beloved community.” What does it mean to be the Body of Christ that values all of its members? How is power shared among its members? The composition of BGM is designed to reflect a “beloved community” in its members but how may we truly function in spirit? This Action Group will continue the ACT on this topic with the hope of identifying findings that would influence the work that BGM does such as the Biennial Mission Summit. (Camille Brown and Pat Hernandez)

B. Communicating ABC Identity

Our ABC Identity can be a positive and a negative all at the same time. Unlike other Christian groups that may have a historical figure or a particular practice that defines them, ABC doesn’t seem to have such clear distinctives except the strong affirmation of Baptist principles. Joined together by Baptist principles has included many groups from all walks of life in the making of ABC. Against this reality and the increasing moving away from organized religion in American life, what is “ABC Identity” today? For any group to function effectively, what is needed to communicate ABC identity that would draw us together to do mission and ministry together? This Action Group will continue the ACT on this topic with the hope of identifying findings that would influence the work of BGM such as the national ministers conference and the Orientation to AB Life. (Tasha Wilson and Bridget Lipin)

C. Finance Committee

The committee oversees all of the fiduciary responsibilities of the denomination: United Mission, OGS, budget covenants, and the 588 Associates partnership. (Paul Higgins and Alan Musoke)

D. Committee on Christian Unity

The committee acts on behalf of the denomination to engage in Baptist-Muslim dialogues and ecumenical relationships including: NCCC, BWA, WCC, and other efforts to exemplify the oneness in Christ. (June Totten and Jeff Woods)