

Dear Executive Committee,

As you know, last year was to have been the conference— **Celebrating Ministering Women: Radical. Redeemed. Ready**— celebrating the first national gathering of women in ministry at Green Lake Conference Center (1980), out of which the Women in Ministry Project was birthed. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the conference had to be postponed. As we move forward, we will be able to not only celebrate the watershed event of the 1980 WIM conference, but also **the 40th Anniversary of ABWIM**, which began with the official and full launch of the WIM Project in **June 1982** when Rev. Margaret Cowden began as the first WIM Project Director. Our conference will take place, **June 15-18, 2022**, following the BGM meetings.

In moving forward, the ABWIM Advisory Team is now serving as the Planning Team with co-chairs, Rev. Soozie Whitten Ford and Rev. Dr. Tom Wiles. Although not everyone who had been originally scheduled for the 2020 conference was able to commit to the 2022 conference, we are very excited about the new roster of leaders confirmed for 2022: Rev. Dr. Jamie Clark-Soles, Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray, Rev. Dr. Zina Jacques, Rev. Adalia Gutierrez Lee, MD, and Rev. Lauren Ng. Of particular note is that International Ministries and American Baptist Home Mission Societies will be represented. In addition, Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri (OGS) will be serving in the unique role of Poet Laureate and Rev. Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director of the American Baptist Historical Society, has been named as Conference Historian. The newest addition is Dr. Karen Hetrick who will serve in the role of Worship Weaver, coordinating worship and weaving elements of the conference together in a way that is transformative for all.

The conference welcomes everyone, so I hope you will all be there!

I'm deeply grateful for your gifted leadership and support of this conference.
Thanks so much!

Grace and Peace,
Pat

Celebrating Ministering Women: Radical. Redeemed. Ready.

From the pioneering women of long ago to the trailblazing leaders of today and all women who have responded to the call of God along the way, the movement of women into ministry has involved the whole family of faith from all across American Baptist Churches USA. With women serving in a multitude of ways and a variety of roles throughout the United States and around the world, American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM) is hosting a unique conference: **Celebrating Ministering Women: Radical. Redeemed. Ready.**

Held at Green Lake Conference Center where the first national gathering of women in ministry occurred in 1980, out of which the Women in Ministry Project was birthed and where American Baptist women have gathered for many years, the conference will feature inspiring speakers, creative worship, engaging workshops, and multiple ways to connect while experiencing innovative approaches to ministry.

Celebrating Ministering Women – We are **celebrating** women ministerial leaders, their myriad journeys into ministry and their many ways of ministering. We are also **celebrating** the 40th Anniversary of the Women in Ministry Project, now known as American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM), which was fully launched in June 1982 with Rev. Dr. Margaret A. Cowden as the first Project Director.

Radical – ABCUSA has carried out a **radical** witness, *and radical witness is still* needed.

Redeemed – Churches flourish and our world is transformed when all God's gifts in all God's people are fully accessed, embraced, and utilized. We are all then redeemed.

READY! We are **READY**. Are you?

All are Welcome!

And we do mean all...all ministerial roles, experiences, and contexts; all ages, cultures, and genders; American Baptists and any and all friends in faith

That means YOU! *Join Us!*

Register Today

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Schedule**

Wednesday, June 15: RADICAL.

3:00 pm	Registration and Check In
5:00 – 6:00 pm	Dinner Served
6:45 pm	Gathering
7:00 pm	Evening Encounter: RADICAL.
	Revelry and Refreshment

Thursday, June 16: REDEEMED.

Before 7:30 am	Illuminations
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Served
9:00 am	Morning Exploration
10:00 am	Coffee Break by Coffee Connection
10:30 am	Engaging the Word
12:00 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Served

Afternoon Options

Participants are welcome to enjoy a variety of self-directed options or participate in up to two "Awakenings".

- a. Places to visit and activities available through the Green Lake Conference Center:
Judson Tower, Hopevale Memorial, Chapel Car Grace, Lakefront activities, Labyrinth, and more.
- b. Awakenings
 - 1:30 *Awakenings 1*
 - 2:45 *Break*
 - 3:15 *Awakenings 2*

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5:00 – 6:00 pm	Dinner Served
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Friday, June 17: READY.

Before 7:30am	Illuminations
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Served
9:00 am	Morning Exploration
10:00 am	Coffee Break by Coffee Connection
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Saturday, June 18

Before 7:30am	Illuminations
7:30 – 8:30 am	Breakfast Served
10:00 am	Check out

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Conference Leaders - Bios

Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles
Rev. Dr. Adalia Gutiérrez Lee
Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque
Rev. Dr. Trinette V. McCray
Rev. Lauren Lisa Ng
Rev. Dr. Priscilla E. Eppinger (Conference Historian)
Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri (Poet Laureate)
Dr. Karen Hetrick (Worship Weaver)

Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles

Rev. Dr. Jaime Clark-Soles is Professor of New Testament and Altshuler Distinguished Teaching Professor at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University. Dr. Clark-Soles enjoys speaking widely and writing for both academic and popular audiences. As an ordained American Baptist minister, she has served in both parish and hospice settings. She is the New Testament editor of the compelling new *CEB Women's Bible* and has recently completed a book entitled *Women in the Bible for the Interpretation* commentary series. She is the author of numerous books and essays, with books including *Reading John for Dear Life: A Spiritual Walk with the Fourth Gospel* (Westminster John Knox [WJK], 2016), *Engaging the Word: The New Testament and the Christian Believer* (WJK, 2010); *Death and the Afterlife in the New Testament* (T&T Clark, 2006); and *Scripture Cannot Be Broken: The Social Function of the Use of Scripture in the Fourth Gospel* (Brill, 2003). She earned her M.Div. from Yale Divinity School and her Ph.D. in New Testament from Yale University.

Rev. Adalia Gutiérrez Lee, MD

Rev. Adalia Gutiérrez Lee, MD, is the area director for Iberoamerica & the Caribbean with American Baptist International Ministries. She is a medical doctor and an ordained minister. She served as an American Baptist missionary for twenty years, first at PROVADENIC (Program of Vaccination and Community Development), a health ministry of the Nicaraguan Baptist Convention, and later at Deborah's House, a ministry of healing and hope for families and victims of domestic violence of the Baja Baptist Women in Mexico. As an area director, she has traveled throughout the Americas for the last six years while promoting, coordinating, and strengthening the ministries of 39 American Baptist missionaries and 50 partners in 18 different countries.

Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque

Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque is a member of the pastoral staff of the historic Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Va. and will be responsible for the Villages Ministry, a small group program serving over 4,000 men and women across the country. Dr. Jacque has served on the staffs of white, black, multicultural, urban, and suburban churches and has done extensive work in the areas of education, counseling, and support programs. Jacque most recently served as the lead pastor of the Community Church of Barrington, Ill. Previously, she served as Executive Director and Founder of the Pastoral Counseling Center of Trinity Church (Episcopal) in Boston and was the Interim Director of Christian

Education at the Melrose Church in Massachusetts. Prior to entering ministry, Rev. Jacque completed a 20+ year career in higher education serving in senior positions at Northwestern (Chicago, Ill.), the University of Chicago (Chicago, Ill.), Mills College (Oakland, Ca.), and the University of California (both Santa Cruz and the Office of the President).

Rev. Dr. Trinette V. McCray

Rev. Dr. Trinette Vernell McCray is a native of Milwaukee, Wis., and a life-long member of Calvary Baptist Church who was educated in the Milwaukee Public School system. She received a Bachelor's degree in Urban Affairs from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and at age twenty-five accepted God's call to ministry. She attended seminary in 1979 at the Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, Ga., receiving a Masters degree in Religious Education. She was ordained in 1981 by the late civil rights leader, The Rev. Dr. Ralph David Abernathy in Atlanta, an accomplishment that was both spiritual and social given that Black Baptist churches in Atlanta declared not to ordain women. She went on to earn a Doctor of Ministry degree in Spirituality from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1998. Rev. Dr. McCray has been a leader both locally and nationally through church, denominational, faith-based organizations, and educational institutions at Cardinal Stritch University and Central Baptist Theological Seminary-Wisconsin. In June 1999, Dr. McCray was elected president of American Baptist Churches USA, having the historic distinction of being the first clergywoman elected as national president. Dr. McCray is currently the president of the American Baptist National Black Caucus.

Rev. Lauren Lisa Ng

An ordained minister with American Baptist Churches USA, Rev. Lauren Ng serves as director of Leadership Empowerment at the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS). Ng has a distinct passion for fresh, alternative, and entrepreneurial models of ministry and the emerging leaders who pursue them. She is currently completing a Doctor of Ministry in Creative Leadership at Central Baptist Theological Seminary. She earned her Masters of Divinity from the Berkeley School of Theology (Berkeley, Calif.) and was ordained in 2005. Rev. Ng earned her BA in English and Creative Writing from Oberlin College (Oberlin, Ohio). Her 20+ years of professional experience include serving as network strategist for the ABHMS, serving on development staff with International Ministries, an advisor for American Baptist Women in Ministry, a board member of ABHMS, and a trustee of Bacone College (Muskogee, Okla.). She also served for five years as associate pastor at First Chinese Baptist Church in San Francisco, Calif.

Rev. Dr. Priscilla E. Eppinger

Rev. Dr. Priscilla E. Eppinger has served as executive director of the American Baptist Historical Society since 2016. She accepted the position of executive director of ABHS inspired by the Society's mission to advance Baptist identity, promote historical literacy, and thereby advance spiritual and social transformation. One of her priorities as curator of the ABHS archives is to ensure the inclusion of marginalized voices in the historical record. Prior to taking up leadership of ABHS, Eppinger was professor of religion at Community of Christ Seminary (Independence, Mo.) and Graceland University (Lamoni, Iowa) where she also chaired the Peace Studies program. Earlier ministry experience includes pastoral ministry at First Baptist Church (Plymouth, Mass.), which ordained her in 1994, and North Shore Baptist Church (Chicago, Ill.). At the start of her career Eppinger was commissioned by International Ministries and served as an educational missionary to the Democratic Republic of Congo (then called

Zaire), and subsequently worked in the ABHMS Office of Governmental Relations.

Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri

Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri found a love for the arts through a myriad of communities throughout her life: learning about and growing an appreciation for illustration and watercolor paints; making music with piano, clarinet, and voice; writing short stories and poetry; enjoying live theater and music of many genres, black-and-white photo taking and developing and, more recently, digital photography. In college, Marie focused in on poetry, which she has recently incorporated more intentionally in her ministry, especially “in the moment” as people interact amidst the stirring of the Spirit. In her pastoral, administrative, and educational ministries she strives to embody an approach that integrates cultural self-knowing, interpersonal and organizational practices that affirm the value of and ensure equity for all people, and a deep and active trust in the work of the Triune God. She also offers gifts in bridge-building, hospitality, communication, and holistic administration. Marie now serves as ABCUSA Associate General Secretary for Mission Resource Development, after having served in various capacities, including Regional Executive Minister of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin, seminary administrator, and local church pastor.

Dr. Karen Hetrick

Dr. Karen Hetrick has served in music ministry in eight ABC churches over four decades and currently serves as Director of Worship & Worship Arts at Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church in Greenwood, Ind., since 2006. She has served the American Baptist Churches through worship at regional and national events for American Baptist Women’s Ministries and the ABCUSA Minister’s Council. She is a former board member and Past President of the Fellowship of American Baptist Musicians, helping to plan and lead the FABM Conference for Church Musicians. Hetrick earned a B.A. in Fine Arts from Judson University (Elgin, Ill.), a Master of Arts in Church Music (M.A.C.M.) from Christian Theological Seminary, and a Doctor of Worship Studies (D.W.S.) from The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. Her particular interests regarding worship include effective presentation of Scripture in worship, sensory-rich and participatory worship, and cultivating a congregational sense of worshipping God together as God’s people.