Two by Two...


After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them out in pairs ahead of him to every town and place where he himself would go.

American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin

174th Annual Gathering for all ages

Friday-Saturday | October 12-13, 2018
Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Martin Childs, Jr., Pastor
3456 N. 38th St., Milwaukee, WI 53216

rootedness  collaboration  growth  transformation
Together Living  Faithfully Through Christ Today
Greetings! This is our 174th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin. As current, but soon to be Past, President of ABC/Wisconsin, I welcome you to our celebration and practice of collaboration in faith, witness, and service. We practice Luke 10:1-2 - We walk together into God’s service two by two!

Looking back over this past year I’ve observed a whirlwind of action in response to God’s leading in our ABC/WI Churches. For instance, in the richly deep collaborative experience of the Minister’s Council Anointing Service and the team effort of the Governance Task Force—I’ve witnessed the spiritual thrill of collaboration. It is clear that walking “two by two” in our service through education, camping, community, and missional actions, we immerse ourselves in Christ’s graces through collaborative processes.

It has been a blessing to be a partner in the “two by two”, sent out “as workers into the harvest field” Luke 10:1-2.

God has richly blessed us with the very sensitive, informed, and energetic leadership of Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri and her very welcoming staff. I’ve appreciated Marie’s gifted, resourceful, and spiritual sensitivity while working with me as President. The Board of Managers have blessed me both in their friendship and expertise in our worshipful work of governance; there is real joy in seeing God’s workings here..... “two by two”!

Looking forward, I am so very excited for the current ministries and initiatives, such as the proposed new by-laws, New Wineskins initiative, and new nominees stepping up to serve in regional life. I anticipate new reflections and friendships will happen in this place, in this time.

Thank you all for giving me the privilege of serving this year as President. We are celebrating our future collaboration together in God’s service.

My prayer.......let’s mission on into the future.......two by two we are sent!

WELCOME to all FIRST-TIMERS

If this is your first time attending the ABC Wisconsin annual gathering, we welcome you. We are a regional association of 62 churches throughout Wisconsin, a regional office located in Elm Grove, WI, a camping ministry located in Waupaca, WI (Camp Tamarack), and a seminary based in the regional office, which is a site of Central Seminary (Shawnee, KS). We are one of the thirty-four regions of the American Baptist Churches USA denomination. We seek to live into our mission statement in partnership with various Baptist, ecumenical, and interfaith ministries and organizations across our state, country and world: ABC of WI is a fellowship of persons, churches, and organizations drawn together in the love of God as known in Jesus Christ. We affirm our diversity of culture, gender, and theological perspectives as gifts for ministry. We covenant to share the gospel of Christ, encourage each other in our faith, and share our resources in witness and mission.

May you be blessed in this gathering — we are blessed by your presence!
FRIDAY PRE-EVENTS — OCTOBER 12

9:30am-12pm **Learning Opportunity Offered** by CENTRAL Wisconsin Seminary Site | **Fellowship Hall**

“Interfaith Friendship in the Shadow of the Holocaust: Lessons past and present.”

A moderated panel discussion and an intertextual study. Drawing on the historical work by ABCUSA General Secretary, Rev. Dr. Lee Spitzer, *Baptists, Jews, and the Holocaust*, representatives from Jewish, Muslim, Sikh, and Baptist traditions will examine what Interfaith Friendship looks like today. What are the lessons we can learn from Baptist responses to the rise of anti-Semitism in the 20th Century? What might those lessons as well as current questions reveal about the value of interfaith friendship in responding to bigotry and injustice today?

Rachel Baum | Jewish  
Swarnjit S. Arora | Sikh  
Janan Atta-Najeeb | Muslim  
Archie L. Ivy | Baptist  
Richard P. Olson | Moderator  
John A. Jones IV | Host

1-5pm **Ministry Partner Exposure Tour**—visit Milwaukee-based ministry partners Housing Ministries, Milwaukee Christian Center, and Project Focal Point; learn about the ministries, and explore collaboration opportunities. Dinner provided by Project Focal Point. (Vans depart from Pilgrim Rest).

5pm thru 2:30pm Sat **Exhibition Hall | Fellowship Hall**

Visit with our sponsors and other ministries throughout the weekend:

ABCUSA (Office of the General Secretary)  
American Baptist Home Mission Societies/Judson Press  
Central Baptist Theological Seminary  
Milwaukee Christian Center  
Camp Tamarack  
International Ministries  
The Crossing Campus Ministry  
Wisconsin Ministers Council

5pm **Conference Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary**

Attendees are invited to join a choir led by our Chris Crain, conference musician. The choir will sing during Friday evening and Saturday afternoon worship services.
ANNUAL GATHERING SCHEDULE
FRIDAY — OCTOBER 12

5:00pm  Exhibit Hall opens | Fellowship Hall; Rehearsal/Sound check for worship service | Sanctuary
5:30  Registration opens for full Annual Gathering participants | Choir Room

7:00  Opening Worship Service | Sanctuary
“Naming our Journeys of Faith—The Psalms and the Arts”
Call to Order; Guest Worship Leader; Conference Choir; Offering

Followed by President’s Reception, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Ixonia
Exhibit Hall open

LEADING IN OUR PLENARY SESSIONS THIS WEEKEND

John W. Polite III
Friday Night Worship Leader, Guest Pastor/Artist

Trinette McCray
Saturday AM/PM Plenary Presenter/Facilitator, Consultant
Martin Childs, Jr.
Saturday AM Plenary Presenter, Host Pastor
Delight Antos
Worshipful Work Session Convener, ABC/WI President

Marie Onwubuariri
ABC/WI Regional Executive Minister
Patricia Hernandez
Saturday Co-Preacher, ABCUSA Associate General Secretary
Don Ng
Saturday Co-Preacher, ABCUSA Past President

THIS WEEKEND’S OFFERINGS: All checks should be made out to “ABC/WI.”
Friday Worship: Supporting Pilgrim Rest ministries that incorporate and encourage the arts and ABC/WI regional ministries.
Saturday Worship: Supporting the ministries of the Office of the General Secretary ABCUSA. (such as ABCUSA Mission Summit, Caucuses, Interim Ministries, Women in Professional Ministry, etc.)
You may submit your offering to support ABC/WI regional ministry using the available offering envelops located on the lunch tables or the registration table any time throughout the weekend.
ANNUAL GATHERING SCHEDULE
SATURDAY — OCTOBER 13

8:00am  Registration for Saturday Arrivals | Choir Room

8:45  American Baptist Women’s Ministries – ANNUAL MEETING – The officers will be reporting on the year’s events and the planning for next spring’s retreat. Guest speakers from Racine’s HALO (Homeless Assistance Leadership Organization) to present on their ministry as part of the ABWM mission focus on Homelessness in the US and Puerto Rico.

Wisconsin Ministers Council – ANNUAL MEETING – all ministers, council members and non-members are welcome. This is an organization led by ministers for ministers, encouraging collegiality, centeredness, and competence. Annual elections for the executive committee will take place, as well as discussion around how the Council can meet the needs of our ministers in this coming year.

ABC/WI Men’s Ministry – All men are invited to this morning session for spiritual encouragement and mission inspiration, led by Rev. Edmond Davis, Associate Pastor for Men’s Ministry, Pilgrim Rest: King David and how his example informs the kind of character and service God requires of us today. The various collaborative ministries of Pilgrim Rest will also be shared, celebrating what God has been doing in their community.

9-2:30pm  Youth Track [Middle/High Schoolers] | Youth Rooms LL
9:45-12pm  Children’s program | Children’s Wing

10:00  Plenary Session 1 | Sanctuary
“Converging our Journeys of Faith—Collaboration and Equipping for the Mission”
Theme Exploration, Theological Grounding, & Shared Missional Concerns

11:05-11:55  Breakout Sessions: Go deeper on specific missional concerns and exploring potential collaborations (see pages 6-7)

12:00pm  Lunch: Fellowship and continued informal conversations | Cafeteria Lower Level
Please allow those with lunch tickets (pre-registrants) to be served first, and please sit at your designated association table.

1:15  Plenary Session 2: Building Upon Learning and Next Steps | Cafeteria Lower Level
Worshipful Work Session: Annual Meeting (see pages 8-10) | Sanctuary

2:00  Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary

2:45  Closing worship service | Sanctuary
“Reframing our Journeys of Faith: Sending Out Together”
Guest co-preachers; Conference Choir; Offering

4:00  Adjournment

Staying in the Milwaukee area for Sunday morning?
We encourage you to worship at any of our ABC/WI churches in the greater Milwaukee area for Sunday worship.

One suggestion: Special guest Rev. John Polite will be preaching at Progressive Baptist Church, Milwaukee where Rev. Walter Lanier is the Pastor.
1. Clergy Compensation and Taxes: Steadfast on the Journey to Financial Security | Classroom #104
Participants to gain an understanding of the unique circumstances surrounding clergy compensation and taxes, including just basis for salary, SECA taxes, withholding taxes, housing allowances, and reimbursed expenses.

Paul Weers: A certified financial planner having served MMBB for ten years.

2. End Child Poverty: Working Together for Audacious Goals | Classroom #203
In the ‘End Childhood Poverty’ initiative, four state-wide partners (two faith-based and two secular) have joined together to lead a call for a commitment to cut childhood poverty and associated racial disparities in half in ten years. Local churches can learn how to join with their neighbors to make an impact in their regions.

Peter Bakken: Public Policy Coordinator for the Wisconsin Council of Churches, supporting faith-based advocacy on poverty, hunger, immigration, environmental stewardship, and other issues.
Dawn Ankney: Organizer for Congregations United to Serve Humanity in Kenosha, an affiliate of the WISDOM network.

3. Intentional Faith-Based Interventions: The Police and The Church | Classroom #101
The local church can partner with the local police department in an effort to heal the city. Let’s discuss how we can begin collaborating together to impact violent crime in areas of our city, spurred on by intentional faith based interventions to yield lasting remedies to deep rooted issues.

Captain Willy O. Murphy is a 22 year veteran of the City of Milwaukee Police Department and currently the Captain of Police for District #7.
Rev. Terry Toney is the Coordinator of the Sherman Park Police & Residence Listening Circles.

4. Moving Toward a Shared Vision: Keeping Milwaukee’s Older Adult Immigrants and Refugees Healthy and in Their Homes | Classroom #102
A strong community works together to honor and care for all its elders. Learn how the Milwaukee Christian Center and Hayat Pharmacy have accomplished this within Milwaukee’s refugee and immigrant communities by rooting their work in building relationships, listening, leveraging one another’s assets, experimenting, and reflecting.

Song Xiong: MCC’s Senior Program Manager has a passion for empowering Milwaukee’s immigrant and refugee populations to lead full lives and has worked as a teacher and nonprofit leader supporting youth, adult, and older adult immigrants and refugees across Milwaukee for 15+ years.
Baker Al-Qudsi: VP of Marketing and Business Development at Hayat Pharmacy and local entrepreneur, is an experienced business and marketing communications professional with experience in negotiating, consulting, communication, and closing skills. In his free time he has initiated several start-ups, including MiButler – an on-demand delivery service established in 2014.

5. Raising Awareness and Decreasing Mental Illness Stigma In and Through the Faith Community | Sanctuary
Attendees will be introduced to basic principles to raise awareness and decrease mental illness stigma in general and the journey to do this specifically in and through a local congregation.

Rev. Walter Lanier is in his seventh year as pastor of Progressive Baptist Church and is actively involved in areas of mental health, social justice, urban education, and community health.
Brenda Wesley is a long-term community educator in the area of mental illness and a writer and playwright with a production called ‘Pieces: In Our Own Voice’, raising awareness about mental illness.
6. Refugees in Milwaukee: What is being done and how you, too, can be involved | Classroom #202
Of the 1003 refugees that came to Wisconsin last year, 705 live in Milwaukee. Learn how one collaborative initiative of local churches are meeting their needs in Jesus’ name.

  **Gary Alexander**: has 13 years of experience as an overseas missionary and is now serving alongside a local collaboration of churches to serve the international population of Southside Milwaukee.

  **Karen Alexander**: has served for 8 years in Tajikistan, central Asia, and is now excited about this ministry venture in the local community.

7. Starting From Scratch: Stone Soup’s focus on community | Classroom #204
It doesn’t take a great plan to be in place to start something new. Focusing on relationships can be the key.

  **Tony Penton**: one of the founders of Stone Soup, a weekly community shared meal which now serves about 50 people.

  **Kelly Kracht**: Stone Soup community member who has become a key part of the volunteer team.

8. Sustaining Effective Collaborations for Significant Mission Impact | Classroom #201
There are principles of effective collaboration that, consistently practiced, deepen the level of mission impact in all the societal and communal issues we are called to address. We will present these principles along with guidance on how to immediately put them into action.

  **Rev. Muriel L. Johnson**: Area Minister, American Baptist Great Rivers Region. Muriel brings maturity, energy, and a deep commitment to God and American Baptist life that keeps her hopeful about the best possibilities for congregations and communities.

  **Rev. Lisa Harris-Lee**: National Director of Mission Engagement, American Baptist Home Mission Societies. Lisa’s ministry passion has always been bringing people closer to God and to each other and nurturing collaborations among American Baptist partners in her ministry within ABHMS.

9. Unity and Diversity in the Body: Autism Awareness | Board Room (beyond Exhibit-Fellowship Hall)
This session will introduce you to Our TreASures, Inc. and their efforts to bring Autism Awareness to communities, support to families affected with Autism Spectrum Disorders and inspiration and empowerment through the gospel. As we review 1 Corinthians 12:12-27, we are reminded that each of us is created, gifted and purposed to be a part of the Body, but only together do we become the Body of Christ.

  **Scott and Cathy Muro** are parents of three wonderful sons, with two on the Autism Spectrum. With no luck in finding a support group that met their needs early in their journey, they founded Our TreASures in 2009 to connect families affected by Autism for support, guidance, and to share and learn from real life experiences. In addition to support groups, Our TreASures has worked in collaboration with others to incorporate education and ministry to their mission.

10. Wisconsin Un/Leaded | Classroom #103
This session will present information about the aging infrastructure of public water systems and the negative health effects of lead consumption, especially for children and women of child-bearing age. Healthy habits will be discussed to reduce the chances of lead exposure at home.

  **Stephen Hawkins** is an ABC minister who recently returned from serving in the Peace Corps and is now the Program Director for the Interfaith Earth Network/Interfaith Conference of Greater Milwaukee.

  **Kirsten Shead** and **Brenda Coley** are Co-Executive Directors of Milwaukee Water Commons, a cross-city community water network that fosters stewardship, connection, collaboration, and leadership on behalf of Milwaukee’s waters.
WORSHIPFUL WORK
ABC/WI ANNUAL MEETING SESSION
2:30 PM - Sanctuary

Please be seated at your Association table at the start of the annual meeting session. Guests can sit either at designed guest tables or at any Association table with space.

Call to Order of business session
2017 Minutes
Regional Executive Minister Report — State of the Region Highlights
Treasurer Report
Nomination Committee Report / Elections
Association Caucuses / Appointments
Board of Managers Proposal (Governance Re-structure)
Dedication of Leaders
Acknowledgements

 ASSOCIATIONS (62 churches)

A.C.T.S. ASSOCIATION (12 Churches) (Area Churches Together Serving)
Brookfield: Immanuel; Ixonia: First; Milwaukee: Community Chinese, Emmanuel Chin, Progressive; South Milwaukee: Milwaukee Chin; Waukesha: First, Karen; Wauwatosa: Underwood Memorial; West Allis: Carson Chin, First, Tabernacle

MADISON ASSOCIATION (7 Churches)
Madison: First, Mount Zion, True Worshippers Community; Mauston: Grace Community; Richland Center: First; Wisconsin Dells: Indian; Wyocena: Community

M.C.U.M. ASSOCIATION (10 Churches) (Milwaukee Congregations United for Mission)
Milwaukee: Calvary, Greater Galilee Missionary, Greater Mt. Zion Missionary, Holy Temple Firstborn Missionary, Metropolitan, Mt. Moriah, New Hope Missionary, Pilgrim Rest Missionary, Songs of Life, Tangible Word

MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION (10 Churches)
Milwaukee: Church on the Porch, Community of Greater Milwaukee, Evangelica Bautista, Holy Mt. Carmel Missionary, Hopewell Missionary, Jeremiah Missionary, Milwaukee Myanmar, Mt. Zion Missionary, Peniel (Karen), Smyrna

NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION (6 Churches)
Berlin: Federated; Fond du Lac: Memorial; Green Bay: Bridge Point; Green Lake: Federated; Neenah: Whiting Community; Sheboygan Falls: Falls Community

SOUTHEASTERN ASSOCIATION (13 Churches)
Beloit: Church of the Living Waters, First, Greater New Hope Missionary; Darien: Community; Delavan: First; Honey Creek: Community; Janesville: First; Kenosha: El Calvario, First; Racine: Christ, First, Renacer, St. Paul Missionary

WESTERN ASSOCIATION (4 Churches)
Hudson: First; La Crosse: First; Tomah: Open Door; Wisconsin Rapids: First
VOTING CHURCH DELEGATES:

During this session, church delegates will be electing region officers, board and commission members, and various reports will be received. While congregations may have an unlimited number of persons participate in the annual meeting, the number of voting delegates is established by the ABC/WI Articles of Incorporation (Article VIII, Section 2). Furthermore, voting delegates must be from congregations that meet the five common criteria for a cooperating church as outlined in the Covenant of Relationships with ABCUSA, and must pay the registration fee as noted in Article XII, Section 7 of the ABC/WI Bylaws.

PREVIOUS YEAR ANNUAL GATHERING DRAFT MINUTES—2017

173rd Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin - October 13 – 14, 2017
Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI.

PROPOSED MINUTES

THEME: “Rooted in and living through Christ”

Program Committee Members: Delight Antos - ABC/WI Vice President; Committee Chair; Russ Antos—Ministers Council; Jacqueline Colbert —ABC/WI President; Kim Drost—ABWM; Franklin Onwubuariri—AB Men; Barbara Jean Sanger—At-Large Member; Staff: Jim Carlson – Hispanic Community Liaison; Marie Onwubuariri—Regional Executive Minister

Friday, October 13, 2017

Afternoon Pre-Gathering: Golfing Event at Lawsonia; Movie Screening in Bauer

6:00 PM Registration began for Friday night attendees in the Bauer Lobby. Volunteers assisted with the registration. The exhibitors set up their displays in Morehouse. The exhibitors in attendance included the AB Foundation, AB Home Mission Societies, Camp Tamarack, Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Judson Press, Milwaukee Cristian Center, Ministers Council, and ABC Wisconsin (Books, Denominational Information)

7:00 PM The worship service began as President Jacqueline Colbert called the Annual Meeting to order. The program was received as presented, and several words of welcome and introductions were given. Offering envelopes were available on the tables, to support ABC/WI regional ministry. Vice President Delight Antos led the Call to Worship, offered the Scripture Reflection, and Opening Prayer. Hornette Washington, Annual Gathering guest musician, accompanied song leader, Jacqueline Colbert on the opening song – “I’ve Anchored in Jesus”. 7:30 PM John Jones gave an introduction to Story Telling/Story Listening. New ABC/WI Pastors Betsy Perkins and Chakravarthy Zadda each shared a personal story. 8:00 PM Story: Trinette McCray of the Urban Center—Milwaukee (UCM), an initiative of the Housing Ministries of American Baptists in Wisconsin, spoke about the new collaborative and their first public events – a series of two consultations on poverty in June 2017. A documentary produced about these consultations was shown, sharing the stories of poverty in Milwaukee and the call to address it.

8:30 PM Story –Russ and Delight Antos led a communion meal with the Annual Gathering attendees in the style of First Baptist Ixonia – “friendship meal” during which participants engaged in sharing with their fellow attendees in unification.

8:50 PM Artist Marty Carney painted throughout the worship and then shared the story of his painting with those gathered. Regional Executive Minister, Marie Onwubuariri, shared her observances of the evening and acknowledged the service of President Jacqueline Colbert.

9:15 PM Kim Drost, ABWM President announced the 140th anniversary of American Baptist Women’s Ministry and invited attendees to a reception in Bauer Lobby. A musical jam session, another movie screening of I Can Only Imagine, and fellowship followed.

Saturday, October 14, 2017

7:30 AM Breakfast was served in the Kraft Dining Hall, followed by registration in the Bauer Lobby for Saturday attendees, Conference Choir practice, and prayer for presenters and facilitators.
9:02 AM Jacqueline Colbert led the Welcome, opening prayer, and opening song, “Standing On The Promises”. Hornrette Washington accompanied the songs and worship on the piano. John Walton introduced keynote speaker and afternoon preacher, Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director, American Baptist Home Mission Societies and Judson Press. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray gave an engaging and inspiring talk - “The Roots of our Witness as American Baptists (and implications for today)”. The presentation was followed by song. Marie Onwubuariri introduced and gave an overview of the Table Conversations - National to Regional Witness.

10:20 AM After a short break participants joined a table based on mission topics of interest. The topics included Mental Health, Ministry with the Least of These, Feeding Ministries, Transformative Community Ministries, Brave Conversations About Race, Transforming Christian Education in the Church, Short-term Immersion Experiences, Christians in Interfaith Settings, Transforming Liturgy and the Praxis of Worship, The Potential of Chaplaincy, Unconventional Church Models for Specific Populations, Connecting Church and Campus Ministry, Spiritual formation/discipleship of children/youth, Young Adult Mentoring/Coaching, and Continuing Challenges and Support for Women in Ministry. Participants handed in their learnings; Jacqueline Colbert led the singing of “Standing on the Promise” during the transition to the Business Session.

11:07 AM Business session begins – Maxine Ashley served as Parliamentarian. Dawn Armstrong served as note-taker. Offering envelopes were available on the tables, supporting regional ministry.

Minutes from the 2016 Annual Gathering were reviewed. Motion to accept the minutes made by Jane Mathison, seconded by Sudie Jones. Motion carried.

Marie Onwubuariri presented the highlights from the State of the Region. The region staffed then introduced themselves. The new ABC of WI website was acknowledged with a thank you to Brian Hastings, who developed the site. New pastors, churches, and ordination anniversaries were announced.

Treasurer, Jim Stirmel, gave the Financial Report. Motion to receive the treasurer’s report was made by Holly Anderle; seconded by Trinette McCray. Report received.

President Colbert directed people to the nomination slate. She announced a correction (inadvertently omitted): Nancy O’Neill was added as a nominee to serve a term on the Commission on Congregational Mission. Jim Carlson, the committee chair; noted vacancies on the slate. Nominations made and accepted from the floor included Jason Mack – Commission on Finance and Sudie Jones – Board of Manager At Large. Nominations were closed. The slate of officers, at-large Board members, and commission personnel, with correction and two additions from the floor, were approved.

Those who have completed their term were thanked and acknowledged. It was clarified that vacancies will remain vacant until the next Annual Gathering.

11:35 AM Association Caucuses were held to select representatives. Afterward, Marie was introduced again along with Arlo Reichter. Arlo spoke about the service of Ted Hertel, Jr. as region attorney (and other positions) for many years. Marie presented a plaque on behalf of the region. Ted followed with a few words. Marie then made a few announcements about the events for the rest of the day.

11:58 AM Jacqueline asked all continuing in their positions, newly elected and those appointed by their associations to stand. She read the list of people named by their respective associations. Arlo led a prayer of dedication. Lunch was announced.

12:00 PM Lunch was served in the Kraft dining hall. The Minister’s council meeting was held in the Tower Dining Room during lunch.

12:45 PM Afternoon activities included Conference Choir practice, breakout sessions: The ABWM Annual Meeting featuring AB Missionaries Jon and Amanda Good and family; Men’s Ministries Program, “Engaging Young Adults for Intergenerational Discipleship,” self-guided tours of GLCC grounds, and a refreshment break.

2:45 PM The closing service commenced in Morehouse. Carolyn Dugan provided a slide show of thoughts and suggestions from the table conversations. The youth in attendance provided the Call to Worship and Opening Prayer. Jim Carlson gave the Call for Offering. Patrick Roberts provided the Scripture Reading. The conference choir sang “Empower Us, Lord”. Jeffrey Haggray was the preacher (Ephesians 3:14-21). Mark Weisser led a time of reflection from the weekend. Newly elected President, Delight Antos, gave appreciations for the weekend and offered the Benediction. The 173rd Annual Gathering was adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted: Dawn Armstrong and Marie Onwubuariri

Final Numbers in Attendance (provided by Betsy Kelnhofer and registration team)

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**FEEDBACK AND REFLECTION SURVEY**

Our hope for the Annual Gathering is that it will be a time of fellowship, learning, and retreat that is shaped not only by the Program Committee and regional staff but by all who attend. We also hope you will experience something that you will be inspired to take back to your communities. Those of you who serve as delegates of your churches may also be invited to share your experience.

To this end, **all attendees** are encouraged to participate in the Feedback and Reflection Survey which is designed to help the planners assess the event, to give you an opportunity to shape future gatherings, and also to encourage you to take time for self-reflection for the purpose of your own discipleship.

*Please go to the following link to fill out our online survey no later than Wednesday, October 31, 2018. A few hard copies of the same survey are available from the registration table on orange paper.*

https://goo.gl/forms/dXN0ko0oUoFxf07m1

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**Annual Gathering Team**

**PROGRAM COMMITTEE MEMBERS**
- Delight Antos, ABC/WI President
- Linda Griffin, Local Church Liaison
- Russ Antos, Ministers Council
- Martin Childs, Jr., Host Pastor
- Kim Drost, ABWM
- Franklin Onwubuariri, AB Men | Volunteers
- Marie Onwubuariri, Regional Executive Minister, ABC/WI | Staff

**YOUTH TRACK:**
- Lynne and Robert LaGrant, Jose Faz, Isai Rincon | Volunteers
- Carolyn Dugan | Staff

**REGISTRATION TEAM**
- Sean Cornell | Staff; Dennis Sampson, Kathy Sampson, Beth Ann Scott | Volunteers

**PARLIAMENTARIAN:**
- Maxine Ashley | Volunteer

**ABC/WI STAFF**
- Jim Carlson | Hispanic Community Liaison
- Sean Cornell | Office Administrator
- Ericka Davis | Communications and Recruitment Specialist
- Kim Drost | Assistant Minister—Camping: Facility and Guest Services
- Carolyn Dugan | Associate Regional Minister—Camping
- John Jones | Associate Regional Minister—Education
- Elaine Mueller | Office Housekeeper
- Marie Onwubuariri | Regional Executive Minister
- Patrick Roberts | Assistant Minister—Education
- Kris Tontis | Accountant (Contractor)
SAVE THE DATE

175th ABC of Wisconsin Annual Gathering
An Anniversary Celebration
Friday-Saturday, October 11-12, 2019
Green Lake Conference Center, Green Lake, WI

An annual event of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin
this year hosted at member church, Pilgrim Rest
Missionary Baptist Church, Milwaukee

AND THANK YOU TO...

the pre-event presenters, New Hope and Metropolitan churches for their van use and drivers, ministry partner tour hosts, worship participants/artists, plenary and break-out sessions leaders, guest preachers, youth track planners and child care leader, registration team, program committee members, region staff, churches who submitted slide show photos, all our host church leaders and volunteers for your hard work and hospitality, and all our attendees for making the 174th Annual Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin possible, synergistic, and memorable.

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