Two by Two

A word from Marie Onwubuariri, Regional Executive Minister

“After this the Lord appointed seventy[a] others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.”

Luke 10:1 NRSV

At this year’s annual gathering we will see many of our speakers leading two by two. In pairs, and in some cases, triads or more. Co-presenting a common message yet with unique perspectives and from unique contexts roles. Friday pre-events will start us off with perspectives from a variety of faith-full people, exploring the notion of friendship in the face of contemporary bigotry and injustice (morning learning event) and expose us to three distinct ways of creating, engaging, and transforming community as exemplified by ministry partners: Housing Ministries, Milwaukee Christian Center, and Project Focal Point (afternoon exposure tour).

The Saturday morning plenary will be co-led by Trinette McCray and Martin Childs, Jr., providing a theological and practical framework for our theme, followed by break-out sessions covering poverty, racism, lead in water crisis, refugee/immigrant support, mental health, missional discipleship, autism, police-community relations, church administration and stewardship, and collaboration principles, all being co-led and/or sharing collaborative approaches to these concerns.

On Saturday afternoon, we will be sent out from closing worship by two preachers sharing the pulpit: Patricia Hernandez, ABCUSA Associate General Secretary and Don Ng, ABCUSA Past President.

Luke 10:1 begins with the words “After this...” If you read chapter 9 there is a LOT that is recorded there; but the last verses of the chapter speaks of Jesus’ comments regarding the inconveniences of — and the excuses for not joining — kingdom work. Despite any obstacles that trouble your path to Pilgrim Rest, I pray you choose to join with others on Oct 12-13 and receive what God has in store.

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