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Rootedness, Nurturing (Collaboration), Growth...

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2019...year three of regional direction. Year 1: tending to roots; Year 2: nurturing our association connectedness through collaboration; Year 3: GROWTH! **But what does growth look like?**

I will guess that as you read this your mind might immediately go to some traditional church growth markers: numbers, engagement, demographic categories of church membership, health of finances to support expenses, and busyness. However, from our conversations and your witness, I KNOW that growth means so much more to many of you. For the writer of the second letter to Thessalonian church, growth in faith was evident alongside growth in love among the people. What are your growth edges for this year?

- ⇒ To grow in authentic **love** for certain fellow believers, fellow colleagues in the ministry, or even for strangers and your enemies?
- ⇒ To grow in your **trust** in God for your daily and special needs, for perseverance in hard times, for power to make positive changes?
- ⇒ To grow in **boldness** for participation in the radical Gospel of Jesus Christ?
- ⇒ To grow in **humility** and **submission** to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
- ⇒ To grow in **stewardship** of the talents, resources, and privileges you have?

However or whatever the growth, **may the world know us by our fruits**. Let us continue to build upon the good fellowship and work we have done together.

We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.

2 Thessalonians 1:3



Camp Tamarack

Waupaca, WI

WINTER YOUTH RETREAT

Feb. 15-17, 2019



This is a time for youth currently in grades 7-12 to gather at Camp Tamarack for fellowship, learning, worship and fun! Full details and a downloadable brochure are available at www.camptamarack.org

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CHURCH AND PEOPLE NEWS

As of January 1, 2019...

- ◇ ABC/WI Office Administrator, **Sean Cornell**, has been become full-time staff, adding the responsibilities of Communications and Special Assistant to the Regional Executive Minister. Region Office public business hours remains Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm.
- ◇ **Zachary Vincent** has begun as Interim Pastor of Fond du Lac, Memorial.
- ◇ **Michael Newheart** has begun as Interim Pastor of Madison, First.

SAVE THE DATE:
175th Anniversary and Annual Gathering of ABC/WI
October 11-12, 2019
Green Lake, WI

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MEN'S RETREAT 2019
Co-Sponsored by Progressive Baptist Church & American Baptist Churches WI



MEN EVOLVING IN CHRIST
GROWTH, GRIT & GRACE

2 KINGS 2:1-4; 10-12

26 | JANUARY 2019

7:30AM - 5PM
COST: \$15 (BREAKFAST & LUNCH INCLUDED)

PROGRESSIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
8324 W. KEEFE AVE
MILWAUKEE WI

ALL BOYS AND MEN **16 yrs old and up...**

ABC Wisconsin Men's Ministry and Progressive Baptist Church are co-sponsoring a one-day Men's Retreat at Progressive Baptist Church
Rev. Walter J. Lanier, Senior Pastor
324 W Keefe Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53222
Cost will be \$15 with breakfast, lunch, program, and fellowship ALL INCLUDED!
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FINAL DEADLINE

Any questions or recommended alterations to the Proposed Changes to the ABC/WI Bylaws must be submitted to the Governance Task Force via the Regional Executive Minister via email to marie.o@abcofwi.org by 2/1/19

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