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Dear ABC/WI Pastor and Church Leaders:

The ABC Wisconsin Commission on Congregational Mission is tasked with promoting, “Christian education; campus ministry; evangelism; church growth; mission service in the state, nation, and world; social justice; and stewardship education.” This is a vast scope of the work for the commission, though many of these topics intersect.

Informed by a survey that the regional office administered in 2017, the commission has discerned a 2019 focus on ***promoting Christian Education, especially Biblical Knowledge, Interpretation, and Application for Local Congregations, with special consideration for new teaching approaches.***

We plan to do this in three ways:

1. **Christian Ed Resources Review/Recommendations:** In collaboration with CENTRAL Wisconsin pastor/biblical scholars, we will distribute “reviews & recommendations” of current educational resources that we hope will be helpful as churches choose materials for their Christian Education programs. *Keep an eye out for these via normal regional communication platforms (website, Synergy E-news, Facebook page).*
2. **Training Events:** Hold Christian Ed workshops that would demonstrate new approaches to bible teaching and make available for review some Christian Ed resources (resource fair). More info. will be available as these develop, but for now...
 - SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, June 29, 2019 – Wauwatosa, WI.
 - SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, October 12, 2019 – Green Lake, WI (in conjunction with ABC/WI Annual Gathering)
 - Madison area training – Date TBD
3. **Mission Project:** Fundraising Project to support Christian Education in Chin State, Myanmar. We encourage our churches to participate in this mission project, raising funds to support the publication of a Bible Stories for Children resource for home-based Christian education. ***See the attached bulletin insert for full details. This project will take place from April 14 – May 31, 2019. Please consider taking up a special offering during this time.***

We know that each church has its own efforts toward good work among your own congregations and within your mission fields. We trust, however, that the commission’s effort will support your congregation individually as well as call us ***together in common and mutual mission and ministries.***

In our service to Christ,

The ABC/WI Commission on Congregational Mission

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