



THE WISCONSIN BAPTIST

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ABC/WI Board of Managers News

Karen Sundland - President of the Board of Managers

The Board of Managers met on May 4th. The Board--*your Board*--gathered at Tudor Oaks Senior Living Community in Muskego, WI to do some incredibly fine work.

Staff members from Tudor Oaks contributed their expertise: Diane Janhke led us in a development exercise based on the Human Synergistics model. Judy Radish gave an overview of Tudor Oaks. Michelle Peterson, one of our own American Baptists and Director of Spiritual Services, led the group in Laughter Yoga. All activities were offered to help us learn to work together well as a Board, and to make us more knowledgeable about Tudor Oaks as an American Baptist resource and ministry partner.

We accomplished several key tasks at this meeting. Your Board reviewed and unanimously passed the final version of **Proposed Changes to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws**, every detail of which has been hammered out during more than two years of work led by the Governance Task Force. This documents will now be presented to you during the summer for final vote by delegates to the Annual Meeting on October 12. Anticipating the new Board structure as described in the proposed Governance documents, we discussed requirements for new Board members.

We also reviewed and affirmed a statement, **Diversity as Gifts for Ministry**, which builds on our region's official mission statement, to use as a guide for working together as a Region of diverse congregations ministering in a variety of circumstances. We approved a **Church Data Sharing Policy**, which defines how the ABC/WI office shares church contact information with our ministry partners.

All of these governance, policy, and guiding statements may not seem exciting at first glance, yet they are necessary to keep the organization of ABC/WI primed for continued growth and vibrant ministry. They are extremely significant in terms of impact. In other words, **the work of your Board of Managers is destined to move ABC/WI toward future ministries of courage, effectiveness and hope.**



MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Gifts and offerings made to One Great Hour of sharing go to assist with material aid for events such as emergency relief (**including flooding relief here in WI this year - 2019**), refugee aid, development assistance, and other works of mercy. Please consider making a donation to this attempt to love our neighbors as ourselves.



W I S C O N S I N

with the Urban Center Milwaukee (Housing Ministries of Wisconsin)

invites **pastors, ministers, & lay leaders**

to **TEACHING PASTORS FORUM**

featuring **Rev. Marvin A. McMickle, Ph.D.,** retiring President of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, focusing on "Prophetic Public Theology in SE Wisconsin Today."

Saturday morning, July 20 (exact time tbd)

Green Tree Community Learning Center
3744 W Green Tree Rd,
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Check www.abcofwi.org website for updates and RSVP info.

PEOPLE NEWS--Congratulations!

- ◇ **Carmen Porco**, CEO of Housing Ministries of WI, will be recognized at a special reception at the Rhodes House (home of the Oxford University Rhodes scholarship) for his endowed faculty chair Center on Business and Poverty, a nonprofit housed at Oxford University.
- ◇ **Patrick Roberts** was called as pastor of **Kenosha, First** and began on May 5, 2019.



2019 Camp Tamarack
camptamarack.org
Not Too Late to Register!

Primary Camp	June 16-19
(finished 1&2 Grades)	
Midler Camp	June 16-22
(finished 3&4 Grades)	
Junior Camp	June 23-29
(finished 5&6 Grades)	
Jr. High Camp	July 7-13
(finished 7&8 Grades)	
Sr. High Camp	June 9-15
(finished 9-12 Grades)	
All-Inclusive Camp	June 30 - July 6
Grandily Camp	June 30 - July 3
Tamarack Tales	July 3-6



Teaching For Transformation

A workshop presented by the ABC/WI Commission on Congregational Mission
SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 2019

10:00AM – 2:00PM

Underwood Memorial Baptist Church
1916 North Wauwatosa Ave
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
(complimentary lunch will be provided)

This free workshop will offer strategies for developing a supportive structure, educational depth, and spiritual rigor in the **preparation of adults called to serve as Christian education leaders and lay instructors in the local church.**

RSVP to: Sean Cornell
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