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Reflections from the 2019 ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit

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The Mission Summit occurs every two years for the whole American Baptist family. It is a time for **learning, renewal, and for meeting and reconnecting with many across the denominational family**. It was a joy to run into close to twenty Wisconsin American Baptists at the June Mission Summit in Virginia Beach—some in the airport, some on the beach boardwalk, most in the convention center! Our ABC/WI attendees participated in a variety of activities, including national Board meetings, the 50th anniversary events of the Black Caucus, meetings of the Asian and Hispanic Caucuses, Orientation to ABC Life briefings, a variety of ministry-equipping workshops and mission-focused conversations, informational and celebratory meal events, plenary worship services, a breadth of networking and fellowship gatherings, and served as leaders of sessions and

worship.

A topic that continues to be on my heart following this year's gathering is the **well-being of our clergy**. I attended two different sessions that addressed this widespread concern. The mental, emotional, and physical health trends of those who commit their lives to vocational ministry continues to raise concerns, even in comparison with other adult populations in the U.S.

"When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him..." Matt 14:13 NIV

How does your church contribute to the poor health of its ministerial leaders? In what ways does it support health? I pray we can collectively foster healthy expectations and practices, especially of those who spend their lives pouring out for others.

Feeling a call to use your gifts beyond the local church?

ABC/WI Nominating Committee is in full swing and now receiving nominations for members of the Board of Managers and Nominating Committee. They also are on the look out for those who may be interested in serving in other commissions or committees of the region or representing the region with partner ministries. More information can be found at or talk with your Pastor about ways you can get involved on the regional level.

Attn: ABC/WI Annual Meeting 2019 Delegates:
See your church office for the Wisconsin Baptist Addendum:
Proposed changes to the ABC/WI Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws.



will be hosting the 4th and final 2019

Teaching Pastors Forum

on THURSDAY, September 19 from 12-1:30pm

Progressive Baptist Church
Rev. Walter J. Lanier, Pastor
8324 W. Keefe Ave., Milwaukee, WI

The topic will be "Why Baptists Need the Church ... and vice versa." All ministers and pastors are invited to RSVP to sean.cornell@abcowfi.org.

additionally:

CENTRAL Wisconsin invites all students, faculty, alumni, and pastors to the

Fall Convocation and Cookout

on Saturday, September 7 at 11am at Hoyt Park, Area 1 1800 Swan Blvd., Wauwatosa, WI

PEOPLE NEWS

- ◇ Richard P. Olson, retired Central Seminary faculty now living in Madison, WI, received the **Suzan Johnson Cook Religious Freedom Award from the AB Homes Mission Societies** at the ABCUSA Mission Summit in June, Virginia Beach.
- ◇ Congratulations to **Patrick Roberts** on his **installation** as Pastor of Kenosha, First on Sunday, July 28.



ABC/WI 175th ANNUAL GATHERING: an Anniversary Celebration
Friday-Saturday Oct 11-12, 2019
Green Lake Conference Center
Green Lake, WI

Project 9520...

ABC/WI member churches and partners are invited to submit a story poster that tells of God's work in your midst. This is a way for us to share our stories and to learn about, love, and have fellowship with our neighbor churches and church members.

For full details on the Annual Gathering, its program, registration, and Project 9520... please visit bit.ly/abcwi2019ag

One Great HOUR MORE THAN WE CAN IMAGINE

OF SHARING 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. Details have been sent to each church office.

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