



THE WISCONSIN BAPTIST

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ARE YOU A STAKEHOLDER?

Karen Sundland, President of ABC/WI Board of Managers

Are you a stakeholder in the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin? Does the future of our Region matter to your life, your faith, your legacy for the future? If you are taking the time to read this bulletin insert, you are!

Are you a stakeholder? Then attend the Annual Gathering! This year, our Gathering is being held at the beautiful Green Lake Conference Center, October 11-12. It is our 175th Anniversary as a region. We as a region are younger, by just a few years, than many of the first Baptist churches in our state.

Only a few years after their founding, Baptist congregations in Wisconsin sought to associate with other like-minded churches through societies cooperating for missions and benevolence. ABC/WI descends from these early societies. Through ABC/WI, individual congregations continue to work together to embrace our diversity and share our common vision.

We will begin the Annual Gathering on Friday night with a banquet celebrating our 175 years. We will continue on Saturday morning with Worshipful Work, moving our Region toward a wellspring of abundant life as we affirm our new governance structure. We will join with American Baptist family from across the state, and guests from around the country. This year, we celebrate as we continue to write our story.

Are you a stakeholder? Come, join us as we celebrate the past and embrace a future of abundance and joy.

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

ABC/WI Nominating Committee is 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 www.abcofwi.org or talk with your Pastor about ways you can get involved on the regional level.

Deadline to submit nomination paperwork is Thurs. Sept 12.

2nd NOTICE

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@abcofwi.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

CHURCH & PEOPLE NEWS

Congratulations on Aug. events to:

- ◇ **Milw., Myanmar** —5th Anniversary
- ◇ **Milw., New Hope** —72nd Anniversary
- ◇ **Milw., Mount Zion** — 100th Anniversary
- ◇ A biography of **Carmen Porco** has been published: *The Carmen Porco Story: Journey Toward Justice.*

Sympathy:

- ◇ **Mrs. Mary Roberts**, mother of Minister Patrick Roberts (ABC/WI staff/Kenosha, First pastor) passed away on 7-27-2019 at the age of 90.
- ◇ **Rev. Joe Wallace**, retired ABC pastor and member of La Crosse, First, passed away on 7-25-2019 at the age of 95.

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ABC/WI 175th ANNUAL GATHERING

Friday-Saturday Oct 11-12, 2019

Green Lake Conference Center

Upcoming Deadlines:

- ◇ Early Bird Registration : Tues. Sept. 24.
- ◇ Final Pre-Registration : Thurs. Oct. 3.
- ◇ Saturday Meal ticket prices increase by \$2/day after Fri. Sept. 27.
- ◇ Banquet & Saturday Meal tickets will not be guaranteed after Tues. Oct. 8.

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



Pastor's Names Being Used in Gift Card E-mail Scams

There have been a rash of scams involving persons impersonating real pastors asking for emergency assistance via having you purchase a gift card for them and sending them the card info.

NEVER RESPOND TO OR CLICK ON LINKS IN THESE E-MAILS

If, for whatever reason, you think it may be a genuine request for assistance, call your pastor or church office first. Always check the actual e-mail address (not just the sender name).

For more information visit <https://www.usa.gov/common-scams-frauds#item-211606> and click on *Charity Scams.*