

American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin
177th Annual Gathering
2021
Romans 12:3-5



OCTOBER 2, 2021
SATURDAY, 9 am - 3 pm
ZOOM | VIRTUAL PLATFORM

PROGRAM

9:00-10:00 am – WORSHIPFUL WORK: Annual Meeting
10:15-11:45 am – BREAKOUT SESSIONS: 3 Options
12:15-12:45 pm – PLENARY SESSION: Lunchtime Speaker
1:00-1:45 pm – EQUIPPING SESSIONS: 3 Options
2:00-3:00 pm – CLOSING WORSHIP

together living faithfully through christ today

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

9:00-10:00 AM | ANNUAL MEETING | For delegates

A session for delegates to include elections of new members to the Board of Managers and Nominating Committee members, reports from the region staff and Board officers, and general updates and announcements regarding our regional family including an update from the REM Search Committee.

10:15-11:45 AM | Select 1 from 3 options BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

Our BREAKOUT Session offerings are meant to inform and inspire, providing ample opportunity for receiving a presentation as well as interacting with one another.

A – “Mindful Self-Compassion for Caregiver Fatigue“

Join Dr. Barbara Moser for a session in which she'll introduce you to the concept of “self-compassion” which will help you live out the second of the greatest commandments to “Love your neighbor as yourself” (Mark 12:31). Our compassion and care for our neighbors can only be sustained by compassion and care for ourselves.

B – “Exploring ‘Hybrid’ Church- A Spiritual Practice in Community”

Join Rev. Jacki Belile for a session to discuss both practical and theological elements in choosing to be “church” in the current era. As we emerge from pandemic shutdown and “online” church, how will we do church differently moving forward? And what will that mean for our understanding of what it means to be the church? Rev. Jacki will share from personal experience at her small church in Chicago, as well as introduce themes, patterns and questions from the wider Body of Christ. Her touchstone verse in this epic era is 2 Timothy 1:7.

C – Thematic Bible study: “Better Together: The Body of Christ working in unity”

Join Rev. Dr. Marcus Allen, pastor of Madison, Mt. Zion, for a thematic Bible Study exploring the metaphor of the “Body of Christ.” What does this image – from several passages in scripture – help teach us about what it means to be “Church Together”?

12:15-12:45 PM | LUNCH SPEAKER

Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches
“Celebrating Church When You See It”

Join Rev. Kerri Parker, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Council of Churches, for our plenary session over lunch when she'll share stories of church unity, everyday ecumenism, and celebrating the diversity of the church.

1:00-1:45 PM | Select 1 from 3 options EQUIPPING SESSIONS

Our EQUIPPING Session offerings are intended to provide suggestions and resources for engaging in the work of ministry.

A – Providing Mental Health Support in Church

Come together to share contacts and resources to help your church become more intentional in support of mental health. Facilitated by Rev. Walter Lanier, Pastor of Milwaukee, Progressive, Brenda Wesley and Thomasina Jenkins.

B – Suggestions and Resources for Using Technology as Church Together

Come together to share and to receive suggestions, ideas, and examples of using technology to “be church” in a new and altered environment. Facilitated by Rev. Eric Lundquist.

C – Hands and Feet Together: Church Mission in a New Era

Description: How has the pandemic changed the way churches do mission work? How do we continue to be the “hands and feet” of Christ TOGETHER? What has changed in the past year? Facilitated by Cathy Muro.

2:00-3:00 PM | CLOSING WORSHIP

Join together with people and congregations from around Wisconsin. Celebrate our diverse gifts. Hear preaching on the theme of “Church Together” from Rev. Dr. Demetrius Williams, pastor of Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee and comments from newly elected ABC/WI President, Rev. Brandle Morrow.

TECH SUPPORT: (262) 782-3140 (SATURDAY 8:45-3:00)

ZOOM INFO: bit.ly/ag2021zoomguide



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PRE-SERVICE IN MEMORIAM SLIDESHOW

Accompaniment Song: "One Day Some Day" Written by Chris Crain, used with permission

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Cathy Muro, Member of the ABC/WI Board and Program Committee
Home Church: Immanuel Church Brookfield

OPENING SONG: Ven (Come, Now is the Time to Worship) by Brian Doerkson
Iglesia Bautista Renacer, Racine Praise Team

OPENING LITANY

Kurt Kaufman, Federated Church, Green Lake

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of us, as he chose.

If all were a single member, where would the body be?

As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body,

but the members may have the same care for one another.

If one member suffers, all suffer together with it;

if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. Now we are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

Draw us together as one body, O Lord, offered to you as a sacrifice of praise.

CHORAL SONG: Revitalize! Build our Church Written by Rev. Chit Nyi
Milwaukee Myanmar Christian Church Choir

SCRIPTURE READING & INTRODUCTION OF PREACHER: Psalm 133
Rev. Dr. John Jones, Interim Regional Executive Minister – ABC/WI

MUSICAL OFFERING: Worthy by Elevation Worship
Immanuel Church Brookfield Praise Team

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Demetrius Williams, Pastor, Community Baptist Church of Greater Milwaukee

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: BIND US TOGETHER Written by Bob Gillman
Steve Crane, Music Minister, Underwood Memorial Baptist Church, Wauwatosa

CLOSING WORDS

Rev. Brandle Morrow, Incoming ABC/WI President of the Board of Managers

SENDING SONG: MAKE US ONE by Ariose Music
Mary Schecher, Music Minister, First Baptist Church, West Allis



SCRIPTURE REFERENCES & HYMN LYRICS

“For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.”

Romans 12:3-5 NRSV

Psalm 133

The Blessedness of Unity

¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

Ven, Es Hora De Adorarle

Marcos Barrientos

Writer: Brian Robert Doerksen

Ven, Es Hora De Adorarle
Ven, abre Tu Corazón A El
Ven, Ante Su Trono Estamos
Ven, Ante La Majestad De Dios, Ven

Toda Lengua Confesará que El Es Dios
Las Rodillas Se Doblarán
Y un Tesoro Eterno Tendrás En El
Si Escojes Su Amor

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time to give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are before your God
Come
One day every tongue will confess You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Revitalize! Build our Church

Rev Chit Nyi (Ywama Baptist Church)

1 Revitalize! build our Church, which is the body
of Christ.
Just as the ancient people rebuilt the wall and
the city of Jerusalem,
we must revitalize and pray for the Holy Spirit to
help building our Church.

Chorus: God of the Holy Spirit! we ask you to
come; to build our Church, please renew
everyone's spirit.

2. We needed to correct so many things in the
last years.

We did so many things with our own desire.
Please forgive our sins, and continue using us;
please strengthen us to build our Church with
love.

3. Hey, the members of the Church, let us serve
our God.

Let us take responsibility to bring salvation to
the people.

For everyone can take the duty that God has
given us,
we will ask God to give us spiritual strength and
to renew our spirits.

Bind Us Together

Bob Gillman

BIND US TOGETHER, Lord, Bind us together
With cords that cannot be broken.

Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we can sing:

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FEEDBACK SURVEY:

Our hope for the Annual Gathering is that it will be a time of fellowship, learning and inspiration that is shaped not only by the Program Committee and regional staff, but also by all who attend. We also hope you will experience something that you will be inspired to take back to your communities.

To this end, all attendees are encouraged to participate in the Feedback and Reflection Survey designed to help the planners assess the event, to give you an opportunity to shape future gatherings, and to encourage you to take time for self-reflection for the purpose of your own discipleship.

Please use the link below to fill out our online survey no later than Friday, October 8, 2021 Thank you. bit.ly/ag2021survey

SUPPORT ABC WISCONSIN GIVING

To give online, go to bit.ly/ag2021giving or support the work of American Baptists through your local church mission giving.

APPRECIATIONS

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IN ADDITION... We would also like to thank the following people who contributed to this virtual event: all our ministry partners for their video greetings, Rev. Kerri Parker for being our lunch speaker, all workshop and equipping facilitators and panelists, Steve Crane, Mary Schecher, Milwaukee Myanmar Christian Church choir, Iglesia Bautista Renacer choir, & Cathy Muro and Immanuel Church Brookfield Worship Team for musical contributions, all closing worship participants, Kurt Kaufmann for editing all video, all of our region committee members and individual volunteers who do “behind the scenes” work to make all the components of our annual gatherings come together. ***LASTLY, THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR ATTENDEES – FOR YOUR PATIENCE, PASSION, AND PERSISTENCE AS WE CONTINUE TO LIVE OUT “CHURCH TOGETHER” SO THAT THE MISSION OF A RELEVANT AND ENGAGING WITNESS FOR JESUS CHRIST WOULD CONTINUE.***



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