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Celebrate Women's History Month as part of ABCWI!

In the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin, we have much to celebrate for Women's History Month. Did you know our American Baptist Churches have led the way for women in ministry?

- In 1847, Ruby Knapp Bixby was licensed to preach by the Honey Creek Baptist Church.
- In 1896, Eliza Symmonds Paulig was ordained as the pastor of Washington Island Baptist Church.
- In 1999, Rev. Dr. Trinette V. McCray was elected as the first clergywoman president of ABCUSA
- In 2014, Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri was the first woman to become the regional executive minister for ABCWI.
- In 2022, ABCWI became the first ABC region to have back-to-back women regional executive ministers by calling Rev. Mindi-Welton-Mitchell.

God has indeed been at work calling women into ministry here in Wisconsin! At one point, our region was ordaining more women than any other region. We celebrate Women's History Month as part of our overall history together and how God will break through any human barriers we may place. We celebrate the gifts women bring to ministry: as ministers, chaplains, Christian Education teachers and directors, Bible study leaders, ushers, deacons, mission leaders, and much more! Celebrate the women in your church by sharing about the women involved in your church's ministry and honor the women in your church this month.

ABCWI News

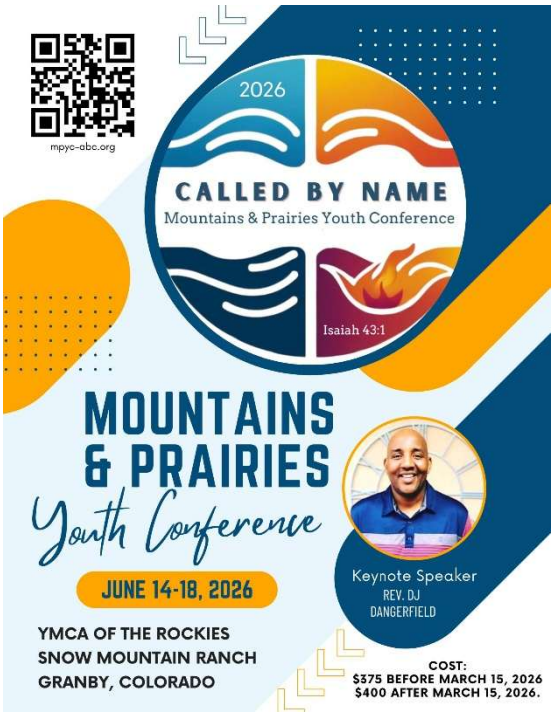
**The Leadership Training Academy will hold Baptist History & Polity Tues. 6:30-8:30 p.m. April 7, 14, 20 & May 5, 12, 26. This class is open to everyone: pastors and laity! Join us to learn.*
https://www.abcofwi.org/lta/

**We are hiring a new Regional Office Administrator. Please visit www.abcofwi.org/ministryjobs for the job description*

**ABCWI has a Community Resources page for resources on housing, food assistance, senior services, immigration resources and more: https://www.abcofwi.org/church-resources/community-resources/*

We will update these resources as they become available.

Important Dates	**NEW Office Hours** Regional Office	**Important Dates** Camp Tamarack
ABCWI Board of Managers Meeting **Sat. March 7** **9:30-12 p.m.** **On Zoom**	TBD – we are in a transition time Please call 262-782-3140 and leave a message or dial x2 for the REM **2025 Annual Reports Due March 31st!**	**Earth Day at Camp!** **Sat April 18, 10-4pm** Cost: $15 camptamarack.org



Mountain and Prairies Youth Conference
NEW KEYNOTE SPEAKER!
Grades 9-12 June 14-18, 2026
Early Bird Deadline March 15th.
Youth & Youth Leaders register together (one leader of the same gender needed per 8 participants or fewer). We can combine churches together to help meet the needs. Scholarships available!
Visit https://www.abcofwi.org/education-opportunities/

This is a fantastic opportunity for Sr. High youth in grades 9-12 for 2025-2026 to gather for worship, learning, and fellowship with youth from around the country!

Camp Tamarack Dates:
Senior High (grades 9-12) June 21-25
Junior & Jr High (grades 5-8) June 21-25
Primary/Middler (grades 1-4) June 28-July2
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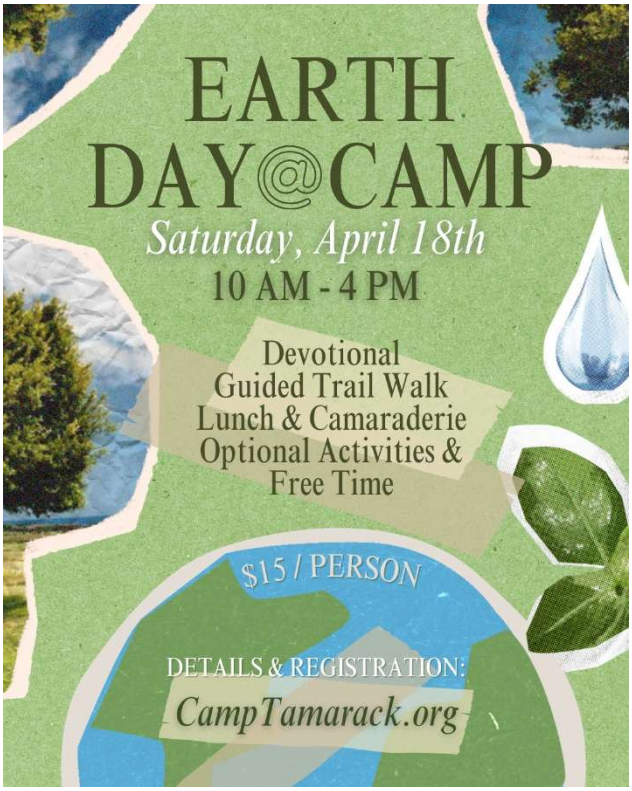
Camp Tamarack Camps & Retreats 2026 https://camptamarack.org/2026-abcwi-camps/