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Daily, weekly, and monthly rhythms—combined with the layers of who you are and who you were created to be—create ripples in the world around you. That's our theme for camp this year: **Ripples**.

There is so much meaning in a ripple. In water, sand, or even rock, ripples show movement, impact, and change. Our image for this year features a person paddling a canoe, creating ripples as they move forward. Think about those ripples: how one interacts with another on the water, how they touch the shoreline, how they affect the fish, turtles, and vegetation below the surface. These are ripples you can see almost immediately—small movements that shift the environment around them.

Other ripples take more time. The patterns that form in sand or rock require persistence and pressure. And then there are geological mantle ripples—slow-motion movements deep within the Earth that eventually reshape the landscape. Rhythms and layers affecting our world, seen and unseen.

Jesus tells us to love one another. For some, that instruction feels simple. For others, it comes with layers—personal history, biases, fears, and obstacles. How do we, as complex human beings, love one another while navigating our own inner terrain? What does it look like to create an intentional rhythm of love when daily life gets in the way? *(continued...)*

Important Dates	**Office Hours**	**Important Dates**
Save the Date! ABCWI Annual Gathering **Oct 9-10 Emmanuel Chin Baptist Church, Greenfield!**	Regional Office Tuesdays and Thursdays Call 262-782-3140	Camp Tamarack **Renew Retreat May 28-29 or June 5-6** camptamarack.org

(continued from previous page) Those obstacles—judgment, fear, anger, time, self-worth—are real, and they will be part of our conversations this summer.

I won't give too much away, because you're all invited to come experience it for yourselves! We have a wide variety of programs and retreats this year: our classic grade-based youth camps, Hammock Camp, Empowerment Camp, Inclusive Camp, Redux Camp, Gaming Camp, Stargazing Camp, and more. Visit our website for full descriptions and registration details: www.camptamarack.org.

We know that camp creates both immediate and long-term ripples in the world, and we're grateful to offer another year of being in God's creation, building community, and sending more ripples of love outward.

ABCWI News

Camp Tamarack
Camp & Retreat Schedule:
https://camptamarack.org/2026-abcwi-camps/

Tijuana Mission Trip Presentation:
Wednesday, May 6th, 7pm on Zoom
Hear stories from our 2025 Mission Trip and learn how you can support ministry and mission in Tijuana with our Baptist mission partners! Register here: https://tinyurl.com/abcwiTijuana

Leadership Training Academy:
"Extraordinary Mission through Ordinary Administration:
The Church's Relationship to Laws, Neighbors, Committees, and Money"
June 13, 27 & July 11, 25 – Hybrid
Rev. Dr. Stephen Hawkins – Instructor More info: www.abcofwi.org/lta

Commission on Congregational Mission:
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/

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