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## *Metro Chicago* *eWind*

Suddenly there was...a strong wind blowing, and...  
they were all filled with the Holy Spirit... (Acts 2:2-3, TEV)

A weekly electronic newsletter of the  
American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago  
A patchwork of varied news and announcements  
covering a wide variety of interests reflecting the diversity of the region

June 25, 2008

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid.  
No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.  
In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to God.  
Matthew 5:14-16

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## ABCMC NEWS

### *Disciples Dinner*

It was a joyous evening. The presence of the Spirit was powerful. The speaker was great. The prayers were Spirit-led. The music was fabulous. The food was delicious. The program was wonderful. The program booklets looked terrific. The Spanish and English texts were excellent. The facility was super. The centerpieces were gorgeous. The table settings were lovely. The Daily Disciples were stellar. The Regional Awardees were outstanding. The leadership was inspiring. The certificates were beautiful. Everybody had a splendid time. Aren't you glad you were there?

If you missed ABCMC's third annual Disciples' Dinner, we're so sorry.

"I was amazed at the number of positive comments which I heard as people were leaving Lindner Conference Center," says Carol Jamieson Brown, chair of the planning committee for the Disciples' Dinner. Carol attributed the success of the event to the hard work and prayers of committee members and all who supported the planning efforts.

The evening began with the Executive Minister's reception for special guest Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Executive Director of National Ministries, ABCUSA. Many of us were blessed with the opportunity to chat with Aidsand. David Lindstrom took photographs throughout the evening. It was a joy to see and greet folks from many different ABCMC congregations. We enjoyed tasty treats at the reception. Then it was time for the dinner and program.

ABCMC President Denise Janssen welcomed us all to the event. Greg Henson, Executive Director of Advancement and Enrollment Management for Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, welcomed us to the seminary campus, where the Disciples' Dinner took place at the Lindner Conference Center.

Shakespeare Osorio led the opening prayer and blessing in both Spanish and English.

Randy Creath, performed, and led everyone in singing. His vocal talents, as well as his gifts with guitar and piano (not at the same time) blessed us all. He even shared some original songs.

Denise Janssen did a beautiful job with Powerpoint video projection throughout the evening. With care and planning, she projected the name of each award winner, the words for every song, the title for the speaker, and every little detail, just at the right time in the evening's program.

Denise, as president of ABCMC, and Executive Minister Larry Greenfield, handed certificates to all the awardees. There was much hugging and shaking of hands as faithful disciples were recognized and honored.

Daily Disciples were recognized from eleven different ABCMC congregations:

Community Church of Barrington: **Jayne Majzan**

Community Church of Wilmette: **Mellanie Brennand** and **Meg Pradelt**

Federated Church of Wauconda: **Peggy Redmore** and **Mary Steffen**

First Baptist Church of Chicago: **David Lindstrom**

First Baptist Church of Park Forest: **Willie Mae Gooch** and **Herman Pork** (posthumously)

First Baptist Church of Waukegan: **Hector Gonzales**  
Grace Baptist Church: **Judy Healy**  
Irving Park Baptist Church: **Jim Byrne** and **Nora Byrne**  
North Shore Baptist Church: **John Dawson**  
Second Baptist Church of Wheaton: **Richard Sublett**  
South Church: **Patricia McNabb**

Four regional awards were also given:

Elmer Johnson Award for Exemplary Service to the American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago: **Drucilla Hargrett**  
William A. Johnson Award in Educational Ministries: **David Scoble** and **Rev. Wanda Scoble**  
Esther Davis Award in Ministries of Social Justice: **Rev. Dr. Marshall E. Hatch, Sr.**  
Jitsuo Morikawa Award for Relating Christian Faith to Contemporary Life: **Edgar Santiago**

Hearing about the ministries of all the awardees, we felt challenged to become ever more faithful disciples. Francine Stark, Vice President of ABCMC, introduced our guest speaker, Aidsand Wright-Riggins. Aidsand spoke on being disciples with "Subversive Spirituality."

We gave an offering to ABCMC. We enjoyed more music. David Sagar gave the closing benediction. We went home with happy hearts and challenged spirits.

We thank Carol Jamieson Brown, Jasmyne Brown, Randy Creath, Larry Greenfield, Judy Healy, Greg Henson, Denise Janssen, Lynne Kelley, David Lindstrom, Dawn Noldan, Shakespeare Osorio, Carter Page, Tony Rake, David Sagar, Jesse Smith, Francine Stark, Aidsand Wright-Riggins, Inés Young, Lowell Young, everybody at the First Baptist Church of Park Forest, Brenda Storm and the rest of the staff of the Lindner Conference Center, Ann Zyer and everyone at Noteable Events, Inc. (the caterers), and each person who contributed in any way to this year's Disciples' Dinner. We thank our advertisers; Patrons Thomas J. Litwiler, Douglas and Linda Sharp, and William and Sharon Wallin; Sponsors Lowell and Inés Young; and Friends Jacki Belile and Carla Riggs. All the hard work and prayers resulted in a memorable event.

## ***Thinking Theologically***

ABCMC's Executive Minister pens a biweekly column for Protestants for the Common Good. His latest column is attached.

## ***Resource: Ways to Appreciate Pastoral Staff***

A resource on ways a congregation might express appreciation for pastoral staff is now posted on the Ministers Council website. It is hoped that this will raise consciousness among lay leaders about the value of pastoral appreciation and expand imaginations about strategies. Please visit <http://www.ministerscouncil.com/documents/appreciationmlc08.pdf>

# **NEWS FROM ABCMC CONGREGATIONS**

## ***Interim Pastor***

Community Baptist Church in Warrenville has called a member of the church, Rev. Connie Stone, to minister as Interim Pastor. Connie is a graduate of Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, and also ministers as a chaplain at Edward Hospital in Naperville. Many in the ABCMC family know Connie, since she is actively involved with the region in many ways, including the Ordination Council and the Ministers Council. She has also preached in many ABCMC churches. Connie and Community Baptist Church are enjoying their ministry together.

## ***Fifth Anniversary***

The First Baptist Church of Park Forest and their pastor, Rev. Carol Jamieson Brown, are celebrating five years of ministry together. A hard-working pastor, Carol serves the church faithfully. She is also active in a variety of areas in the

life of ABCMC, including chairing the recent Disciples' Dinner, and working with her spouse Jesse Brown in arranging for ABCMC youth to go to More than a Week in Estes Park, Colorado next month. Congratulations to congregation and pastor as they celebrate this milestone.

### ***Ministering to the Masculine Spirit***

Calvary Baptist Church, 2309 E. 80th Street, Chicago, will host a Men's Day Weekend on June 28-29 at the church. The theme for the weekend will be "Ministering to the Masculine Spirit."

Saturday will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m. From 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be a Boys, Youth, and Men's Seminar. John Worthy, Juvenile Probation Officer in the Juvenile Justice System will speak at 9 a.m. Melvin Caldwell, M.S.W., from Education and Family Matters, will speak at 10:30 a.m.

The Sunday morning worship service will continue the Men's Day Weekend event. The guest preacher will be Curtis Whittaker, Assistant Pastor, Progressive Community Church, Gary, Indiana.

Please encourage boys, youth and men to attend these events, especially the Saturday seminar.

### ***175th Anniversary Year Celebrations***

*This invitation is from the First Baptist Church of Chicago.*

The First Baptist Church of Chicago will be celebrating its 175th Anniversary during 2008. Please join as we celebrate. Our Men's Day Service will be Sunday, July 13th at 11:00 a.m. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Kenneth Phelps, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church. On Anniversary Sunday, October 12th at 11:00 a.m. Dr. Michael Thomas, the Director of the Doctor of Ministry Program at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary will be our guest speaker. On Sunday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. our guest speaker will be Rev. Reginald Bachus, Pastor of the historic Friendship Baptist Church of Chicago.

Dr. Roy Medley, the General Secretary of ABCUSA will be our guest speaker on December 14th at 11:00 a.m.

### ***Spring into Summer Funraiser at Irving Park Baptist***

The music department of Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, will present a concert, "Spring into Summer," and "Funraiser" on Friday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. This congregation is blessed with talented and creative musicians. Go to the concert, have some fun and share in their blessing.

### ***98th Anniversary: Department of Missions***

The Saint John Church-Baptist Department of Missions will celebrate its 98th anniversary on Sunday, June 29, 2008 at the church, 4821 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. The theme will be "Servants of God: Called, Chosen and Faithful," based on Galatians 5:13 and Revelation 17:14b. Deaconess Earlene Blanchard will be the morning lay speaker.

An afternoon program at 1:30 p.m. will have the sub-theme, "Standing on their Legacy: Footprints in the Sands of Time." Sister Louise C. Moore is President of the Department of Missions. Dr. Ricky Freeman is Senior Pastor of the church.

### ***Unity Revival***

Save the dates for Irving Park Baptist's Unity Revival, August 1-3. Guest preachers will include Rev. Ozzie Smith, Rev. Carol Brown, Rev. Zina Jacque; Rev. Ramon Soto, and more! Join them on Friday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, August 3 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m. More details to follow soon. You won't want to miss this one!

### ***Community Health and Wellness Fair***

Irving Park Baptist Church is holding its 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual "Community Health and Wellness Fair," on Saturday, August 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please come out as we hear from community health agencies, the local "Y" (they taught us belly-dancing last year!), financial consultants, and others who will provide vital information for health and wholeness. We'll have good healthy food, too!

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### ***Fifth Annual Faith-Based Conference***

On July 17, Prevention Partnership will host the Fifth Annual Faith-Based Conference on preventing the spread of HIV-AIDS. Through this conference, a large coalition of organizations and churches are seeking to provide resources for those who are working in the area of HIV-AIDS education and prevention. It will take place at the Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, 3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook. The event will include workshops on program development, implementation, grant writing, and evaluation. This is a free conference event. Seating is limited, and available on a first come, first served basis. To guarantee your slot, pre-register at 773-378-4195, extension 21.

### ***Forgiveness***

Living Well Ministries presents the upcoming programs related to forgiveness, health and peace.

TUESDAY, July 1, 7-9pm: "The Power of Forgiveness." Film and Discussion. The expansive film explores forgiveness in such varied circumstances as personal loss and complex social tragedies and oppression, such as racism, 9-11, and the Holocaust. Includes interviews with people from many faith traditions and with those who are conducting forgiveness research about the physical, mental and spiritual benefits of forgiveness. Brief discussion will follow. See [www.journeyfilms.com](http://www.journeyfilms.com) for more info. Free. RSVP.

TUESDAYS, July 8-29: Freedom through Forgiveness Support Group. This 4-week group is for those who seek support on the journey toward the freedom of forgiveness. Our time together will include a fresh definition of forgiveness, sharing our struggles, weekly exercises, and meditation. People of all backgrounds and circumstances are welcome. Registration: \$65/\$55 if paid by July 1. This group is closed to newcomers after the first session.

Unless otherwise noted, all events are located at St. James Presbyterian Church at 6554 N. Rockwell Street, Chicago, IL 60645. ENTER AT ROCKWELL STREET ENTRANCE. To register, send check payable to "Living Well Ministries" to this address. For more information, contact facilitator Rev. Jacki Belile at 773.655.4357 or [jacki@livingwellministries.net](mailto:jacki@livingwellministries.net) or visit [www.livingwellministries.net](http://www.livingwellministries.net).

### ***Ekklesia Project Gathering***

The Ekklesia Project ([www.ekklesiaproject.org](http://www.ekklesiaproject.org)) hosts an annual three-day gathering each July. This year, the gathering will be at De Paul University in Chicago, July 7-9. The theme will be "Crossing the Divide: Race, Racism and the Body of Christ.

There are some dorm rooms left, and plenty of room for commuters.

3 registration packages are available (which include registration, housing, and meals):

Registration for commuters - \$70

Double room - \$200

Single room - \$295

To register or inquire about financial assistance, contact [Brent Laytham](#) .

For more information, please visit the web site (above).

## ***Raising Freedom's Voice in Illinois' 13th District***

***A Forum on Civil liberties and the Constitution in 2009 and beyond***

**Wednesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2008, 7-9 p.m.**

Annerino Community Center  
201 N. Recreation Drive, Bolingbrook, IL

The forum will feature national and local civil liberties updates from Ed Yohnka, Director of Communications and Public Policy, and James Ferg-Cadima, Legislative Counsel.

Allie Carter, Senior Field Manager, will discuss what you can do to stand up for the Constitution in Illinois' 13<sup>th</sup> District. RSVP to Allie at [acarter@aclu-il.org](mailto:acarter@aclu-il.org) or by calling 312-201-9740 x333.

## **ABCUSA NEWS**

For additional articles from the American Baptist News Service, please visit <http://www.abc-usa.org/whoweare/newsservice/newsservice.aspx>.

### ***National Ministries Sends Relief Funds to Flooded Midwest***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 06/19/08)** — National Ministries has released \$12,000 of One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) undesignated disaster funds to three American Baptist regions hit by flooding in the Midwest. American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky along with Mid-American Baptist Churches each received \$5,000; American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin received \$2,000.

Kenneth George, National Ministries' national coordinator, Direct Human Services, whose office released the funds, says, "I know these grants will address only a fraction of the need that exists among American Baptists severely affected by recent floods, but OGHS funds are limited because of substantial decline in offering receipts over the past few years."

Approximately 20 Indiana churches have reported damage ranging from flooded basements to far more substantial destruction, says Dr. Larry Mason, executive minister of the Indiana and Kentucky region. The primary damage, however, is in the communities that American Baptist congregations call home. Says Mason: "Many members of our churches have lost almost everything; the water came up so fast in many communities that people were not able to get their belongings out and evacuate."

In the Mid-American region, Executive Minister Dr. Marshall Peters says American Baptists are still trying to determine the extent of damage from recent rain. Several churches have experienced some flooding, and members are fighting water in their houses as well.

Flooding is widespread in Wisconsin, says Dr. Arlo Reichter, executive minister of the Wisconsin region. Memorial Baptist Church in Fond Du Lac and First Baptist Church in Richland Center have families in need. At Indian Baptist Church in Wisconsin Dells, four inches of water covered the basement last week. Many roads are closed because of overflowing streams and rivers, Reichter says. "We were less than one inch of rain away from the all-time record for the month of June, and that was on the ninth of the month."

George encourages American Baptists to make designated contributions to OGHS for current flood victims as well as making undesignated contributions through the OGHS annual offering being taken in many ABCUSA church at this time.

"Undesignated disaster funds allow National Ministries to respond more quickly with support for relief and recovery, which is especially important when a disaster doesn't receive the national media attention that generates immediate contributions," says George.

To help brothers and sisters in Christ whose lives have been affected by the recent flooding, send your check—made out to One Great Hour of Sharing and designated for “Midwest Floods”—through normal remittance channels, using the Monthly Support of Mission form, or give online at [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org).

### ***National Ministries Sends More Relief to Flooded Midwest***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 06/24/08)** —National Ministries has released an additional \$10,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) undesignated funds to provide more aid for two American Baptist regions in the flooded Midwest.

Both regions—American Baptist Churches of Indiana and Kentucky along with Mid-American Baptist Churches—will receive \$5,000 in addition to monies sent last week, bringing the total OGHS funds released to \$22,000.

The increased funds were released, says Ken George, National Ministries’ national coordinator, Direct Human Services, because the “scale of flooding and its effects on ABCUSA individuals and property is of such magnitude that more help is needed from the OGHS undesignated disaster funds, even though they are limited, until the expected designated funds start coming in.”

To help American Baptist brothers and sisters in Christ whose lives have been affected by the recent flooding, send your check—made out to One Great Hour of Sharing and designated for “Midwest Floods”—through normal remittance channels, using the Monthly Support of Mission form, or give online at [www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org).

### ***International Ministries Announces 2008 Xtreme Team Thailand***

**VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 06/18/08)** — American Baptist International Ministries announced the Xtreme Team Mission Adventure Program is preparing to send a group of 11 young adults and leaders to do mission outreach in Thailand for the summer. The training, trip and debriefing of the extraordinary experience last from June 12 through July 12. Upon completion, the Team will share its experience at the World Mission Conference, July 18 - 20 in Medford, OR.

For American Baptist young adults, the Xtreme Team enables them to experience the adventure of cross-cultural mission service.

"Xtreme Team is a month of experiences in a different world, in cultural realities far removed from the familiar," said International Ministries Executive Director Reid Trulson. "The Holy Spirit repeatedly uses those culture-stretching extremes to help Team members encounter Jesus Christ in new and powerful ways. The impact on the Team members and their local churches has often been extraordinary!"

Members of the Thailand 2008 team are:

- Ignadelis Cartagena Jersey City, NJ
- Jayme Clark Kansas City, KS
- David Humenczuk Overland Park, KS
- Michael Katz Painesville, OH
- Amber Lehman Fargo, ND
- Karen Moschenrose Madison Heights, MI
- Matthew Woods Massillon, OH

Leaders are:

- Duane Binkley Unionville, OH
- Abigail Medina Betancourt San Juan, PR
- Raphael Nzunga Salina, KS
- Alex Rogers Chiang Mai, Thailand

"The Xtreme Team is a great opportunity for young adults to Exercise their faith, Xtend their hands in friendship and service, Xpand their world view, Xamine their values and Xplore God's Word and world," said Jonathan Hilsher, coordinator of Volunteers in Global Mission for International Ministries. Hilsher said the Xtreme Team provides plentiful opportunities for team members and their hosts to witness God at work.

During their travels, team members deepen their relationship with God while seeking where He wants to use them in the world. Team members are "Xpected to Xpress" what they have seen and heard when they return to their home churches and regions. Being a part of the Xtreme team has impacted my life in ways that I would have never imagined. It ignited a flame inside of me to do mission. I now have a great passion for life and for the people of God. Being a part of the Xtreme Team has unlocked a world of possibilities," said Natasha Bradley, who traveled with a Team to India.

The team is participating in orientation in St. Paul, MN from June 12 through June 17, before departing for Thailand. The team will travel in Thailand from June 18 through July 11, returning to St. Paul on July 12 for debriefing. After debriefing sessions, they will share their experience at the World Mission Conference in Medford, OR from July 18 – 20. For more information, please go to [www.worldmissionconference.org](http://www.worldmissionconference.org).

Team members regularly post journals, photos and even video footage to highlight their Xperiences throughout the trip. Visit [www.xtremeteamonline.org](http://www.xtremeteamonline.org) to follow the adventures of this year's team.

### ***Bacone College Challenged with \$600,000 Matching Grant***

Muskogee, OK—A Faithful Bacone College Donor challenged Oklahoma's oldest institution of higher education with a Dollar for Dollar matching grant opportunity. Any gift that is applied toward their *Current Dollars for Current Scholars* Campaign until July 31, 2008 will be matched up to \$600,000.

Bacone College continues providing value and opportunity to students since 1880. The school on the hill keeps its tuition fees at one half the average annual cost of a typical 4-year, regionally accredited, private, Christian college or university. They don't stop there though...last year alone, Bacone provided over \$2.7Million in unfunded, institutional scholarships to help students financially so they can afford to attain a quality education.

The school's economic impact on Muskogee is quite substantial as well. Bacone has 31 faculty and 98 staff for a total of 129 employees and an approximate \$12 Million budget. They recruit a culturally diverse student population from across the United States. Currently, students from Canada and Puerto Rico are enrolled. All of whom either work or shop in Muskogee.

If you are interested in supporting this opportunity please send your check to: Bacone College/ 2299 Old Bacone Rd/ Muskogee, OK 74403 or call Ryan Hardaway, Director of Institutional Advancement, at (918) 781-7402 for more details. Bacone is a 501(c) 3 non-profit agency so all gifts are tax deductible. Many businesses also match philanthropic gifts, so check with your employer because their gift can be matched too.

## **PEACE NEWS**

### ***Summer Peace Conference***

*The annual summer conference of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America will take place at John Abbott College Sainte-Anne-de-Bellevue, Quebec, Canada July 14-19. Below is information from the web site, [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org). Please check the web site for more details.*

## **MINISTERS COUNCIL NEWS**

### ***Ministers Council Cookout at McVetty- Harris Home***

*This invitation is from Doug Harris and Carol McVetty, pastors at North Shore Baptist Church. Doug is president of the Ministers Council of ABCMC.*

Join us for a potluck cookout on Saturday, August 9th at 4:30pm  
Bring your favorite picnic cookout dish to share with others  
We live at 5232 North Lakewood Ave. just south of the North Shore Baptist Church  
RSVP to [dharris@northshorebaptist.org](mailto:dharris@northshorebaptist.org) or by phone 773-728-4200

We will provide the drinks and stuff for the grill, so come and let's have a good time!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for world peace.

Please remember in prayer--and with a card--Marjean Gonzalez, who works hard as chaplain of ABCMC's Cook County Jail Ministry. June 29 will be her birthday.

Please hold in prayer flood victims all over the country, as well as those who are coming to their aid.

Please lift up in prayer Larry Greenfield and David Gregg, as well as the many other American Baptists who are traveling to and taking part in the General Board meeting this coming weekend.

Please pray for organizations around the world that are working in the area of the trafficking of human beings. Please pray also for those who must sell their bodies to strangers to stay alive. Please include in your prayers International Ministries missionaries who work in this area.

Please pray for ABC missionaries Corenne Garrison and Phil Smith in Brazil, where they work with children who are a part of a residential program that rescues homeless street children and youth ranging in age from 8 to 18. The program provides guidance, education and training for future employment.

Please hold in prayer all who are living with HIV-AIDS, those who are ministering with them, and those who are working to provide education and stop the spread of infection.

## CALENDAR

**June 29**--98th Anniversary Celebration of Department of Missions, Saint John Church-Baptist.

**July 5-11**—The National Gathering of **American Baptist Youth**, Estes Park, Colorado, sponsored by National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA. For more information and registration, please visit [www.morethanaweek.org](http://www.morethanaweek.org).

**July 11**--Spring into Summer Concert and Fundraiser, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

**July 13**--175th Anniversary Celebration Men's Day, First Baptist Church, 935 E. 50th Street, Chicago, Rev. Kenneth Phelps, Pastor of Concord Baptist Church, guest speaker, 11 a.m.

**July 14-19**—Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America's Peace Camp. Please visit [www.bpfna.org](http://www.bpfna.org) for more information.

**July 17**—Fifth Annual HIV/AIDS and Substance Abuse Faith-Based Conference by Prevention Partnership, Oak Brook Hills Marriott Resort, 3500 Midwest Road, Oak Brook. Phone 773-378-4195 to register. This is a free conference.

**August 1-3**--Unity Revival, Irving Park Baptist Church, 4401 W. Irving Park Road, Chicago. Dates and times: Friday, August 1 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, August 2 at 2 p.m., and Sunday, August 3 from 11a.m. to 5 p.m.

**August 9**—Ministers Council cookout at McVetty-Harris Home, 5232 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, 4:30 p.m. RSVP to [dharris@northshorebaptist.org](mailto:dharris@northshorebaptist.org) or by phone 773-728-4200.

**August 17-22**—Christian Writers Conference, Green Lake Conference Center. Visit [www.glcc.org](http://www.glcc.org) and click on "conferences" for complete information.

**August 19**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950,

Chicago, 3 p.m.

**August 23**—Family Council meeting, 9 a.m.-noon, followed by lunch. Registration open at 8:30 a.m. Suggested donation for lunch: \$5.

**September 16**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

**October 21**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

**November 8**—ABCMC Annual Meeting.

**November 18**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

**December 16**—Finance and Property Committee meeting, Wunderlich Securities office, 200 W. Madison, Suite 2950, Chicago, 3 p.m.

## POSITION OPENING

### ***National Coordinator for Intercultural Ministries – Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking Churches Strategist***

#### **NATIONAL MINISTRIES, ABCUSA**

<http://www.nationalministries.org/>

**NATIONAL MINISTRIES** is currently seeking a qualified candidate to serve as the **National Coordinator for Intercultural Ministries – Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking Churches Strategist**. This position provides leadership to help strengthen the ministries of various Hispanic and Portuguese-speaking American Baptist constituencies. This position strives to encourage a denominational awareness of and sensitivity to cultural diversity while strengthening ministries in multicultural and intercultural contexts. The **National Coordinator** works to increase the capacity of American Baptist leaders to excel in implementing effective ministries of evangelism, discipleship, transformation and prophetic justice, provides support to the NM Strategic Mission and Goals, and supports NEW LIFE 2010 goals. This position is open immediately and is based at the Mission Center, Valley Forge, Pa.

#### **KEY DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Provide effective links and resources to Hispanic/Portuguese-speaking ministerial leaders to strengthen their ministries.
- Partner with American Baptist regions to strengthen Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking persons' connections to ABCUSA
- Work with regional, educational, national, general and international partners in areas of common concern to strengthen work among Hispanic/Portuguese-speaking American Baptists
- Work in partnership toward accomplishing intercultural and multicultural priorities and projects
- Work collaboratively toward achieving NM strategic priorities

- Promote National Ministries missions, programs and resources
- Articulate a compelling case for supporting NM through mission giving and the America for Christ offering
- Minimum of 30% travel time
- Other related duties, as assigned.

#### **COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS REQUIRED**

The successful candidate will be a self-motivated problem-solver, who is willing to work hard. The successful candidate will demonstrate interpersonal skills and a successful history in the area of conflict transformation. The successful candidate will possess the ability to build and cultivate networks and relationships with traditional and non-traditional AB partners. The successful candidate will have excellent administrative and supervisory experience.

#### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Master's level theological degree or equivalent experience required. A minimum of 5 years of ministry experience required. Excellent communication skills in both English and Spanish (writing and public speaking) required, fluency in Portuguese a plus. Experience and a demonstrated ability to function well in a team setting a must. Appreciation for and experience working in a multicultural environment is required. Knowledge of American Baptist Churches USA history and polity. Proficient computer skills (Microsoft Office Suite: Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint).

**NATIONAL MINISTRIES** offers a competitive salary and benefits: participation in the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board retirement plan; participation in medical and dental insurance; opportunities to pursue professional development; and paid time off and sick leave.

#### **APPLICATION PROCESS AND DEADLINE**

**No later than AUGUST 31, 2008**, submit a completed NM Employment Application and a current résumé along with a minimum of three professional recommendations to:

LAURA MIRAZ PH.D., SPHR  
 HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICER  
 P.O. BOX 851, VALLEY FORGE, PA, 19482-0851  
 FAX 610.768.2409  
[LMiraz@abc-usa.org](mailto:LMiraz@abc-usa.org)

For an Employment Application and more information on **NATIONAL MINISTRIES**, visit  
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