

# Metro Chicago *EWIND*

Seeking Justice • Loving Mercy • Walking Humbly

*A weekly electronic newsletter from and for the American Baptists of the Windy City and its environs, covering matters as diverse as our region.*

## Partners in Ministry



In our work over the past four months as Interim Executive Ministers, it has been our joy to work in partnership with ABCMC's Associate Regional Ministers (ARMs). They are an invaluable resource to our Region and our churches. Each Associate Regional Minister acts as a bridge to and resource for the churches of our four Ethnic Collaboratives. They are:

**Rev. Sarah Jay**, European and Multi-ethnic Collaborative

**Rev. Shakespeare Osorio**, Hispanic Collaborative

**Rev. David Watkins**, African American Collaborative

**Rev. Dr. Chaks Zadda**, Asian Collaborative

Sarah, Shakespeare, David, and Chaks are our ARMs literally, and quite truly our "arms". They enable the Region's ministries to effectively embrace pastors and churches across boundaries of language and culture. They often accompany or represent us in assisting churches facing difficulty or in pastoral transition. They build close relationships with pastors and lay leaders within their collaborative so that help or information is an easy phone call away.

The ARMs also convene regular meetings of the pastors within their Collaborative for mutual encouragement, enrichment, and planning of Collaborative events. Those meetings and events vary widely as they are specifically tailored to the culture and needs of those pastors. The ARMs are a very effective two-way bridge of communication between churches and the Region, especially crucial when there is a language barrier. In the coming months the ARMs will be writing guest columns for this space so that everyone in ABC Metro Chicago can become more familiar with them and their work.

Even though the Ethnic Collaboratives and the ARMs have been at work for several years, many folks in the Region are still just discovering this great resource. And we, as Region leaders, are still discovering new ways that this approach can strengthen our Region. As relationships among pastors and churches grow within our Ethnic Collaboratives, we are able to be more intentional and effective in tapping talent for the work of the Region from all of our churches, and in building healthy communication and relationships among the different Collaboratives. Ethnic diversity works best when all groups come together to learn and share from a position of strength and connection.

We, your Interim Executive Ministers, are always available to assist pastors and churches facing challenges. But remember also that you have an ARM to call upon. Here's how to reach them:

Rev. Sarah Jay: [revjay@abcmc.org](mailto:revjay@abcmc.org) – 773.634.1495 ext. 7

Rev. Shakespeare Osorio: [revosorio@abcmc.org](mailto:revosorio@abcmc.org) – 773.634.1495 ext. 4

Rev. David Watkins: [revwatkins@abcmc.org](mailto:revwatkins@abcmc.org) – 773.634.1495 ext. 6

Rev. Dr. Chaks Zadda: [zrchakravarthy@gmail.com](mailto:zrchakravarthy@gmail.com) – 773.634.1495 ext. 5

Your partners in ministry,

*Reverend Douglas Harris*

*Reverend Carol McVetty*

With questions about pastoral searches or Camp Grow –

contact: Douglas Harris | [revharris@abcmc.org](mailto:revharris@abcmc.org) | 773.634.1495, ext. 1

With questions about ordination or submissions for EWIND –

contact: Carol McVetty | [revmcvetty@abcmc.org](mailto:revmcvetty@abcmc.org) | 773.634.1495, ext. 8

## Overworked and underpaid? In Support of Excellence program can help. Application deadline January 16, 2017



American Baptist Home Mission Societies  
SINCE 1824

Brother or Sister in Christ,

Are you overworked and underpaid?

Feeling crushed by the weight of woeful undercompensation and personal debt?

Tired of juggling the demands of pastoring and family life and holding down a job just to make ends meet?

Don't suffer in silence. Don't let financial needs drive you from the pulpit.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies understands that financial issues can be devastating--triggering stress and depression, not to mention stifling a pastor's ability to achieve maximum impact in ministry.

That's why we're launching the "In Support of Excellence" (ISOE) Initiative.



ISOE puts pastors first, offering qualifying pastors training in financial-management best practices as well as the opportunity to receive monies to pay down personal debt.

[Learn more here](#)

ISOE's three primary components seek to accomplish the following:

- equip pastors and lay leaders with financial literacy training and resources;
- provide direct financial hardship debt relief to sitting American Baptist Churches USA pastors; and
- spark meaningful conversations between pastors and lay leaders on the topic of fair and equitable compensation packages.

[Apply here](#)

# SAVE THESE DATES . . .

## ABCMC UPCOMING REGION MEETINGS

Please mark  
these new dates  
in your calendar.

### JANUARY CABINET MEETING


Saturday, January 28, 2017

Irving Park Baptist Church • 4401 West Irving Park Rd.

### FEBRUARY COUNCIL MEETING

Saturday, February 18, 2017

First Baptist Church of Park Forest • 80 North Orchard Dr.



**182nd Annual Meeting  
American Baptist Churches  
of Metropolitan Chicago  
Planning Team**

**We would love your help making this year's  
Annual Meeting a great success!**

**We have two areas of need:**

- 1) Planning Team Members with a  
variety of perspectives**
- 2) Hospitality Team Members who can help with  
registration and welcome on May 20**

**If you are able to help in either of these areas,  
please call or email Rev. Sarah Jay  
773.634.1495, ext. 7  
or [revjay@abcmc.org](mailto:revjay@abcmc.org).**

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## Preaching Resources

### **Text Week**

<http://www.textweek.com/>

### **Working Preacher**

**(includes resources in Spanish)**

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

### **Worshipping with Children**

<http://worshippingwithchildren.blogspot.com/2016/08/year-c-proper-22-27th-sunday-in.html>

### **The African American Lectionary**

<http://theafricanamericanlectionary.org>

### **Lectionary Studies By Dr. Jay Wilcoxon**

<http://abcmc.org>

### **International Sunday School Lessons**

<http://www.standardlesson.com>



# How Far We've Come... How Far We've Yet to Go

A Teach-In Event, including  
Worship and Songs of the Resistance  
Workshops on

- Immigration reform
- Remembering the Japanese Internment
- Educating our young for Civic Engagement

Featuring guest speaker  
the Rev Dr Walter "Slim" Coleman  
who worked with King in Chicago &  
continues the struggle today.



Sunday, January 15 1:30pm - 5:00pm  
Free to the Public, registration requested  
<http://bit.ly/MLKDayRegistration>

North Shore Baptist Church  
5244 N Lakewood Ave, Chicago

*A multi-racial, multi-lingual, inclusive community of faith*



## 2017 Biennial Mission Summit: Register your church as a Sponsor today!

The Biennial Mission Summit is just over six months away! For the June 30-July 2, 2017 event in Portland, Oregon, we are again inviting churches to register as Sponsors. When a church is registered as a Sponsor, individuals from the church are able to attend at a discounted rate, saving at least \$100 off the regular rate to register for the Biennial Mission Summit. The church will also be listed on the event website at [www.americanbaptists2017.com](http://www.americanbaptists2017.com) and in the event program book. Sponsoring churches will help to support the Biennial Mission Summit and make it a success.

More information, including pricing and savings, can be found [here](#). Don't miss the deadline for Church Sponsorship: March 15, 2017!

\*Members of sponsoring churches can individually register at a discounted rate. If a church is not a Sponsor, church members will pay a higher individual registration fee for the event. Individual registration will open in January 2017.

Church Sponsorship for the 2017 Biennial Mission Summit will be based on average worship attendance for each church, as follows:

Less than 100 members - \$250	101-200 members - \$415
201-500 members - \$580	More than 500 - \$745

[Click here](#) to learn more and to register as a Church Sponsor today!



### Job Posting Announcement

Join a vibrant, faith-based, nonprofit organization that is meeting needs around the world.

Position: **Director of Short Term Mission**

Location: **King of Prussia, PA**

Category: **Full Time**

### POSITION OVERVIEW

International Ministries (IM) is seeking a Director that is passionate about short term mission encounters as a means to engage others in responding to God's call to make disciples and to encourage support for enlarging IM's mission. As such, this individual must be able to articulate a biblically-based theological understanding of short term mission with regards to participating volunteers and direct a program that engages long term ministry partners who host short term mission participants. The Director will provide vision, direction and design for this program by inviting and equipping people to respond to short term, cross-cultural mission opportunities around the world. He/she will manage associated activity for a successful experience in service and debriefing upon return.

### RESPONSIBILITIES

- Effectively manage relationships with prospective volunteers and teams and churches that send them, the missionaries and partners that receive them and Area Directors who are IM's primary point of connection between both parties.
- Seek outcomes that are faith-enhancing and spiritually forming for volunteers and mission-enhancing for partners and missionaries through this program.
- Coordinate and deploy volunteer missionaries and mission teams through a screening and team selection process providing guidance and counseling throughout the experience
- Equip volunteers for cross-cultural mission service, provide logistical information and missiological training, stay in contact with volunteers during and following service.
- Educate and advocate with IM personnel best practices related to short term mission service
- Promote involvement in short term mission by prospecting via mission conferences, websites, and investigate word-of-mouth opportunities with potential new volunteers to serve cross culturally as God leads.

### QUALIFICATIONS

- A proven track record of success in the development and implementation of programs which enhance mission/values.
- The ability to effectively communicate to diverse partners and cross-culturally.
- Bachelor's degree essential, Master degree in a related field preferred and international cross-cultural experience required.
- Knowledge of and appreciation for the American Baptist Churches USA is required to foster relationships bringing tangible and measurable results. Membership in an ABC church given preference.

To apply, email [HR@internationalministries.org](mailto:HR@internationalministries.org) for a comprehensive job description and application checklist.

International Ministries is an EEO employer and provides a comprehensive and flexible benefit package.

**Purpose Statement:** "On earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10) International Ministries works cross-culturally to invite people to become disciples of Jesus Christ and to proclaim, through both word and deed, God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life for all creation. International Ministries serves more than 2,000 volunteers and short- and long-term missionaries in 70 countries.



## INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

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Location: **King of Prussia, PA**

Category: **Full Time**

**POSITION OVERVIEW**

International Ministries (IM) is seeking a Director of Missionary Kid (MK) Care professional responsible for directing a program at International Ministries (IM) that cares for the children of missionary families. The MK Care program includes involvement with MKs during their parents' missionary service.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Screen and prepare for endorsement to missionary service.
- Cultivate an intimate and functional family unit during missionary service.
- Support missionary parents as the primary caregivers of their own children.
- Provide counseling during cross-cultural transitions or otherwise as needed.
- Maintain effective communication and relationships with all IM MKs and their parents.
- Assist MKs in cross-cultural transitions: pre-field, on the field & reentry.
- Provide assistance and resources regarding schooling and curriculum options including college prep materials.
- Provide MK programming during IM events.
- Educate churches by building awareness of MK needs and produce appropriate materials regarding MKs.
- Provide IM Executive Staff general knowledge about and advocacy on behalf of MKs, especially with regards to their specific life experience as Third Culture Kids.

**QUALIFICATIONS**

- Education - Bachelor's degree in Counseling, Education (elementary and/or early childhood), Youth Ministry or related field required. A Master's degree in Education, Counseling, Christian Education, or Youth Ministry is preferred.
- Experience - Minimum of five years' international cross-cultural experience as a missionary or MK required. Minimum of three years working in a related field with young people from birth through college, with major emphasis on the schooling years (e.g., school teacher, Christian Education Director, or Youth Minister). Experience in curriculum development and administration of finances, and managing people.
- Knowledge of and appreciation for the American Baptist Churches USA and International Ministries is required. Membership in an ABC church given preference.

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