

Metro Chicago *EWIND*

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

A Region On The Move!



In the life of institutions, momentum is not easily established. It is something to be cherished and celebrated. We have some great things happening within the life of ABCMC. It's beginning to feel like momentum.

◆ We have a great **Annual Meeting** planned for **Saturday, May 20**. Rev. Sarah Jay and her committee have planned an event that is reasonably priced and promises to be worth your time. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, the Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies will be the preacher for our worship together, as well as leading a workshop in the morning, both on our theme of Healing Communities at Work. We hope to hear about what ABC congregations around the country are doing to bring healing to themselves and their neighbors. Save money by registering before April 1. [Click here for more information and registration.](#)

◆ **New Paths for a New Day**, our self-study and planning process is underway. All pastors, ministers on staff, and specialized ministers will be invited (encouraged!) to participate, along with Region officers and committee members, Family Council representatives, and a few lay people from each church designated by their pastor. We are assembling the email lists at this time. The link to the survey will be sent to those listed above on April 30th. Let your voice be heard! **Family Council Representatives**, please speak up so you will be sure to be on the list. Email Carol McVetty at revmcvetty@abcmc.org with your name and what church you represent. **Pastors**, when you receive an email asking for names to include on the survey list, please respond promptly.

◆ Coming soon: a real physical office for the Region!

At its meeting this past Saturday the Cabinet approved expenditure of funds to renovate two rooms at Irving Park Baptist Church/Iglesia Bautista Central. We are excited about the space sharing partnership with these two congregations, and the possibilities that will open up with a central location that is easily accessible by car and by public transportation.

◆ Speaking of partnerships, ABCMC is partnering with the Center for Religion and Psychotherapy of Chicago to offer a **Clergy Consultation Group**. Six young clergy will meet with clinicians for six sessions to engage in Case Conference presentations. The participants are currently being recruited. Our Region and its churches will be strengthened as clergy grow in their capacity for transformational leadership.

We commend the hard work of Associate Regional Ministers, the Cabinet, the Finance and Property Committee, and all the other Region volunteers who are making these great new things happen.

Your Partners In Ministry,

Reverend Douglas Harris

Reverend Carol McVetty

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182nd Annual Meeting

American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago



Healing Communities At Work

*"Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up quickly." – Isaiah 58:8a*

Saturday, May 20, 2017 | 9:00 am
Third Baptist Church
1551 West 95th Street | Chicago, IL

Meeting Agenda

The Annual Meeting begins at 9 am with registration and a Sisters in Service Prayer Gathering, followed by a Dynamic Workshop led by Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, a Regional Business Meeting, and a Festival Worship Service with music from across the region and Keynote Preacher, Dr. Haggray. Throughout the conference, there will be ample time to visit Ministry Vendors and Displays from Local Churches. The night will end in celebrating our Annual Disciples' Banquet with a reception, live music, and Discipleship Awards.

Registration Information

Register by April 1

Conference and Banquet – \$80.00
 (Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Banquet)

Conference Only – \$55.00
 (Includes Breakfast and Lunch)

Banquet Only – \$40.00
 (Table of 8 for Banquet – \$300.00)

Register after April 1

Conference and Banquet – \$90.00
 (Includes Breakfast, Lunch, and Banquet)

Conference Only – \$65.00
 (Includes Breakfast and Lunch)

Banquet Only – \$45.00
 (Table of 8 for Banquet – \$325.00)

Please Note: The Business Meeting at 1:00 pm and the Worship Service at 3:00 pm are free of charge and open to all to attend.

Register online at Eventbrite

<https://abcmcanannualmeeting2017.eventbrite.com>

The complete registration booklet and link to Eventbrite registration site are available on the ABC Metro Chicago website. [Click here](#) to download.

CAMP GROW



It's that time of year again . . . time to encourage the children and youth of your church to spend a week at Camp Grow this summer.

Camp sessions are available for kids in grades 3 through 12 at our camp on Green Lake in Wisconsin. [Click here](#) for

registration materials from the Camp Grow website.

Scholarships are available to assist with the cost of attending camp.

From Camp Grow: consult the Camp Grow website. Deadline is May 1.

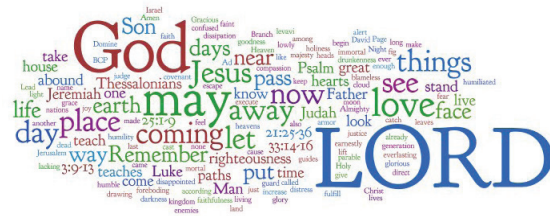
From ABCMC: American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago is offering 30 camp scholarships of \$120 each for the 2017 camping season. They will be awarded on a first come, first served basis. Please use the form on the ABCMC website to request scholarships for the children in your church. For more information contact Rev. Carol McVetty at revmcvetty@abcmc.org

It's Time to Register for the 2017 Biennial Mission Summit



Individual registration is open for the Biennial Mission Summit, June 30-July 2, 2017, to be held in Portland, Oregon at the Oregon Convention Center. There are two important dates to be aware of: Early Registration closes on March 15, 2017, and Individual Registration closes on June 15, 2017. When individuals register before March 15, 2017, they will pay a lower rate at registration. Individuals may learn more or register [online here](#).

Preaching Resources



Text Week

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

Working Preacher

(includes resources in Spanish)

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

Worshiping with Children

<http://worshipingwithchildren.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>

“With
GOD
All Things
Are
Possible!”

LENTEN SERVICES

BEGINNING ASH WEDNESDAY MARCH 1

SERVICE EVERY WEDNESDAY FROM 12PM TO 1PM

POWER HOUR OF PRAISE PREACHING AND PRAYER

BAG LUNCH AND DISCUSSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING

LOCATION

BETH EDEN

BAPTIST CHURCH

11121 S. LOOMIS ST.

CHICAGO, IL 60643

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Call For Disciples Awards Nominations

On May 20, at our Disciples Dinner 2017, we will have the privilege to honor individuals with Region-Wide Disciple Awards. The award winners will be chosen from among your nominees, and so it is essential that we hear from you.

Please take a few moments to use this Survey Monkey Link (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BK8DH2G>) to nominate an individual for each of the following awards. (You may also nominate by emailing revjay@abcmc.org or by sending a paper copy to ABC/MC, 4401 W. Irving Park Rd., Chicago, IL 60641). You will be asked for the Nominee's a) Name b) Address c) Phone Number d) Name of Church/Organization they Serve and e) Number of Years of Service and a short statement about why you are nominating this person (50-100 words). If you have any questions, please email Rev. Sarah Jay at revjay@abcmc.org. Thank you for your contribution!

- **The Elmer H. Johnson Award for Exemplary Service to American Baptist Churches of Metro Chicago** Throughout his life Elmer Johnson exhibited extraordinary creativity, generosity and service to his Morgan Park Baptist Church and the many diverse ministries of the Metro Chicago region. The annual award in his honor recognizes a member of the ABC/MC family who follows in this tradition of exemplary contributions to the Region's life-in-association.
- **The William A. Johnson Award in Educational Ministries** Throughout his distinguished pastorate of the St. John Church – Baptist, Dr. William Johnson advocated for the importance of education in every stage of life and served as a leader in religious and ministerial training. The annual award in his honor recognizes a member of the ABC/MC family who exhibits a similar commitment to the growth of mind and spirit in the Christian life.
- **The Esther Davis Award in Ministries of Social Justice** Over decades of service, Esther Davis gave courageous and energetic witness to the centrality of social justice in Christian commitment. The annual award in her honor pays tribute to a member of the ABC/MC family for similar service in the cause of God's reign.
- **The Jitsuo Morikawa Award for Relating Christian Faith to Contemporary Life** The former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Chicago, Dr. Morikawa imaginatively and prophetically led Baptists to a renewed understanding of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with the contemporary world. The annual award in his honor celebrates a member of the ABC/MC family who breaks open new paths of the Christian life in our time.
- **The James B. Ashbrook Award in Pastoral Care and Pastoral Theology** Throughout a vocation in pastoral care and theology in church, seminary, and other institutional settings, James Ashbrook healed minds and souls, taught others to be such healers, and advanced understanding of the dynamics of the human spirit in his scholarship. The annual award in his honor recognizes a member of the ABCMC family who extends Dr. Ashbrook's caring and creative practice of compassionate and wise ministry.
- **The Daily Disciple Award** (One per church, only). Every church may honor a faithful disciple who serves the Gospel through extraordinary contribution to local church ministry. Is there one whose faithfulness is especially inspiring in this season of your ministry? Is there one who you'd like to recognize for work "well done"? Join us in establishing this tradition of recognizing those disciples whose lives inspire their co-laborers.

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