
COMMUNICATIONS:

Announcements regarding RGR ABWomen's Ministries' activities will be sent out via the regional weekly email and will also be included in the monthly newsletter.



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American Baptist **Women's** MINISTRIES

Rochester-Genesee Region ***American Baptist*** ***Women's Ministries***

2015-2016 Yearbook



ABOUT US:

American Baptist Women's Ministries has a long heritage of being on the forefront of mission and ministry with women and girls worldwide. From our very roots to today, AB Women's Ministries has addressed critical issues such as sex trafficking, poverty, equal voice, safety and security, access to water and other natural resources, leadership development, and, of course, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 61:1-3, quoted again by Jesus in Luke 4:18-19, provides us inspiration to bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty and release...to provide for those who mourn and give them a garland instead of ashes, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

American Baptist Women's Ministries—empowering women and girls to live into the fullness of who they are created by God to be.

Mission: AB Women's Ministries is a Christ-centered ministry with a commitment to encourage and empower women and girls to serve God.

Vision; Every American Baptist church shall have a vital women's ministry program that empowers women and girls to become and develop as God's person, build God's faith community, and serve God's world.

Purpose: As servant leaders, we serve American Baptist churches by encouraging existing vital ministries with women and girls and empowering churches to build such ministries.

Core Values: Our ministry is based on certain non-negotiable values that form a foundation and criteria for all that we do.

- We provide Christ-centered ministries.
- We strive for excellence in all we do.
- We practice faithful stewardship.
- We are relevant for women today.
- We assure that our diversity (clergy/lay, age, geographic, and racial/ethnic representation) as a denomination is represented in our ministries.
- We affirm and encourage the use of spiritual gifts.
- We recognize the worth of all women and girls.
- We value our American Baptist family relationships.

Bylaws: The national organization of American Baptist Women's Ministries operates under bylaws available at www.abwministries.org (updated in 2014).



INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE: We invite all women and girls to participate in American Baptist Women's Ministries. We encourage each woman and girl to participate according to her own needs, interests and gifts as led by the Spirit of God.

NOTES

LOVE GIFT is the over-and-above offering of American Baptist Women. It is an integral part of our United Mission, which provides for every aspect of our denomination's ministry, including American Baptist Women's Ministries. Love Gift is an everyday and personal offering. An opportunity to contribute to Love Gift should be given at each ABW Ministries meeting. Contributions should be given through your local church treasurer and marked "Love Gift." Your church treasurer will send the Love Gift to ABCUSA with the church's monthly report of Mission Support.

The **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND** provides opportunities for developing leadership potential in women who are related to American Baptist work in this country and overseas. Gifts to this fund can be sent through the state treasurer in honor or in memory of individuals who have influenced the lives of the donor. The gift is then forwarded to Valley Forge, and a list of honorees and donors is entered into the Book of Remembrances in the national office of ABW Ministries. Statewide, the fund is to assist with state training for potential leaders or for spiritual events such as Oasis retreats and area/regional gatherings. These gifts should be sent to the State or local Treasurer.

ABGIRLS contributions help to encourage and support these girls to grow and share as young women of God and to take the steps necessary to become adult women God. Money from this fund goes for scholarship opportunities for conference attendees who might otherwise not be able to attend conference. The development of programs and conference expenses are also offset by this fund.

VITAL PARTNERS for a VITAL MINISTRY—ABWM is growing, training, and developing women and girls of faith today, tomorrow, and into the future. Vital Partners are women who have a vision for the future of ABWM and regularly financially support our work with women and girls. Your support of AB Women's Ministries, whether great or small, collectively makes possible great things! Vital Partners are individuals or groups that give regularly (\$120 total or more per year) to the National Support of AB Women's Ministries. Only with your continued support can ABWM continue to provide Vital Missions!

The Meaning Behind Our Logos...

American Baptist
Women's
MINISTRIES

ABWM logo

American Baptist Women's Ministries' logo expresses the boldness of our faith as women compelled by our commitment to Christ to act for change in the world. It expresses the simplicity of our mission statement as a Christ-centered organization serving to encourage and empower women and girls. It expresses our partnership in the community of American Baptist Churches USA, and it expresses our emphasis on ministry with women and girls.



What is AB GIRLS? AB GIRLS is a ministry focused upon meeting the spiritual needs of girls as they move through the many changes their lives will take as they grow into adulthood.

Why just girls? We all know that girls and boys are different and, at times, have very different needs. We also know that sometimes youth are less inclined to speak up in mixed crowds, and often hold back from sharing their true feelings around boys and men. AB GIRLS ministry is designed to complement the Christian Education and youth ministry programs in a congregation. AB GIRLS is a way for girls to have the opportunity to deal with tough questions honestly, to build close relationships with each other, and to build a program that will meet their particular needs as growing women of faith.

How is AB GIRLS organized? Your ministry with girls may be organized any way that fits your situation best. AB Women's Ministries produces resources for girls in three age ranges: Girls of Joy (ages 8-11, grades 3-5); Girls of Faith (ages 12-14, grades 6-8); and Young Women of Hope (ages 15-18, grades 9-12). Most resources can be easily adapted for a variety of age ranges.

OFFERINGS



2015-2017 Ministry Focus

"See" the 2015-2017 ministry focus theme of American Baptist Women's Ministries will give us the opportunity to spend two years focusing upon how we are seen by God, how we see God, and how we are called to see the world through God's eyes.

Theme Scriptures:

"See" is based on Psalm 34:8, Psalm 139, and Luke 10:29-37, as well as other Scriptures.

*Oh taste and **See** that the Lord is good;
blessed is the man [woman] who takes refuge in him.*

Psalm 34:8

LOCAL (REGION) DUES provide funds for our Region ABWM so we can pay for our expenses such as postage, speakers, officers' expenses, and miscellaneous annual requests.

GENERAL FUND OF ABW MINISTRIES OF NYS enables the state officers to keep connected with the needs of the associations and local ministries. This includes expenses for speaking engagements, facilitating events, board meetings, and "A Witness" (ABWM/NYS newsletter)

ABW/NYS MISSION PROJECT is announced at convention each year. It will be a state need, a national need, or an international need. Contributions to this fund enable ABW Ministries NYS to meet the goal set by the committee.

ABW/NYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND is administered by the State Scholarship Committee. Awards vary with the needs of the individual and the amount in the fund. Applicants must be members of an American Baptist Church, female, and taking a full-time course of study. There is no age restriction. Applications are available from the committee chairwoman. Scholarship women are assigned to each association each year. Groups/individuals are encouraged to contact their scholarship woman during the college year with cards and notes of encouragement.

The **REFIT FUND** is an American Baptist support fund for missionaries who are preparing to go to the mission field and need specific materials to live and survive in their assignment area. It also supports missionaries who are returning to home assignments and may need help with clothing or housing expenses while they are here.

NATIONAL SUPPORT gifts make possible the work of national officers who plan programs and activities; development of resources to enrich our ministry at every level; and employment of capable staff and the maintenance of a national office to make all this possible.

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Program Theme



2015-17 ABWM Resource Book

The material in this book may be photocopied for local use in churches, women's and girls' ministry groups, and other Christian leadership training activities.

This resource is available to purchase online
www.abwministries.org/store/ or by calling Judson Press at
1-800-4-JUDSON (1-800-458-3766)

Other Resources Available for ordering in hard copy or e-copy at www.abwministries.org include:

- ***The Guide for AB Women's Ministries: Promoting Your Women's and Girls' Ministries***
- ***Guides for all ABWomen's Ministries officers***

Virtual Mission Encounters

Learn about critical issues with impact upon women and girls—right from your own home! Join one of our virtual mission encounters. These mission education opportunities for women are excellent for individuals, but would also provide great information and inspiration for ministry groups! Encourage all the women on your ministry leadership team, or those who are engaged in your ministry, to register and participate, then share in your learnings together. Who knows where God may lead your ministry next?

Visit www.abwministries.org for details

Resources Available

from www.abwministries.org

Logos, Newsletter, Website & Promotional Helps

Subscribe to Leader's Reader: Looking for counterpart information from the national Executive Committee of American Baptist Women's Ministries? Are you a leader in women's ministries and need more ideas? Each issue has counterpart information, news and events happening nationally, "Ideas that Work" sent in by women like you, program suggestions, and much more! Published **six** times a year: September, November, January, March, May, July.

Available **free** by email. Subscribe by sending an email to info@abwministries.org, with "Subscribe to Leader's Reader" in the subject line. (Please also give us your full name to make our record-keeping easier. We do not share this list with any other organizations.) If you have email but some of your colleagues in ministry do not, please consider sharing your *Leader's Reader* with them! Also available for **free** on our website at www.abwministries.org.

Don't have email? *Leader's Reader* is also available in **print**. \$15 per year subscription to cover the cost of printing and postage. Send your name and mailing address along with your check to *Leader's Reader*, AB Women's Ministries, PO Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

Programmatic Resources: "*Economic Empowerment*" and "*Immigrants and Refugees*." These resources can be purchased and used for your personal reflection time or, even better, in a group setting. Discern how God is calling you to act for the betterment of women everywhere.



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Love Gift is...God's Love

by Audrey T. Davidson

Love Gift is God's spirit coming down from heaven, touching and inspiring hearts to change lives.

Love Gift is God's light in darkness, overflowing from heaven to perfect and establish our spiritual lives in God.

Love Gift is bringing thanksgiving offerings and giving to the less fortunate.

Love Gift is God's peace in times of affliction and pain.

Love Gift is seeing the invisible, feeling the intangible, and seeking a miracle.

Most of all, **Love Gift** is...accepting God's love for us and the eternal life Jesus offers.

TOP TEN WAYS TO GIVE TO LOVE GIFT

(Choose Just One)

10. Give a quarter for each load of laundry you wash
9. Give a dime every time you drive past a church
8. Give a quarter for each cup of coffee you purchase
7. Give a dollar every time you go grocery shopping
6. Give fifty cents each time you walk around the block
5. Give three dollars every time you go out to eat
4. Give a dime every time you talk on the phone
3. Give fifty cents every time you drive on a highway
2. Give a dollar for every hour of television you watch
1. Give whatever you can whenever you want!

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- meals to the hungry, and
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Rochester-Genesee Region Giving**4/1/14-3/31/15**

Love Gift	\$1,103.24
ABC/NYS ABWM	
Special Project	262.00
Cameron Community Ministries	116.00
Cheyenne Skinner (Scholarship Girl)	25.00

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES
NEW YORK STATE

SPECIAL NATIONAL PROJECT FOR
2015-16

GOAL: \$14,000

***Living out Our Cultural Reality
into God's Intentional Desire***

ABWM of NYS is blessed to participate in the second year of this important initiative. Let us pray along with our national and regional ABWM leaders for God's guidance in this endeavor, that we may see the many ways in which the strengths of AB Women's Ministries may be leveraged on behalf of all women and girls; that our eyes may be opened to areas that need greater attention; and that God's hand may rest upon this process.

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Mission & Service Ministries: Providing opportunities for each woman to study issues of concern in our nation and God's world, become an advocate in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others, engage in mission education, and be involved in American Baptist mission outreach. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. Plan educational opportunities on issues of our day, especially focusing on those in which women can become directly involved in addressing problems (through advocacy, further education, hands-on activity, prayer, etc); choose one or two special concerns to focus on over a longer period of time, exploring them from many angles and linking them into a variety of areas of your ministry; use the resources available for designated [general and geographic themes](#) through AB Women's Ministries, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and International Ministries. Invite mission speakers from the Region Office for women's events or congregational events. Create a "school of missions" for a special women's event or, better yet, for the entire congregation. Create a "Mission Fair" for the congregation, or on a regional level. Participate in and promote [annual American Baptist mission offerings](#); utilize denominational resources and study materials available for these offerings; promote in women's newsletters and church newsletters the ways in which individuals may donate to special offerings online. Promote and participate in [mission encounters](#) or planned work projects. Stay informed about, and encourage involvement in, American Baptist mission and volunteer opportunities in [American Baptist Home Mission Societies](#) and [International Ministries](#). Contact AB Women's Ministries international ministries consultant Chris Marziale at Chris.Marziale@abc-usa.org for more information or go to the ABWomens Ministries website at www.abwministries.org

SPECIAL INTEREST MISSIONARIES

"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

(Matthew 28:19-20 KJV)

Jesus left the disciples with these last words of instruction. It is not an option, but a command to all who call Jesus "Lord." While we here at home use our gifts in helping to fulfill the Great Commission, missionaries are using their gifts all over the country and worldwide to share their faith. We must continue our financial support as well as prayers for our missionaries and their families. Remember and pray for our Special Interest Missionaries:

International

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National

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"Keep Connected...Keep Praying"

American Baptist Women's Sunday Resources for Planning and Worship 2015-2017 Ministry Focus "See . . .," Luke 10:29-37 By Rev. Angel L. Sullivan

American Baptist Women's Sunday is traditionally observed on the third Sunday of September, although you are encouraged to schedule at the time of year that works best for your setting.

This is a wonderful opportunity to lift up the ministries of women and girls in your congregation, area/association, region/state, and nationally. Include women and girls of a variety of ages in the planning and leadership of this worship service. Consider having a reception following the service to allow the opportunity to greet visitors and make connections with women and girls who may not yet be part of the active ministry.

Request AB Women's Ministries and AB GIRLS brochures from the national office info@abwministries.org or 610-768-2288), and use the 2015-2017 ministry focus "See . . ." bulletin covers www.abwministries.org/store. These resources are offered as possibilities for your AB Women's Ministries worship service. Use them as-is, or use them as inspiration to develop your own resources.

Encourage extra giving on this Sunday for National Support to be a partner with AB Women's Ministries' national organization; recognize women and girls who are in leadership in your community. The possibilities are endless!

FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCE MATERIALS, CONTACT ABCUSA AT:

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RGR ABWM Executive Board Meetings

Parma Baptist Church* 11:30am-12:30pm

October 8, 2015

November 5, 2015

January 7, 2016

March 11, 2016

May 13, 2016

July 22, 2016

*NOTE: New Meeting location

2015-2016 Mission Focus



See...the Beloved Community: Transformative Relationships

“Do not be conformed to this world,” we are instructed by Scripture, “but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect,” (Romans 12:2 NRSV).

Society often seems to try to separate us from one another. News media and politicians play on our fears to get ratings or get votes; television shows and movies often rely on stereotypes to play on the viewers’ emotions. Entire neighborhoods are classified as “good” or “bad.” The world would have us segregated, fearful, distrustful, suspicious.

Yet God calls us to something not only different—but transformative. We are transformed in our relationship with Jesus Christ, restored to right relationship with God. We are transformed in our relationships with one another: as the Nguni Bantu term *Ubuntu* describes, “I am because we are.” We transform our society as we take one another into our hearts and experience one another’s experiences as our own.

[We are called to be the Beloved Community.](#)

“The cross is the eternal expression of the length to which God will go in order to restore broken community. The resurrection is a symbol of God's triumph over all the forces that seek to block community. The Holy Spirit is the continuing community creating reality that moves through history,” Martin Luther King, Jr. (*Stride Toward Freedom*, 1958).

The 2015-2016 mission focus “See...the Beloved Community: Transformative Relationships” offers American Baptist women and girls the opportunity to explore:

- How we are drawn into reconciliation with God through the cross
- How we, together, are co-creators of the Beloved Community through authentic relationships with one another
- How our ministries and congregations can lead our neighborhoods, towns, and cities in becoming the Beloved Community

For specific resources available, go to www.abwministries.org

ABCRGR American Baptist Women's Ministries 2015—2016 PROGRAMS

Saturday, September 26, 2015

ABCRGR *Annual Gathering*

Ogden Baptist Church

Saturday, November 14, 2015

10:30a-1:30p

Parma Baptist Church

New Program Theme "See" and Installation of Officers

Local Mission Project: Cameron Community Ministries

(bring undies, socks, toiletries or personal hygiene items, etc.)

Saturday, January 23, 2016

9:00a-1:30p

Greece Baptist Church

Featured Program: TBA

Thursday, May 12, 2016

6:30p—8:30p

Chili Baptist Church

Featured Program: TBA

Local Mission Project: Cameron Community Ministries

(bring undies, socks, toiletries or personal hygiene items, etc.)

Watch for Flyers with additional details

OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

Sunday, September 20, 2015 (suggested date)

American Baptist Women's Ministries Celebration

Resources available at www.abwministries.org

October 3-4, 2015

ABC/NYS Biennial at Tabernacle Baptist Church, Utica, NY

October 23-24, 2015

ABWM/NYS Fall Board Meeting, Owego, NY

November 6-7, 2015

AB Youth Convention, Syracuse, NY

April 22-24, 2016

NYS Gathering of ABWomen and ABGirls, Treadway Inn, Owego

July 21-24, 2016

National American Baptist Women's Conference (with components designed for young adult women, too!). Stay longer to participate in one of several post-conference options happening Sunday, July 24, until Wednesday noon, July 27, 2016. The National Gathering for Girls runs from July 21 – July 27. Location: Hilton Washington Dulles Airport hotel, Herndon, Virginia—Check www.abwministries.org/events often for updates and registration information

Church Women United Calendar (all on Friday):

October 3, 2015 *Day of Reflection* - Durand UCC

November 7, 2015 *World Community Day* - East Penfield Baptist Church

December 4, 2015 *Advent Celebration/Annual Meeting*

Brick Stone, Brighton

March 4, 2016 *World Day of Prayer*—TBD

April 1, 2016 *Bible Study* – Trinity Emmanuel Presbyterian

May 6, 2016 *Friendship Day* – Aenon Baptist Church

June 3, 2016 *June Action Celebration & Picnic*

Buckland Lodge, Brighton

Full information and CWU/Rochester Calendar of Events available

at www.cwurochester.org