



2018 Biennial Gathering

For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Jeremiah 29:11



Rev. Dr. John Pentland

Thursday, September 20 – Plenary Talk

How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith

7 p.m. - **No charge**, but please **RSVP**

Location: The Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester

Friday, September 21 – Leadership Workshop

9:30 – 2:00 - **\$50** (includes lunch)

Location: The Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester



Rev. Alan G. Newton

Friday, September 21 – Rev. Newton’s Retirement Celebration

6 p.m. – **No charge** – but please **RSVP**

Celebration service

Reception to follow

Location: First Baptist Church of Rochester, 175 Allens Creek Road



Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggarty

Saturday, September 22 – Biennial Meeting

Keynote speaker: Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggarty

9:00 – 4:00

\$35 with lunch, \$25 without lunch, \$60 family with lunch, \$20 seminarian

Location: The Baptist Temple, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester

Saturday Workshops: 1 – 2 p.m.

Dr. Jeffrey Haggarty – Executive Director American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Dr. Jeffrey Woods – Associate General Secretary ABCUSA

Rev. Gina C. Jacobs-Strain – Executive Director AB Women’s Ministries

(Zoom link for women’s meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/754765135>)

Registration

Please mail your registration and check made out to ABCRGR to:

ABCRGR, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14610

Deadline: September 14

RSVP Contact: officeabcrgr@gmail.com, or (585) 473-3200

Workshop Sessions: 1 - 2:30 p.m.



The Journey of Leadership

Dr. C. Jeff Woods

Becoming a leader is a journey, not a destination. While some people are born with natural leadership traits, every person is capable of growing and developing leadership skills. In this workshop, participants will explore recent leadership insights regarding how leaders develop, why people follow, why some skills have negative side effects, and how to become a level five leader.

Dr. Woods has been with ABCUSA since July of 2003. His primary responsibility is to "increase the capacity for ministry" among the 33 regional ministry centers through the United States and Puerto Rico. Prior to serving in his current position, Woods served as the Executive Minister for the American Baptist Churches of Ohio, pastorates in Rushville, Milan, Madison, Indiana, as well as university faculty positions.

Woods works with executive minister search committees and assists with orientation, evaluation, and leadership development in the regions. Over the last twenty years, he has published over thirty articles in various religious, academic, and business journals and has authored five books in the areas of pastoral leadership and congregational research.



American Baptist Women's Ministry

Rev. Gina Jacobs-Strain

Rev. Jacobs-Strain will provide an update on the work of ABWM and will engage women in our churches in how they might create a new partnership together. Video technology using the **Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/754765135>** will be available for this conversation so that women in all eleven states where ABCRGR churches are located can participate and can join together in creating a new future together.

Rev. Jacobs-Strain is the Executive Director of ABWM. An ordained American Baptist minister, Jacobs-Strain served First Baptist Church – New Market as its transitional pastor; is department chair of Division of Student Success at Nyack College, and is associate regional pastor for Women in Ministry of AB New Jersey. Prior to 2003, she was employed as senior credit deputy at JP Morgan Chase, and as assistant vice president of State Street Bank.

Jacobs-Strain describes her call and transition into church-related leadership: "I am filled with awe and expectation as I join a sisterhood of women committed to build the body of Christ by intentionally following the movement of God, being fully engaged in the denomination's missional focus and by embracing the gifts and participation of all women and girls throughout the United States and Puerto Rico."



American Baptist Home Mission Societies

Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray

Dr. Haggray will be sharing his vision for ABHMS, as well as the challenges and opportunities moving forward. This is an opportunity for a good conversation, which will help our region churches continue the strong partnership with ABHMS.

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray serves as executive director of ABHMS and Judson Press. At the heart of Haggray's ministry lies his passions for motivating Christians to impact communities with their deeply-held faith; encouraging emerging leaders to discern and respond to God's call; and emphasizing God's loving concern for humanity's well-being, wholeness and justice. Haggray works closely with diverse national and regional partners to provide a clear vision of the Christian mission in today's world, to cultivate relationships and to develop resources for transformational ministry with congregations, communities and regions across the United States and Puerto Rico.

Having served congregations in New Jersey; Washington, D.C.; and Georgia, Haggray understands the day-to-day needs of local congregations involved in disciple-making, worship, leadership development, evangelism and mission engagement. As a regional executive minister in the Washington, D.C., Metropolitan Region for eight years, Haggray learned that, when congregations and institutions can access the human and material resources they need to transform their communities, there is no limit to the impact they are able to make.



2018 Biennial Meeting Registration Form

Name (s) _____ Phone _____

Please check all that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Plenary Talk, Thu., Sept. 20 at 7 p.m. | RSVP only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Leadership Workshop, Fri., Sept. 21 at 9:30 a.m. | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Retirement Celebration, Fri., Sept. 21 at 6 p.m. | RSVP only |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Biennial Meeting, Sat., Sept. 22 at 9 a.m. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual, with lunch | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Individual, without lunch | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Family, with lunch | \$60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Seminarian, with lunch | \$20 |

Total amount enclosed \$ _____

Check* made payable and mailed to:

ABCRGR, 1101 Clover Street, Rochester, NY 14610

Registration deadline is **September 14**.

NOTE: There will be no childcare provided.

Please list dietary restrictions here: _____

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* Thank you for paying with a check, which allows us to keep the entire amount without processing fees.