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YOU ARE INVITED...

2018 Intercultural Ethnic Women Conference
July 18-21, 2018
Judson University, 1151 N State Street
Elgin, IL

Dear Sisters in Christ,

American Baptists have a rich heritage of cultural diversity, racial understanding and intentional inclusion of myriad voices in mission; yet, when it comes to true multicultural perspectives and behaviors, work remains to be done. We live and minister in a global society that is becoming increasingly splintered along the lines of age, ethnicity, social class, race, gender and language. As a people of faith, however, we have a biblical vision of a new earth and new heaven—a vision of a diverse and inclusive community gathered around the throne of God.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) is committed to sharing and learning across cultures as an essential part of life together in Jesus Christ. The church is enriched when the contributions of all are engaged in its witness and mission. We are called to be that new beloved community—an inclusive community, an intercultural community of followers of Jesus Christ.

As women in the beloved community, we recognize our gift and leadership across all myriad of culture and ethnicity. Despite a world of growing equality, women who are called to serve still struggle to gain equal ground with their male colleagues. Ethnic women being minority of minority, still face indescribable journey of isolation in ministry service.

The Intercultural Ethnic Women Conference thus, desires to gather women of all colors to recognize each other's ethnicity, strength, leadership, and ability to re-tool ourselves. I prayerfully invite you to come and merge yourself into sisterhood bonding, sharing your joys and struggles, your best practices and challenges.

I am thrilled to announce the conference is also in collaboration with the American Baptist Women's Ministries and American Baptist Women-in-Ministry. Two powerful partners coming together in addition to our contribution, the conference is going to be exciting! Please make yourself available and fill out the registration form and return it to my office by June 25, 2018.

In Christ,

Rev. Florence Li
National Coordinator for Asian Ministries
Intercultural Ministries

Encl Program/Registration Information/Flyer

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Intercultural Ethnic Women Conference Program

Wednesday July 18	4:00-5:00 pm	Registration
	5:00-6:00 pm	Dinner
	6:30-8:00 pm	Introduction & Team Building
Thursday, July 19	8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast
	9:00-9:15 am	Morning Devotion
	9:15-10:30 am	Session I – Sharing Stories
	10:30-10:45 am	Break
	10:45-12 noon	Session II – Ministries landscape/Finding common grounds
	12-1:00 pm	Lunch
	1:30-3:00 pm	Session III – Specialized small groups
	3:00-3:15 pm	Break
	3:15-4:30 pm	Session IV – Mentorship/Cultural Competency/Resource Sharing
Join ABWM & WIM	5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner
	7:00 PM	Evening Plenary - Rev. Dr. Zina Jacque, Pastor, Community Church of Barrington, IL
	9:00 PM	Open Activity
Friday, July 20	7:00 AM	Morning devotion
	8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:00 AM	Gather for ABWM Annual Meeting
	10:15 AM	Break
	10:30 AM	Worship & Bible study
	12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:30-3:30 PM	Cultural Competency Learning
	3:30 PM	Open time
	5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner
	7:15 PM	Evening Session

Saturday, July 21	7:00 AM	Morning devotion
	8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast
	9:15 AM	Worship and Bible study
	10:30 AM	Panel Session
	12:00-1:00 PM	Lunch
	1:15 PM	Intercultural Ethnic Women Conference ends. Extended program & cost for those who stay till Sunday.
	1:30 PM	Workshops
	3:30 PM	Open time
	5:00-6:00 PM	Dinner
	7:15 PM	Open Time
Sunday, July 22	8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast
	10:00 AM	Closing Worship