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■ Sept. 1 is the deadline to enter an essay on Baptist history for the Torbet Prize. Winner will receive \$500 and publication in American Baptist Quarterly. For rules, contact American Baptist Historical Society at ABHS@abhsarchives.org or 678-547-6680.

■ Milwaukee Christian Center, an ABHMS Neighborhood Action Program Christian center in Wisconsin, was recently honored with the People's Choice Award at the 2017 Milwaukee Awards for Neighborhood Development Innovation (MANDI) gala. The MANDI awards recognize individuals, organizations and projects that are improving conditions in Milwaukee's central city neighborhoods. Read more at abhms.org > NewsRoom.

■ Thanks, in part, to One Great Hour of Sharing funds, Cameron Community Ministries, an ABHMS Neighborhood Action Program Christian center in Rochester, N.Y., will be able to serve more than 2,000 families with its emergency food pantry. Learn more at abhms.org > Mission Stories.

Celebrating mission, ministry at Mission Summit

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)-sponsored activities at American Baptist Churches USA's (ABCUSA) 2017 Biennial Mission Summit at Oregon Convention Center, Portland, included ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray's sermon at Saturday evening's worship.

In addition to preaching about "Bodily Connections" (Corinthians 12:12-27), Haggray stressed the need to unleash Jesus' Gospel on those suffering today.

"We are called to introduce them to the Prince of Peace," he said.

Earlier that day at Ministry Square in the exhibit hall, ABHMS national program directors offered an update regarding ABHMS' "Connect. Cultivate. Change." ministry framework and aligned action networks strategy.

Then ABHMS staff members delighted the crowd—all wearing free ABHMS T-shirts distributed at ABHMS' exhibit booth—with a random drawing for prizes. First prize—an Apple iPad Pro—was won by Roxanna Tirado of Spanish Baptist Church, New York City.

At ABHMS' Sunday luncheon, the Rev. Katherine Longhat, pastor of Watonga (Okla.) Indian Baptist Church, based her sermon on Jeremiah 20:7-9, telling those assembled that she had initially resisted her destiny in ministry. Nonetheless, the Lord continued to call her to speak out about the world's injustices. She urged conference-goers to speak out, too.

■ Read more at www.abhms.org.



Top photo: ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray preached the message at Portland's Saturday worship. **Middle photo:** Mission Summit attendees gathered to learn about ABHMS programs. **Bottom photo:** "American Baptists Bike" attracted more than 70 cyclists.



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Ministry awards presented

The following ministry awards were presented at Mission Summit: the Edwin T. Dahlberg Peace and Justice Award to the Rev. Dr. Wayne E. Croft Sr.; the Suzan Johnson Cook Religious Freedom Award to the Rev. Dr. Stephen Hre Kio; the Judson Press ministry award to M. Ingrid Dvirnak; the Lorraine K. Potter Military Chaplaincy Merit Award to Chaplain Col. William Sean Lee; the Carolyn M. Piper Pastoral Counseling Merit Award to the Rev. Elizabeth Ritzman; and the Paul W. Strickland Institutional Chaplaincy Merit Award to Dr. Delois Brown-Daniels.

At the annual meeting of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts in May, these ministry awards were presented: the Jitsuo Morikawa Evangelism Award to Barbara Anderson; the Kenneth L. Cober Regional Discipleship Award to the Rev. Dr. Dalton Said; and the Edward H. Rhoades Urban Ministry Award to the Rev. Dr. Morris Stimage-Norwood.

■ For more about awards and recipients, visit abhms.org.

As a member of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility, ABHMS was among faith-based investors supporting a climate



action-related shareholder proposal that garnered a historically significant 62 percent of votes at ExxonMobil's annual meeting in late May.

The proposal calls on ExxonMobil to align with the realities of a 2-degree Celsius or less energy market, as adopted in the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement.

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ABHMS convenes first aligned action network meeting

Forty-six new and historic partners from churches and campus and community ministries in Alaska, California, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington participated in ABHMS' first aligned action network meeting in May at Linfield College, McMinnville, Ore.

A new ABHMS mission initiative, aligned action networks are comprised of passionate American Baptist disciples in geographic clusters throughout the United States and Puerto Rico who convene to share assets, resources, best practices and actionable ideas to achieve greater life-changing impact than could be accomplished alone.

"It felt like more of a partnership."

—Anthony Doheny

Participant Anthony Doheny, pastor of Emerald Community Fellowship, Eugene, Ore., admitted that he didn't know what to expect from the meeting but soon found it worthwhile.

"It became clear to me that American Baptist Home Mission Societies is intentional in not necessarily being a program but a piece of the puzzle," Doheny says. "It felt like more of a partnership. ABHMS is wanting to explore the changes that are happening in our culture and how can they partner along with the local church."

ABHMS seeks to convene similar meetings with partners across the United States and Puerto Rico. In October, one meeting will be held for Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New York, and another meeting will be held for Georgia. A meeting for Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois and Missouri is planned for November. The following 2018 gatherings are in planning stages: California and Arizona in February; Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut in March; Kansas and Nebraska in April; Ohio, West Virginia and Michigan in May; and Florida in June.

To read more about the meeting, visit abhms.org.

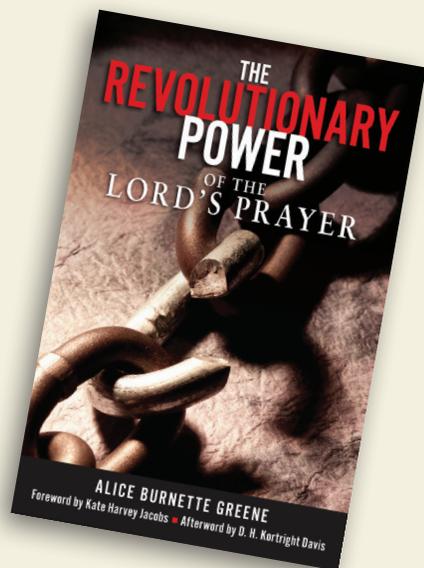
To register for updates about ABHMS' aligned action networks, visit abhms.org > About Us and then scroll to the bottom of the page and click "Register."

New Judson Press offering examines Lord's Prayer

The Lord's Prayer has been taught to Christians throughout the centuries to be memorized and prayed as an expression of faith. Praying it helps to open us to God's presence, to bring peace in troubled times and to remind us of the many blessings that God has provided through Christ.

This short prayer has amazing power to draw us closer to God and to help us through any circumstance. When Christians begin to understand why Jesus chose the precise words of this simple prayer, the true power is released to change the Christian faith.

"The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer" by Alice Burnette Greene examines the words that Jesus taught and their importance as we pray them. It also examines Jesus' example of how to live like we really mean what we are praying when we repeat the Lord's Prayer. Available at judsonpress.com, the book retails for \$15.99.



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