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The new “Intergenerational Discipleship: Growing Together” initiative seeks participants from regions in the Pacific Northwest. Discover more at abhms.org > [NewsRoom](#).

Visit abhms.org > [NewsRoom](#) to learn about ABHMS’ awarding of \$53,900 in grants to 14 projects during 2019’s first quarter.

American Baptists are encouraged to attend BPFNA ~ Bautistas por la Paz’s 2019 Global Baptist Peace Conference July 15-20 in Cali, Colombia. Read more at abhms.org > [NewsRoom](#).



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You’re invited to ABHMS’ home mission-related events at ‘Summit by the Sea’

American Baptist Home Mission Societies’ (ABHMS) staff members look forward to seeing you during our home mission-related events at “Summit by the Sea,” American Baptist Churches USA’s 2019 Biennial Mission Summit June 21-23 in Virginia Beach, Va.

Join us Sunday for a party to celebrate the launch of ministrElife, the cutting-edge online networking platform ABHMS developed for American Baptist ministry professionals and lay leaders. Be in attendance for your opportunity to win a Microsoft Surface Pro 6, a two-in-one tablet/laptop perfect for logging on to ministrElife. And be sure to register for ministrElife and learn how it can enhance your ministry.

Enjoy emerging musical artists at ABHMS’ “Emerging Leaders and Innovative Models of Ministry”-themed luncheon on Saturday. The Rev. Anne J. Scalfaro, senior pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, and the Rev. Eugene Downing, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, will present about their churches’ partnership to pursue racial justice in Denver, Colo. Minister Sheena D. Rolles, owner of FHJ Strategies, Orlando, Fla., will speak about her answer to God’s call to serve in an innovative space.

Taking part in the Biennial Academy, ABHMS will host two offerings on Saturday. The Rev. Dr. Raphael G. Warnock Sr., pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, will present “Jesus Was An Inmate: A Movement to End Mass Incarceration.” The Rev. Dr. Marilyn P. Turner-Triplett, ABHMS director of Community Outreach Ministries and Rizpah’s

Children, will be joined by a panel to present “Whole, Healthy, Hopeful Children in Every Community.”

Hosted by ABHMS’ publishing ministry, Judson Press, a Coastal Café in the exhibit hall bookstore on Friday will include the opportunity to interact with Judson Press authors.



Serving as worship host on Friday, ABHMS will present the Edwin T. Dahlberg Peace Award and Suzan Johnson-Cook Religious Freedom Award during the plenary. ABHMS will formally announce its three other national-recognition ministry awards during Saturday’s luncheon.

In a nod to Innovators Hall at “Space for Grace,” ABHMS’ exhibit booth will showcase faith-based arts on Sunday.

For more information, visit abhms.org > [News Room](#).

AAABC, Asian Baptist leaders consult with ABHMS



ABHMS hosted an Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches (AAABC) meeting and welcomed Asian Baptist leaders for a consultation in March.

The AAABC had been known as the Asian American Baptist Caucus since its founding in 1971. The new name was adopted at American Baptist Churches USA’s 2011 Biennial Mission Summit.

ABHMS leadership was invited to the AAABC meeting to discuss ways in which the two organizations could partner.

Later, Asian Baptist leaders consulted with the Rev. Salvador Orellana, ABHMS director of Intercultural Ministries, and the Rev. Florence Li, ABHMS national coordinator of Asian Ministries, to identify Asian churches’ needs.

The next day, key moments of Asian Ministries were reviewed, and the group received training in ministrElife, ABHMS’ new online networking platform. The names of at least 40 millennials were offered as potential emerging leaders.

Read more at abhms.org > [NewsRoom](#).

In response to recent Midwest flooding, ABHMS has released \$25,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing disaster-relief grants, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA.



ABC of Nebraska received \$10,000, while Mid-American Baptist Churches of Iowa and Minnesota, ABC of Wisconsin and ABC of the Dakotas each received \$5,000. Please help Midwest flood victims by donating to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) through your church or online at abhms.org > Give Now. Mail checks—designated to “OGHS-2019 Midwest Floods”—to Kim Wilkins at ABHMS, 1075 First Ave., King of Prussia, PA 19406.

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Diverse partners ‘Converge’ at ABHMS event

In April, ABHMS held “Converge,” an event that convened partners from three of the organization’s affinity groups:

- the first cohort of the Co-Creators Incubator, a program that helps faith-based entrepreneurs nurture their ideas into viable ministries;
- presidents and designated representatives of American Baptist-related Colleges and Universities; and
- recipients of grants from the Virginia and Gordon Palmer Jr. Trust awarded during ABHMS’ 2018 cycle.

The intent was to share learnings, while exploring ways in which collaboration can exponentially increase the impact of mission outreach.

“The face, form and expression of mission has changed dramatically,” ABHMS Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggray said. “For several generations, ABHMS commissioned missionaries. Nowadays, we are partnering with a whole new generation of folks who are meeting God’s mission in new ways.”

Keynote speaker the Rev. John L. McCullough, president and CEO of ABHMS partner Church World Service, discussed the prevalence of global migration, including the plight of those who migrate because of poverty, violence, war, injustice and climate change. He said that one of eight faith-based shelters along the U.S. Southern border has alone welcomed 50,000 migrants since October.

“I want you to hear that perhaps inherent in that number—50,000 people—is a new opportunity to define what it means to be church,” he stressed.

For a “Sharing Our Learnings” session, members of the diverse entities conversed in groups of three. “There’s something energizing in talking to other grant recipients,” said Andrea Gallegos of First Baptist Church, La Jolla, Calif., which received a grant for its “Surf Church” ministry. “We’re doing such vastly different things, yet we’re all in it together.”

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Judson Press releases book by critically acclaimed biblical scholar

From H. Stephen Shoemaker, M.Div., Ph.D.—author of the critically acclaimed “GodStories: Scriptural Narratives for Today”—comes “Seekers, Saints and Sinners: Life-changing Encounters with Jesus.”

Through the 10 beautifully written chapters of “Seekers, Saints and Sinners,” Shoemaker tells of Jesus’ one-time, chance encounters with 11 other individuals from the Gospel narratives. Built on a foundation of solid scholarship, the book is a profound and comprehensive New Testament Bible study on the significance of Jesus’ conversations, including the historical and literary context. Ideal for personal or small-group study, the book includes a guide to enhance reflection and discussion.

An assistant professor of Religion at Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte, N.C., Shoemaker previously taught at Wake Forest Divinity School, Winston-Salem, N.C., and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. In addition to “GodStories” (Judson Press, 1998), Shoemaker’s books include “Jesus Stories: Traveling toward Testimony” (Judson Press, 2016).

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