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At its Leadership and Mission Building in January, ABHMS held a Mission Consultation and Briefing with the Regional Executive Ministers Council of ABCUSA. Learn the details at abhms.org/NewsRoom.



At ABHMS' board of directors meeting in November, members celebrated the faithful service of retiring officers, President Dr. Clifford I. Johnson and Vice President Wendy Hagn. The new president is the Rev. Jamie Washam, while the new vice president is the Rev. Dr. Lacey Alford. The group unanimously elected new directors: the Rev. Laura Ayala, the Rev. Doug Harris, Dr. Barbara Ragland and the Rev. Trevor Hyde. Read more at abhms.org/NewsRoom.



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Space for Grace 2020 comes to Kansas City, Mo., in September

Registration opens in March for American Baptist Home Mission Societies' (ABHMS) Space for Grace national gathering to be held Sept. 21-25, 2020, at the Westin Kansas City (Mo.) at Crown Center.

The theme—"Testify!"—hails from 2 Corinthians 4:6-9 and speaks to the need in these times for many different voices having space for honest discourse about issues of faith. The opportunity to "testify" in vulnerability or strength is a gift that Christians can offer to each other.

As with previous Space for Grace gatherings, Testify! will provide refreshment and renewal, along with the opportunity to connect with passionate speakers, workshop leaders and fellow participants.

In response to demand, the event has been extended to three full days. Fewer workshops will be presented in two sessions to offer more depth of information and interaction.

The Space for Grace gathering will be offered in conjunction with the American Baptist Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors & Specialized Ministers Conference, planned to immediately precede Space for Grace.

TESTIFY!
2 CORINTHIANS 4:6-9

SPACE FOR GRACE
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Watch for updates about Space for Grace speakers, workshops and other details at abhms.org, send an email to space4grace@abhms.org or contact ABHMS' Raquel Perez at 610-768-2452.

ABHMS awards close to \$2 million for mission in 2019

ABHMS distributed \$1,932,000 to 328 partners throughout the United States and Puerto Rico in 2019.

For the 2018-2019 school year, 234 college and seminary students received scholarships totaling \$246,875, and 191 continuing education grants totaled \$57,800. Grants affecting children were provided to Murrow Indian Children's Home, Muskogee, Okla.; a summer Freedom School collaboration among ABHMS' Rizpah's Children, the Children's Defense Fund and Somerset Academy Early Learning Center, Philadelphia; Bob Burdette Center, Charleston, W.Va.; and Kodiak (Alaska) Baptist Mission.

Through the Louise Burchard Pierce Memorial Fund, ABHMS provided a grant for scholarships to school-aged summer campers at Vick Pathfinder Camp and Conferences in New York State. Also through the Pierce fund, ABHMS provided a grant to United Church of Pittsford, N.Y., for the program "Transforming Lives of People Affected by Addiction."

ABHMS invested in the God-inspired vision of six leaders from California to Massa-

chusetts who applied to participate in ABHMS' inaugural Co-Creators Incubator.

Through Nov. 30, \$315,700 was disbursed to Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico.

ABHMS distributed \$305,000 from One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) funds in response to flooding, tornadoes, wildfires and hurricanes.

Two shower/laundry trailers were purchased by ABHMS and are maintained by American Baptist Men USA. One trailer was placed in King Lake, Neb., where flooding damaged almost all homes.

Additional recipients of ABHMS support included: American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) regions; ecumenical partners, such as the National Council of Churches, Baptist Peace Fellowship and New Baptist Covenant; American Baptist colleges and seminaries; and In Support of Excellence, undergirded by a grant to ABHMS from the Lilly Endowment.

For additional details, visit abhms.org/Mission Stories.

ABHMS has launched the “National Network of American Baptist Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors, Clergy and Specialized Ministers,” a professional support and networking organization. Membership in the network is open to all certified, noncertified, active and retired American Baptist chaplains, pastoral counselors, licensed counselors, spiritual directors, specialized ministers and other clergy in nontraditional settings who support ABHMS’ mission. Membership is also available to seminarians and volunteers in the aforementioned fields.

Membership dues are \$69 per person yearly. Join by March 31, 2020, to pay only \$49.

Visit ABHMS’ Chaplaincy & Specialized Ministries web page and click “Join Today.”

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ABHMS offers update regarding recovery from Puerto Rico earthquakes

Following the spate of recent earthquakes in Puerto Rico, the 10 emergency-response centers that ABHMS established this past December are serving as collection and distribution centers for supplies, such as food, snacks, water, ice, first aid, tents, tarps and sleeping bags.

In addition, seven churches are serving as collection centers. ABHMS and Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico are collaborating to coordinate the collection and distribution of supplies to affected areas.

Of the 19 American Baptist churches in affected areas, four sustained damage: Primera Iglesia Bautista de Yauco, Iglesia Bautista Casa de Oración, Iglesia Bautista Sinaí de Guánica and Primera Iglesia Bautista de Ponce. In addition,

Puerto Rico EARTHQUAKE two pastors have lost their homes. Primera Iglesia Bautista de Guayanilla is serving a hot breakfast, lunch and dinner daily to 50 people. The church is also distributing 70 grocery bags to the community daily. While Primera Iglesia Bautista de Guayanilla is serving as a shelter, housing 20 people daily and 100 people nightly, Primera Iglesia Bautista de Yauco is allowing 20 individuals to sleep in their cars in the church’s parking lot.

Primera Iglesia Bautista de Mayaguez is serving hot meals to 150 individuals from Guánica—the epicenter of the earthquakes—at a refugee camp in Sabana Grande. Other churches in the Mayaguez area are providing food for victims.

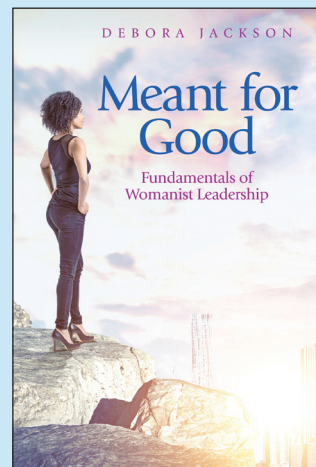
ABHMS, on behalf of ABCUSA, has released \$15,000 in OGHS funds to partners in Puerto Rico, including \$10,000 for Iglesias Bautistas de Puerto Rico.

Help by praying for our brothers and sisters in Puerto Rico daily at 20:20 hours.

Make donations online, via your church or check mailed to the attention of Leda Carter at American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 1075 First Ave., King of Prussia, PA 19406. Make the check payable to American Baptist Home Mission Societies and write “OGHS-Puerto Rico Earthquake” on the memo line.

Book emphasizes perspectives of African-American women on leadership theories

Perfect for Women’s History Month in March, “Meant for Good: Fundamentals of Womanist Leadership” highlights leadership



fundamentals gleaned from the biblical story of Joseph’s exile and rise to power in Egypt and from the stories of black women’s experiences that may be redeemed for the good of ourselves and our organizations.

African-American women survived nearly 400 years of oppression by crafting a creative culture of resistance, personal perseverance in the struggle and the ability to adapt while remaining undergirded by faith.

Of particular interest to womanist theory scholars, pastors, faith-based leaders and other leaders seeking new strategies for organizational transformation, this book provides an accessible introduction to womanist leadership; demonstrates the faith, strength and perseverance of African-American women throughout history; and highlights leadership fundamentals relevant for ministry, nonprofit, corporate and volunteer work.

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