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CCL ON THE CUTTING EDGE

CCL to cut ribbon, offer full lineup of course offerings for 2021-2022 academic year

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) announces that the physical facility for its online Center for Continuous Learning—to be dedicated as the Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III Learning Center—will formally open its doors with a ribbon cutting on Sept. 21, 2021.



A full lineup of educational offerings this fall from CCL

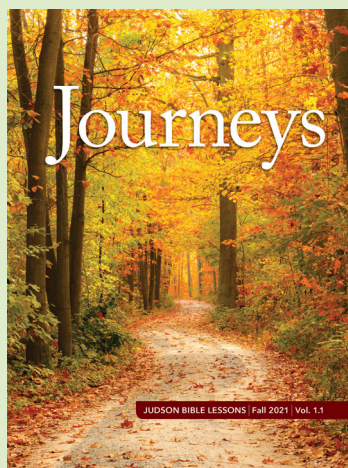
- CeCaLi XXI's "Effective Use of Technology in Pastoral Ministry" and "Dispute Resolution," Oct. 16 and Nov. 20, respectively—synchronous four-part series underway, registration open for future dates
- "Starting the Money Conversation"—free on-demand webinar featuring personnel from Consumer Financial Protection Bureau
- "Network Leadership Workshop"—on-demand training course featuring Jane Wei-Skillern, Ph.D., \$29
- "River of Life, Feast of Grace"—free on-demand book study
- "¿Cómo iniciar la conversación sobre dinero? Capacitaciones en Espanol," Sept. 9 and 16—free live financial literacy webinar series, 1 – 2:30 p.m. ET
- "Introduction to Grant Writing"—free on-demand webinar
- "Chaplaincy Skills for Community Ministry"—six-week certificate course beginning October 4, 6 – 8 p.m. ET, \$249

For information about these and other upcoming course offerings on CCL, visit <https://ccl.ministrelife.org>.

'Judson Bible Journeys for Adults' to debut fresh look, lesson redesign for fall

ABHMS and Judson Press announce that the beloved quarterly group study resource "Judson Bible Journeys for Adults"—also known as "Journeys"—will launch in fall 2021 as "Journeys—Judson Bible Lessons" with a fresh, new look and lesson redesign.

The curriculum will feature one quarterly booklet for both teachers and students with comprehensive life-application Bible lessons. Each lesson features a theme that highlights the lesson's focus. Teachers can group lessons thematically for a topic-focused series structure.



A lesson title and key verse will be featured. The introduction contains a succinct lesson description that informs readers about intended learnings. Lesson objectives outline the overall goal of the lesson. Scripture follows the Revised Common Lectionary, with each month's entries having at least one lesson from the Gospels, the Epistles and the Old Testament.

Journeys' crisp, new layout features full-color images in addition to traditional poignant quotations.

Quarterly pricing for Journeys print edition is \$12.59; Journeys in PDF format is \$9.99 per quarter. Stay tuned, as Judson Press is in the early phase of developing a new online Journeys curriculum.



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MISSION BRIEF

In 2020 and 2021, the Community Outreach Program of First Baptist Church, Painted Post, N.Y., proved to be an exercise in walking by faith. ABHMS provided \$5,000 in grants to support the project, which offers free take-out meals to the community. The project was so



successful that church members wondered whether it could be sustained. In addition to the grant money, church and community members contributed financially, ensuring success.

NEWS BYTES

ABHMS’ 2020 Annual Report as well as the Mission Report presented during June’s ABCUSA Biennial Mission Summit are available on ABHMS’ home page at www.abhms.org.



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ABHMS awards more than \$3 million in 2020 grants

In a report to the board of directors at its virtual meeting June 7-8, the Rev. Rothangliani Chhangte, senior associate for Strategic Initiatives and Relationships, said that ABHMS distributed more than \$3 million in grants last year.

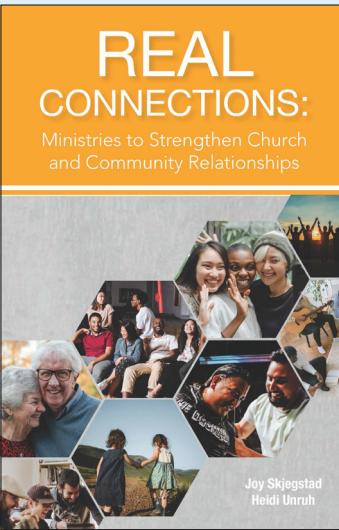
Included in that total is \$637,577 earmarked for disaster recovery and more than \$1 million in program grants distributed to Community Outreach Ministries, Rizpah’s Children partners, Intercultural Ministries partners and financial aid scholarships, among others. Additionally, \$317,226 was awarded to 108 American Baptist-related partners and organizations for COVID-19 relief May 2020–May 2021. Most COVID-19 relief ministries funded hunger initiatives; the majority of recipients were children and the elderly.

“We see grant-making as an extension of mission and ministry,” said Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, ABHMS executive director, “as we seek to develop in-depth relationships with ministries that receive support.”

JUDSON PRESS PICK

Book invites churches to move toward authentic, diverse relationships

“Real Connections: Ministries to Strengthen Church and Community Relationships” invites churches to move authentic relationships to the center of congregational life and ministry with the community. It equips church members and



leaders to invest in deeper, more diverse relationships in a variety of contexts: within the congregation; with other churches; with community partners and residents; with people who are isolated or struggling; and across differences.

From long experience as ministry coaches and trainers, authors Joy Skjogstad and Heidi Rolland Unruh offer practical strategies for building meaningful, caring connections that address the loneliness and divisions in our society, and even within churches. Listening well, focusing on assets and valuing people’s stories can be transformative.

As churches adapt to a post-pandemic world, “Real Connections” inspires hope that everyone might find a true friend at church, that our differences do not

need to separate us, and that no one has to go through life’s most challenging moments alone.

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