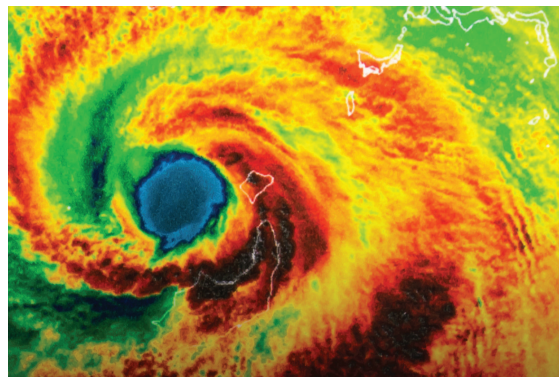


# Mission in America

## MISSION SPOTLIGHT

### Hurricane Ida leaves great need in its wake; help by giving now to One Great Hour of Sharing

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)—on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA—has launched a One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) emergency appeal



seeking support for families, churches and communities who will need help in the coming weeks and months as they recover and rebuild from Hurricane Ida.

From Louisiana to New York and into the New England region, Hurricane Ida stormed across the United States, leaving a trail of lost electrical power, flooded towns and transit systems, and rooftop rescues. Dozens of people were killed by the massive weather system, which landed on the Gulf Coast in Port Fourchon, La., on the 16th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina.

The Rev. Dr. Kadia Edwards, ABHMS national coordinator, Volunteer Mobilization and Disaster Response Ministries, has been in contact with American Baptist regional executive ministers in areas affected by the storm. She has also been in touch with Camp Restore—where many ABHMS volunteers stay when serving on mission trips in New Orleans—as well as Church World Service and Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

Recovery needs won't be known until first responders, the Red Cross and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) have assessed damages. In the meantime, along with your prayers, American Baptists can help their brothers and sisters in Christ by giving to the OGHS appeal, says Edwards, so that funds are available when needs are clear.

Financial contributions to support relief efforts can be sent through your local American Baptist church or via check payable to ABHMS and mailed to the attention of Kim Wilkins at American Baptist Home Mission Societies, 1075 First Ave., King of Prussia, PA 19406. Write "OGHS–Hurricane Ida" on the memo line. Online contributions are also welcome at [abhms.networkforgood.com/projects/138565-oghs-hurricane-ida-appeal](https://abhms.networkforgood.com/projects/138565-oghs-hurricane-ida-appeal).

## CCL ON THE CUTTING EDGE

### CCL holds 'Leading Out of Crisis' webinar

Approximately 100 individuals participated in "Leading Out of Crisis LIVE," a webinar presented by American Baptist Home Mission Societies' Center for Continuous Learning (CCL). It featured Alan Roxburgh, founder of The Missional Network (TMN)—an organization committed to supporting church leaders as they shape church culture around the mission of God—and Sara Jane Walker, president of TMN.

The 45-minute live webinar introduced a timely model for ministry leaders facing questions about the future of the local church, as the nation and world begin to emerge from the pandemic. It also kicked off a series of six monthly sessions, now in progress, for a cohort of pastors on "Leading Out of COVID," a resource to help them discover what's next.

"Leading Out of COVID" is just one of several leadership courses available through the Center for Continuous Learning. In October, the Center kicked off a six-week course in Chaplaincy Skills for Community Ministry and offered a free Savvy Student Loan Management webinar. Learn more about CCL offerings for ministry leaders at [ccl.ministrelife.org/developing-leaders/](https://ccl.ministrelife.org/developing-leaders/).



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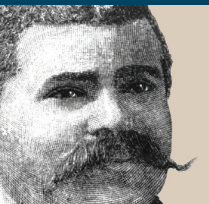
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## MISSION BRIEF

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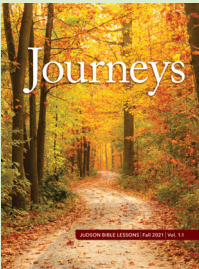


General Tract Society, Woman’s American Baptist Home Mission Society and National Minis-

tries. ABHMS is collecting items for historical exhibits. Should you uncover any items related to the organizations, please email [sue.peterman@abhms.org](mailto:sue.peterman@abhms.org) or call 610.768.2394.

## NEWS BYTES

The beloved quarterly group study resource “Judson Bible Journeys for Adults”—also known as “Journeys”—is now “Journeys—



Judson Bible Lessons” and offers a fresh, new look and lesson redesign. To order, call

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Have you signed up for ministrElife, the free online network for ministry professionals? Its job boards allow churches, regional executives and ABHMS ministry partners to post job requirements for positions to be filled. Communities—public, private and anonymous—allow you to join a group of like-minded people who have come together for a common purpose. All are created by you, for you. The chat feature offers real-time transmission of text messages from sender to receiver. Visit [ministrElife.org](http://ministrElife.org).



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## ABHMS announces 2021 recipients of prestigious Daniel E. Weiss Scholarship

ABHMS is pleased to announce that Abigail Fell-Dewalt of Pine City, N.Y., and Christian Schmutz of Longview, Wash. have been named recipients of the Daniel E. Weiss Scholarship. Fell-Dewalt will attend Palmer Seminary, Wayne, Pa., while Schmutz will attend Fuller Seminary, Pasadena, Calif.

A three-year renewable award for up to \$8,000 per academic year, the scholarship seeks to relieve a portion of a student’s educational loan debt. It is awarded every few years to an exemplary American Baptist who is entering seminary and shows academic achievement, emerging leadership in the life of the American Baptist denomination, and potential for future ministry.

To be eligible, a student must possess a 3.0 undergraduate grade-point average, be entering an American Baptist-affiliated or other accredited seminary, be a member in good standing at an American Baptist church and remain committed to the growth and sustainability of the denomination.

The award is provided through the Weiss Fund of Excellence, established by the late Rev. Dr. Daniel E. Weiss, who was general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA, 1988-2000. The scholarship is administered by ABHMS’ Office of the Executive Director in collaboration with ABHMS’ Leadership Empowerment team.

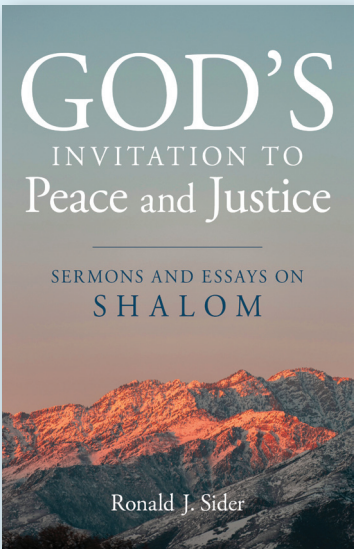
For more information, see “Education & Scholarships” on [abhms.org](http://abhms.org).

## JUDSON PRESS PICK

### Encouraging evangelicals to work for justice and peace

“God’s Invitation to Peace and Justice: Sermons and Essays on Shalom,” published by Judson Press, focuses on fighting injustice as a way of life for evangelical Christians.

Challenging corporations, individuals and believers to seek peace and justice, the book features more than 40 compelling sermons and essays written throughout author Ronald J. Sider’s career as a theologian and social activist. His challenge to followers of Jesus to embrace and live out the twin biblical mandates of evangelism and social action has been endorsed by multiple noted theologians and justice advocates, including Shane Claiborne, Tony Campolo and Scot McKnight.



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