

# Mission in America

## SPACE FOR GRACE 2022

### Be challenged by Learning Experiences at Space for Grace, Spiritual Caregivers Conferences

You won't want to miss the thought-provoking Learning Experiences at this year's **Space for Grace: "Testify!"** Sept. 21-23 at the Westin Kansas City (Mo.) at Crown Center. Here are two of many:

#### Responding to God's Story: Character and Virtue Development Practices for Cultivating the Next Generation of Faith Leaders

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Tamez Mendez



In this interactive workshop, explore concepts and practical tools rooted in human developmental science and positive psychology theories to help build future directions for discipleship and character development as part of a holistic approach to cultivating the next generation of faith leaders.

#### Missing the Mark with the Spiritual but not Religious

Presenter: Dr. Linda Mercadante



Learn how assumptions about the rise of Spiritual but not Religious (SBNR) persons often miss the mark and how the theology often focused on doesn't work with them. Learn why understanding the stories and beliefs of SBNRs is the first, essential step for creating a "space for grace."

Immediately preceding Space for Grace in Kansas City is the **Spiritual Caregivers Conference at Space for Grace** Sept. 19 and 20, which includes the following Learning Experiences:

#### Because You're in a Storm Doesn't Mean the Storm Has to Be in You

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Kirk Byron Jones



Drawing from his books "Rest in the Storm: Self-Care Strategies for Clergy and Other Caregivers" and "Soul Talk: How to Have the Most Important Conversation of All," Dr. Kirk Byron Jones will discuss daily practices for thriving in life and ministry, especially when facing constant challenges and living in a continual state of overwhelm.

#### Professional Spiritual Care Today: Trends, Opportunities and Challenges

Presenter: Rev. Dr. Trace Haythorn



Over the past decade, professional spiritual care has undergone several significant changes as a field. Drawing upon many recently published research studies, this workshop will explore the major trends, opportunities and challenges. Participants will come away from the session with an evidence-based understanding of the field.

### ABHMS grant helps church continue to keep giving

Following Hurricane Ida and the resulting flooding in the Northeast, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Spring House, Pa., let families sleep in the church and helped more than 40 families with direct funds.

While the church began giving assistance from its own funds, a grant of approximately \$10,000 from American Baptist Home Mission Societies has allowed the church to continue giving.

"We started a line item in the budget for disaster relief, calling it 'The Compassionate Fund,'" says the Rev. Sean Tripline, assistant pastor. "It will help our congregation as well as other congregations to give 100 percent in light of disaster relief."



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## MISSION BRIEF

A recent grant from American Baptist Home Mission Societies is helping American Baptist Churches of Metro New York (ABCMNY) strengthen its relationship to Haitian churches in New York City. That relationship is maintained by the Rev. Pierot Julien, a native of Haiti and coordinator of Haitian Ministries for ABCMNY. He visits the churches monthly, and often preaches for them.



## NEWS BYTES

ABHMS has been offering an Asian Leadership Training Series, and the remaining sessions are on May 19 and June 23-25. In May, Viviana E. Cornejo, racial curriculum and instruction specialist, Christian Reformed Church (CRC) in North America, and the Rev. Jerome Burton, pastor of Coit Community CRC, will present “Building Cultural Intelligence.”

In June is the Asian Conference in conjunction with the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches Convocation. For more information, visit [abhms.org/ministries/developing-leaders/intercultural-ministries/asian-ministries/](http://abhms.org/ministries/developing-leaders/intercultural-ministries/asian-ministries/).



“Understanding New Technology and Social Media as Ministry Tools” is the next session of Native American Leadership Training to be held on May 21. For more information, go to [abhms.org/ministries/developing-leaders/intercultural-ministries/native-american-ministries/](http://abhms.org/ministries/developing-leaders/intercultural-ministries/native-american-ministries/).

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## ABHMS shares ICCR’s proxy voting guide for socially responsible investing

As part of its Socially Responsible Investing ministry and in time for the 2022 proxy voting season, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) shares the “2022 Proxy Resolutions and Voting Guide” from the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility (ICCR).

New information provided in this year’s guide includes that of carbon credits, competitive employment standards and ghost guns.

“As shareholders and faith leaders, voting our proxies is an important step toward influencing corporate behavior,” says Michael Birdsall, ABHMS deputy executive director, treasurer and chief financial officer. “Never underestimate the power of your voice to create a more just and sustainable world.”

ABHMS is a founding member of ICCR.

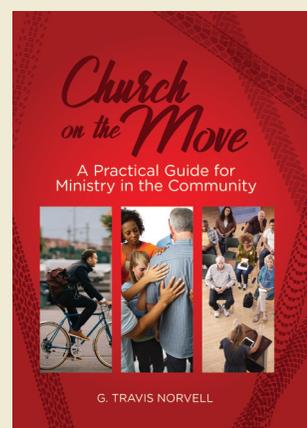
To access the guide and slideshow introduction to the guide, go to [abhms.org/ministries/healing-communities/socially-responsible-investment/](http://abhms.org/ministries/healing-communities/socially-responsible-investment/) and scroll to the bottom of the page.



## JUDSON PRESS PICK

### Book explores how walking, bicycling, taking public transit can provide fresh ministry lens

Drawing on his own experiences as a church pastor who walked, rode his bicycle, and took the bus as he went about his ministry, G. Travis Norvell,



M.Div., is the author of “Church on the Move: A Practical Guide for Ministry in the Community.” Norvell proposes that people of the “living church” start moving in, around and with their communities to move toward renewal and social justice.

The book explores how walking, bicycling and taking public transit can provide a new lens for ministry and describes how this approach to church life can help a congregation rediscover its mission, engage in advocacy and justice issues, and change its community for the common good. It provides concrete, practical ways for the church body and individuals to begin

implementing movement, including study questions, suggested resources and “experiments” between chapters that can help them find ways that work best in their respective contexts.

Learn more and order the book at [judsonpress.com](http://judsonpress.com).