

**AGENDA**

Ministers Council Senate  
 August 16-20, 2008  
 Green Lake, WI  
 Kern Lodge, American Baptist Assembly

**THEME: Re-Membering Your Future**

*Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

*So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan,*

*Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb. ~ Genesis 12:1-9*

**PURPOSE:** The Senate of the Ministers Council meets annually to worship, fellowship, and carry out its purpose, "to build up the Church of Jesus Christ by sustaining and improving ministerial leadership of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A." The Ministers Council is an autonomous, professional, multi-cultural organization of ordained, commissioned and lay Christian leaders within the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. We are women and men who advocate for and covenant with each other to deepen our spiritual journey and to increase our effectiveness, as persons who are accepting the call of God and church for the advancement of the Gospel mission of the church of Jesus Christ and to proclaim His truth in a prophetic voice as led by the Holy Spirit.

The focus of this session is transition and the first and second parts of the three-part long-term strategy:

- **Three-part Ministers Council strategy** (scope and frequency variables)
  - Face-to-face collegial covenant groups that meet monthly
  - Strong constituent Councils with exciting programs
  - Pattern of national conferences

**STYLE OF WORK:** The Senate will conduct business in the manner of Worshipful Work, seeking first to hear God before we take action. As a summons to discern the Spirit of Christ, we begin each session by lighting the Christ candle and focusing on Scripture that affirms God's intention to transform creation. We may alter the flow of the meeting at any point to turn to God in song or prayer, longing to be filled with God's will and way. For this meeting the role of discernmentarian complements that of parliamentarian. He will assist us to discern the spirit of the meeting and proceed accordingly, just as she will assist us in parliamentary procedure as our rule of order.

**LEADERSHIP FOR SENATE 2008:**

- ❖ Discernmentarian: Thomas Gilmore, Senator, Cleveland; Executive Committee
- ❖ Parliamentarian: Dee Dee Turlington, Senator, New Jersey; Executive Committee

- ❖ Senate Pastors: Karen Gygax-Rodriguez, Pastor, Federated Church, Green Lake, Wisconsin  
Roy Medley, General Secretary, ABCUSA
- ❖ Saturday Worship Leader Kate Harvey, Executive Director  
Phin Marr, Vice President, Professional Effectiveness
- ❖ Sunday Preacher: Kate Harvey, Executive Director  
Joe Kutter, Immediate Past President and Incoming Acting Executive Director
- ❖ Prayer Team Coordinators: Jeff Savage, Vice President, Spiritual Development And Committee
- ❖ Song Leaders: Mark Hetrick, Senator, Indiana  
Rick Massana, Senator, Maine  
Margie McCarty, Senator, Pennsylvania-Delaware  
Jamie Washam, Senator, Wisconsin
- ❖ Pianist: Paul Marine, Senator, Nebraska
- ❖ Social Activities Coordinator: Jerry Pryce, Senator-at-Large, Executive Committee  
Barbara Hulsing, Rochester-Genesee
- ❖ Banquet Chairs: Jane Moschenrose, Vice President, Denominational Relationships  
Miriam Chacon-Peralta, Vice President, Membership & Constituency  
Steve Bills, Vice President, Communications

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

- ❖ *Alice Greene, President*
- ❖ *Steve Bills, Vice President, Communications*
- ❖ *Jane Moschenrose, Vice President, Denominational Relationships*
- ❖ *Miriam Chacon-Peralta, Vice President, Membership & Constituency*
- ❖ *Phin Marr, Vice President, Professional Effectiveness*
- ❖ *Jeff Savage Vice President, Spiritual & Personal Wholeness*
- ❖ *Thomas Gilmore, Senate Representative to Executive Committee*
- ❖ *Dee Dee Turlington, Senate Representative to Executive Committee*
- ❖ *Forrest Cornelius, Secretary/Treasurer*
- ❖ *Jerry Pryce, Senator-at-Large*
- ❖ *Joe Kutter, Past President*
- ❖ *Valentine Royal Thomas, Executive Director, Women in Ministry*
- ❖ *Kate Harvey, Executive Director, Ministers Council*

The Executive Committee constitutes the Steering Committee for the Senate meeting. Please feel free to convey to any one of them your input concerning the work of this body and the flow of this meeting.

#### **GUESTS**

Rev. William A. Carlsen, Executive Minister, ABC of New York State

Rev. Richard Harris, ABPS Manager, National Ministries

Dr. David C. Laubach, Associate Executive Director and Strategic Missional Relationships, National Ministries

Dr. A. Roy Medley, General Secretary, American Baptist Churches USA

Dr. C. Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministry, American Baptist Churches USA

## THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- ❖ *Dr. Alice Greene, President*
- ❖ *Rev. Phineas Marr, Senator, Wisconsin*
- ❖ *Dr. Jerry Pryce, Senator-at-Large to Executive Committee*
- ❖ *Rev. Margie McCarty, Senator, Pennsylvania-Delaware*

The Nominating Committee will meet during the Senate at Sunday lunch to select the slate to be elected at Senate 2009, to begin service January 1, 2010.

You may suggest candidates for the positions to be filled:

### **2010 POSITION OPENINGS** (Positions would begin January 1, 2010)

President – Term January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013 (replacing Alice Greene)

Vice President – Denominational Relationships – Term January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013 (replacing Jane Moschenrose)

Senator-at-Large – Term January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013 (replacing Mar Imsong)

Senator-at-Large – Term January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013 (replacing Con Slaviero)

Nominating Committee:

Alice Greene  
Kate Harvey  
Phin Marr  
Margie McCarty  
Jerry Pryce

**\*\*NOTE:** - Alice remains on the Executive Committee as Past President – Term January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2013

Joe Kutter goes off of the Executive Committee as Past President.

**We wish to thank the following organizations for their generous donations for Ministers Council Senators.**

- Green Lake Conference Center
- MMBB
- Board of National Ministries
- World Mission Support
- Interim Ministries

**Saturday, August 16, 2008, 4:00 –5:00 p.m.**

Alice Greene, President, Presiding

New Senator Orientation

Kern Lodge

DINNER, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16, 2008, 7:00 p.m.

SESSION I

*“Remember today that it was not your children (who have not known or seen the discipline of the LORD your God), but it is you who must acknowledge his greatness, his mighty hand and his outstretched arm, his signs and his deeds that he did in Egypt to Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, and to all his land; what he did to the Egyptian army, to their horses and chariots, how he made the water of the Red Sea flow over them as they pursued you, so that the LORD has destroyed them to this day; what he did to you in the wilderness, until you came to this place; and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab son of Reuben, how in the midst of all Israel the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, along with their households, their tents, and every living being in their company; for it is your own eyes that have seen every great deed that the LORD did.”*

*~Deuteronomy 11:2-7*

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| 7:00 p.m. | 1. | Lighting of the Christ Candle | Joe Kutter                  |
| 7:05 p.m. | 2. | Singing                       | Mark Hetrick<br>Paul Marine |
| 7:15 p.m. | 3. | Welcome and Introductions     | Alice Greene                |
| 7:25 p.m. | 4. | Business Session I            |                             |
|           |    | a. Agenda Adoption            |                             |

**Possible Action:** To approve the Agenda as proposed (or modified) subject to modification by the presiding officer and new items introduced by the Steering Committee and any actions brought by a Standing Committee

b. Acceptance of Minutes

**Possible Action:** To approve the minutes of the 2007 Senate meeting as mailed or modified

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| 7:30 p.m. | 5. | Social Activities Information and Sign-Up       | Jerry Pryce<br>Barb Hulsing |
| 7:40 p.m. | 6. | Worship <i>Journey of the Ministers Council</i> | Kate Harvey<br>Phin Marr    |
| 8:10 p.m. | 7. | Open Mic I <i>Where Are You on the Journey?</i> |                             |
| 8:30 p.m. | 8. | Prayer Teams                                    | Jeff Savage                 |
| 8:40 p.m. | 9. | Reception                                       | Kern Lobby                  |

BREAKFAST, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, August 17 2008 9:00 a.m.

SESSION II

*Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” ~Genesis 12”:1-3*

9:00 a.m. 10. Green Lake Worship with Communion

Preachers:  
Kate Harvey  
Joe Kutter

Morehouse Hall, Bauer Lodge

10: 30 a.m. 11. Prayer Teams I

**LUNCH, Noon – 1:00 p.m.**

**(Nominating Committee for 2009 slate meets for lunch at rear of dining room)**

**Sunday, August 17, 2008, 1:30 p.m.**

**SESSION III**

*Then Naomi started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die— there will I be buried. May the LORD do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her. ~Ruth 1:6-18*

1:30 p.m. 12. Singing

Margie McCarty  
Paul Marine

1:35 p.m. 13. Lighting of the Christ Candle and Testimony

Dee Dee Turlington

1:45 p.m. 14. Personnel Committee Report and Celebration

Phin Marr

1:55 p.m. 15. Business Session II – Reports for Tuesday Votes

- a. Nominating Committee
- b. Budget
- c. Personnel Committee: Executive Director Position Description
- d. Dates of Next Senate: August 15-19, 2009  
(Executive Committee Arrives August 14)

Jerry Pryce  
Forrest Cornelius  
Phin Marr

2:20 p.m. 16. Ministers Council Relationships That Matter

Jonathon Malone, Senator, Philadelphia Baptist Association  
Dave Russell, Senator, Mid America  
Joan Burnette, Senator, Connecticut  
Clark Flesher, Senator, Greater Bay Area  
Ignacio Cartagena, Concilio de Ministros Latinos de New Jersey  
Margie McCarty, Senator, Pennsylvania-Delaware  
Thomas Gilmore, Senator Cleveland; Executive Committee

**BEVERAGE BREAK**

3:30 p.m. 17. ABCUSA Proposed Structure Roy Medley  
Jeff Woods

4:30 p.m. 18. Open Mic II on Constituent Councils and Collegial Relationships

5:00 p. m. 19. Benediction Alice Greene

**DINNER, 5:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

**Sunday, August 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

**SESSION IV**

*~Ruth 1:6-18*

7:00 p.m. 20. Singing Rick Massana  
Paul Marine

7:05 p.m. 21. Lighting of the Christ Candle Debbie Kamm

7:10 p.m. 22. Committees I

Communications Boehr  
Membership & Constituency Cary  
Spiritual & Personal Wholeness Brown  
Professional Effectiveness Johnson  
Denominational Relationships Hanson

9:00 p.m. 23. Ice Cream Social and Meeting of New Senators Kern Lodge

**BREAKFAST, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Monday, August 18, 2008, 8:30 a.m.**

**SESSION V**

*Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called—that you might inherit a blessing. ~ I Peter 3:8-9*

8:30 a.m. 24. Singing by the Lake Jamie Washam  
Paul Marine

8:45 a.m. 25. Lighting of the Christ Candle and Worship Karen Gygax-Rodriguez

8:50 a.m. 26. Prayer Team II Jeff Savage

9:40 a.m. 27. Report of the President Alice Greene

**BEVERAGE BREAK**

10:20 a.m. 28. Committees II

**LUNCH, Noon – 1:00 p.m.**

**Monday, August 18, 2008, afternoon and evening**

**SABBATH TIME**

**Optional Activities**

**Golf** - Complimentary golf with cart is available for up to 12 persons as walk-ons for Monday, August 18. No advance tee times. Golfers can come to the clubhouse on Monday afternoon to make arrangements.

**EAA Museum** - Hours are Monday - Saturday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Cost: \$12.50 adult (18+); \$10.50 seniors (62+); \$9.50 students 6-17 (5 and under free); family - \$31.

**The Outlet Shoppes at Oshkosh** - Hours are Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00a.m.. - 6:00 p.m.

**World Wide Gift Store** - Hours are Monday - Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Green Lake Tours** – Sign up at the Kraft Administration Building. Tours generally run between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. weather permitting and last about 1 hour. Both tram and pontoon boat tours are available. Tram tours are free. Pontoon Boat tours are \$8.00 per person.

**Troster Arts Studio** - Hours are Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Bicycle Rental** – Bicycles can be rented at the “Outdoor Rec Hut” in front of Roger Williams between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. daily. Cost is \$6.00 per hour; \$15 for 5 hours; up to 12 hours \$25. *Deposit: \$5 or one form of I.D. – driver’s license, credit card, room key or grounds pass.*

**Rysdon Recreation Center** – The recreation center is opened 24 hours for your convenience. However, the Fitness Room within the Center is locked but can be accessed with a guest room key card.

**Friendship Beach & Playground** - Located north of Pillsbury Hall. Swimming is at your own risk. Snacks, drinks and sundries are available at the Snack Shack during the summer. New: Children’s Playground

**Judson Tower & Chapel Car Grace** - Keys to Chapel Car Grace and Judson Tower (121 spiral steps to the top for a breathtaking view!) are available with a \$5 deposit in the Kraft Centre. In addition to Judson Tower, there are five small towers throughout the grounds that are unlocked and can be climbed.

**Green Lake Boat Rentals** - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m at the Boathouse. All motorized boat rentals, including wave runners.

**Outdoor Rec Hut** - Located in front of Roger Williams Inn. Available equipment: all non-motorized equipment, including canoes, sea kayaks, water squighter boats, rowboats, paddle boats, bicycles, softballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, discs for disc golf.

**Ollie’s Place Internet Café** - check sign just outside of Ollie’s for daily schedule.

Nearest movie theater is in Ripon.

Read a book, take a walk, whatever your heart desires.

Women in Ministry Dinner Gathering

**BREAKFAST, 7:30 – 8:30 a.m.**

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 8:30 a.m.**

**SESSION VI**

***Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you. ~ II Corinthians 13:11-13***

8:30 a.m. 29. Singing Mark Hetrick  
Paul Marine

8:35 a.m. 30. Lighting of the Christ Candle Paul Burden

8:45 a.m. 31. Business III

- a. Election
- b. Budget (Handout)
- c. Personnel Committee: Executive Director Position Description
- d. New Business

9:15 a.m. 32. Report of the Executive Director Kate Harvey

**BEVERAGE BREAK**

10:30 a.m. 33. Open Mic III

11:00 a.m. 34. Prayer Teams III

**LUNCH, Noon – 1:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 1:30 p.m.**

**SESSION VII**

***"I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." ~ John 13:34-35***

1:30 p.m. 35. Singing Margie McCarty  
Paul Marine

1:35 p.m. 36. Lighting of the Christ Candle

1:40 p.m. 37. Committees III

**BEVERAGE BREAK**

3:00 p.m. 38. Plenary Committee Progress and Plans

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 4:00 p.m.**

Meeting of Executive Committee

**Tuesday, August 19, 2008, 7:00 p.m.**

**BANQUET**

Banquet Chairs: Jane Moschenrose, Miriam Chacon-Peralta, Steve Bills  
Storyteller: Jamie Washam  
Pianist: Paul Marine  
Songleader: Rick Massana

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**Wednesday, August 20, 2008**

Homeward Bound