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## COMMUNICATIONS:

Announcements regarding RGR ABWomen's Ministries' activities will be sent out via the regional weekly email and will also be included in the monthly newsletter.



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# American Baptist Women's MINISTRIES

**Rochester-Genesee Region**  
*American Baptist  
Women's Ministries*

**2016-2017 Yearbook**



## ABOUT US:

American Baptist Women's Ministries has a long heritage of being on the forefront of mission and ministry with women and girls worldwide. From our very roots to today, AB Women's Ministries has addressed critical issues such as sex trafficking, poverty, equal voice, safety and security, access to water and other natural resources, leadership development, and, of course, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 61:1-3, quoted again by Jesus in Luke 4:18-19, provides us inspiration to bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty and release...to provide for those who mourn and give them a garland instead of ashes, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

American Baptist Women's Ministries—empowering women and girls to live into the fullness of who they are created by God to be.

**Mission:** AB Women's Ministries is a Christ-centered ministry with a commitment to encourage and empower women and girls to serve God.

**Vision:** Every American Baptist church shall have a vital women's ministry program that empowers women and girls to become and develop as God's person, build God's faith community, and serve God's world.

**Purpose:** As servant leaders, we serve American Baptist churches by encouraging existing vital ministries with women and girls and empowering churches to build such ministries.

**Core Values:** Our ministry is based on certain non-negotiable values that form a foundation and criteria for all that we do.

- We provide Christ-centered ministries.
- We strive for excellence in all we do.
- We practice faithful stewardship.
- We are relevant for women today.
- We assure that our diversity (clergy/lay, age, geographic, and racial/ethnic representation) as a denomination is represented in our ministries.
- We affirm and encourage the use of spiritual gifts.
- We recognize the worth of all women and girls.
- We value our American Baptist family relationships.



**Bylaws:** The national organization of American Baptist Women's Ministries operates under bylaws available at [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org) (updated in 2014).

**INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE:** We invite all women and girls to participate in American Baptist Women's Ministries. We encourage each woman and girl to participate according to her own needs, interests and gifts as led by the Spirit of God.

## NOTES

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**LOVE GIFT** is the over-and-above offering of American Baptist Women. It is an integral part of our United Mission, which provides for every aspect of our denomination's ministry, including American Baptist Women's Ministries. Love Gift is an everyday and personal offering. An opportunity to contribute to Love Gift should be given at each ABW Ministries meeting. Contributions should be given through your local church treasurer and marked "Love Gift." Your church treasurer will send the Love Gift to ABCUSA with the church's monthly report of Mission Support.

The **NATIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND** provides opportunities for developing leadership potential in women who are related to American Baptist work in this country and overseas. Gifts to this fund can be sent through the state treasurer in honor or in memory of individuals who have influenced the lives of the donor. The gift is then forwarded to Valley Forge, and a list of honorees and donors is entered into the Book of Remembrances in the national office of ABW Ministries. Statewide, the fund is to assist with state training for potential leaders or for spiritual events such as Oasis retreats and area/regional gatherings. These gifts should be sent to the State or local Treasurer.

**ABGIRLS** contributions help to encourage and support these girls to grow and share as young women of God and to take the steps necessary to become adult women God. Money from this fund goes for scholarship opportunities for conference attendees who might otherwise not be able to attend conference. The development of programs and conference expenses are also offset by this fund.

**VITAL PARTNERS for a VITAL MINISTRY**—ABWM is growing, training, and developing women and girls of faith today, tomorrow, and into the future. Vital Partners are women who have a vision for the future of ABWM and regularly financially support our work with women and girls. Your support of AB Women's Ministries, whether great or small, collectively makes possible great things! Vital Partners are individuals or groups that give regularly (\$120 total or more per year) to the National Support of AB Women's Ministries. Only with your continued support can ABWM continue to provide Vital Missions!

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## The Meaning Behind Our Logos...

American Baptist



ABWM logo

American Baptist Women's Ministries' logo expresses the boldness of our faith as women compelled by our commitment to Christ to act for change in the world. It expresses the simplicity of our mission statement as a Christ-centered organization serving to encourage and empower women and girls. It expresses our partnership in the community of American Baptist Churches USA, and it expresses our emphasis on ministry with women and girls.



**What is AB GIRLS?** AB GIRLS is a ministry focused upon meeting the spiritual needs of girls as they move through the many changes their lives will take as they grow into adulthood.

**Why just girls?** We all know that girls and boys are different and, at times, have very different needs. We also know that sometimes youth are less inclined to speak up in mixed crowds, and often hold back from sharing their true feelings around boys and men. AB GIRLS ministry is designed to complement the Christian Education and youth ministry programs in a congregation. AB GIRLS is a way for girls to have the opportunity to deal with tough questions honestly, to build close relationships with each other, and to build a program that will meet their particular needs as growing women of faith.

**How is AB GIRLS organized?** Your ministry with girls may be organized any way that fits your situation best. AB Women's Ministries produces resources for girls in three age ranges: Girls of Joy (ages 8-11, grades 3-5); Girls of Faith (ages 12-14, grades 6-8); and Young Women of Hope (ages 15-18, grades 9-12). Most resources can be easily adapted for a variety of age ranges.

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## Did you know...?

### 2016 is the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of American Baptist Women's Ministries!



In 1951, the National Council of American Baptist Women was formed to create a national organization to which each American Baptist woman could belong, and to expand the ministry to include the total mission of the church, including missions with women in the U.S., Puerto Rico, and all over the world. Women wanted to be able to elect their own officers and chairpersons who could focus their energy on the needs of American Baptist women and all that these women could accomplish by working together. They also wanted a focus on leadership development of women to develop a greater capacity for ministry and mission.

In 1965, the name was shortened to American Baptist Women, and in 1990 we became American Baptist Women's Ministries to emphasize the ministries and mission we engage in as women of faith.



AB Women's Ministries is taking the celebration of our 65th anniversary as a time to honor our past and all those visionary, courageous women who have come before, and to look towards the future that God is unfolding in us, through us, and for us! For more interesting facts, go to: <http://www.abwministries.org/page.aspx/contentId/66/65th-Anniversary/>

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## OFFERINGS

**LOCAL (REGION) DUES** provide funds for our Region ABWM so we can pay for our expenses such as postage, speakers, officers' expenses, and miscellaneous annual requests.

**GENERAL FUND OF ABW MINISTRIES OF NYS** enables the state officers to keep connected with the needs of the associations and local ministries. This includes expenses for speaking engagements, facilitating events, board meetings, and "A Witness" (ABWM/NYS newsletter)

**ABW/NYS MISSION PROJECT** is announced at convention each year. It will be a state need, a national need, or an international need. Contributions to this fund enable ABW Ministries NYS to meet the goal set by the committee.

**ABW/NYS SCHOLARSHIP FUND** is administered by the State Scholarship Committee. Awards vary with the needs of the individual and the amount in the fund. Applicants must be members of an American Baptist Church, female, and taking a full-time course of study. There is no age restriction. Applications are available from the committee chairwoman. Scholarship women are assigned to each association each year. Groups/individuals are encouraged to contact their scholarship woman during the college year with cards and notes of encouragement.

The **REFIT FUND** is an American Baptist support fund for missionaries who are preparing to go to the mission field and need specific materials to live and survive in their assignment area. It also supports missionaries who are returning to home assignments and may need help with clothing or housing expenses while they are here.

**NATIONAL SUPPORT** gifts make possible the work of national officers who plan programs and activities; development of resources to enrich our ministry at every level; and employment of capable staff and the maintenance of a national office to make all this possible.

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## Program Theme



## 2015-2017 Ministry Focus

"See" the 2015-2017 ministry focus theme of American Baptist Women's Ministries will give us the opportunity to spend two years focusing upon how we are seen by God, how we see God, and how we are called to see the world through God's eyes.

### Theme Scriptures:

"See" is based on Psalm 34:8, Psalm 139, and Luke 10:29-37, as well as other Scriptures.

*Oh taste and See that the Lord is good;  
blessed is the man [woman] who takes refuge in him.*

Psalm 34:8

# Resources Available

from [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org)

## 2015-17 ABWM Resource Book

The material in this book may be photocopied for local use in churches, women's and girls' ministry groups, and other Christian leadership training activities.

**This resource and many others are available to purchase in hard copy or e-copy at [www.abwministries.org/store/](http://www.abwministries.org/store/) or by calling Judson Press at 1-800-4-JUDSON (1-800-458-3766)**

## Virtual Mission Encounters

Learn about critical issues with impact upon women and girls—right from your own home! Join one of our virtual mission encounters. These mission education opportunities for women are excellent for individuals, but would also provide great information and inspiration for ministry groups! Encourage all the women on your ministry leadership team, or those who are engaged in your ministry, to register and participate, then share in your learnings together. Who knows where God may lead your ministry next?

Visit [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org) for details

## Subscribe to Leader's Reader

Looking for counterpart information from the national Executive Committee of American Baptist Women's Ministries? Are you a leader in women's ministries and need more ideas? Each issue has counterpart information, news and events happening nationally, "Ideas that Work" sent in by women like you, program suggestions, and much more! Published **six** times a year: September, November, January, March, May, July.

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## **Love Gift is...God's Love**

by Audrey T. Davidson

**Love Gift** is God's spirit coming down from heaven, touching and inspiring hearts to change lives.

**Love Gift** is God's light in darkness, overflowing from heaven to perfect and establish our spiritual lives in God.

**Love Gift** is bringing thanksgiving offerings and giving to the less fortunate.

**Love Gift** is God's peace in times of affliction and pain.

**Love Gift** is seeing the invisible, feeling the intangible, and seeking a miracle.

Most of all, **Love Gift** is...accepting God's love for us and the eternal life Jesus offers.

### **TOP TEN WAYS TO GIVE TO LOVE GIFT**

(Choose Just One)

10. Give a quarter for each load of laundry you wash
9. Give a dime every time you drive past a church
8. Give a quarter for each cup of coffee you purchase
7. Give a dollar every time you go grocery shopping
6. Give fifty cents each time you walk around the block
5. Give three dollars every time you go out to eat
4. Give a dime every time you talk on the phone
3. Give fifty cents every time you drive on a highway
2. Give a dollar for every hour of television you watch
1. Give whatever you can whenever you want!

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ABC/NYS ABWM	
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**AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES  
NEW YORK STATE**

**SPECIAL STATE PROJECT  
FOR 2016-17**

**GOAL: \$14,000**

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We want to encourage and enable women already involved in ABWM NYS as well as expand our outreach to include more women with our new two-fold project. Our first goal is to raise \$7,000 for the **General Fund of American Baptist Women's Ministries of NYS**. This fund is an essential part of our ministry in NY. The General Fund supports and enables ABWM NYS in the following areas:

- Printing and mailing copies of The Witness, our NYS ABWM newsletter
- Copying and mailing White Cross requests
- Special Project brochures
- Printing and mailing Convention registration materials
- Reports distributed at Convention
- Mileage for travel so that the Arrangements Committee can find a location for our Convention
- Liability insurance
- Audit expenses
- Legal fees
- Bonding expenses (insures treasury)
- CCLI license—copyright permission to reprint songs
- Supplies to run ABWM NYS
- Travel funds to send the NYS ABWM president to represent us at national meetings

God calls us to reach out to all women in our state, to get more women involved, participating, growing and serving so that they too will be able to "taste and see that the Lord is good." (Psalm 34:8) All monies received above the \$7,000 goal for the General Fund will go to our newly created **ABWM NYS Conference/Retreat Scholarship Fund**.

This will help enable women in our state to attend national, state, and area ABWM conventions, conferences and retreats by providing scholarships for them. Our dream is to raise another \$7,000 for this fund. We know that God wants us to grow in unimaginable ways. This newly created fund will make it possible for many women to attend ABWM events who may have hesitated because of financial concerns.

**Let's grow together!**

## MISSION STUDY

**International Geographic Study Themes**—Continually updated information is available at ABCUSA/International Ministries: [www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org) or links from [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org)

Order your free Global Mission Study Guide by calling Judson Press at 1-800-4-JUDSON (800-458-3766)

**Mission & Service Ministries:** Providing opportunities for each woman to study issues of concern in our nation and God's world, become an advocate in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others, engage in mission education, and be involved in American Baptist mission outreach. This can be accomplished in a variety of ways. go to the ABWomens Ministries website at [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org)

## SPECIAL INTEREST MISSIONARIES

*"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*

(Matthew 28:19-20 KJV)



Jesus left the disciples with these last words of instruction. It is not an option, but a command to all who call Jesus "Lord." While we here at home use our gifts in helping to fulfill the Great Commission, missionaries are using their gifts all over the country and worldwide to share their faith. We must continue our financial support as well as prayers for our missionaries and their families. Remember and pray for our Special Interest Missionaries:

### International

[www.internationalministries.org](http://www.internationalministries.org)

### National

[www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org)

**"Keep Connected...Keep Praying"**

**The 2016-2017 mission focus "See...the Suffering: Drug Addiction" invites American Baptist women and girls to explore:**

- The difference between understanding drug addiction as a moral failing versus understanding it as a disease;
- How people become addicted to drugs;
- What impact that addiction can have on them and on everyone around them;
- How our faith calls us to respond.

1. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/monitoring-future-2015-survey-results>
2. <https://www.drugabuse.gov/related-topics/trends-statistics/infographics/abuse-prescription-rx-drugs-affects-young-adults-most>
3. <http://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/pdf/2013-07-vitalsigns.pdf>

## **American Baptist Women's Sunday Resources for Planning and Worship 2015-2017 Ministry Focus "See . . .," Luke 10:29-37**

American Baptist Women's Sunday is traditionally observed on the third Sunday of September, although you are encouraged to schedule at the time of year that works best for your setting.

Request AB Women's Ministries and AB GIRLS brochures from the national office [info@abwministries.org](mailto:info@abwministries.org) or 610-768-2288), and use the 2015-2017 ministry focus "See . . ." bulletin covers [www.abwministries.org/store](http://www.abwministries.org/store)

### **FOR ADDITIONAL RESOURCE MATERIALS, CONTACT:**

**AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

**Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851**

**Website:** [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org)

**1-800-ABC-3USA**

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## SCHOLARSHIP GIRL (TBA)

**RGR ABWM Executive Board Meetings**  
**Parma Baptist Church 11:30am-12:30pm**

Sat, Sept. 10, 2016      Sat, Oct. 15, 2016  
Thurs, Nov. 10, 2016  
Thurs, January 5, 2017  
  
Sat, July 22, 2017 (at Region Office)

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## 2016-2017 Mission Focus *"See...The Suffering: Drug Addiction"*



While the good news is that alcohol use and cigarette smoking among 8<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders has dropped overall since 1995, the bad news is that there's been little real change in illicit drug use during that same time period. In a 2015 study, 8% of 8<sup>th</sup> graders, 16.5% of 10<sup>th</sup> graders, and nearly 24% of 12<sup>th</sup> graders reported using illicit drugs in the past month.<sup>1</sup>

In 1999, 418 adults aged 18-24 died from a prescription drug overdose. In 2014, that number was 1,741: or nearly five people a day. For every death due to a prescription drug overdose, there were 119 emergency room visits and 22 treatment admissions.<sup>2</sup>

Nearly 48,000 women died of prescription painkiller (opioid) overdoses between 1999 and 2010. The rate of women dying from overdoses of prescription painkillers has increased nearly 400% in that time, compared to 265% increase among men. Women are more likely to be prescribed painkillers at higher doses and use them for longer times than men.<sup>3</sup>

**Drug addiction isn't something that's "someone else's problem," or something that could never happen in your church. Given the statistics, it's quite likely that someone sitting in church with you on Sunday morning is struggling with addiction, or has a family member struggling with addiction.**

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For specific resources available, go to [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org)

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## ABCRGR American Baptist Women's Ministries 2016—2017 PROGRAMS

### Saturday, September 24, 2016

#### ABCRGR *Annual Gathering*

The Baptist Temple

### Saturday, November 12, 2016

10:30a-1:30p

Parma Baptist Church

Program Theme "See" and Recommitment of Officers

#### **Local Mission Project: Cameron Community Ministries**

(bring undies, socks, toiletries or personal hygiene items, etc.)

### Saturday, January 21, 2017

9:00a-1:30p

Mt Olivet Baptist Church

Annual Workshop and Luncheon

Featured Program: TBA

### Thursday, May 11, 2017

6:30p—8:30p

First Baptist Church of Penfield

Featured Program: TBA

#### **Local Mission Project: Cameron Community Ministries**

(bring undies, socks, toiletries or personal hygiene items, etc.)

**Watch for Flyers with additional details**

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### OTHER IMPORTANT DATES

**Sunday, September 18, 2016** (suggested date)

#### **American Baptist Women's Ministries Celebration**

Resources available at [www.abwministries.org](http://www.abwministries.org)

**October 21-22, 2016**

#### **ABWM/NYS Fall Board Meeting, Owego, NY**

**November 4-5, 2016**

#### **AB Youth Convention, Syracuse, NY**

**April 28-29, 2017**

#### **NYS Gathering of ABWomen and ABGirls, RIT Conference Center, Rochester, NY**



### Church Women United (CWU)

CWU hosts several meaningful and spiritual celebrations a year. Rochester area celebrations are held on the first Friday of the month. Please see below and feel free to contact us for more information.

- **World Day of Prayer** - an international celebration we host locally in March
- **April Bible Study** - a local celebration that highlights the years' theme and scripture
- **May Friendship Day** - a National CWU sponsored celebration, often includes breaking bread together before gathering for worship
- **June Action Celebration & Picnic** - a local service initiative is the main theme; as noted includes a picnic lunch provided by and served by the board members
- **October Day of Reflection** - a local celebration in which a local pastor leads us to reflect the theme of the year
- **November World Community Day** - a National CWU sponsored celebration
- **December Advent Celebration** - a local celebration  
Human Rights Day - a city wide program held each December by Downtown United Presbyterian Church (DUPC) and co-sponsored by CWU in Rochester

**Full information and CWU/Rochester Calendar of Events available**

**at [www.cwurochester.org](http://www.cwurochester.org)**