

ABCOFLASH ANNUAL MEETING ~ OCTOBER 5-6, 2023

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023 - ZOOM ONLY

7:00 pm - Business Session - Via Zoom

Church delegates and conferees are invited to join this session via Zoom to hear about the state of the ABCOFLASH Region. Our Board President, Mr. David Cheng, Executive Minister, Rev. Andy Quient, and Treasurer, Mrs. Lydia Floyd, will be reporting. You will also hear from our Regional Resource Ministers. The Annual Ministry Report, provided each year, will be part of the registration packet when you register at the church. You may also view and download the report on our website.

STATE
OF THE
REGION

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2023

Valley Park Church, 16514 Nordhoff Street, North Hills, CA 91343

8:00 am - Registration and Refreshments

10:00 am - Pastor and Leader Encounter

INCENSE AT THE THRONE OF GOD

Incense at the Throne of God explores the multifaceted dimensions of intercessory prayer and how we are invited to participate with the Holy Spirit's transformative work in us and God's redemptive work in the world.

REV. EDMUND SALAS

Ed did his undergraduate studies at Biola University, worked in the corporate world for 12 years, and studied at Fuller Seminary. For the last 32 years, Ed has served in the local church, and for the previous 18 years, has served at Newsong Church in Santa Ana, CA, as the Spiritual Formation Pastor. The transformative power of prayer has been central to Ed's ministry and spiritual formation strategy.



12:15 pm - Lunch

Lunch options:

- **Mediterranean Veggie** - Zesty sweet Peppadew™ piquant peppers, feta, cucumbers, emerald greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, hummus, salt, and pepper on Tomato Basil.
- **Napa Almond Chicken Salad Sandwich** - Chicken raised without antibiotics tossed with diced celery, sliced red grapes, toasted almonds, and special dressing, served with emerald greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, salt, and pepper on Country Rustic Sourdough.
- **Deli Turkey Sandwich** - Oven-roasted turkey breast raised without antibiotics, emerald greens, vine-ripened tomatoes, red onions, mayo, spicy mustard, salt and pepper on Country Rustic Sourdough.
- **Fuji Apple Salad with Chicken** raised without antibiotics, arugula, romaine, baby kale, red leaf blend, grape tomatoes, red onions, toasted pecan pieces, Gorgonzola, and apple chips tossed in sweet white balsamic vinaigrette.
- **Citrus Asian Crunch Salad with Chicken** - Romaine and a blend of chopped broccoli, green cabbage, carrots, and kale tossed with edamame, pickled red onions, and fresh cilantro in tangerine soy ginger dressing and topped with warm seared chicken thigh meat, crispy carrots, and a teriyaki drizzle.

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ABCOFLASH WOMEN IN MINISTRY LUNCHEON



**IT'S ME, IT'S ME, IT'S ME, O LORD, STANDING IN THE NEED OF PRAYER
THE BOLD PRAYERS OF WOMEN IN THE BIBLE, THE WOMEN IN OUR LIVES,
AND THE WOMEN IN THE MIRROR.**

REV. DR. MARIE ONWUBUARIRI

The ABCOFLASH Women in Ministry, those serving in professional ministry positions (pastors, missionaries, chaplains, and campus workers), will meet in person on Friday during lunch. Following lunch and conversation, we'll hear from Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri. Marie joined the American Baptist Home Mission Societies in August 2022 as the Director of Intercultural Ministries (King of Prussia, PA).

1:15 pm – Bonus Sessions



The Power of Words for Releasing Blessing to Others

Rev. Edmund Salas

Do you ever wonder what Rebekah and Jacob knew about the importance of a blessing that we don't? In reality, releasing a blessing to another person can change their life trajectory. In this workshop, we'll examine the anatomy of a blessing and also leave equipped to release blessings to others.



Global Servants

International Ministries through Global Servants is the witness of Jesus Christ worldwide on behalf of American Baptists. Several Global Servants are with us at this year's Annual Meeting. You are invited to stay after lunch to meet these Global Servants, hear what God is doing worldwide through their ministries, and learn how you and your church can partner with them! You'll have the opportunity to hear from the following:



Lori & Matt Mann
Laos



Eliberto & Molly Juarez
El Salvador



Jon & Amanda Good
Hungary



Daniel Chetti
Lebanon



Tim & Patty Long
Mexico



Jae Stockson
Mexico



David & Joyce Reed
Global Consultants



Pieter & Nora Kalkman
Europe

ABCOFLASH ANNUAL MEETING PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Prayer Space opens at 6 p.m. – Program 7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

With the focus of the Annual Meeting being PRAYERVOLUTION, we would like to provide an opportunity to join others from our ABCOFLASH family in a time of prayer.

Each year we come together from different churches and ethnic groups to connect in worship and fellowship. This year we are setting aside time to pray for our churches, pastors, church leaders, missionaries, and more. In addition to this time of corporate prayer together, you will have opportunities to connect deeper with God personally. Come and join us as we enter into a conversation with God!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2023

8:00 am - Registration and Refreshments

9:30 am - General Session



PRAYERS OF THE RIGHTEOUS

THE PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS PERSON IS POWERFUL - (James 5:16b, NIV)

REV. EDMUND SALAS

Spiritual Formation Pastor, New Song Church, Santa Ana

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Ed has been married to his wife, Ginny, for the last 40 years; they have three remarkable sons and daughters-in-law and the best dog ever. He is passionate about music, traveling, reading great books, going to the movies, and eating good food and donuts. (He has never met a calorie that he didn't like.)

11:30 am - 12:45 pm - Workshop Sessions

- **Praying with Our Eyes: Using Quilts, Icons, and Christian Art to Go Deeper in Prayer**
Van Tarpley
- **Longing for God: The Paradox of Prayer**
Joyce and David Reed
- **Prayer Journaling: Various Ways, Benefits and Reflections**
Deneen Ray
- **A Prayer Space - A Curated Hybrid Contemplative Interactive Prayer Experience**
Archie Honrado
- **What Our Prayer Practices May Reveal About Our Cultural Formation**
Marie Onwubuariri
- **Releasing the Power of Prayer in Your Congregation**
Pablo Martinez
- **Empowerment of Prayer for the Nations and by the Nations**
Jill Lowery, Daniel Chetti, Jae Stockton, Tim and Patty Long, Matt and Lori Mann, Pieter and Nora Kalkman

Talleres en Español

- **Oración Efectiva y la Fe**
Armando Osorio
- **Orando la Palabra de Dios: El Silencio y La Lectura Orante de la Palabra Como Disciplina Spiritual**
Eliberto y Molly Juarez
- **Orando Por el Liderazgo y Sus Familias**
Alejandro Roque

12:45 pm - Fellowship Lunch

"Build your own taco" bar followed by a delicious Ice-Cream Social