

2018 Tri-State Conference Workshops and Leaders

Friday, June 1

Basic Card Making

Send your sentiments from the heart with a handcrafted card! Learn assorted paper crafting techniques and practice them during the workshop. If time allows, handwrite a note in your card once it is completed to a shut-in, someone you of thinking of, etc.



Rev. Diane Badger is an ordained American Baptist Pastor. She graduated from Eastern Nazarene College with a Bachelor's in Business Administration and received her Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School. She served in Nonprofit Management positions prior to being called to the ministry. She was called as pastor of Community Baptist Church of Marion, Massachusetts in 2008 and served there until 2014. She also served as a hospice chaplain on Cape Cod. Since her retirement, she has consulted with churches in financial and administrative management. When Rev. Badger is not working with churches she spends her time doing genealogical research, paper crafting and bragging about her five grandchildren.

Mission Possible—Puerto Rico

In response to the devastating one-two punch leveled at Puerto Rico by hurricanes Irma and Maria in fall 2017, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), in partnership with American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA), launched the "Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico" multi-year initiative. Learn how Team Mission Possible helped to rebuild, restore, and renew the hurricane-ravaged island.



Gina Grenier serves as AB Women's Ministries of MA Mission and Service Coordinator (2017-2020). She and her family have lived on Cape Cod for ten years and she is a member of Covenant Community Church in Sandwich for six years. She has been an elementary math teacher for 17 years and loves working with children. Her first mission trip was seven weeks after Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans and she has been mission minded since. She has led a mission trip to Debra's House in Tijuana, Mexico and Clendenin, WV three times to work on a church and homes that were damaged by a flood in June 2016. Her most recent mission trip was Puerto Rico. Now that her youngest has graduated from college, she and her husband plan to lead more mission trips to areas that need support.

Touching the Generations

Many people in our society suffer from a lack of caring physical interaction with others. They literally need to be touched more often in a non-clinical way. This workshop teaches how to make a simple and fragrance-free lotion that can be used as a ministry tool in visitation to those who are isolated by age or infirmity. Simply offering to rub lotion onto the dry skin of their hands can form a lasting bond of compassion.

Rachel Johnson

White Cross Roller Bandages

Learn why we have been rolling bandages for our American Baptist missionaries since World War I and how they are still being used. There will be an opportunity for you to rip your own bandages, sew them to the requested length and roll them. Once completed they will be shipped to hospitals in the Congo.

Nancy Bancroft, Wakefield, RI; **Carol Polio**, Hanson, MA; and



Peggy Johnson is a native Rhode Islander and has been active in church work for over 55 years. She has held offices in local, regional and national ministries. She has served in many and varying roles for AB Women's Ministries, including being the Eastern Geographical Coordinator. Locally she has served as the Chairperson of Camping and Conferencing in RI, been President of AB Women's Ministries of RI and President of AB Churches of RI. Mrs. Johnson also served as President of ABCUSA from January 1, 2003 – December 31, 2004. In addition, Peggy is a Licensed Lay Minister, has served as an Interim Pastor and has served on the Board of Directors for the RI Floral Association. Peggy and her husband Ted have been married for 56 years, they have 2 children, Pam and Richard and 2 Grandchildren, Matthew and Rachel.

Saturday, June 2

Bags of Hope

Bags of Hope New England desires to restore dignity to a very difficult and vulnerable time in a foster child's life. This is done by providing a personalized bag so that a child can put their special belongings in it as they travel through The System. The workshop will bring an awareness to the severity and massive need for foster and adoptive families in our region. All this while showing love and supporting our local foster children.

Kimberly Gagne founded Bags of Hope New England with her husband, John.

Creative Journaling

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Responding to the Call for Short Term Mission Work

This workshop will discuss what is needed to go on a short mission trip. Is God sending you to care for his flock? Where in the world does God want you to go, and what could you be doing there? Are you a Passionary in the making? There is a short-term mission trip for every budget and schedule. Let's find yours!



Laura Austin has been active in her church and region with a heart for missions at home and abroad. Laura enjoys being State President for AB Women's Ministries of CT. She lives with her husband and dog and dotes on her two daughters, two sons-in-law, and three grandchildren. She has been able to visit missionaries in Congo, South Africa, Haiti, the Republic of Georgia and Beirut, Lebanon. In 2018 she went to Puerto Rico to help with the rebuilding after Hurricane Maria.

Those Mysterious Millennials

This workshop will highlight the generational traits, values, and needs of Millennials (ages 18-35) in order to understand and engage this emerging generation of leaders. We will offer tips and strategies for older leaders to engage, mentor, and empower Millennials as lay leaders and ministers.



Rev. Mary Miller was called to serve as TABCOM's Executive Minister in August 2015. Since August 2012, Mary served as Associate Executive Minister of Mid-American Baptist Churches, a region serving churches in Iowa and Minnesota. She has held two long-term pastorates, totaling 23 years, in Ohio and Indiana. She holds a Master of Divinity from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is currently enrolled in a Doctor of Ministry program through Central Baptist Theological Seminary. Mary and her husband have two grown children.

Zumba Gold

Zumba Gold is perfect for active older adults. It recreates the original Zumba moves at a lower intensity. The design of the class introduces easy-to-follow Zumba choreography that focuses on balance, range of motion and coordination.

Sally Pinel

Human Trafficking Plenary Leaders



Barbara Anderson founded All Hands In in 2010 and serves as President of the organization. After being involved in Human Trafficking awareness for several years prior, she began to realize that this issue was a local concern and the exploitation of women and girls was happening in our own backyard and communities needed to become involved. Barbara served as President of AB Women's Ministries of MA and as President of American Baptist Women's Ministries ABCUSA from 2009-12, which allowed her a platform to speak on the issues of human trafficking and other issues that concern women worldwide. She is past president of the Zonta Club of Arlington, a service organization that empowers women worldwide through service and advocacy. She completed training from the International Fellowship of Chaplains and is an ordained licensed community chaplain. Barbara has received the Women of the Year award from the Boston Baptist Social Union, the Unsung Heroine Award from the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women and the Women Making a Difference Award from the Zonta Club of Malden. In 2017, she received the Jitsuo Morikawa Evangelism Award from American Baptist Home Mission Societies. She has earned a B.A. and M.Ed. from Gordon College and is an administrator for over 30 years at Harvard University. Barbara has been married for 35 years to Phil Anderson and they have a daughter, Carrie who is a junior in college. They reside in Arlington, MA.

An All Hands In **Survivor Leader**.