Soon we will be gathering in Oakland, California for our Missions Conference, which is being graciously hosted by Allen Temple Baptist Church. Our churches, American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast, are in voluntary covenant partnership with each other in order to provide opportunities for sharing in worship, learning, and mission that might not otherwise be available to our individual churches. This Conference will offer worship services and workshops regarding local, national and international mission and ministry. I would like to encourage everyone to consider attending in order to share in this inspirational experience with your brothers and sister in Christ. (See pages 4 and 5 for details.)

Your Board of Ministries continues its ongoing work. We participated in our second visioning retreat under the expert leadership of Dr. C. Jeff Woods, Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries, ABCUSA. This visioning process has informed the work of our by-laws revision team, chaired by George Nye, who made a presentation to our delegates at the Annual Gathering business session last October. During the Missions Conference we hope to have members of our Board available to answer questions and receive feedback regarding our structure and mission as reflected in our by-laws draft.

We welcome the Reverend Miriam Mendez, newly appointed staff, as our Associate Executive Minister. She participated in our retreat and we are excited about our renewed emphasis on church planting under her leadership.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at Allen Temple on April 19 & 20, 2013. This Missions Conference promises to be a blessing for all. I have been advised that the Reverend J. Alfred Smith, Jr. will be bringing the message on Sunday, April 21. I hope you are able to stay and hear his preaching. You will certainly be inspired!

May you be blessed as we enter the season of Lent. May we remember the sacrifice made by Jesus on our behalf so that we can anticipate the joy of the Resurrection. Thank you for the opportunity to serve Him with you.
A Note from our Executive Minister . . .

Greetings in the Lord!

Communication is the word of the hour as we begin the new year in the American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast. Our expanding family is best served by clear and frequent communication!

Recently, The Central Pacific Coast Baptist has been published only three times per year due to the costs involved. We have found ways to reduce these costs and hope to publish on a more aggressive schedule this year.

Our email addresses and our web site are in the process of being completely rehabbed and will be rolled out soon. Our new web address will reflect our new name. The new design will allow for instant updating and will helpful features such as calendar events linked to more extensive stories, the ability to search for a church based on your location, links to ministry partners, an interface with Facebook, and the ability to register and pay for events and to make contributions online, etc.

Of course, face-to-face is still the best way to communicate! That is why we are so excited about our Missions Conference next month at Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland. We are looking forward to seeing each of you there as we gather to learn of what is being done by our partner churches and organizations and to catch up with each other around the edges.

See you there!

Oregon American Baptist Women Keeping Busy!

Diane Weidkamp, Co-President
American Baptist Women’s Ministries of Oregon

ABWMO has two events for the year 2013. Our Spring Conference will be at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church in Gresham on April 20th beginning at 10:00 am. Carol May is the conference leader and she has asked Pam Davies, Coordinator of the ABWM Western Region, to be our guest speaker. The speaker will be followed by a catered lunch.

Our second event is the Fall Conference this September (14-16) in Medford at the Red Lion Inn. This conference is being planned in cooperation with the American Baptist Women’s Ministries of the West. Trudi Bils has a wonderful conference planned for us featuring the Rev. Lisa Harris from the American Baptist Home Mission Societies under the theme "Feed the Need."

At my home church, Cedar Hills Baptist Women’s Ministries has an interesting spring planned. In February we gave Valentine Baskets to our women who cannot get around that well. In March we will have a dinner and silent auction to raise money for "Break The Chains". Our April event will be an all-church game to bring in dollars for Domestic Violence victims. In May we will have a "human trafficking" video. Finally, in June our group will have a salad potluck to celebrate the end of the 2012-2013 year.
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- Pastors Sabbath Week ($50 per room in Siden)
  June 16–21 (an affordable get-away for pastors and families)
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  June 24–29 (for children completing 2nd-5th grades)
- Family Camp ($130 ages 13+, $90 ages 4-12)
  July 1-4 (for families of all ages in Siden Conference Center)
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  July 8-13 (for children completing 4th-6th grades)
- Youth Music And Drama Camp ($199)
  July 8-13 (for youth completing 9th-12th grades)
- Jr. High Camp ($185)
  July 15-19 (for youth completing 6th-8th grades)
- Sr. High Camp ($185)
  July 15-19 (for youth completing 9th-12th grades)

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International Ministries’ Executive Director
Reid Trulson to Keynote Annual Missions Conference

Plan Now to Participate!
April 19-21, 2013 in Oakland, California

Hosted by Allen Temple Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Jr., Senior Pastor

Spotlight on Local, Home, and Foreign Missions!

The ABC of the Central Pacific Coast’s 2013 Missions Conference will be hosted by Allen Temple Baptist Church in Oakland, California on Friday and Saturday, April 19-20. A special Sunday morning worship experience featuring Pastor J. Alfred Smith, Jr. will be a highlight of the conference for those who are able to stay through April 21.

Schedule

Friday, April 19
- Optional Pre-Conference Mission Tour and Breakfast led by Rev. Daniel Buford ............... 8:30 am
- Conference Begins with Lunch .......................................................................................... 12:00 noon
- Registration / Visit Exhibits ......................................................................................... 1:00 pm
- Plenary Session ........................................................................................................ 1:45 pm
- Workshops .................................................................................................................. 3:00-5:00 pm
- Dinner / Visit Exhibits ................................................................................................. 5:30 pm
- Evening Plenary Session ............................................................................................ 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 20
- Breakfast / Registration / Visit Exhibits ........................................................................ 8:30 am
- Plenary Session / ABCCPC Region Meeting ............................................................... 9:15 am
- Workshops .................................................................................................................. 10:45 am
- Lunch ................................................................................................................................ 12:00 noon
- Closing Plenary Session ............................................................................................. 1:00-2:30 pm
- Optional Mission Visits to Seafarer’s Ministry, Allen Temple outreaches, etc.......... 3:00-?:?? pm

Sunday, April 21
- Closing Worship Service featuring Rev. Dr. J. Alfred Smith, Jr. ................................. 11:00 am
LODGING
Allen Temple Baptist Church has negotiated a special $92 per day rate with the Hilton at the Oakland Airport for our out of town guests. You can make your reservations at http://tinyurl.com/missionsconference or by calling 1-800-HILTONS and use the code ‘ATB’ to receive this special rate.

TRANSPORTATION
There will be a free shuttle running back and forth between the Hilton and Allen Temple throughout the conference.

TWO STEPS!
1. Fill out and return the registration form.
2. Contact the Hilton as soon as possible.

The American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast
Spring Missions Conference Registration

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Region Congregations Involved Beyond Their Walls
Don Watson, Coordinator
Ministry of Outreach/Missions

Many of our region churches are involved with mission outreach. Here are four articles sharing news of coming mission trips or outreach events.

**Missions Matter at Atwater (CA) Baptist Church**
By Pastor Paul Lundberg

Atwater Baptist Church is the coordinating church for a collaboration of ABC churches organizing a Missional Church Learning Experience with ABC-Home Mission Society, led by Glynis LaBarre. A small church with an older congregation, Atwater shares their church building with New Life Community Church and partners with them to send two dozen high school kids to the Mexican village of Ciapas each year during spring break. The New Life Mexico Outreach program is a cooperative program with Azusa Pacific University. In years past New Life has built a church, finished a women’s clinic, visited a prison, visited a convalescent home, cleaned a school yard and painted equipment, and been involved with children’s ministry VBS. Our prayer and financial support helps enable this life-changing experience for our local kids.

[Coordinator’s note: Atwater Baptist Church Pastor, Paul Lundberg, is the former Director of the Central Valley Center for World Mission. CVCWM is a regional representative of the US Center in Pasadena, California, creator and producer of the influential Perspectives on the World Christian Movement Course. In recent years, Paul and his wife have visited their sponsored missionaries in Slovenia, the Czech Republic, and Nicaragua.]

**One Church’s Sister Church Experience**
By Pastor Curtis Buthe, Cedar Hills Baptist Church, Beaverton, OR

Cedar Hills Baptist will be visiting our sister-church, Iglesia Shekina, in El Salvador July 29-August 6, 2013. This will be our 9th trip since 2001. More than one-third of the membership of Cedar Hills has traveled to El Salvador thus far. We’ve brought many guests from Iglesia Shekina as well, including last August when Pastor Ruth Orantes visited us during her sabbatical. The trip this summer will include roughly ten adults and youth; several are “first-timers.” We plan to continue construction work on Iglesia’s community center, which serves as a base for outreach ministries to the community. One such outreach is to local children whose parents rummage for usable items in a nearby garbage dump. While the parents are doing their work among the burning trash, the children are able to have Bible classes, do crafts, games and have something nutritious to eat. Each trip includes many learning opportunities, including a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral in San Salvador where Archbishop Oscar Romero was gunned down by a death squad while celebrating a mass in 1980, and a stop at the Monument to Memory and Truth where the names of thousands of Salvadoran citizens who were killed or “disappeared” during the 12 year civil war are inscribed (similar to the US Vietnam memorial). Each visit deepens relationships and our understanding of our both our brothers and sisters in El Salvador, and God’s love.

Iglesia Shekina is an active member of the Federation of Baptist Churches in El Salvador, which works with our American Baptist missionaries. Missionary Kim Kushner Dominguez worked closely with several leaders from Shekina during her time in El Salvador.
Y.A.H.O.O. Mexico Mission
(Yamhill Alliance Helping Others Out)
By Georgine Benner, FBC McMinnville, OR

For the past 25 years, several McMinnville area churches have sponsored youth going to Mexico during spring break to build houses. In collaboration with Amor Ministries, youth and adults meet several months prior to the trip to build community, train and fundraise. Y.A.H.O.O. works in the Tijuana vicinity. In 4 - 5 days the team will build four homes. These homes are chosen by Amor Ministries in conjunction with local pastors in Mexico. This year 60 youth and adults are going with 20 youth and four adults from FBC McMinnville. Upon returning, youth lead worship at their respective churches and give their testimony to changed lives through the power of God's Spirit. It is humbling to see youth packing up on the first day, newcomers nervous, wondering if they are up to the task. Each year when they return and unpack the trucks we see empowered, confident, deeply compassionate followers of Christ.

[If you'd like to know more about this ministry contact FBC Youth Minister Barbara Curtis, or Y.A.H.O.O. Trip Coordinator Georgine Benner via FBC McMinnville.]

FBC McMinnville Nicaragua Mission
By Pastor Kent Harrop, FBC McMinnville, OR

FBC McMinnville is a ministry partner with AMOS, an American Baptist sponsored health care ministry in Nicaragua. AMOS, led by ABC missionaries Drs. David and Laura Parajon, is currently partnering with 27 underserved rural communities to provide basic health care services. AMOS works to empower local community leaders to take the leadership in meeting the basic health needs of their community. FBC McMinnville, for the past four years, has been a partner with AMOS in the community of La Pimienta. FBC funds the clinic with a four-year commitment of $5500 per year. This allows AMOS to have a predictable cash flow to ensure this community's needs are funded.

AMOS welcomes other Central Pacific Coast ABC congregations to consider funding a clinic (or provide a portion of the funding). In addition, FBC McMinnville has sent four mission teams, including partnering with Chemeketa Community College, for the purpose of health screenings, such as anemia and diabetes testing. FBC McMinnville has also provided bio sand filters for each of the 100 households who live in La Pimienta. Access to clean water has significantly improved the quality of health in this community.

While FBC McMinnville has provided modest support, we have been inspired by the faith and witness expressed by the people of La Pimienta and the staff of AMOS. Our faith has deepened and our sense of community stretches from the Northwest to Nicaragua. FBC recently made a new four-year commitment to our partner village. Our fifth team, in collaboration with Chemeketa, will leave this spring break to continue the process of working with local leaders for health screening. To learn more, contact FBC coordinator Jennifer Scott via First Baptist McMinnville, OR.

(Rev. Harrop has been named the recipient of Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon’s Ecumenist of the Year. He will be honored at the EMO Dinner on April 25. Contact our office for attendance details.)

Share The Joy!
We would love to share your events with our regional family, please send them to our ABCCPC office or email Don Watson at donjw@comcast.net.
The Critical Role of the Region in Baptist Life

For American Baptists, the local church is the fundamental unit of mission and ministry. In ABCCPC, sixty-five of these local congregations are joined together in a covenant partnership to encourage, empower, and equip one another to discover and fulfill their unique mission in their communities, along the central Pacific coast, and around the world. They are committed to ministry to each other and with each other.

And just exactly does this look like? Since each congregation is autonomous and uniquely placed in its own ministry context, none of them are doing exactly the same things. They are all, however, guided by the same “Great” mandates:

- **The Great Commission**: Preach the Gospel; make disciples
- **The Great Commandment**: Love the Lord; love your neighbor
- **The Great Community**: We are one Body of Christ and members of one another
- **The Great Criteria**: Caring for the Last, the Least, the Lost, and the Locked-Out

With these timeless mandates guiding our shared vision for the future, we have identified several areas where common opportunities for growth appear. In the coming year we will engage our pastors and congregations in dialogue and training designed to enhance our ability to adapt to the modern challenges surrounding congregational vitality, evangelism, and new church planting.

- *How can we become stronger, more vibrant congregations?*
- *How can we more effectively bring our friends and neighbors to faith, and then help them grow in that faith?*
- *How can we extend our reach and multiply our influence by establishing new congregations in communities where we are not yet ministering?*

As we contemplate the answers to these questions, we will dream together about what each of us can become in the face of our unique challenges and our unique opportunities. We will draw on one another’s learnings and grow together in our common pursuits. We will bring our resources to bear where investment will yield much fruit.

Special Edition! Spring Missions Conference Details on Pages 4,5