



PRESIDENT – Janet Southerland

Greetings and salutations!

I am nostalgic for our Past President Charlotte Woodson's favorite song. I don't know about all of you, but I could use a rousing chorus of "This Is the Day"! This IS the day that the Lord has made and we are commanded to be glad and rejoice in it. (From Psalm 118:24)

You will find conference information and registration in this Tellhergram. Thank you to so many that are working to make conference happen. I am looking forward to Bible Study, Missions updates and Fellowship with all of you. It is a time of refreshment for my soul; sometimes a glimpse of Heaven when I hear us singing praises to our Lord in beautiful harmony!

All that being said - It is becoming more difficult each year to make conference happen. Perhaps it is time to change how we meet. We have one of the longest established continuous conferences in all of ABWM. Please put on your thinking caps. Look at the area of Ohio you reside in. Is there a park, a church, a facility that would be affordable and accessible for us? Do we need to have more local day conferences? Do we need to bring the meeting to you? Will there be support for it in your area? We still need an annual meeting, how will that be accomplished? Personally, I enjoy conference - But we are leaving out areas of our region because they are unable to travel that far. I am not talking about entertainment, but are we doing things a young woman or woman with children would take a day off work for and arrange to have childcare? Our mission is the same - to provide ways for each Woman and Girl to: become and develop as God's person; build God's faith community; serve God's world.

Please be in prayer and make concrete suggestions as we move forward. I want to hear from you: rsoutherland@neo.rr.com or 330-644-4823 (home)

Here is the information about National ABW Women's Day in Virginia Beach, Virginia. It is on June 21 at the beginning of the ABC Biennial. AB Women's Ministries also is sponsoring some ministry tracts at the Biennial. Program details and links to registration are at www.abwomensministries.org

It sounds like a good time for a road trip! Find your traveling buddy and plan to attend.

Register: Your \$75 Women's Day ticket price includes all sessions and the luncheon program. American Baptist Women's Ministries has additional ticket options for those who are unable to attend the entire program:

Morning session only - \$45 Luncheon - \$40

My prayer for you as I close is that you may experience the peace and joy of God's presence today and every day.

Janet

PS – Don't forget your craziest socks for the sock hop at our Ohio conference!

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TREASURER – Becky Winsley

There is no Treasurer's article this issue. Becky's uncle in Oklahoma passed away and she was on her way west for the service at publication time.

We extend out condolences to Becky on her loss and pray that God brings comfort and peace to her and her family in this time of loss.

If you would like to send condolences directly to Becky, her information is below.

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SECRETARY – Paula Duncan

“I the Lord do not change.” Malachi 3:6

God’s love is the only enduring constant in our ever-changing lives. Think back to a challenging time or circumstance in your past. How did God prove himself faithful to you during that time? How might remembering the past prepare you for what may lie ahead?

Is there a Bible verse from this week that touched your heart in a new way? Try committing the verse to memory.

No matter what season of life you are in right now, God’s love for you is as strong as ever! Can I get an “AMEN!”?

For all ABWM/Ohio board members, committee chairpersons, association presidents – our next board meeting will be via telephone conference call on Saturday, March 9. Hope to hear your voice at this meeting.

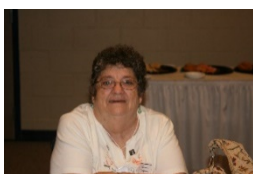
And our annual ABWM/Ohio Annual Conference is on! Check out the brochure in this TELLHERGRAM for details. I will have an updated directory of state officers and association officers at the June conference. So I’m making my annual plea for association presidents and/or association secretaries to provide me with a current list of your association officers (I do not need local church officers). The deadline for getting this information to me is FRIDAY, MAY 31, 2019. If there are no changes to the officers in your association, please send me an email or give me a call so I won’t worry that your information is up-to-date.

Blessings,

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COORDINATOR OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT –

Judy Douglas

The Christmas gifts are put away, the wrapping paper thrown away, the tree is put away for another year. I was reading the other day and it said, "Wouldn't it be nice if we would live Christmas the whole year?" We would show kindness and generosity. We would gather together with family and friends. We would share cookies with neighbors,

Our pastor suggested that we leave one Christmas decoration out all year so when we looked at it, we would remember the spirit of Christmas.

I have a book called Living Christmas Every Day. It has writings by Helen Steiner Rice. The first page is titled "Let Us Live Christmas Every Day".

*Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year, more than a season of Joy and cheer.
Christmas is really God's pattern for living to be followed all year by unselfish giving.*

*For the holiday season awakens good cheer and draws us closer to those we hold dear,
and we open our hearts and find it is good to live among men as we always should.*

*But as soon as the tinsel is stripped from the tree the spirit of Christmas fades silently into
the background of daily routine and is lost in the whirl of life's busy scene.*

And all unawares we miss and forgo the greatest blessing that mankind can know.

For if we lived Christmas each day as we should and made it our aim to always do good,

*We'd find the lost key to meaningful living that comes not from getting but from unselfish
giving.*

*And we'd know the great joy of peace upon earth which was the of purpose of our Savior's
birth.*

*For in the glad tidings of the first Christmas night God showed us the way and the truth and
the light.*

Helen Steiner Rice

Judith Douglas

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COORDINATOR OF MISSION AND SERVICE –

Peggy Burke

I have just returned from Haiti and I am enjoying r and r in sunny Miami now. I hope the good work of the Ohio ABW is moving on spreading fruit of the Spirit. The manifestation of our transformation. I encourage everyone to study and grow in the attributes of the nine-fold fruit, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and temperance.

I pray that everyone has contributed or plans to contribute to our state project.

Blessings!

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COORDINATOR OF CONFERENCE – Flo Smith-Heizer

2019 Conference is ON!! June 7-8, 2019 Philo High School, Duncan Falls, OH

Yes, we have one missionary scheduled and another one not quite committed. Our Bible Leader this year will be Rev. Dr. Karen Johnson, by request of several of you. We have workshops set up and hopefully more coming. The Friday night gala will be a 50s Sock Hop so come in your poodle skirts or jeans, saddles, sweaters and bring your craziest, cutest, funniest, or a Kookie would say the "GINCHIEST" pair of socks (don't wear them) and hang them on the LINE for the judging contest.

Also, the Teen program will be learning about visiting other Christians and will be taking a trip to a nearby nursing home to take gifts to residents. They would like for us to bring things for their gift bags, like lotions, soaps, bath scrunchies, etc. for their bags.

Hope to see you all there.
God Bless

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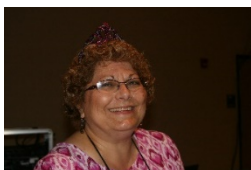
CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE – Tammy Hubb

We are so Blessed to know Christ as our Savior. Today's world is so volatile and hatred abounds. Every day seems a battle but we have the words of this hymn by Alfred Henry to remind us that we serve a risen Savior!!!

*I serve a risen Savior, He's in the world today, I know that He is living,
whatever man will say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer. And
just the time I need him, He's always near. He lives, He lives Christ Jesus lives
today, He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow ways. He lives,
He lives Salvation to impart. You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within
my heart.*

The Care and Share Lists will remain the same as last years. If you need another copy of them just let me know Rev Vince Harris will be retiring in April of this year from the Race Track Ministries. I will be getting the names of the replacements soon and will be sending out that information. Please continue to support our State Project of building a Chapel at Judson Village in Cincinnati. We have a goal of \$12,000 so please continue to work for this goal!! We can do it!! I am Blessed to SERVE A RISEN SAVIOR.

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CHAIRWOMAN OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT –

Susan Stotts

I hope you have had or are planning a collection for our Scholarship Fund.

The Scholarship Fund monies collected last year are supporting Susan Nicholson as she completes her third and final year at the ABC Ohio Leadership Academy. This is the first time we have supported a student in other than a university or seminary.

The Academy was started 20 years ago with the goal to prepare men and women to serve ABC Churches in positions of leadership throughout our state. Students complete 120 credit hours in such categories as Biblical Studies, Baptist History, Theology, and Preaching. An applicant must have a strong recommendation from their church Pastor or Board.

Applications for the 2019-2020 school year are due into our Scholarship Chairwoman, Judy Dorsey, by March 1st. You can reach her for information and the application form at 937-667-1333 or fbctippcity@frontier.com.

Our current Scholarship Student, Susan, is very active in her home church, Trinity Baptist in North Canton and in AB Women's Ministries on both the local and state level. She says, "As my books have been delivered this fall, I have been both overwhelmed at the amount of reading I have to do this year and excited about the changes God has in store for me as I finish up the Leadership Academy course. I truly covet your prayers as I face the challenges ahead!"

This year we help Susan Nicholson, let's be generous so that, next year, we can continue to help students reach their goal of education for full time Christian ministry. Thank you!

I am pleased to tell you that your board has voted to make ABW Ministries Ohio a Vital Partner. Vital Partners are individuals or groups that give regularly to National Support of American Baptist Women's Ministries. Vital Partners give monthly, quarterly, or annually, by check, and they may also set up automated giving by direct withdrawal from their bank account or credit card. We have voted to support with \$200 a year.

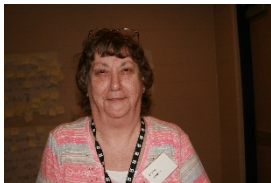
Vital Partners have a vision for the future of AB Women's Ministries and financially support our work with women and girls. I would encourage your support of national AB Women's Ministries by being a Vital Partner. We will have more information at conference.

For those of you who are sending monetary support to ABW Ministries national offices, I want to make sure you know that they have moved and, as of mid-year will not be using the post office box any more. The correct contact information is:

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See you at conference!

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CHAIRWOMAN OF WHITE CROSS – Patsy Rice

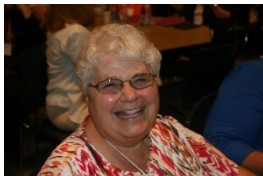
I am sorry I have not kept up with the White Cross for the last six months.

I had surgery in August and had several setbacks. I am now just having trouble with low iron and the shakes, even typing is a challenge for me.

YES, ladies we are still doing the roller bandages. Several churches have called or emailed me about this. National said, “You send them, we will ship them.” Remember the cost to ship them went up to \$1.50 a pound.

Just a reminder: it’s not too late to send your money in for Mission Support and our State Project. We would like to get money in before Conference in June. For those of you who have already sent yours in, a big THANK YOU.

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COORDINATOR OF RETREAT - Janet Wion

Spiritual Growth Retreat...Janet Wion—Coordinator (Zanesville Association)

Hello Ladies, Time to get your calendars out to set the date for the 2019 Spiritual Growth Retreat! It will be September 20th & 21st, 2019 at First Baptist Church, 303 South Edgewood Street, Mount Vernon, Ohio. The hotel will be the Holiday Inn Express in Mount Vernon. The cost of the Retreat has stayed the same: \$20.00 Registration, \$6.00 for each meal. The hotel has stayed the same price as well. You can make your reservations any time.

Look for the Tell-Her-Gram in the Spring issue for the details and registration forms.

The program is in the planning to make this a very special and inspirational Retreat. I look forward to seeing you all there. Renewing friendships and looking for new friends to worship and fellowship with. Bring a friend! She will be glad you did!

Ephesians 1:2: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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SCHOLARSHIP STUDENT UPDATE

Several of you have been asking me what is happening with Leadership Academy and what my plans are for the future. My studies this third and final year seem to be even more involved than the last two years. I have a LOT of reading this year and, while I don't have as many written assignments, those I do have are really stretching me academically and theologically. It is definitely a challenging year!

When I first started the Leadership Academy, I was leaning toward taking what I would learn and combining it with my nursing degree and entering the Home Missions field. I felt that I could never be a pastor. God turned that around the first year! I now know that I can and will do whatever God has for me wherever He wants me, including being a pastor. I feel that this is the area the Lord is leading me toward at this time. We will see what His future holds for me.

Susan Nicholson