



**PRESIDENT – Janet Southerland**

Conference is coming! Conference is coming! Can you tell I am excited? The Princesses have things ready. The missionaries are coming. The workshops are in their polishing stage. Rev. Jill is studying for our Bible Study. The Gala is planned. Did you know that we have a member of the Young Adult Women's Leadership Team living in Ohio? She will be with us Friday morning. Are we ready to utilize her presence in the state? Rev Sandra Hasenauer will also be with us Thursday evening at Board meeting and on Friday morning. Wait, there's more – now I sound like an infomercial! Look for the registration at the end of the Tellhergram to share and use. I am especially looking forward to your smiles, hugs and fellowship!

Have your State Project monies for New Life Center Bible Camp been turned in? Kit (Ripley) could really use our prayers and support. Please send your gifts to our new treasurer – soon!

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A special thank you to Nancy Peto for serving as treasurer for the last four years.

Ladies, I have heard nothing from any of you about suggestions for a secretary. Things are changing all around us, and just maybe we won't do ministry in the future the way we do ministry today. Last June we did some work in our Board meeting dealing with what ABW/OH is and what we want it to be. This June Rev. Sandy Hasenhauer is coming to work with us. One of her specialties is helping people work through "the process". In our case, the process is realistically seeing what resources we have (available workers, funding, ideas), what our goals are (continuing support of missionaries and their work, etc.), and how we could get there (this might be the rub). So, please - pray. After saying all that, we still need a secretary – someone to keep track of our decisions, to help us stay connected no matter how we choose to do ministry. And please send me suggestions for a secretary!

Please note that I am available to come to your area for a chat with your ladies. I do work, but often have days off during the week. The farther out you can schedule, the more likely I can have the day off. There is no guarantee of a wonderfully prepared inspirational talk, but honest answers will be provided. I enjoy helping you make your vision of ABW ministry a reality.

Did you see that there is a matching gift opportunity with International Ministries? It is a limited time offer – make your dollars go farther – check it out at [internationalministries.org](http://internationalministries.org).

See you soon and thankful that our Great God is in control!

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**SECRETARY – Paula Duncan**

ATTENTION ASSOCIATION SECRETARIES/PRESIDENTS! I have started updating the information contained in the ABW Ministries of Ohio Directory for 2018-2019. Please be reminded to send me an updated list of your association officers for 2018-2019 by FRIDAY, JUNE 1, 2018. The 2018-2019 Directory will be available at the state conference June 8-9 in Zanesville. If there are no changes in your association officers, a quick email or phone call would be appreciated (see email address and phone number below). If you want to use 'snail mail' my home address is 1147 Distel Lane, Portsmouth, 45662.

A reminder for the ABWM/Ohio Executive Board, Board of Managers, and Association Presidents: our next board meeting will be Thursday, June 7, at the Holiday Inn Express in Zanesville. We'll start with dinner at 5 p.m. (you will need to include payment for this meal when you register for the annual conference) followed by the board meeting at 6 p.m. Hope to see many of you there, or at the conference which starts the next day.

Blessings,

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**TREASURER – Becky Winsley**

Hi everyone! My name is Becky Winsley and I am the new Treasurer. As such, I want to remind you that Conference and the end of our fiscal year is fast approaching. In order for me to get a report ready for Conference, any monies you wish to have credited in this year (for State Project, Scholarship, Women & Girls Missions, etc.) **MUST** be sent to me by **May 21st**. As contributions have been relatively slow in coming in so far, I hope to receive a good many more. Please write the checks to **ABW Ministries of Ohio** and mail to:

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Any monies received later will be credited to next year's totals as this year's books will have to be closed. Thank you.

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**COORDINATOR OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT –  
Judy Douglas**

**Feel The Love**

**A Hug for Faith  
A Hug for Empathy  
A Hug for Encouragement  
A Hug for Love**

**Never underestimate the power of a hug.**

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**COORDINATOR OF MISSION AND SERVICE –  
Peggy Burke**

A Mission for American Baptist Women in Ohio

Have you been busy raising funds for the girls Bible camp in Thailand? It is almost time for you to send the funds to our treasure so that Kit can move ahead with the planning. I hope you are praying for the success of this project. Many of the participants will have a first-time opportunity to get away from the daily struggle of everyday life to focus on their spiritual growth. This is such a wonderful way to support Kit Ripley and her long-time commitment to the mission work that God has called her to.

I hope every group of American Baptist Women in Ohio has received or seen the new annual report from International Ministries. It is filled with pictures, locations and assignments for all of our international missionaries.

Did you listen in on the webinar that our new national director presented? It was filled with wonderful information. Maybe a copy of the workshop could be obtained for board meetings. We have received one suggestion for the in-state project for next year. Are there additional ideas that should be considered when we meet again in June?

God bless each of you as you remain faithful to your commitment to support mission work and the building of the kingdom of God.

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**COORDINATORS OF CONFERENCE –**

## Flo Smith-Heizer, Karen Johnson, Cindy Wood, Aline L. Davis

Ladies (and Girls), we hope you are looking forward to those warm June days with flowers in bloom and nice scenery on your drive to Zanesville/Duncan Falls for the ABC/OH Women's (and Girls) Conference. June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. And now that you have your 2018 calendars, mark those dates so you will be ready!

Pack up your teen daughters and granddaughters, as we are having a special program for them. They do not have to be a part of an AB Girls group to participate. It 'll be a great time for all the girls in your life! Last years' girls are planning to return for more fun and faith-building.

The 2018 Conference will not only have some of your favorite things, but some things that are both new and exciting. For starters, we are preparing workshops with our missionaries and our Bible Study leader, Rev. Jill Smith. There will be a session concerning White Cross with Pat Rice. Craft workshops on Creative Containers will be led by Aline Davis and on Create a Card will be led by Jenny Zane (each session limited to 10 participants). Yoga with Barbara Duncan and Archery (still tentative!) round out our session options.

In addition, we are working on a New Connection called [\*\*RIDE SHARE Link-Up\*\*](#). If you are coming alone and would like to share a ride with someone in your area, or if you would like to come and not drive, but are willing to help with fuel expenses, PLEASE USE THIS SECTION OF THE REGISTRATION FORM. We hope this will enable even MORE women and girls to attend.

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And finally, we are planning a [\*\*FRIDAY NIGHT GALA\*\*](#) which will be great fun for all. Find, borrow, or make your best looking 1920's outfit and pack it in your GRIP (1920s lingo for suitcase). Come dressed for supper, then party the night away (maybe even 'til 9 pm.). Costume prizes will be awarded. Look for Decadent Desserts and Bathtub Gin(ger Ale) with some (Root) Beer, and cookies baked by one of our own Ohio Associations. YUM!! You can enjoy the rest of the evening poolside, with late-night card games, or "Feet Up Conversation" time at the hotel.

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Get ready to: **FEEL Refreshed, FEEL Revived, FEEL Renewed, FEEL Refueled, FEEL Reconnected.** We are planning on seeing YOU and SEVERAL new faces as well this year, including more girls.

The Princesses of Conference wish you God's Blessings in this New Year!

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## IT'S CONFIRMED!

The ABW Ministries Ohio Conference  
will be held  
June 8 & 9, 2018  
at  
Philo High School in Duncan Falls, Ohio



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2017-2019 Ministry Focus  
Enfoque del Ministerio 2017-2019

Worship Leader: Cindy Wood, Zanesville, Ohio

Hear from our Bible Study Leader and Missionary

Experience the latest in ABWM information, informative workshops,  
Association White Cross Packets, time with our Ohio Ministries Representative,  
Worship and Fellowship Time.

Watch the website and TellHerGram for workshop and registration information.

A wonderful way to spend time with our sisters in Christ!

## MAKE PLANS NOW TO JOIN US!

### CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE – Tammy Hubb

I hope that by now you have received the Care and Share lists. I sent some by snail mail and tried emailing some. If you have not received the lists, please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to get them to you. I have made it to some of the facilities personally and hope to get to the rest real soon. I get such a blessing from seeing the work that is being done. We are fortunate to be able to help in so many ways. A little from each of us adds up to a lot in the end. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Conference in June. We will get to hear from

several of the administrators and how what we send helps. Just load up and bring it to Conference and I will be sure it gets to the right place. God is so Good! See ya soon.

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**CHAIRWOMAN OF FINANCIAL SUPPORT –  
Susan Stotts**

Spring! I see Spring at last! And for this Spring issue of TellHerGram, I want to talk about Love Gift and the Women and Girls Mission Fund.

Love Gift giving began in 1932. During the Great Depression, American Baptist Churches faced a half-million-dollar deficit. Among other initiatives, AB Women were challenged to raise \$150,000 to help meet the crisis. Receiving the challenge, women began the over-and-above contribution called Love Gift. Our women contribute over \$3million annually to American Baptist Mission through various programs such as Refit, White Cross region mission projects and Love Gift. Love Gift is a significant part of this giving.

Love Gift is used to support the total mission program of American Baptist Churches, USA. It is a part of United Mission, the basic funding source for American Baptist Mission. Fifteen percent of Love Gift comes to AB Women's Ministries and is used for operating costs, including salaries. Through Love Gift, missions and ministries in the United State and Puerto Rico and around the world are able to reach out to millions of God's people. This over-and-above gift is given out of a sense of love, faith and gratitude to God for all of His blessings and in recognition of our need to share these blessings with others.

The Women and Girls Mission Fund empowers American Baptist women to bring healing, wholeness, and hope to our sisters at home and around the world. It gives us the power to decide how our money is used and helps us respond to mission needs that benefit women and girls, including urgent short-term mission projects, our AB Girls ministry, Leadership Development, Refit and national mission projects like Break the Chains. You may designate your donation to go to one of these ministries. Twenty percent of undesignated donations are used for the ongoing ministry needs of ABW Ministries. The other eighty percent goes to grants.

And just what do these grants do? I'm glad you asked. Ten were given in 2017, both in the United States, and around the world. Here's a sampling:



\* In rural Kenya, seeds and farm tools were purchased for 72 poor women who received training to grow nutritious vegetables and fruit for their families and community. The women are also learning basic entrepreneurship skills to self-sustain and expand the initiative indefinitely.

\* At Cameron Community Ministries, Inc., a neighborhood action program in Rochester, NY, fifth and sixth grade girls are learning respect, responsibility and self-sufficiency through the new R&R for Girls project.

\* A Syrian Baptist woman received a two-year scholarship to study at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary in Lebanon in preparation for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ in the Arab world.

\* In two impoverished villages in India, 60 adolescent girls are learning tailoring skills to generate income through self-employment, and 40 women are organizing a Pickles Business as a self-help cooperative to increase their current monthly income by 30 percent, and to avoid working in prostitution.

So, you can see that both funds are worthy. Love Gift helps the whole American Baptist family and the Women and Girls Fund focuses on mission with women and girls. I ask that you pray for and about these two funds and give as God leads you.

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## **SCHOLARSHIP THANK YOU**

I would like to say thank you to everyone for the generous scholarship you have granted me for the 2018-2019 school year. I am attending the ABC Ohio Leadership Academy and it is wonderful to know that I can concentrate on my studies next year and not have to worry about where the money for books and travel expenses is going to come from. God bless you all for your generosity.

Susan Nicholson





**CHAIRWOMAN OF WHITE CROSS – Patsy Rice**

I don't have an update on where we are in our Mission giving; But I know we are down. So please, I encourage all churches to send their support money in ASAP please.

I was encouraged hearing how many of our State Board members' churches are working on the roller bandages. Just remember, that alone will not keep our missionaries in the field. They need our financial support also.

Just another reminder that the Local White Cross & Care and Share Reports are due. They need to be sent so your Association Representative can send in her report. These reports help us know who did their request and how we break down the next year's request. Your help is needed to do this.

National depends on the State Reports!  
State depends on the Association Reports!  
Association depends on the Local Report!  
Local depends on each and every one of us doing our part.

I hope to hear from all Associations this year. Thank You!

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**COORDINATOR OF RETREAT - Janet Wion**

Finally, it is spring! As I sit on my kitchen porch watching the birds at the feeders, watching the flowers begin to open with new life, trees beginning to bud, I think of how much God has given us.

Attached you will find the 2018 Spiritual Growth Retreat registration form

I am looking forward to a special time of fellowship and worship, good music, Bible studies, missionary speaker, comedy, renewing old friendships and making new friends. Be sure to come join us at the First Baptist Church, Mount Vernon, Ohio—Spiritual Growth Retreat September 21st & 22nd 2018.

*Isaiah 40:31 But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*