



PRESIDENT – Janet Southerland

Greetings Ladies!

What a world we are living in! I am so glad that God reigns, for without that fact, hope would be impossible! My favorite verse for that fact – Isaiah 52:7. I pray that all of you are safe and well. Life in S. Carolina has been interesting to say the least. I was only here a few weeks and the whole world shut down. But, I am fed, warm and cared for – and the big news for this week is I was able to purchase a six pack of paper towels – enough said.

Let's talk about conference – our executive and conference ladies have been talking to each other. Here is the plan so far (always subject to change) 1) If Ohio is open by May 15, we will consider having conference. 2) If that happens, we need to hear from everyone that is attending conference by May 30. If there are at least 30 ladies attending, we will try to have conference. There are many things we don't know yet.

Things like will the church we are meeting in be open? Will our Bible Study leader be able to come? Will other leadership of conference be able to be there? 3) If you have sent your registration and check to our treasurer – Becky, she will not cash the check until we are sure we are having conference.

So, let's think about what we will do if conference is cancelled. The best suggestion was to plan an event the day or evening before the Annual Gathering. Besides the need to fellowship, we need to have an annual meeting. Details to be determined.

How is that State Project for Dayton Christian Center coming along? I know, you haven't met and your fund raising has been cancelled. Let's extend the due date for when our money is due. Does August 15 work better?

In case you haven't heard, National Conference at Green Lake is cancelled. The National Board meeting will be by Zoom (virtual meeting by phone or computer) in June.

We still are in need of a President for Ohio ABW. What does the president do? She presides at all business, board and executive meetings. There are 4 board meetings and one annual meeting per year. The Board meets in September (usually before Retreat), November (usually in the ABC offices in Granville), March (by phone or in Granville), June (the day before our

conference). And, of course, the annual meeting should be during conference. The President should attend at least two of the three National Board meetings held during her tenure. National Board usually meets some time during the summer. Either in conjunction with the Biennial or with National ABW conference. Sometimes there are telephone meetings for National Board during the year, usually of an evening. The President gets to write for the Tellhergram! Those are the various meetings. The President is to encourage the various ABW groups. She should try in three years to get to most of the associations – I did not accomplish that in four years, but I was still working a day job. And lastly, the President tries to keep the officers and Board on task. That would be carrying through on decisions and goals the Board has made. I admit some days that is like herding cats, but I have enjoyed enabling others to use their God given talents! I know some might decline this opportunity because of funding – we are very blest in Ohio. The way is paid for conference, both state and national. You receive mileage when you travel to board meetings. Time is the one thing we can't reimburse, so if you have the time, won't you consider this opportunity to serve our Lord and be blest in the process?

As I look back over the last four years, there have been many joys and trials. The grace that I have been shown has been tremendous. I feel blest to have led the ABW of Ohio. There has been joy in knowing so many great women of God. There has been sorrow in having laid so many to rest. Thanks to all of you for your love, prayers and interest in my journey.

From Jude verses 24-25 (my favorite benediction):

24 To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— 25 to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

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TREASURER – Becky Winsley

Well, this has been a very strange year. I hope and pray that you are all staying in good health. Since we have had to temporarily stop gathering together for church and various association meetings, we have been unable to collect for our ABWM State Project, Scholarship, or other funds as we normally have in the past. In the President's article, Janet suggests that we extend the time for collecting these monies until August 15th. I agree that the collection time should be extended. I will need to **HAVE** the monies for the State Project

and any other fund by August 15th at the latest in order to have the check sent to Dayton Christian Center for their bus before school starts again. With the deadline extended, if we have Conference in June, the Treasurer's report that I present at that time will not have the end of the year totals. I will have to wait until August to balance the year. Please remember to write the check to **ABW Ministries of Ohio** and then mail it to me at 1924 Euclid Ave, Zanesville OH 43701 by **August 15th**. Thank you. Take care and stay safe and healthy.

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**COORDINATOR OF PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT –
Judy Douglas**

This a my final Tellhergram article as my three years will be up in June. I have thoroughly enjoyed being your Coordinator of Personal Development. I have found great joy in finding articles to share with you and finding subjects to share with you.

Take Time For 10 Things

- 1 **Take time to work...** It is the price of success.
- 2 **Take time to think...** It is the source of power.
- 3 **Take time to play...** It is the secret of youth.
- 4 **Take time to read...** It is the foundation of knowledge.
- 5 **Take time to Worship...** It is the highway of reverence and washes the dust of earth out of our eyes.
- 6 **Take time to help and enjoy friends...** It is the source of happiness.
- 7 **Take time to love...** It is the one sacrament of life.
- 8 **Take time to dream...** It hitches the soul to the stars.
- 9 **Take time to laugh...** It is the singing that helps with life's loads.
- 10 **Take time to plan...** It is the secret of being able to have time to take time for the first nine things.

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SECRETARY – Susan Stotts

Good morning! I hope this newsletter finds you well. I know we've all been living with some apprehension and proceeding with caution. Self-care and safety precautions are good, but don't give in to fear. I heard a quote on the radio this morning from Zig Ziglar, and it struck me as words to live by. He said, "F-E-A-R has two meanings: 'Forget Everything And Run', or 'Face Everything And Rise'. The choice is yours." I pray we all choose the second meaning. In Christ, we can 'Face Everything and Rise'. At an Executive meeting, we looked at the pros and cons of holding our June conference. We want to ask the question, "If the stay-at-home order is lifted by May 15, would you attend conference on the June 12-13 dates?". Be sure to answer that question so your board has some guidance as to what to do. I can take those answers at the number or email below, or you can contact our Coordinator of Conference, Aline Davis, at aline.l.davis@gmail.com.

Now for secretarial business. It is time for me to make up the new directories. Does your association have new officers or do your current officers have any changes to their contact information? If so, I need that new information by mid-May. It takes a while to get the directory updated and printed. Or, have you postponed your elections due to the stay-at-home order? If so, perhaps I need to delay printing the directories to give you the chance to have your elections and get the information to me. Please, let me know if that's the case. Association Presidents, please, please let me know where you stand on officers. Perhaps your elections were last September. Do I have those changes? Perhaps your officers won't change for another year. Let me know. You Presidents should each have the 2019-2020 directory. Please check it, and see if your Association's information is correct, and let me know. If you don't have a directory, call me and we'll go over the contact info and get it right. Communication, especially if we can't meet, is so important. And we can't communicate properly, if we don't have the correct contact information. If you can help me out, I will really appreciate it. Call me or email me. I'm at home most all the time, right now.

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CHAIRWOMAN OF CARE AND SHARE – Tammy Hubb

Boy, has this been quite a year so far! We have had many upheavals in our lives, but we are blessed to know that GOD is in control. He is with us always and will never leave us! 1Peter 5:7 “Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”

The State project this year of helping Dayton Christian Center get a bus to transport students to special programs, etc., NEEDS OUR HELP. With our Churches meeting via internet instead of in person, it is hard to keep things going. We have not received as many contributions as we normally do. Our goal is \$15,000. We have a way to go to meet this. Please send your contributions to our State Treasurer, Becky Winsley as soon as possible. Make sure you annotate the check is for State Project.

Care and Share lists are the same as last year. As it stands now, we will be gathering those items at the State Conference in June.

May God Bless and keep you. We serve a Living Savior and He is with us always.

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CHAIRWOMAN OF WHITE CROSS – Patsy Rice **“REPORTS, REPORTS”**

Last week I sent out copies of the Local and Association reports, for the year ending 2019-2020, to all Association Reps or your President if you don't have a White Cross Rep. While house bound please take the time to send your report in.

I should be getting in the numbers for this upcoming year soon. These reports help me break down the numbers for each Association.

Please remind your churches to send in their money for State Project and Mission money if they have not done so.

Remember: Local reports go to your Association White Cross Rep. Association reports go to the State White Cross Rep. (ME)

Thank you, ladies, for any help you can give me on this.

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Chairman of Spiritual Growth Retreat – Barb Rockwell

I'm standing in for Janet Wion, as she takes a year off for health issues.

I'm excited about the Spiritual Growth Retreat on September 25 and 26 at First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, OH. Our speaker will be Sondra Quick, an inspiring woman who will bring God's Word as an encouragement to us. She also will share her mission to Liberia and a drama on Friday night. Peter McCurdy will be our missionary speaker.

The price is the same for the hotel and the registration and meals are the same.

We will have some other surprises and entertainment. Please attend and encourage others to join us.

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13)

Barb Rockwell

COORDINATOR OF CONFERENCE – Aline Davis

American Baptist Women's Ministries of Ohio Women's and Girls' Conference 2020 is scheduled for June 11, 2020 (Board Meeting) · June 12-13, 2020 (Conference)

All events at The BRIDGE Church

The Bridge Church

12259 N Old 3C Rd · Sunbury, OH 43074

With the outbreak of the Coronavirus, we understand that some people may not want to come to conference so soon after the ban has been lifted because they may not be sure how things will go. Therefore, it is very important for our planning to know if you will be attending conference this year. If you have already sent your money and do not want to come, please reach out to our treasurer about how to handle your refund. We need to have a count as soon as possible.

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FROM THE EDITOR

The ABWM of Ohio Facebook is back up and running. Check it out! We are also working on updating the website, so forms and the Tellhergram can be found there.

It is that time of the year when I need to update the subscription list for the Tellhergram. Please be sure to print (or type) your information legibly. If I can't read it, you won't get it! Please return your forms to me as soon as you can. You can return them electronically to my email, or mail them, or (hopefully) bring them to Conference. Please don't leave the information on my phone, as I can't determine spellings, etc. that way.

Thank you.

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