



# The Rocky Mountain American Baptist

A Newsletter of the American Baptist Churches in the Rocky Mountain Region

## Congratulations to our Annual Report Drawing Winner

Congratulations to Community Baptist Church, Glenrock!! They are the winners of our drawing for turning in their 2015 Annual Report on time and in its entirety. They will receive a \$50.00 gift card.

We would like to thank the all of our churches listed below who completed their Annual Reports. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated. *If you have not completed your report, it's not too late.* We will accept your report at any time. If you have questions, need help, or another copy of your report, please contact our office at [akeys@abcrm.org](mailto:akeys@abcrm.org) or 303-988-3900.



We thank all of you for your support to our Region.

- American Baptist Church
- Audubon Heights Baptist Church
- Aurora Hills Church
- Bethel Baptist Church
- Calvary Baptist Church
- Community Baptist Church, Glenrock
- Community Calvary Church, Holly
- Community Church of Moab
- Crossroads Church
- Ebenezer Baptist Church,  
Colorado Springs
- Ecumenical Church
- Faith Community Baptist Church
- First Baptist Church, Austin
- First Baptist Church, Canon City
- First Baptist Church, Center
- First Baptist Church, Cheyenne
- First Baptist Church, Colorado Springs
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- First Baptist Church, Fort Morgan
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- First Baptist Church, Gillette
- First Baptist Church, Grand Junction
- First Baptist Church, Greybull
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- First Baptist Church, Lander
- First Baptist Church, Laramie
- First Baptist Church, Longmont
- First Baptist Church, Loveland

- First Baptist Church, Palisade
- First Baptist Church, Simla
- First Baptist Church, Torrington
- Flagler Baptist Church
- Forefront Church at Harvey Park
- Gardens of Divine Hope
- Grace Gathering
- Highland Park Baptist Church
- Lake Avenue Baptist Church
- Macedonia Baptist Church
- Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church
- Solomon Temple Missionary  
Baptist Church
- Sombra De Monte Christian Church
- Trinity Baptist Church
- True Light Baptist Church
- United Church of Los Alamos
- Wind River Indian Baptist Church



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# Preparing the Fields...

## *How to Create a Pathway for Planned Giving*

*Saturday, May 14, 2016*

*8:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.*

*Drury Inn Stapleton*

*4550 Central Park Blvd, Denver, CO 80238*

Before a crop can be harvested, seeds must be planted. And before the farmer plants, for the best crops the soil must be properly prepared. The same is true for organizations as they look towards receiving financial and planned gifts that can sustain their ministry in the future, we need to have certain things in place to help those who want to bless our organization with their gifts for the future.

To that end, ABCRM and the American Baptist Foundation are offering a workshop on Saturday, May 14th from 8 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for ABCRM congregations and other ABC ministries that would like to prepare themselves to plant the seeds to receive these future gifts. In order to gain the most benefit from this, churches are encouraged to send a group of three to four key leaders who can work together to learn how to prepare the fields. Participants will work together to express the compelling ministry vision for their organization that drives who they are. This compelling vision can then be used in cooperation with the Foundation to plant the seeds for future gifts.

The workshop will be held at the Drury Inn Stapleton. While there is not a cost for this seminar because it is being provided as a service of ABCRM and the Foundation, churches and other participants need to register by May 2, 2016 in order to ensure adequate space and materials. For more information, you may contact your Regional staff at 303-988-3900.

***For a registration form, please contact our office (303.988.3900)***

***or visit [www.abcrm.org](http://www.abcrm.org)***

***Registration Deadline is May 2, 2016.***



**American Baptist Churches  
of the Rocky Mountains**  
*Empowered Churches.*



## ABCRM Curtis Park Grant Helps Pine Street Church Feed Boulder Homeless

From Sunday, November 8 through Sunday, April 10, Pine Street Church in Boulder provided food on Sunday evenings through its "BOHO Snacks Program" to over 1,850 Boulder homeless sheltered overnight in the church Fellowship Hall. This program was done in partnership with the "Boulder Outreach to Homeless Overflow" (BOHO) non-profit that works with Boulder churches to provide overnight shelter, three meals a day, and general care for homeless every day of the week during the cold-weather months. In total, Pine Street Church congregation members and other volunteers donated 475.5 hours of their time to prepare and serve food, milk and water from 6:00-8:30 p.m. on Sunday evenings (including New Year's Eve). This program was made possible by a \$3,000 Curtis Park Grant from the ABC of the Rocky Mountain Region Board in February 2015 that was used by the Snacks Program administrative team to help cover the BOHO Snacks Program food expenses, as well as to buy warm socks and gloves distributed to BOHO homeless in December and January. In-kind food donations by church members and funds from the church missions budget were used to match the Curtis Park grant. Thanks to ABCRM for its support of our church's BOHO Snacks Program!



*Kerry Hassler, Pine Street Church*

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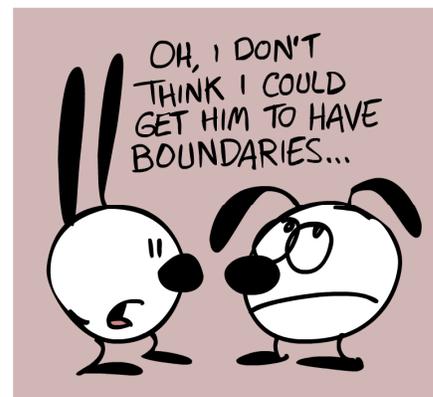
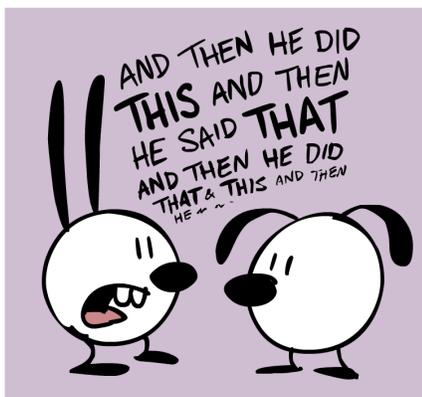
## The Importance of Maintaining Healthy Boundaries MLC Online Course

Most clergy are clear about their professional and personal boundaries. They maintain healthy relationships with members of their church. They pay their taxes on time. They care for their families. Okay, maybe they could lose a few pounds and perhaps they could be more attentive to their self-care, but they are doing pretty well. So why is ABCRM encouraging all clergy and even lay persons to take the online class, *The Importance of Maintaining Healthy Boundaries*?

The reality is that when clergy do violate professional or personal boundaries, the consequences are devastating. Devastating to themselves, their families, the church, and anyone else involved. It is also a reality that with the advent of social media, we need to think in new ways about relationships and what we share online as well as face-to-face.

Over the summer of 2016, ABCRM is making this online class available to pastors and lay people from ABCRM churches for only \$25. You don't even have to leave your home to take the class. The class includes 7 lectures (10-20 minutes each), online discussions and reflection papers. The lectures can be completed at your own pace.

Participants must sign up for the course by July 31 to qualify for the \$25 price. After this, the course price will be \$100. To register, go to [www.Northwindinstitute.org](http://www.Northwindinstitute.org).



## Front Range Camp @ Quaker Ridge July 17-23, 2016

Register online at [www.frontrangepcamping.org](http://www.frontrangepcamping.org)

We are preparing another week of crazy games, great friends,  
and learning to be followers of Jesus!

Three great camps: Elementary Camp, Middle School Camp, High School Camp

Join us for the fellowship! Join us for the fun!!

**EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31, 2016**

### Early Registration Rates:

Camp	Grade Completed	AB Rate*	Non AB Rate
Elementary	2-5	\$250	\$275
Middle School	6-8	\$265	\$290
Sr. High	9-12	\$265	\$290

**Full Payment must be made by May 31, 2016 to receive the Early Registration Rate.**



## ABCRM Disaster Relief Training

Over the past year or so, you have been hearing about the ABCRM disaster relief trailer and how we are working on putting together a relief team. I am pleased to announce that we are finally getting organized! The relief trailer is stocked and organized with tools to respond to flood, fire, and tornado cleanup. Our next step is putting together a response team and getting our team trained.



We will be having our first training event **June 10-11** at Camp Wyoba on Casper Mountain in Wyoming. During this training event, the group will get familiarized with the trailer equipment and tools, review safety issues and procedures, do some projects as a team, and discuss the vision of this ministry. Victoria Goff from the American Baptist Home Mission Society will also be a guest speaker at this event. Goff has experience coordinating disaster relief outreaches and missions on a national level. She has been a great support in helping to get this ministry launched.

Housing in cabins and meals are provided. **Please RSVP to me by June 1, 2016.** If you are interested in getting involved with the ABCRM Disaster Relief team, please contact me at [wyoba@abcrm.org](mailto:wyoba@abcrm.org) or 307-234-6240.

### Items you will need to bring with you:

- Sleeping bag/Bedding
- Water bottle
- Work gloves
- Work clothes
- Close-toed shoes (no open-toed shoes worn during projects)

*Rev. Amber J. Shearer*



# Camp Wyoba

## Camp Wyoba Dates

Primary Camp  
July 6-9

Senior High Camp  
July 10-16

Junior High Camp  
July 17-23

Junior Camp  
July 24-30



Camp packets were mailed to campers and churches in February. If you need a packet, please call the Region office at 303.988.3900 or visit [www.wyoba.org](http://www.wyoba.org)

Men's Retreat  
June 10-12

Young Adult Weekend  
July 1-3

Women's Retreat  
August 5-7

**Things I learned at CAMP**

**ONE** watching the **SUNRISE** is an **AWESOME** experience

**TWO** You can still be **COOL** and **SING** at the **TOP** of your **LUNGS!**

Sometimes a *week* can change your **ENTIRE** life

**THREE**

**FOUR** **BEST FRIENDS** can be made **OVERNIGHT**

a *Special Place* can stay with you for a **LIFETIME**

**FIVE**

**SIX** **GOD IS BIG!**

[www.thepowerofcamp.com](http://www.thepowerofcamp.com)

## CrossWalking Friend Making Challenge

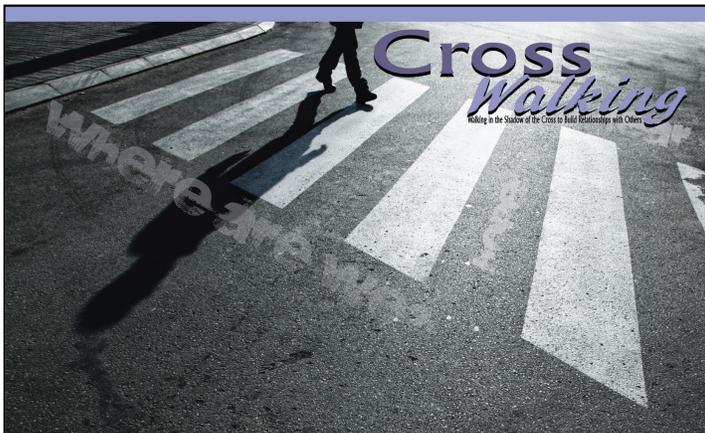
CrossWalking is an initiative by ABCRM to explore ways that we can break down the divides between the various groups that are a part of the ABCRM family—racial, cultural, social, geographic, and economic. To this point we have focused primarily on the racial divide with three group activities; Watching and discussing the movie *Selma* together, sharing in a multi-cultural worship service and holding a discussion and picnic time. These efforts have been good, and yet the leadership team feels it is time to expand their efforts. To that end...

The CrossWalking leadership team wishes to invite you to join them in engaging in personal CrossWalking experiences during the summer of 2016. The process involves your identifying a friend or acquaintance from another race, culture, religion, lifestyle or even just another community or church with whom you will share three sets of experiences. The goal of the process is to grow in your understanding and appreciation of the other person and for them to better understand and appreciate you.

CrossWalking partners will be asked to reflect upon these experiences in their mutual discussion, in journals and in a Summit event to be held on Saturday, August 27th at a place and time that is yet to be determined.

A short invitational video has been recorded and can be viewed at: <https://youtu.be/ZzO-ENYFtuk> Churches are free to use this video in Sunday School Classes or other settings to encourage members to participate in this event.

A one-page informational piece and a registration form can be downloaded at: <https://www.dropbox.com/s/9p95kx3c34p38c9/Crosswalking%20Friendmaking%20Challenge.dotx?dl=0>



# THE GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

Thursday-Friday, August 11-12, 2016

**August 11-12, 2016**

Featuring World Class Faculty including:

- ◆ Bill Hybels
- ◆ Melinda Gates
- ◆ Alan Mulally
- ◆ Bishop T.D. Jakes
- ◆ Horst Schulze
- ◆ Dr. Travis Bradberry
- ◆ Erin Meyer
- ◆ Wilfredo De Jesús
- ◆ Patrick Lencioni
- ◆ Chris McChesney
- ◆ Danielle Strickland
- ◆ Jossy Chacko
- ◆ John C. Maxwell

Leadership Topics including:

- ◆ Executing Ideas that Matter Most
- ◆ Virtues that Accelerate Teamwork
- ◆ Navigating Effectively Through Cultural Differences
- ◆ Harness the Power of Emotional Intelligence
- ◆ Ingredients of Successful Turnarounds
- ◆ Building Cultures that Value Efficiencies

### **EARLY REGISTRATION DEADLINE**

**May 16, 2016**

**\$100.00 per person**

**(registration and payment must be received by May 16)**

Registration after May 16  
(if available)

**\$125.00 per person**

**For a registration form, please contact our office  
(303.988.3900) or visit [www.abcrm.org](http://www.abcrm.org)**

**For more information and the full list of speakers, visit  
<http://www.willowcreek.com/events/leadership/index.html>**

## Short Term Mission Opportunity Black Hills of South Dakota August 6-14, 2016

The American Baptist Churches of Nebraska and the Dakotas have teamed up in each of the last 15 years to minister at the annual gathering of over 400,000 people in Sturgis, South Dakota for Bike Week! (Attendance last year was 739,000.)

The *ABC Emergency Services Center* was created in the basement of the First Baptist Church of the Northern

Hills in Deadwood to help those who became stranded due to injury, abandonment, or mechanical breakdown. Many of those we help are referred to us by law enforcement, hospitals or social services agencies. Posters and brochures also help many find us for help. Since 2011 we have worked out of FBC of Rapid City.

Volunteers from American Baptist churches around the country spend all or part of the week helping, feeding, transporting, and counseling the dozens of individuals who come to the ESC for assistance. Throughout the week calls come in at all hours of the day and night from churches, police and rescue workers, and individuals, wanting us to help men, women, and children in need.

Volunteers don't need to be motorcyclists, but need a heart for evangelism and a willingness to serve. Women volunteers are especially needed due to the large percentage of women and children that we end up assisting. If you can come for all or part of the week, we can find a job for you!

### Interested in Sturgis Rally Ministry 2016?

- ◆ The ABC Emergency Services Center will be open August 6-14. Early arrivers can be accommodated on August 5.
- ◆ Sleeping space is provided. Most bring an air mattress.
- ◆ RVers will be provided with space to set up.
- ◆ This mission project is designed for adults. High school students will be permitted when accompanied by a parent.
- ◆ Follow-up on those ministered to will be coordinated by contacts in ABC regions around the country.
- ◆ Each participant is asked to contribute \$100 towards this project. Local churches are encouraged to assist participating members in raising this amount. Contributions may be made through ABC Nebraska and ABC Dakotas.

[What's in this RMAB?](#)

For more information, contact:

ABC of Nebraska  
6404 Maple Street  
Omaha, NE 68104  
(402) 556-4730  
(877) 244-7339 (toll free)  
[L.Cline@ameritas.com](mailto:L.Cline@ameritas.com)

## Rhythms of the Spirit Green Lake Conference Center, Wisconsin July 9-13, 2013

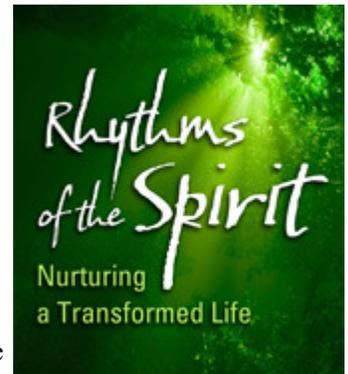
Do you struggle for balance between prayer and activity? Do you long for more silence and solitude in your life and ministry? More energy for compassion, peace and justice?

This conference, offered in a retreat style and in two locations for 2016, provides a unique opportunity to explore and practice the contemplative life together.

We'll focus on your own spiritual practice providing time to develop solitude and silence, creating the expansive space necessary to welcome God's voice. If you desire spiritual direction, each conference will provide the opportunity for you to meet one-on-one with a spiritual companion.

We hope you can join us. For more information, visit <http://www.rhythmsofthespirit.com/>

*Brad Berglund*  
Director of Spiritual Formation,  
ABCUSA



**SAVE the DATE**  
**ABWM Colorado Annual State Conference**  
**June 10-11, 2016**

**Theme: See... "And Who Is My Neighbor?" (Luke 10: 25-37)**

Aurora Hills Church  
12800 E Alameda Ave., Aurora, CO 80012

**Featured Speaker:**  
*Gail Aita*  
*Western Section Coordinator*  
*National AB Women's Ministries*



- Music and Testimony from Karen women of Ebenezer Ethnic Baptist Church
- Bible Study Leaders: Estela Schweissing and Rev. Kay Farley
- Leader of Closing Worship: Rev. Kimberly Salico-Diehl
- Entertainment: Highlander Celtic Dancers

Publicity and Registration Materials coming soon

*Mary Beth Mankin, President*  
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**SAVE the DATE**  
**2016 Annual Gathering**



**Who Is Your Neighbor?**  
**Luke 10:29** **ABCRCM Gathering** **September 29–October 1, 2016**





## Elitch Gardens Discount Ticket Program

ABCRM is participating in a Discount Ticket Program for 2016 Elitch Gardens Season Passes.

- One Day Admission is \$27.99 (40% off Main Gate price of \$46.99)
- Season Pass is \$64.99 / for a limited time only (\$5.00 off Main Gate price of \$69.99)

If you and your church families would like to receive this discount, please visit this link, [www.tinyurl.com/ABCRRMDiscounts](http://www.tinyurl.com/ABCRRMDiscounts).

Elitch Gardens offers lots of fun for you and your family with access to the theme park and water park. For more information, visit the link above and purchase your tickets today!!

# Calendar

## May

- 6 Executive Committee Meeting
- 7 Eastern Wyoming/NE Pastor's Meeting
- 8 Mother's Day
- 12-13 Joining God in the Neighborhood Event  
Camp Judson, South Dakota
- 14 How to Create a Pathway for Planned Giving Seminar
- 14 Wyoba Board Meeting
- 14 Rev. Dr. Paul Martin Memorial  
Macedonia Baptist Church at 11:00 a.m.
- 16-20 Festival of Homiletics, Atlanta, GA
- 30 Memorial Day
- 31 Missions Committee Meeting

## June

- One Great Hour of Sharing Month
- 10-11 2016 Colorado State Women's Conference
- 10-11 Disaster Relief Training at Camp Wyoba
- 11-12 Men's Retreat at Camp Wyoba
- 19 Father's Day



**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**

**RISE** .. 'make up' your bed and walk!.. down to the breakfast table.

**John 5:8**



With one 'small' alteration, Martha found great power in God's word in parenting her son.

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