

American Baptist Women's Ministries of Rhode Island

What can I say? I certainly did not anticipate this kind of a year. It's been such a difficult time to get anything done, and ABWM has been pretty bogged down in the mud of COVID. We did have wonderful plans for several events, which mostly came to naught. We are blessed with a great bunch of talented women who consistently put their hearts and souls into providing splendid experiences for all the women of Rhode Island. Not so much this year.

We did offer one excellent event in October via Zoom. It was our annual Spiritual Retreat and was organized by our Personal Development Ministries Coordinator Joanne Brown and her team. It really, truly went very well. The theme was "Are You Your Old Self?" and was based on Ephesians 4:22-24. Our keynote speaker and Bible study leader was Chaplain Major General Lorraine K. Potter, USAF Retired, who was especially interesting and enjoyable. In addition, we heard testimonies, sang together, and shared a time for reflection. It was a special time for those who could participate, although a small event reflecting the limited capacity many have to use Zoom.

In addition, we did have a few board meetings during the year by spreading out at Canonicus. We were able to review the by-laws and make several changes. Voting was completed by email. And we have continued to publish our K.I.T. newsletter, which is distributed on a quarterly or tri-annual basis to all interested parties. Sorry to say that is the extent of our activity this past year, but I know better days are coming.

God Bless!

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