

ABC/USA BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTERIES

This will be my last report that I will be writing as your representative to the Board of General Ministries of ABCUSA. It has been a joy and privilege to represent RI on the national level. We are in an exciting time of change as two of the program boards have called new leaders (International Ministries – Rev. Sharon Koh and Home Mission Societies – Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray). The Search Committee for the Board of General Ministries is actively working to name their recommendation for the next General Secretary for the denomination and we anticipate that individual being a part of the next Biennial Mission Summit this Summer. With new leadership comes new possibilities, new ideas, but also an awareness of the ways that God has been working and guiding the denomination in the past.

I encourage all who are able to attend the Biennial Mission Summit Gathering in Portland, OR this summer (June 30 – July 2). The last two Biennials had a very different tone as the planners were deliberate to make the time place for conversation, collaboration, and for the movement of the Holy Spirit. It is always a great opportunity to gather with our Baptist brothers and sisters across the nation and hear about the wonderful work God is doing.

Finally, I encourage you to remind your churches about the importance of giving to United Missions. Your contribution goes towards the denomination on the regional, national, international levels and is the most effective way to support the various ministries God is doing through our American Baptist Family. It has indeed been an honor to represent you and I thank you and God for the opportunity to do so.

Peace,
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone