

Ministers Council of Rhode Island

Annual Report ~ March 2017

The Executive Committee met in June, September, November and January. In addition to receiving updates from the national level, we discussed program options and coordinated preparation for meetings of the Ministers Council.

The following events were provided:

- May 17 & 18, 2016 – Annual retreat @ Block Island with Dr. Debora Jackson, Executive Minister of Ministers Council ABCUSA as leader.
- July 18, 2016 – Luncheon meeting at Canonicus with the Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Minister of The American Baptist Home Mission Societies, as speaker.

We also supported participation in these events:

- August 22-25, 2016 - Ministers Council Conference in Chevy Chase MD with the theme *Holistic Maintenance of the Ministry*. Among others, our Regional Representative, Cynthia Smothers, attended this event. She provided a report to the Executive Committee at the September meeting.
- October 27-29, 2016 – Retreat for Bivocational Pastors & Spouses, cosponsored by the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island and the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut was held in Mystic CT.
- November 5, 2016 – Baptist Heritage Day with Brent Walker, retiring Executive of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, as keynote speaker.

Coming Events:

- March 6, 2017 - Annual meeting with Jeff Jones as guest speaker. We will also vote on revisions to the Constitution and Bylaws at this time.
- May 1, 2017 – One Day Retreat at Canonicus with Kirk Jones as leader. Increased costs and logistics of Block Island facilities precipitated this change for the current year.

Continuing Officers -

To be elected in even numbered years:

- President – Wendy Kiefer-O’Brien
- Vice President – Jabulani McCalister
- Program Chair – John Houliker (1) (filling unexpired term)

Regional Representative elected in odd numbered years for 4-year term

- Cynthia Smothers

Nominees for the Upcoming term - To be elected in odd numbered years:

- Secretary – Joyce Duerr (2)
- Treasurer - _____ (1)
- Retreat Coordinator – Byron Waterman (1)

Appreciation is expressed to Ethel Corbin who concludes her second term as treasurer.

Membership 9/1/16 – 46 Local, 38 National

Respectfully Submitted,

Joyce Duerr, Secretary