



Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Chapter Ministers Council

September 2020

The President's Corner

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Please join me in thanking our nominating committee and all who voted for our Executive Committee. We pledge to serve you to the best of our abilities, with the help of God and your prayers.

Your Executive Committee met on the very first day of taking office, Tuesday, September 1. We got acquainted, shared our hopes and dreams for the chapter, set a regular meeting time (first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 PM Eastern), were briefed on the work of the former executive committee, and agreed to meet a second time this month to begin serving you immediately.

What were some of our hopes and dreams? Creating community, and mentoring our membership. Plugging into the ABC organization so that we can say it's worth being part of. Getting rid of the isolation from the denomination so many feel. Serving as change agents, defining

the common good for our chapter and working toward it. Maturing the group, having more buy-in and ownership which leads to increased membership. Becoming a known presence in our denomination through our contributions, so that "Oh, yes, chaplains and pastoral counselors; we need to have them at the next meeting" is a common refrain in ABC circles.

Do any of our hopes and dreams mirror yours? We hope so, but if not, please look for ways to introduce them to the chapter. You'll be hearing from us through more frequent newsletters, emails, zoom meetings, and webinars. Tune in, be active, and respond whenever you can, with comments and suggestions. We promise to do the same with you. Together, we can fellowship, learn, follow our Lord's leading, find new strength and hope, and radiate them back to each other and our denomination, all to the glory of God.



In the next few months, you'll get several opportunities to participate and help shape our chapter. Look for invitations to zoom meetings to get to know your colleagues, to learn what's going on in the denomination and how you can contribute, as well as information and inspiration on how to grow as a chaplain and pastoral counselor. Hop aboard. We're looking forward to making this journey with you!

Sarah

Celebrating Chaplains in October

Collaborative Health Care: Chaplains Complete the Picture

COLLABORATIVE HEALTHCARE:
Chaplains Complete The Picture
Spiritual Care Week 2020



Ministers Council Votes soon on Revised Ethics Covenant

The Ministers Council Covenant and Code of Ethics you signed before ordination as an American Baptist minister is written and occasionally updated by the ABC Ministers Council national body. Drafted in 1938, the document of commonly held ethical principles has remained in use with very few changes. Since June 2018, however, a National Ministers Council sub-committee has been working on changes and updates.

Mindful that ministers today face circumstances not previously encountered, the sub-committee made three initial recommendations to add language on 1) plagiarism, 2) use of social media, and 3) the use of power for systemic social justice. A seven-question survey circulated for three months in fall 2019 through the newsletter, website, Facebook, and chapter representatives. The sur-

vey garnered 291 responses which resulted in changes made to all three recommendations and surfaced additional suggestions for change in the document, which have been incorporated. In addition, the Code/Covenant was re-ordered and headers were added for greater meaning and clarity.

The changes will be voted upon in two stages: the national Ministers Council November 2020 bi-annual meeting will hold an up/down vote on the revised document; if approved, two-thirds of Ministers Council chapters are required to ratify it no later than March 31, 2021.

Since this is a seminal document to which all ABC-ordained clergy commit to following, it is important to be aware of and intimately involved in any changes made. The Ministers Council is holding a webinar on September 24, 7

PM Central, to present these changes, discuss amendments made and respond to your questions and concerns. If you are unable to be present for the meeting, please view it on the MC website archives. Our chapter representatives to the November meeting will need to have your input before voting.

A copy of the proposed Ministers Council Covenant and Code of Ethics appears on page 3 of this Newsletter.

For more background information, go to the MC website,

www.ministerscouncil.com, click on Resources, and you will find the current Code of Ethics and a Study/Learning Guide prepared in 2006.

OUR COVENANT, OUR CODE OF ETHICS

A Discussion on 2020 Draft Revisions Thursday, September 24 at 7pm Central

Join Subcommittee members Revs. Jacki Belile, Jerry Bertelson, Dan Hopkins and Steve Neal for a presentation on the document which Chapter Representatives will vote on November 19th. Learn more about the planning process, lessons and commitments to the revised Learning Guide for 2021 (after chapter ratification process).

mcLive Zoom Call to discuss Code of Ethics Report

September 24, Code of Ethics Report/Discussion
07:00 PM Central Time
(US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86373880837>

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<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kb34d22pCQ>
Or see MC September 2020 Newsletter: "Events and Webinars" for Zoom Information

Ministers Council Covenant and Code of Ethics

Having accepted God's call to leadership in Christ's Church, I covenant with God to serve Christ and Commandments: to love the Lord our God with all my heart, soul, mind and strength, and to love my neighbor as myself.

In affirmation of this commitment, I will abide by the Code of Ethics of the Ministers Council of the American Baptist Churches and I will faithfully support its purposes and ideals. When needed, I will seek out best practices from others and share my guidance when it might edify and empower wise choices for others. As further affirmation of my commitment, I covenant with my colleagues in ministry that we will hold one another accountable for fulfillment of all the public actions set forth below in this Code of Ethics.

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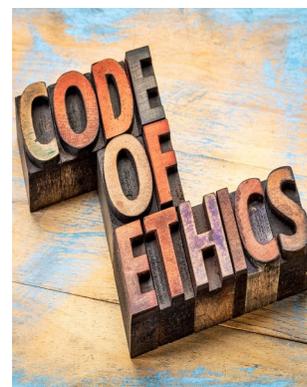
1. I will grow in and show my personal love for God as revealed in Jesus Christ in my life and ministry, as I strive together with my colleagues to preserve the dignity, maintain the discipline and promote the integrity of the vocation to which we have been called.
2. I will strive for a disciplined ministry in such ways as self care, keeping hours of prayers, devotion and rest, endeavoring to maintain wholesome family relationships, sexual integrity, financial responsibility, constructive use of social media, and regularly engaging in educational and leisure activities for ministerial and personal development.
3. I will strive for balance and will work toward being fully present in my obligation to the church or employing group to which I have been called.
4. I will not seek personal favors or discounts on the basis of my ministerial status.

COMPETENCE

1. I will not use my ministerial status, position or authority knowingly to abuse, misguide, negatively influence, manipulate, or take advantage of anyone, especially children. I will be constantly mindful of my ministerial status, position, and authority, and will use them to advocate for those in need.
2. I will not plagiarize; I will be truthful in all my communication and give due credit to others' words.
3. I will report all instances of abuse as required by law to the appropriate agency. In any case involving persons working in ABC ministry, I will also report the circumstances to the appropriate regional and/or national denominational representative.
4. I will hold in confidence and treat as confidential communication any information provided to me with the expectation of privacy. I will not disclose such information in private or public except when, in my practice of ministry, I am convinced that the sanctity of confidentiality is outweighed by my well-founded belief that life-threatening or substantial harm will be caused.
5. I will not proselytize from other Christian churches.

COLLEGIALITY

1. I will respect and recognize the variety of calls to ministry among my American Baptist colleagues, and other Christians.
2. I will seek to support all colleagues in ministry by building constructive relationships wherever I serve, both with the staff where I work and with colleagues in neighboring churches.
3. I will personally and publicly support my colleagues who experience discrimination on the basis of gender, race, ethnicity, age, marital status, national origin, physical impairment or disability.
4. I will, upon my resignation or retirement discontinue my ministerial leadership roles with my former constituents, and will not make ministerial contacts in the field of another ministerial leader without request and/or consent.
5. I will advocate adequate compensation for my profession. I will help lay persons and colleagues to understand that ministerial leaders should not expect or require fees for pastoral services from constituents they serve, when these constituents are helping pay their salaries.
6. I will hold in trust the traditions and practices of our American Baptist Churches; I will not accept a position in the American Baptist family unless I am in accord with those traditions and practices; nor will I use my influence to alienate my congregation/constituents or any part thereof from its relationship and support of the denomination. If my convictions change, I will resign my position.



Proposed
Ministers Council
Covenant and Code of
Ethics

Signed _____ Date _____

Milestones!

Rev. Brett Charsky serves as pastor of the Pulaski Baptist Church and chaplain to the Vermont National Guard. And he has received a promotion to Colonel!

Congratulations to Chaplain Ella Hobart, featured on the US Army Chaplain Corps FB on Women’s Equality Day!

New Position for Rev. Chanta McLymont– Chaplain Corporal Micahale J. Crescenz VA Medical Center in Philadelphia, PA

Rev. Harry Woodley –Retirement

Please send us your milestones!!!

A Hymn for these Times: “O God, When Your Land”

LYONS 10.10.11.11 (“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”)

O God, when your land was crushed and destroyed,
You promised a time when there would be joy —
When none would be thirsty and all would have bread
And life would be bursting from land once thought dead.

O Lord, we cry out: Bring life to your lands;
Then mountains will shout and trees clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn and the dry land will be
Great hillsides of trees from the heights to the sea.
We pray for your earth, for seedlings that grow,
For trees that bear fruit, their roots deep below.
We pray for the farmers, for sunshine and rain —
That lands once called barren may blossom again.
Lord, give us the faith to keep serving you —
To plant and restore, to heal and renew.

For faith, like a mustard seed, bears a surprise:
So tiny indeed, it soon reaches the skies.

Biblical Reference: Isaiah 55
Tune: Joseph Martin Kraus, 1784; until recently attributed to Johann Michael Haydn (“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”)

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A Hymn for these Times: “When Worry Breaks our Troubled Hearts”

Suggested Tunes: Prospect, Bourbon, Duke’s Street, Erhalt Uns Herr, and Hamburg.

When worry breaks our troubled hearts
and hands that tremble fill with fear,
Creator, come and fix in us the faith that knows your grace is near.

When gone seem days that once

were fair
and eyes that cry seek peace above,
Redeemer, come and free in us the fullness of your steadfast love.
When dread, despair, and death oppress
and feet but stumble, trip, and fall,
Sustainer, come and seal our hearts
with courage, peace, and love for

all.
“I will be who I’ll be,” says God
to us who serve the Three in One.
We strive together ‘til the day
when God, at last, sees all things done.
Words by Rev. Stephen M. Fearing,
www.stephenmfearing.com

Regardless of who we are or what we do for a living, each of us has opportunities to listen, lead, and contribute to shaping a better future. Our capacity to lead does not depend on whether we occupy a formal position of leadership. Our capacity to lead a deeply engaged life stems from the qualities – that is, the habits, dispositions attitudes, and skills – we bring to our everyday relationships and responsibilities.
– Diane M. Millis

Did you know?

Your national Ministers Council has a license to explore Grant Station, which allows focused searches of a massive database. Church leaders who have asked former MC President Dee Dee Turlington to search for their particular needs have received contact information for: 14 potential grant-makers for organ repair (Minnesota) 35 po-

tential grants-makers for roof repair (Chicago area) 37 potential grant-makers for expansion of a food supply system (Boston area)

These are in addition to the many new resources available to those responding to the COVID19 crisis. The need expressed by two of the projects above was expanded by fallout from the pandemic. They,

and any of your churches or nonprofit organization, can search independently the COVID19 grants at <https://grantstation.com/covid-19-related-funding> If you wish to receive names of additional grant-makers who are likely to consider your request, contact Dee Dee at
darla.turlington@gmail.com
For More info: see MC September 2020 Newsletter.



Greta Wagner's Story –Greta Wagner, ACPE Certified Educator (ret)

Rev. Greta A. Wagner, BSN, MA, M.Div. an American Baptist Churches USA ordained minister and endorsed chaplain. Greta was born and raised in Abington, PA, and served in staff, leadership, and administrative positions as a BSN RN for 17 years in hospital, industry, extended care and educational settings. Greta graduated first in class from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (Palmer Seminary) in 1991 after serving two years as pastoral intern and assistant to the pastor at Hatboro Baptist Church. Greta has also engaged graduate study at the Jungian Winter Institute in Zurich and recent doctoral study at the Ecumenical Theological Seminary in Detroit.

In 1970 Greta was the first woman called to ministry as Associate Pastor of First Baptist Lima, OH, where she was ordained on March 10, 1991. Greta was called as Pastor of First Baptist Spencerville, OH, in 1993. In ABC/OH Greta served as Secretary of the Executive Ministers Council and was a member of the Advisory Council on Ordination. In Lima, OH, Greta completed four student units of CPE, serving as an Intensive Care and Open Heart Medical Center Chaplain. She wrote, designed, and presented system wide spirituality programs for nurses and interdisciplinary staff from

1995 – 2004. Greta also served as the Convener of the Lima Clergy Academy, member of the American Cancer Society Board, and member of the Mayor's Clergy Task Force on Racism and Violence.

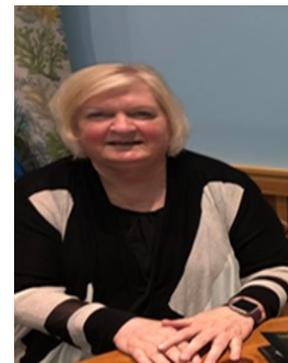
In 2004 Greta returned to PA, as a Regional Director of Spirituality, then Director of Spirituality for Geisinger Health System while successfully completing her ACPE supervisory education process. During this time Greta also provided system wide staff continuing education and pastoral care, while serving on Geisinger's Institutional Review Board and Diversity Committee.

In 2013 as an ACPE certified Associate Supervisor, Greta returned to OH where she inaugurated an ACPE program in a nontraditional CCRC setting, earning her full certification as an ACPE Educator in 2014. In 2016 Greta led this CPE program to full ACPE accreditation.

In August 2018 after 30 years in ministry, Greta returned home to the suburbs of Philadelphia. Greta is an active member of Central Baptist Church in the Philadelphia Baptist Association, where she serves as a member of the Board of Christian Formation and the Peacemakers Faith in Action group. Greta is a member of the ABC national Ministers

Council, the MC Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Chapter, and the Valley Forge Ministers Council. Greta is an appointed liaison and member of AB-HMS National Network, and a mentor for the AB-HMS chaplain endorsement process.

Greta's deepest abiding joy is her family, all successful in their pursuits and held together in a beautiful bond of shared love. Greta is delighted to now reside 10 minutes from her daughter Beth, Villanova University Director of Bands and Music, her son in law Bob, Assistant Superintendent of West Chester School District, and her beloved granddaughter Ana, a Junior year Political Science major and NROTC Midshipman 2nd class at Villanova University. When living in Ohio, Greta was blessed to live near her daughter Jacqui, Marathon Northern Region Terminal Operations District Manager, son in law Brad, an independent robotics engineer, consultant and owner, and Greta's wonderful grandson, Blake age 9 and precocious granddaughter, Macie, age 6.



See Greta's Presentation
New Imagining Hope for the Future
Ministrelife
ABC Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Community



Dates for Future Events

Executive Council
Sarah Fogg-President
Lee Axtell-Secretary /Treasurer
Rick Barnes-At Large Member
Greta Wagner-At Large Member
Karen Pickler-Past President

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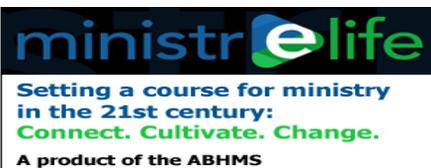


September 17 7 pm Central (Every 3rd Thursday) mclive Webinar Series	September 17: 7 pm Central "Journeys for Justice: Testimonies from International Ministries"
September 24th 7 pm Central	September 24: 7 pm Central Ministers Council Discussion "Our Covenant, Our Code of Ethics"
November 19th, 2020 7 pm Eastern	November 19th, 2020 7 pm Eastern Bi-annual Gathering and Meeting of the Ministers Council ABCUSA Preceded by these optional weeks of formation and fellowship-- MC LIVE WEBINAR/CHATS: "For Such a Time as This" October 29 & November 5, 7pm Eastern BUSINESS "Q & A" (Optional, for 11/19 meeting prep) November 12, 7pm Eastern

Addiction Webinar Series by American Baptist Women's Ministries (5 Webinars)

Stay Connected!

Facebook Page for Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors "ask to join"



ministrelife Group:
ABC Chaplains/Counselors
Includes Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Chapter information, Endorser's Information and opportunities to share.

<http://www.abwomensministries.org/eventDetails.aspx?EventId=40>

1. Cheers (Drink to that) or Not: Let's talk about Alcohol and Drugs in the lives of Young Women

September 24, 2020 9PM EDT/6PMPST

Presenter: Dr. Lynda Morris Parham, Licensed Psychologist

2. Substance Related Challenges 101: Increasing Awareness and Knowledge with the Goal of Supporting Others

October 8, 2020 9PM EDT/6PM EST

Presenter: Jocelyn Cooper, Mercer Council on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction

3. A Call to Action: Addressing Unique Treatment and Recovery Needs of Women in Addiction

October 22, 2020 9PM EDT/6PM EST

Presenter: Dr. Brenda Edwards, Counselor Educator and Psychotherapist

4. Addiction in Context: A Public Health Framework

November 5, 2020 9PM EDT/6PM EST

Presenter: Dr. Onaje Salim, Board-Certified Counselor, Licensed Clinician

5. Equipping Families to Deal with Addiction

December 3, 2020 9PM/6PMPST

Presenters: Mary Ann Badenoch LPC, MAC, Marcia Lee Taylor, M.P.P, Patt Aussem, MA, LPC, MAC, NBCC, Partnership to End Addiction