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"With God, nothing shall be impossible."



**Weekly Advent  
Reflections from ABC  
Colleagues**

*waiting for Jesus to return. P*

*eter challenges us to consider how this coming certain destruction of everything transitory should cause us to live. We need to live with the expectation that Jesus will return.*

**[Read more](#) from Rev. Malcolm Hamblett (Vermont)**

***December 18, 2017***

***Advent Week Three-***

***Waiting for Christ's  
Return***

*The first generation of Christians lived with the expectation that Jesus would return within their lifetime. The gospels and the various letters tell us Christians how we should live while we are*

***Upcoming: Advent Four... Reflection by Ivan Marable (Board of Governors); Christmas/Christmastide... Rev. Kate Harvey Jacobs, former Executive Director***

## SET INTENTIONS FOR YOUR PREACHING IN THE NEW YEAR!

"3 Steps to Easier Preaching" is the latest post on Rev. Margaret Marcuson's blog [here](#) .

Margaret Marcuson is author of [Leaders Who Last: Sustaining Yourself and Your Ministry](#) and [Money and Your Ministry](#).



## TRANSITION UPDATES



Our offices are moving this week to our new home at the Baptist Church of West Chester in West Chester, PA. We're grateful to Rev. Dave Braneky for his hospitality, and to the relocation team: Rev. Dr. Randy Harris, Rev. Doug Harris and Rev. Dee Dee Turlington. New phone and email contacts are in process of set-up.

Our new postal address is:

**The Ministers Council of the American Baptist Churches USA  
221 South High Street  
West Chester, PA 19380**

***Our office will be closed December 16-January 6 for holiday break and transition. We can be reached after the new year at that address, and at***

***(610) 314-7837***

**[ministerscouncil@abc-usa.org](mailto:ministerscouncil@abc-usa.org)**

### STAFF

**Our interim staff chapter will come to a close at year-end, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Rev. Jabulani McCalister and Rev. Dr. Randall Harris for seeing us**

through. Committed members with significant board experience, they provided steady, faithful, humble hands at the wheel. Going forward in January 2018, our office will be staffed by a new part-time position entitled Member Services Coordinator. We've just finalized this [job description](#). Please share it widely with colleagues in the Philadelphia area.

#### WEBSITE

We're chipping away at significant website improvements. Have a resource you'd like to see shared there? Contact [jacki@livingwellministries.net](mailto:jacki@livingwellministries.net). If you can't wait till it's finished, you're welcome to peek at [www.ministerscouncil.com](http://www.ministerscouncil.com).

It's a work in progress, to be finished by January 1.



*Learn more [here](#). Registration deadline 1/19/18.*

#### RECENT UPDATES

Learn more about our [2017-18 Discernment & Visions](#)

[A Fond Farewell From/For Rev. Jabulani McCalister,](#)  
Interim Operations Manager March-Nov. 2017

[Reflections from Rev. Doug Harris, Outgoing President](#)

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