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## July 2019 Newsletter



*The Four Freedoms Updated: freedom from fear, freedom from want, freedom of speech, freedom of worship. We pray that you will nurture these freedoms as Christ's disciples and leaders wherever you live and serve!*

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### **Servants of the Jubilee: Savoring these Questions for the Journey**



Our day together on June 20<sup>th</sup> was a blessing by many measures, and we're still savoring our speakers' wisdom, our small group conversation facilitated by Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray and the diversity of commitments spoken into the room. We'll be doing some more debriefing on July 11<sup>th</sup> as a part of our MC Live Webinar at 11am Central (see website).

The videos of the day were posted in segments in our **Facebook group**, and are available there for viewing. We invite those present in body and spirit to continue journeying with the questions from our presenters of the day. **Read More**

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### **Feedback Welcome!**

Were you with us on June 20th? Have you been able to view any of the videos

posted in our Facebook Group? Before it fades completely, I would like to invite you to send an evaluation of our time together around the following questions:

1. What worked for you? Explain.
2. What didn't work for you? Explain

Please send your evaluations to me at [rtmiller.mc@gmail.com](mailto:rtmiller.mc@gmail.com)  
Blessings,  
RT Miller  
Vice President

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## Upcoming Events/Webinars

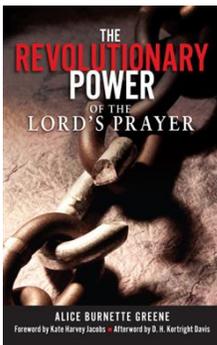
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**MISSION SUMMIT MOMENTS:**  
**Testimonies and Debriefing from Virginia Beach**  
Thursday, July 11  
11am Central  
Call/Dial-In Info [Here](#).

Drop by "MC Live" at 11am Central on Thursday, July 11th to share about your time in Virginia Beach (or, participating from afar). Drop by to hear others' share about inspiring, helpful or challenging moments. We'll spend some time hearing about Mission Summit events, as well as our Ministers Council Annual Meeting and "Servants of the Jubilee" on June 20th.



**The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer**  
**Conversation with Author Dr. Alice Burnette Green**  
Thursday, August 8  
11am Central  
Dial In Info [Here](#)

We celebrate our ABC colleague-authors! One is Rev. Dr. Alice Burnette Green, author of *The Revolutionary Power of the Lord's Prayer*. This is the "ABC Reads" title for 2019-20 and uniquely designed

for group study. Join us for an interview with Green on MC LIVE, and consider using this text in the upcoming program year.

More about the Book: [Here](#)

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## National Update

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### A Word from RT Miller (President Elect)

The Mission Summit in Virginia Beach is now becoming a recent memory as is our Ministers Council event entitled, “Servants of the Jubilee.” And all the heartwarming connections nurtured at our Booth (see pics on our [website](#))!

If you haven't seen them there yet, our Annual Report (2018) and 1-page Annual Meeting 2019 Summary are also posted there. One big joyous announcement -- We're looking ahead in faith to practicing a taste of Jubilee, as your representatives approved the Leadership Team's recommendation to make *National Dues for eligible members completely free for the year of 2020.\* (See below reminder).*

The blessing and the challenge of declaring 2020 as a Year of Jubilee continue to hang before me. The Jubilee challenge for the year is to trust God, a message Dr. McMickle emphasized on June 20th. This is indeed a profound act of faith for your Leadership Team, but one made possible by God's unmistakable steadying presence in recent years. We look forward to seeing what God will do through this act as we make wide new outreach for members. Join us for the Jubilee Journey!

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Remember, 2019 **dues are necessary** and collected through October 31, 2019. The 2020 Jubilee is for NATIONAL Dues. Individual chapters will collect dues as led.

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### Annual Report Available for Download!

*... to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.*

—Ephesians 4:11-12

## Recap of Annual Meeting

Chapter representatives and members of the national Leadership Team met prior to the Mission Summit for worship, fellowship and business. Attendees shared chapter news, approved a provisional budget for 2020, elected officers and voted on a number of business items regarding living into priorities and structure approved in Philadelphia in 2018. A copy of the 2018 Annual Report is available for download at [ministerscouncil.com](http://ministerscouncil.com). We savored a day of fellowship and learning at "Servants of the Jubilee" Gathering on June 20th. Visit website to learn more about the presenters, and join our Facebook Group for ongoing fellowship and to see the videos of the day.

Click for [KEY DECISIONS/VOTES](#)

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## Milestones & Prayer Requests

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**American Baptist Home Mission Societies** (ABHMS) presented four 2019 national-recognition ministry awards during American Baptist Churches USA's Biennial Mission Summit in Virginia Beach. While two were presented at the ABHMS-sponsored Friday evening worship, two others were presented during ABHMS' luncheon on Saturday. (<http://abhms.org/about-us/news/abhms-presents-4-national-recognition-ministry-awards-during-mission-summit/>)

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The Board of Directors of **American Baptist Home Mission Societies** (ABHMS) unanimously elected the Rev. Jamie Washam and Dr. Lacey S. Alford as incoming president and vice president, respectively, at its meeting here prior to American Baptist Churches USA's (ABCUSA) Biennial Mission Summit gathering. ([Click to read more](#))

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We pray for loved ones of **Rev. Jean Engel**, member from Metro Chicago, who passed on to eternity in June. Her memorial service will be held at a date to be determined.

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Former Ministers Council Executive Director **Joe Kutter** was recently diagnosed with stage 4 bile duct cancer. He asked we remember him, his wife Peggy and his family in our prayers.

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# ABC Announcements

The American Baptist Churches USA Biennial Mission Summit met June 21-23, 2019 at the Virginia Beach Convention Center in Virginia Beach, Va. Photos from the Biennial Mission Summit event are available [here](#).  
**(Click to read more)**

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## Reminders



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