MC Live Webinar
Thursday, May 20
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For Such a Time as This –

Pentecost Power and Practices in a Divided World: A Conversation with the Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri and the Rev. Chakrarvarthy Zadda-Ravindra, Ph.D.

What does the Pentecost story mean for the multi-cultural and multi-national Body of Christ? Does it give fresh direction for this divisive and pain-filled time in the world we are called to serve and bless? How do we imagine the gifts of the Spirit for the speaking, listening and acting to which we are called today? What might we learn as leaders from the rhythms of the Spirit as we retell the birth of the Church? Join us for conversation with two colleagues whose ministries embody a multiplicity of experiences and lenses, including deep connections to the international family in India and Myanmar. Together, we'll explore our common call to empathic and empowering leadership.

Hosted by Rev. Jacki Belile, CPC.

The Rev. Dr. Marie Onwubuariri joined the American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary in January 2021 as associate general secretary for Mission Resource Development, after serving as regional executive minister of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin since August 2014. Through this role with ABCUSA Onwubuariri hopes to collaboratively interweave the rich diversity of American Baptist talents, perspectives, passions, and callings into an experience and narrative of mission and ministry that inspires consideration, contribution, and connection throughout our multicultural denomination.

She carries into this endeavor her experiences as cross-cultural trainer, regional and local church minister, seminary staff member, secular business executive, and various volunteer roles throughout the ABC and local community groups. Onwubuariri will serve as host for the Biennial Mission Summit events.

Marie joined the Ministers Council of the Greater Bay Area chapter as a seminarian and continued as a member and served on the executive committee in various roles. She continues her commitment to the council, having supported the efforts of the Wisconsin chapter and now as a member of the Valley Forge chapter.

The Rev. Chakrarvarthy Zadda-Ravindra, Ph.D. serves as Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church of Waukesha, Wisconsin. Rev. Zadda is a Baptist missiologist* from India, rich in both academic and ministerial experience in multi-cultural settings. Before he moved to the United States in 2005. He has provided leadership both at the regional and national levels for the Church in India. Rev. Zadda served The National Council of Churches of India (NCCI) on the Dalit and
Adivasi Commission, actively advocating for their rights. He currently provides leadership for Asian Churches at the national level as the moderator/administration coordinator for the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches, providing distinctive envisioning and leadership in the time of structural transition.

Rev. Zadda worked six years for the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago as the Director for International Student Affairs Office, providing academic advising, pastoral care along with transitioning into American culture, before he was asked to oversee the Campus Ministry of ABC Metro Chicago in 2014. As the Danker Foundation Scholar and The Grover Wright Scholar, Rev. Zadda received PhD in World Christianity and Missions from Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago in 2015. Engaging the American Baptist theological thinking, Rev. Zadda is part of the Emerging Theologians Task Force of ABC USA. His research interests include missiology, the history of evangelical & ecumenical movements, world religions and interfaith witnessing, and modern history of India. He has published his work through Wipf & Stock Publishing House along with the team of contemporary missiologists in the book entitled *Expect Great Things, Attempt Great Things*. Currently Rev. Zadda teaches at Northern Theological Seminary as an adjunct faculty member.

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