



*Welcome to the 30th Anniversary Celebration
of the
Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Ministers Council*

Please sign in and indicate if you are a current 2021 member or guest this evening.



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BIENNIAL MISSION SUMMIT

An Online Experience | June 24-26, 2021

THE
MINISTERS
COUNCIL



The
**Ministers
Council**

Collegiality/Centeredness/Competence

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA



30TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION 1991-2021

CHAPLAINS AND PASTORAL COUNSELORS CHAPTER
OF MINISTERS COUNCIL



IMAGINING TRANSFORMATION FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors Chapter, Ministers Council



THE AGENDA THE FIRST HOUR

7:30 – 7:40 pm
Greetings- Sarah Fogg

Invocation – Lee Axtell

7:40 – 8:30 PM

“Recognizing and Encouraging Transformation for Such a Time as
This”

Moderator –Rick Barnes

Presenter
Rev. Gordon Grose, Ph.D. Pastoral Counselor

Discussion

THE REV.
GORDON
GROSE, PH.D.

Writer,
Speaker,
&

Messenger of
Hope

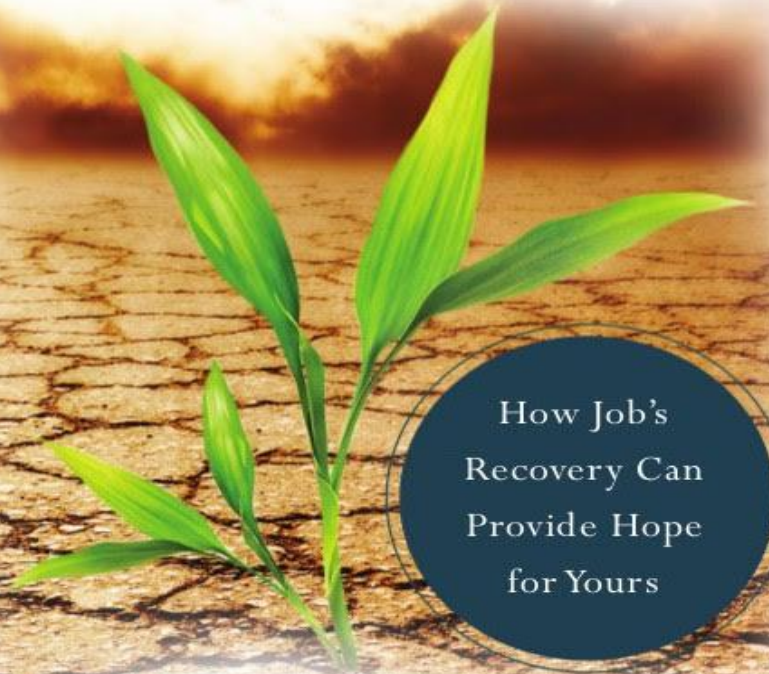


"...may what Gordon has pointed to in this book be of great help to all who now suffer and cry out to God, 'How long, O LORD?'"

WALTER C. KAISER, JR.

*President Emeritus, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary,
from the Foreword*

TRAGEDY TRANSFORMED



GORDON S. GROSE

In 2015, Gordon Grose published *Tragedy Transformed: How Job's Recovery Can Provide Hope For Yours*, a book that finds in Job hope for people after tragedy. Judges selected his book as a Finalist in the 2016 Cascade Awards Writing Contest (Oregon Christian Writers). He has published with The Upper Room, Bible Advocate and Christianity Today. If you have experienced life challenges or personal tragedy, find his book at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and at tragedytransformed.com or visit his blog at gordongrose.com to learn more.

<https://www.amazon.com/Tragedy-Transformed-Gordon-S-Grose/dp/0578160897>



SIGNS OF TRANSFORMATION IN JOB

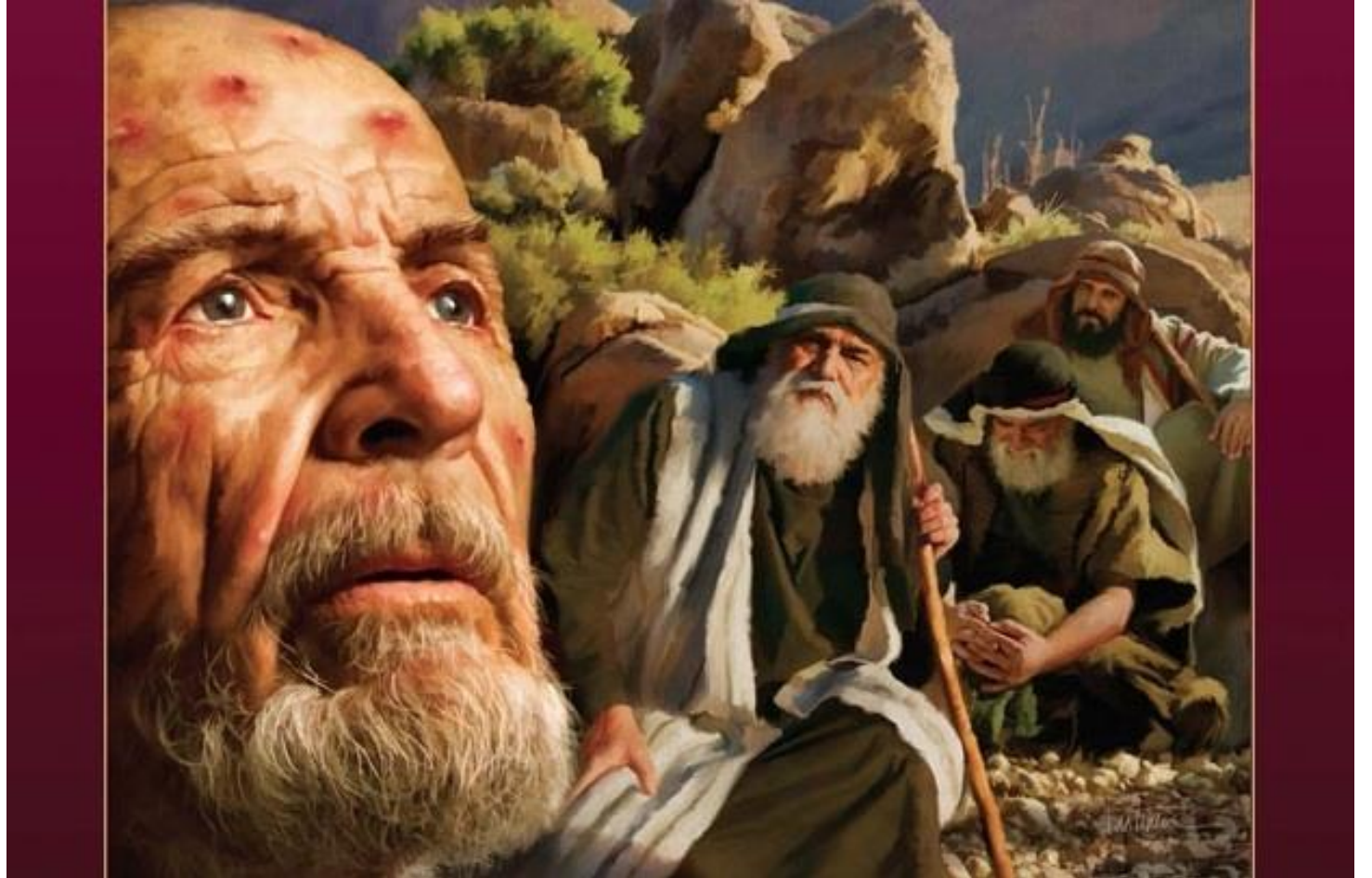
How Job
Transformed my Life

I. LOSS – JOB 1-2

Intervenes in ideal life of
success

Trajectory 1: continued
success, expansion, wealth,
honor

Trajectory 2: loss, grief,
depression, death



II. SOCIAL SUPPORT. JOB 2-27, 42

Trajectory 1: Loss of
meaning in life, depression,
death (3)

Trajectory 2: Talking,
listening, arguing, remaining
(4-27)



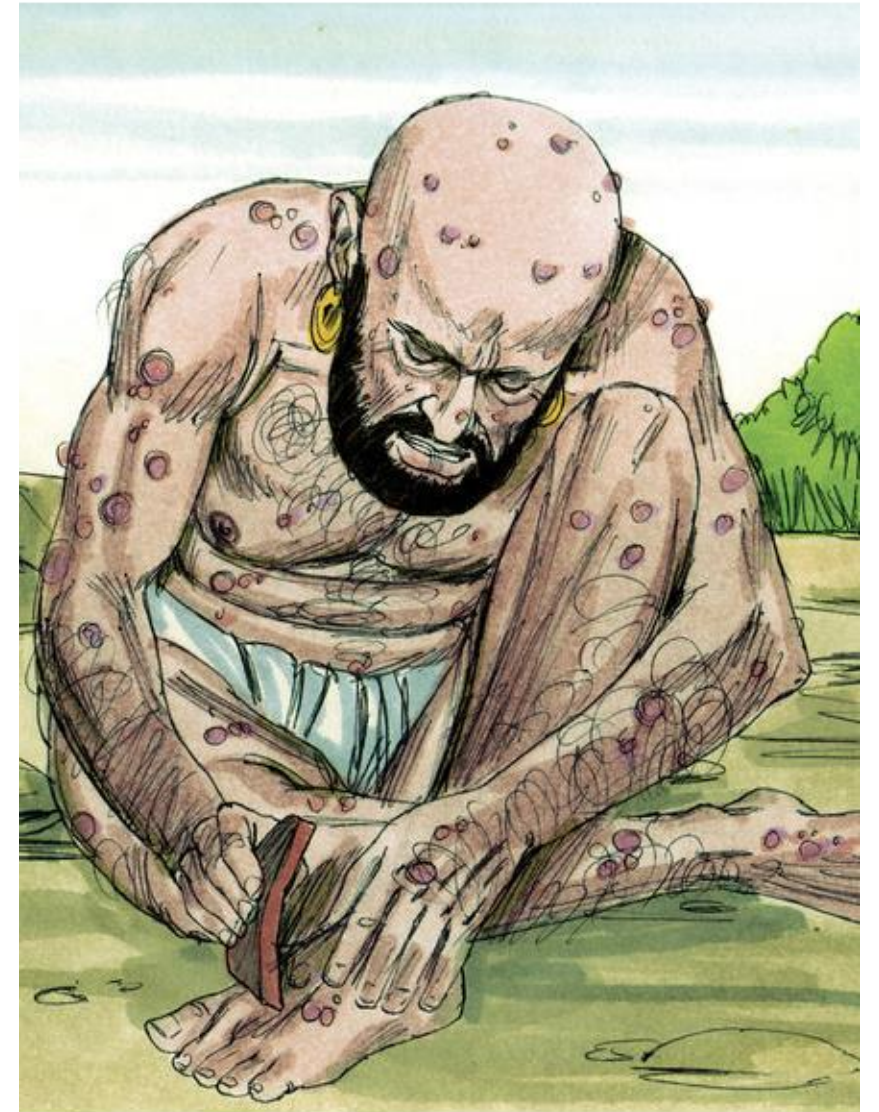
III. DECISION – JOB 13

Trajectory 1

Helpless, hopeless, hapless

Trajectory 2

Self-determination (13-31) Lawsuit!



IV. PERSPECTIVE.

JOB 38-41

Perspective 1: What Job says: righteousness, injustice, rage (at God)

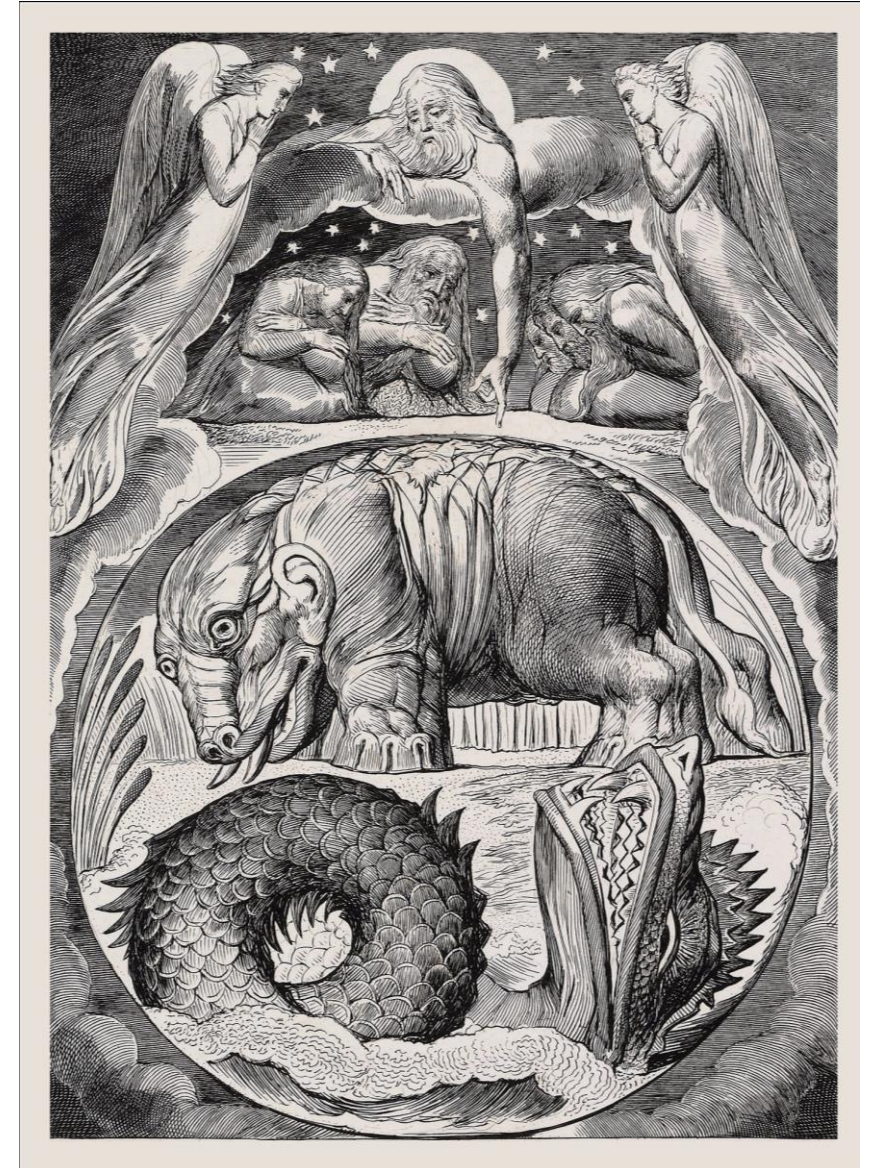
Perspective 2. What God says: The world (nature) is not man-centered

Life is paradoxical: chaos co-exists with order

Behemoth 40:15, 19

Leviathan 41:10-11; 33-34 (humility)

What are signs of transformation in our life?
Discussion







The Second Hour
Chapter Meeting

State of the Chapter



Transformation

Are We There Yet?



REFLECTIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

THE CHAPTER MEETING

8:30 – Chapter Meeting Convenes Sarah Fogg, President

State of the Chapter From the Executive committee

Sarah Fogg – President’s Report

Lee Axtell – Sec/Treasurer and Chapter Representative to the Professional Ministries Team

Rick Barnes – Member at Large and Chapter Representative to Ministers Council

Karen Pickler – Past President and Publicity

Membership & Financial Report

Certificate of Appreciation – Greta Wagner

Election of New Member at Large

Discussion and Announcements

Call to Adjournment

Fellowship

Benediction



THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT -SARAH FOGG



The Call to Transformation

- 2019 Survey,
- the 2019 Biennial Dinner/Chapter Meeting
- By-Laws changes
- Election of Officers
- The Eight Purposes of the Bylaws with current emphasis on 1,2, &3
- How the Executive Committee currently works.



THE 8 PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER

1. maintain professional and ethical standards of the Christian ministry,
2. give support to the members of this body and be an advocate for them in their professional associations and in denominational life,
3. interpret the appropriate roles of chaplains and pastoral counselors to the constituent parts of our denomination and to the local American Baptist Churches, USA,
4. encourage the recruitment and nurture of candidates for chaplaincy and pastoral counseling,
5. provide a means for expression and debate by members of this body on issues that affect the professional leadership of the American Baptist Churches, USA,
6. cooperate with the appropriate units of the American Baptist Churches, USA in matters of mutual interest and concern including: 1) recruitment, 2) placement, 3) compensation, 4) continuing education, and 5) counseling,
7. encourage the members of this body to fully participate in the constituent Ministers Council in their region,
8. give support to the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) and the Office of Chaplaincy and Specialized Ministries.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.....

Practicing Transformation

- Increasingly active chapter members
- More and better information on who we are and what we offer as endorsed Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors
- Creation of fact sheets:
 - Endorsed Pastoral Counselors
 - Endorsed Chaplains
- Increasing Chapter interaction with ABC/USA ministry partners
- Continuing our ongoing partnership with the national Ministers Council
- Deepening our relationship & cooperation with the Endorser's office.



REFLECTIONS – LEE AXTELL SEC/TREASURER

Increase Connection and Voice to the denomination

I serve as our C&PC Executive Committee representative at ABCUSA Professional Ministries Team that meets twice a year. That group is led by the Interim general secretary and includes Centers for the Ministry, Ministerelife/ABPS, Ministers Council, Ecclesiastical Endorser, Interim Ministries/Women in Ministry, Regional Executive Ministers, Area Ministers, MMBB, etc...

In May we worked on the denomination's Professional Registry which includes all ABC church leaders, from the national level to the local level. My presence there gives chaplains and pastoral counselors a voice, making us better known across the denomination, while it gives me an ear for hearing about trends and changes in the denomination which I pass back along to you.



REFLECTION LEE AXTELL

SEC/TREASURER

Primary Goal: Better Connection between the Chapter and the Denomination

In the 2019 survey, Chapter Members revealed strong connections at the local church level but hardly any with the rest of the denomination - our regions, Ministers Council, the national level of ABC/USA and even with our own chapter. Hearing this at the 2019 Biennial Dinner, our membership said that they wanted more connection.

Initial Response -Webinar with The Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley



Our webinar helped us learn about her challenges during Covid with local church pastors and showed us ways we could be helpful to her with all our experience with death, grieving, etc.

REFLECTIONS – RICK BARNES – MEMBER AT LARGE

Toward greater Integrity –Code of Ethics

- Moderated a November Webinar with Vice President Jackie Belile and Rev. Steve Neal about the Ministers Council proposed changes to the Code of Ethics.
- Our Chapter is the first one to have approved the changes.
- Chapter member Bonny Dillion will be representing us as the Ministers Council prepares the study guide. The study guide will be a teaching tool to help educate the various constituents on the implications of the Code of Ethics.



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Toward Greater Integration – Minister’s Council Chapter Representative

- Report our Chapter Progress
- Participate and share in discussions with other Chapters regarding their events.
- Relay information back to the chapter through the newsletter and Chapter meetings.



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Providing Support to the Membership

- Moderated our March webinar “ How Goes Your Soul?” Chapter members were invited to tell their COVID experiences and reflect.
- The stories provided connection, healing, encouragement and comfort.
- We gathered as community and deepened our ties “*for such a time as this.*”



REFLECTIONS -KAREN PICKLER



Interpret the Roles of Chaplains and Pastoral Counselors

- Publish Chapter Newsletter – The News
News of the Chapter
Events
Telling the Story of our Ministries
- Distribute THE NEWS and Promotional Materials to Regional and National Ministry Partners.
- Create and Maintain online presence
Facebook
ministrElife
- Create special events publicity

FINANCIAL AND MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Year 2020	Checking Account	Receipts & Dues	Expenses	Membership	Savings Account	Gleason Scholarship Fund
	Dividends \$5.38		Sept Webinar honorarium 150.00	Jan-Dec 2020	Interest \$7.21	Interest \$323.28
Total	\$10,208.03	\$1,475.00	\$150.00	59	\$6,201.35	\$13,673.84

2021 - Current Membership as of this Date = 41

IN APPRECIATION
-GRETA WAGNER



ELECTION OF NEW MEMBER TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Counselor at Peninsula Pastoral Counseling Center (PPCC)

Endorsed ABHMS and Ordained ABC-USA

Served as a Navy Chaplain for 24 ½ years.

“We function best when we relate to others rather than function in isolation. We increase our ability to cope as we become more connected with others. We can gain from the counseling experience. It is best that client and therapist work together for maximum benefit.”

Married, two children, and three grandchildren



VISIT WITH THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN THE VIRTUAL EXHIBIT HALL

Our Chapter Executive Committee Officers invite you to continue the conversation and fellowship begun at the June 22nd event. We will have a “booth” in the Ministers Council Virtual Exhibit Hall.

At least one of our executive committee members will be available to meet with you, answer your questions, hear your concerns or hopes for invigorating the chapter. It will be a privilege to get know you better, learn about your particular field of ministry or hear whatever is on your mind.

Thursday

3:00 PM EST

10:00 PM EST

Friday

11:00 AM

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9:00 PM

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Saturday

2:00 PM

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FELLOWSHIP
AND
BENEDICTION



IN CELEBRATION OF OUR MINISTRY TOGETHER

*Thank you for your membership in
the Chaplains and Pastoral
Counselors Ministers Council.*

*Please accept this Commemorative
Coin in honor of your dedication to
ministry as an endorsee of the
American Baptist Home Mission
Societies. **

**(to be mailed post Biennial)*





IT MAY BE THAT WHEN WE NO
LONGER KNOW WHAT TO DO, WE
HAVE COME TO OUR REAL WORK.

AND THAT WHEN WE NO LONGER
KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO WE HAVE
COME TO OUR REAL JOURNEY.

THE MIND THAT IS NOT BAFFLED IS
NOT EMPLOYED
THE IMPEDED STREAM IS THE ONE
THAT SINGS.

WENDELL BERRY