

49th ANNUAL GATHERING • DOUBLETREE IN LEOMINSTER

MAY 5-6, 2017

# BUILDING ON THE ROCK THE CHURCH

**‘Everyone then who hears these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock.’ —Matthew 7:24-25**

We are in the second year of our theme of “Building on the Rock” that focuses on resourcing and engaging the local church community. We gather as one body to share and equip our church communities through resources, information, trainings, and fellowship. **Come to listen, to learn, to explore and to experience** the Word of God as revealed in the Body of Christ in our communities and our world. **Come, that we might faithfully respond** as Christ’s future church.



## FRIDAY

### WOMEN IN MINISTRY LUNCHEON

Rev. Stephanie Salinas presents a program  
*“Depend. Detour. Dethrone.”*

### FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP

◀ **Rev. Jennifer Knust**

*Associate Professor of New Testament and  
Christian Origins at Boston University*

## FRIDAY: MAY 5, 2017

9:00 am	Association Resource Coordinators
Noon	Women in Ministry Registration
12:30-2:00	Women in Ministry Luncheon
2:00-2:15	Break / Hospitality Room Opens
3:00	Registration, Exhibitors, Silent Auction
2:15-3:45	Partner Organization Meetings
4:00-5:15	Workshops
6:00-7:15	Celebrations Dinner <i>Church &amp; Ordination Anniversaries</i>
7:15-9:00	Worship
After Worship	Caucus Get-Togethers

**partner meetings ■ exhibits ■ silent auction  
ordination & church anniversaries**

### WORKSHOP TOPICS

- ABHMS on the front lines of faith ■ Worship into a Multicultural Community ■ Experiencing God Beyond the Church Walls
- Case Study: Renewal Process at First Baptist Worcester
- Mentoring and Discipling of Future Leaders ■ Visualizing Your Congregation ■ Dealing with Dysfunction in Your Church
- Keeping the Second Generation Engaged ■ Changes that Provide a Pathway to Growth ■ ABCs of Mission Remittance
- Camp as a Pathway to God

3rd Annual Friends of Regional Ministries

# Silent Auction

## SATURDAY BREAKFASTS

### AB Women Ministries of MA

Rev. June Cooper, executive director of the Boston City Mission Society, will address the issues surrounding homelessness.

### Men’s Breakfast

This is a time for men to gather for a program of fellowship, sharing and music.

## SATURDAY: MAY 6, 2017

7:00 am	Registration <i>Exhibitors ~ Silent Auction</i>
7:30-8:45	AB Women & Men’s Breakfasts <i>(Program will begin at 8:00 a.m.)</i>
9:00-9:30	Morning Worship
9:30-10:15	Business Meeting
10:30-11:30	Workshop Session #1
11:45-12:45	Workshops Session #2
1:00 PM	Banquet & Program
3:00	Closing & Benediction

## SATURDAY KEYNOTE

**Rev. Jeffrey Haggray** ▶

*Executive Director, American Baptist Home Mission Societies*





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room plus tax. **Rooms will be held at this rate until April 20.** Call the DoubleTree at **(978) 534-9000**. The DoubleTree by Hilton is at 99 Erdman Way in Leominster, MA.

**REGISTRATION FEE**

If received by APRIL 28: \$25; After APRIL 28 or On-site: \$35.

Churches are encouraged to pay the fee for delegates. On-site registrations are accepted after April 28 but meal availability is not guaranteed.

**MEALS (with paid registration)**

Guaranteed Meals Deadline: April 28

Select meal option on registration form.

- Women in Ministry Luncheon:..... \$15
- Friday Dinner..... \$30
- Saturday Breakfast Buffet ..... \$15
- Saturday Banquet ..... \$25

**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

**Guaranteed Rate of \$90 Ends on April 20 !**

Call the DoubleTree hotel and identify yourself as a member of the "American Baptist TABCOM" group for the special rate of \$90.00 per night for a sgl/dbl

**WHO MAY VOTE?**

Delegates sent by MA American Baptist churches, associations and members of Boards and Committees of the region may vote at business sessions. Messengers sent by churches may speak at the sessions but may not vote. Anyone may register as a guest. Delegates and messengers must have their registration form signed by the pastor or clerk that they represent.

**CHURCH DELEGATES**

Each church is entitled to elect two members to serve with one pastor as voting delegates for the first 300 or fewer resident members plus one additional voting delegate for each additional 200 resident members as reported in the latest Directory of the region. For example: Up to 300 resident members=2 delegates plus one pastor; 301-500 resident members=3 delegates plus one pastor.

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# 2017 Annual Gathering Registration

# May 5-6, 2017

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Name on Tag \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church CITY / Church NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Church E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Association  Judson  Berkshire  Boston SW  Central  Merrimack  Old Colony  Pioneer  Stillman  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Annual Gathering Status

I am a  Delegate  Messenger  Guest representing my  Church  Association  Region  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Delegates/Messengers must have this form signed by the church/association/clerk or pastor \_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature*

## Workshop Selections

Full workshop descriptions are at [www.tabcom.org](http://www.tabcom.org).

**Final workshop selections are on-site but we'd like to know what interests you to plan our space accordingly.**

**FRIDAY, May 5, 2017 ~ 4:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.**

- F1 ABHMS: On the front lines of faith  F2 Church Revitalization Options  F3 Worship into a Multicultural Community

### SATURDAY, May 6, 2017

#### Session 1 -- 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

#### Session 2 -- 11:45 to 12:45 p.m.

- S1 Case Study: Renewal Process at First Baptist in Worcester  
 S2 Camp as a Presence and Pathway to God  
 S3 Experiencing God Beyond the Church Walls  
 S4 Worship into a Multicultural Community  
 S5 Mentoring and Discipling Future Leaders of the Church

- S6 Visualizing Your Congregation  
 S7 Dealing with Dysfunction in Your Church Family  
 S8 Keeping the Second Generation Engaged  
 S9 Changes that Provide a Pathway to Growth and Revival  
 S10 The ABCs of Mission Remittance

## Registration

Adult Pre-Registration No. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Late/On-Site (after April 29) No. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

## Meals

Friday Women in Ministry Lunch No. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Check here if vegetarian for WIM Luncheon

Friday Dinner No. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Breakfast Buffet No. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Men's Breakfast Buffet No. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$15.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday Banquet No. \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attn: 2017 Annual Gathering**

Please indicate if you have any severe dietary restrictions to bring to our attention.

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## Meal Selections

### FRIDAY DINNER

\_\_\_ Grilled Salmon w/Lemon Dill Sauce

\_\_\_ Top Sirloin w/Mushroom Bordelaise

\_\_\_ Eggplant Parmesan

### SATURDAY BANQUET

\_\_\_ Seafood-Topped Haddock

\_\_\_ Apple & Cranberry Stuffed Chicken

\_\_\_ Stuffed Red Pepper with Quinoa/Vegs

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