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Walk by Faith,
2 Corinthians 5:7 *Not by Sight*

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The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts

Transforming Lives and Communities

*Go therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost:
Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you. Matthew 28:19-20a*

Rev. Dr. Mary Day Hamel, Executive Minister

Chris McWhite, President



Welcome Friends!

I am so glad that you are joining us for MissionWorks 2025:
“Walk by Faith, Not by Sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7)!

This Gathering is a timely one. First, it takes us to our roots as Baptists, for we know that it was missions that brought us together in the very beginning. Many of our methods have changed, but doing and supporting missions remains at the center of who we are.

Our theme reminds us that walking by faith means being perceptive, resilient, and engaged.

Like a muscle, faith needs to be exercised to become strong. Our faith challenges us to move from belief to action. The goal for MissionWorks is for people to have a fresh encounter with the living God, and out of that encounter, leave more equipped and motivated to live lives worthy of the Gospel through engagement in mission here and around the world.

Our Minister of Missions, Miranda Kwon has brought together an inspiring program for MissionWorks this year. We will be blessed in times of worship, learning, and encouragement to think about “mission” in new ways. The Holy Spirit is at work!

I am praying that you will come away from this experience inspired and energized for all that God is calling us to do and to be in the days ahead. Walk by faith!

Serving Christ,

Rev. Dr. Mary Day Hamel



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AGENDA

- 8:00 am **REGISTRATION**
EXHIBITION TABLES/ COFFEE
- 9:00 am - 9:30 am **OPENING CONVOCATION** Main Sanctuary
- 9:45 am - 10:45 am **WORKSHOP SESSION 1**
- #1A** *History of Missions at Home and Around the World* Main Sanctuary
 Rev. Diane Badger
- #1B** *Shalom-seeking Eyes for Faithful Churches* Basement Worship Hall
 Liza Cagua-McAllister
- 11:00am-12:00 pm **WORKSHOP SESSION 2**
- #2A** *Refugee Ethics and Ministry in a Shifting Policy Landscape* Main Sanctuary
 Dr. Glenn Butner
- #2B** *Imagining a Sacred Economy: Living into God's Abundance* Basement Worship Hall
 Elizabeth Grady-Harper
- 12:15 pm - 1:15 pm **LUNCH** Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 pm - 3:00 pm **CONCLUDING WORSHIP** Main Sanctuary
 Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Donald Ng
- COMMUNION**



Missions Minister



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the Director of Missions of TABCOM, I cannot emphasize enough our *mission* in Christian and biblical sense: *mission* means our committed participation as God's people at God's invitation and command in God's own mission within the history of God's world for the redemption of God's creation (definition by Christopher Wright). The word "mission" is an overview term, while the word "missions" refers to specific manifestations of mission, as in "faith missions." I also love the description by Richard Bauckham that *mission* is the *movement of an ever-new people of God into the ever-new future towards ever-new horizons* (i.e., the coming universal kingdom of God).

The gospel engages with the injustices of the world as it makes a way to the kingdom of God. We are keenly aware that God's way to his universal kingdom is through the movement of identification with the least and that the church's mission cannot be indifferent to the inequalities and injustices of the world into which we are sent.

This means that as well as the outward movement of the church's mission, there must also be a downward movement of solidarity with the people at the bottom of the social scale and at the margins of society. Christ himself was so often found at the margins. As Bauckham notes, genuine Christian mission is witness to the crucified Christ.

In our ever-demanding situation of opportunity and challenge of Christian witness, the church must be grounded in Scriptures as it moves outward in solidarity, especially with the oppressed, the marginalized, and the neglected, and forward in hope for the coming kingdom of God. Our mission is God's mission. Let us take courage and walk by faith, not by sight.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Miranda Kwon".

Rev. Miranda Kwon



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The 2025 MissionWorks Offering will support

The ACE Center for New Americans

<https://www.cefornewamericans.org>



The ACE Center for New Americans helps refugees and immigrants navigate their path to self-sufficiency, inclusion, and active citizenship.

Their mission is simple — to advocate for, celebrate, and empower “New Americans.” They do this by developing programs to meet the critical, educational, health, and immigration needs, of the people they serve.

⁸Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. ⁹Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy. Proverbs 31:8-9

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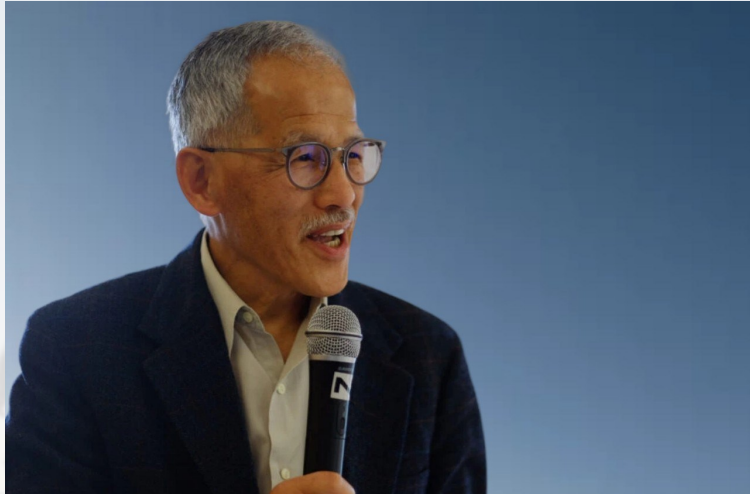


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Keynote Speaker

REV. DR. DONALD NG



Don Ng was the Senior Pastor of the historic First Chinese Baptist Church in San Francisco, founded in 1880, for 17 years and served as President of the American Baptist Churches, USA from 2014-15. He was the first Asian American in this elected position.

Presently, he is serving on the Friends of the North East Christian University, Nagaland, India; Advisory Council of Andover Newton Seminary at YDS, the American Baptist Foundation, the American Baptist Historical Society; the ABC Creation Justice Network, and Co-convener of MMBB Asian Colloquium.

He graduated from Gordon College, Andover Newton, and completed doctoral course work at Temple University. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from the Berkeley School of Theology in 2013. In 2014, he received Andover Newton's "Spirit of the Hill" award.

Don is married to Joy Shih Ng and blessed with six amazing grandchildren who make him proud.



OPENING CONVOCATION PROGRAM

PRELUDE

Marilyn Glover
First Baptist Church, Malden

WELCOME

Rev. Miranda Kwon
TABCOM Missions Minister

INVOCATION

Rev. Robyn M. Mars
TABCOM Communications Coordinator

OPENING SONG

Great is Thy Faithfulness

OPENING REMARKS

Rev. Dr. Mary Day Hamel
TABCOM Executive Minister

MORNING REFLECTION

Rev. Sarah Lusche
Old Cambridge Baptist Church

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Spirit Song

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING WORSHIP PROGRAM

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Ronald Bouthillette | TABCOM Associate Executive Minister

INVOCATION

Rev. Diane Badger | TABCOM Administrator, Commission on Ordained Ministry

SONGS OF WORSHIP

IM GLOBAL SERVANTS HIGHLIGHTS

Faye Carol Yarbrough | Jae Stockton

SCRIPTURE READINGS | 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

English: George Whitfield | First Baptist Church, Melrose

Hattian Creole: Rev. Dominique Jean | Shalom Missionary Church

Nepali: Min. Rebecca Tiwari | Nepali Baptist Church, Somerville

OFFERING/OFFERATORY PRAYER

Jennifer Sanborn | TABCOM Director of Development

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER

Rev. Miranda Kwon | TABCOM Missions Minister

MESSAGE

Walk by Faith, Not by Sight (2 Corinthians 5:6-17)

Rev. Dr. Donald Ng

Former President of the American Baptist Churches, USA (2014-15)

COMMUNION

CLOSING REMARKS

Rev. Dr. Mary Day Hamel | TABCOM Executive Minister

CLOSING SONGS

BENEDICTION

Rev. Terron Tucket | First Baptist Church, Melrose



Presenter

REV. DIANE BADGER



Rev. Diane Badger has worked for TABCOM as administrator for the Commission on Ordained Ministry, ushering candidates for ordination through the maze of paperwork and requirements to become ordained ministers.

Rev. Badger is an ordained American Baptist Minister. She graduated from Eastern Nazarene College with a Bachelor's in Business Administration. She served in nonprofit administrative and financial positions for nearly twenty years prior to being called to the pastoral ministry. She received her Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Theological School in May 2009 and was ordained that same year. While still at seminary, Rev. Badger was called to be the pastor of Community Baptist Church of Marion, MA and served there until 2014. During that time, she also served as a hospice chaplain on Cape Cod.

Rev. Badger has served on the Executive Board of the Old Colony Baptist Association since 1998, first as clerk and now as treasurer.

In her spare time, Rev. Badger does research on genealogy and Massachusetts Baptist History uncovering our past before it gets lost in the mists of time.



Workshop

A History of Missions at Home and Around the World

Even before the founding of the Massachusetts Baptist Missionary Society in 1802, Massachusetts Baptists have had a rich history of missions going back into the 1700s.

Join us as we learn how our passion for missions began; who were the people founding and supporting this passion for missions and how our support for missions has grown over the years.



Presenter

LIZA CAGUA-MCALLISTER



Liza Cagua-McAllister is a Jesus-follower dedicated to advancing shalom in complex contexts of every size. As Systems Consultant at the Emmanuel Gospel Center, she's especially interested in how biblical theology and the discipline of systems thinking can shape how churches and everyday Christians advance good in our communities—not just with compassion and justice, but with wisdom about how human systems actually work.

For over 20 years, Liza has worked with churches, nonprofits, community organizations, and institutions addressing some of our most pressing challenges. As a systems practitioner and trainer, she has equipped youth leaders from 26 U.S. cities, lectured in master's and doctoral seminary classes, and facilitated citywide and national conference tracks for Christian leaders looking to make a difference. Whether dealing with racial healing, housing justice, foster care, church systems, or her own teenagers, Liza has learned that there are always more shalom-seeking opportunities within reach than we realize, and God is always doing abundantly more than we can hope for or imagine.

Though she has a BA in Sociology from Harvard, the best thing Liza learned there was that Jesus is real! She lives in Boston with her blended family of 7: 4 fantastic kids, a tenacious grandma, and the best husband ever. This is her first TABCOM and she's delighted to participate in encouraging, challenging, and learning from fellow shalom-seekers from the American Baptist tradition.



Workshop

Shalom-Seeking Eyes for Faithful Churches

Churches across New England are faithfully serving, yet many find themselves weary—holding on through shrinking attendance, limited resources, leadership challenges, or social issues that feel impossible to untangle. You are not alone in these struggles. God’s Spirit is still at work, even when our sight feels dim. Through interactive exercises, stories, and practical tools, this workshop will explore the unseen dynamics shaping church and community life, and the surprising ways God is moving us toward shalom— holistic restoration and shared thriving across every dimension of life. Together we will courageously look beneath the surface of the challenges we face, share wisdom, and identify new steps of faith—trusting that God’s promises are bigger than the challenges before us.



Presenter

DR. GLENN BUTNER, JR.



Glenn Butner is Associate Professor of Theology at [Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary](#).

He has written five books, including [Jesus the Refugee: Ancient Injustice and Modern Solidarity \(Fortress Press, 2023\)](#), and he is currently writing a book on the ethics of borders for Baker Academic (forthcoming 2026/27).

In ministry, Glenn helped coordinate a multi-church Ukrainian resettlement network in Kansas, he has served as a board member for [The Kefa Project](#), and he has volunteered with refugee ministries in several states.

Glenn lives in Rowley, MA with his wife Lydia and their three children.



Workshop

Refugee Ethics and Ministry in a Shifting Policy Landscape

This workshop will introduce basic frameworks and ministry tools for working with communities of displaced persons and thinking about refugee ethics (and more broadly immigration ethics.) It will begin by using the holy family's flight to Egypt from Matthew 2 as a framework for learning about international and domestic refugee policy, key obstacles refugee communities face, and important ethical principles from Scripture and moral theology that can help us think about refugee ministry. It will then explore several major policy shifts in 2025 that are reshaping what it looks like to stand in solidarity with displaced persons. The workshop will balance teaching with interactive learning.



Presenter

ELIZABETH GRADY-HARPER



Prior to joining the Boston Faith and Justice Network, Elizabeth worked as an attorney primarily in the field of immigration law, helping immigrant families become citizens or legal permanent residents of the United States. She has also worked with survivors of domestic violence under the Violence Against Women Act helping them obtain the immigration benefits the law affords them, first as an employee of several law firms in the Boston area, and then in her own firm started with two colleagues.

In 2023 Elizabeth earned her Masters of Theology Studies at the Boston University School of Theology. Elizabeth is passionate about helping Christians engage in our call to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God and seeks to use her gifts to this end, both at BFJN and as an elder and speaker at her church.



Workshop

Imagining A Sacred Economy: Living into God's abundance

As church and faith-based organizational leaders we need to be intentionally and actively cultivating within ourselves and our communities a radically counter-cultural understanding of our personal relationship with money and the larger economy. This workshop was designed to challenge participants to examine their own views of money, consumerism, scarcity and abundance and position them to disciple and lead their communities to do the same. We'll discuss how to challenge dominant narratives focused on material gain and explore how fostering a different economic vision is a vital aspect of discipleship and ministry.

Outcomes:

- ♦ A deeper understanding of Biblical teachings on money and generosity
- ♦ A greater comfort with speaking about money in participant's context
- ♦ Ability to lead and guide conversations about money and generosity



Offering Song

Ich lobe meinen Gott

1. Ich lobe meinen Gott von ganzem Herzen,
erzählen will ich von all seinen Wundern und singen seinen
Namen.

Ich lobe meinen Gott von ganzem Herzen.

Ich freue mich und bin fröhlich, Herr, in dir. Halleluja!

2. Ich lobe Jesus Christ in meinem Leben,
denn er ist gekommen auf unsere Erde und ist ein Mensch ge-
worden.

Ich lobe Jesus Christ in meinem Leben.

Durch ihn ist den Menschen die Hoffnung geschenkt. Halleluja!

Translation:

1. I praise my God with my whole heart.
I will recount all his wonders and sing his name.

I praise my God with my whole heart.

I rejoice and am glad in you, Lord. Hallelujah!

2. I praise Jesus Christ in my life,
Because he came to our world and became a human being.
I praise Jesus Christ in my life.

Through him hope has been given to humanity. Hallelujah!



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January 24, 2026

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May 1-2, 2026

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The ACE Center for New Americans

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