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## Central Connection

Connecting with American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Central Region

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Giving us the latest tea in AB Women's Ministries

*"For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength"*  
*Philippians 4:13*

My goodness, I've been busy! I've been trying to keep up with all the new initiatives which the National AB Women's Ministries has started, as well as, make sure that our Central Region AB Women's Ministries are getting their needs met. I've attended the Tri-River Association held at McLouth. Part of my traveling also included the Annual Gathering at Lyons, and the Women's Luncheon and business meeting. Please, remember that I am available to you most any time. Please call or email me if you ever need anything.

Three new initiatives from National include a fundraising activity named Courageous Steps. This was to be completed between September 13 - 15; however, the giving part of the fundraiser has been extended to December 31st. AB Women's Ministries has over four thousand active members. With this initiative, National is asking for a gift of \$100 from every woman. Do you realize that IF every member would give that amount; it would be \$400,000.00 into the budget!

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I pray each of you will support this initiative with your best gift. You may send your contribution to Janet Kincaid, Treasurer. I hope you will go onto the National website [abwm.betterworld.org](http://abwm.betterworld.org) and find out more about how you could help raise money for your National organization. The second opportunity for you is to sign up for a Virtual Domestic Violence Prevention Training. All the information is at [abwomensministries.org](http://abwomensministries.org). The third initiative was just posted today, September 19! AB Women's Ministries has launched the Rudd Empowerment Center! This new initiative is dedicated to fostering leadership, empowerment, and educational opportunities for women and girls globally. PLEASE go onto [abwomensministries.org](http://abwomensministries.org) to find more information.

I was excited to see so many of you at the Annual Gathering and the Women's Luncheon. I had a grand time! Instead of telling you about it, I have included pictures from the event.

Wishing all of you a wonderful October!



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# Tri-River Rally





# Annual Gathering



# Mission and Service Ministries & White Cross

September and October are the months we encourage giving to World Mission Offering in our churches. I was so excited in looking at the materials available to churches in that the videos highlight one of our global servants to Mexico, Jae Stockton. Jae is a Global Servant Special for Central Region this year, yea! One video shows the work she does in the seminary helping theological students learn how to use computers so they can participate in on-line classes and the other highlights Deborah's House in Tijuana, Mexico which our international focus for White Cross this year. Double yea!

Sometimes we recognize the names of our global servants and may get to meet a few when they visit our region but to actually see what they are doing makes it so much more personal. Your church may be showing these videos in connection with World Mission Offering but anyone can watch them. Go to [internationalministries.org](http://internationalministries.org) and click on world mission offering and go to the video section.

While you are at [internationalministries.org](http://internationalministries.org), check out information about our other global servants under global mission at the top of the page. You can read about what they are doing and sign up for newsletters. I hope each church will "adopt" a global servant and remember them on their birthdays and Christmas and remember you can send a card of encouragement at any time. All correspondence must go through International Ministries, 1003 West 9th Avenue Suite A, King of Prussia, PA 19406.

I hope each local group is working on fulfilling the quotas for our Home Missionaries also. Each association was given an assignment for a missionary, and most would like to receive their items or gift cards early so they can use them for Christmas presents. Try to send them no later than the first of December. This includes Bethel Neighborhood Center, Murrow Indian Children's Home and Anadarko Christian Center.

Keep up the good work and contact me if you have any questions.

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# *Celebrate girls in your church!*

AB Girls would like to invite churches to celebrate their young girls between the ages 3rd grade through senior in high school. We know that some young girls help out in their church, and we would like to honor them. All you would need to do is send in a short paragraph of what the girls did in the church or in the community and send in pictures. That's all you would need to do!

If you would like to celebrate your young girls, please contact Mona Huggins, or if you would like more information about how to celebrate your young girls also contact Mona Huggins.

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