



Melissa's Ponderings

*And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, through him.
Colossians 3:17 NKJV*

I have passed many milestones and acquired numerous memories in my four plus decades on this planet. Each serve as a souvenir from those experiences. Such encounters have been marked with letting go of what has been for the sake of taking hold of what is to be. Many formative lessons have been my companions along the path.

The completion of my three-year time of service as ABWMCRC President will soon be added to my collection. The keepsakes I will take with me include: Adaptive leadership, emerging creative solutions, formative adversity, unrelenting tenacity, and unfettered reliance on our Sovereign God. It is also being shaped by the reality of letting go of what has been to take hold of what is to be.

It brings me great joy to introduce the next President of ABWMCRC, Mona Huggins. She is a precious friend and a dear Sister in Christ. Mona's passion for the Kingdom, sharing the gospel and fulfilling the Great Commission is evidenced through her love for the Lord, for her family, for the Central Region and for American Baptist Women's Ministries.

The words Paul penned for the church in Colossae, as recorded in the above verse, serve as a perfect backdrop for our incoming President. In the times I have journeyed alongside Mona, it has become profoundly clear she strives to live out her life in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In times of challenge and in seasons of rejoicing she demonstrates a thankful heart and a posture of gratitude toward God.

Over the course of the next three years, I

ask three things of you. First, pray for her, often. Second, invite her into your lives and your local ABW happenings. And third, join her in discerning what God has in mind for this vital ministry, now and in the future. The time has come for her to take hold of what is to be. I pray you will help her collect some spectacular and unexpected souvenirs along the way.

Grace and Peace,
Melissa Newberry
President (2019-22)
ABWMCRC

ABWM Region Project

CURRENTLY RAISED: \$25,138.66

The deadline for recording your donation is **September 15**. Goal is \$30,000. The donation must be in Alice Gruber's hands on that day!

You all have been so faithful. Thank you! We are so close. Do not give up. The work is going forward for the women of Frese House at the ranch; home for Lori, Katie, Nancy, Molly, Stephanie, Patti, Sarah, Jeannie, and Trudy.

We made this commitment to our sisters in Christ; It is time to go to our God in prayer, asking what He wants each of us to do to meet this need. I urge you to also ask your church to be involved.

Take a few minutes to go to Rainbowacres.com, tour the ranch, and prayerfully ask God for guidance. A check will be pre-
\$\$\$ should be in our treasurer's hands on
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2022 Summer Conference Report

Summer Conference has come and gone, but women are still talking about how smoothly the registration was, the quality of the food, the last minute snack bar setup, and the cordiality of the staff at First Baptist Church, Salina. Once again, Lois Chiles did a wonderful job with registration! Everything was efficient, and no one stood in line more than 2-3 minutes to get registered. I wish to thank those women who came early on Thursday to add items and reports to the registration bags. That is a much needed work detail that can make or break a conference. Thank you all.

Having a church representative was immensely helpful in preparing for the conference in relation to placement of workshops and item location such as audio visual equipment. I want to personally thank Barbara Karlin and Janet Swenson for their outstanding cooperation and consultation. Also, having Jessica Henks as our Webmaster/AV facilitator is a wonder! She was “on top” of all things related to presentations and kept the conference online via Facebook Live. Many, many thanks to her.

My sincere gratitude to those women who volunteered to be presenters at workshops or help with keeping the program timely. One delight, and surprise, was when Ruth Clark and Barbara Karlin played a piano/organ duet! I had goose bumps covering my body and I was truly blessed by their beautiful rendition of His Eye is on the Sparrow. Truly the Holy Spirit was in our midst! Jan Smith, our vocal director, did an outstanding job of keeping the audience involved and singing. She is a “ray of sunshine” to whatever event she plans!

Many thanks to those people who joined our conference as “outside” visitors; Kyle and Katrina Williams, global servants to Thailand who are home on assignment; Susan Hall, retiring Director of Legacy and Church Relations for Rainbow Acres Ranch and Dawn Jones, newly appointed Director at the Ranch; Heidi Unruh, author of Real Connections: Ministries to Strengthen Church and Community Relationships came to us via an outreach from Judson Press. She was delightful. Also at the conference was Keynote Speaker, Dr. Pam Durso.

Dr. Durso, Pam, spoke on Friday morning about knowing your own story; your history, your church family and women in your life who

have mentored you. Then she explained “STAR” words and each woman in attendance took a post it note with her very own STAR word written on it. Pam encouraged us to keep our word close to our heart for the next few months or years to see what God will do with it in our lives!

Friday evening, Pam spent time speaking on reconciliation; teaching us about influential Baptist women who walked with Jesus and had a vision of a new world; women who were willing to take chances, share and love.

Saturday morning brought to a close the theme of reconciliation by looking at the importance of Re-Shaping our lives into His image. Pam encouraged us to keep our STAR word near us and look for a “stirring” from the Holy Spirit. She encouraged us to find a verse that matches or upholds each individual’s STAR word. Many thanks to Pam for her words of encouragement and her introduction to STAR words!

In attendance were 83 beautiful women who traveled from Oklahoma, Arizona, South Dakota and Kansas bringing with them baskets and other items for the AB GIRLS silent auction which sold for just under \$1,000. Other offerings taken and amounts contributed were: Conference General Offering Fund \$1,190.00; Love Gift \$998.00; Project at Rainbow Acres Ranch \$2,480.00 and the Conference Mini-Project for the Kawthoolei Hope Theological Seminary in Thailand of \$1,175.00. Total giving was \$5,843.00 for a day and a half conference!

In closing, I wish to acknowledge the conference committee for their dedication to the women of the Central Region as well as their commitment to the Father. Truly it has been my delight to serve with these Godly mentors and friends! I look forward to next year’s summer conference!

Mona Huggins, Conference Associate

July 12, 2022



Nominating Committee Report

The ABWMCR Board has approved the following 2022-2025 Slate of Board Officer Nominations presented by the Nominating Committee:

***ABWMCR President:** Ramona “Mona” Huggins (2022—2025)

***Coordinator of Church & Community and Scholarship Associate & Student Concerns:** Valerie Paxson-Terrazas (2022—2025)

***AB GIRLS Co-Coordinator:** Kamala “Kami” Minor (2022—2025)

***Conference Associate Intern:** Lois Chiles (2022—2024)

The Nominating Committee has been faithful and united in prayerful support. Committee members are so thankful that God touched the hearts of women who were able to re-arrange their very busy schedules to fulfill the above positions. We sincerely appreciate their willingness to serve as officers for ABWMCR. Therefore, all positions are filled! We are pleased to give this report and to welcome officers with years of ministry experience. They also demonstrate Christian character, leadership abilities, spiritual gifts and talents, teamwork, learning experiences, and a passion for missions and serving in unity with ABW Ministries of the Central Region. With our warmest welcome and heartfelt appreciation, “Congratulations!!!” Also, a big thank you goes to the ABWMCR Ministries and Board of Directors for your commitment to prayer, faithful support, and sincere votes of confidence for the above nominations. We’re praising God from whom all blessings flow, from heaven above to earth below, for our ABW Christ-centered Ministry!!

ABWMCR 2021-2022 Nominating Committee:
Valerie Terrazas, Gayle Smith, and Linda Callaway

Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship Report

The 2022 Spring Semester college journey for our Mary Gates Atkinson (MGA) Scholarship students culminated with achievement and ambition to serve the Lord in whatever calling God leads them to pursue in their future endeavors. Jordan Fritz, a senior Accounting major, graduated from Ottawa University. Laura Deware-

Jones, an online student at San Diego CA-USA University, officially became an Advanced Practice Registered Nurse in the State of Kansas. Jessamine Greuter completed her junior year at Ottawa University majoring in Secondary Education with an emphasis in English. Rev. Paul Kyaw Myint, a Doctor of Ministry online student at Central Baptist Theological Seminary, completed the spring semester program successfully. These 2021-2022 MGA Scholarship students are grateful for God’s faithfulness and your faithful financial support of the ABWMCR MGA Scholarship Award.

The 2022-2023 Mary Gates Atkinson (MGA) Scholarship Award Recipients are:

*Jessamine Greuter – Ottawa University (2022-2023 Senior; 3rd Year Recipient)

*Rev. Paul Kyaw Myint – Central Baptist Theological Seminary (2022-2023 Doctor of Ministry Program; 2nd Year Recipient)

*Macy Greuter – Ottawa University (2022-2023 Sophomore; 1st Year Recipient)

On behalf of the students, I offer sincere thanks to ABWMCR–ABCCR for your encouraging prayers, faithful commitment, and continuous financial support of the MGA Scholarship Fund. From one generation to the next, you assist students in their Christian educational journey as they seek to serve others and listen to God as He leads them in their passion for Christian service (see MGA Bios in this newsletter).

Last, but certainly not least, please join me in extending a wholehearted welcome to our new leadership member, Valerie Terrazas! The ABWCR Scholarship responsibilities for the Scholarship Associate and Student Concerns position was merged into the Church and Community Coordinator position (9/1/2020). Therefore, please share your monthly Central Region Churches outreach ministries information, ABWMCR activities, and MGA Scholarship recipients updates with Valerie. Over the past two years, I was blessed with the greatest opportunity to actively serve in this position. In prayerful support, I was able to observe God’s handiwork in the lives of each scholarship student as they accomplished goals toward their Christian educational journey for today’s life skills. Thank you and Praise God! We rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say, rejoice in the Lord always! (Philippians 4:4 and Psalm 91)

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Annual Gathering—Muskogee, OK

The American Baptist Women's Ministries
of the Central Region Annual Meeting
Friday, September 30—11:00 a.m.

Report of Nominating Committee
2022–2025 ABWMCR Slate of Nominations

President

Ramona “Mona” Huggins
(September 1, 2022 – August 31, 2025)

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*Conference Associate Intern

Lois Chiles
(September 1, 2022 who will then
become Conference Associate in 2024)

Schedule and Registration

Friday, September 30

9:00am — Registration (Civic Center & Chapel Basement)

9:30am — Tour of Bacone College / Work Project at Murrow

9:30am — Devotion with Pam Durso (Bacone College Chapel)

11:00am — **ABW Lunch (Civic Center) and AB Men Lunch (Bacone College Chapel Basement)**

1:15pm — Session 1 (Civic Center)

4:30pm — Session 2 (Civic Center)

6:00pm — Dinner (Civic Center)

7:15pm — Session 3 (Civic Center)

Saturday, October 1

8:00am — Registration Continues (Civic Center)

8:30am — Devotion with Jennifer Schneider (Civic Center)

9:00am — Session 4 (Civic Center)

10:30am — Worship (Civic Center)

11:15am — End of Gathering / Journey Home

12:00pm — Commissioning Service for Eric & Yuree Lembke (Bacone College Chapel)

ANNUAL GATHERING OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY

Murrow has many needs but a tangible way to help is by bringing any or all of the following items: Hair gel, paper towels, tall kitchen garbage bags, pine sol cleaning products, toilet tissue, clothing stain remover items, alcohol-free mouthwash and laundry soap. Items can be collected from your entire church family or individually to bring. Collections baskets will be at registration in both the Bacone Chapel basement and Muskogee Civic Center. On Friday morning beginning at 9:00 AM, a group will meet at the Bacone Chapel for a tour of Murrow as well as work projects there. Outside projects such as raking leaves, trimming hedges, cleaning office windows, work in the gift shop, etc. are planned.

TO REGISTER GO TO

[2022 Annual Gathering Adult Registration
\(123formbuilder.com\)](https://123formbuilder.com)

For additional Annual Gathering Information/registration contact morgan.bandy@abccr.org or call 785-272-7622.

*“Growing through Christ
through all generations” — 2 Peter 3:18*

A Kitchen for the Kingdom

During our 2022 ABWMCR Summer Conference, we had the joy to welcome Global Servants, Katrina and Kyle Williams. We also had the opportunity to raise funds for Hope Theological Seminary. The total amount given, \$1,270 will go to help finish a kitchen that will serve their students. Please enjoy the pictures Kyle has sent and perhaps consider adding the Williams and the Students who attend HTS to your prayers.



Mary Gates Atkinson Scholarship

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide assistance to students who have a passion to serve the Lord in whatever vocation God leads. These students must be active members of an American Baptist Church in the Central Region, an approved international student, or an active member from an American Baptist Church National Mission. Currently, scholarships are \$500.00 per semester for full-time students or \$250.00 per semester for half-time students.



Jessamine Greuter

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Jessamine Greuter, a third-year MGA Scholarship Award Recipient, is a senior at Ottawa University (OU) majoring in Secondary English Education. She is a member of Topeka West Side Baptist Church (Tri-River ABWM Association). She “finds the work God can do through youth inspiring and is astonished at the love they hold for Christ.” She reflects on Psalm 147:3: “He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.” She is excited for the next step in her faith journey and God’s calling for her Christian vocation while continuing her walk with Christ at OU.



Macy Greuter

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Macy Greuter, a first-year MGA Scholarship Award Recipient, is a sophomore at Ottawa University (OU) majoring in Human Services. She is a member of Topeka West Side Baptist Church (Tri-River ABWM Association). She believes in God’s calling and anticipates being able to use this profession for God’s glory by helping others who are in need and showing God’s love like Matthew 5:16 states, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”



Rev. Paul Kyaw Myint

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Rev. Paul, a second-year MGA Scholarship Award Recipient, is a Doctor of Ministry online student at Central Baptist Theological Seminary and a member of Believers Church Myanmar in North Dagon, Yangon. Currently, he is faithfully serving and establishing Bethel Harvest Ministry in Myanmar (Burma) and lecturing in Believers Church Theological Seminary. He wants to be equipped to extend God’s Kingdom. “Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:19 KJV).



Missions & Service, Special Interest Missionary, White Cross

As our new American Baptist Women's year begins, we need to begin to think about promoting the missions of ABC. In October will be the World Mission Offering and the many needs around the world. Be sure your church has the resources available from International Ministries.

There are many disasters world wide that need help and some are in countries of some of our Global Servants. Lebanon comes to mind, Ukraine and many others are experiencing natural disasters. Prayer is needed! Those in the US go directly to them.

Mission and Service Ministries

Be sure that you have the Missions and Evangelism Conference on your calendar for January 14, 15, 2022 and encourage others to also. More information and registration forms are available at abccr.org under the Events tab.

The opportunity to contribute to an offering to acknowledge and appreciate the extraordinary commitments of former pastors, other church workers and Global Servants and missionaries will happen in December. The theme for the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering in 2021 is "Transformed by Generosity". If your church has not received the resources to promote this offering, go to abc-usa/rmmo/ to order or use items that are there like testimonials and bulletin inserts.

Now is the time to think about what your group might do for your community to be helpful and to show a caring spirit.

White Cross

Hopefully all the local ABWomen's Ministries groups have received their White Cross requests and are filling them.

One of our opportunities to help an International Ministries' White Cross project is the Kwai River Hospital in Sangklaburi, Thailand. Executive Minister Hemmen mentioned this project in a recent weekly update. Currently 21% of the support is raised for this year's project for health and wellness.

The Kwai River Hospital provides sustainable, low-cost and charity subsidized medical care for the rural poor, displaced people groups and refugees on the Thai-Myanmar border. To keep

the costs low, they make bulk purchases of cotton gauze to create their own supplies, bandages and linens.

Their surgeon, Dr. Scott Murray from Canada is the only surgeon within a 500 miles radius. There are no other surgical facilities for 200 kilometers.

The Hospital provides essential healthcare, as well as emergency and acute care services. The ability to provide high quality but low cost healthcare is made possible by the donations and assistance of multiple partnership organizations and individuals in the Central Region. ... "do justice and love mercy" in Micah:6:8 is their goal.

Please pray for these servants of God as they work very hard to make life better for many. The Hospital does not look like those in the US. They lack facilities, supplies, testing machines, etc.

Interest Global Servant Specials/Special Missionaries

Eric and Yuree Lembke are serving at the Kawthoolie Karen Baptist School and College located at Mae La Refugee Camp near Mae Sot, Thailand. Young adults, mostly from the Karen ethnic group, attend the school to pursue a degree in ministry so that they are able to serve as a Christian leader within refugee camps and with internally displaced persons in areas along the Thai-Myanmar border.

They focus on working with refugees through education, discipleship and evangelism. At the school, they teach English and ministry classes. They travel to villages in the Karen State, Myanmar with college students and staff to teach and conduct Bible classes for the college. Pray for their projects.

Remember to support your Global Servant Specials and Special Interest Missionaries at "this wonderful time of the year".

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Personal Development & Love Gift

Summer has passed and we are now starting into fall. We have been short of rain this year so not sure what the trees will do. One of my trees bloomed in March in the snow and dropped its leaves in July. It has been off its cycle for a couple of years. I'm wondering what it will do for September and October.

We had a wonderful Conference in June. Inspiring speaker and workshops. It was good to have the missionaries there with us also. Especially, to have the gentleman come with his wife, and he seemed very at ease.

We are now getting prepared for the Annual Gathering at Bacone College on September 30th and October 1st. Our ladies' luncheon and meeting will be held on the 30th at 11:00 am. I hope you all plan to attend. I have been asked to find some volunteers for the Registration table. I'm sure the committee has some wonderful speakers for us to hear.

Love Gift offering at the last total that I saw was \$13,439.00. Be faithful to this offering. Remember #1 West Virginia is just ahead of

us.

The Bible Book for the month of September is Ephesians:

Paul spent several years in Ephesus, establishing a core of maturing Christians who could spread the Message of Jesus throughout their province (western Turkey). The strategy worked, and Paul moved on but during a visit to Jerusalem he was arrested and held for two years without trial. Eventually he appealed to Rome and was transferred there for trial as a Roman citizen. From the Roman jail he continued to guide fledgling churches through letters.

Paul's letters to the Ephesians joins together what has been torn apart in our sin-wrecked world. He begins with an exuberant exploration of what Christians believe about God, and then, like a surgeon skillfully setting a compound fracture, "sets" this belief in God into our behavior before God so that the bones—belief and behavior—knit together and heal.

Read the book of Ephesians for the month of September and fill your Love Gift boxes. They will also be available at the Annual Gathering.

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Bible Book for September Ephesians



Easy Peasy!
Save your \$1.00 bills where the serial number begins with a L or a G for your Love Gift offerings.

Keep Spreading the Word!

I am adding folks to the email list almost monthly. If you hear of folks not receiving the newsletter, please have them send an email address to abwcrconnection@gmail.com.

This could be a church office address, a friend's or someone in your church. You can then copy the newsletter for all the ladies in your church or ABW community group.

If you cannot make email accommodations, please give me a call at 785-267-0380.

Janet Crowl, Editor

Church and Community

“The Heart of God’s Church is God’s Beloved Community!” God’s Word and wisdom equips and enables us, the Body of Christ, to serve others and walk in His ways together. We are an example of what life looks like when we walk with Christ in today’s world of disorder. Jesus is our example because He alone is the Way, the Truth, the Life, and the Savior of our world (John 14:6). May God continue to empower us to keep doing His church and community work, His way! When we put the Word of God into action, all of our congregations’ spiritual presence is extended beyond church walls, connecting spiritual outreach to community service. For this reason, and with much prayerful consideration for our ABW Christ-centered ministries, please review the 2022 ABWCR Summer Central Connection newsletter article submitted by Shirley Fair (Mission & Service, Special Interest Missionary, and White Cross Associate: White Cross Initiative for ABWMCR 2022-2023). Shirley’s article reveals that White Cross will be in three specific areas this year: International, Region, and Local (see article). Therefore, in collaboration with our ABWCR Church and Community Ministries, we are asked to create a local White Cross this year!

Shirley’s article also includes inspiring Scripture verses from Matthew 25:35-36 for this proposed initiative. Based on these verses, she shares several great ideas that can be implemented by our local White Cross. We are encouraged to plan and accomplish at least four of the suggestions shared, which will be in conjunction with our annual church and community partnership programs and activities. We’re optimistic, and we thank you in advance for sharing Shirley’s encouraging article with ABW Associations, ABW Circles, your Christian Education Church Leadership Committee, and your congregations. We believe this can be a special time for women to plan events that can help grow and promote your church ministries and community outreach involvement programs. You can join with another group, so don’t be afraid to use your imagination and creativity! Please remember that Shirley will need your accomplishments on a written report form at the end of the White Cross year, so please keep monthly and/or ongoing records. For additional White Cross information or questions, please contact Shirley Fair.

Embarking on a White Cross adventure is just one way “we are called to walk outside of the

walls in our lives to love all of God’s people.” We are united in prayerful support of each other for our godly commitments as we reconsider Jesus’ teachings on servanthood for our 2022-2023 ABW Ministry Focus. As Christians we do believe Jesus’ teachings never change and He is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore (Hebrews 13:8). Therefore, we can always serve others and recall God’s blessings for “His Christian Church and His Beloved Community”...In His Service!

I am so very thankful for the heartfelt and treasured memories of my Christian journey during the past two years of serving as a member on the ABWM Central Region Board. I am grateful to God for my own personal spiritual growth and for His many blessings of inspirational interactions with the amazing women in leadership throughout our Central Region. Therefore, it is with boundless joy that I share the introduction for our new Coordinator of Church and Community Ministries/Scholarship Associate and Student Concerns: Valerie Terrazas!

Valerie is active in Christian ministry as a church member and community volunteer of the Garden City First Baptist Church in Garden City, KS. She serves as the Christian Education Chair, Worship Assistant, and American Baptist Women’s Ministries (ABW) Secretary. She has served as the Central Region ABW Western Representative on the ABWMCR Board as a Conference Associate. This summer, she served with the American Baptist Churches of the Central Region (ABCCR) Youth Camping Program as a Primary Camp Director. Valerie is also faithfully and currently serving in the ABWCR Ministries as the Western Area President. She is married to her wonderful friend and husband, Manuel, and they have one very spoiled cat ☺ whose name is “Kit!” Valerie is employed as a Special Education Middle School Paraprofessional and she is currently pursuing a teaching degree. She is compassionate, relishes in communicating with youth and adults, demonstrates respectable Christian leadership abilities through interpersonal teamwork, and has good organizational skills. Valerie has creative skills, enjoys traveling, volunteering, reading books, cooking, Bible journaling, and knitting. She is answering God’s call in our ABW Central Region’s Christ-centered ministry because she loves to serve God! We give our heartfelt welcome to Valerie!!!

Linda Callaway, lkjhcall@aol.com

Association Announcements and Reports

Luther Rice Association

On July 26, De Soto Baptist Church hosted the Summer Rally. They provided a delightful salad supper prior to the meeting. Jordan Fritz, 2022 scholarship student was the guest speaker. She was a “delightful treat”! She told us that the “AB women were the best support system ever”!

Offering was collected for the Project to Rainbow Acres. \$500 was collected! Olathe FBC took home the attendance banner. We had a few visitors, but Mona especially wanted to introduce two of the newest Pastors in our association; Tiger Pennington serving at Ottawa First and Reed Webster, serving at Olathe. Mona informed the group that many of our members from Paola were not in attendance due to the death of Alice Grandon.

Mona gave a brief report about the Summer Conference. There were at least ten women from LR in attendance. Mona was elected as President for the Central Region. Mona mentioned very little about the National Conference because she will be the speaker at the Fall Rally to be held in Louisburg in October. In absence of Diana Cook, whose family has Covid, Mona installed the incoming officers. Prior to closing the meeting, Mona expressed her thankfulness to the members of the Association for their financial support to the National Conference, but especially for all their prayers, mentorship, and friendship during the last three years. Meeting was adjourned.



Let me take this time to introduce the new President of the Luther Rice Association; Jan Sipe. Jan moved into our region a few years ago, but she is certainly not new to ABW Ministries. Actually, her

name is printed in the history book created by Wilma Ingle! The association will be in good hands under Jan’s leadership and her love for Jesus Christ and His people. Please welcome Jan next time you see her.

The first board meeting of the new year will be held on September 27 at FBC Olathe, and the

Fall Rally will be held on October 25 at FBC Ottawa. Both start at 9:30 with registration and breakfast foods. The guest speaker at the Rally will be Mona Huggins, speaking about ABWM National Conference and the future of women’s ministries. I invite all of you to attend.



Respectfully submitted,
Mona Huggins,
Outgoing Luther Rice

Tri-River Association

September 26 at 10 am at Lebo Baptist Church will be the Tri-River Fall Rally. Leanna Thomas from Lebo says “they are excited to host our fall rally!!” Make plans to attend! Registration will begin at 9:30 and we will begin our meeting at 10 am. A light lunch, served by the women at Lebo Baptist Church, will follow the meeting. Our speaker will be the new president of the Central Region – Mona Huggins! Mona is looking forward to joining us for the meeting and sharing her thoughts about the upcoming year in ABW.

Crawford/Grace Hill Association

Shirley Fair, ABCCR Mission and Service Coordinator, will be the speaker at the Annual Crawford/Grace Hill Fall Rally being held at the First Baptist Church in Coffeyville, Kansas October 21, 2022. The ladies are anxious to hear the latest suggestions from National headquarters.

In additions to learning a great deal from her, they will share the many projects they are doing in their locals.

This page is for announcements and reports of the Associations. Please send me your rally announcements, pictures and happenings of your different associations. It will be good to give ideas to other associations.

ABWM National Fundraiser

Mark your Calendar TODAY!!

This fundraiser will begin on October

6, 2022 at 10:00 AM CDT

AB Women's Ministries

Double Good Popcorn Fundraiser

Mona's Pop-Up Store

I am passionate about American Baptist women and girls ministries. This fundraiser will provide delicious popcorn for you and funds for women/girls ministries. 50% of each purchase benefits this fundraiser.

This does not benefit me. Check it out at:

<https://s.dgpopup.com/7p64pv7y>

Thanks for taking a look!

- Mona Huggins



ABWM National News

Hybrid Domestic Violence Workshop & Certification

ABWM is hosting a Domestic Violence Workshop & Certification on **Saturday, September 17, 2022**, virtually and in Detroit, Michigan. This workshop will enable clergy, church leaders, community groups, and domestic violence educators to come together in a safe and intentional manner to learn ways to support and aid those in their communities that are suffering from Domestic Violence. Learn more at www.abwomensministries.org/events.

The National Leadership Team of AB GIRLS is Seeking Applications!

The national leadership team of AB GIRLS (NLT) is comprised of four high school age girls and one adult from all across the country. The NLT works together to plan events, programs, and resources for ministry with girls. The NLT is seeking applications for youth members to serve a two year term starting in September 2021. For more information and to apply, visit www.abwomensministries.org/NLT.

The 2021-23 Ministry Focus is "Let the Walls Fall Down."

Let the Walls Fall Down is personal and corporate, causing us to search our lives, our spaces, and especially our hearts to remove walls and barriers that we have erected. It gives us new opportunities for application in our ministries.

Our Key Mission Focus include:

- Prevention and education of domestic violence and sex trafficking
- Immigration
- Cross-cultural relationships
- Economic empowerment
- Building Beloved Community
- Developing leaders
- Advocacy

American Baptist Women National
abwomensministries.org

