

Presidents Message - Doris Sherman

Psalm 150:6 (NIV) Let everything that hath breath, Praise the Lord.

As I look out my picture window this beautiful spring day, I see the birds at my feeder and hear their little friends in the Maple tree cheering them on. I see a butterfly who seems to be dancing, a squirrel looking at me as he eats a peanut I put out for him. It seems all these small creatures are praising their creator for their blessings. How much more should we who are created in His image and likeness, Praise the Lord. Help us daily Lord to praise and magnify your Holy Name.

Our Spring Rallies were wonderful, and we are so thankful to our friends at Caribou United Baptist Church and China Lake Camp for opening their doors to us and being such welcoming hosts. The Lord certainly blessed us with two excellent speakers and good turn outs: Danielle Ware in the south and Shelly Good for the North. Thank you, ladies, for bringing such inspirational testimonies and sharing your hearts. Your sisters in the Lord, love you.

2022 has brought us some interesting Zoom meetings. We have had the opportunities to meet new people; see how our counterparts in other churches in our state are doing; and to see how God is using American Baptist Women of Maine to be His hands in this needy world. May we continue to be open and seek ways to take Jesus to the highways and byways and be ready always to give an answer for the reason of hope within us.

Summer Conference will be here before you know it, August 11-13. If you've never attended, you're in for a treat. And if you've been before, you're aware of the delights lying ahead. You don't have to attend all the sessions - come as you can, just get your registrations in. These may be found on the ABW of Maine web site or call any of the officers, we can help you. Our special guests are Ann & Dr Bill Clemmer, Global servants to the Congo who are always informative and inspirational. Fun, laughter, great fellowship, good food, music, campfires, and most importantly, the reading and sharing of God's word. All this and more are good reasons to come and be a part of this Christian fellowship organization known as the American Baptist Women of Maine. I, your President, will be looking for YOU.

Assistant Treasurer - Sandra Rhoda

The POTENTIAL is our Maine Baptist Women's connection! It alerts us of upcoming gatherings, mission projects, and so much more!

If you choose to receive this via email, please be sure Linda has your current email address. To update, contact Linda using sterlin@roadrunner.com. There is no charge but donations are a thoughtful way to lend support.

If you prefer to have a paper copy mailed to your home address the charge is \$5.00 annually to help with printing and mailing costs. The money may be mailed to me, Sandra Rhoda, 2 Short St., East Millinocket 04430. If you are joining us for Summer Conference, please remember to leave at least \$5.00 and your current mailing address at the designated spot there.

It appears that several of us who receive the paper copy have not remembered to give a renewal fee every year so this would be a great time to "catch up". Passing along a paper copy to ladies who do not use a computer is very thoughtful.

Educational Gifts - Judy Ledger

I have had two requests for scholarships and have sent out the forms to be filled and returned. I just heard from one of the ladies and she has had to have a complete shoulder replacement and so will not be applying for the scholarship at this time. As of this writing I have not received any reply from the other request. I will send out a reminder that applications need to be returned before Summer Conference for consideration.

Summer Conference 2022

August 11,12,13

Theme: Sing!

China Lake Conference Center

Speakers: Dr Bill and Ann Clemmer



Ann and Bill reside in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) on the Congo-Rwanda border where they serve as regional consultants working with IM partners, HEAL Africa and IMA World Health, in the town of Goma. Bill provides support to health care workers, hospitals, and clinics that provide life-saving maternal and child health services, while Ann supports educational and relief assistance to orphans and vulnerable children. The Clemmer's began their service with International Ministries in January 1993 and have served in DRC, South Sudan, and Haiti with interim assignments in Somalia, Yemen, Burundi, and other countries to meet urgent and short-term needs.

Fellowship
Singing
Workshops
Bible Study
Readers Theater
Campfire
Fun

Register by July 31

ABWM of MAINE REGISTRATION FORM
SUMMER CONFERENCE
CHINA LAKE CAMP
AUGUST 11-13, 2022
THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY
THEME: SING!
PRESENTERS: DR. BILL AND ANN CLEMMER

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

CHURCH: _____ ASSOCIATION: _____

FIRST TIMER? YES ____ NO ____ I'D LIKE TO ROOM WITH: _____

SPECIAL DIETARY NEEDS (Diabetic, Low sodium, Vegetarian, etc.) Please be specific

Registration Fee \$10.00 \$ _____

Printed Directory \$10.00 \$ _____

Overnights (from other side) \$ _____

Meals (from other side) \$ _____

Day Use (from other side) \$ _____

Total Due: \$ _____ Amount enclosed \$ _____

Scholarships may be available to those who have never attended and cannot otherwise afford to attend.

PLEASE FILL OUT THE CHARTS ON THE OTHER SIDE TO INDICATE YOUR
OVERNIGHT AND MEAL CHOICES.

VITAL INFORMATION:

Registration must be in by July 31 to satisfy China Lake Camp's requirements.

No refunds after August 1. You can send someone else in your place.

With your registration form, please **include at least 20% of your total due.**

Make your check payable to **ABWM of Maine** and mail it, with this form to:

Joyce Worden, 11 Holt Drive, Ellsworth, ME 04605

Please remember to tell us about any special needs when you send in your registration.

Conference begins on Thursday, August 11, 2022.

*ACCOMODATIONS

	SUKEFORTH \$35/NIGHT	DILLON \$35/NIGHT	SANDERSON \$35/NIGHT	AMOUNT DUE
THURSDAY				
FRIDAY				

Bring your own bedding, including pillow or rent for \$10.00 from CLC

TOTAL ACCOMMODATION CHARGE: \$_____

*** For those not staying at China Lake Camp there is a \$10.00 day use charge for each day you are attending the conference.

TOTAL DAY USE CHARGE: \$_____

MEALS

	BREAKFAST	LUNCH	DINNER	AMOUNT DUE
THURSDAY	-	-	\$10.00	
FRIDAY	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
SATURDAY	\$10.00	\$10.00		

TOTAL MEALS CHARGE: \$_____

More About Accommodations

Sukeforth: (gym) 4 bunk beds (indicate top or bottom bunk) – meetings will be held in this building. Bathroom down the hall – Shower room on other side of building

Dillon: 15 dormitory-like rooms – 2 women per room – Rooms are located upstairs from the dining hall. It is closest building to the Sukeforth building. Toilet/Shower rooms down the hall.

Sanderson House: 5 bedrooms with 1-3 beds per room. Across from chapel. Downstairs: full bath with shower. Upstairs: ½ bath with no shower.

What To Bring to Summer Conference

Comfortable clothing Comfortable shoes

Nightgown and robe

Sleeping bag and/or twin sheets to cover your mattress Pillow/pillowcase

Fan Towels Toiletries

Swimsuit (optional)

Jacket/sweater for evenings and/or mornings Pen/pencil

Notepad/ Bible/ Flashlight

Bug spray/ sunscreen /Medications

Your talent – there will be a time to share your talent on Friday evening.

We will have a Silent Auction again this year. Bring items to sell. All proceeds go toward our state project.

If you have Christian books that you do not intend to read again and would like to place in our book swap, please bring them along. Maybe you will find a new book to read as well!

Church and Community - Wandah Clark

Greetings Ladies. Now that COVID case numbers are declining and more churches are meeting in person, I trust that your church is looking for ways to reach people in your community. You know your community best. So, please put your heads together (*two heads are better than one*) and think outside the box. Clothing Room, Food Pantry, Jail Ministry, Soup Kitchen, VBS in the park. All of these are great ideas, but perhaps your church does something a little different. Please plan to join us at Summer Conference and share your ideas for all to hear.

Personal Development - Marge Muise

This spring we had an opportunity to meet with other women during our two Spring Rallies. The first was held at China Lake with Danielle Ware as the speaker. The second was held in Caribou with Shelli Good as the speaker. Despite a snow storm the day before in the Caribou area, many women came to the meeting.

The next opportunity we have to meet with women from the State of Maine is at the summer conference held August 11-13 at China Lake. The theme of this conference is “Sing!” Judy Ledger has worked diligently this year preparing for the conference. We will have a talent night which does not just mean musical talent. Possibly some groups will be able to get together to share a skit! We will also have a silent auction. Bring items to share. Money collected at that time will be added to our state project. Also, we will raffle off table decorations. They will not be our typical floral arrangements. This year there will be themes to each of the decorations. When you are at the conference, move around the room and sit at different tables so you can see all of them. Then, bid often during the raffle! Our guest speakers will be Dr. Bill and Ann Clemmer. We will have an opportunity to hear about what is happening in the Democratic Republic of Congo. This might reach even further since Bill has been sent to other regions as well. Don’t you think this sounds like a lot of fun? Sign up soon. The registration form can be found in the Potential, and at abwmain.org. First timers – there are limited scholarships available to assist you in going to the rally. If you are interested in hearing more about that, please contact our president, Doris Sherman.

The fellowship that I have with my sisters in Christ is so special. The meetings that we have outside of our own churches help us to become friends with other ladies within the state. Try not to miss any of these opportunities.

Abbreviated Secretary Reports ****

March 9th Zoom ****

Twelve ladies joined together for our meeting. The special speaker for tonight was the Rev. Dr. Al Fletcher, Regional Resource Minister for American Baptist of Maine. Al opened with prayer and shared devotions. Julie Tankersley, Coordinator of the East Section of ABW, was in attendance. She reported on the upcoming “Virtual Tea Celebration to Nourish the Soul” to be held March 26, 2:00-3:30 EDT. We hope to see her at Summer Conference.

The American Baptist Women of Maine Board meeting ****

March 26th in East Millinocket.

Those in attendance were Doris Sherman, Stacey Emery, Lorna Hansen, Marj Muise, Judy Ledger, Martha Walker, Wandah Clark joined by Zoom. Alice McInnis was hostess and luncheon cook.

Doris opened the meeting with prayer and devotional, “The God Who Walks with Us has No Limitations.” All reports were given or read at the meeting. Budgets was updated to reflect inflation rates.

Discussion: sending ABW President and a board member to National Women’s Conference (this is in budget); ABWMaine’s Summer conference scholarship increase; Summer Conference plans finalized. Discussed ways to promote Summer Conference, Spring Rallies, Zoom Meetings and American Baptist Women of Maine more. No report from the Constitution and By-Law Committee

April 15th Zoom ****

On Tuesday April 5th 18 women met online for the ABW Maine **April Zoom meeting******. Finalized plans for Spring Rally North and South were discussed. There was also an update on the Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries (MBMM) The next Zoom will be in June with Summer Conference as the subject.

Spring Rally North & South****

Spring Rally South was held April 23rd at China Lake with 46 attending. The Speaker was Danielle Ware from Penny Memorial Baptist Church in Augusta Maine, where she is the Coordinator for Children and Family Ministries. Danielle is also a biblical counselor at Fieldstone Counseling. She gave a great presentation and workshop on using biblical counseling in our lives.

Spring Rally North was held April 30th at the United Baptist Church in Caribou with 37 attending. The speaker was Shelli Good, pastor at Westfield Baptist Church and psychology professor at Northern Maine Community College. Her presentation was titled, “What Qualifies You for Ministry.”

Officer reports were given at each rally.

******To view reports in entirety go to abwmaine.org and click on resources**

Mission and Service - Lorna Hanson

“and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” Acts 1: 8b

These were the last words spoken by our Lord Jesus before He left this earth and was taken up to heaven. Is there any significance for us AB women to the names He mentioned – Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth?

First, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is a city, the very city where our Lord was crucified. Each of us lives in a town or city. In what ministries do you get involved in your own location? Does your church have a food pantry, a clothes closet, or a jail ministry? Is there an organization in town that ministers to the homeless or the trafficked women where you could volunteer?

Second, Judea. Judea was a group of cities, like the state of Maine. What ministries in our own state do we see a need that we can support? Periodically, ABWM of Maine has adopted a project to support the Baptist camps in our state. There are three – Baptist Park, Baptist Youth Camp, and China Lake Camp. All have a vital ministry to children and youth in these troublesome times. Is a camp in your area supported by your church?

Third, Samaria. Samaria can be likened to the country in which we live – USA. Throughout many highly populated regions in the United States there are ministries to new immigrants, ministries that feed the hungry and support the poor, provide after school programs to enrich education, and ministries to race track workers. When we collect clothing, school supplies, and household goods to take to the Multicultural Center in Lowell and Lexington, Massachusetts, we are ministering to Samaria.

Fourth, ends of the earth. ABWMaine has done so well with this one. We love our missionaries and we love to send them financial support or meet other needs in a tangible way. Your group of women or church might look at the project list for a missionary special to you and commit to getting involved in that project. For example, a lady in the Auburn church sent her trombone to Congo to enhance their praise band. Recently, women decided to buy goats for African women who needed a source of income.

As American Baptist Women, missions have been a big part of who we are and what we support. There was a time when our national ABWM worked hand in hand with the American Baptist Home Mission Society and International Ministries. White Cross and support of our home and foreign missionaries were on the forefront. We no longer receive quotas from national, but the needs are still present. As we consider carrying out these last words of our Lord, how do we apply His commands and how do we stay supportive and involved?

Treasurer - Stacey Emery

Hello ABWMaine Friends! A group of ladies from around Maine will be attending the ABW Women and Girls Conference in King of Prussia, PA, in late July. Our very own ABW Maine is sponsoring two ladies. Day one's theme is Sister-to-Sister, day two is Digging Deeper Roots for the Ministry, and day three is Trusting God. Be sure to check out the event if interested at: <https://abwomensministries.org/eventDetails.aspx?EventId=17>

*"She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue."
— Proverbs 31:26 ESV*

*He has shown you, O mortal, what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly*

White Cross– Dina Richards

Hi ladies; Hope all is well with you. I'm back from my adventure and it was wonderful. I will be getting you forms for a report soon, you can bring it to conference or send it to me. Just remember reports aren't sent to national anymore but we do have to keep them for the state. I didn't have access to Wi-Fi on my trip so wasn't able to reach out to the camps and I really am sorry for that. So, if you would like to get in touch with the Christian camp near you and ask what's needed, I'm sure they will appreciate it.

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