

PNW Women

Spring 2022

President's Ponderings

I can't begin to tell you how very excited I am that we, American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Pacific Northwest, will be gathering together once again for our annual "conference". We are calling our gathering a "Retreat" because we all want a time of rest, renewing old friendships, Bible Study, and just plain old "having fun".

During the past two+ years that we have been dealing with the effects of Covid, ABWM has still been alive and well in so many churches. I have seen women doing the work of the Lord by serving meals, working in food pantries, , helping folks get vaccinated, bringing people to doctor's appointments, taking care of children and loved ones. There are so many ways you have found to help others and to continue doing the Lord's commandment to "love your neighbor".

I have also been busy representing you on various National ABWM Committees. I have had the privilege to serve on the National Nominating Committee, the revising of the "Here's How" Committee, the New Theme Committee, and the Shine the Light Award Committee. It has been a joy working with and getting to know other National Board members and to share the joys of being President of ABWM/PNW.

I would also like to say a big Thank You to all those serving on the Conference Committee. They have all worked so very hard and have run into so many roadblocks these past two years, from Covid to hotels being closed. Postponing the annual Conferences 4 times has been very difficult on everyone who worked so diligently to plan them. With God's grace we will gather together at Camp Bethel in June and renew friendships and delight in just seeing and being with one another

With the fear of Covid hopefully being in the past (although we still must be diligent in taking care and being careful) I am hoping that our local ABWM groups can regather and finds ways to be of service to each other and to our community and the world.

Just a reminder I am available to come and visit your church and/or your women's group any time you ask! It is truly a blessing to serve with you. May God continue to use you for His glory and for the furthering of His Kingdom.

Blessings,
Gail M. Aita
President ABWM/PNW

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Highlights from March PNW/ABW Board Meeting for March 2022 Newsletter.

Gail Aita, the *PNW-ABW Ministries President*, has been busy during the past two years. She served on the committee/team for the **Shine the Light Award**; the recipient will be announced during the National Conference.

Gail is visiting as many local women's groups as possible - which has been difficult during COVID. Please contact her if you are interested in asking her to attend your local meeting.

Gail (nor Paul) have been able to return to Burma for the past several years and she started teaching classes virtually where she works with the Kachin students. It is important that while all the work each of us do, is not an 'official' ABW function, we are serving the Lord as American Baptist Women! It is very apparent that ABW women continue to do work for the Lord despite obstacles.

Janice Holcomb, *Treasurer*, reported the PNW/ABW Ministries account balance is \$18,525. Several ABW groups have disband and donated sizable amounts to PNW/ABW Ministries where the board see can be best used. Since money doesn't do much good while sitting in a bank, some will be used to do God's work in our community and world.

Gaythoo Thaw, *Coordinator of ABGirls & Ehler Win*, *Coordinator of Young Adult Women*, are excited to report *ABGirls* and *Young Women* will be attending the PNW/ABW Annual Retreat in June AND virtually the *Women & Girls Conference* on **July 22-24, 2022**.

Judy Gage, *Coordinator of Events*, reported the first *PNW/ABWM event*, since the position was initiated, was a relaxing getaway at Camp Bethel on Black Friday Weekend, November 26, 27, 28, 2021. Some women brought their quilting projects and/or handwork and sewing machines. One *group project* was to sew purple masks; all went home with a new mask as a thank you. It was a wonderful opportunity to get away from responsibilities and enjoy time with other women.

Betsy Jane Mosely, *Coordinator of Personal Development*, reminded us of the opportunities available through *National ABW*. She will be participating in the *National ABW Virtual Tea March 26th*. Where the 1st Baptist Anacortes ABW incorporated their Tea with the Virtual Tea. Don't forget to ask Betsy Jane how it went.

Tina Po, *Coordinator of Resources*, mentioned the PNW/ABW Facebook site. While most information is open to anyone interested, information (i.e., NW Directory) is protected and those interested must be approved before they have access to that information.

Lorna Flannery, *Coordinator of Literature*, requested we all encourage women attending the Annual Retreat to bring books, cards, etc. to share. If there are ideas you would like at the retreat, please let her know.

Due to lack of volunteers, at this time, a *Nominating Committee* could not be formed. Therefore, the *PNW/ABW Board* served in that capacity. The following positions (and suggested nominees) will be voted on during the Business Meeting at the PNW/ABW Ministries Retreat

Coordinator of Resource – Tina

Treasurer – Linda Po – she will work with Janice for one year prior to taking over the position

Coordinator of Personal Development – Jackie Williams

There continues to be a need for volunteers to serve on the *Nominating Committee*. One of the Standing Rules is no one on the *Nominative Committee* should be nominated for a position.

Gail is also looking for willing women to serve on the *Scholarship Committee*.

Lorna Flannery, *Retreat (aka Conference) Chair*, mentioned while some of the elements from "*Conference*" are the same, the "*Retreat*" format hopes to be less structured. Significant changes are (1) the cost of \$115 is much less because it will be held at Camp Bethel, an American Baptist Church camp in Hoquiam WA, and there are no private rooms available.

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We stayed in the retreat center where we enjoyed a fire in the fireplace with many opportunities to visit with each other. Our delicious meals were at breakfast and dinner and were prepared in the Lodge across the road. We brought snacks for lunches. We especially loved the fresh, homemade cinnamon rolls that Rob made just for us! Yum!

This event was an opportunity to get away from the many interruptions and responsibilities at our homes. I so enjoyed this time to get to know other women and have time to pursue my quilting/sewing hobby. I loved sharing some of my sewing machine fix-it skills and the challenge of repairing Janice Holcomb's acquired machine that was not working well. Now, after servicing, it will be at Camp Bethel where Janice plans to use it to repair camp bedding.

Please let me know of an event you would like to be a part of. As women, it is good to be with other Christian women and have the opportunity to share and learn, and be encouraged. Hope you will be able to join us for the next planned event.

Judy Gage
Event Coordinator, PNW



Dear all girls and young adult women of PNW,

My name is Ehler Win and I am a youth director of Panther Lake community church, Kent, WA. I am also an active member of the Karen Community Church or Greater Seattle. Like a lot of you, I am thrilled that we will have a gathering after two years because of COVID-19. I am looking forward to a reunion that will nourish us spiritually and emotionally.

If you have never attended an American Baptist Women's (ABW) conference before, I highly encourage you to! I first attended this conference with my church when I was 12 years old and have been going since! This year will be really special because it has been a while since we have seen one another in person as well as give us the opportunity to welcome new faces. We will have activities and devotions in which you take part of and allow for quality time to get to know new people. This retreat is for all ages and generations who are looking to spend meaningful time with women of faith. I hope you'll consider attending!!

Ehler Win
Coordinator of Young Adult Women

Literature Report

I am currently gathering books and items for the Women's Retreat in June. If you have any books, programming information or items that you would like to have available at retreat, please contact me. We will be sharing books at the retreat. Please bring a favorite book or two to share or any recommendations.

Lorna Flannery
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flanbaker@gmail.com

A Great Big "Thank You"

On behalf of ABWM/PNW I want to say a big "Thank You" to the WIMA American Baptist Women and to the Japanese Baptist Church Women for their generous donations to the American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Pacific Northwest. The monies will be used for scholarships for Women's Conferences/retreats, mission projects, and general expenses for the region to continue its work in the community and throughout the world. From the bottom of our hearts, **Thank You!**

ABWM/PACIFIC NORTHWEST TREASURER'S REPORT March 8, 2022				
FUND	1/1/2022	Income	Expenses	Ending Balance
General Fund	\$1,398.14	\$1.46	\$0.00	\$1,399.60
Misc. Designated Funds	\$686.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$686.57
Coordinator of Events	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Coor. of Resources and News	\$389.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$389.43
Conference	\$2,103.48	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,103.48
Conf Book Store	\$492.90	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$492.90
Conf Special Offering	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Conf Scholarship	\$877.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$877.31
Conf Scholarship (from NPS)	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Furthering Education Scholarship	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Kachin Scholarship	\$1,034.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,034.00
Presidents Fund	\$1,878.26	\$0.00	(\$245.50)	\$1,632.76
Vital Partners/Ministries	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Discretionary	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Designated General Fund	\$1,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,100.00
Love Gift	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
PNW AB Girls	\$580.57	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$580.57
PNW Young Women	\$410.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$410.18
From WIMA TO BE DETERMINED	\$3,456.77	\$0.00	(\$1,000.00)	\$2,456.77
From Japanese ABW TO BE DETERMINED	\$0.00	\$2,521.53	\$0.00	\$2,521.53
Total	\$18,207.61	\$2,522.99	(\$1,245.50)	\$19,485.10
ABEC Note	\$29,985.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$29,985.36

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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Each year American Baptist Women's Ministries of the Pacific Northwest offers \$500 annual scholarships to qualified students who are preparing for full time Christian service. Three scholarships are offered each year. This year's scholarship award will apply to the academic year 2022-2023.

Applicant guidelines are included in this newsletter to help you choose qualified students who need this added financial help on their way to serving the Lord in meaningful ministry. Application forms can be found on our webpage: <https://www.abwm-pnw.org/>

The application form and references must be postmarked no later than April 30th, 2022. The final decisions will be made by our Scholarship Committee by June 1st, 2022 and all applicants will be mailed notification by June 10th, 2022.

Betsy Jane Mosley, Chair
Scholarship Committee ABWM/PNW
4009 W 4th St, Anacortes, WA 98221
Tel: 360-293-9328
Email: BJMosley@outlook.com

GUIDELINES FOR SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS (FOR THE 2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR)

1. Applicant must be an active member of an American Baptist Church.
2. Applicant must be at the college senior level or graduate level of study, preparing for full time Christian service with American Baptist Churches USA.
3. The applicant must provide the following:
 - a) complete application form (incomplete forms, or forms postmarked no later than April 30th will be automatically disqualified)
 - b) three references from: a women in their local church, their pastor and from a friend.
4. Priority will be given to (but others will certainly be considered)
 - a) Pacific Northwest women
 - b) students attending an accredited school related to, or supportive of, American Baptist Churches USA
5. Application must be postmarked by April 30th, 2022, and scholarship will be given at the fall term.
6. Final selections of the Scholarship Committee will be made by June 1st, 2022, and all applicants will be mailed notification of the award by June 10th, 2022
7. ABWM/PNW Scholarship to be given is \$500, to be used for tuition/fees/housing assistance/books for the recipient.
8. It is expected that any recipient of one of our scholarships will keep in touch with the Chair of the Scholarship Committee at least twice during the school year to share concerns and progress.
9. Applicants may re-apply for a scholarship in subsequent years.

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of the Pacific Northwest
APPLICATION FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION GRANT
APPLICATION MUST BE **POSTMARKED BY**
APRIL 30th, 2022 FOR THE 2022-2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

HOME ADDRESS

STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE _____

CURRENT SCHOOL _____
STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CHURCH AFFILIATION NAME _____
CHURCH ADDRESS STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PASTOR'S NAME _____ PASTOR'S PHONE# _____

NEAREST RELATIVE _____ RELATIONSHIP _____
ADDRESS STREET _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

HIGH SCHOOL NAME _____

STREET ADDRESS

CITY & STATE

YEAR OF GRADUATION

COLLEGE NAME _____ MAJOR _____

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

YEAR OF GRADUATION

(OVER)

SEMINARY NAME _____ MAJOR _____

STREET ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP

DEGREE PROGRAM _____ ANTICIPATED GRADUATION DATE _____

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: (Use additional space if needed)

1. What are your vocational plans?

2. Have you applied to your school for financial assistance?

3. What other financial aid have you applied for?

4. What other financial aid are you now receiving?

5. Have you special needs, such as a family to support?

Should you receive an educational grant from the ABW Ministries/PNW, we would like you to contact either our President or Chairperson of the Scholarship Committee periodically to let us know how your studies are going.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE _____

RETURN THIS APPLICATION AND REFERENCES POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN APRIL 30th, 2022, TO:

Betsy Jane Mosley
Scholarship Committee ABWM/PNW
4009 W 4th St, Anacortes, WA 98221

**ABWM OF PACIFIC NORTHWEST
WOMEN'S RETREAT JUNE 24 -26, 2022
CAMP BETHEL - 347 Kirkpatrick Rd, Hoquiam, WA 98550**

**Theme:
LET THE
WALLS FALL
DOWN**

**SILENT AUCTION
Handmade craft items**

**Bible Study
Rev .Dr.Barb Reid**

**Concert
By The Cuzins**

**Video Presentation By
Rev. DR. Christine Smith,
ABWM National President**

**Special Offering for
American Baptist Women's
National Ministries**

**CRAFTS
FUN AND GAMES**

BOOK STORE

GOOD FOOD

FELLOWSHIP TIME

SUNDAY WORSHIP AND COMMUNION

SPECIAL MUSIC PRESENTATIONS

For more information visits our website:

www.abwm-pnw.org

or contact your local ABWM representatives

WOMEN'S RETREAT INFORMATION

God is so good!! We are so happy to announce that the American Women's Retreat will be on June 24-26, 2022 at Camp Bethel – 347 Kirkpatrick RD, Hoquiam, WA 98550. Phone number 360-289-3444. We hope that you will feel comfortable enough to attend. We will be practicing safety protocol, including wearing masks if needed or wanted, self-distancing and whatever other guidelines are in place at the time of retreat. We are looking forward to seeing you and getting back to fun and fellowship!

The retreat will start Friday at 5:30 pm with dinner. Arrival time is anytime after noon. You will have access to your room upon arrival. There will be several opportunities available until retreat begins including but not limited to:

Crafts - Scavenger Hunt – Explore the Camp - Drive to the Beach - Fellowship With One Another

We have been working hard to provide a wonderful retreat for you. Listed below are some things you need to know and what you may want to bring with you.

The theme is “Let the Walls Fall Down” referring to our own personal walls that are stopping or slowing us down from serving God as we have been called to do. We will be working together to explore, discover and bring our walls down.

Our Bible Study Leader will be Rev. Barbara Reid. Our Mission Speaker will be Rev. Christine Smith, who is the new National ABWM's president. She is the Senior Pastor at Restoration Ministries of Greater Cleveland, Inc. in Euclio, Ohio. Her message will be a video recording.

Our Mission Project will be the American Baptist Women's National Ministries, which is struggling financially at this time. We will take up an offering on Saturday night. We will also be supporting this mission project by having an auction of hand-made items by the women attending retreat. Please turn in your item(s) when you arrive.

All table favors will be welcomed. We will have five meals together, Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner and Sunday breakfast.

We will have a snack table – please bring a snack to share

Please bring any history you have about women's conference, including banners, posters, pictures or a written memory that is important to you. We will also be celebrating anything you would like to bring to show us what you or your women's group has done since last conference.

Our Saturday night entertainment will be “The Cuzins”, a musical group from Tacoma area.

There will be a book exchange for everyone who brings a book to share. Sometimes we need some help in learning about new authors and expanding our knowledge.

In Christ's Love

Your Conference/Retreat Committee

Lorna Flannery, Chair

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

The registration form is included in this mailing and the registration deadline is June 10th.

The cost for retreat is per person. The cost is \$115.00 per person no matter the number of women per room/cabin. The camp has given us a discounted price and it is based on per person. Please make checks out to ABW/PNW. There are \$50.00 scholarships available. Please contact Janice for more information. phone - 360-870-3391 email – j-holcomb@comcast.net

At this time, due to the beds available, no single rooms are an option. Depending on the number of women attending, single rooms MAY become available.

You are responsible for choosing your roommate(s).

Handicapped rooms will be on first registered, first given basis.

Your room choices are:

Retreat Center – a short walk or drive across the street from the camp lodge

12 rooms with two beds – includes bedding, bathroom with sink and toilet, showers down the hallway, one handicapped room

Lodge

Four rooms with three beds – includes bedding and bathroom with shower – (three women if possible – two

women okay)

Two room with four beds – includes bedding and bathroom with shower – (four women if possible – three women okay)

There are two handicapped rooms with the three beds

Two rooms with 10 beds – bunk beds DOES NOT include bedding – has bathroom with shower

Cabins – DOES NOT include bedding or bathrooms - centrally located around the lodge

Meals are chosen by the camp. There will be vegetarian options.

**REGISTRATION FORM
DUE BY JUNE 10TH**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE# _____ EMAIL _____

Please Print

CHURCH YOU ATTEND _____

FIRST TIME ____ YES ____ NO

ROOMMATE CHOICE(S) _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON _____

CONTACT NUMBER _____

PLEASE MARK YOUR ROOM CHOICE AND HAVE YOUR ROOMMATE(S) NOTED ABOVE

_____ RETREAT CENTER – TWO BEDS

_____ LODGE – THREE BEDS

_____ LODGE – FOUR BEDS

_____ LODGE – HANDICAPPED ROOM – THREE BEDS

_____ LODGE – 10 BEDS (BRING YOUR OWN BEDDINGS)

_____ CABIN (BRING YOUR OWN BEDDINGS, TOWELS AND FLASHLIGHT)
Bathrooms/Showers - centrally located around the lodge

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND PAYMENT OF \$115.00 PER PERSON TO
JANICE HOLCOMB – PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO ABW/PNW
4806 CUSHMAN ROAD NE #158 – OLYMPIA WA 98506
PHONE - 360-870-3391 EMAIL – j-holcomb@comcast.net

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We would like to hear from you.

Please submit articles and news for our Newsletters and Website to:

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Also, please let me know if you would like to receive the newsletter electronically.

We are on the web!
www.abwm-pnw.org

HEADS UP

Please check our webpage at www.abwm-pnw.org for further information. We will also be making contact by e-mails.

SAVE THE DATES:

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