

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S  
MINISTRIES & AB GIRLS OF NYS  
CONVENTION 2016

# Come and



April 22-24, 2016

Owego Treadway Inn, Owego, NY

Isaiah 43:19

For I'm going to do a brand-new thing. See, I have already begun! Don't you see it? I will make a road through the wilderness of the world for my people to go home, and create rivers for them in the desert!

Meet our Spiritual Leader:

## Rev. Dr. Christine Roush

Christine Roush has served in a variety of ministry positions over the past 30 years. She held positions in Mission Support and Camping ministries with the American Baptist Churches of New York and of Oregon prior to joining the staff of Rainbow Acres, where she serves as COO.

A proud American Baptist Woman, Chris was born and raised in upstate New York. She was one of our ABW Scholarship Girls for her undergraduate work, and later received support for seminary from the ABW of Oregon. An Ordained American Baptist pastor, Chris holds Bachelors in Social Science Education, Masters in History, and a Doctorate in Ministry from George Fox Seminary's *Church in the Emerging Culture* program. Her dissertation focus was on issues of consumerism and stewardship, and culminated in a small group study *Swimming Upstream – Reflections on Consumerism and Culture*. Married to David, she has three daughters and resides in Sedona, AZ.

## Ready to register?

Here's how to do it!

**1.** Fill out the registration blank for the hotel (Owego Treadway Inn) Fill out **ONE form for each room** (not one for each person). Mail the form with payment to the address on the bottom of the form. In order to achieve tax exempt pricing, a tax-exempt form and number must accompany a church check (or a credit card that carries a tax exempt status must be used). **RESERVATIONS DUE BY 4/03/16 NOTE: "Early arrival on Thursday" information is at the top of the reservation form.**

**Note:** Your hotel reservation does NOT include Friday night dinner. There are numerous options available in and around the hotel.

**2.** Fill out the 2016 AB Women's Convention Program Registration form. Please fill out one form for each attendee and indicate your workshop choices. Note: new reduced registration fee for AB Girls! Mail to the address listed on the form. **REGISTRATION IS DUE BY 4/03/16. AB Girls registrations must be accompanied by a signed AB Girls Standards of Behavior form.**

**That's it!** Now get ready to enjoy a wonderful weekend with women from across NYS. Be prepared to eat, laugh, sing, learn, worship, pray, eat some more, laugh a lot more and be embraced by some wonderful fellowship with your sisters in Christ.

## WORKSHOP CHOICES

Each workshop will be offered only 1 time with the exception of the card making/ bookmark

Please choose **1 workshop for each session** (and indicate a 2<sup>nd</sup> choice for each in case space is limited)

### Morning Session

#### **1. Card-making/bookmark. – Melissa Grover**

Create a beautiful card or bookmark. These make great gifts for prayer partners, friends and family. Space for each session is limited.

#### **2. Disabled in the Church – Christine Rousch**

Disabilities ministry and your church – one of the most common concerns of families affected by disability is the loneliness and isolation experienced by the entire family. Whether physical or mental, disabilities can create incredible stress for families affected by disability. The church has a tremendous opportunity to serve as Christ calls, and this workshop will help identify ways in which your church might begin serving those in need.

#### **3. “Strategies for Planning and Money Mapping Your Future”** Linda S. Cassel CSA, CAP®, Director of Development -American Baptist Foundation and Kris Lutton Development Advisor – American Baptist Foundation

Please join us in learning ways to be vessels of generosity in your estate planning and the financial management of your future. Learn how to take better care of your finances, retirement, and your philanthropic goals. Understand the differences between wills, living wills and trusts. Let’s talk about real estate, life estates, and just for fun, CD’s, CGA’s and IRA’s!! We promise to help you MAP your future and the future of your church women!

*\*All attendees will receive free “Women’s Estate Planning Booklets,” along with the “Five Wishes Planning Guide.”*

#### **4. Prayer Changes Things – Ruth Wilder**

Experience an interactive time of sharing, using the Lord’s Prayer and the fellowship of your Sisters in Christ.

#### **5. Women of the Bible – Joyce Camp**

God speaks to us through women in His Word--what is He saying to YOU? We'll look at several women from the Old and New Testaments to see what God might teach us from their lives because the feminine mystique has not really changed very much!!

#### **6. Conflict Resolution– Marilyn Raatz**

Looking for peace and resolution in the world we share? Compassionate conversation. Great info to take home.

## **Afternoon Session**

### **7. Mission and Ministry of Rainbow Acres – Christine Rousch**

Rainbow Acres is a community for adults with developmental disabilities located in Camp Verde, Arizona. Founded in 1974 by an American Baptist pastor, Rainbow has been surrounding adults with a cognitive disability with a loving Christian community where they are treated with dignity and respect. Come learn more about this important work, and discover ways through which your church can help.

### **8. Nature Walk on the Grounds – Joanne Strauss**

Ann Frank said "The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely, or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy amidst the simple beauty of nature. ...I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles."

Join me in a walk on the grounds to quiet your mind, commune with God and enjoy God's creation. We may even collect a few things along the way to take home.

Wear comfortable walking shoes.

### **9. AB Girls - Conflict Resolution– Marilyn Raatz**

The world can be a scary place. Looking for peace and resolution in the world we share?

Compassionate communication...

### **10. Tough Times – Rev Dr. Vera Miller**

When those tough times enter your life, how do we cope? Where are the answers? Who can we turn to?

### **11. Songs of Praise – Nettie White**

Enjoy some great fellowship, as anthems are prepared for Sunday Worship – remember to smile!

### **12. Card-making/bookmark. – Melissa Grover**

Create a beautiful card or bookmark. These make great gifts for prayer partners, friends and family.

Space for each session is limited. **Great for all including - AB Girls!**

# More details!

## FRIDAY NIGHT FUN!

As the convention begins, get ready for a delicious and enjoyable evening! ‘TASTE AND SEE’ will host a delicious array of foods from our associations. Look around the state – you may get a preview of goodies to come. And then we’ll be having a Silent Auction. Last year’s tradition continues with this fun event. Bring anything you think might be saleable: jewelry, religious objects, local favorites, trinkets, crafts, hand made items etc.... We encourage groups to prepare baskets as well. These are fun if themed. Please have a ballpark \$ amount in mind when you bring them. All monies raised will go to the ABWM NYS general fund.

### **There will be 3 special offerings during the convention weekend**

General fund NYSABWM

NYS Special project (2015-16)

ABWM National ministries.

### **Love gift will be collected during meal times.**

**Bookstore Life Resources** will be set up again this year. They will be offering many items including Bibles, Devotionals, Cards etc.

There will also be information and items from Valley Forge to purchase for your group or church.

**The convention Mission Project is “Rainbow Acres”.** Rainbow Acres is a community for adults with developmental disabilities located in Camp Verde, Arizona. Gift cards are greatly appreciated. Wal-Mart, Home Depot, or any card that might help enriches the lives of these residents. Of course financial donations are also appreciated.

Please remember that **Friday night dinner is not included in your convention package.** There are several meal options located in close proximity to the hotel.

AB GIRLS are encouraged to attend the convention. There will be some special programming developed just for the girls, but they will also attend some of the general sessions. Girls are welcome to attend any workshop. We do request that there be one adult from the home church to accompany every 4 girls. A reminder that a signed Standard of Behavior form must accompany the registration of each girl. **Girls and their advisors will be housed in the Holiday Inn Express (see registration form).**

# See you there!



## **AB GIRLS STANDARD OF BEHAVIOR**

We gather together to learn, workshop, fellowship and grow in the Lord through Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We act in a way that respects ourselves and one another and the facility in which we meet.

We understand that

We are committing to attendance and participation (all girls must attend all sessions or a responsible party must know where they are at all times)

There is no alcohol, tobacco or drug use

The dress code is of modest dress at all times (no pj's in the halls please)

Cell phone use is restricted to hotel rooms, emergencies and authorized calls.

Any damage is our responsibility

I have read the standards of behavior and I agree to abide by them during the AB Women's ministries and AB Girls convention April 2016.

Youth name

\_\_\_\_\_

Youth signature \_\_\_\_\_

date. \_\_\_\_\_

Permission from parent or guardian to attend.

Permission for medical treatment "in the event of an emergency"

Parent/guardian name (please print)

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Parent/guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact information

Phone number of parent/guardian

\_\_\_\_\_

Allergies? **(Please be specific)**

\_\_\_\_\_

Medical conditions?

\_\_\_\_\_

Requiring medication (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

Is girl able to administer her own medication? \_\_\_\_\_

If not – who is authorized to do so? \_\_\_\_\_

AB GIRLS should be in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or older unless accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries of NYS**  
**One Form Per Hotel Room (DO NOT call to make Reservations )- to be sent by room contact person)**

**\_\_\_\_ Early Arrival on Thursday, April 21, 2016      (Add \$ 104.00 per room to the price)**

**RESERVATIONS DUE BY 04/03/16 (NO REFUNDS AFTER 04/15/16)**

\*First Night Room Deposit or Credit Card Guarantee Required\*

**Friday, April 22 – Sunday, April 24, 2016**  
**Package: Includes Friday & Saturday Lodging**  
**Saturday: Breakfast, Luncheon, Banquet – Sunday: Breakfast**

\_\_\_\_ Single \$287.00    \_\_\_\_ Double \$182.00 Per Person    \_\_\_\_ Triple \$ 152.00 Per Person    \_\_\_\_ Quad \$ 137.00 Per Person

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\*All rooms are non- smoking. All reservations will be made on a first come first serve basis. All the rooms have 1 King or 1 Queen Bed or 2 Double Beds. Special requests (we will try our best to fulfill request)    \_\_\_\_ Cots \$20.00 Per Night

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Guests \_\_\_\_\_

**ABW**

Group Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For confirmation)

Roommate (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (3): \_\_\_\_\_

**AB Girls (Rooms at the Holiday Inn Express)**

\_\_\_\_ Double \$152.00 Per Person    \_\_\_\_ Triple \$122.00 Per Person    \_\_\_\_ Quad \$102.00 Per Person

Roommate (1): \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate (2): \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate (3): \_\_\_\_\_ Roommate (4): \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ (Check payable to: Owego Treadway Inn)

Credit Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NYS & COUNTY TAX ARE NOT INCLUDED- RESERVATION FORMS MUST INCLUDE A TAX EXEMPTION FORM THAT MATCHES CHURCH CHECK.**

**\*TAX WILL BE ADDED TO RESERVATIONS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE A PROOF OF TAX EXEMPTION.**

Please mail form with payment to:  
**Owego Treadway Inn, 1100 State Route 17C, Owego, NY 13827**  
Phone (607) 687-4500 Fax (607) 687-2456