

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES & AB GIRLS OF NYS CONVENTION 2017

April 28-30, 2017

RIT Conference Center

5257 W.Henrietta Road Henrietta, NY

“Investing in God’s Resources...”

Ephesians 4:1b NIV

“I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received”

Ready to register?

Here's how to do it !

1. Fill out the registration blank for the hotel (RIT Conference Center). 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. **Credit Card payments must be faxed using the attached form and the card must be in the name of the tax exempt account.** Checks for hotel registration should be made payable to “**RIT Conference Center**”

Please be certain that if you are paying by credit card, you must still SEND the registration form to secure your room.

All RESERVATIONS DUE BY 4/04/17

Please Note: Your hotel reservation does NOT include Friday night dinner. There are 2 restaurants in the hotel and menus will be available at registration. There are more options in the area, but not within walking distance.

2. Fill out the 2017 AB Women's Convention Program Registration form. Please fill out one form for each attendee and indicate your workshop choices. Please mail form and payment to the address listed on the form. Please note – some workshops are limited in number, so please verify you have selected a second choice. (workshops are listed on attached document).

Checks for convention registration should be made payable to “**ABWM of NYS**”

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NOTE - AB Girls will be required to fill out and sign the AB Girls Standards of Behavior form at registration.

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.

Registration begins at 3pm on Friday, April 28th. The **first session will commence with singing at 6:30pm.** We'll be enjoying an evening of singing, a wonderful message, the silent auction and some delicious treats. The convention will dismiss after communion on Sunday, April 30th at approximately noon. We hope that you will all be able to enjoy the entire week-end.

Our Convention leaders

Keynote Speaker: Rev Sandra Hasenauer: Associate Executive Director, American Baptist Women's Ministries

Rev. Sandra L. DeMott Hasenauer has served as the associate executive director of American Baptist Women's Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, since 2002. A graduate of Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, NY, Sandy has served as associate pastor and interim minister prior to joining the national ABCUSA staff. Sandy has been published in *Journeys: An Adult Bible Curriculum* (Educational Ministries, ABCUSA), *BookMarks: Bible Explorations for Older Youth* (Judson Press), and *Alive Now* magazine (Upper Room). Sandy has been involved in refugee resettlement work, particularly with refugees from Burma. She helped found a network for women of refugee communities in her home town and serves on the Burma Refugee Task Force of American Baptist Churches USA. Currently, Sandy is in the Doctor of Ministry program at Boston University School of Theology, studying transformational leadership—she expects to graduate in May 2018 (with God's help). Sandy and her husband, Chris, have two adult children, and enjoy the opportunity that empty-nesting offers for travel; Sandy is also a quiltmaker and embroiderer. Sandy enjoys the opportunity her position with AB Women's Ministries offers to serve with faithful, committed women and girls as disciples of Jesus Christ.

Bible Study Leader: Reverend Tamara R. Jackson

Reverend Tamara R. Jackson serves as Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Syracuse located in Jamesville, NY. Rev. Jackson formally served as the "Sacred Safe Spaces" Special Project Coordinator for the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. She is committed to aiding churches in helping victims of abuse, particularly domestic and sexual violence journey toward healing and spearheaded the region's Congregational Covenant of Nonviolence campaign.

There will be 3 opportunities for giving during the convention weekend

1. Special project (2016-17) – ABWM of NYS and the new ABWM NYS Opportunity Fund
2. ABWM National ministries.
3. **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. ABWM resources and order forms will be included in your take home packet this year.

On Friday night, we have our traditional "**Basket Silent Auction**". Attendees are encouraged to bring a "basket" of goodies to add to the wares. Associations, churches, or personal contributions are greatly appreciated. All proceeds from the auction will be added to the special project fund for 2017.

Our special project this year is **Cameron Community Ministries**. If you would like to help support this great ministry, they are in need of:

- Size 4-6 diapers
 - Feminine hygiene products
 - Shampoo, toothpaste, soap, deodorant
 - Canned fruits/vegetables
- *If gift cards are donated, Walmart is usually the best

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