



AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES & AB GIRLS OF NYS CONVENTION 2018

April 27-29, 2018 Binghamton, NY

Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, 225 Water Street. Binghamton, NY, 13901

"Are You Feeling It?"

Jeremiah 29:13 "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart"

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REGISTRATION:

1. Fill out the registration blank for the hotel (Doubletree by Hilton Hotel). 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. Checks for hotel registration should be made payable to **"Doubletree by Hilton Hotel"**

All RESERVATIONS DUE BY 3/26/18

Please Note: Your hotel reservation does NOT include Friday night dinner. There is a restaurant in the hotel and a number of restaurants within walking distance. Directions will be available at registration.

2. Fill out the 2018 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"**

REGISTRATION IS DUE BY 3/26/18. 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 27th. The **first session will commence with singing at 6:30pm**. The convention will dismiss after communion on Sunday, April 29th by noon. We hope that you will all be able to enjoy the entire week-end.

ABW Ministries of NYS Board Members will receive agenda and Friday schedule from our President, Lillian Cabral, prior to registration. For those who may wish to arrive on Thursday evening, we have been given a reduced rate of \$119 per room – please note on hotel reservation form your Thursday eve registration need.

Keynote Speaker: Rev Betty Wright-Riggins:

We are delighted to welcome back our good friend Rev. Betty Wright-Riggins for our convention this year. Reverend Betty is an American Baptist ordained minister. She is the Principal (CEO) of TrustOne Ministries a ministry of Spiritual Direction/ Christian Leadership Coaching, Church Consultancy and Congregational Transformation . She is adjunct professor at Palmer Theological Seminary, Oasis Ministry for Spiritual Direction and Co-hort Leader for Spiritual Direction at Princeton Theological Seminary. Betty is an active spiritual director and founding member of Rhythms of the Spirit, an American Baptist Churches three day Spiritual formation retreat.

Rev. Betty serves as an advisory board member for American Baptist Women in Ministry. She is an often sought after preacher, Bible Study leader, and retreat and seminar speaker. She is a member of Spiritual Directors International and Spiritual Directors of Color, both national and international professional organizations. She is a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority.

Missionary Guest: Rev. Suzi Harriff:

Rev Suzi Harriff, an ordained American Baptist Minister, has served in United Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian and Reformed churches, both as pastor and minister of music, and is currently serving as a pastoral partner in ministry at Fay Road and Camillus Baptist Churches in Iroquois Association and at Otter Lake Community church (each summer). She teaches classes in preaching, worship, and Biblical studies for Bethel Bible Institute in Syracuse and Rabagirana Bible College in Rwanda, as well as for Lay Studies Classes for ABC/NYS. A graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius, Fredonia State University and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, Suzi is also a media and public relations consultant and owns her own business, MediaMarCon. Her biography has been featured in *Who's Who in America* and *Who's Who in American Women*. Suzi and her husband Jim, known as “the Revs” sing at coffeehouses, nursing homes, churches and public events, and travel regularly to Rwanda, where they share their music and preaching, teaching and counseling ministries in a variety of settings.

There will be several opportunities for giving during the convention weekend

1. **Special project (2017-18)** 2. **ABWM National ministries** 3. **ABW Ministries of NYS General Fund** 4. **Love gift** will be collected during meal times.

We will once again have our traditional **“Gift Basket Silent Auction”**. Attendees are encouraged to bring a “basket” of goodies for the auction. Associations, churches, or personal contributions are greatly appreciated.

New this year:

~ **Friday late evening COFFEE HOUSE opportunity with an open mike. Bring your jokes, talents, stories etc to share with those who wish to stay up Friday evening and entertain one another.**

~ **Hospitality Center will be open Friday and through the weekend for fellowship and a place to gather during down time.**

Arrowhead Parable Christian Bookstore will be our convention bookstore 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.

Our convention mission project this year is.....

The RISE program of Binghamton. This is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to assist families who experience, or are threatened with domestic violence and to increase the community’s awareness of this pervasive problem. There are residential, advocacy and counseling services provided through this program. New items needed for donation if you would like to bring an item are: sheets (all sizes), towels, cleaning supplies, shower curtains, bath mats, personal hygiene products, shampoo/conditioner, hairbrushes, socks (all ages and sexes), baby wipes, diapers/pull ups (any size), make up (foundation, mascara, eyeliner, eye shadow). Monetary donations are also welcome.

Questions ? Contact Claudia Little at claudialittle7@icloud.com (585-968-3061) or Laura Palada at lpalada@frontiernet.net (607-783-2044).

Workshops – ABWM convention 2018
AB Girls and women of all ages are welcome at all workshops.

1. Prayer Changes Things – Rev Dr Vera Miller **Choose from 10:30am or 3pm**
A synopsis of Prayer and how it can change your life

2. Created in God's Image – Alicia Willie **Choose from 10:30am or 3pm**

Who am I? How should I view myself? How should I relate to the world around me?
As Christians, we must remember that our creation, our continued existence and our worth, lies not in ourselves, but in the powerful working of God, our creator.

3. Developing Mentoring Relationships – September Schaffer
Choose from 10:30am or 3pm

Learn to develop a mentoring program to lead /guide other women to positions off leadership.
Learn how to develop a program tailored to your unique situation.

4. Woman Power – Rwanda's Hope - Suzi Harriff **Choose from 10:30am or 1:45pm**

Rwanda's rebirth after the civil wars and genocide of the 1990's has been achieved in a large part due to the leadership of women – economically, politically, and socially. This workshop will expand on the brief reference to that given in the plenary session.

5. Hallelujah! I can paint – Part II Carol Shaffer **1:45pm only**

*Limited to 25 participants. ****2-hour workshop**

Create your own masterpiece with the help of Carol and the gifts given by Him.
May not want to wear your finest frock!

6. Tai-Chi **Choose from 1:45pm or 3pm**

Gentle exercising - great for arthritis patients - taught by an on site pro.

*Limited to 18 per session Please dress comfortably

7. The First Instrument in Praise and Worship – A Liturgical Dance Experience

Janese Knight **1:45pm only** **** 2 hour workshop**

Liturgical dance is so much more than “motion”; spend this workshop learning how to use it for praise and worship...not just entertainment.

Participants will learn to honor, praise and glorify the most high God and will be sharing their new talents in the Sunday worship service. Please dress comfortably.

8. “Being A Christian In Today's World” - Tonya Owens **Choose from 1:45 or 3pm**

We live in a world where we are being distracted by Television, Social Media (Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat) and other day to day challenges, that pulls us away from the Lord; It's easy to become disconnected from Jesus. We will discuss what does it mean to be a “Christian” in today's world. We will explore some important tools like Standing on God's Promises, taking a Stand as Christian Women, and Staying Connected to the True Vine.

9. **“Feeling it”** - Rev. Betty Wright Riggins **1:45pm only**

Delve a little deeper into our theme with our keynote speaker.

10. **Worship in song** - **10:30am only**

Join with your sisters as you rejoice in song, have some fun and prepare an anthem for Sunday worship.

11. **Are you Feeling it? Your Legacy of Love.** Linda Cassel, **CSA, CAP®**

Director of Development

American Baptist Foundation

Choose from 10:30am or 1:45 pm

Are you feeling anxious about tomorrow? Are you sure that your finances show those you love that God is in control? Come and feel confident that you have a plan to “MAP” your money and possessions. This workshop will give you guidance on how to, Manage the Present, Anticipate the Future and Plan for the Efficient transfer of your assets.

- ✓ Learn to Shape and MAP your financial future
- ✓ Budgeting Tips, Savings Tips and Economic New Realities
- ✓ Maintain security for your family and your retirement.
- ✓ Workshop attendees will receive free materials to use for planning

Women of Godwe want you to feel confident about your future. Those that you love and care about will thank you for attending this informative planning workshop.

ABWM of NYS Convention
 April 27th – 29th, 2018
 DoubleTree Hotel Binghamton, NY
 Please fill out completely and legibly – thank you!

Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Email _____@_____

Phone (____) _____

Church _____ Association _____

Program Fees ** registrations must be received no later than March 26th**

ABWM Registration (amount is the same for full or part time) \$55.00 \$_____

Registration **EARLY BIRD – MUST BE RECEIVED BY REGISTRAR BY MARCH 1ST** \$50.00 \$_____

Registration AB Girls \$40.00 \$_____

Friday Lunch (Board Members) \$15.00 \$_____

Choice of Banquet entrée – please indicate your choice here if you are purchasing the food and room package _____ Prime Rib (med rare only) _____ Chicken Asiago

If you are **not** purchasing the food and room package from the DoubleTree and wish to enjoy meals-
 Please indicate and order below:

Friday Evening Snack \$10.00 \$_____

Breakfast Buffet (Sat 6:30-8am) \$15.00 \$_____

Breakfast Buffet (Sun 6:30-8am) \$15.00 \$_____

Lunch – Saturday (12:00 noon) \$15.00 \$_____

Banquet – Saturday 6pm \$30.00 \$_____

Choose from _____ Prime Rib (med rare only) _____ Chicken Asiago

TOTAL REGISTRATION \$_____

Is this your first convention? _____

Do you have any special mobility needs? _____ *Please notify hotel of any needs also

ALL REGISTRATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE REGISTRAR BY MARCH 26th

Please mail your CONVENTION registration (not the hotel's) and check made payable to:

“ABWM of NYS” to

Rhonda Newill

662 Ithaca Rd Lot 7

Spencer, NY 14883

Workshop Choices: please refer to the attached list of workshops. Times available are noted on each. Some workshops have a limited number of attendees, so please indicate a second choice too.

***Please note – the painting workshop and the dance workshop are 2 hours each so those participants will only choose 1 afternoon workshop.

Session #1 10:30am Saturday 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Session #2 1:45pm Saturday 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Session #3 3pm Saturday 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____



American Baptist Women of NYS
Friday, April 27, 2018 – Sunday, April 29, 2018

Reservation Form

All rates are per person. Place an (X) by selection.

Guestroom and Meal Package

The package includes one (1) reception, two (2) breakfasts, one (1) lunch, one (1) dinner, overnight accommodations for (2) nights (Friday & Saturday Nights) and is inclusive of 21% service charges.

Each individual must present a NYS Sales Tax Exemption form with their registration.

Single Occupancy	\$340.85 per person
Double Occupancy	\$221.85 per person
Triple Occupancy	\$188.85 per person
Quadruple Occupancy	\$172.35 per person

TAX is not included in above pricing. Tax will be charged if exemption form is not received with form.

Thursday lodging - \$119.00 per room.

Reservations accepted on this form only. Please do not call and book a room as well. Please fill out only one form per room.

- **Reservation Forms must be received by March 26, 2018.** All reservations must be secured with a credit card, check, or money order.
- Payments by check, voucher or a purchase order must be received by March 26, 2018. Cancellations must be made by March 26, 2018 or forfeiture of deposit will occur.
- Credit cards will be charged on April 3, 2018.
- Hotel policy is to obtain a credit card from every guest upon check-in and authorize said card \$20.00 per night for any possible incidentals.
- Room type requests & special requests will be honored as availability permits. Check in time is 4:00 PM; check out time is 11:00 AM.
- **The cut-off date for making reservations is March 26, 2018.** Reservations received after this date will be taken on a space available basis only.
- If tax exempt, please submit a valid ST-119 form with your reservation request. Please note the rates listed above do NOT include tax, therefore if you are not Tax Exempt, prices will be subject to 13% on guestrooms and 8% on food and beverage.

Name _____ Roommate _____

Email _____ Email _____

Roommate _____ Email _____

Company/Affiliation _____

Street _____ City/State/Zip _____

Telephone _____ Fax _____

<p>Arrival _____ Departure _____</p> <p>Check # _____</p> <p>CC# _____ EXP _____</p> <p>I have read and agree with the above reservation policies.</p> <p>By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and understand the terms of my reservation and authorize the DoubleTree by Hilton Binghamton to process total room and any applicable taxes to the credit card indicated above.</p> <p>X _____</p>

Submit form by 3/26/2018
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