

# Renewable Energy

that which sustains us

*"But now, O God, strengthen my hands." (Neh. 6:9)*

## REGISTER BY OCTOBER 1, 2009

(meal counts must be given to caterer 2 weeks before event.)

To register, please use a **separate form** for each person registering (duplicate this form as needed or download from [www.abc-mi.org](http://www.abc-mi.org)). Full payment is required at the time of registration. **No refunds available for persons canceling after October 9, 2009.** However, substitutions are permitted if another lay leader or pastoral staff member from your church can replace the person canceling.

Title: ( ) Miss ( ) Mrs. ( ) Ms. ( ) Mr. ( ) Rev. ( ) Dr.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Church Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an official church-appointed delegate? ( ) Yes ( ) No  
(Please make sure your church returns the delegate form to the Region Office)

Do you plan to attend the Annual Meeting? ( ) Yes ( ) No

**Please note: only delegates have the right to vote on action items at the Annual Meeting.**

**Please CIRCLE all events you are registering for:**

**ANNUAL MEETING ONLY** \_\_\_\_\_ **NC**

**Two-day Equipping Sessions** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$55**

**Friday, October 16 ONLY Equipping Sessions** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30**

**Ministers Council Luncheon - all welcome** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$12**

MENU: Southern-fried Chicken, Tri-cheese baked "Meat" Mostaccioli, Green Bean Amandine, Whipped Potatoes w/gravy on side, Garden Salad, Assorted Breads, Dessert, Beverage

**Dinner** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$15**

MENU: Boneless Chicken Breast w/ Sauce Robert, Slow Roasted Baron of Beef w/ sautéed button mushrooms in marsala wine sauce, Seasonal Vegetable Medley, Petite Potato Italiano, Caesar Salad, Assorted Breads, Beverage - Dessert will be served following evening presentation as a cake reception honoring Friendship House

**Saturday, October 17 ONLY Equipping Sessions** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$30**

**Luncheon** \_\_\_\_\_ **\$11**

MENU: Hot Sandwich Buffet - Sliced Roast Pork Loin in light gravy, Sliced Honey Glazed Ham, Sliced Roast Beef w/ Sauteed Mushrooms, Italian Marinated Chicken Breast, Various Baked Breads, Sandwich Garnishes, Sandwich Spreads, Redskin Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Snack Chips, Beverage, Dessert

**TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Gluten-free meals available upon request for same price as above listed meals. Contact Region office for gluten-free menu details.**

**GLUTEN-FREE MEAL**

**Event on-site meals are not guaranteed the day of the event without previously purchased meal tickets via registration.**

Credit Card Payment:

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_

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(Print name as it appears on card)

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(Signature / approval)

Please make checks payable to:  
American Baptist Churches of Michigan

Mail to:  
American Baptist Churches of Michigan  
4578 S. Hagadorn Rd.  
East Lansing, MI 48823  
Attn: 2009 AEE/AM

OR Fax registration WITH credit card payment to  
517.332.3186





You are invited for a time of conversation around a topic that deeply matters to us all—MINISTRY. This is an opportunity for you to share your insights and experiences. During this gathering we will explore a question that seeks to stir up and unearth the collective wisdom, insights and vision of all at the table. The riveting and stimulating conversation will release an energy helping us to talk and listen to one another as we watch for the evidence of God making clear the mutual ministry we are called to do now, and in the future.

## 80th Anniversary Celebration For Friendship House & Talent Show (sign up on back)

# Annual Equipping Event & Annual Meeting

Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield  
Special Guest Rev. Dr. Trinetta V. McCray  
& Courville Concert Choir

October 16-17, 2009

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# Talent Show

Energize and Sustain your ABC-MI family by sharing your talent.  
All musical (vocal or instrumental); readings; comedy sketches; etc. are WELCOME

Yes, I would like to participate in the Friday Night Talent Show at the Annual Event.

Name of Act: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Talent: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Length of Presentation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

How many microphones will you need? \_\_\_\_\_

There will be **NO** sound check time available for the talent show portion of the evening's activities. Talent will be presented on a come-as-you-are basis. You will be notified of the order of program when it becomes available.

**Sign up Deadline: October 1, 2009**

# Renewable Energy Schedule of Events

## Friday, October 16

- 8:30 a.m. Registration (Exhibits Open)
- 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship with Rev. Alex Pickens III
- 9:15 a.m. Conversation Café Leadership Training
- 12:15 p.m. Ministers Council Meeting & Luncheon (Exhibits open prior to lunch)
- 2:00 p.m. Experiencing the Conversation Café
- 4:00 p.m. Exhibits Open
- 5:30 p.m. Buffet Dinner
- 6:45 p.m. **Friendship House Anniversary Celebration** with Courville Concert Choir & Rev. Dr. Trinette McCray
- 8:15 p.m. Cake and Punch Reception for Friendship House
- 8:45 p.m. Talent Show

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**The Courville Concert Choir**, Detroit's best children's choir consists of boys and girls from grades five through twelve from various Detroit public schools. This hard-working group of about 35 students captivates their audience with a unique blend of three and four-part harmony with a quality sound comparable to that of professional singers. For more information on the Courville Concert Choir visit: [www.omniarts.org/node/123](http://www.omniarts.org/node/123). Listen to a performance on YouTube at: [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) by typing in Courville Concert Choir in the Search box.

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## **The Reverend Dr. Trinette V. McCray**

Rev. Dr. Trinette V. McCray is the president of the American Baptist Historical Society, the oldest and largest collection of Baptist history in the world. In June 1999, she was elected president of the American Baptist Churches, USA, and served in that position until 2001. She has the distinction of being the first clergywoman to be elected president of the American Baptist Churches, USA.



Dr. McCray holds a Bachelors degree in Urban Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, a Masters in Religious Education degree from Morehouse School of Religion at the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, and a Doctorate of Ministry in Spirituality from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary. She was awarded two honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees, from Alderson-Broadus College and Central Baptist Theological Seminary.

## Saturday, October 17

- 8:30 a.m. Registration (Exhibits open)
- 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship with Rev. Dr. Jon Good
- 9:15 a.m. Conversation Café
- 11:15 a.m. Break (Exhibits open)
- 11:30a.m. Closing Worship with communion Rev. Dr. McCray
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch (Exhibits open)
- 1:30 p.m. ABC-MI Annual Meeting
- 3:30 p.m. **Leave renewed and energized!**

*"Whenever believers gather there is an expectation that God has something to say." The Conversation Café is an innovative yet simple methodology for hosting conversations about questions that matter. During this gathering we will explore:*

- 1. What are our resources for navigating through tough times?**
- 2. How are we using these resources to be salt and light in the world?**

*The riveting and stimulating conversation will release an energy helping us talk and listen to one another as we watch for the evidence of God making clear the mutual ministry we are called to do now, and in the future. For more information on the Conversation Café format please visit: [www.conversationcafe.org](http://www.conversationcafe.org).*

An instructor in Urban Ministry at Cardinal Stritch University, her most notable responsibility is the founding in 2003 of programs in vocation development. Dr. McCray serves as the Executive Director of the Center for Calling and Engagement at the University established through \$2.3 million funding by the Lilly Endowment. She is President of the Housing Ministries of American Baptists in Wisconsin, a work that provides housing, education and social empowerment support to fight against the impact of systemic poverty.

Dr. McCray is an adjunct faculty member at Central Baptist Seminary's Milwaukee Center. She is also a writer and has published articles in various journals, quarterlies and books as well as resource materials. Her extensive use of her gifts, experiences and talents as preacher, teacher, vocalist, writer, planner, mediator, grant writer and administrator prepares her to be available for whatever task God places upon her.

## DIRECTIONS TO: COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH

5800 West Maple Road  
West Bloomfield, MI 48322  
1-248-855- 9191

**From North** take I-75 S. Take exit 93 for US-24/Dixie Hwy toward Waterford. Turn right at Dixie Hwy/US-24 (signs for Waterford/US-24/Dixie Hwy). Turn right at N Telegraph Road/US24. Exit onto Orchard Lake Road. Slight left to stay on Orchard Lake Road. Turn right at West Maple Road. Church is on your right about 3/10ths of a mile.

**From South** take I-275 N toward Flint. Take exit 165 for I-696 toward Port Huron. Take exit 5 for Orchard Lake Road. Turn left at Orchard Lake Road. Continue straight on Orchard Lake Road. Turn left at West Maple Road. Church is on your right about 3/10ths of a mile.

**From East** take I-94 W. Take exit 229 to merge onto I-696 W toward Lansing. Take exit 5 for Orchard Lake Road. Turn right at Orchard Lake Road. Continue straight on Orchard Lake Road. Turn left at West Maple Road. Church is on your right about 3/10ths of a mile.

**From West** take I-94 E toward Detroit. Take exit 194 to merge onto I-275 N toward Flint. Follow directions from South.

**From West** take I-96 E toward Detroit. Take I-696 exit on left toward Port Huron/MI-5/Grand River Ave. Slight left at I-696 E (signs for I-696/Port Huron). Take exit 5 for Orchard Lake Road. Continue straight on Orchard Lake Road. Turn left at West Maple Road. Church is on your right about 3/10ths of a mile.

**Please check the Michigan Department of Transportation website at [www.michigan.gov/mdot/](http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/) for possible road construction in the area.**

ABC-MI has reserved a room block at the Courtyard by Marriott in Farmington Hills for the special discounted rate of \$74.00 / night. Reserve your room by the cutoff date of **September 25, 2009** at 800.321.2211 or 248.553.0000 and mention you are with the American Baptist Churches of Michigan to receive the special rate. To view the hotel visit: [www.marriott.com/dtwfm](http://www.marriott.com/dtwfm).

### AREA HOTELS:

Comfort Inn 3.5 miles from Covenant  
30715 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, MI 248-471-9220  
I-696 & east of Orchard Lake Road on 12 Mile  
Free Internet and hot breakfast

Courtyard by Marriott 3.5 miles from Covenant  
31525 West 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, MI 248-553-0000  
I-696 & west of Orchard Lake Road on 12 Mile

Extended Stay America 3.7 miles from Covenant  
27775 Stansbury Blvd. in Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248-473-4000  
I 696 & east of Orchard Lake Road, north off 12 Mile  
Full kitchen

Fairfield Inn by Marriott 3.7 miles from Covenant  
27777 Stansbury Blvd. in Farmington Hills, MI 48334 248-442-9800  
I-696 & east of Orchard Lake Road, north off 12 Mile Road

Hampton Inn 5.8 miles from Covenant  
169 Loop Road in Commerce, MI 248-624-2059  
I-275 & east of M-5, north off 14 Mile Road

The Wren's Nest 3.1 miles from Covenant  
Charming Bed & Breakfast  
7405 West Maple Road in West Bloomfield, MI 248-624-6874  
East of M-5 on West Maple Road

### AREA RESTAURANTS:

#### **Expensive:**

Tribute - excellent food, reservations advised  
Larco's Italian Grill - excellent Italian, reservations advised  
The Lark - excellent food, reservations necessary

#### **Moderately Priced:**

Ginopolis - specializing in Greek food  
Outback Steakhouse  
Deli Unique of West Bloomfield  
Champps  
J Alexander's  
California Kitchen  
Max & Erma's

#### **Less Expensive:**

Panera Bread  
Subway  
Einstein Bagels/Starbucks  
Greek Islands Coney

There are many, many more restaurants in all price ranges in the area. In addition there are all the fast food restaurants.