ABWM President – February 2025

Happy New Year. Greetings Ladies of American Baptist Women’s Ministries of Michigan. I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying this winter season. I am looking very forward to spring, too much snow for me.

I hope you are looking forward to another great annual conference/retreat. Rev. Deborah Key and her committee have been busy planning the activities and schedule. An important change to the retreat is it is open to all Christian women, not just American Baptist. The conference will be Friday – Sunday, June 13-15 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt. We will have two keynote speakers – Rev. Dr. Shannon Holmes of Renaissance Baptist Church and Rev. Dr. Laura Hunt of New Beginnings Community Church. Please invite your neighbors and friends. You know you will have a good time.

Please do not forget about our offerings – Scholarship, Special Interest Missionaries, ABWM National Support and Friendship House.

We still have an opening on the Region Executive Committee for Coordinator of AB Girls. We also have openings for Area Presidents for Central, MidMichigan, Great North and West. Please let me know if you are interested or know someone whom you think would be excellent for these positions.

The national American Baptist Women’s Ministries has changed their board structure and created new bylaws. All region/state presidents are no longer automatically board members. My term on the national board ended last year. I will still keep you informed about what is going on at the national level. Look for more information on the ABWM-MI Facebook page and in News & Views. I ask you to consider becoming a Vital Partner or Violet Circle member by giving regularly to National Support of ABWM. For more information, please visit the ABWM webpage at abwomensministries.org.

Dates to Remember

May 16 – Nominations for 2025 Woman of the Year Award due to Brenda

June 13, 14 & 15 – ABWM-MI Annual Conference & Retreat, DeWitt, MI

My time as President is coming to an end. At the June annual meeting we will be electing a new President. I am open to suggestions as to whom you think this person should be. Please feel free to invite me to ABWM activities in your area and at your churches. Please call or text me at 248.808.4133. You may also email me at blgct2008@gmail.com. I want to hear what you think the future holds for ABWM-MI. I know whatever lies ahead for us will be filled with excitement, expectations and joy. I also know that with God all things are possible. We are in this journey together.

I wish you a blessed Easter and a wonderful Mother’s Day. See you in June.

May God richly bless all of you.

Brenda Threatt

ABWM President, Michigan Region