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## ABWM-MI Region President – May 2024



Greetings Ladies of American Baptist Women's Ministries of Michigan. I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying this spring season. I don't think the weather has decided if it's spring or still winter. Well, this is Michigan after all.

I look forward to seeing you in person at our annual conference/retreat the first full weekend in June in DeWitt. I hope you are making plans to attend. Our guest speaker will be Rev. Sheree Gidcomb-Clark. Dee De La Fuente-Durham and her committee have been busy planning the activities and our schedule.

Please invite someone to attend the conference with you. You know we will have a wonderful time.

Please do not forget about our offerings – Scholarship, Special Interest Missionaries, ABWM National General Support and Friendship House. Don't forget to renew your subscription to New & Views. Be in the know with ABWM-MI for only \$12 per year for a paper newsletter. Please send your email address to Anne Daws-Lazar to be included in the list for the online version.

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

We will continue the tradition of our Fall Fling. The Central Area will be our host this year. Look for more information in this issue of News & Views.

I have been involved with the National American Baptist Women Ministries via zoom calls for board meetings. I ask that you consider becoming a Vital Partner by giving regularly to National Support of American Baptist Women's Ministries. For more information visit the American Baptist Women's Ministries webpage at [abwomensministries.org](http://abwomensministries.org). I will also notify you of national activities. Look for that information on the ABWM-MI Facebook page and in News & Views.

### Dates to Remember

June 7, 8 & 9: ABWM-MI Annual Conference & Retreat, DeWitt, MI

July 18-24: National Women and Girls Conference, Roanoke College, Salem, VA

I would like to continue to spend time getting to know who you are so 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](mailto:blgct2008@gmail.com). I know my remaining year as President will be filled with excitement, expectations and joy. I also know that with God all things are possible. We are in this journey together.

May God richly bless all of you.

Brenda Threatt  
ABWM-MI Region President

## 2024 Puerto Rico Mission Trip – TIME SENSITIVE!



If you are interested contact Lynne Punnett ASAP



### 2024 PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP

 August 10-17, 2024

Do you have a servants heart...? This trip could be for you! General construction, clean up, and rebuild from the hurricanes and flooding that occurred the last few years. Community Outreach. Do you have a servants heart and want to spread the love of Christ to those around the world? This could be the trip for you!

\*Everyone is welcome no matter your experience.

 Cost- \$950 per person

Cost includes airfare, lodging, meals and transportation in Puerto Rico.

**\$100 non-refundable deposit due by MAY 1, 2024.**

Balance due by July 1, 2024.

 Host Church- FBC of Rio Piedras

How do you see yourself serving? Through music? Children and/or elderly ministry? What about building things or teaching others? Bring your skills and passions to help those in Puerto Rico. The team's projects and activities will depend on the experience and talents of those who sign up for the mission trip.



Anyone interested in joining the 2024 Puerto Rico Mission Team should contact ABC-MI Region Mission Consultant Lynne Punnett.

**CONTACT :**  
**LYNNEPUNNETT@YAHOO.COM 734-834-3886**



*Save the Date!*

June 7 - 9, 2024  
ABWM Michigan Annual Conference  
Saint Francis Retreat Center  
DeWitt, MI



Joshua 1:9

*Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous.*

*Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged.*

*For the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.*

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OF MICHIGAN

**Registration form attached! Register by mail or online! Hurry – May 13 deadline with t-shirt  
May 24<sup>th</sup> without a t-shirt)**

[http://bit.ly/2024\\_ABW\\_conf\\_registration](http://bit.ly/2024_ABW_conf_registration)

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**Donation Form**

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Area (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

Church contact (if appl.) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

	Amount Encl.
- ABWM MI Region support (for day-to-day support of our organization)	_____
- Scholarship Fund (college scholarships)	_____
- Special Mission Project (this year: Single MOMM camp at Higher Ground)	_____
- Special Interest Missionaries (through International Ministries)*	_____
- ABWM National, which will be apportioned when being sent as 25% to Women & Girls Fund and 75% to general support	_____
- Camp Lael	_____
- Higher Ground at Lake Louise (general support)	_____
<b>Total:</b>	_____

\* The missionaries we will support for 2023-24 are Bill & Ann Clemmer • Jon & Amanda Good • Rick & Anita Gutierrez • Carmella Jones • Wayne & Katherine Niles

If you personally or your church are able to offer any support, please send your check\*\* made out to AB Women's Ministries, c/o Lori Zupan, 581 Canterbury Dr, Saline, MI 48176. Or you can make a payment through Venmo -- @lori4abw -- or Zelle pay -- [abwmsec@gmail.com](mailto:abwmsec@gmail.com). If you choose to do either of those, please email Lori with the information about how much you are allocating to the various offerings. You can email her at the email listed above or her personal email: [loriz@tsshhome.com](mailto:loriz@tsshhome.com).

\*\* If you are a member of the Central Area, please make check payable to Central Area ABW Ministries and mail to CA Treasurer Carolyn Grapentine, 3998 Beech Dr, Ypsilanti, 48197. Central Area dues of \$15 are appreciated in addition to any of the above offerings.

Note: If you wish to support any other organizations or missionaries, please send your donation directly to them. We appreciate all your support.

## Scholarship Report for New & Views May 2024



I come to the end of my term as scholarship coordinator at the June conference. It has been a delight.

This year we had five young women receiving scholarships from our Region. Luisa Tittle just graduated with her bachelor's degree from U-M Flint with a major in human resources and Sarah Kocsis graduated with her master's degree from Grand Rapids Theological Seminary with a focus in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. Congratulations to both!

Continuing on will be Elizabeth Anderson and Morgan Scott. Their scholarships will be officially voted upon at the annual business meeting. (We have not received a renewal application from Rachel Good Schinzler).

We always welcome new applicants! Please note that the application deadline is March 15.

In addition, we are always looking for donations from our women and our churches to help fund the scholarships. If you are able to give a donation, please use the donation form included in the News & Views.

Lori Zupan  
Scholarship Coordinator



ELIGIBLE RECIPIENTS: Any woman who is a member of an American Baptist Church in Michigan, who gives evidence of a call to follow the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, whether in a secular position or in ministry, shall be eligible. We are all called to be ministers for Jesus wherever we are.

**Applicants must complete and sign this application and also provide the following additional data:**

- 1. Letter of recommendation from your pastor.
2. Statement of Christian experience/call to ministry.
3. Brief statement of your vocational expectations and goals.

**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

(PLEASE PRINT FULL NAME - NO NICKNAMES)

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S NAMES \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF HOME CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

HIGH SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR GRADUATED \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE YOU ARE ENROLLED AT \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

IS YOUR FAMILY ABLE TO HELP YOU FINANCIALLY? \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO, WHAT PERCENT CAN THEY PROVIDE? \_\_\_\_\_

DO YOU EXPECT TO WORK WHILE IN SCHOOL? \_\_\_\_\_

CAN AND WILL YOUR CHURCH PROVIDE FINANCIAL HELP? \_\_\_\_\_

STATE SPECIFICALLY ANY OTHER SOURCES OF INCOME AVAILABLE, SUCH AS YOUR OWN SAVINGS, OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS, ETC. \_\_\_\_\_

**GIVE NAMES OF TWO (2) PEOPLE OTHER THAN FAMILY AS REFERENCES:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check: ABWM \_\_\_ may \_\_\_ may not publish my birthday and address to our organization's members.

I recognize that this scholarship is a gift from the American Baptist Women's Ministries of Michigan for the purpose of helping me prepare myself for whatever God would have me do with my life. I pledge myself to sincere preparation and eagerly seeking to know and to follow His will. I understand that should God call me to serve in a Christian vocation, I will plan to serve in the American Baptist Churches, USA.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

\*Please send a photo to [loriz@tsshome.com](mailto:loriz@tsshome.com).

This application and the additional data sheets are to be returned to the Scholarship Coordinator before the deadline, March 15. Lori Zupan, [loriz@tsshome.com](mailto:loriz@tsshome.com), 581 Canterbury Dr., Saline, MI 48176.

## **American Baptist Women of Michigan 2024 Woman of the Year Award**

Tell us about the woman you are nominating. You may include your response in the spaces below or write your response in a narrative which includes this information. Use as much space as you need to introduce us to your nominee. Please feel free to use the back of the form if you need more room.

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Area: \_\_\_\_\_

How does she contribute to God's kingdom?

What has she done to further God's kingdom?

Why are you nominating this person?

Why is she worthy of this award?

Nominator Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church/Area: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Return to the region president by May 25, 2024:

Brenda Threatt  
22715 Kenwyck Dr  
Southfield, MI 48034-4765

email: [blqct2008@gmail.com](mailto:blqct2008@gmail.com)



## Local Church News

Crosspointe Church of Novi

Crosspointe Meadows Church  
29000 Meadowbrook Rd.  
Novi, MI 48377

We have around 65 regular attenders including a few kids

- Website: [crosspointemeadows.org](http://crosspointemeadows.org)
- Best way to stay updated is through our Facebook or Instagram accounts

### - Campfire Night

Join us for a Campfire Cookout on Saturday, May 18th! This free event starts at 5:00pm and we will eat at 5:30. There will be hot dogs, chips, pop, water, cobbler, and s'mores! Please bring your lawn chairs and lawn games too.

### - Movie Night

Join us Friday, June 7th at 7pm for a Movie Night! Light refreshments will be provided at this free event.

Julie Watkins  
CMC Administration & Communications Director

\*If you'd like your church to be featured here send information to [annedawslazar@gmail.com](mailto:annedawslazar@gmail.com) for inclusion in the next News & Views

## Fall Fling

Fall Fling will be at Aurelius Baptist Church 4419 W Barnes Rd Mason, MI 48854, date TBA. Stay tuned for more information!

