



The Lamplighter



Hello Dear Sisters in Christ,

Our Colorado American Baptist Women's Ministries met Saturday, September 18th, for the first in-person meeting since January 2020. We enjoyed our time together at Cherry Creek Baptist Church and appreciate their hospitality. We got a lot of business accomplished.

We will be holding our 2022 Conference in person next year. We are also planning events for the coming year that are both virtual and in person. Covid-19 has taught us how to use technology for meetings and events. But on the flip side of that statement ---- the Lord showed us the importance of meeting together. We missed the fellowship, friendships, the sharing together of thoughts and ideas in person, and the hugs! And the laughter!

Our Church and Community National & Colorado focus is "Let the Walls Fall Down." Recognize a wall or walls in your area, or perhaps in your church and then expand. We have walls of racial injustice, walls of heartache created by Covid. And, as an angry person in Denver taught me in only a matter of seconds - walls of anger can be from a variety of reasons and the real reason may be unclear. Perhaps walls grow from losing friends and loved ones, loneliness, and also the heartache created by a deadly virus or stress.

Our mission focus is Covid 19. How can we give Covid care whether it be physical, spiritual, or perhaps financial? What is the need and how can we meet it?

We are looking forward to a great year of ministry!
We appreciate your prayers and support!

Many Blessings,

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LaRose shared this resignation letter with the Board during a Zoom meeting on September 30th, and those present congratulated her on accepting this opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee of National American Baptist Women's Ministries.

Pursuant to our Bylaws, the resulting vacancy in the office of our Colorado President of ABWM will be filled by our Executive Committee upon recommendation of our Nominating Committee. This appointment will be subject to ratification by the Board at its next meeting and will be reported in the Lamplighter following that next Board meeting.

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9/28/2021

Dear Women of Colorado,

About eight months ago the Lord began to speak to me about serving on the American Baptist Women's Ministries National Team. I received that into my spirit. I knew that was where the Lord was leading me.

About two months after that, I received a call from ABWM Executive Director, Gina Jacobs-Strain asking about my commitments and if I had ever considered serving on the Executive Committee of ABWM. At the end of our conversation, I relayed how the Lord was working with me.

After our board meeting on September 18, I received a call from our new National President Rev. Christine Smith. She said that the position of "Coordinator of Mission with Women and Girls" had come open when another person had to step aside. She asked if I would be willing to accept her appointment to this position. I told her I would pray about it.

Ladies, I already knew without a doubt where the Lord was leading. After a time of prayer, I accepted the position. I will be stepping down as your president on October 15.

I have enjoyed this season in my life as your President. As I mentioned at our last board meeting, since 2005 when I first became involved with ABWM; I fell in love with the women and our mission. This is a great work for the Kingdom and I appreciate each of you and all the gifts that you bring to this organization. We are truly Kingdom workers and Kingdom builders.

I've served in two positions on this board. I started in 2009 as "Coordinator of Personal Development Ministries" and in 2016 began my time as "State President." It is bittersweet for me to write this letter. And it was also hard to spend so much time with some of you at the Annual Gathering when I heard excitement over the "Unstuck Church" teaching and anticipation of using some of the training in our organization.



We know that ABWM has a bright future and will be restructuring. The Lord has you ladies already in place. With your experience, and hearts willing to serve - I will be your biggest cheerleader! May God bless you richly and give you his vision as Colorado ABWM moves forward.

Love and Peace,

LaRose Karr

*Personal Development*

Strength and Courage  
 From Aleta Purcell and Chris Oldham

Have you noticed in the past several months more people's reactions, emotions, opinions and actions take us aback? Are people showing more and speaking more without their typical filters? Do tempers flare quicker or we become more sensitive to others as well as what occurs in our lives?

I have noticed this and we had a conversation at the ABW Board meeting about our reactions and the reactions of others. We may not have the answer to all. We came up with a few ideas. We may have struggles in our lives that we just have lost the energy, patience and care we usually would take. Others, for whatever reason, may be facing challenges in their lives that are overtaking what they feel they can handle. There may be issues in their families, jobs, or financial needs.

So what do you think God wants us to do? Pray for strength and courage that we may face the day to day that may be stretching you week by week. Pray for others by lifting them to the Lord to give the strength and courage they need to face their lives. When the opportunity arises....just listen. What a gift we can give as a listening ear as others face their challenges. We may not have the answers they need.

What we do have is prayer for strength and courage.

Aleta Purcell and Chris Oldham, Personal Development Co-Chairs



*Love Gift*

Thanks to your continued giving to Love Gift, our yearly total through August 31<sup>st</sup> is \$2271.74. We have \$728.26 left to reach our \$3000 goal for 2021. Of course, a goal is merely a number and we can strive to go over this goal! Can we do it?

Love Gift involves many hands. In the scriptures the hands of Jesus are reaching out, touching the blind, serving the people, lifted up in prayer, washing feet and healing the sick. Psalms 90:17 is the scripture that makes us think of the work of Love Gift. *"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and prosper for us the work of our hands..."*. Our hands are a remarkable gift from God. As you use your hands to give to Love Gift, think of the hands that will soothe, reach, touch, teach and help by your sharing. Together, think of the hundreds of hands we serve and reach for Christ when we give lovingly and generously to Love Gift.

Prayer: Loving and caring God, we want to share, not just our gifts, but ourselves. Thank you for loving and so richly blessing us. Amen.



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American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado

## COLORADO AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES CONFERENCE

June 10-11, 2022

Embassy Suites by Hilton, Denver Tech Center North  
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**THEME: LET THE WALLS FALL DOWN**



Ladies come and get refreshed and rejuvenated.

If you have questions about the conference or want further information, call:

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

# JLJ CORNER



This page is a follow up of our Jane Loring Jones Scholarship recipients. These two recipients are attending the universities of their choice. I asked the young ladies how the scholarship helped them, offer words of encouragement to future recipients, and give a scripture that would offer strength in times of weakness, despair, or discouragement.



**Imani Andoh**  
**Attends:** Drexel University  
**Major:** Music Industry

**How has the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship helped you with your education?** The JLJ scholarship impacted my life because it has alleviated some of the worries that come with financing school. By alleviating some of these worries, I am now able to focus more of my time and energy on studying for school and further developing my relationship with God.

**Words to future recipients:** I advise future recipients to work hard, be smart, and keep Jesus close to your heart.

**Scripture for strength:** Isaiah 41:10. "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."



**Maia Hill**  
**Attends:** Prairie View A&M University  
**Major:** Nursing

**How has the JLJ Scholarship helped you with your education?** Being a two-time JLJ Scholarship winner has provided me with the leeway of being able to put off working for a while to make sure I have my classes figured out, for example workload and how much time I should spend on each subject, to know what hours will be okay to work. That way nothing affects my studies.

**Words to future recipients:** To future recipients, congratulations on this next chapter in your life. You've made a huge step that can only lead you further to success, and with keeping God first you will not fail.

**Scripture for strength:** Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope". Whenever I feel like I don't know why I've chosen the path I have, or feel a little discouraged, this verse reminds me that as long as I keep my eye on God, he will lead me to nothing but success and a bright future. It might be hard but it's rewarding in the end.

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Mission and Service

Hello! I am the new chairperson of Mission and Service. We continue to move forward in the Lord and give Him all the glory and honor. Our theme from 2021 to 2023 is "Let the Walls Fall Down." Hallelujah!

We talked at our ABWM Board Meeting on Saturday, September 18, 2021. No date has been set for completion of our goals. Our Mission focus is COVID-19.

We established that we would have a few meetings on ZOOM to know what items we will begin to collect and other necessary duties. We went around the circle discussing the times these women of Almighty God can meet. We decided to meet on some Fridays at 1:00 p.m. Rejoice!

One of the items we will work on are Blessing Bags for homeless people. There is a wonderful song that says, "If I can help somebody as I pass along...then my living shall not be in vain!"

We want to build community, support women, support children and support the homeless.

Our monetary goal will be established to help support our goals that this important group of devoted and enthusiastic volunteers will build.



Awesomeness!

Flora Young

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Colorado ABWM State Board meeting Saturday, September 18th at Cherry Creek Baptist Church where we enjoyed their beautiful sanctuary.



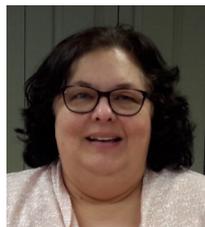
# TREASURER

## Happy Fall Everyone!



Sharon and I are still working on transferring all the information on the books from her to me. We have gotten the signer on the bank account changed over. Below is my information for mailing any donations in, emailing me or calling/texting me. I am looking forward to learning more about the Treasurer position.

I hope everyone is doing well and enjoying our beautiful fall Colorado weather!



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