

# The Lamplighter



American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado

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## President

*Come To the Edge as We Break the Chains.* This was the theme of the AB Women's Conference held June 13-15, 2008.

Arriving at Calvary Baptist Church, Thursday the 12th, I wondered what I forgot, how we were going to get the all decorations up, etc., etc. A few hours later all was in place and we were ready for the conference to begin on Friday. Thank you everyone. Great job!

The women had to break the multicolored chains to enter the Sanctuary, pews, rooms for workshops and bathrooms. As they were broken they were replaced. The chains decorated the front of the Sanctuary and remained there through the 9:30 am Worship Service on Sunday.

Our main speaker, Luran Bethel helped us become more and more aware of the trafficking slave trade in the world including the United States. Yes! It is even in Colorado. Throughout the weekend the chains became broken, pieces lying about on the floor, evidence that it is messy to break chains and sometimes they don't stay broken. The symbolism was powerful.

Luran shared amazing stories and pictures of women rescued from the prostitution slave trade. It would break your heart to hear their stories but to know is to be forearmed. She shared how some people have chosen to "Break the Chains". The challenge: What is God calling me to do? What is He calling you to do?

Estela Schweissing shared her stories of helping the Haitian women who are victimized in the Bahamas. Alicia Luquin used the Conference theme in a powerful ceremony of Installation for the New Board. Mary Hulst used the story of "The woman at the well" to help us understand how Jesus breaks our chains. The Children's Story during Sunday morning worship completed the visual effect of breaking the chains.

Check out the Break the Chains web site at

[www.abwmbreakthechains.org](http://www.abwmbreakthechains.org)

Our Break the Chains offering totaled \$1,006.10. \$125,348.30 has been received towards the two year National goal of \$250,000. This project speaks to all of us. Keep up the good work!

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It was voted to increase the Budget item "Church Women United" to \$100 and increase the Conference

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offering line item to \$440 thereby covering the added expense. Our Conference offering was \$453.22. Well done!

Love Gift is as important today as it was started during the depression. Our Conference Love gift offering was \$395.05. We have a ways to go to our goal of \$15,000 but we can do. Can we go over the goal?

It makes me proud to represent Colorado as I go to National Board and Conference in Green Lake, Wisconsin in August. You are wonderful people. Thank you for making our Conference one to remember.

Remember to check out these web sites for starters:

<http://abwministries.org/>  
<http://www.abc-whitecross.org/>  
[www.abwmbreakthechains.org](http://www.abwmbreakthechains.org)  
<http://www.nationalministries.org>  
<http://www.internationalministries.org/>

Blessings to you all,

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### Bible Books of the Month

#### 2008

July	Colossians
August	II Kings
September	Obadiah
October	I Corinthians
November	II Corinthians
December	Isiah

#### 2009

January	Romans
February	Joel
March	Galations
April	Micah
May	Hebrews
June	I Chronicles

### TREASURER NEEDED!

Are you a treasurer? Do you know a capable treasurer that would be willing to serve Colorado AB Women's Ministries as Treasurer? Please Contact Yvonne Whisenhunt at home - 303.684.6460 or email [yvonne\\_colo@q.com](mailto:yvonne_colo@q.com) if you are interested. If you wish to suggest someone please be sure she is willing.

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We need both Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer. These are three year terms. Our board members are great people to work with. WE NEED YOU!

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Donna Oliver has graciously agreed to continue through July. We hope to fill this position by then.

### Dates to Remember: 2008-2009

#### 2008

August 9-15	National AB Women's Ministries Conference, American Baptist Assembly, Green Lake, WI
September 12-13	AB Women's Ministries State Board Meeting (Local Presidents invited)
September 16-18	Souljourners Retreat, Franciscan Retreat Center, Colorado Springs, CO
October 17-18	ABCRM Annual Gathering
November 3	Baptist Women's Day of Prayer

#### 2009

January 16-17	AB Women's Winter Retreat, Franciscan Retreat Center, Colorado Springs, CO
February 6-7	AB Women's Ministries State Board Meeting at Mountain Vista (Local Presidents invited)

**Report of 71st Annual Conference  
American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado  
June 13, 14 & 15, 2008**

"Come to the Edge as We Break the Chains" was our theme and we broke the multi-colored chains over and over to enter the pews, enter the meeting rooms, enter the sanctuary and chapel. Lauran Bethell with her personal stories of working with the women and girls who are being sexually trafficked made us very aware of the heartache and helplessness of being used. Two points she made that will make a difference in how I view these situations are; do not judge the men or the women, that is God's job. Our job is to PRAY! PRAY! PRAY! Pray for the abused and the people working with them. We have a job to do, let us not let them down.

A real delight was the home-made centerpieces keeping with the theme, with various ideas of how to break the chains of many abuses. THANKS to all the women for their great ideas. Really, these were masterpieces.

We put our prayer requests in the prayer bowl. We joined Kathy Bird-DeYoung as she led us in these concerns at several of the meetings.

Mary Hulst directed our thoughts in three Bible studies about women in the Bible. We felt as if we were there with these women as she spoke. On Sunday morning before our communion, she walked in the chapel dressed as the Samaritan woman with her water jug on her head. We felt her astonishment as Jesus met with her. What a blessing for us all.

Women had many choices for workshops thanks to all of the workshop leaders. Women came out

of their groups, excited that they had been to one they thoroughly enjoyed.

We were enlightened to hear of the mission work in the Bahamas by Estela Schweissing. What a joy it was to see the pictures of the children in Sunday School dressed in white. Alicia Luquin shared her work with us and then led a very meaningful installation of officers, with a hands-on blessing for each one in the circle.

Our music was all so good with Jessica Fischer and Marj Musil leading us. The special music readied us for the services.

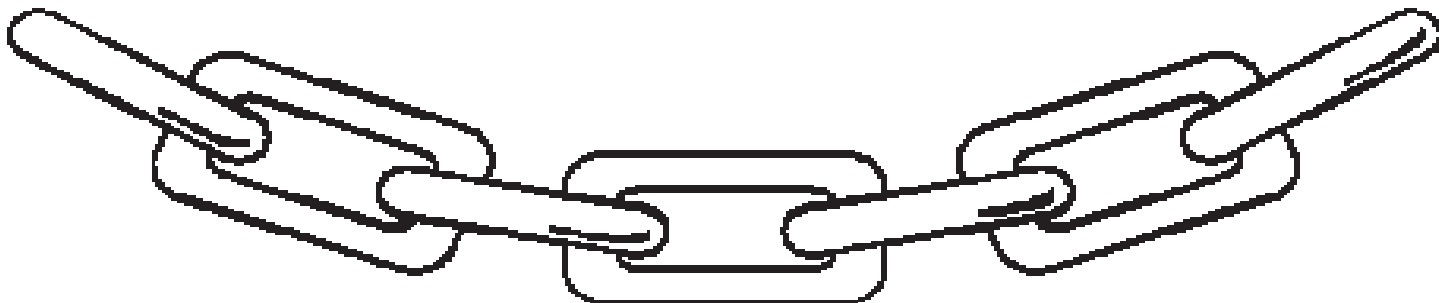
A total of 103 were in attendance including our guests. Our registrar Estelle Torpy made Jo Murrow's and my job so much easier; many thanks to Estelle. My computer does not have big enough letters to say a Big Thank You to Jo Murrow for her planning, and knowing who to ask for help from the Calvary Baptists, and her continual enthusiasm for the conference.

CALVARY BAPTIST PEOPLE;  
YOU ARE AWESOME, so willing to do whatever needed to be done. You welcomed us warmly and with sincere smiles (even though we were a bit messy with our chains); thanks for understanding. Superb job!

Next years conference will be in Grand Junction, Colorado, June 12, 13 and 14, 2009.

"MAY JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED!"

*Evelyn Price, Co-Chair of Conference*



## Church and Community

### Hands and Words Are Not for Hurting

Pilot Project with a Preschool class in Fort Collins  
By American Association of University Women

We are completing this pilot project and are finding it is very successful, being well received by the teachers, the students, and our AAUW members. We undertook this project because of our belief that the best way to address the violence and abuse issues of society is to start with educating and mentoring young boys and girls to be non-abusive.

The Hands and Words materials have been found to be very valuable. We used the Preschool-2nd Grade Curriculum and their other materials. We planned with the teacher for a 12-week course; several of us went into the classroom one morning each week, and did the music, reading, discussion, games and crafts with the children. The children loved it! And, so did the teacher and her aides. The teacher next door asked us if we could come to her room to do it! (We will be doing that and continuing in the present classroom – and maybe a couple more – this fall.) The teachers at that school noticed the children saying, "Purple Bear wouldn't do that!" and using the "kind words" on the playground. They began to help each other more. Some of the parents noticed an improvement in the behavior of their children. The children learned the pledge easily and were always happy to repeat it.

The purple bear for each child is really an essential part of the teaching. A T-shirt for each student is very helpful, as are some of the magnets, pamphlets, etc., to send home. The families and extended families became interested and involved in the project. We found that having these extras was more than worth the cost. AAUW had enough funds to buy those for this pilot project, and we have written a grant proposal to fund these items in the classes this fall. (The bears have been kept in the classroom; each child will get to take one home when school is out.) Most teachers would not find this curriculum

difficult to use, but would probably like to have at least one or two trained helpers at times. AAUW will probably do some training of parents to help in the classroom next year. It excellently supplements the bullying and safety programs already adopted by our Fort Collins school system.

Our local goal is to make such an impact in the schools where we do this project that our school system will adopt Hands and Words to be used in all the schools in kindergartens and/or lower primary grades and to reinforce it at each grade level. Our broader goal is to reduce violence and abuse in our society, and we feel that many small efforts in various places will promote growth and understanding of non-abusive behavior.

The materials do not have any "religious" language that would be a problem for using them in public schools. On the other hand, the teachings would be wonderful for churches to use with children! I'm hoping to do more of that in our church.

I'd be glad to answer any questions you might have or furnish further information.

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***God is good, every day!***

Galatians 5:1 NIV

It is for freedom that Christ has set us free,  
Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves  
be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

## Mission and Service Ministries

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## White Cross

By now the 2007-2008 White Cross work is done, and what a wonderful job you all did. I am so proud of all we do with White Cross. The requests may be a challenge to complete, but it is so worthwhile. It is possible that not all of your groups were able to complete their requests. I am assured by National that every bit that is sent is greatly appreciated and it is OK if you are unable to complete everything. This is a difficult time in our economy and whatever you are able to do is valued.

I have several things of interest I would like to share with you. First of all, our Overland request this year is only to Curtis Park. I know some of you have been concerned about the status of Curtis Park. I am assured by National that they are functioning and keeping their programs going. The hours they are available are more limited (always check with them before you take any items to make sure they will be there), but they are still serving the needs of Denver. The Overseas Purchase Plan goes to India next year. Second, the request forms for 2008-2009 have been improved. I think you will find them easier to use. Please throw out any old forms. The request for 2008-2009 will be available to the Association Chairs at the Conference and churches should have them later in the summer. The requests are fairly consistent with last year's requests and in most cases the overall cost is slightly less. We are down in numbers a little in some of our churches and down a couple of churches, but I know you will make every effort to fulfill as much of your request as possible. And I will try to make the requests as equitable as I can. Third, I have heard from National that there are changes in mailing items to the Philippines. Please check with your local post office regarding regulations. The post office is no longer accepting packages for surface mail, so postage will be expensive. Consider that when you are preparing for your requests. You can send money for Health Kits and School Kits to the Philippines on the Triple Payment Forms that is much cheaper than trying to send the items

directly. I am told that the 2009-2010 requests will reflect the concern over cost of mailing. If you have any suggestions about that or any other concern about White Cross, I would love to hear from you and will pass it on to National. And lastly, check out the new White Cross website on the internet for the newest updates on White Cross: [www.abc-whitecross.org](http://www.abc-whitecross.org).

That's about it for this time. I hope to see many of you at the State Conference – it will be outstanding!

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### **New: Lamplighter subscriptions!**

The Lamplighter is now available by subscription for \$5 per year. Please send your check with "Lamplighter subscription" designated to Yvonne Whisenhunt at 2416 Redwood Ct., Longmont, CO 80503-8155. Officers will continue to receive the free Lamplighter as in the past.

### **Information Needed!!!**

Articles, pictures and reports for the Fall Lamplighter issue are due by **September 12th**. Information for the yearbook is needed by **August 15**. Please submit both to Estelle Torpy at [entorpy@comcast.net](mailto:entorpy@comcast.net)

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*for the*  
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*of Colorado*  
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