

## Who should come:

Pastors, Lay-Leaders, Youth Leaders, anyone wanting to learn about the Region and how to focus outside the four walls of your church building.

**The Gathering—October 8-9, 2010**

**Pre-Gathering Workshop—October 7, 2010**

10:00 am - 4:00 pm



**Location:**  
Crossroads Church  
North Campus  
53 East 128th Ave  
Thornton, CO 80241

**Early Registration  
Deadline  
August 27, 2010**

**Registration Deadline  
September 24, 2010**

Hotel rooms have been blocked for ABCRM at the Ramada Plaza, 10 East 120th Ave, Northglenn, CO 80233. Call 303-452-4100 for reservations.

Cost per night  
\$59 regular king  
\$69 business king or double queen  
*Price includes breakfast*

Reserve by September 7 for discount.



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# Serve Like Jesus

*“For it is by grace  
you have been saved...  
we are God's workmanship,  
created in Christ Jesus to  
do good works,  
which God prepared in  
advance for us to do.”  
Eph. 2:8-10*

# The Gathering

of the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains

October 8-9, 2010

Crossroads Church

Thornton, CO

Dear ABCRM Family,

Today as I sit inside my office trying to get some of the necessary work that this job brings completed, I really want to be outside. It's a beautiful day out there.

That statement exemplifies the theme of this year's Annual Gathering, October 8 and 9<sup>th</sup>, about which I am writing you. This year our theme is *Serve Like Jesus* and our goal is to encourage your church to get outside its walls and enjoy the many beautiful relationships with God's people that are possible for us.

This year's Gathering will be held at Crossroads American Baptist Church, at their Thornton Campus. The church has made a practice of getting outside their walls to minister to and to invite the people of the northern suburbs of Denver to a new relationship with them, with Christ and with His Church.

To be true to the theme, the whole Gathering is invited to join with Crossroads on some of their "mission" events in their community. We will be featuring stories of numerous churches who are engaged in this type of mission focused ministry in their communities throughout the course of the

meeting through video formats and with a time where churches will be invited to share their best efforts with others.

Our keynote speaker for this year's Gathering is Rev. Rick Rusaw, author of *The Externally Focused Church* and pastor of LifeBridge Christian Church in Longmont. Rick has been challenging congregations to get outside their doors for a number of years and he will be offering us the challenge in a powerful way. On the Thursday prior to the Gathering, Rick will be leading a workshop entitled "The Externally Focused Church: From Theory to Practice". Participants in the seminar will be taught how to implement these life giving principles (both for the community and the church) in your setting.

I hope you already have the dates on the calendar and are planning to attend this year's Gathering of the American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains. You will find yourself truly blessed.

In Christ,



Rev. Steven C. Van Ostran, D. Min.  
Executive Minister

## Serve Like Jesus

Dr. Kim Skattum, Senior Pastor of Crossroads American Baptist Church, says that Crossroads sole vision is to *serve people toward Jesus*. They start with those closest (family, friends), then with those around them (people they know), and then everyone else. They love Jesus, the Bible and people. With this clear vision, Crossroads has grown to a vibrant body of believers serving the North Metro Denver area from one church, two locations: the South Campus at 104<sup>th</sup> & Huron and the North Campus at 128<sup>th</sup> & I-25.



It is fitting that Crossroads is the host church for this year's Annual Gathering. This year's focus is "Serve Like Jesus" and that is what the members of Crossroads are doing.

The church has even created a staff position, Director of GoServe, to coordinate all the many serving opportunities. Michele Gerbrandt, the Director of GoServe at Crossroads, has organized special opportunities for people attending the Gathering to experience a "GoServe" project in the community (*Externally Focused Activities* - see insert). This will be conducted during two hours Friday morning.



For Gathering participants who prefer to stay inside the church during this block of time, there are four sessions to participate in (choose two out of the four offered). These range from Project Management, Crisis Support, tackling the first step to becoming externally focused and pulling together special bags for various outreach opportunities.

Whether you stay inside the church or go out into the community, you will experience firsthand some opportunities to serve the community that you can take back to your church.

## Engaging the Community: Practices & Excellence

This year we have added a special opportunity for churches to share information on community service projects that are working in their church. We are calling this event *Engaging the Community: Practices & Excellence*.

Churches have been invited to set up a display on Saturday morning during the Gathering and you will have the opportunity to visit the displays and learn about real life, working examples of being an Externally Focused Church. You will go home with a folder full of ideas, plus have people to contact if you have any follow-up questions.

If your church would like to share an service idea, please contact the ABCRM office (303-988-3900) for more information.



## Gathering Schedule

### Friday, October 8

7:00 - 8:45 am	Ministers Council Breakfast**
8:00 - 8:45 am	ABCRM Budget for 2011**
9:00 - 9:45 am	Welcome & Worship
10:00 - 12:00	Externally Focused Activities <i>See insert for more information</i>
12:30 - 2:00 pm	Luncheon—Hosted by ABWM
2:15 - 3:15 pm	Business Meeting
3:15 - 5:30 pm	Afternoon Refresh
5:30 - 6:30 pm	The Gathering Banquet
6:45 - 8:00 pm	Worship with Rick Rusaw
8:00 pm	Fellowship hour

### Saturday, October 9

7:30 - 8:45 am	Breakfast on Camping**
9:00 - 10:00 am	Business meeting
10:00 - 11:00 am	Engaging the Community: Practices & Excellence
11:00 - 12:00 pm	Closing Worship with Rick Rusaw

\*\*Optional activities

## Cost

### Before August 28

Pre-Gathering Workshop	\$20
Clergy Appreciation Dinner:	
ABCRM Clergy & Spouse	\$0
Non-clergy individual	\$25

Gathering Registration:	
Church Delegate (voting member)	\$40*

Church Member (non-voting member)	\$40*
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### August 28 thru September 24

Pre-Gathering Workshop	\$40
Clergy Appreciation Dinner:	
<i>(same as early registration)</i>	

Gathering Registration:	
Church Delegate (voting member)	\$65*

Church Member (non-voting member)	\$65*
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Cancellations must be received by Sept. 30, 2010 and are subject to a \$25 non-refundable processing fee. Cancellations after Sept. 30 are non-refundable.

\*Cost includes snacks & refreshments, Gathering materials, and three meals—Friday lunch, dinner, & Saturday lunch.



**Rick Rusaw** has been the Senior Minister at LifeBridge Christian Church in Longmont, CO since 1991. He is also the co-founder of the Externally Focused Network. Previously, Rick was Vice President of Cincinnati Christian University, and Associate Minister at First Christian Church in Fort Myers, Florida.

He is a graduate of Cincinnati Christian University (1980) and Cincinnati Bible Seminary (1990). Rick serves on a number of boards including Christian Network Incorporated, Milligan College, Hope International University, and various Christian and business boards. He is also an on-air host for Worship and co-author of *The Externally Focused Church*, *Living a Life on Loan*, *60 Simple Secrets*, and the *Windows on Worship Devotional Series*.

Rick has served on committees for the North American Christian Convention, and is chairman of Outlook America. Rick lives in Longmont with his wife, Diane, and three children.