

American Baptist
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The Lamplighter



Happy Snow Day from my home in Boulder,

My name is Estelle Torpy and I have the honor of serving out LaRose Karr's term as your State President as she moves into AB Women's Ministries National Board and committees.

In 1991 the women of First Baptist Church, Boulder (now Pine Street Church) invited me to a Winter Retreat at Black Forest Camp. I have been participating in AB Women's Ministries ever since. What an adventure! I have served on the ABWM State board before and have made many friendships over the years that I cherish.

I hope to see a lot of your smiling faces, some known and some new to me, on our Zoom Retreat, Saturday, February 5, 2022. I know it will be an inspiring time since LaRose Karr is our speaker and she will be sharing some of her life adventures.

On June 10-11, 2022, we hope to hold our annual State Conference in person! Yeah!!! I look forward to seeing you all in person even if we have to wear masks and/or stand 6 feet apart, it will be wonderful.

Our State Board and Executive Committee has met on Zoom earlier this month and have planned another meeting in late April to finalize items for the business meeting at the State Conference. They are a wonderful group to work with. Please consider a board position if the Nominating Committee calls.

I have met with the National Board via Zoom last Fall and will be meeting with the Western Section group on May 3, 2022. I also recorded a closing prayer for one of the National Webinar Series streamed on January 20, 2022 called "Tending to Our Souls". Here is the link to the information on the Webinars:

<http://www.abwomensministries.org/eventDetails.aspx?EventId=40>

I would encourage your local ABWM group to send in your support for our 2021-22 State Project. Our Pine Street Church is planning a "Sweets Sale" otherwise known as a bake sale after church on the 13th (just in time for Valentine's Day). We will wrap up cookies, candies and small loaves of breads individually and ask for donations, all the funds raised will go to support the work of the

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Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking. They are doing great work here in the Denver, Colorado area. Here is the link to their website: combathumantrafficking.org
Find joy every day, drink more water, get outside into the beauty of God's creation, move more and laugh a lot,

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Personal Development

Hello Ladies!

I am reaching out to remind you all about the wonderful Winter Retreat approaching Saturday February 5th.

Let go!...and let God! ...powerful words we desperately need to hear after these past 2 years. Covid has consumed all of our focus, but now we women need a change in focus to implement a change in our lives.

Are we listening to the calling of God and what he wants us to do?

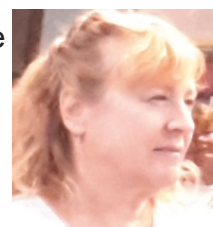
Let Go and Let God make your foundation strong. In Psalms 127:1 "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain."

Let's attend the Winter Retreat and shore up our foundation and make it strong again. We need to listen with the right ears... to His directions and support one another in this commitment to move us forward.

Please join me as we refresh in the message from LaRose Karr, our dynamic speaker. We can then feel the Holy Spirit enter within us all and share the wonders that move us in the "God Direction" with a solid foundation.

Looking forward to seeing you all through Zoom!

Aleta Purcell and Chris Oldham
Personal Development



Aleta Purcell



Chris Oldham



ABWM Board Zoom screenshot.

Left to right: Estelle Torpy, Yvonne Whisenhunt, Chris Oldham, Margene Hamilton, Jamie Johnson, Mary Beth Mankin, Aleta Purcell, Joan Allen-Anderson, Sharon Murphy, Suzanne Johnston

LaRose

Dear Sisters in Christ, Colorado ABWM State Board is always working behind the scenes to provide you with news and updates. Estelle Torpy has moved into the State President position and is settling in nicely. She has years of experience with ABWM and also has a heart for the ministry and our ladies.

On Feb. 5, starting at 9:00 am we are having a virtual "Winter Women's Retreat." I will be speaking on the topic of "Let Go . . . And Let God!" Send me an email at coabwm@gmail.com to add you to the list of participants.

I encourage you to visit our National ABWM page. www.abwministries.org We have free webinars and resources that you can access anytime! God Bless you in 2022! I am enjoying my new position with the National ABWM Executive Committee. We are currently planning the National Conference which will be held in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania on July 22-24. Hope to see you there!

Blessings and Peace,

LaRose Karr

ABWM National Coordinator of Mission with Women and Girls



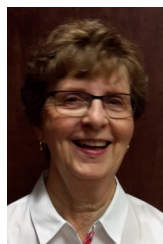
www.abwministries.org

Love Gift

Last fall in the *Lamplighter*, I mentioned that we were close to our \$3000 goal for 2021 and suggested that we strive to go over this goal with "Can we do it"? Well, together we did it!! We finished the year with a total of \$3569.20 given for Love Gift. Thanks to all who so freely gave in thankfulness for the abundant blessings God has given us.

Love Gift is 89 years old this year! In the beginning these boxes were called "mite" boxes and the women were asked to give a penny a day with prayer. Some sources say that the original boxes were called "Silver Boxes" and then "Gift Boxes". In 1941 the program theme was "Love" and the boxes were then known as "Love Gift Boxes" which certainly is an apt description. We carry on this tradition with our silver or purple boxes to hold our coins and dollars and also with special envelopes. If you would like to use these boxes or envelopes for your giving, let me know and I can send some to you.

Our 2022 goal is again \$3000. We know we can reach that goal and again maybe even go over it! Our Love Gifts are a glowing light of help and compassion, fanning outward to those in need. Jesus is always in that light. Together let us spread that light.



Because, as always, the work of Love Gift never ends.

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NOMINATIONS



Greetings Sisters in the name of Jesus. American Baptist Women Ministries of CO need your help! We need women to serve in the following board positions. The following offices need to be filled

Secretary: Record and circulate the minutes of Executive Committee and Board meetings and the annual meeting • handle correspondence as directed. • serve on a Board committee. • keep a roll of the members of the Board and a record of their attendance at all meetings. • keep one book in which the bylaws and policies are kept up to date. This book shall be available at all meetings of the organization. • give guidance to her counterparts.

Personal Development Coordinator: Chair the Personal Development Ministries Working Group to plan and implement the work of this area of ministry, which is designed to provide opportunities for each woman to become and develop as God's person: deepening her faith, developing her gifts, and becoming a more effective Christian disciple and steward.

Church and Community Coordinator: Chair the Church and Community Ministries Working Group to plan and implement the work of this area of ministry, which is designed to provide opportunities for women to build God's faith community: developing relationships with one another, with girls and women of all ages, with their own families and our American Baptist family, with our brothers and sisters of other denominations and women and men in professional church leadership. This area of ministry is also designed to provide opportunities for women to serve their communities by studying issues of concern and involving themselves in meeting the physical and spiritual needs of others in their homes and their communities.

Members at Large: Serve on a committee and a ministry working group. • train for major Board responsibilities • serve as a liaison between local women, Associations, and the Board of this organization.

Chair of AB Girls: Chair the AB GIRLS Committee in planning AB GIRLS conferences/retreats, using resources and promoting AB GIRLS, serve on the Church and Community Ministries working group. Give guidance to her counterparts.

Love Gift: Present the challenge and promote plans for raising the Love Gift for the American Baptist mission. • suggest a yearly Love Gift goal to the Board for recommendation to the organization at the annual meeting. • report information received about Love Gift • serve on the Personal Development Ministries Working Group. • give guidance to her counterparts.

White Cross: interpret and promote the White Cross programs of International Ministries and American Baptist Home Mission Societies. • receive requests from International Ministries and American Baptist Home Mission Societies. • assign and distribute the requests to each Association and interested local churches. • make reports as needed. • serve on the Mission and Service Ministries Working Group. • serve on a Board Committee. Give guidance to her counterparts. Those of you who are members at large can serve on one of these positions.

Contact Dr. Jamie Johnson and the nominating committee.

Dr. Jamie D. Johnson
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JLJ CORNER



Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus

On page eight (8) is the story of Jane Loring Jones. Read the biography of the Jane Loring Jones. I am sure you will be blessed when you read the story of our benefactor. To learn more about Jane Loring Jones, her brochure is on the ABCRM website under Women's Ministries. I encourage you to read the full story about this amazing woman of God.

American Baptist Women of Colorado gifted Imani Andoh and Maia Hill Amazon gift cards. They can use the gift cards to purchase school materials. The recipients sent electronic, and paper thank you cards to show their appreciation for the scholarship and gift cards.

Jane Loring Jones Scholarship applications will be available on the ABCRM website and can be downloaded and completed. The scholarship applications will be available March 1 and due May 3. There are two applications on the website: 1. First time applicants and 2. Renewal applications. The applications are on the Ministries page under Women's Ministries and More page under Bylaws and Forms.

The **American Baptist Women Ministerial Grant Application** is on the website. The Ministerial Student Grant is to assist consecrated Christian women to further their education to prepare for ministerial leadership. Graduate students who are contemplating going into the ministry, should consider applying for this grant.

Ladies, let's give God all the glory and praise for being able to offer scholarships and grants to women who desire to further their education.

Both applications will be available to download March 1 from the website below.

<https://www.abcrm.org/women-s-ministries>

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Calling All Colorado American Baptist Women Students

Are you an active member of your church?
Will you graduate with a high school diploma?
Will you be a full-time undergraduate at an
accredited university, college or community
college?

If you answered yes to these questions, apply for the

Jane Loring Jones Scholarship!

Dr. Jamie D. Johnson, Chair
jljscholarship@gmail.com

To apply for the Jane Loring Jones application,
click on the following link

<https://www.abcrm.org/women-s-ministries>



Application will be available March 1 and due
May 3.



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TO WOMEN GOING INTO
THE MINISTRY

Application must be submitted and approved prior to the beginning term of study and sent to

Dr. Jamie D. Johnson, Chair of Scholarship Committee
ministerialstudentgrant@gmail.com
(720) 879-2700

To apply for the Ministerial Student Grant application, click on the following link

<https://www.abcrm.org/women-s-ministries>

Contact your local ABW Ministries President for further information

Application will be available March 1

JLJ CORNER

Who is Jane Loring Jones? Why do the American Baptist Women Ministries of Colorado award this scholarship to Christian young women? In this article read about this amazing Christian woman and how her scholarship was established to honor her service and her interest in helping Christian young women further their education.



Jane Loring Jones was born January 25, 1875, in Maysville, Missouri, daughter of Samuel G. Loring and Francis Giddings Loring. Reared in Maysville, she attended college at Monmouth College in Monmouth, Illinois. She was united in marriage to Robert F. Jones on November 16, 1897, in Maysville, Missouri. They moved to Denver, Colorado, in April 1898, where Mr. Jones became an employee of the Denver Post, in which employment he continued until his death on April 30, 1938, after forty years of continuous relationship.

Jane Loring united with the Baptist Church in Maysville at an early age, and with the Broadway Baptist Church, Denver, in 1903, where she served faithfully for fifty continuous years. She served her denomination as Associational Secretary, Administrative Vice President, and Devotional Leader and Literature Secretary of the Rocky Mountain District. She served as a member of the national Women's Foreign Mission Board now part of the Board of International Ministries, a capacity in which her daughter-in-law, Martha, also served. Her granddaughter, Anne, has been a member of the General Board of American Baptist Churches and the national Budget Review Officer.

While Devotional Director, Mrs. Jones instituted the observance of the fifth Thursday of each quarter as the Day of Prayer. At the time of her passing, although 78 years of age, she was leading the Women's Baptist Mission Society of Colorado as Spiritual Life Chair. Her influence was always in the interest of the underprivileged, and her voice was raised fearlessly in their behalf. Her passion was that all men everywhere might learn of Christ's redemptive power.

Mrs. Jones suffered for many years from impaired hearing. She served as Treasurer and President of the Denver Hearing Society. Her other services included that of Representative to the Community Chest.

Her influence with younger women was phenomenal. These she referred to as "My Girls." She was the teacher of the Amoma Sunday School Class of the Broadway Baptist Church, Denver, for thirty-two years, and her friends are legion in all walks of life. So many, and so dear!

The American Baptist Women of Colorado (ABWM) adopted the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Fund in 1954 as a state project. The principal of the Fund is placed in sound investments and the income used exclusively for scholarships each year.

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American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado

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June 10-11, 2022

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Ladies come and get refreshed and rejuvenated.

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

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