



The Lamplighter



Happy New Year 2023!

Our Colorado State board met on Saturday, January 21, 2023 via ZOOM. We opened the meeting with sharing joys in our lives, from a new unexpected grandchild to healing and recovery for several board members and family members. We are so grateful!

Our Re-structuring Task Force is working on ideas of how we can help our women, use their time and energy more effectively to serve God and support themselves and others.

This year we have decided to host a 1 day event instead of a 2 day conference to make it more cost-efficient and to not compete for time and funds that some need to attend the ABCUSA Biannual in Puerto Rico. LaRose Karr, our past state president and now Coordinator of Mission with Women and Girls on the ABWM National Board will be attending and participating in Women's Day at the Biannual. We look forward to hearing all about her experience later this year.

Colorado women supported ABWM National last Fall with 2 Popcorn Pop-up online stores. I created one store and LaRose Karr created the second store. Together we surpassed the \$500.00 Goal set for each state or region. A big Thank you to everyone who bought popcorn. National came very close to their \$17,000.00 goal with just 4 days of sales. YEAH!!!

As the State President, I am participating in the evaluation of the National Director, Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain who has been in office the last 18 months. The National board met on zoom, January 10, 2023 with Dr. Laura Miriam, Associate Director, Human Resources & Board Liaison from American Baptist Home Mission Societies for an introduction and training for the evaluation process.

I look forward to meeting with my counterparts in The Western Section meeting in June, 2023. Our last meeting was November 8, 2022. It is inspiring to hear what other ABWM states/regions are doing. Many are working with Immigrants in their areas and others are concerned with food banks and school lunches.

Locally, my ABWM group at Pine Street Church met for a Soup & Salad Epiphany Luncheon earlier this month in place of our traditional Christmas Potluck, that someone

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always misses due to busy schedules in December. "Follow that Star" was our theme with a craft and decorations using the Christmas story and the star as the focus. Changing our usual date brought several new people.

Think of how to use a new way of doing things without losing the essence of who we are and what we want to share!

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Personal Development

ABW women:

I have a reminder for all of us.

How about praying for our pastors?

Also, their spouses and families.

You may know some particulars about your pastor
as well as other pastors in our region.

We can remember the challenges, sacrifices and courage
they need in their ministry.

What about health issues that they may not share with the congregation?

We know October is the official Pastors appreciation month.

Surprise them with cards of gratitude.

Asking your pastor or their spouse "what can I do for you"?

OR maybe an extra gift card.

Just some ideas from the personal development team.



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????CAN YOU HELP US????

Restructuring Task Force

Our Restructuring Task Force met recently.

1. We have shared with one another **why ABWM of Colorado is important to us.**

We have named several things... like friendships and connections with other Christians, especially American Baptist women; being a part of something bigger than just our own church; learning new things from retreats and conferences; gaining leadership experience; supporting and getting to know some of our missionaries, accessing resources for ministry with women, girls, and young women!

2. We also know that **women's ministries have been changing in our churches** over many years. **Our task force wants to learn more about what is happening in your church!** We want to chat with a contact person in each church, who would share with us how things have changed for your women over the years. For example...

Did you used to have an active ABW group? Do you have an AB Women's Ministries group now?
Do you have other women's ministries?

What has been the most important part of ABW or ABWM for you and your women's group?

Did you ever have Guild Girls? Have you had an AB GIRLS group? Do you have active girls now?

Or have women's groups or girls groups kind of died out in your church? (This is sadly true in many churches, so this reality is part of what we want to know. No judgment!!)

Is there some aspect of women's ministry that you wish for yourself or the women in your church
What is your dream?

Action Item: Are you willing to be a contact person to help us look at how our churches have changed and consider what could still be meaningful for your women? Or do you have someone to recommend?



Please send me, Mary Beth Mankin, your name, church, and contact information (at least email and phone), so that one of our women may contact you.

Thank you,

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ABOUT US: **Our Mission**

American Baptist Women's Ministries has a long heritage of being on the forefront of mission and ministry with women and girls worldwide. From our very roots to today, AB Women's Ministries has addressed critical issues such as sex trafficking, poverty, equal voice, safety and security, access to water and other natural resources, leadership development, and, of course, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Isaiah 61:1-3, quoted again by Jesus in Luke 4:18-19, provides us inspiration to bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty and release...to provide for those who mourn and give them a garland instead of ashes, a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

American Baptist Women's Ministries—empowering women and girls to live into the fullness of who they are created by God to be.

Mission

AB Women's Ministries is a Christ-centered ministry with a commitment to encourage and empower women and girls to serve God.

Vision

Every American Baptist church shall have a vital women's ministry program that empowers women and girls to become and develop as God's person, build God's faith community, and serve God's world.

Purpose

As servant leaders, we serve American Baptist churches by encouraging existing vital ministries with women and girls and empowering churches to build such ministries.

Core Values

Our ministry is based on certain non-negotiable values that form a foundation and criteria for all that we do.

We provide Christ-centered ministries.

We strive for excellence in all we do.

We practice faithful stewardship.

We are relevant for women today.

We assure that our diversity (clergy/lay, age, geographic, and racial/ethnic representation) as a denomination is represented in our ministries.

We affirm and encourage the use of spiritual gifts.

We recognize the worth of all women and girls.

We value our American Baptist family relationships.

Work to provide solutions for the social justice challenges and opportunities facing women and girls.

Mission and Service

Renewed, Regenerated; Connecting With What's Real

We are the Mission and Services Ministries for the Colorado AB Women's Ministries. Our fiscal year ends on May 31, 2023. We are still working with Savethechildren.org in encouraging, helping, clothing, and feeding children worldwide. Please put away some monies to send in to help children who are hungry, who are refugees, who are homeless, who live in conflict zones around our world. One in six of the world's children are growing up in a conflict zone in our world. Now, we still live in a world where too many children suffer through each and every day.

Yes, please pray for the children! We know there are dynamic women of destiny in our Mission Groups. We need you to help us mold tapestries on the ragged seams of rough-edged souls. We can make a difference! We can unite as one!

We do not have to dwell on the re-runs of yesterday. We can send monies to give love that our children can live active, safe lives in our country and other countries across this world.

Call others who can help us to connect to Savethechildren.org around our world. We can accomplish the impossible through the august powers of the invisible. When human aspirations are frustrated by economic and social paradigms, the abundance of God's mercy and His grace breaks through the crevices of hunger and strife. We need to help in our country where 11,000,000 million children are hungry.

Savethechildren.com gets help to remove stagnant bitterness and violent carnage.

Please write checks or money orders and make them out to Colorado **ABMW** (American Baptist Women's Ministries). Please send what God wants you to do to our interim Colorado Treasurer: Mrs. Estelle Torpy, 890 Union Avenue, Boulder, CO 80304.

Let us work together on the Lord's side now! There's no time for playing. There's no time for doubting. There's no time for wasting; no procrastination! We are working on the Lord's side now. We are on the right track; there's no turning back.
We are more than conquerors!

Yes, we are **renewed, regenerated; connecting with what's real!**

Mission and Service,

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JLJ CORNER

Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus

On page 7 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 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.

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 in order 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.

<http://abcrm.org/ministries/abwm/colorado/>

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Jane Loring Jones

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.

Three sons were born of this marriage: Finley Loring Jones who died at age 16 in March 1915; Harold Stuart Jones, a Boulder, architect, who died November 1949; and Norwood Loring Jones who died May 1984. Finley and Harold were both hemophiliacs who died from complications from this condition. Norwood, or "Nick", who was not a hemophiliac, was married to Martha Mannington and they had two daughters, Carolyn Jones Fletcher and Anne Jones Mills, all of whom survived Jane Loring Jones.

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!

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." Revelations 14:13.

Please note: the above Jane Loring Jones Bio is an excerpt from the Jane Loring Jones Brochure. The Brochure is attached to the email that brought you this "The Lamplighter".

Read about the scholarship and poem which were created to honor Jane Loring Jones' life.



Pastors show your high school girls some love, share this information with them and encourage them to attend the . . .

Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Meeting

February 26, 2023

3:00 p.m. MST

9 - 12 Grades

Zoom Meeting ID: 905 423 6356

Passcode: fK43GM

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Love Gift 2023

"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
I will make you name great, and you will be a blessing."
Genesis 12:2

Greetings to each and everyone in this blessed year of 2023. The Lord said the above words to Abram. We also, are blessed to be a blessing. Please consider asking any group that you are a member to give a Love Gift, which is above your tithes. Love Gift is an act of sacrifice, praise, and thanksgiving to the Lord.

- Liberal Sacrifice
- Oversized Blessing
- Vision of God's Purpose
- Eager extension of yourself to a world in need

- Generosity from the Heart
- Imagine a Little Can Grow to Abundance
- Faith Beyond Measure
- Thankfulness Through Blessing Others

A gift of .25 cents a day, or \$1.75 a week, or \$7.00 a month is a huge blessing to many people and ministries. Please donate your gifts through your local church.

Your Love Gift offerings, which support national ABWM, our Region and other ABCUSA ministries, can be given through your church treasurer, who should designate LOVE GIFT on the form that gets sent to the ABCRM Region office to be distributed. This process will make sure that your church gets credit for your LOVE GIFT contribution.

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