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2017 Biennial Mission Summit
June 30-July 2, 2017
An American Baptist Gathering

Greetings! On behalf of American Baptist Churches USA and the 2017 Biennial Mission Summit Planning Team, we invite your church to attend the Biennial Mission Summit next summer in Portland, Oregon at the Oregon Convention Center.

This year's theme is **Connect!** Experience worship services, Mission Summit Conversations, learning opportunities, Bible studies, meal events and of course, **Connect!** in fellowship with your American Baptist family. Mark the dates now – June 30 to July 2, 2017.

ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, International Ministries, and MMBB Financial Services, along with all our affiliates and vendors, invite your church and look forward to seeing you in the Hall of Ministries and during Program Luncheons.

We encourage your church to consider becoming a Church Sponsor. Online registration is now open; check the event website for more information at www.americanbaptists2017.com.

The deadline for registration for Church Sponsorship is March 15, 2017. The original copy of this letter, sent to each local American Baptist church, included your church delegate count. If you have questions about your church delegate count, please contact MissionSummitRegistration@abc-usa.org. This data is provided by American Baptist Churches Information Systems (ABCIS). A representative from ABCIS will be available in the Hall of Ministries to highlight resources that are available to your church.

Individual registration will open in January 2017. Individuals who are members of sponsoring churches will each save at least \$100 off of the regular rate to register for the Biennial Mission Summit. Individuals from non-sponsoring churches may register at the full registration rate. Visit the event website at www.americanbaptists2017.com for more information.

We hope your church will register as a Church Sponsor, and look forward to seeing you in Portland.

Sincerely,

Rev. Stephen H. Bills, Chair
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Dr. Susan E. Gillies, Interim General Secretary
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