

American Baptist
Women's
 MINISTRIES

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Along the Way...

Your conference committee is looking forward to our **annual women's conference June 10-11**, at Aurora Hills Church, 12800 E Alameda, Aurora. Our theme will be **See... "And Who Is My Neighbor?"**

In today's shrinking world, our neighbors can be from anywhere. Our **featured speaker, Gail Aita**, will help us connect with Baptist history and present Baptist work in (Burma) and we will get acquainted with some neighbors who are Colorado residents that have their family roots in Myanmar. We want to hear their stories of how God has been with them from Myanmar, through refugee camps, and now living in Colorado.

Our **conference mission project** will be gathering new or gently used children's books in English for children in Myanmar, or those in our refugee population here. Particularly desired are small, picture books with few words per page, that can help beginning readers, e.g., Little Golden books and Dr. Seuss books. Gail and Paul will gladly take them when they go again, or find others traveling to Myanmar to help.

Instead of workshops, we will have several "**conversation tables**," where you may share your thoughts and learn from others...neighborly conversations! There may even be an opportunity to take a walk in the neighborhood. Our **Bible Study** leaders will share their insights on our theme passage, Luke 10:25-37. There will be lots of singing and special music. **Closing worship will include communion** on Saturday evening.

At dinner Saturday night we will celebrate the **65th Anniversary of American Baptist Women's Ministries**, which began June 11, 1851. I encourage you to wear purple that night, to bring a memory or two of an AB woman or event that encouraged or empowered you. We will also receive an **offering for National Support** to honor those women or ministries that have nurtured you! You might think of your offering in units or multiples of 65. We've set a goal of \$650 from us that night.

Of course, you will especially want to connect with your sisters in faith and service, to rejoice in the gifts of friendship and opportunities to work together.

Plan now to attend this special conference! There are three pieces of information attached to help you promote the conference and to register. (1) A **flyer** you may post or hand out to share the basic information. (2) A **trifold brochure** with all the pertinent information you'll need to make plans, including speakers, schedule, and accommodation information. (3) The **Registration Form** to fill out and mail with your check to Registrar, Carol Cook. I suggest you make copies of all the information to share with the women in your church. Please note that **there is a price break for first-time attendees**. Do encourage first-timers to come!

Note: for those needing overnight accommodations, a block of rooms will be held until May 9 at the DoubleTree by Hilton of Denver, 3238 Quebec. Call 303-321-3333, using the reservation code ABW.

I am excited about this year's conference, and I pray that many women will be blessed as we come together to worship, share and celebrate!

Serving with you,
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