3 Reasons to Attend
The ABCRM Annual Gathering

* **Location:** Vail, Colorado at the Manor Vail Lodge. This excellent facility will allow us to have hardy fellowship while offering plenty of space and time to enjoy one of our region’s finer destinations.

* **Presentations by American Baptist leaders,** including:
  - Roy Medley, General Secretary ABC-USA
  - Reid Trulson, Executive Director, International Ministries
  - Rev. Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III Executive Director American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and
  - Virginia Holmstrom, Executive Director of American Baptist Women’s Ministries

* **Celebration of the 200th anniversary** of Adoniram Judson inaugural work in Burma. Refugees from the Burma homeland will be joining us to celebrate.

Mark your calendars for September 26-27, 2014. Early arrival or late departure packages are being arranged.
Refresh.Renew.Revitalize!

ABCRM Pre-Gathering Event
Thursday, September 25, 2014 starting at 1 p.m.

Since we are meeting in Vail, Colorado it wouldn’t be fair if we didn’t plan time for fun. We hope you arrive in Vail by 1 pm on Thursday, September 25 because we have planned an amazing afternoon for you. Nova Guides, will pick you up from the Manor Vail Lodge and take the group to Camp Hale, a National Historic Site, and the former training grounds of the famed 10th Mountain Division. While at Camp Hale, you can choose from a variety of fun activities ranging from fly fishing to riding on an ATV. It will be a great opportunity to try something new or to spend time doing something you love to do. Nova Guides, our hosts, have planned the day with lots of variety and you can do as much or as little as you want.

**Agenda:**
1:00 pm Pick up at Manor Vail Lodge
1:30 pm Arrive at Camp Hale – Activities on lawns by lake
2:30 pm Gear up for activities
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm 1 Hour Mini Tours
   ATV, Side-by-Side, Jeep, & Fly Fishing
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm 1 Hour Mini Tours
   ATV, Side-by-Side, Jeep, & Fly Fishing
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Relax and enjoy nature
6:00 pm - Clergy Appreciation Dinner
8:00 pm— Board vans to return to Manor Vail Lodge

**Activity Options**

**Jeep**
Your 6-8 passenger open-air Jeep is such a unique way to tour Colorado and you will enjoy views of high alpine meadows, wildflowers, Colorado’s famous 14,000-foot peaks and there is always a chance to see some wildlife. The tour will leave from Camp Hale, a National Historic Site, and offers a great look into the past as the former training grounds of the famed 10th Mountain Division.

**Fly Fishing**
Enjoy an hour at a Private Trout Lake nestled in the spectacular Pando Valley at Camp Hale. The lake has Rainbow trout of all sizes. If you are lucky, you can get the “Colorado Grand Slam” of four trout species: Rainbow, Brown, Brook, and Cutthroat in the Camp Hale basin.

**ATV & Side-by-Side**
Never ridden an ATV before? Not to worry - no previous riding experience is necessary. Nova Guides’ professional ATV
guides will give you all of the proper safety instruction and operation lessons you will need and then you're on your way! ATV four wheelers quads - they all mean the same thing...fun! Bring your camera because on a clear day you can see the two biggest peaks in Colorado, Mt. Elbert and Mt. Massive.

Relax on the porch
After trying one activity and you want to take a break, no problem. Sit on the porch and enjoy the day with friends. Or if you really liked one activity you can choose to do the same activity again. It is your day to Refresh. Renew and Revitalize!

Lodging at the Gathering

Manor Vail Lodge is the perfect location in Vail Valley. With its peaceful yet convenient location it offers a variety of accommodations to meet your needs. With studio, one, two and three bedroom condos, they offer the exact vacation you are looking for! Manor Vail Lodge is a full service condominium property with all of the amenities of a full service hotel. Located just steps from the bustling Vail Village nestled at the base of Golden Peak and offering majestic views. Manor Vail Lodge will be your home away from home during this year’s Gathering. Each condo has a fully equipped kitchen, living area with fireplace and a balcony or patio with views of Vail Mountain, Gore Creek or Gore Range.

To reserve your condo for the Gathering, call 970-476-5000 and ask for reservations. Each room is different so let them know if you have any special requests (number of beds, 1st floor, easy access to meeting rooms, etc.). Reservations will match you with the best condo for your needs. They will need a one night deposit to hold your reservation.

We have amazing rates for this property and they will honor our lower rates for 3 or 4 days on either side of the Gathering dates. Why not bring the family and make it a mini vacation.

Special ACRM Rates:
- Studio or 1 bedroom: $109 plus 5% resort fee = $114.45
- 2 bedroom: $218 plus 5% resort fee = $228.90

These rates do not include taxes. If you have a Colorado tax exempt certificate, remember to bring it so you won’t have to pay the tax.

Visit our website at [www.abcrm.org](http://www.abcrm.org) to see the layouts for the different types of accommodations.
What's in this RMAB?

First Baptist Church

SoulJourners Retreat
September 23-25, 2014

IN NEED OF WELL DESERVED REST AND RECREATION?

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING AT THE RETREAT:

- Theme: Blessed to be a Blessing: How the God of Mission Forms Us
- Restful setting at the Franciscan Retreat Center
- Three delicious meals each day
- Receive a spiritual blessing and renewal
- Keynote speaker: Dr. Reid Trulson, Executive Director, International Ministries
- Topics: The God Who Call Us
  The God Who Sends Us
  The God Who Forms Us
- Meet Tom and Terry Myers, our missionaries in Bulgaria
- Enjoy times for worship and song
- Enjoy quiet times for meditation and renewal
- Deadline for registration: September 1, 2014

For Registrations Form: click here
For Retreat brochure: click here
For a registration form, click here. For the retreat brochure, click here. For the retreat flyer, click here.

You can also find the above form, brochure and flyer at www.abcrm.org.

Gordon Kieft
Calvary Baptist Church
Sixteen people from around our Region gathered with American Baptist missionaries, International ministry partners and other American Baptists from around the country in Green Lake, Wisconsin for the World Mission Conference. The conference, *2014 Rise to the Challenge* was the largest ever held at the Green Lake Conference Center. People who attended enjoyed the beautiful grounds at Green Lake, morning devotions, Bible study by Dr. Miriam Adeney, missionary exhibits, inspiring worship services, small group sessions with the missionaries, and an opportunity to voice their opinion on the future direction of International Ministries. It was a wonderful celebration of 200 years of global missions.

**Attendees:**

Steve Van Ostran, ABCRM Staff
Mike Oldham, ABCRM Staff
Karen Van, ABCRM Staff
Bill and Mary Beth Mankin, ABCRM Staff & Pine Street Church
Betty Moseley, American Baptist Church
Tom and Terry Myers, Missionaries to Bulgaria

Kerry Hassler, Pine Street Church
Matt and Sara Manning, ABCRM Staff
Rich and Virginia Schweissing, ABCRM Staff
Jane and Morley Langdon, First Baptist Church, Laramie & short term missionaries to Thailand
Marveen Thomas, First Baptist Church, Colorado Springs
Missionaries
Mike and Becky Mann

Region's churches can purchase Mike and Becky Mann's coffee from their Lanna USA distributor in California. You can order coffee by calling 559-348-9000 or via the Lanna USA website at http://lannacoffee.org/. Lanna Coffee Club discounts can be given to churches that have coffee sent every month.

Kerry Hassler

Rev. Dr. Steve Van Ostran
Mike and Becky Mann
at the World Mission Conference in Green Lake
ABC RMAB

What's in this RMAB?

This year Bethel Baptist Church of Casper, Wyoming sent numerous young people to Camp Wyoba from the Seton House an organization that helps single, homeless parents and their children. If you or your church are interested in giving financially to send young people to camp next year, please contact Camp Wyoba Administrator Amber Shearer at wyoba@abcrm.org or Front Range Director Mike Oldham at moldham@abcrm.org. Thank you Bethel Baptist for your obedience to Christ!

Amber Shearer

Dear Generous Benefactor,

On behalf of the homeless parents and children we serve, thank you very much for generously donating the funds for the scholarships that were used to allow children from Seton House to attend Wyoba summer camp. This was a wonderful opportunity for our children to get to experience a fun summer activity that their parents would not otherwise be able to afford.

Throughout the year Seton House is blessed by contributions of financial support and donated goods and services that help us to serve homeless single parent families. We would not be able to provide the shelter and supportive services we do every day, 365 days per year, without your help. Our donors are truly the lifeblood of Seton House and we appreciate your contribution to our program.

Thank you for making this important contribution to homeless families in support of our efforts to help keep families safe, healthy and hopeful of a better future. Please know that your gift truly does make a difference.

Sincerely,
Sharon Johnson, Executive Director of Seton House

Pictured: Senior High Camp Group

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ABC RMAB Training Academy
Projected Course Schedule Fall-2014 and Winter-2015

This a very exciting time in ABCRM!! Our Training Academy for clergy and laity is in full motion!! We hope all persons in ABCRM that has a need or desire for ministerial growth and enhancement will take full advantage of this wonderful opportunity!!! Outlined below is our schedule of courses that will be offered in the Fall, 2014 and Winter, 2015.

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For more information please contact Larron Jackson.

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Camp Wyoba

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Disaster Relief Trailer

ABCRM is proud to announce that we finally have a disaster relief trailer for our Region. The trailer will be used as a tool for ministering to those who experience damage by disasters in their homes, churches, and communities. ABCRM is asking for donations to stock the trailer with tools and items that would be needed to respond in disaster relief situations. The trailer will be brought to the 2014 Annual Gathering in Vail, Colorado for everyone to see and to be able to bring your donations to. You can also donate financially to this effort through your mission giving by sending a check to the ABCRM office and noting on your mission remit form “Disaster Relief Trailer”.

The staff is also asking for individuals to submit names or designs for the sides of the trailer. You can submit them to Karen Van at kvan@abcrm.org or mail them to the ABCRM office.

Here is a list of basic tools and supplies that are needed for the trailer:

- Toolbox
- Hammers
- Crowbars
- Shovels
- Saws
- Wrenches
- Screwdrivers
- Cordless power tools
- Garden hose
- Generator
- Gloves (work and medical)
- Liquid absorbing material (clean up spills)
- Emergency blankets
- 1st aid kits
- Flashlights
- Wheelbarrows
- Duct tape/electrical tape
- Facemasks
- Safety glasses
- Orange vests
- Emergency cones/flare
- Water igloos

New Hope Baptist Church Denver, CO
Retreat

New Hope Baptist Church is excited about it's officers, leaders, and members uniting in retreat at New Hope (3701 Colorado Blvd, Denver, CO 80205) on August 27th & 28th with Pastor Eugene Downing and guest facilitator Dr. William H. Curtis to solidify vision and strategic plans for the year 2017! For additional information, contact New Hope at Vision2017@newhopechurchdenver.org or 303-322-5200.
August

Your Kingdom Come:
In addition to praying for your own church, pray for those who take the liberating love of Christ into prisons throughout the world. Ask God to bless those prisoners who have trusted Christ, but must remain behind bars. Pray for their safety and testimony to other prisoners.

Take Time this Month to pray for:
† New Hope Baptist, Denver — Pastor Eugene Downing Jr.
† New Hope Church, New Castle — Pastor Michael Beresford
† Palabra De Fe — Pastors Daniel & Maria Atilano
† Pine Street Church — Pastor Michael Beresford
† Rising Star Missionary Baptist — Pastor Jules E. Smith
† Smoky Hill Baptist — Pastor Robert Ballance
† Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist — Pastor John Tellis Jr.
† Sombra Del Monte Christian Church — Pastor Litton Logan

Please pray for these ABC leaders:
Regional:
† Ministerial Leadership Committee
† 2014 Gathering Committee
National:
† AB Black Church Ministries
   http://abhms.org/interculturalblack_church_ministries/

Praying “outside the walls:”
Consider driving to a church in your community (other than your own). As you sit in your car, take a few moments to pray for the pastor who serves that church.

Blessings
Gina Gibson
Laramie, WY

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