



The Lamplighter



Hello Dear Ladies,

Summer is almost here and I hope you all have great plans on how to enjoy the wonderful warm season. I have had a bumper crop of blooming Iris and now the Snapdragons are taking over the garden space.

On Saturday, June 8th we celebrated our American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado's 87th Annual Conference at Pine Street Church in Boulder. The theme was "Bloom Where You Are Planted". All of our speakers and craft workshops reflected that theme. It was awesome!

I usually use this space to thank everyone involved in the conference. Still, our Local Arrangement Chair Mary Beth Mankin has written a beautiful thank you so I will say "Everyone seemed to have a great time, and thank you to all that made it possible".

National ABWM, our region ABCRM, and our ABWM of Colorado face transitions. The mission stays the same but how our organizations are structured and perform will look different in the future.

We have new denominational leadership in the Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain (formerly ABWM's Executive Director). Board structures are changing to be more efficient, membership looks different as more churches don't have ABWM circles and there are fewer ABC churches.

ABWM National will have a new board President in September and we have an excellent Interim Executive Director the Rev. LaThema Yenn-Batah to lead us at this time.

I would love to welcome new members to our Colorado board. We need new officers to help with fresh eyes.

Stay tuned for what I hope will be an exciting new chapter in our American Baptist family.

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2024 Conference Gratitude



Our 2024 ABWM of Colorado Women's Conference at Pine Street Church on June 8 was a great success and we have so many people to thank for that!! I am so grateful for each of the **many** contributions!

Many thanks to **Rev. Mary Tellis**, for her presentation on the numerous important ministries of Restoration Outreach Programs in Aurora, CO. Thank you for sharing about the population that you serve each week. Thank you for relating our theme of "Bloom Where You Are Planted" to what you are called to do there, and showing how we all can be supportive of your work!

Thank you to **Rev. Karen Schneider**, pastor of Gardens of Diving Hope Church, for serving on the Conference Committee. Thank you for your reflections on our theme through a Bible study on the parable of the Sower in Matthew 13. You reminded us of things it takes to grow our churches. Thank you for sharing how you encourage schools through planting and working in gardens with them. And a special thank you for leading a workshop on flower arranging and creating beautiful arrangements!

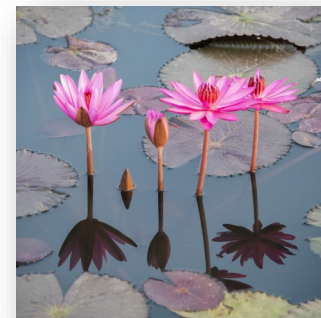
Thank you to **Rev. Carol Simpson**, who led the singing, and to **Joann Roberts Stacy**, our pianist, who allowed us to sing praises to God and to lift our spirits! They were also a part of the Pine Street Church team that hosted the event. Joann decorated tables and Carol tended to microphones, fans, etc. **Debbie Setlock** purchased and coordinated food and beverages for break times, and organized the lunch sandwich buffet, to say nothing of cleanup! **Judy Rothe** handled in house registration as well as assisting with food.

A special thank you goes to our **President Estelle Torpy** who, in addition to presiding, printed name tags and labels for offering envelopes, brought purple bags, and led a workshop on making greeting cards from seed paper.

Thanks are due to **Yvonne Whisenhunt** for the beautiful conference book with all its information and beautiful flowers!! And we are especially grateful to Yvonne, our Tech person, who projected the presentations of our speakers, words to songs, and videos from people who couldn't be present. She makes it look easy, but some of us know how hard she works to make it happen smoothly.

Thank you, **Chris Oldham**, for organizing the "prayer bowl" for prayer requests and for all your help with handling the food! Thank you, **Flora Young**, for promoting National Support as our State Project, and Thank you, **Minister Joan Anderson**, for your promotion of the Love Gift Offering.

Thank you, **Dr. Jamie Johnson**, for your faithful work in finding scholarship applicants, overseeing their selection, and arranging to show their videos! We missed you and we pray that you recover well from your knee replacement surgery!!



Thank you, **Sharon Murphy**, for gathering the information to honor Anne Mills. And THANK YOU, **Anne Mills**, for 40 years of investing and guarding our Jane Loring Jones Scholarship funds and administering the scholarship money to the schools of our scholarship recipients!!

Thank You, **Dr. Steve VanOstran**, for your Report on our ABCRM Region! You help keep us informed and give us lots to think about. And thanks to visiting **Wendy Clemmer**, who brought us information from our national ABWM office!

Special thanks also go to our Pine Street Church behind-the-scenes tech and facilities people who helped us get everything set up for the conference. Thanks to **Francis Duffy** for his help in setting up tables, chairs, TV, etc., and then to him and **Waverly Matthews** for putting them away again! Thanks to **David L'Hommedieu** for help moving the piano, finding needed cords, and to both David and **Phil Norman** for tech assistance!

And thank you to all, unnamed here, who attended and made our efforts worthwhile!

When everything was counted, we had 28 people from 12 ABC churches in Colorado & Wyoming. We collected four large shopping bags of "shelf stable food" for the food pantry, and four bags of regular and travel size toiletry items and 3 towels for the services of Restoration Outreach Programs. Bill and I delivered these to their Aurora site on Wednesday.

Thank you everyone!!! We couldn't have done it without you!!



Helping those in need



MISSION AND SERVICE



Hello! God has taken care of us--even in sunshine or rain. In spite of our messing up, God still extends His mercy. Hallelujah! God does not work in coincidences! God loves me and I love Him! God loves you and y'all love Him! He provides what we need. Providence woke me up this morning. We are blessed. If you woke up this morning, give God the praise. We are blessed! We may have problems, so God gives grace that is fully sufficient!

As the Coordinator of Mission and Service Ministries, I have presented the proposed budget for June 1, 2024 to May 31, 2025. "...You are light in the Lord, so live as children of light." Ephesians 5:8. The National ABWM has requested that States/Regions dedicate their state projects to support National ABWM. We, Colorado ABWM will gladly support National AB Women's Ministries. It is recommended that we focus on supporting the "Building Beloved Community" and "Developing Leaders" funds. We can do this. We are light in the Lord! Our goal for this year is \$2,000.00.

Please make checks out to Colorado ABW Ministries. Designate it "National Support (State Project)". You can do this before 2024 ends. If you need to send the envelope, please contact Estelle Torpy, emtorpy@comcast.net. We need to help our National Sisters!

Remember, the encourager needs encouragement. We can overcome this world with Jesus! We have confidence in Jesus' will. Let's do this! Keep praying! Keep standing!

Seeking His Face,
"Running This Race!"

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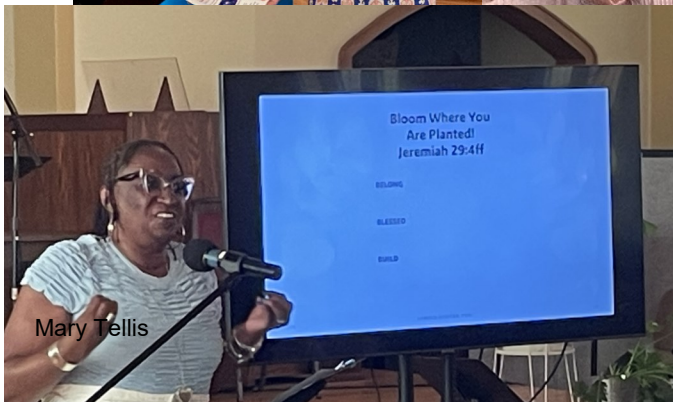
Anne Mills



Karen Schneider



Wendy Clemmer



Mary Tellis



“Love Gift” June 2024

“God is Love.” 1 John 4:16

A Happy Summer to all of you.

When I think of love, I think of God. When I think about **Love Gift**, I think about God’s love in creation. He is the great multiplier and everything that he does is very good. He takes what we offer by faith and multiplies it even more that we can imagine. ABWM asks that you give a **Love Gift** to support the missions and ministries of the American Baptist Churches that touch and encourage people around the globe. A small gift will grow and grow and multiply with God. Your donation supports God’s good work on the mission fields, national and regional ministries, and training.

Your donation can be given through your church, designate the offering to **Love Gift for ABWM**. This process will assure that your church receives the credit for all donations. Love Gift donations can be given online at: ABwomensministries.org, then follow the prompts under GIVE to **Love Gift**. Thank you for your generosity!

For more information about how to promote **Love Gift** in your church, please contact Joan Anderson: Joananderson2@yahoo.com.



May you experience the beauty of God throughout the summer.

“Bloom where you are planted.”

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Anne Mills



Anne Mills has handled the financial administration of the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Fund for 40 years -- and now that she is retiring from that position this year, we take this opportunity to thank her for her expertise, her faithfulness, and her kindness. We've come to realize that it will take two of the current Board members of American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado to handle what Anne did so well for so long.

Anne and her sister are the two grandchildren of Jane Loring Jones. Some information about Jane Loring Jones' life and her involvement with American Baptist Churches, particularly Broadway Baptist Church in Denver, is summarized in a brochure about the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship.

After Mrs. Jones died in 1953, her son and daughter-in-law, Nick and Martha Jones, decided to create a scholarship in her honor, and they worked in partnership with American Baptist Women's Ministries of Colorado (hereinafter "ABWM-CO") to make this a reality. ABWM-CO has always managed this scholarship, including selection of scholarship recipients and oversight of the financial transactions.

For the first thirty years of the Scholarship, a trust bank officer who was a friend of the Jones family handled the investments and such. Then in about 1983, Anne was asked to handle the investments and financial transactions. In 1985, ABWM-CO started the Ministerial Student Grant Fund, and Anne has also handled the financial administration of that fund. Anne has maintained a prudent and productive balance of stocks and bonds in the portfolio for forty years. She also has been the person to send the appropriate checks to the colleges attended by the scholarship and grant recipients; that requires not merely writing the checks, but also communicating with the colleges to ascertain exactly where to send that scholarship check since that detail varies considerably from one school to another. The amount available for scholarships or grants each year has been calculated by Anne in accordance with the Investment Strategy document for the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship Fund and the Ministerial Student Grant Fund; that document was approved by ABWM-CO in 1993.

Although Jane Loring Jones and her husband lived in Denver from 1898 until their respective deaths, Nick and his family lived on the East Coast for many years where they were quite active in American Baptist Church projects and leadership. Nick and Martha (both of whom were raised in Denver) returned to Colorado in 1979.

In the meantime, Anne taught school for four years before joining IBM for 27 years; at IBM, she worked in sales and marketing for eight years and then in financial planning for 19 years. After her retirement from IBM, Anne was the Chief Financial Officer at Ottawa University for 11 years. Anne has been a Board member or Trustee of Ottawa University since 1974 and she continues to be a Trustee at this time. Anne was also a founding chair of the American Baptist Foundation, and she still serves on the investment committee of the Foundation.

The Jones family has been devoted to causes of the American Baptist Churches for many years, and we all are grateful for their faithful service. In particular, thank you, Anne!



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.



JLJ CORNER



Grace and Peace to you in the name of Jesus

This year three of our Jane Loring Jones recipients will participate at internships or volunteer at summer camps. We have two repeat applicants.



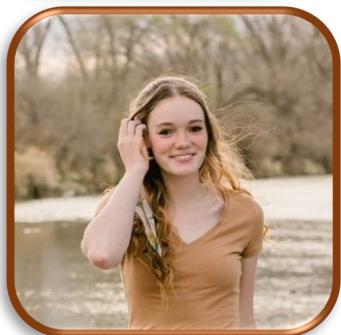
Imani Andou is a senior at Drexel University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is a member of Solomon Temple Missionary Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado

Major: Music Industry

Internship: Last summer Imani interned at Paragon Records based in Dublin, Ireland as a Sync & Creative Licensing assistant.

Words to future recipients: "College is hard, but it is worth it. God has you and never give up on yourself because He will never give up on you and you are worth it."

Scripture for strength: Deuteronomy 31:6, "... for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you."



Hannah Conley is a sophomore at Western Governor University, Salt Lake City, UT. First Baptist Church, Delta, CO.

Major: Elementary Education

Camp Volunteer: Over the summer months



Kendal Ruffin is a senior at Howard University, Washington, DC

Major: Marketing

Internship: Este Lauder, Digital Marketing, New York, New York.

How has the Jane Loring Jones Scholarship helped you with your education? The Jane Loring Jones Scholarship has helped me with my studies and given me a peace of mind I would receive funds for school and have to come out of pocket for my tuition.

Words to future recipients: Complete your work and concentrate on your studies first. Get your work done and fun will come

Scripture for strength: Jeremiah 29:11: "For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and hope".

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