



2022 CONFERENCE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

'Transformed By Hope'

Friday, June 24, 2022

11:00 AM-1:00 PM

Registration Lobby, Blair County Convention Center

Bring Conference Project Donations to Registration. A collection point is set up in the lobby. Some vendors tables will be open for browsing and purchasing.

[Register Here](#)

1:00 PM

Welcome

Praise & Worship

Keynote Speaker Marie Monville

Breakout groups using discussion questions provided by Marie Monville



3:30 PM

Free time - Hotel check in, visiting, getting information from tables or shopping with our vendors

5:00 PM

Dinner Buffet at Convention Center



Blessing promptly at 5:00pm

6:30 PM

Praise and Worship

2021-2022 Mission Project Report and Dominican Republic Offering



FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, June 25, 2022

7:30 AM

BREAKFAST at BCCC (if selected - ticket required)

8:45 AM

ABW Business Meeting



9:30 AM

Morning Devotion

Introduction of 2022-2023 Region Mission Project

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**IMPORTANT
ANNOUNCEMENT**

Noon

Lunch Buffet at Convention Center

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Communion

As planning continues, some scheduled items may be moved, eliminated, or added.
Please use this tentative schedule as a guide and an actual schedule will be included in your welcome packets at registration.

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Sisters in Christ,

What a blessing it is to have this opportunity to write you a note. It is an honor to be connected to Godly women. I see so much hopelessness on a daily basis as I work with folks who are hospitalized for psychiatric reasons. When someone loses all hope, it is a dangerous place to be. We all have problems and challenges in life...But we know the one true HOPE. We have hope in Christ that He is with us each moment of everyday. We have hope in Christ that He is for us and that He will never forsake us. We have hope in Christ that He



loves us so much that he died in our place so we can join him in heaven forever. I know we are going to be blessed during this conference as we grow deeper in our hope. I look forward to spending these days with you.

Love and Blessings, Becky Crissman ABWMOPAD President

FOUR CANDLES - *Author Unknown*

In a room there were four candles burning. In the soft light they shed, you could hear them talking amongst themselves.



The first one said, "I am *PEACE*. Nobody can keep my light burning brightly, it is a real struggle to stay lit." Its flame flickered, rapidly diminished, and went out completely.

The second one says, "I am *FAITH*. It seems I am no longer necessary, so it does not make any sense that I stay lit any longer." When *FAITH* finished talking, a gentle breeze blew, and its flame was put out.

The third candle spoke saying, "I am *LOVE*. I don't have the strength to stay lit. People push me aside and don't understand my importance. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them." Sad, lonely, and exhausted, *LOVE'S* flame went out.

A small child entered the room and saw the three candles were not burning, and exclaimed, "Why are you not burning you are supposed to stay lit till the end!" The child began to cry.

The fourth candle spoke up and said, "Don't be sad child, while I am still burning, we can re-light the other candles, I am *HOPE*."

With shining eyes, the child took the candle of *HOPE* and lit the other candles of *PEACE*, *FAITH*, and *LOVE*.



I encourage you to attend THRIVE 2022 in Altoona, to be refreshed, to be challenged, to be transformed by HOPE.
Jodie Vasbinder, Spiritual Enrichment Coordinator

FAQ

- *Many questions can be answered by reading the Tentative Conference Schedule included in this mailing.
- *Conference will be face to face. It will not be live streamed.
- *Breakout groups will be randomly chosen, no signing up for groups will be needed.
- *You may choose to stay over Saturday night in your hotel at the same rate, perhaps attending worship in Altoona on Sunday morning.
- *Facial Masks will be optional. Each woman should do what she is comfortable with.
- *There will be no basket auction.
- *Food and/or Drinks may not be brought in to the convention center.

REGIONAL PROJECT 2022

During the next Project Year, the American Baptist Women of Pennsylvania and Delaware will raise money to help build a new space to house the food pantry within the area of the Integral Vision Community Center.

GOAL \$15,000.00



Brian & Lynette Smith

BRIAN and LYNETTE serve among Haitians in partnership with Mission Maranatha Inc. working in the Batays on the East Coast of the Dominican Republic. Brian works with local and visiting mission teams in construction and ongoing maintenance projects at existing ministries. Lynette is showing God's love to women and children through instruction in self-care skills and leading creative art workshops to empower them through creativity. Both Brian and Lynette work closely with colleagues in La Romana at the "Integral Vision Community Center" which aims to serve Haitian immigrants and cooperate with the Good Samaritan Hospital and local Haitian churches of the East of the Dominican Republic.

During the COVID-19 pandemic the Integrated Vision Community Center and ABC-USA responded to a request from the Alliance of Baptist Churches to provide emergency food relief. This has exposed a larger need for ongoing food support.

Seeing this need, the goal of the new program is to assist individuals and families in the community as well as to support the churches of our alliance to reach into their specific sugar cane village communities (Batays) and provide wholistic support to feed their bodies and souls.

Currently, they are using a bedroom and physical therapy room at the center to house the food ministry. Our ABWMOPAD funds will help the Smiths to build an additional space onto the Community Center that can be made in a way to eliminate pests from invading the food as it is stored and prepared for distribution.



DONATIONS MAY BE MADE ONLINE: '2022 Regional Project'

DONATIONS BY CHECK made payable to: 'ABWMOPAD'

MAY BE MAILED TO:

ABWM Treasurer, Cynthia Carter-Wedgewood
2524 West 18th St Wilmington, DE 19806

Make an Online payment at <https://give.ministrylink.com/app/giving/abwmopad>

*DONATIONS FOR THE 2022 REGIONAL PROJECT MUST BE MADE BY JULY 15, 2022.
PROJECT MONEY RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE WILL GO TOWARD THE 2023 REGIONAL PROJECT.*

QUESTIONS? Contact Sally Perry, Missions & Service Coordinator

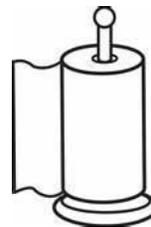
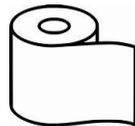
THRIVE CONFERENCE PROJECT

JUNE 24-25, 2022

ALTOONA, PA

AN ABWMOPAD EVENT

Think back to a few months ago when the toilet paper all disappeared from store shelves and the panic you personally experienced because your household was down to its last roll! Now imagine that you are responsible for folks in a homeless shelter with a couple dozen people to provide for. When I contacted the Executive Director of the Family Services Incorporated to inquire about our ladies helping meet the most pressing NEEDS of their facility, she did not hesitate at all, but blurted out PAPER PRODUCTS! Well, I assured her our ladies could get right on that and asked if there were other needs. She shared that when a person comes to the shelter, they are given a twin sheet set and pillowcase. That set of linens will leave with each client as they move on to the next phase of their life. Items from the following list should be brought to conference in Altoona and the agency will be picking them up and transporting donations to their facility.



TWIN BED SHEET SET W/ PILLOWCASE (NEW or gently used) Please fold the fitted and flat sheets together, then place them into the pillowcase trying to get the entire bundle to be about 12" x 9" in measurements! (for transportation ease) The biggest challenge you have on this one is folding the fitted sheet!

TOILET PAPER, PAPER TOWELS, FACIAL TISSUES

The biggest challenge here will be to tow and stow what our generous ladies always deliver! One of each item is sufficient, wink, wink...

The website to view the services and offering of the Family Services Incorporated is at the bottom of this page.



Family Services Incorporated is a multi-faceted non-profit organization serving residents of Blair and surrounding counties since 1928. Our headquarters are in Altoona, nestled in the mountains of rural Central Pennsylvania. Family Services provides an array of social services to victims of sexual assault, domestic violence, runaway and homeless youth, homeless individuals and families, individuals in need of counseling and persons with intellectual disabilities.

<https://www.familyservicesinc.net/>

Hope for every moment.

We all face discouragement.

Does life feel overwhelming?

Unsure that you can really make it through “this”?

I understand. But more than that, God sees you.

“When all other lights go out, He still shines!”

He knows your struggle, he sees the ache, and he’s acting on your behalf.

I know this because it’s what he’s done in my life.

On October 2, 2006, my first husband committed the Amish Schoolhouse shooting. And yet, not because of the circumstances, but because of God’s great love, He has brought redemption.

“Since before time began no one has ever imagined, no ear heard, no eye seen, a God like you who works for those who wait for him.” (Isaiah 64:4 The Message)



Marie and her husband, Dan, live in Lancaster County, PA, with their 6 children. They became grandparents in 2019, and love everything about this new season. They traveled to South Africa in July 2015, where they adopted their son. Marie is passionate about adoption and shares this through her ministry. She graduated from the School of Ministry (Christ Community Church, Camp Hill, PA) in 2012, and will graduate in 2022 with a minor in Psychology and Theology and a major in Organizational Behavior from Immaculata University.

Here's the real Marie!

Ok, that's some bio, but here's the real me. I'm a wife and mom of 6 kids. I recently became a "Lolli" (my term for grandma, yes, my husband is "Pop") and love everything about my sweet grandson. I'm passionate about my family and believe in the redemptive beauty of adoption. You'll find me advocating for the older child.

Family dinners are a priority in our home. Sometimes that means a nice meal on my grandma's special dishes; other days, that's leftovers on paper plates! I'm a dreamer, a believer, and if you're in my circle, I'll champion you and your goals! I love real relationships, and that means living life with authenticity. So yeah, on any given day there might be 12+ pairs of my kids' shoes between our living and dining room; I'm still working on that!

Join me as I am privileged and excited to be your keynote speaker, Bible teacher at THRIVE Conference, June 24-25, 2022 at the Blair County Convention Center!

Are you involved in a mission/ministry and would like to set up a display?

Have you authored a book you would like to sell?

Does your group sell something for mission money? (church knives, scrubbies, etc.)

Do you operate a home-based business and want to share your service or product?

Are you a hand crafter with items to sell?

Have you done something 'just plain neat' and want to share it?

Do you have information about your organization you would like to share with the ladies?



THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU!

TABLES (8FT) are available for a small fee of \$10.00 each

Only one like-business permitted - first reserved accepted

NO COOKING or FOOD SAMPLES on the premises

Tables must be reserved by May 31, 2022

THOSE INTERESTED IN TABLES PLEASE EMAIL TEAM member, Sonie Mervis

<https://www.abcopad.org/Apps/Contact/?contact=Sonie+Mervis>

*****UPDATING ASSOCIATION OFFICERS & CONTACTS*****



Please email ABWMOPAD President Becky Crissman with your current Association ABWM Officers & Contact Persons. If you would like to be a Contact Person for your area, please contact Becky to let her know of your willingness to serve as a part of the information distribution network.

<https://www.abcopad.org/Apps/Contact/?contact=Becky+Crissman>

LET'S STAY IN TOUCH!

INFORMATION IS SHARED VIA CONSTANT CONTACT EMAIL. FOR SOME REASON, THESE EMAILS MAY GO TO OTHER PLACES LIKE 'SOCIAL', 'PROMOTIONS' 'SPAM' 'JUNK', NOT YOUR' INBOX'. PLEASE CHECK YOUR ALL EMAIL INBOXES FOR EMAILS COMING FROM **ABCOPAD**

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES OF PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE

THRIVE CONFERENCE

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BLAIR COUNTY CONVENTION CENTER, ALTOONA, PA 16602

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HOTELS

Rooms have been blocked at two Altoona area hotels. **YOU NEED TO BOOK YOUR OWN ROOMS** using the telephone numbers below.

Reservations must be made by May 25, 2022.

Call the hotel of your choice and identify yourself with the American Baptist Women's Conference to receive the group rate.

**DO NOT CALL A GENERIC BOOKING NUMBER OR AGENCY,
YOU WILL NOT RECEIVE OUR GROUP RATE.**

COURTYARD MARRIOTT / 814-312-1800

2 Convention Center Drive, Altoona, PA 16602

DBL Queen Standard \$109.00 + tax/night - No Breakfast Included

Attached with walkway to the Convention Center. When lodging at the Courtyard Marriott you may choose to bring something for breakfast, have something delivered in for breakfast or add the Convention Center Breakfast Buffet to your registration and fee total.

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS / 814-693-1004

115 Convention Center Drive, Duncansville, PA 16635

Located across from the Convention Center, short drive required.

DBL Queen Standard \$114.00 + tax/night - Hot Breakfast Included

Girls Will Be Housed at the Courtyard Marriott Due to Convenience of their Possible Alternative Meeting Space and the Swimming Pool.

**American Baptist Women's Ministries
Of Pennsylvania and Delaware**

Pittsburgh Baptist Association
159 N Bellefield Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
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Pittsburgh, PA
Permit No. 379

Address Service Requested

Thank You!

PLEASE GIVE TO THE WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADERSHIP OF YOUR CHURCH.

Conference details and registration information enclosed.

A conference for women and girls (5th grade thru high school senior) where all women and girls will be encouraged to live out their uniqueness in a thriving Christ centered gathering and community.

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