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REGIONAL VISION

*To Build Healthy Partnerships
with Churches, Pastoral Leaders
and the wider ABC Family to
fulfill Christ's Mission
in our world.*



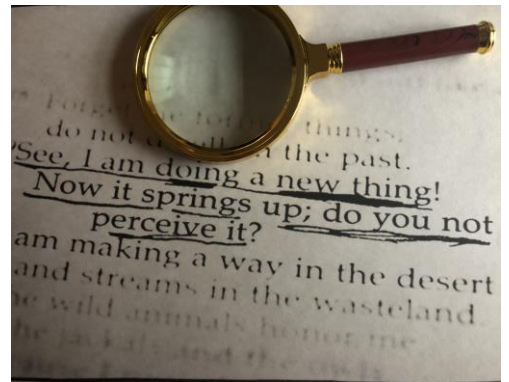
ABCOPAD Biennial Leadership Conference 2020

CAN YOU SEE IT? Isaiah 43:19

There is an old saying that goes, "It's hard to see the forest for the trees". Simply put, what that means is when you are too close to a situation you need to take a step back and get a little perspective. When you do, you will notice there was a whole forest you couldn't see before because you were too close, simply focusing on the trees.

As a nation, we certainly have had our focus trained on a 'tree' called COVID-19 as our lives have been dominated by topics like social distancing, masks and infection rates. In the midst of all of that, our God continues to move the Kingdom forward and the desire of the Father's Heart is that we 'see' it and recognize our part in the larger plan.

While the impacts of the pandemic may keep us from gathering in a large in-person gathering for our Biennial Leadership Conference this year, our God is still at work and we want to provide some excellent inspirational learning opportunities to engage your hearts and minds in the 'new thing' that is being unfolded in our midst. No, we won't be gathering in Altoona and the event will definitely look different this year, but that doesn't lessen the impact of what God wants to do in our lives as we move through this challenging season. We hope you and your church family will plan to participate. We hope you'll lift your eyes and see the 'new thing' God is doing in our midst as we seek after the Kingdom in our lives personally and corporately as a regional family here in ABCOPAD. The materials in the packet outline the four online inspirational gatherings with Dr. Jolene Erlacher (October 3, 8, 15 and 22) as well as our online regional business meeting scheduled for Sunday afternoon, October 25, and while an online format will be different, we believe that our God wants to meet us as a family to lead us deeper and to help us see clearer what He is doing in the life of the Church in 2020 and beyond.



We hope and pray you will join us as we seek to see the 'new thing' that is springing up.

Trusting in God's continued provision as we move through these days of change.

Apryl Crownover-Glunt
ABCOPAD President

Mark McCallion
ABCOPAD Vice President

August 21, 2020



THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE

A New Way to Hold a Biennial – to Convey the New Thing that God is Doing in our Lives...

Ok, so BLC 2020 won't be the same as previous years. We won't be gathering face-to-face in Altoona and we won't be able to enjoy fellowship with one another in the same way. That being said, we still CAN come together using the blessings of technology for some encouraging times of fellowship and inspiration.

Our plan is to hold a series of four two-hour sessions where we will not only be guided by Dr. Erlacher in how to strengthen our ministry across the generations, but we will also have the **chance to worship together, hear God's Word proclaimed and learn the exciting ways God is working in the lives of churches across our regional family.**

The four sessions will take place online using Zoom, and you will need to register for the event using either the form below or online at the ABCOPAD website www.abcopad.org. Once you are registered, you will be sent a link via email to allow you to participate in the online gatherings each week.

We do hope you and your church family will carve out the time to participate. It promises to be a great time of fellowship and learning as we see the 'new thing' God is doing in our life together.

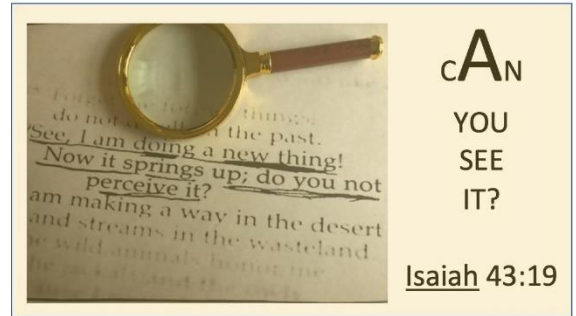


BIENNIAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2020

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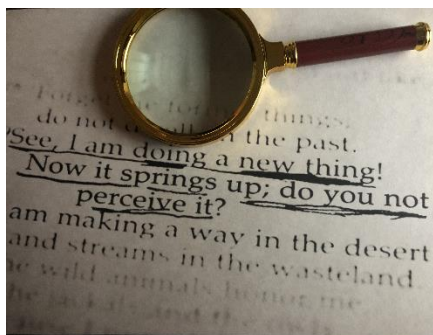
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A Fresh Vision for Every Generation Four Online Interactive Sessions

God does have a fresh vision for each church family that is springing up in our midst, and He longs for us to see it and respond. The challenge that we sometimes face is how to blend different generations within our congregations in that common mission. We want to be united in faith and purpose but at times it feels like we speak a different 'language' as older and younger believers struggle to come together in ministry.

These are challenging issues, and so we've enlisted the help of Dr. Jolene Erlacher to help us learn how to engage across generations in our work for the Kingdom.



Schedule for the Biennial

Saturday, October 3, 2020
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.

**Daniel Generation: Godly Leadership
in an Ungodly Context**

Thursday, October 8, 2020
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Cultural & Generational Trends
Impacting Ministry Today**

Thursday, October 15, 2020
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Mentoring Across Generations
(Jochebed)**

Thursday, October 22, 2020
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

**Building a Healthy
Multigenerational Team**

Jolene Erlacher

Jolene is an author, speaker, and consultant at Leading Tomorrow (www.leadingtomorrow.org). She specializes in generational trends and intergenerational leadership. Jolene's education background includes a graduate certificate in International Leadership. Her doctorate is in Leadership from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. She has written two books: *Millennials in Ministry* and *Daniel Generation: Godly Leadership in an Ungodly Culture*. Jolene was a missionary kid and speaks Spanish. She has volunteered and studied in various countries including Mexico, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Kenya, and South Africa. Jolene lives in central NC with her husband, twin daughters and their dog Rex.

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**Regional Business Meeting
Sunday, October 25, 2020
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