



ANNUAL REPORT

2013 - 2014

EXECUTIVE MINISTER

DR. SAMUEL CHETTI

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What a Blessing!!!!

This year marks the 108th year of American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles and the 119th year of the ministry journey of American Baptist Congregations of the Southwest and Hawaii. Over these many years, we have evolved as a dynamic Christian ministry of the American Baptist Faith expression in the western part of United States.

More Blessings!!!!

On October 3 & 4, 2014, we will gather as two historic Associations, to vote to become a new Regional Reality, American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest and Hawaii. This coming together, is for the Glory of God, for increased impact of the Mission of the Kingdom of God. And in the end, as our Lord taught us to say “Thy Kingdom (your Reign) come on Earth (in people’s lives) as it is in Heaven” ...

We continue to implement the Comprehensive Congregational Excellence Resources among our congregations. A basic schema is outlined in the graphic. It looks simple, and elegant, but in reality, this schema has several Congregational Spiritual Maturity and Thriving Contextual Resources for our congregations’ benefit.



This Region is being served by not only Regional Resource staff, but they are working through eight Ministry and Mission Task Forces. Some of these Task Forces are multi-ethnic and some are culture and language specific. But, the goal is “to strive to establish the reign of our Lord Jesus Christ in unchurched and unbelieving populations, as well as deepening the discipleship and mission vision within our congregations.”

The following are Regional Task Forces and Initiatives:

Regional Youth and Task Force

-Young Adult Ministry Initiative

Regional Latino Ministry Task Force

-Latino Family Ministry Initiative

Regional Urban and Global Mission Task Force

-ABC International Missionary Advocacy Group

Regional African American Ministry Task Force

Region Women Connect Task Force

Regional South-East Asian Ministry Task Force

-Karen Ministry Initiative
-Filipino Family Ministry Initiative

Regional Multi-Ethnic Pastoral Enhancement Task Force

Regional Ordination and Standards Council

These ministry Task Forces plan, with the assistance of our staff, about 50+ ministry advancing events a year.

New Churches currently planted and thriving:

Pastor Elias Reyes - Iglesia Bautista Misionera Nuevo Horizonte, Lynwood
Pastor Pablo Martinez - Centro Familiar de Fe, Los Angeles
Pastor Jose Ramirez - Mision Bautista Cristo la Roca, Alpine
Pastor Alfonso Martinez - Mision Bautista La Promesa, Ojai
Pastor Gabriel Aguirre - Mision Bautista Esperanza y Vida, South Gate
Pastor Miguel Monroy - Iglesia Bautista Manantial de Vida, San Diego
Pastor Marcos Leiva - Mision Ministerios Internacionales Ebenezer de Las Vegas
Pastor Alejandro Solorzano - Mision Bautista La Cosecha, Rialto



Time to Rejoice!!!!

We are already thriving well in our mission support this year. ABCLA/ABCOSH is in the top ten giving Regions within ABCUSA.

GIVING CATEGORIES

	August 2014	August 2013
Total United Mission Giving	92,822	90,516
America For Christ	26,316	18,919
One Great Hour of Sharing	45,898	30,070
World Mission Offering	32,040	38,632
Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering	31,180	32,239
Region Offering	36,417	24,249
Institutional Support	10,261	14,985
Specifics	94,378	77,565
Targeted Giving	152,456	163,337
TOTAL	\$521,769	\$490,513

The Regional financial position is robust and thriving. The full financial picture can be seen on page 33 and 34.

We are a very dynamic, multi-cultural, multi-lingual, inter-generational Region. We are not just doing ministry, but creating new paradigms of thought and practice of the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Please take time to read all the various Staff and Council reports. I thank our Board of Directors for their trust and support of our Regional Staff and my leadership. I am deeply indebted to our Regional Support Staff, who make all our dreams and ministry visions possible by their diligence and excellence. I am also grateful to my wife, Carolyn, and daughter, Darshana, who lift and support me while I am away on travels and daily administrative stresses. My staff and I covet your prayers, as we roll out this Regional Reality in 2015.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

MR. WALTER CLARKE, PRESIDENT



Formation of the “New” Region

A Church voluntarily joins a Region. It is not a Right but a Privilege to engage in ministry and mission in Partnership with other member churches.

The Board of Directors of the Region has been in prayer all year with the specific goal to seek God's wisdom as we seek to faithfully carry out His Mission in a rapidly changing environment. The previous geographical divisions may no longer serve the needs of a highly mobile population. We now have affinity communities with common Interests not necessarily confined to a specific location. Today, people look for places where their spiritual needs can be met. We believe that expanding the Region's network of covenanting churches will allow for more coordinated ministry activities reaching a broader population.

This year we initiated a complete review of the structure of the Region, its resource capabilities and the churches and missions that are or wish to be in covenant relationship with the Region. Our Mission remains the same, but it was necessary to widen our vision of the areas we serve.

It was clear that there was a powerful leading of the Lord to reach out to enhance current relationships and establish new ones.

At the last Annual Meeting, the Board announced the start of a process which would study the issues of 1. Opportunities to invite more churches and 2. Governance documents and rules for creating new covenanting relationships.

We pledged to solicit input from Pastors, lay leaders, churches in and outside the current membership of the Region and we have. During the year a representative committee with legal representatives assisting, crafted the documents which have been presented to the entire Region in 7 Town Hall meetings spread throughout the Region and 16 independent clusters of Pastors and lay people. The meetings were open to all comers and the documents were reviewed, questions asked and answered. Some very positive comments were received and additional modifications based on those comments were made. This was an intentional, collaborative and inclusive process.

The documents, which were mailed to every church and mission, are the result of this thorough process and will be presented to the Annual Meeting for approval. You are encouraged to prayerfully review the materials.

On October 3, 2014, at the Annual Meeting, there will be an Open workshop to discuss any issues before the vote on October 4, 2014.

The work of the Board members, while focused on development of the New Region, nevertheless continued to oversee the ongoing activities of the Executive Minister and the dedicated staff who keep our Region operating with great professionalism.

To God be the Glory!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014

Mr. Walter Clarke, President	Ms. Jai Belcher	Ms. Joyce E. McDougal
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REGION PARTNERSHIP WITH RAINBOW ACRES MINISTRY

REV. GARY WAGNER, PRESIDENT/CEO

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Rainbow Acres is a Christian community with heart that empowers persons with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential with dignity and purpose. Located in Camp Verde, Arizona, Rainbow was founded in 1974 by Dr. Ralph Showers. Thanks to the incredible support of American Baptists throughout the Southwest and across the nation, Rainbow has become a premier community for adults with developmental disabilities. Through ground-breaking programs, holistic programs, Rainbow is a model for serving the disabilities community in a Christ-honoring way.

The American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest & Hawaii organized a Discovery Tour to Rainbow earlier this year, and were blessed to meet Dr. Showers and current President & CEO Gary Wagner personally. This provided a wonderful opportunity to meet the Ranchers, and to hear about Rainbow's vision for the future. As part of the trip, participants toured a Rancher home, and saw the location for Oikos House, the home that has been sponsored by the Region.

Since our time there, work on Oikos House has begun! The location of the new home required significant ground preparation to take place. Loads of clay needed to be removed, and replaced with compactable gravel. After a month of dump trucks and bulldozers, the septic system has now been installed and the foundation is about to be poured. It is exciting for the Ranchers to watch the changes at the worksite each day! Both staff and Ranchers are in awe of the commitment made by the American Baptist Churches of Los Angeles, Southwest & Hawaii to make this dream come true! We are truly blessed by the sacrificial giving and partnership of our sisters and brothers across the Region.

Rainbow would love to have you stop and see the ministry anytime you are in the area. Consider bringing a group, or come for a volunteer project. You will truly enjoy meeting our Ranchers – and they would love to have you visit. In addition to volunteering, you can also help by supporting Oikos House, making a contribution toward the support of a Rancher through the Adopt-a-Rancher program, or utilizing the Arizona Tax Credit if you are an Arizona Resident.



YOUTH & GLOBAL MISSION

REV. DOUG HUBBARD

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This past year has been full of many events and gatherings that have brought people together from across our Region for worship, training and fellowship.

There are several other items to bring to your attention:

■ **A Youth and Young Adult Ministry Advisory Team** with representatives from across our Region have come together to bring their perspective into the future of Regional Youth Ministry. They will bring their experience in their local context and church to help Regional Ministry be relevant to leaders and youth in our Region. Those representatives are: **Latino Representatives:** Ana and Jorge Siguenza – Ministerios Nuevo Vivir, Elias Gabriel - First Baptist Church of South Gate; Erick Toss - Iglesia Bautista Shalom; Pablo Martinez – Centro Familiar de Fe; Ruben I Casas - Iglesia Bautista Emmanuel **African American Representative:** Darryl Johnson - Park Windsor Baptist Church; **Asian American Representatives:** Terry Mak - Evergreen Baptist Church, Kevin Ablon - Filipino American Christian Church; **Multicultural Representatives:** Sara Hunt - First Baptist Church of Glendale, Jason Floyd - First Baptist Church of North Hollywood; **Winter Youth Retreat Representative:** Andy Mendonca - Granada Hills Baptist Church; **Youth Adult Ministry Representatives:** Courtney Wilkins - Trinity Baptist Church, Jane Flores - Ministerios Manantial de Amor; **AB Girls Representative:** Deneen Ray - Granada Hills Baptist Church; **iLead Representative:** Tina Tome - Temple Baptist Church

■ **A Young Adult Ministry** is beginning that will bring young adults together for events and equipping for young adult ministry. A planning team is beginning to meet and make plans for the coming year.

■ **ABC Dodger Night** was held on May 9, 2014. Many from our Region enjoyed a night of baseball, fellowship and fireworks.

■ **Missions** - Many missionaries visited our churches to continue to help churches learn about what God is doing around the world. A new Missions Task Force is being formed in our Region to guide how we will promote missions in our Region and encourage and support the missionaries with whom we are connected.

■ We lost a faithful servant on the Lord in June. **Rev. Dr. M. Cecilia Broadous** who served on the Regional Staff in the 90's and as an International Ministries Missionary in South Africa passed away. She had been a faithful supporter of missions and regional ministry throughout her life and will be missed.



WINTER YOUTH RETREAT ALPINE MEADOWS - FEBRUARY 15-17, 2014

365 youth and leaders from many churches came together for our Winter Youth Retreat to "Disconnect to Reconnect." Highlights included powerful worship, hearing God's word from Ilcian Lemus, peer groups, and amazing talent show. Most of all, many youth making a commitment to go deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ!

"I personally enjoyed my peer group. My students were open and willing to share based on the questions I asked. Also, this was one of the main opportunities I had to interact with people from other churches. I enjoyed the different activities we did together and felt the time ended well. Also, my peer group seemed to enjoy the blindfold and ear-plugs exercises which helped us connect with God."

"I am thankful that I was asked to volunteer with our youth at Winter Camp. It was a meaningful time for me to pause from my normal pace of life and make more space to hear God and also to have time to worship Him in a way that I am not accustomed to. After leaving camp I have really been more mindful of creating quiet time in my day. I also value the chance to get to know the youth at our church."

"I loved the connections we all made with each other and I'm glad that we allowed the Holy Spirit to move."

"This was a different experience for our group. The students enjoyed meeting people from different churches and seeing the greater body of Christ. I believe God met and challenged each of the students who attended. The theme was very real to this generation of students. It was very tangible and a struggle for even adults. God was definitely at work at the retreat not only among our group but among the retreat as a whole. Glory to God!"



PRAYING WITH STUDENTS WHO HAVE MADE A COMMITMENT TO FOLLOW CHRIST!



ILCIAN LEMUS, OUR RETREAT SPEAKER, CHALLENGED EVERYONE TO BE SERIOUS ABOUT CONNECTING WITH GOD.



POWERFUL WORSHIP!



SMALL GROUPS MET TOGETHER TO DISCUSS THE THEME OF THE RETREAT.



SET THE CAPTIVES FREE

MARCH 1, 2014

77 people came together at the Regional Resource Center in Glendale to be equipped to do ministry with those who are hurting among us. Workshops offered in English and Spanish focused on First Aid for Families, Mental Health, At Risk Youth, Substance Abuse, Helping those who are family members in prison, ministering to those with physical and mental handicaps.

SYLVIA HERNANDEZ LEADS A WORKSHOP ON MENTAL HEALTH



REV. FELA BARREUTO FROM ABHMS SHARES A DEVOTIONAL DURING THE OPENING SESSION.

PRAYING TOGETHER FOR THE HURTING AMONG US.



SERVE THE CITY - SAN FRANCISCO AUGUST 4-9, 2014

Youth from Ocean View Baptist Church of San Pedro, Park Windsor Baptist Church of Los Angeles, Message of Peace Church of San Francisco, Iglesia Bautista Shalom of Highland Park, First Baptist Church of Pasadena and First Baptist Church of Glendale came together to serve the needy with San Francisco City Impact in the Tenderloin District of San Francisco. Their time of ministry included giving free meals and praying with people living in Single Room Only Hotels, passing out chips to people on the street to facilitate ministry opportunities, volunteering in the SF City Impact Thrift Store, Rescue Mission, and school. The group traveled to SF on a bus, was graciously hosted by Message of Peace Church in South San Francisco and concluded their ministry with a time of worship near Fisherman's Wharf on Friday night.



FRIDAY NIGHT WORSHIP AT FISHERMAN'S WHARF.



A STORE FRONT THRIFT STORE OFFERING ALL ITEMS FOR \$1 WAS ORGANIZED BY OUR STUDENTS.



PREPARING MEALS TO GIVE TO PEOPLE LIVING IN SINGLE ROOM ONLY HOTELS IN THE TENDERLOIN DISTRICT.

“I have learned to love on people even when you don’t know them or their story. I have also learned that if I pray, God will give me the boldness, wisdom, and understanding that I need to bring people to know Him and His love”

Andressa – Message of Peace Church, San Francisco.

“I learned humility, and gained a humbled heart. My mind was opened up and my stereotypical thoughts were demolished. Ultimately I grew in my walk with Jesus!”

Maddie – First Baptist Church of Pasadena

“This week really opened my eyes to the pain going on all around me. I was really scared and unsure how to talk to the homeless. God opened my heart this week, got me out of my comfort zone and helped me to love on everyone we ministered to. I can’t wait to go home and continue working in my mission field”

Clara – Ocean View Baptist Church



CLEANING A PARKING LOT.

SERVE THE CITY
SAN FRANCISCO GROUP PICTURE



“As a soon to be college student, Serve the City has completely changed my life. I have grown and I understand that my life is not my own. I’m here to serve and live for God on a timed mission I loved the experience!” Destiny – Park Windsor Baptist Church

“Serve the City SF was an eye-opening, convicting and life changing experience. We experienced life in the inner city: life filled with brokenness, addiction, pain and fear. There are so many here in such desperate need of the grace of God. In the midst of that I saw our students give selflessly, love unconditionally and serve whole-heartedly. I saw our students get out of their comfort zones, laying aside their fear to share the love of Christ in tangible ways. We were challenged by the Word of God, taught excellently, to live out the gospel of Christ which is truly good news!” Rev. Jared Kilduff – Youth Pastor, Ocean View Baptist Church

ABC DAY AT MAGIC MOUNTAIN APRIL 5, 2014

Youth from our churches came together for a day of fellowship and fun at Magic Mountain. This gives youth groups quality time to share a day together to strengthen their ministry.



SHARING A MEAL TOGETHER



ONE IN CHRIST - NATIONAL CITY



FAITH IN CHRIST MINISTRIES



MINISTERIOS MANANTIAL DE AMOR



CHINESE ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AUGUST 14-15, 2014

Pastors and leaders from our churches gathered at the Regional Resource Center in Glendale to be a part of the Global Leadership Summit sponsored by the Willow Creek Association which is viewed live all over the U.S. by over 80,000 plus those who will experience it all over the world over the next year. The focus was on excellence in leadership and featured some of the world's most well-known leaders including Bill Hybels, Caryl Fiorina, Tyler Perry and the CEO of General Electric, Jeffrey Immelt.

“I think that sometimes we feel overwhelmed by our situations and this summit has inspired me to take those challenges and embrace them!”

- Karen Vier – Chevy Chase Baptist Church

“The Global Leadership Summit has inspired me to renew my commitment to leadership in the local church and renew hope to invest in the next generation of leadership”

-Fabian Garcia – Ebenezer World Ministries

“The Global Leadership Summit spoke to me in ways that very few people or events could. I am leaving with all kinds of ideas and inspiration!”

-Carlos Barerra – MMDA



BILL HYBELS INTERVIEW WITH TYLER PERRY

LISTENING INTENTLY TO POWERFUL SPEAKERS
AND LIFE CHANGING IDEAS.



SPORTS TOURNAMENT

JULY 12, 2014

7 Basketball Teams, 5 Volleyball Teams and 4 Soccer Teams from churches in our Region came together for a day of competition at Heritage Christian High School. Congratulations to all who played for a great day!

A SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL OF THE CHURCHES THAT PARTICIPATED!

MINISTERIO BAUTISTA EL CALVARIO

MINISTERIOS MANANTIAL DE AMOR

IGLESIA BAUTISTA SHALOM

CENTRO CRISTIANO RENOVACIÓN

GRANADA HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH

IGLESIA BAUTISTA CAMINO AL CIELO

CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHURCH

FILIPINO AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

IGLESIA BAUTISTA EL CALVARIO

IGLESIA BAUTISTA EMMANUEL

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

IGLESIA BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA DE PANORAMA

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF CHULA VISTA

FIRST PLACE WINNERS



SOCCER
IGLESIA BAUTISTA CAMINO AL CIELO



VOLLEYBALL
IGLESIA BAUTISTA EMMANUEL



BASKETBALL
TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND PLACE WINNERS



SOCCER
IGLESIA BAUTISTA VIDA NUEVA



VOLLEYBALL
CHRIST THE REDEEMER CHURCH



BASKETBALL
FILIPINO AMERICAN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THIRD PLACE WINNERS



SOCCER
MINISTERIOS INTERNACIONALES
EL PARAÍSO



VOLLEYBALL
MINISTERIOS BAUTISTA
EL CALVARIO

NOT PICTURED
BUT ACKNOWLEDGED

BASKETBALL
IGLESIA BAUTISTA SHALOM

WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE GREEN LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER JULY 21-26, 2014

Over 1500 people including international guests and all ABC Missionaries, gathered together to celebrate 200 years of American Baptist Mission work around the world and to Rise to the challenge for the next season of proclaiming God's word around the world. Many from our Region attended and enjoyed connecting with one another and our missionaries!



MARIO MORALES - BOLIVA
REGIONAL MISSIONARY FOR IBEROAMERICA AND
THE CARIBBEAN



THE ICE CREAM SOCIAL ON THURSDAY BROUGHT
EVERYONE FROM OUR REGION WHO ATTENDED
TOGETHER FOR FELLOWSHIP.

MELANIE BAGGAO
NEWLY APPOINTED MISSIONARY TO LEBANON
FROM EPIC CHURCH IN FULLERTON



PIETER AND NORA KALKMAN - CZECH REPUBLIC



DANIEL CHETTI - LEBANON



THE WORSHIP TEAM FOR FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF PASADENA LED WORSHIP
THROUGHOUT THE CONFERENCE.

ALL THE SESSIONS WERE HELD IN A TENT
TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE!



TURKISH CONNECTIONS INTERNATIONAL

AN AMERICAN BAPTIST PARTNER MINISTRY

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Turkish Connections International began in 2003 as an American Baptist Partner Ministry to help establish new churches in the country of Turkey. In order to bring the love of Christ to this least reached country on the planet, we work with Turkish pastors to plan and establish new churches. We stand by all these churches with spiritual and financial support. Our goal is to see 100 new churches developed in Turkey. We are currently supporting 20 and hope to reach 100 churches by 2035.



TCI is developing a Prayer Network for Turkey. We have 500 believers currently receiving our quarterly Prayer Newsletter. Our goal is have a team of 5000 by 2035 who pray for God's breakthrough work in Turkey.

TCI offers an annual mission project in Turkey each year. The focus of our project is "friendship outreach." We reach out to Turkish professionals by taking part in English conversation classes.

We are so grateful to be a mission partner with ABCLA! Because of the support of ABCLA/ABCOSH churches during 2013/2014, we were able to:

- Help establish 4 new churches: two in Istanbul, one in Samsun and one in Ankara.
- Take a team to Istanbul for our Summer Outreach project. This turned out to be one of our most fruitful friendship outreaches. Rev. Charles Jones of International Ministries joined us.
- Participate in the Baptist World Alliance Annual Meeting, held for the first time in Turkey. This event was held in Turkey to celebrate an emerging Baptist association of Turkish churches that is forming. TCI is a partner with this association.
- Support 20 Turkish evangelical churches, both spiritually and financially.

Rev. Rich Freeman
Rich@TurkishConnections.org

HIGHWAY MINISTRIES

REV. JINI KILGORE COCKROFT

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HighWay Ministries has hit a good stride, with our services and programs moving along smoothly. Sunday after Sunday, we have dynamic Bible Study and worship services, with a full room of people in attendance. Monthly, we hold our Clothing Giveaway, serving a large number of people in the South Los Angeles community, as well as providing a place for people to donate good, clean, and useable clothing. We are grateful for donors who give us new and nearly new clothing, as well as designer clothes. We also collect small household items.

HighWay House remains full, with nine residents. Several are long-termers now, declaring that HighWay is a home for them. We credit Resident Manager Randolph Brown for his excellent work in making sure HighWay House is a harmonious home. We still depend upon the rents of our residents and the freewill offerings of our fellowship members for our needs. Our donors, as well--whether giving monetary gifts or items for HighWay House--have helped sustain HighWay. Ruth Ficklin, HighWay Board Member, is Director of Donations for HighWay House, and she does a superb job of enlisting donors who provide much-needed household items. Now in our sixth year on Slauson Avenue, we can gratefully say that we have never gone without our needs being met, and our bills have all been paid on time. For this we say, "To God be the glory!" Of course, with some funding, there is much more that we can do.

This summer, following the Standard Lesson Commentary, we have had dynamic Sunday and Wednesday lessons on the theme, "God's People Set Priorities." Led by our Sunday teacher, Tommy Hughes, a former attorney, and our Wednesday teacher, Rev. Jini Cockroft, two earnest groups of students have searched the Scriptures and held discussions on Christian living, growth, and responsibility, both in the church and in the world. In addition, powerful sermons from Pastor Willie Cockroft continue to challenge us to be all that God has created us to be. We will not forget his sermon this summer, "An Intimate Relationship With God" (Psalm 5:1-8), in which Pastor Willie delivered a beautiful treatise on David's intimate relationship with God, and showed us how we, too, could have such a relationship. Additionally, in the midst of much destruction around us, we will hang onto, "Are You A Part of the Kingdom?" (Luke 17:20-36), in which our pastor reminded us that God would protect the city in which His people are standing, and save those standing from ultimate destruction. We have hope! Minister Keelim Brooks, as well, preached, "The Stink of Sin" (2 Timothy 11:1-6), and told us to overcome from sin through confession and forsaking wrong-doing. Sundays and Wednesdays are made more pleasant by Michael Baker and Larry Ambers, who tend our grounds and prepare our meeting room, respectively, each week.

Last Saturday, HighWay held its third annual summer picnic, with the largest attendance we have ever had. Adults and children ate barbeque to their hearts' delight, played games, and enjoyed the delightful ambience of a beautiful park. Pastor Willie exclaimed that through fun and fellowship, we had become closer to one another. Our own Deacon Melinda Ratliff oversees the annual picnic, and she did so with great enthusiasm and joy this year.

After several years, HighWay has recently obtained its permit from the City of Los Angeles to make required and needed repairs on the building, and that work begins this month. Our gorgeous building will be even more lovely and useful once these long-awaited repairs and upgrades are made.

We give praise to God for HighWay Ministries, and look forward to continuing in His service.



HANDS 4 HOPE LA

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Hands for Hope is proud to have the support of ABCLA as we continue providing safe, quality, FREE after school programs and resources for Single Parents.



We just completed our six week Academic Summer Camp and the children had fun as they learned Reading, Writing, History, Geography, Science and Math each week. We are in the midst of starting our Fall Semester Activities which includes a Teen College and Career Planning Leadership program as well as tutoring and enrichment classes for the younger students such as Cooking, Kickboxing, Music, Filmmaking and much more. There will be Leadership Workshops for the teens in the programs and our alumni who will be joining our Junior Board of Directors and helping to give back to the program that helped them when they were young. We are always in need of volunteers. To volunteer call us at (818) 763-HOPE.

Hands for Hope is celebrating its 15th Anniversary in 2015. We will be rebranding and changing our name and website to Hands4hopela. Our year long campaign to raise funds in our 15th year is to ask 1,000 people to donate \$15 each at www.hands4hope.org/donate. We will also be hosting small events each month for the entire 15 months until our Anniversary Gala event in November 2015. Our first event will be a pancake breakfast / open house at our location. Check out our site for details and join us.



Please like our Facebook page to stay in touch with us and see all the great work we do each year.

www.facebook.com/hands4hopela

Check out our great videos on

www.youtube.com/hands4hopela

FAITH IN CHRIST MINISTRIES

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Faith in Christ Ministries serving since 1981 is a bridge to suburban communities, multi-cultural groups, Christian communities and people young and mature who want to make a difference for people who want a difference in their lives. Our service extends beyond geographical boundaries. Faith in Christ Ministries is a ministry in the heart of the city with a heart for the city.

What moves a person into action; a heartfelt need to be willing to give of ones self and serve others. Building relationships is the beginning point for directing a person to having a personal relation with Christ. Faith in Christ Ministries provides a continuum of mission opportunities, leading to spiritual growth for both partnering communities and people being served. Christ is the answer to the ills of our society and sometimes a person is more willing to listen when they are shown acts of kindness and compassion. Hearts can be expanded for mission work and lives are changed when given the opportunity to work side by side with those in need. The mission field begins right at home and then expands across our borders.

S.A.Y. Yes! (Save America's Youth) after School Tutorial Program – Mentoring Program and Summer Discovery Camps Tues, Wed, Thurs. 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tutor, teach academic enrichment, and teach an interest-based class, one-on-one tutoring/reading, to students K-12



S.A.Y. Yes!
Afterschool Youth Development Program



Chevy Chase teams comes to volunteer



Pepperdine University Students

Community Weekly Food Pantry

Program Supplementary
food assistance to families
and individuals.

Community Breakfast

Saturday, 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.
– serve the homeless

Annual Events for Service Opportunities

Heart & Sole 5K Fun Walk –
First Saturday in May
Walk with S.A.Y. Yes!
Students to raise money for
center and school shoes for
needy children.

Annual Thanksgiving Day
Celebration – serving several
locations
(www.celebratethanksgiving.org).

Annual Christmas Day
Celebration and Parent's
Christmas Shoppe

Ministry to Women – DAY SPOT

This opportunity was developed primarily for women who live in night-to-night shelters. We host a monthly gathering every 2nd Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It is a safe haven to be refreshed and encouraged! A pilot program is being formulated to expand days and time of operation for women.



Monthly Women's Gathering

Mission Experience

We are pleased to host groups and families for an overnight or weekend mission experience. Please contact the office regarding Spring Recess and Winter Break for 3 day or week Vacation Bible School and work projects.

Contact: Pastor Joe and Gwynn Browne at
323-291-9636 - gwynn@ficmla.com



Saturday morning community breakfast

LATINO & FAMILY MINISTRIES

DR. JOSE MENENDEZ

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In the midst of the changes we are going through as a Region, summer time and summer calendar events, the joy and blessings are amazing! It is indescribable all the enthusiasm I see in many faces, from teenagers, youths, women, men, and pastors as we serve in all our churches from the North coast, close to the border with Mexico, Arizona, Nevada, and Hawaii.

This has been the busiest year since I began serving in the Region, because for the first time a Resource Minister is serving all American Baptist Latino congregations in Los Angeles and the Congregations of the Southwest & Hawaii as well. As I travel visiting churches, seeing new faces, holding hands of brothers and sisters, I am encouraging the believers as the Apostle Paul said "Confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the Kingdom of God." Acts 14:22

PASTORS AND LEADERS CHILDREN

This year we programmed some different events starting from January 18, 2014. With the support team that helps us with the family ministry, we saw the needs of pastors' kids and leaders' kids from our Latino churches. For the last four years we had been doing PK's retreats, and we saw that many leaders in Latino congregations confront similar issues as the parents serve as lay people in the churches; therefore we organized a seminar for teenagers and young adults at the Regional Office.

We had 85 children of pastors and leaders at the workshop which was given by Pastor Vanderlei Pinto. All the attendees were very interested in the topics and participated in the Q & A part. Many of them made comments like: "Pastor, this was very insightful and interesting for us as we face a lot of different situations as kids of pastors or leaders". One young girl told me: "Pastor Jose, please continue doing this, and include the challenges we face as kids in the new millennium and popular culture."

After seeing the results and reviewing the comments, there is no doubt that we were on target with this theme.

In February, I visited the churches in Las Vegas, NV, including one new church plant. As I was having a conversation with the pastor, his wife was broken and expressed how hard it is for a family to come from another country to Las Vegas to plant a new mission, but God's grace and His love have kept them in this new church.

LATINO WOMEN EVENT

On March 15, 2014, we had a breakfast and encouraging event for all Latino women at Quiet Cannon in Montebello. We had around 375 women from different churches from our Region, and from all the churches including San Diego, and different counties in Los Angeles. We had a powerful message by Silvina Korsacky and all the ladies were very joyful and encouraging as they serve in their congregations. Pastora Nora Martinez is the leader for this Latinas women ministry with all the women in our 80 Latino churches.



THIRD GENERATION CONSULTATION REACHING LATINO NEW GENERATIONS

On March 29, 2014 we had a consultation with the Latino pastors, associates, and leaders from all churches to consult on how to reach second and third Latinos youth generation in the 21 century. We invited Dr. Daniel Rodriguez, professor at Pepperdine University Latino Department to be the speaker. This event was hosted by Ministerios Manantial de Amor in Los Angeles. Over 350 leaders and pastors attended this event.

We had good comments and reactions from many pastors and leaders as: *“Meetings of this nature are needed for our Latino churches, entertainment is good, but what we had learned today is fundamental for the future of our churches. Thank you for doing this”. And also: “Thank you, Dr. Rodriguez, for opening my eyes and making me understand that my culture and my language are not the same for my children, and that does not make them less Hispanic. What matters is to speak God’s language”.* Another comment was: *“This conference was a great blessing, it opened my eyes in many areas”.*

Dr. Daniel Rodriguez commented: *“This is a great response, it seems like they are catching the vision of outreach to the new generations”.*

DINNER FOR FRIENDS OF THE SEMINARY STUDENTS



One of the areas where we prepare young candidates for ministry is through the American Baptist Theological Center. We have a Bachelor in two concentrations with the University of La Verne at Full Theological Seminary in Pasadena. In these programs we have students enrolled with La Verne, and also students doing M.Div. and doctoral programs at Fuller. On April 12, 2014 our annual dinner was held at First Hispanic Baptist Church of South Gate with a great number of churches attending. All the food was donated by different Latino churches and all the funds received went to support students with various scholarships. *“Thanks to ABTC and ABCLA/ABCOSH, for their support on making this possible for all the students.”* These are the words of one seminarian. Another student said, *“I am grateful for all the churches from our Region that constantly support ABTC and us, also the Latino churches that make this dinner possible donating food, drinks, and financial donations.”*

CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR LATINO PASTORS

Every year we organize a Retreat for all Latino pastors, which is sponsored by ABCLA/ABCOSH Region, Children's Ministries, MMBB, and American Baptist Theological Center. We have been doing this for over 30 years. On May 18 thru the 22, we had our Latino Continuing Education and around 40 pastors and their wives attended this Retreat. This year we had Dr. Roberto Miranda from Lion of Judah Church in Massachusetts share with us how his church has grown and does outreach in their community.



"We pastors face many challenges in ministry and this event helps us and encourages us to continue doing ministry in the midst of our cities", words of one pastor who attended the retreat.

"This year was difficult for me and my wife, and we almost missed it, but thank you to the team who put this together and encouraged us to participate. I have been given new tools and motivation".

LATINO CHURCHES ANNUAL CELEBRATION



On June 7, 2014 we celebrated the Latino annual gathering of all our churches. This year we recognized 25 pastors who had been with ABCLA/ABCOSH for 25 years or over, doing ministry faithfully with us. We had blessed worship, and Dr. Danny de Leon shared with us an inspiring message. This celebration was at the First Baptist Church of South Gate where Josue Borges is senior pastor.

Many of our pastors were very inspired and motivated for their faithful and constant ministry with ABCLA/ABCOSH. *"I am very happy for my Region to recognize my ministry for so many years, and for their continued support of our ministry". "This was a very inspirational night for us; my spirit is lifted and my heart is grateful to my Lord for choosing me for ministry".*

TRAINING FOR NEW CHURCH PLANTERS

We are crafting a new Church Planter Institute for all the Latino Pastors who are planting new churches or missions. And as part of this, on June 28 we had training for all the new church planters and also some churches were invited that are doing a big effort to make their congregations grow. We invited pastors with experience in cell base ministry and different models were presented on how to do discipleship and evangelism with cells.

We had the participation of around 48 to 50 pastors and leaders who attended this training. *"I serve in a city where people come just for some days, and later they leave to another fields. It's hard for us to grow as we wish. But our ministry is to present Jesus Christ our Savior, so they can go to other places with His grace and salvation".*

"I am grateful to ABCLA/ABCOSH for having the heart, passion and vision and organizing this training for us because we really need it".



SERVICE INSTALLATION FOR NEW PASTOR IN SANTA BARBARA

Pastor Alejandro Roque and his wife, Elena were called to two different churches in our Region; the **First Hispanic Baptist Church of Santa Barbara** and the **Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana of Lompoc**.

First Hispanic Baptist Church of Santa Barbara is one of the first fruits among Hispanics. American Baptist missionaries were sent to reach all the immigrant Mexicans that migrated here in California, and this is a historical church among us. Back in those days there were only 8,000 Hispanics, and those leaders and pastors had the vision to reach those souls. Now we have over 50,000,000 immigrants among us and the challenge is even bigger. We are giving continuous support to this church that for many years has been doing ministry here in the coast of California. Pastor Roque was installed on June 29, 2014.

Primera Iglesia Bautista Hispana of Lompoc has been serving the Lord in the community since 1932. Founded by the Rev. Elías Campos and the Rev. Carlos M. Gurrola as a mission established at the First Baptist Church – Lompoc in the late 1800's, where they hold their services today under the leadership of newly installed Pastor Alejandro Roque; the church was officially reorganized September 2014. The church has been proclaiming the Word of God to the community for 82 years and enthusiastically looks to the future years as they continue the call of many years before. Pastor Roque was installed on August 30, 2014.



CONCLUDING THOUGHTS...

Among all these events, retreats, pastor searches, visiting and meeting with steering committees for new churches, attending special events, pastoral support and assisting churches in different needs, there is no doubt in my heart that the Lord is moving among us and all our churches. We are in the 21st century and there are new trends and challenges, but our goal is to be a resource for all of our congregations.

We have formed this year seven associations throughout Arizona, Nevada, southern and northern California. These associations are: North coast California including Bakersfield, Pastor Alfonso Martinez is the leader; San Fernando, Pastor Fernando Villacorta is the leader; Los Angeles, Rev. Hector Mancillas is the leader; Orange County, pastor Ruperto Ucan is the leader; San Bernardino and Riverside, Pastor David Lamadrid is the leader; and San Diego, Pastor Jose Ramirez is the leader. The leader for all the ministers in the Associations is Dr. Saul Maldonado.

We also have formed among our Latino churches five ministries; Women's Ministry, Pastora Nora Martinez is the leader, Men's Ministry, Pastor Pedro Martinez is the leader, Youth Ministry, Jorge and Ana Siguenza are the leaders, Ministers Council, Dr. Saul Maldonado is the leader, and then we have Children's Ministry, no leader yet.

The intentional vision of our Regional Latino Ministries is to rise up Lay Leaders and Pastoral Leadership among our 80 Latino Churches to impact women, men, youth and children.

On October 17-19, 2014, 2 will experience their Women's Retreat, "Cambio" or "Point of Change." This will be a great time of renewal and refreshment.

On October 17-19, 2014, 200 will experience their Women's Siguenza, are planning a Gala Dinner, "Get Plugged In" to envision and ignite a Regional Latino Youth Ministry Initiative.

By: Dr. Jose Menendez, Resource Minister with the Latino Churches.



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WHAT IS AB GIRLS?

AB GIRLS is a ministry focused upon meeting the spiritual needs of girls as they move through the many changes their lives will take as they grow into adulthood. Targeting young ladies ages 8 to 18.

AB GIRLS COVENANT

Remembering the words of Christ, Who said "I am the Light of the World," I promise to grow in Christ to share my gifts of time and money, talent and prayer, and to serve with others in God's world, so that the Light of Life may shine through me.

I bring you greetings from AB GIRLS Regional Ministry. It is my pleasure and honor as the AB GIRLS ABCLA/ABCOSH Regional Coordinator under the leadership of Region Women Connect to announce we are alive and growing in our 1st year as a Regional Ministry. Within the AB GIRLS vision and purpose, we as a Region have embraced our mission to educate, empower and equip each young lady as she Grows in Christ spiritually, Maintains a personal walk with Christ (at all times), Speaks boldly in personal Worship & Praise, Encourages one another, and Builds strong lasting friendships.

We are trying to reach these goals through our three ministry components:

RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Peers	Learning the skill of Event Planning
Adult & Young Adult Women (The Church)	Learning the skill of Teaching Small group(s)
ABCLA/ABCOSH Region	Learning the skill of Leading Worship (Vocal, Dance, etc.)
Community (Neighborhood & Global)	Learning the skill of Networking
Leadership Building	Service Building

DISCIPLESHIP

Foundation of the Christian Faith	Walking with Jesus
Serving Experience	Gifted to Serve
How to share your Faith	Qualities of a Godly Leader
How to study the Bible	



WE HAVE BEEN BUSY THROUHOOUT THIS YEAR IN EVENTS SUCH AS:

"ABGIRLS KICK OFF"

On January 11, 2014, we kicked off the renewal of AB GIRLS regionally, with an amazing celebration of worship, fellowship, food and tons of FUN. We had churches from as far as San Diego, San Bernardino, Los Angeles and Valley represented.

ETIQUETTE COURSES

March 8 and July 19, 2014, were our 1st and 2nd of a 3 part Etiquette course title "Mind Your Manners" taught by Mrs. Shirley Jiles from Panorama Baptist Church in Arleta. This is an amazing wealth of knowledge our girls are able to experience at no cost. The information and resources Mrs. Jiles has provided is beyond what you would ever image.



MOTHER'S DAY TEA FUNDRAISER

May 3, 2014, was our 1st Fundraiser in the form of a Mother's Day Tea. This event was presented in such a professional and authentic resemblance of a true Tea house; it was beyond what one could ever image. There was a full program of song, dancing, an encouraging word, food and fellowship. It was an event you did not want to miss.



"HOME MISSION: 'TIL THE WORK IS DONE"

August 3-9, 2014, American Baptist Home Mission Societies provided an opportunity for ABGIRLS to participate in the efforts in the ongoing rebuilding following Hurricane Katrina. Our group is small, but 6 of our ABGIRLS represented our Region in New Orleans.



REGIONAL FELLOWSHIP

October 11, 2014 we are taking ABGIRLS from the Glendale and surrounding areas on a road trip and visit our sister church in San Diego for a day of worship fun and fellowship.

Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to grow and don't hesitate to come out and join us. You do not have to have an active AB GIRLS Ministry within your church to participate. All Regional Church family and friends are welcomed (young ladies ages 8 to 18). We hope to see more of you throughout this year and into the next.

REGION WOMEN CONNECT

JOYCE E. MCDOUGAL

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Giving honor and praise to God with great gratitude for this opportunity to bring you greetings from Region Women Connect, the group previously known as ABW Ministries.

It has been a busy year for Region Women Connect, but we have tried to remain steadfast to our goal of uniting, revitalizing, invigorating, inspiring and challenging the women of our region. We have made a very deliberate and conscious effort to plan activities that generate excitement and enthusiasm, often resulting in the comments: "We've never done it that way before" and "We always do it this way." This is music to our ears.

For example, we coordinated the first Regional Advent Festival and Celebration, which combined our annual Christmas gift bag distribution with the Regional Advent Dinner.

We planned and implemented the weekend discovery tour to Rainbow Acres in Arizona. This turned out to be fun and a huge success, with the most frequently asked question being, "when are we going again?"

We sponsored our first mission outreach workday entitled, "Hearts of Faith – Hands of Action." For the very first time, many were introduced to the art of rolling White Cross bandages, cutting exact sized squares, sewing the Christmas gift bags and making handmade greeting cards for our missionary families. We were blessed to have Chris Marziale from International Ministries – ABCUSA join us for this event, as well as a trip to visit Deborah's House with the Schellingers in Tijuana, Mexico.

We had our first women's retreat called, "Café Chocolat," September 12 & 13 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Arcadia, CA. Now who can resist God's Word and chocolate at the same time? Attendees from Cafe Chocolat created beautiful bracelets and greetings for the women of the Mitendi Women's Center in Kinshasa (Pictured below) Thanks to Jill Lowery, our ABC missionary, who will translate the messages. Now THAT is Region Women connecting!

We will come together again on Saturday, December 6 at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Arcadia, CA, for our Christmas Event. Place that date on your calendar with a special notation not to miss!

If you haven't been in attendance for these activities, why not? You are truly missing a great opportunity to meet your sisters in Christ, experience new activities, move a little outside of your comfort zone and help us brain-storm as we try to think outside of the box and move forward to new and exciting adventures in the Lord. As Rev. Karen Stewart, our speaker at the Fall Event in 2013, asked you, "If not now, then when? If not you, then who?" Think about it and be energized by the words in Romans 8:28 & 31: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God and have been called according to his purpose... If God is for us, who can be against us?" Looking forward to seeing you at our next event.

Blessings to all of you,

Joyce



THE ORDINATION COUNCIL, DR. WES BROWN, CHAIR

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The Ordination Council usually meets four times during the year to interview candidates for ordination who are recommended by local ABC churches. Each candidate must complete an application, present transcripts of academic preparation involving college and seminary education (with a B.A. and Master of Divinity), sign a copy of the ABC Ministers' Code of Ethics, authorize a personal criminal background check, complete psychological testing and an interview at the Center for Ministry, present the names of five persons to provide recommendations, complete a course on Baptist History and Polity, submit an autobiographical statement of Christian experience and calling, and an extended statement of faith. The candidate presents these written documents and they are read by members of the Council prior to the scheduled meeting.

At the meeting of the Ordination Council, the candidate may be questioned regarding his/her background, calling, or on theological convictions and their application to ministry. The Council is very representative of our churches and includes both women and men. There are African American, Asian, Latino, and Caucasian members.

On May 14, 2013, the Council met and interviewed Mathew Andrews of the First Baptist Church of Glendale and approved recognition of his prior ordination in Texas. They also interviewed and approved recognition of the prior ordination of Tahlib McMichaeau of Desert Hot Springs. Hector Mancillas was interviewed and received the recommendation of the Council that he be ordained by the local church.

On November 19, 2013, the Council interviewed Kevin Doi, pastor of the Epic Church of Fullerton and recommended that the church ordain him.

On February 18, 2014, the Council met and interviewed Ron Miyake of Evergreen Baptist Church of San Gabriel Valley and recommended that the church proceed with his ordination. We give thanks to the Lord for these pastor leaders and their ministries.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Wesley H. Brown
Chair

ORDINATION COUNCIL MEMBERS

Dr. Carlos Arce	Mrs. Gloria Marshall
Dr. Wes Brown	Rev. Melanie Mar Chow
Dr. Dennis Casaje	Rev. John Polite
Dr. Samuel Chetti	Dr. William Thurmond
Dr. Joe DeRoulhac	Dr. Robert Wallace



REGIONAL ASIAN MINISTRIES

DR. DENNIS CASAJE

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The first Convention of the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches was held in our Region August 5-7, 2014, and was hosted at the First Baptist Church of Glendale and ABCLA/ABCOSH. This is a significant and historic event as this is the first convention since the alliance transitioned from being a Caucus for many years. The theme was "Pursuing God Across the Generations" and attended by more than 100 Pastors, Leaders, and Seminarians who came from all over the country.

Last July, Rev. Dr. Dennis Casaje, Regional Associate for Asian Ministry, was in the Philippines to visit and monitor the churches that our Region helped rebuild and repair after being damaged by Mega Typhoon Haiyan (Philippine code name: Yolanda). More than 10 local church buildings (and more to follow) were helped due to the very generous response to the appeal of our regional Executive Minister, Dr. Samuel Chetti, to raise funds that would be focused on rebuilding/ repairing church structures .

We also welcomed two Filipino congregations that joined our Region's Church family, ministering in the Northridge and Long Beach/Carson areas!



A MAN WITH A MISSION A CHURCH WITH A MINISTRY DR. WILLIAM THURMOND

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Many pastors and congregations are engaged in creative and dynamic ministries, but I want to spot light one, pastor and congregation...

The journey of this pastor and congregation is like unto Nehemiah's 'narrative about the rebuilding of the walls of Jerusalem. I believe there were three keys to success; inspired leadership, the people had a mind to work, and the foundation of prayer.

In 13 brief years **Atherton Baptist Church of Los Angeles** moved from a limited and struggling group of individuals into a thriving pulsating body of servant people engaged in numerous ministries; ministries in the community, the United States and overseas.

In 2001, the Atherton family was without pastoral leadership. Attendance was about 160-170 and membership was on a diminishing spiral. Today, Atherton's attendance is about 790-800; membership is growing and thriving new life, with a focused direction.

Major projected completed

Both parking lots have been remodeled and paved.

The sanctuary has been enlarged and remodeled.

All three floors completely remodeled and air-conditioned.

Separated Youth and children worship centers.

Purchased new property and paid for in two years.

In 2001, a challenge to the members to buy one or two chairs per family, initiated these projects. The people responded and the following year purchased the chairs. Each project, except for property purchased, was completed without a loan. In two years, the property was paid for. In addition, the traditional ministries were revised and refocused; and about 36 new ministries initiated, each under the leadership of a ministry team.

HOW DID THIS CONGREGATION COMPLETE THESE PROJECTS AND REFOCUS FOR MINISTRY?

The congregation called a pastor who took time to know the people of God, and was blessed with the skill to teach and inspire. With a sound Biblical foundation, he shared with the members what the Lord expected of His family:

Attend weekly worship service

Attend weekly Bible study or Bible Enrich Class.

Get involved in at least one ministry.

Be a faithful giver.

In addition, the Pastor was the first to practice these expectations and motivated all leaders to follow where he was leading.

The second thing this new pastor did was to focus on teaching. He taught the Atherton family:

To see itself as a body of inspired believers

A. Striving to lead its members to a loving, learning, loyal, and lasting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ.

B. By reestablishing a standard of excellence in God's church through Education, Renovation, Rejuvenation, and Evangelism.

The pastor provided two to keys accomplish this mission and vision

A. To teach God's word and train Leaders

B. To ask each member to give one dollar per day over and above tithes and offerings.

Today the Atherton family has outgrown its expanded, remodeled facility. They have two worship services, Bible study five days per week, and various ministries operating seven days per week. I, therefore, believe this is a church with a ministry because the people are motivated and engaged.

The power that energizes this church with a ministry is the Spirit of the living God; but the inspiration behind these ministries, and expansion, is a visionary leader; Rev Larry D. Weaver, a man with a mission. If you asked, he would say: *"Atherton Baptist Church is a church striving to lead its members to a loving, learning, loyal, and lasting relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ."*

Pastor Weaver has shown himself a leader who not only applies, but also is willing to share his gifts, talents, and insight with all engaged in the Father's business.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF LOS ANGELES & CONGREGATIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST AND HAWAII

Supplemental Statement of Financial Position See Independent Accountant's Review Report

December 31, 2013

ASSETS	General Mission	ABCOSH	Total
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$243,894	\$603	\$244,497
Accounts Receivable - net	101,562	-	101,562
Prepaid and other assets	47,208	-	47,208
Notes receivable - current	117,763	-	117,763
Total Current Assets	510,427	603	511,030
Certificates of Deposit	366,621	-	366,621
Investments	2,094,354	-	2,094,354
Notes Receivable, net of current	18,630,203	-	18,630,203
Investment In Real Estate	880,000	-	880,000
Equipment and Improvements	258,685	-	258,685
Total Assets	\$22,740,290	\$603	\$22,740,893
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts payable	\$39,894	\$5,675	\$45,569
Accrued expenses	80,868	1,869	82,737
Due from ABCOSH to GMP	(34,347)	34,347	-
Current portion of notes payable	41,977	-	41,977
Capital leases payable - current	35,032	-	35,032
Total Current Liabilities	163,424	41,891	205,315
Notes payable	469,738	-	469,738
Capital leases payable, net of current	86,431	-	86,431
Total Liabilities	719,593	41,891	761,484
Net Assets			
Unrestricted:			
Net investment in property	137,222	-	137,222
Undesignated	20,252,246	(41,288)	20,210,958
Total unrestricted net assets	20,389,468	(41,288)	20,348,180
Temporarily restricted	178,687	-	178,687
Permanently restricted	1,452,542	-	1,452,542
Total Net Assets	22,020,697	(41,288)	21,979,409
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$22,740,290	\$603	\$22,740,893

Charitable Nonprofit Sustainability Metrics	
Net Available Assets as of 12/31/2013	\$20,526,867
Total Expenses for 2013	\$1,629,533
Working Capital Ratio (years)	12.6

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF LOS ANGELES & CONGREGATIONS OF THE SOUTHWEST AND HAWAII

Supplemental Statement of Activity See Independent Accountant's Review Report

Year Ended December 31, 2013

<u>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</u>	General Mission	ABCOSH	Total
Contribution income	\$227,074	\$80,034	\$307,108
Investment income	1,387,599	-	1,387,599
Other income	244,348	-	244,348
Programs moved into General Mission	3,117	-	3,117
Total Support and Revenue	<u>1,862,138</u>	<u>80,034</u>	<u>1,942,172</u>

EXPENSES

Administration	231,762	-	231,762
Salary and Benefits	780,471	-	780,471
Office of Executive Minister	36,928	-	36,928
Office of Latino/a Ministries and NCP/NCD ...	188,129	-	188,129
Office of Youth and Family Ministries	65,887	-	65,887
Strategic Initiatives	33,253	-	33,253
New Church Planting	61,974	-	61,974
Region Women Connect	41,770	-	41,770
Fundraising	26,834	-	26,834
Depreciation	69,100	-	69,100
Bad Debt	13,917	-	13,917
ABCOSH expenses:			
Regional Staff & Salary Support	-	11,308	11,308
Pastoral & Church Support	-	63,017	63,017
Business expenses	-	5,183	5,183
Total Expenses	<u>1,550,025</u>	<u>79,508</u>	<u>1,629,533</u>

Change in Net Assets Before Discontinued Operations and Extraordinary Gain	312,113	526	312,639
Change in Net Assets	312,113	526	312,639
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	<u>21,708,584</u>	<u>(41,814)</u>	<u>21,666,770</u>
Net Assets, End of Year	<u>\$22,020,697</u>	<u>\$(41,288)</u>	<u>\$21,979,409</u>



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