

ABCNJ Annual Session September 24



Featured Speakers



Rev. Dr. Marilyn Turner

Associate Executive Director, ABHMS

Rev. Dr. Marilyn P. Turner is Associate Executive Director for Missional Life and Leadership with American Baptist Home Mission Societies. She leads networking and ministry efforts relating to healing communities, church transformation, justice for children and families, and intercultural strategies.



Mr. Elie Haddad

President, Arab Baptist Theological Seminary

Born and raised in Lebanon, Elie Haddad immigrated to Canada in 1990. In 2005 he felt the call to return to Lebanon, and accepted the position of president of ABTS. Elie's missiological studies are transforming the nature of evangelism in the Middle East and throughout the world.

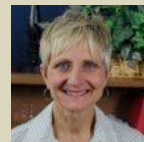


Rev. Darrell Armstrong

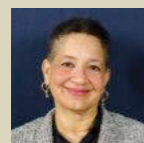
Pastor, Shiloh Baptist Church (Trenton)

Rev. Armstrong represents the Baptist World Alliance at the United Nations. He sees his "global ministry" as working to make families stronger by equipping them with lessons of hope & resilience.

Also Featuring



Rev. Sue Royle
Rwanda 4S Project



Rev. Estelle David
Sacred Safe Spaces



Rev. Hojin Yu
Asian Ministries



Rev. Leslie Martin
Bridge Pastors

Agenda

Registration & Breakfast

7:30 AM

Morning Session

"An Open Book"

8:30 AM

Friends of ABCNJ

Luncheon

1:00 PM

Baptism Service

2:30 PM

Conversations and vendor times
before and after lunch

You're Invited

Come be part of the celebration as the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey gathers together to highlight our important work throughout the region and the world.

Join us at our new location, Ocean Place Resort, at the Jersey Shore in Long Branch. Following our challenging Friday afternoon academy for pastors, enjoy dinner and a *bonfire on the beach* — s'mores are included!

Saturday's focus is "OPEN" – to God's Spirit, direction, and ministry. You will be inspired by the witness of Baptists in Lebanon, and challenged to open your own heart to God's direction and blessing.

Saturday's celebration will climax with a baptism service on the beach!

Register online at as2016.eventbrite.com

ABCNJ Academy at Annual Session

Friday, September 23

1 PM – 5 PM

Ocean Place Resort & Spa

How should we, as American Baptists, relate to other world religions? How we are called by God to work with people of different faiths? How can we share Jesus' good news in a religiously pluralistic world? Come and explore these questions alongside your colleagues in ministry.

Representing Jesus in a Muslim Culture

Baptists in Lebanon, and throughout the Muslim World, face extraordinary challenges and opportunities as they see to share the Gospel in their cultural context.



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Listening Charitably – An Interfaith Dialog

What is it like to live in the United States as a practitioner of a religious minority? Enjoy a conversation with three engaging leaders from the Muslim, Jewish, and Buddhist communities.



Imam Sohaib Sultan

Muslim Chaplain
Princeton University



Rabbi Adena Blum

Assistant Rabbi
Congregation Beth Chaim,
Princeton Junction

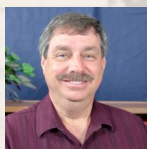


Dr. Jongbok Yi

*Professor of Philosophy
& Religion*
Stockton University

Charitable Evangelism – Lessons from our Baptist Heritage

Join a free-ranging discussion of how Baptists can share the Gospel with people from other religious backgrounds. Our own Senior Regional Pastor will guide the conversation, based on a paper which will be distributed to participants prior to the Academy. Dr. Spitzer will focus on the Baptist conception of civic and religious liberty, separation of church and state, and why Baptists should remain committed to evangelism in the 21st Century.



Rev. Dr. Lee B. Spitzer

Senior Regional Pastor
American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

Registration includes access to all Academy panels, dinner, and evening bonfire on the beach. Early bird registration is \$70 and ends on August 15. Register today! Retired pastors and their spouses can register for free, courtesy of MMBB and ABCNJ by calling the region office at (609) 587-8700.

Schedule

Registration

12:00 Noon

Representing Jesus

1:00 PM

Listening Charitably

2:30 PM

Charitable Evangelism

3:45 PM

Register online at as2016.eventbrite.com

Celebrating our Retired Pastors and Clergy

Following the Friday afternoon ABCNJ Academy, MMBB and ABCNJ are co-hosting a buffet dinner overlooking the ocean. Our evening speaker will be Louis P. Barbarin from MMBB Financial Services.

In order to honor their years of faithful service, both retired clergy and their spouses can attend this dinner *at no cost*.

Louis P. Barbarin, CPA, initially joined MMBB's staff as assistant treasurer and has since served as treasurer, CFO, and deputy executive director before assuming the role of chief executive officer.

Prior to joining MMBB, Louis served as the deputy executive director and treasurer of the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication. He currently serves on the Board, Finance, and Pension Committees of the Kendal Corporation – a network of continuous care retirement communities providing housing and other services to its residents. Prior volunteer experiences include Habitat for Humanity of Chester County, The American Baptist Foundation, ABCON Credit Union, and Trinity Press International. Louis is an active member of St. Paul's Baptist Church in West Chester, PA where he serves in the music ministry.



Louis P. Barbarin, CPA
Chief Executive Officer
MMBB Financial Services

MMBB PASTOR'S FELLOWSHIP DINNER CAMP LEBANON BEACH BONFIRE



<https://www.flickr.com/photos/tobiasoft/3704792116/>

The Lebanon Praise Team will share their talents with all who come. Formed by teens from several different churches, they came together at camp and decided to keep in touch.

Youth groups are encouraged to be part of the beach celebration! Tickets are **\$10** each, or **\$75** for a packet of ten. To place an order for bonfire tickets please call the region office at (609) 587-8700.

What could be better than hanging out on the beach?
How about hanging out at a **bonfire** on the beach!

Come out to Annual Session on Friday night and hear great music, sing a little bit, play games, and eat s'mores as the sun goes down. Bring the whole family, there'll be fun for everyone!



Register online at as2016.eventbrite.com

Our Venue

Ocean Place Resort & Spa

1 Ocean Blvd
Long Branch, NJ 07740



Standing just off the beach in beautiful Long Branch, Ocean Place Resort & Spa will be an excellent venue for ABCNJ's 2016 Annual Session. With gorgeous spaces and spectacular views, Annual Session attendees will have an unforgettable experience!

For those staying over night, Ocean Place offers Beach Access, an indoor and outdoor pool, recreational activities, and tons of fun on the boardwalk *literally* steps away from the hotel entrance. If you ever wanted to make a full weekend of Annual Session, this is the year to do it! Why not extend your stay into Sunday?

Best of all, Ocean Place has a spacious parking lot and *free parking!*

Directions

www.oceanplace.com/contact-location-en.html

Registration

There are three ways to register!

Eventbrite

Register online at:

as2016.eventbrite.com

Pay by credit card, or by check after selecting "Show other payment options"

Mail

Fill out and return the included form to the ABCNJ region office

3752 Nottingham Way, Suite 101
Trenton, NJ 08690

Phone

Call the region office and register by phone.

(609) 587-8700

Reservations

Special room rates for attendees will be available soon. For both Ocean Place and alternative lodging options follow the link below.

<http://www.abcnj.net/2016-annual-session/>



Package Options

Friday Events

Academy, Dinner & Bonfire

before Aug 15

\$70

before Sept 15

\$80

after Sept 15 & at door

\$90

Retired Clergy & Spouses

Call Region Office before Aug 15

FREE

Bonfire & S'mores

individual ticket

\$10

packet of 10 tickets

\$75

Saturday Only

Saturday package includes parking, pre-session breakfast, and banquet luncheon.

Early Bird

before Aug 15

\$89

Pre-Registration

before Sept 15

\$109

Late Registration

after Sept 15 & at door

\$129

Children

Ages 6-12

\$20

Full Package

Includes full access to all Friday and Saturday events.

Early Bird

before Aug 15

\$149

Pre-Registration

before Sept 15

\$169

Late Registration

after Sept 15 & at door

\$199

Children

Ages 6-12

\$25

Celebration Rate

Baptismal candidates, as well as up to *four* family members, can register for Saturday at a special rate. These registrations will be handled by the Region Office.

Baptismal Candidates

before Aug 15

\$69

Be part of the celebration!