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Our Mission is to make the worship of God primary in all our gatherings, foster relationships within and outside the Alliance, create places of refuge and renewal for those wounded or ignored by the church, side with the poor, pursue justice with and for the oppressed, care for the earth, work for peace, honor wisdom and lifelong learning, and hold ourselves accountable for equity, collegiality and diversity.

1999

Convocation

**March 12-14
Richmond**

Northminster
Baptist Church
&
Baptist
Theological
Seminary
at Richmond
with concurrent

**Youth
Convocation**

Featuring

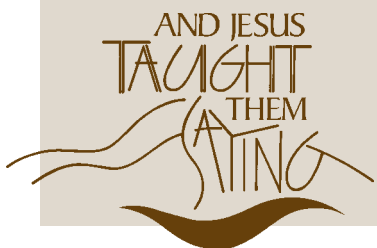
Phyllis Tribble, Wake
Forest Divinity School

Nancy Ammerman,
Hartford Seminary

Ken Myers, Hendricks
Avenue Baptist Church

C. Welton Gaddy,
Alliance president

Stan Hastey, Alliance
executive director



Nancy Ammerman is professor of sociology of religion at Hartford Seminary in Hartford, CT. She

will bring the Covenant Address at this year's Convocation, the third time she has addressed Alliance members. She previously taught for 10 years at the Candler School of Theology at Emory University in Atlanta. An author, Nancy has written several books and articles for scholarly journals. In 1993, she served on a panel of experts convened by the U. S. Departments of Justice and Treasury to make recommendations in light of the government's confrontation with the Branch Davidians at Waco. Nancy earned a Ph. D. and M. Phil. from Yale University, and an M. A. from the University of Louisville. She is also a graduate of Southwest Baptist University.



Kenneth Meyers is associate pastor of Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL, where he

directs the spiritual formation programming for the congregation through a comprehensive Christian education plan including teaching, preaching, and counseling. Ken earned a Doctor of Ministry degree in faith formation from The Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC. He earned his master's degree in Christian education from Southern Seminary in 1977, and a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a major in marketing from Auburn University in 1973. He has been a preacher/speaker/consultant to churches and numerous Christian education conferences and retreats since 1980.



Phyllis Tribble is associate dean and professor of biblical studies at the Divinity School of Wake Forest University.

She graduated magna cum laude from Meredith College in Raleigh, NC, in 1954, earned her master's degree in divinity from Union Theological Seminary in 1956, and her doctorate from Union and Columbia University in 1963. Internationally known as a Hebrew scholar and rhetorical critic, Tribble provided expert commentary for Bill Moyers' public television series, "Genesis: A Living Conversation." Before moving to Wake Forest last spring, Tribble was the Baldwin Professor of Sacred Literature at Union Theological Seminary.



Manuel Delgado, president of the Fraternidad de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba, will be visiting the United States beginning Jan. 15 for visits with First Baptist Church, Greenville, SC, and Trinity Baptist Church, Seneca, SC, among others. He will be representing the Fraternidad at the mid-winter board meetings of the Progressive National Baptist Convention in Myrtle Beach, SC, where the Alliance will be represented by Executive Director Stan Haste.

Baptist World Alliance General Secretary Denton Lotz has called for an end to the U.S. economic embargo on Cuba, calling it a "failed policy which

**update on
cuba**

hurts precisely the people we want to help: the children, the poor and the elderly." He called on President Clinton and Congress to lift the embargo and ease travel restrictions to Cuba.

"If China and other more repressive countries are open to trade, why not Cuba?" he asked. Lotz also announced the BWA will hold the meetings of its General Council in Cuba in July 2000.

First Baptist Church, Jonesville, NC, will be represented by a delegation of six travelers on its annual visit with Iglesia Bautista El Jordán in Havana, Jan. 15-24.

Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Franklin, VA, is sending a delegation of 10 on its annual visit with Iglesia Bautista de Luyano in Havana, Jan. 24-Feb. 1.

First Baptist Church, Cornelius, NC, is sending a delegation of six on a visit to Iglesia Bautista Genesaret, its sister congregation in Sancti Spíritus, Feb. 5-13.

A gift of \$5,000 has been donated by a Greenville, SC, Alliance member as the first match to a grant of \$23,700 given by a foundation to support the work of the Fraternity of Baptist Churches of Cuba. According to terms of the grant, foundation monies already in a Cuban account may be released for use as they are matched. The donor foundation designated that the bulk of its gift be used for the acquisition of sites for new churches and their buildings. A smaller portion of the grant will provide an initial investment pool for a retirement plan for pastors. The deadline for matching the entire grant is September 2000.

Former Alliance board member G. Todd Wilson is the new pastor of First Baptist Church, Clemson, SC. Formerly he was pastor of Weatherly Heights Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL, for 23 years.



Todd Wilson

Jenola Marie Gaddy, mother of Alliance President C. Welton Gaddy, died Dec 17 in Paris, TN. Condolences may be sent to 850 N. Randolph St., Lincoln Towers #432, Arlington, VA 22203.

Joseph Mayes has been called as minister of music at Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville, GA, moving from a similar position in Farmville, VA.

In the October 1998 issue of *connections*, an announcement concerning sites of future Convocations was incomplete. The 2002 Convocation is to be hosted not only by Wake Forest Baptist Church but by Wake Forest University as well. We regret the omission.

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As you can see from the figures on the back page, we have had an excellent year in contributions made to the Alliance budget. But as of the end of December, we were still short of the \$75,000 goal for the Frontiers of Hope Mission Offering. We are hopeful that offerings taken in December and other contributions that haven't yet reached our office will help us fund fully each of the 18 recipient groups for 1998.

position announcements

Ginter Park Baptist Church in Richmond, VA, is seeking a Senior Minister. Candidates must have a Master's degree. Send resume by February 15 to Pastor Search Committee, Ginter Park Baptist Church, 1200 Wilmington Ave., Richmond, VA 23227.

Millbrook Baptist Church in Raleigh, NC, seeks an Associate Minister for Mission and Ministry. Candidates should have a degree from an accredited college or university. Seminary degree or equivalent is highly desirable. Please direct inquiries or resumes to Search Committee, Millbrook Baptist Church, 1519 Millbrook Rd. E, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Here in the Alliance office, time always seems telescoped at the beginning of a new year.

Jeanette and I return from our respective holiday breaks to the busiest time of the year and 1999 is no exception.

The reason? We are now scarcely two months away from the annual highlight on the Alliance calendar —

our national Convocation.

As you have been reading in *connections*, this year's big event is to be held March 12-14 in

Richmond, VA, where Northminster

Baptist Church and Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond will be our hosts. Representatives from both, along with other Alliance members in the Richmond area, already have done outstanding work preparing.

As you will read elsewhere in this issue, our lineup of speakers is now complete. It includes well-known educators Nancy Ammerman of Hartford Seminary and Phyllis Tribble of the Divinity School at Wake Forest University. Other speakers will be Alliance President C. Welton Gaddy and your executive director. (You'll

perspectives



By Stan Hasteley
Executive Director

want to look for workshop and forum options in next month's *connections*.)

As always, worship will be highlighted. This year's Convocation Committee, which includes some of the most outstanding Christian educators anywhere, has planned what promise to be inspirational worship experiences. And they have pledged to make them briefer.

Often I tell people if they want to see the Alliance at its best, they should attend and participate in Convocation. This year's 13th annual renewal of our flagship event provides all Alliance members with the opportunity to introduce others to our movement.

So consider it a New Year's challenge and opportunity to do two things. First, send in your own registration for Convocation. Then, pass the word along to someone else, someone you know needs and will benefit from the Alliance. You and I know we need and will benefit from new members.

Ten years ago, when a search committee asked me to take on this job, Anne Thomas Neil assured me I was not being asked to grow a big organization. Time has proven her right. Yet we still need new people in the Alliance movement. And surely we all realize new members will have to be asked.

Happy New Year! See you in Richmond,

DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOR?

PERSPECTIVES IN DIVERSITY

A Youth Convocation will be held concurrently with the Alliance's annual Convocation Mar. 12-14.

Youth will convene at Northminster Baptist Church for worship and communion with the larger group on Friday night, then adjourn to the YMCA for orientation and group activities.

On Saturday a variety of learning activities focusing on racial, sexual and religious diversity is planned. Sunday morning youth will meet to share their experiences and then join the larger convocation for worship.

Todd and Ginny Brown Daniel of Richmond, VA, are program directors. Call Bonnie Dixon at 919/851-6577 for information. Registration is \$55 per person.

Housing Information

for 1999 Convocation in Richmond

Holiday Inn Central
804/359-9441

\$59 per night S/D/T/Q
Ask for the Alliance of Baptists rate.

Registration Form: 1999 Convocation March 12-14

Name (s): _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Amount enclosed: \$60 Individual \$100 Couple \$30 Student

Child care needs (List ages/times) _____

Mail to: Alliance of Baptists, 1328 16th Street NW, Washington, DC 20036

Budget Gifts

Operating Income: \$234,782
 Budget Needs: \$231,632
 Expenditures: \$222,769

Frontiers of Hope Mission Offering (1998)

Goal: \$75,000
 Receipts: \$60,611
 Needed: \$14,389

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1999 Bridges of Hope Mission Offering Recipients

Baptist Peace Fellowship, Lake Junaluska, NC	Overall program support/International Peace Conference	\$7,500
Baptist Theological Seminary Zimbabwe	Program support/operating expenses	\$8,500
Baptist Women in Ministry, Kansas City, KS	Resource development	\$4,000
Brite Divinity School, Baptist Studies Program, Fort Worth	Newsletter, <i>Brite Baptist Bulletin</i>	\$2,000
Center for Women, Richmond, VA	Woman-to-woman mentoring project	\$4,000
Dolores Street Baptist Church, San Francisco, CA	Salary support	\$1,000
Cross Creek Community Church, Dayton, OH	Salary support	\$1,000
Emmaus House, Raleigh NC	Overall program support	\$1,500
Fraternity of Baptist Churches of Cuba	Overall program support	\$15,000
Jeff Street Community, Louisville, KY	Overall ministry program	\$3,000
Oakhurst Recovery Program, Atlanta	Offset food costs	\$3,000
Providence Baptist Church, Little Rock, AR	Day care, women's shelter	\$4,000
Reconciliation, Nashville, TN	Overall program support	\$1,000
San Leandro Community Church, San Leandro, CA	Salary support	\$2,000
Strive, Cornell Baptist Church, Chicago, IL	Overall program support	\$3,000
Union Mission Children's Services, Savannah, GA	Overall program support	\$5,000
Fellowship Baptist Church, Edison, GA	Building purchase/renovation	\$3,000
A Gathering of Baptists and Others Interested in Spirituality	Scholarship assistance for seminary students	\$3,000
Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, DC	Baptist Studies Program	\$2,500
Baptist Convention of Zimbabwe	Overall program support	\$6,000
1999 Total:		\$80,000

FIRST CHAPLAIN ENDORSED BY THE ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS

Ann Madden

Ann Madden, a pastoral counselor at the Pastoral Counseling Center in New Orleans, is the first chaplain to be endorsed by the Alliance. She sought the endorsement so that she can apply to become a Fellow in the American Association of Pastoral Counselors. Ann is a graduate of Tulane University and a member of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans. Her husband Myron is also a pastoral counselor.

Thirty-five applications for endorsement have been received since the Alliance board approved the endorsement process in September. James Hightower, chair of the endorsement committee, said 10 applicants are nearing completion of the process and two other applications are currently before the committee.