



## **AMERICAN BAPTIST MEN-USA**

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***Greetings as we all look forward to another exciting year of men's ministry!***

Each year our national ministry encourages men to gather together and celebrate our Lord and the mission He has provided us. This year Rev. Stephen Wisthoff, ABMen USA Pastor Counselor, has prepared new resources for us to use in preparation of the ABMen National Prayer Breakfast, ABMen Laity Sunday and for men's gatherings or special meetings as you may require. Our prayer is that these resources provide you the encouragement to plan for your men to participate in the mission and ministry of ABMen USA in 2018.

Rev. Wisthoff's message is timely, ***“Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”*** and speaks to our obligation to go and make disciples for Christ. And it fits nicely into our 2018 national theme of ***“How to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus!”*** and boy do we have the opportunity to experience that in our ministries this year. Our mission field is packed with so many opportunities for your men's group, young men's group or church members to organize their participation. Just some of the ministry commitments we have before us:

### **Work Parties:**

- Green Lake Conference Center (April and September)
- Bacone College (June)

### **Mission Trips:**

- Puerto Rico – *Jack Cobb, National Coordinator, will lead volunteer ABMen Disaster Relief teams to PR this February, March and April (so far!).*
- Nicaragua – *Lucky Ray, Executive Director, will lead volunteer ABMen to complete projects previously begun by ABC volunteers.*

**National Prayer Breakfast: February 24**

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### **Disaster Relief Bi-Annual Training Conference:**

- Linwood, NE - March 22-24

### **National Men's Conference:**

- Green Lake Conference Center – September 7-9

**ABMen Laity Sunday** – October 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in October)

*For 96 years ABMen have striven to be the Hands and Feet of Jesus, and we can serve more through your support. I encourage you to keep the mission of ABMen USA in your prayers and to become a Key Contributor of our ministries.*

May we always be up to HIS challenge.

Bob Slechta  
President - ABMen USA