



# Penn-Del Tips

The official newsletter of the American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware

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## From The President

Earlier this year one of the Board members asked the question "Where do we go from here?"

It's the same question members of the collaboration team ask each other. "Where do we go from here?"

How can we offer more help to the Churches we serve? Is the annual retreat the only way we have to help enrich the faith and fellowship of our brothers in Christ?

I believe the Holy Spirit is at work helping us to make our retreat into a more relevant and useful event.

But... "Where do we go from here?"

We want to find ways to bring men who share the same talents and interests together. Perhaps we can help churches start their own Men's Group. We believe we need to improve communications with all of you throughout the year.

Let's consider devoting some time at next year's retreat for all of us to review what we have accomplished and talk about, pray about what we see as the Lord's plan for "where we go from here..."

For current information on ABMOPAD, please check the President's Page at [www.abmopad.org](http://www.abmopad.org)

**Mark your calendars! The 62nd Annual Layman's Retreat will be held from July 29 through July 31, 2016 at Shippensburg University. We hope to see you there!**

## Let's Take a Trip to Mexico!

The American Baptist Men of Pennsylvania and Delaware invite men and women to experience a 8 day Mission Experience. at Deborah's House in Tijuana Mexico. The trip will leave January 26 and and return February 2, 2016.

We will fly out of Philadelphia International Airport on the morning of January 26th to San Diego, CA., arriving there about 1:30 PM (West Coast Time).

The group will be transported to the Mission Station in Mexico by Van. Be sure to have a current passport.

The team leaders are Bob and Lynn Swan. The cost is a low \$800.00 and included travel, ground transportation from San Diego and return to airport, lodging and meals.

Applications may be secured by contacting Denise Veselicky at 1-888-687-0883 or by e-mail [Dveselicky@ABCOPAD.com](mailto:Dveselicky@ABCOPAD.com)

A \$200.00 deposit is required to hold a spot on the trip. Additional information is available from Bob Swan 215-674-1935 or e-mail [swantown@aol.com](mailto:swantown@aol.com).

If you can not attend the trip, but would like to make it possible for someone else to go, please send a gift marked for Mission Trip to:

ABMOPAD Mission Trip  
c/o Robert H, Swan, Sr.  
21201 Ann's Choice Way  
Warminster, PA 18974

## **Booster Call 58 for Deborah's House Building Addition**

Our International Booster Call number 58 is to provide funds for materials needed to build an addition onto the dormitory building.

Please pray about this call and then send a Booster call response using the enclosed self addressed envelope. We are approximately \$2,000.00 below our goal. I pray that you, or your church members would like to travel with the mission team, January 26-February 2, 2016 to work on the project.

## **Layman of the Year**

How is the layman of the year selected? The first step starts with you! No one is considered unless he is nominated by an ABMOPAD Layman. Have you observed someone who stands out as a servant of Christ, and a servant of his fellow men (and women)? Submit a nomination!

The forms give suggested guidelines for the submittal. The forms are in the center of the program booklet for each annual retreat, and on the WEB Site ([www.abmopad.org](http://www.abmopad.org)). Once the nominations are received, they are submitted to a committee composed of the last three Laymen of the Year. The submissions are retained for three years. If your nominee is not selected within the three years after submittal, submit again. Everyone must know someone who deserves the recognition for his service. The selected Layman of the Year also serves as an effective testimony to other laymen for ways that they can serve Christ.

## **ABM Disaster Recovery/Kingdom Builders Ministry**

We are pleased to announce that Gary Wood from the First Baptist Church of Bentley Creek has been appointed as Director of ABM Disaster Ministry.

Gary has already been in the field working on flooding in Bradford County. His team has been working with the ABM Disaster Ministries of New York. He would like to hear from you, call him at 570-596-2619. Bob Swan will be working with Gary as administrator.

If your church or men's group would like to support this ministry with a donation, please make the gift payable to ABMOPAD Disaster Relief Ministry and send your gift to:

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c/o Robert H. Swan  
21201 Ann's Choice Way  
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## **Band of Brothers**

Praise God, American Baptist Men of PA & DEL are becoming a "Band Of Brothers" in Jesus Christ. We have seen greater interest and enthusiasm as our speakers and workshops have tremendously improved. It is truly a blessing from the Holy Spirit that we have seen new churches, pastors, men, and young men excitedly coming.

We thank our ABCOPAD regional pastors for drawing us closer together in Christ on Friday evening at our 2015 retreat. We were so blessed to have Dr. Phil Downer of Discipleship Network of America as our keynote speaker as he shared his testimony and challenged us to be Christ's witnessing disciples. The variety of workshops challenged us to encourage ourselves and our men's groups to grow deeper in Jesus. Our youth program was greatly appreciated by our young men.

The Saturday night program was one of our best inspirational services in years. Through Bruce Montgomery, soloist; our men's choir; and our Praise Band, we were blessed. Through the message by Phil Downer and the selection of George Young from Parkesburg as our layman of the year, we were renewed to our purpose of serving Jesus.

**DON'T FORGET! MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for next year's retreat at Shippensburg University on July 29, 30, and 31, 2016. Our keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. Larron Jackson. He is now an ABC ministry and mission coach in the Denver area. He helped a new church start in Bear, Delaware. He was a former offensive guard in the National Football League with the Denver Broncos, 1971-1974, and the Atlanta Falcons, 1975-1976. His new book is entitled: "The Ghetto, The Gridiron, and the Gospel".

Make sure you are coming! Bring your pastor and bring one new person or two!

Fired Up For Jesus,

Pastor Bob Coats

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