

# Penn-Del Tips

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

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## Welcome to the 51st Annual ABMOPAD Layman's Retreat!

It is with great pleasure that the ABMOPAD board of managers welcomes you to this 51st annual retreat. We offer up prayers for each and every one of you that has chosen to make the time to participate. There are so many things that demand our attention these days and it is wonderful when a group of men can get together to praise the name of our Lord Jesus Christ as well as meditate on his word.

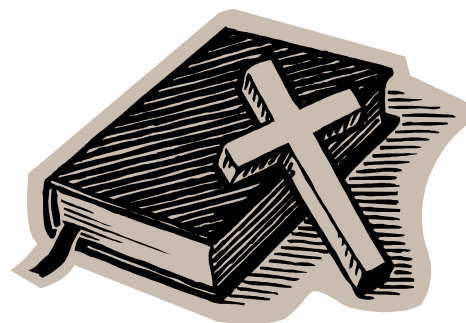
The theme for this year's retreat is once again taken from Esther 4:14b which reads "...And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" The theme is "God is calling us to service for such a time as this". We are called into service by our Creator and Savior so that we can advance His Kingdom. "Service" implies

action—going out and doing something rather than just talking about it. This action could be the proverbial "cup of cold water in the name of Jesus", becoming a Missionary to a foreign land or anywhere in between. The point is that if we are truly called into His service, then we must not take that call lightly. We must take action and go on the offensive for Jesus. He has assured us that the gates of hell will not prevail against His Church.

I challenge everyone here to make a personal commitment to take this call to service to heart. Wherever you may be, God has put you there for a purpose. Make use of the opportunity to take action for the Lord Jesus Christ.

And remember, "Be watchful, stand

firm in your faith, be courageous, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." 1 Corinthians 16:13-14.



### A Special Welcome to our First Timers!

Please take note of any man with an American flag dot on his name tag and welcome him to his first retreat.

**Quiet time begins at 11:00 P.M. Make sure you do not loose your room key or meal card!**

## Booster Club Update

At the Spring 2005 board meeting, the ABMOPAD board closed Booster Call 49 with a total of \$4,500 collected in support of ABM/USA. A check was presented to Fred Robbins in this amount. At the same time, the board decided to go forward with booster call 50 in support of Camp Judson, an American Baptist camping facility. We are in the process of compiling the details and a letter will be

coming soon. If you are not already a booster, you can sign up this weekend by completing a commitment



card and leaving it in the Booster Club box in the registration area. The Booster Club is made up of volunteers who agree to send a minimum of \$10 per call in support of regional, national and international needs. Calls will not exceed two per year.

In the 49 calls that have been issued, ABMOPAD Boosters have raised in excess of \$225,000.

### Newsletter Submissions

The Penn-Del Tips will be available as you enter Reisner Dining Hall on Saturday and Sunday mornings.

If you have something you would like to add to the next morning's edition, please write it down and give it to a board member by 6:00 P.M. There will also be a special "Monday" edition posted on the website.



### Please Note—all activities are in the CUB

This year, we will not be using either the Memorial Auditorium or the Dauphin Humanities Center. All workshops, Friday and Saturday evening and Sunday morning sessions will be held in the Cumberland Union Building (the CUB). It's a long way to walk to the other buildings and we'd hate for anyone to make the trip unnecessarily. The main sessions will be held in the CUB multi-purpose room (number 214) which in previous years served as our registration area. Devotions will be held as usual in the "O" theater in the CUB. As a result of this consolidation, shuttle service will not be offered this year.

### A few housekeeping items . . .

- Quiet time begins at 11:00 P.M.—You may stay up late if you wish, but please keep the noise to a minimum so as not to disturb others who may be trying to sleep.
- Please silence your cell phones and/or pagers during sessions.
- Workshops this year will be held in the Cumberland Union Building (the CUB).
- We are offering Saturday afternoon workshops again this year during the recreation time. Starting time for afternoon workshops is 1:20 P.M. in the CUB.
- Be careful with your meal cards and room keys. Lost keys will cost you \$40 to replace.
- Remember to have a parking permit tag on your car. These are available at the registration desk.
- The Heiges Field House pool will be open from 1 to 5 P.M. on Friday and noon to 5 on Saturday.
- The weather report for this weekend is for hazy, hot and humid. Please make sure you drink plenty of fluids when spending time outside (especially during the recreation period).
- The Etter Health Center across from the Seavers Apartments is open for medical emergencies.
- The Bag-It convenience store will be open from 7 to 11 P.M. today. Please patronize this establishment. It is located on the first floor of the CUB.
- Above all, please have a good time and come back next year (and bring a friend, too)!

### Layman of the Year Nominations

Be a friend to a friend and nominate a brother in Christ for Layman of the Year. Any layman can be nominated, just look for the requirements outlined in the program book and complete the application found in the back of the book. Place it in the retreat evaluation box at check out area, or mail it to:

Robert R. McQue Sr.  
21301 Ann's Choice Way  
Warminster, PA 18974

The nomination forms are kept on file for three years, the voting is done by the L.O.Y. committee consisting of the most recent past Honorees.

### A Warm ABMOPAD Welcome to our Keynote Speakers

This year we are doubly blessed to have two keynote speakers to bring us the message. On Friday night, Richard S. McPhee will be speaking to us. Mr. McPhee has served the Lord in numerous ways including as National Executive Director of American Baptist Men USA, a US Air Force Chaplain and Minister of Education and Music at First Baptist Church, New Britain, CT.

On Saturday night and Sunday morning, Rev. Dr. Z. Allen Abbot will be delivering the message. Dr. Abbot is the Executive Minister of ABC VT & NH. Before that he served eight years as the Executive Director of American Baptist Men's Ministries at the Mission Center in Valley Forge, PA.

Please join us in extending a warm welcome to both of these wonderful speakers.



The Kilikpo Family will be singing for us this weekend. Kou (Left), her brother Yeka and her sister Yah come to us from Calvary Baptist in Allentown, PA, where they have been worshipping since 2002. Upon hearing their testimony there can be little doubt that they truly love the Lord and that He is working strongly in their lives.

The Disaster Relief and Kingdom Builders organizations have been very busy this past year. You can read their full reports in the retreat booklet. If you want some additional information about either of these ministries, please speak to Bob Swan (Disaster Relief) or Mike Metzger (Kingdom Builders).

### Retreat Evaluations

How did we do this year? Was there something you liked? Was there something you would like to change? Do you just have some suggestions for additions or improvements to our retreat? Let us know by filling out your evaluation form. We read ALL of them! Many of the changes we've made over the years have been a direct result of your feedback, so please make sure you fill out your evaluation before you leave.