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# PENN-DEL TIPS

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## Welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup> ABMOPAD Retreat!

I am delighted to welcome each of you to our 50th ABMOPAD RETREAT and I am looking forward to meeting you. I know a lot of you men have been praying for this retreat throughout the past year and I appreciate it, but now the jubilee year retreat is here. I hope you have come with hearts full of expectation as to what God has in store for each of us during these three days.

Our hearts are the soil where God can and will plant a seed; and that seed is the very WORD of God that will result in a plentiful harvest in the coming years. Every part of the retreat will be bathed in the WORD because God will anoint His word and it will not return to him void.

Dr. Rev. Harold Dean Trulear has been given a much needed seed for "such a time as this". Is your "heart soil" ready to receive the seed so that the seed will come to full fruition? God has called a lot of "Johnny Appleseeds" to this retreat, men that will receive the seed and go forth to plant more seeds in the coming year... WHAT TIME IS IT? It's time to be what God has called us to be, not just Fruit-bearers but ANOINTED FRUIT-BEARERS. Have a great retreat and stop long enough to say hello.

Yours in Christ Service  
John L. Anderson  
President, ABMOPAD

## Welcome Dr. Harold Dean Trulear

The board of managers extends a warm greeting to our keynote speaker, Dr. Harold Dean Trulear. Dr. Trulear comes to us with a very impressive resume and we have no doubt that he will inspire and challenge us as we are called to service for such a time as this.

## New This Year - Saturday Afternoon Workshops

Many of you requested that we offer some workshops during the Saturday afternoon recreation time. We listened and are offering a couple of workshops as well as table games and meeting rooms to fellowship with other men. The regular recreation activities are also available. Whatever you decide to do, please enjoy yourself!

## Kingdom Builders Update

It took over 7000 hours of volunteer work, but Christ Memorial in Dover, DE was able to finish

their Discipleship Wing of about 8000 square feet on time and with a savings of well over \$100,000. After a general contractor enclosed the building, church and Kingdom Builder Volunteers completed the 16 inside rooms. Our work included hooking up water, sewer and electric as well as sheetrock, vinyl flooring, suspended ceiling, metal studs, painting and landscaping. It took over a year of commitment. Anyone who doubts God's resources is invited to visit the site and see the results.

Macky Memorial in Bangor, Pa. needed roof repairs badly. The roof was steep and a good choice was made to have an experienced roofer with adequate equipment do the bulk of the work. Bob Singley and Tom Roberts worked along side the roofers, especially in cleaning up the old roof that had to be removed. Even though they are not skilled roofers, their volunteer work resulted in a job well done with significant savings. The worst part of the roof was replaced but the remaining half will be scheduled for replacement perhaps later this year.

Good Shepherd (Bear) has a house behind their church that can be used as their parsonage. Along with the men of the church, Kingdom Builders has helped with the removal of faulty ceiling joists, sheathing and roofing. The men of the church are continuing with these repairs and will need our help in the near future with ceilings inside the building as soon as the necessary electrical, plumbing and duct work is installed.

Central Baptist (Wilmington) had water damage that required help in replacing floor tile as well as some repair and repainting of sheetrock. Several of our volunteers worked with their members to accomplish these repairs as well as some re-grading outside that will hopefully prevent future infiltration from rainfall.

It is our goal to have American Baptist Men adopt the work of Kingdom Builders. My role as Coordinator will end after our 50th Retreat and I hope the work will not only continue, but grow to cover our entire region as it was originally intended.

Bob Brown; Coordinator

## **Youth Program**

Bob Sterling from the Fassett Baptist Church has returned for one more year with our youth. It sounds like he has once again planned an excellent program and we're sure all of our youth will have a great time. As of now, we are still looking for someone to serve as youth director on the board. We know that we have some outstanding youth group leaders out there and we need one (or more) of them to step forward and help with the youth program in the coming years. If this interests you, please see any member of the ABMOPAD Board of Managers at the registration area.

## **Website Update**

If you haven't been to the ABMOPAD web site lately, we encourage you to go and take a look. We've recently redone the entire site with a new look and feel, as well as updated the content. If you have any suggestions for content you'd like to see on the website, send an email to [webmaster@abmopad.org](mailto:webmaster@abmopad.org).

## **Booster Call 49 Update**

Our 49<sup>th</sup> booster call went out recently in support of American Baptist Men's work at the national level and we've received quite a response. To date, we have received in excess of \$3,500. If you have not made a contribution to this Booster Call, you can do so at the retreat. Please check out the display in the registration area.

## **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.

## **A Special Welcome to our First Timers!**

Please take note of the men wearing the red dots and welcome them to their first retreat. We were all first timers once; make them feel right at home!

## **Quiet Time Begins at 11:00 PM**

Stay up late, if you desire, but please respect the others around you who may be trying to get some much-needed rest.

## **Submissions to the Penn-Del Tips**

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

to add to the next morning's edition, please write it down and submit it to a board member by 6:00 p.m.

## **Shuttle Van Service**

There will be a shuttle van running regularly between the "CUB" and the Memorial Auditorium. The schedule is as follows:

- Friday - 6 to 8 PM and 9:30 to 10:30 PM
- Saturday - 8 to 8:30 AM, 10:00 to 10:30 AM, 12:00 to 12:30 PM, 5:30 to 7:00 PM, and 9:30 to 10:30 PM
- Sunday - 8:00 to 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM

## **Layman of the Year Nominate a Brother in Christ**

Be a friend to a friend and nominate a brother in Christ. 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:

Bob Swan  
660 Worthington Dr.  
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.

## **Cell Phones and Pagers**

Please either turn off or silence your cell phone or pager during sessions.

## **From the Editor**

Welcome to the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat! I pray that everyone thoroughly enjoys himself and not only takes something away from the retreat, but adds something to it as well. You never know how you may affect your brothers while fellowshiping with them this weekend.

By now, you're aware of our theme, "God is calling us to service for such a time as this." Many of you will ask, "what do you mean by such a time as this?" We live in very troubled times. The world is wrought with terrorism, poverty, disease, addictions and just about anything else you can imagine. God is calling us to his service in our homes, in our churches, in our communities, in our nation and in our world. Being God's servant could mean anything from praying for others to traveling to a foreign land as a missionary or just about anything in between. God calls us to service on a daily basis. If it is not us, then who? If it is not now, then when? I pray that each and every one of us answers that call.