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American Baptist Women's Ministry Meets 2021-2022 Project Goal and Announcement 2021- 2022 Project Rainbow Acres

The ABWCR's 2020-2021 project was split between Bethel Neighborhood Center in Kansas City, MO and Larry and Rebecca Stanton in Hungary. It is by the grace of God and the amazing work of the American Baptist Churches that they succeeded their goal and raised \$33,400 for these two amazing ministries!

The 2021-2022 Project is for Rainbow Acres in Camp Verde, AZ. Founded in 1974, Rainbow Acres is a community with heart that empowers adults with developmental disabilities to live to their fullest potential. We provide exceptional special needs housing, life-enriching programs, and loving, holistic healthcare in an inclusive ranch-style community. They are located in Arizona's scenic high desert of Verde Valley, about 100 miles from Phoenix and a short drive from Sedona. The residents, affectionately called Ranchers, live, work, and play with their peers in a safe and caring environment. Love, hope, and faith create a community of authentic joy and belonging.

Rainbow Acres facilities include homes equipped to service special needs of 10 residents per house, a dining room, and wellness center, multi-purpose community center, educational classrooms, arts enrichment center, outdoor spaces, a barn for horses and other animals and functional greenhouses for year-round harvests and more.

Rainbow Acres serves a population of 90 to 125 adults from ages 18 to 80s who have relocated from other states and countries diagnosed with a wide range of illnesses, intellectual and developmental disabilities such as Down Syndrome, Fragile X, Cerebral Palsy, Stroke, Memory Impairment, OCD, Bipolar, etc. Most of the resident Ranchers have significant health issues such as Anxiety, Diabetes, Eyesight and Hearing Impairment and severe allergies. They offer a cultural-rich living environment and all faiths are welcome.

The Frese House is a place to call home for some of the more mature female residents and is one of the most beautiful homes on the property. This house is a beautiful home for those who are looking for a peaceful and safe place to call home.

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THIRD, IT TAKES MORE COLLABORATION THAN WE PLANNED...

Team-work, and Teamwork are not the same. Team-work is a pile of work to do; and conquer the task. When done, work with little actual interaction. Teamwork is quite different. In Teamwork, a group of people work together, growing and building in relationships to complete tasks. Teamwork is much more effective.

The relationships built in search and call are the life of the church to come. There is value in the relationships that springs from these early relationships in the church.

FOURTH, IT REQUIRES GOD ORDAINED GUIDANCE BEYOND WHAT WE'VE EXPERIENCED...

Even a cursory review of the Bible leads to the conclusion that God's ways are not always the same. More than a few incidents, God's response to mankind's. When a church becomes complacent in the process and the need to get back to work, the only thing they hear is 'It takes time' in the present tense that aligns with the present tense the Search Committee discovers. When patience wears thin and the process of making decisions becomes a vote, not the process of listening, we may get closer to completing a task, but God speak about the right candidate.

The ABCCR Search and Call Process



This is part five of a five-part series on the incredible value created for the local church through the ABCCR Search and Call Process.

This series on Search and Call is predicated on four realities:

- #1 – It takes more time than we thought.
- #2 – It takes more skill than we have.
- #3 – It takes more collaboration than we planned
- #4 – It requires God ordained guidance beyond what we've experienced.

Let's conclude this series by reflecting on each of these Search & Call Realities.

FIRST, IT TAKES MORE TIME THAN WE THOUGHT...

Time disproportionately defines the actions of a Search & Call Committee. What starts as a challenge to service the church becomes one of matching calendars and setting priorities. A certified project manager understands well what a search committee discovers: "For every minute spent planning, you save four minutes on the end of the project."

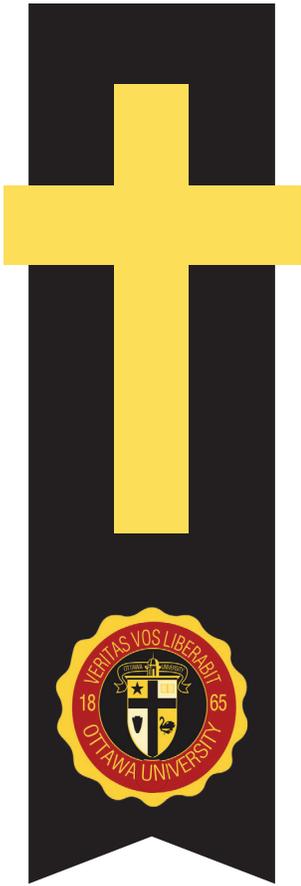
Activities consume time. The survey, the church profile, and

So, we're back to looking for Waldo. The images and details overwhelm the Committee to do?

1st – From start to finish, always re-exalted in the goal. No task is as more important than understanding being the 'Body of Christ.'

2nd – The work done today is an investment. The short story is finding a new pastor of generations finding Christ because the Search Committee establishes.

3rd – It is difficult to mobilize an effort for most any theme or purpose. Selecting a member to be one of the easiest to mobilize a member will come to rely on this member's instruction, and intercession. The accountability to live in relationship to the church needs.



Braving Discipleship

Where: Ottawa University

When: November 6-7th

Time: Begins-Nov. 6 @9am

Ends- Nov. 7 @3pm

Sign Up:

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During this month of October, let us
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Interim MINISTRY

How To Handle Difficult Church Members

By Rev. Dr. William Hendricks; ABCCR Director Interim Ministries

Dr. Hendricks spent 5 years studying conflict as part of his D.Min. He created the seminar, "How to Handle Difficult People" that was presented in 5 countries and to more than 100,000 people.

In the last issue we discussed the challenges we share as Interim Ministers, challenges that surface because we work with people most of time. We reviewed the realities of working with difficult church members. We also identified 'The Dirty Dozen.' These individuals test our patience and push us to the limits of our spirituality.

THE DIRTY DOZEN

Angry Members	Stubborn Members	Clueless Members	Deal Maker Members	Shy & Passive Members	VIP Members
Henny Penny Members	Skeptic Members	Frazzled Members	Debbie Downer Members	Drippy Sweet Members	Misinformed Members

Here's what this and future articles will provide:

When we practice plotting behaviors, we better understand how the Dirty Dozen address issues and can manage ourselves to avoid being triggered by their actions. The 4 x 4 grid below provides a vertical scale describes the manner with which the Dirty Dozen express themselves and a horizontal scale describes what drives their behaviors. This analysis can be accomplished through written assessment, but in this article you simply ask, and answer four questions:

1. Is this person outgoing and aggressive, or more passive and stealth like in their behaviors?

2. Is this person building their case around things done or not done, or about people hurt or affected?

3. Starting in the center, move up or down based on their level of intensity? Zero is the center.

Five facts about how the Dirty Dozen ministry...

1st - Highly Aggressive tendencies. Countering force with force often ends in and sometime regrettable outbursts may be attainable, but in most cases is skewed against the pastor. The truth is this... "The pastor should know better..."

2nd - Highly passive scores create a Because they are not heard, they are subjective. Again, the pastor is expected examples and proof, which are hard problematic and case-building make destructive.

3rd - Task focused energy (moving usually points to specific issues. More reconciliatory position stating, "E right?" This can be grounds for com expected to hold the line on many i to give.

4th - When the energy shifts toward of the scale, be very cautious. When slides to the right on the grid, they examples that can hurt many some involvement. The problem spreads ability keeping the lid on things dis

5th - In most cases people have de four corners in this grid. They are corner and they likely believe that is cannot change and we are all expect pastor is on a collision course betw forgiveness.

The Interim Minister is uniquely p Dirty Dozen, if for no other reason Interim Ministers are called to be a number one goal is to make sure th tempered and the negative impact t before a new pastor is called.

In the articles that follow, we will Dirty Dozen and recognize the best

If you have questions or would like in your world, please give me a call

**Sr. Adult Retreat to Have
Pastor, Joel Grizzle as K**

ANNUAL GATHERING 2022
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2 Peter 3:18

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Theme: Reshaping in His Image



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AB Girls Get C

The AB Girls of First Baptist Church made cards for those in their church who are sick, or who are going to the hospital. They then personally handed them out during worship.



FBC Gypsum Youth Cooks Up Some Fun

The youth at FBC Gypsum made homemade cookies. They delivered them to their grandparents and elderly people from the church. After all of the baking and delivering was over, they ended the day with Bible verse races. It was a fun day for all involved.



The AB Girls group of Judson Baptist Church made cards to celebrate Grandparents Day and to bring to Sunday Morning Worship.





Welcome

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 Dam maw! Kae ccidue!
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