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What is region offering? Why is it important? What does it do? I'm sure these are all questions you have asked when you hear the topic of region offering come up. Region offering is the lifeblood of the work that the region does in aiding churches in building the kingdom of God.

When you contribute to Region Offering, your generosity plays a vital role in the construction of the Body of Christ within the Central Region. Your gifts take on various forms, acting as the arms of the region staff. Region staff aids in



Region Offering

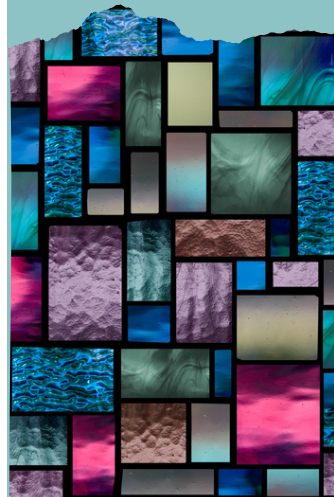
facilitating effective service to pastors and churches. Region offering helps serve as the head of support staff; supporting essential functions like information distribution and financial operations.

Your contributions become the hands of Interim Ministry; providing assistance to churches in transition while seeking a pastor. You help form the heart of Annual Gathering and the ABCCR Board of Directors; acting as the central core of these crucial aspects. Additionally, your gifts serve as the feet of training events, empowering sessions that cover diverse topics such as boundaries, evangelism, stewardship, missions, and conflict resolution. Region offering also function as the legs of youth ministry, supporting activities like camping, conferences, and initiatives such as 4-Ten.

Furthermore, your contributions act as the lungs of ministry at Bethel Neighborhood Center and other institutions, sustaining outreach efforts. Lastly, they serve as the eyes of New Church Starts and Plants, enabling vision and growth in emerging congregations. Together, your contributions form the lifeblood that shapes and sustains the diverse ministries, creating a vibrant tapestry within our shared faith journey.

Over the next several issues of the Central Region Life you will read stories about the ways that region offering has aided our local churches. Region offering has helped develop new ministries, breathe life into existing ministries, and develop the kingdom of God.

To give to Region Offering, you can scan the QR code.





Dr. Jeffrey Haggray from ABHMS gave an inspirational message at the OIABA Mid-Year meeting at Brown Indian Baptist Church in Walters, OK.



After 6 months of labor, the newly renovated sanctuary at First Baptist Church of Overland Park, KS is ready for worship. A rededication will be held on April 7.



Camp Christy's Legacy Leadership Team traveled to New Life Ranch Frontier Cove for a Christian Camp and Conference Association SUPER-Sectional!



The vibrant children's ministry at First Baptist Church of Oxford, KS fills the sanctuary with music and laughter.

CAPTURED!

In the Central Region



ABCCR Board of Directors met at First Baptist Church of Topeka, KS in February to do some visioning work for the year.



The youth group at First Baptist Church of Stilwell, KS lead the congregation in their annual Ash Wednesday service. For the last several years this service has been planned and lead by the youth group.

MINISTRY IN ACTION

A QUESTION, A GIFT, & A SUMMONS

Rev. Jennifer Schneider, Associate Executive Minister

As this article is being written, we find ourselves in the middle of the Lenten season. During this Lenten season, I am reading Walter Brueggemann's book, *A Way Other Than Our Own*. The reading for the first Friday in Lent began with Isaiah 55:1-2a.

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
Come to the waters;
And you that have no money, come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
Without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
And you labor for that which does not satisfy? (NRSV)

In his book, Brueggemann suggests that Lent is a "question, a gift, and a summons." (Brueggemann, 10)

The Question: During Lent, we are challenged to consider how we spend our time, what we work for, and how we use our resources. These are difficult questions. How we use our labor, time, and coin reflects what we value and love. Lent is a time for us to ponder if we are responding to God's call in our lives with grace, mercy, and love rather than with fear, anxiety, and greed.

The Gift: Brueggemann says the gifts of Lent are free. Isaiah says in chapter 55 that bread, wine, milk, and water are without cost. As we gather around the Lord's Table, we remember the gift of Christ's sacrifice in the taking of bread and cup. As we read of the woman at the well, we are reminded of the living water available to us. The gifts of mercy, grace, and love have great value but are given freely to those willing to accept them.

The Summons: Yet, there is a call in Lent. Brueggemann says the Lenten summons is to "bear fruit." (Brueggemann, 10) Matthew 7:20 reminds us that "by their fruit, you will recognize them." What kind of fruit are you producing? Brueggemann challenges his readers to produce fruit that transforms and heals.

I wonder if Brueggemann's challenge is not only for individuals but for the community of faith as well. Is your church using its resources well? Is it focusing on the free gifts of mercy and grace or legalism? Is God's church producing good fruit, fruit that seeks to transform our communities and our world?

My prayer for each of us as we await Resurrection Sunday is that we hear Brueggemann's challenge to reevaluate how we live out God's call in our lives and in the church. May God be glorified in all we do!

Rev. Jennifer Schneider

Walter Brueggemann, *A Way Other Than Our Own: Devotions for Lent*, John Knox Press, 2016.

2024 SENIOR ADULT RETREAT



The Sr. Adult Retreat is a two-day event that brings together those 50+ for relaxation, fellowship, entertainment and learning. Plan to join in the fun at the next Sr. Adult Retreat!

April 24-25, 2024



**First Baptist Church
800 N Main St.
Hutchinson, KS**

**Keynote Speaker
Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen**

Theme – *“Preparing Seniors Along Life’s Many Seasons”* (Psalms)

Scripture – *“That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.”* Psalms 1:3 (NIV)

Why should you come to the Senior Adult Retreat?

- To gather with Central Region senior adults
- To be inspired by messages from Dr. Hemmen
- To experience the learning sessions
- To have fun and fellowship with others

Don’t miss this opportunity to be inspired and informed!



Registration Deadline is April 9, 2024

You can register online by clicking the button below or you can send in a paper registration form that can be found on the next page.

REGISTER NOW

ABCCR SENIOR ADULT RETREAT

April 24-25, 2024

at

First Baptist Church, Hutchinson

800 N Main St, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Preparing Seniors Along Life's Many Seasons
(P.S.A.L.M.S. of orientation, disorientation, and reorientation)

Psalm 1:3 (NIV)

Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Gregg Hemmen

Registration Deadline - April 9, 2024

***** \$10 Late Fee Assessed if Postmarked After April 9, 2024**

Cancellation Policy: A full refund will be given if cancelled by April 16, 2024

\$25 non-refundable cancellation fee per individual after April 16, 2024

Name: _____ Phone: _____
(If registering as a couple, please write spouse's name below)

Spouse: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____ Home Church: _____
& City _____

City / State / Zip: _____

	# of Guests	Total \$\$
• Full Retreat (includes program and 3 meals) per person	_____ @ \$95.00 per person	_____
• One Day only (Wednesday or Thursday) per person	_____ @ \$70.00 per person	_____
	Total Amount Due	_____

Please make checks payable to **Senior Adult Retreat** and mail payment and completed registration form to:

Senior Adult Retreat
John Williams, Registrar
C/O 5889 SW 29th Street
Topeka, KS 66614

Online registration is available at
www.abccr.org

Dietary Requirements: Sugar Free ☐ Gluten Free ☐

PLEASE NOTE: We will try but cannot assure to meet all dietary requirements.

First Time to Attend the ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat? Yes _____ No _____

Registration Begins Wednesday at 11:00 am

Retreat Begins with Lunch at 12:00 noon

(Cut here and retain this stub for your records and information.)

ABCCR Senior Adult Retreat – First Baptist Church, 800 N Main St, Hutchinson, KS 67501

Dates: April 24-25, 2024

Registration begins at 11:00 am on Wednesday the 24th. Retreat begins with lunch at 12:00 noon.

The Sr. Adult Retreat will end mid-afternoon on Thursday, the 25th.

Amount paid to Registrar: _____ Check number: _____ Date paid: _____

PLANNED GIVING

HELPING YOU TO GIVE GENEROUSLY,
REV. TIM SCHWARTZ
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One thing I have learned from reading books on planned giving is that listening is an important characteristic or skill to have, if you are working in development, planned giving & donor relations. Now if we are going to carry on a conversation, we need to listen to communicate well. Still, some studies show that most of us do not listen that well. Stephen Covey said the biggest communication problem is that we do not listen to understand; we listen to reply. Wayne Olson writes that listening is the single most important skill that a fundraiser can have. Those are food for thought! Maybe I should rephrase my first sentence by saying that listening is an important aspect for everyone— every human being.

One of the things I am working on this year, vocationally and personally, is to be a better listener. Part of the difficulty is that I can't practice this in my own home since I am single, so I either need to spend more time with other people or make and receive many more phone calls. No telemarketers, please!

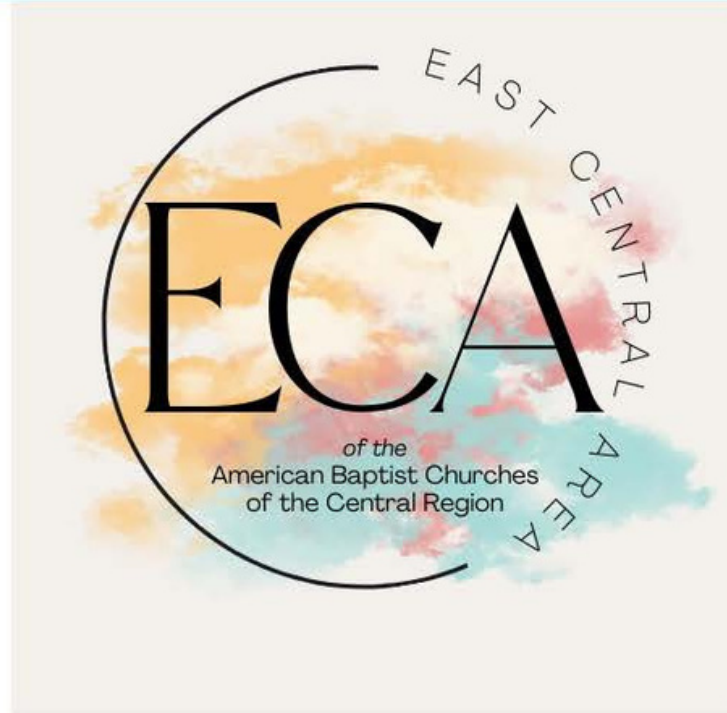
Part of my difficulty is that I grew up with my beloved, Irish American mom, Agnes, who had seven sisters, and when we got together many times during the growing-up years, you would not believe it! Those eight sisters could all talk at the same time, they could talk over each other and still understand each other and know what was going on in those conversations. It's not quite like the special language or bond that twins have, but it makes you wonder. Now I only have one aunt left so it's a different story. Some of my ministry colleagues have pointed out those deficiencies in me, including interrupting and interjecting when I should be listening, so I have tried to do better, and I still want to keep improving that way. Better listening will help me understand and serve annuitants, donors, and churches better and it will help all of us in our unique relationships.

One person who helped me to listen better was a lady named Mary Eliza Hinde. She was a retired schoolteacher who had taught in the suburbs north of Chicago and had retired back to the family home that she grew up in, located in Hannibal, Missouri. Our family had farmed a piece of ground that belonged to her family, known as the Nelson estate, for many years. Mary was a single lady, who had never married and was well-educated, so it was no surprise that she enjoyed living in a house filled with books and a few cats.

She was always invited to our family home for Christmas dinner and since she did not drive, my father gave me the task of picking her up and taking her home every year at Christmas time. You might say I was her Christmas Uber driver way before any Uber drivers were ever around. I would usually go early and spend some time with her in her home and she would talk about the latest in the arts, books, culture, music, news, politics, and current events. Oh, and I forgot to tell you that because of her age, she did not hear well. Sometimes she would say, "what did you say?" and I would repeat what I had just spoken. Fortunately for me, she did a lot of talking and I enjoyed listening to her and visiting with her on those Christmas afternoons.

In some ways, I feel like she helped me to become a better listener since I spent most of my time there listening to her and I did that for 25 Christmases in a row. She died while I was a missionary in Thailand, but in the past many years, I have taken flowers to her grave in the spring to honor, remember, and give thanks for her. Was there or is there anyone in your life like that? I hope so. Please tell me about it sometime when you see me or we talk on the phone.

When you call on the phone or visit with me in person, I promise to be the best listener that I can be so that I can help you with your charitable and investment wishes! If you wish to fund a charitable gift annuity or you have any questions about them, please don't hesitate to call and I will listen well to accomplish your wishes. Or if you want to email me, you can do that as well and I will respond back and continue to listen as well to your needs. Just in case you did not hear me correctly and asked, "what did you say?" I would respond and tell you that I am still working on being a better listener as well, and I am here to serve you in any way that I can!



East Central Area Relaunch Fellowship

April 28, 2024

3:00 PM

First Baptist Church Olathe

2024 E. 151st St.

Olathe, KS

All churches within the East Central Area are invited to a time of fellowship, visioning and refreshments

**Churches, please register your attenders
(requested but not required)**

at <https://ecaabccr.wixsite.com/eastcentralarea>

PRAIRIE HOMESTEAD: SENIORS MAKING AN IMPACT THROUGH RECYCLING

Remember the good old days when everything was repurposed or reused? Clothes that were missing buttons weren't just thrown away, but instead fixed with a simple thread and needle. Cardboard boxes were used for everything from a child's fort to a weed protection layer in a garden. Maybe you even remember leaving empty milk jugs for your milkman to collect? (It wasn't until the 1950's that milk cartons became more popular than glass bottles.) Trash and waste was significantly less than in today's disposable world.

Even though America is home to only 4% of the world's population, it accounts for 12% of the world's trash. According to the EPA, roughly 200 million tons of trash is dumped into landfills every year in America alone. Many of us have heard of the initiative to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle. The idea is to reduce the amount of trash you generate. Reuse items that often are considered one-use items. Recycle items such as aluminum cans, paper, plastic, and even glass bottles. At Prairie Homestead Senior Living in Wichita, a group of seniors has initiated a campus wide recycling program to do their part in benefitting their community and the environment.

Beth McDonald has been a volunteer at the Pro Kansas Recycling Center for over 13 years and is the Education Manager. Beth worked with Prairie Homestead Administration to use an empty office space for recycling drop-off. Residents living throughout Prairie Homestead bring their recyclable items and place them in designated recycling bins. Beth then volunteers her time by taking these items to the recycling center!



Together, the impact can be huge! According to the EPA, recycling one ton of paper can save the energy equivalent of consuming 322 gallons of gasoline. Recycling one ton of aluminum cans conserves more than equivalent of 1,024 gallons of gasoline or 21 barrels of oil consumed. Recycling just 10 plastic bottles saves enough energy to power a laptop computer for more than 25 hours.

By reducing trash, reusing more things, and recycling, we all can impact the quality of the environment. By making small changes, we can reduce the need to extract timber, water, and minerals for new products. These practices also divert waste away from landfills and incinerators which reduces harmful effects of pollution and emissions.

The seniors at Prairie Homestead Senior Living are doing their part and challenge you to make changes as well. Please contact your local county or city to determine your local recycling options or call Prairie Homestead Senior Living at (316) 263-8264 to learn how they organized their community recycling program.

Mountain and Prairie Youth Conference

Register for MPYC

You can scan the QR code to access the MPYC website where you will find information about registration and access important forms. You will also be able to find information about speakers, music, and activities as it is released.



MPYC is a high school youth conference sponsored by American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains, ABC of Nebraska, ABC of the Dakotas, ABC of the Central Region, and Mid-American Baptist Churches

Get ready for an unforgettable time of inspiration, connection, and adventure at MPYC 2024! Join us in hearing from dynamic speakers, engaging in powerful worship, meaningful small groups, and exciting late night events!

You can enjoy swimming, roller skating, hiking, basketball, sand volleyball, campfires, and MORE! Your group will also have time to check out other activities offered by YMCA of the Rockies.

Don't miss the chance to be part of this transformative experience! MPYC is your opportunity to grow spiritually, connect with others, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

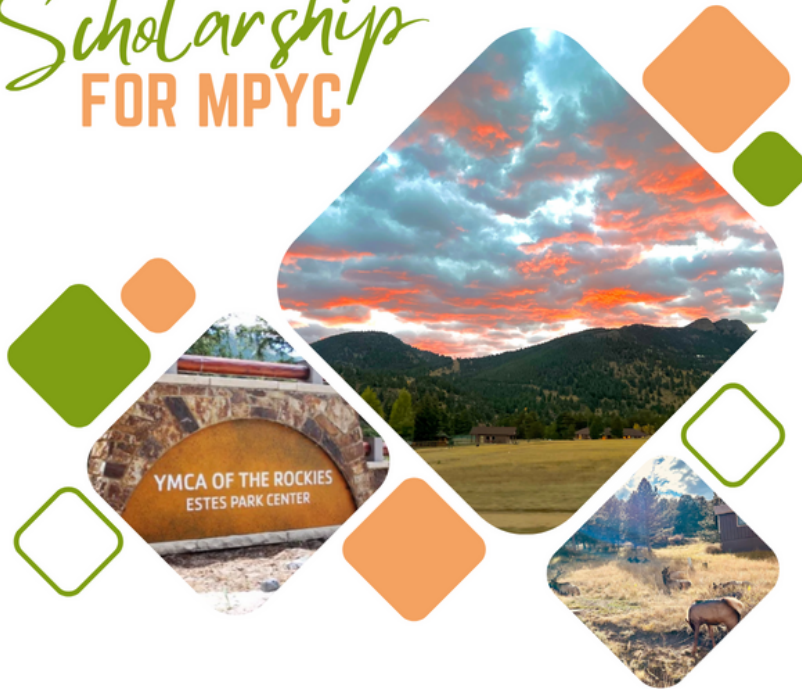


YMCA of the Rockies
Estes Park, Colorado

June 6-10 2024



CROSS WIND Scholarship FOR MPYC



The ABCCR is offering \$120 scholarships for students and sponsors for the Mountain and Prairie Youth Conference. The first 60 students and sponsors who register by **April 1, 2024** are eligible for the scholarship. The scholarship is not applied to the deposit but to the balance.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT
JENNIFER SCHNEIDER- JENNIFER.SCHNEIDER@ABCCR.ORG
MORGAN BANDY- MORGAN.BANDY@ABCCR.ORG

MPYC Flyer



MPYC Postcard



Bulletin Inserts



MPYC Video



MPYC Website



PRAYER
—
EMPHASIS

Let us pray for guidance and wisdom as we consider giving to the "America for Christ" offering this year, which supports our American Baptist Home Mission Society and many ministries under their umbrella, which include Ottawa University, Central Baptist Seminary, Bethel Neighborhood Center, Prairie Homestead, Homestead Health, Sunset Home and others in the central region, plus many other ministries throughout our country.

Their theme this year comes from the book of Lamentations 3: 22 - 23, which says,

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. (NIV)

American Baptist Women's Ministries

2024 Summer Conference

June 7-8, 2024

First Baptist Church, Topeka, KS



Keynote Speaker: Mary Shannon

Registration for summer conference is now open. You can register and pay online, or you can print a paper registration and send it in with a check. Plan now to attend with your friends or family. You will have a 'crazy' fun time and be uplifted by our keynote speaker.

PAY ONLINE FULL CONFERENCE - \$100 + COVER FEES

PAY ONLINE ONE DAY CONFERENCE - \$50 + COVER FEES

LATE FEE - ADD \$25 AFTER MAY 31, 2024

Abbreviated Program Schedule

Fri.	9:00 - 9:45 am	Registration
	9:45 - 11:55am	Gathering & Session
	12:00 pm	Lunch
	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Workshops
	2:40 - 3:40 pm	Workshops
	3:50 - 4:15pm	Devotional
	5:15 - 6:30 pm	Dinner
	6:30 - 7:45 pm	Session
Sat.	8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration
	8:30 - 8:50 am	Devotional
	9:00 - 10:00 am	Workshops
	10:10 - 11:55 am	Session
	12:00 - 1:15 pm	Lunch & Business Mtg.
	1:20 - 2:45 pm	Session

Online Registration

Paper Registration

ABW Website

ABCCR CAMPING 2024

ALIVE

"But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved."

Ephesians 2:4-5

CAMP CHRISTY

High School Camp
9th-12th grade
June 3-7, 2024
\$275

Directors: Damion Denison & Brandon Pitt

WHITE MEMORIAL

High School Camp
9th-12th grade
July 15-19, 2024
\$385

Director: Morgan Bandy

CAMP CHRISTY

Middle School Camp
6th- 8th grade
June 10-14, 2024
\$275

Directors: Damion Denison & Brandon Pitt

WHITE MEMORIAL

Middle School Camp
6th- 8th grade
July 14-19, 2024
\$385

Director: Wallace Smith

CAMP CHRISTY

Junior Camp
4th- 6th grade
June 17-21, 2024
\$275

Director: Danielle Johnson

WHITE MEMORIAL

Junior Camp
4th- 6th grade
July 21-25, 2024
\$385

Director: Kami Minor

CAMP CHRISTY

Primary Camp
2nd-4th grade
June 24-26, 2024
\$130

Director: Becky Rider

CAMP CHRISTY

Day Camp
K-2nd grade
June 27-28, 2024
\$90

Directors: Tonya & Tayler Koehn

Scan Here to Register



Age is determined by what grade the student is entering in the fall of 2024.
High school students who graduate in 2024 are still eligible to attend high school camp.
Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the director.



PRAIRIE PASTORS

— CONFERENCE —

When: March 18-20, 2024

**Where: Sunset Hills Baptist Church
9416 Pacific St. Omaha, NE 68114**

Speakers



Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain
General Secretary ABCUSA

Rev. Dr. Gina C. Jacobs-Strain's devotion to the Lord began in her elementary school years when she committed her life to Christ. Currently, she holds the position of Executive Director for American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) and is a member of the National Executive Council for American Baptist Churches USA.

Dr. Jacobs-Strain has held various pastoral roles including Transitional Pastor at First Baptist Church of New Market in Piscataway, N.J., Interim Pastor at St. Paul Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands, N.J., Associate Regional Pastor for Women in Ministry for American Baptist Churches of New Jersey (ABC-NJ), and serves as an Associate Minister of Christian Education at St. Paul Baptist Church in Montclair, N.J.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs-Strain earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rutgers University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University's Theological School. She was also honored with the Old Testament Studies Scholar Award from the Biblical Studies Department. In 2015, she received a Certificate of Excellence from Palmer Theological Seminary & ABC-NJ Academy, and in 2017, she completed the Nehemiah-Leadership Program. In May 2020, she attained a Doctor of Ministry from Duke University.

She is married to Clifton Strain, and together they have three sons. They currently reside in Morristown, N.J.



Rev. Nikita McCalister
ABCUSA Board President

Rev. Nikita G. McCalister was licensed and ordained into the Gospel ministry under the leadership of Rev. Dr. James C. Perkins, pastor of the Greater Christ Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. She received her bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University (Mount Pleasant, Mich.), Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy (Detroit, Mich.), and Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology (Boston, Mass.).

She currently serves as the Transitional Ministries consultant for the American Baptist Churches of Michigan and Transition Pastor of Westhaven Baptist Church in Port Huron, Mich. In addition, Rev. McCalister serves on the Advisory Board for American Baptist Women in Ministry, Boston University Alumni Council (BUAC), the Boston University School of Theology Dean's Advisory Board, as president of The Metropolitan Detroit Area American Baptist Women, and as co-chair of the Metropolitan Detroit Area American Baptist Churches.

She previously served as the chairperson of the ABCUSA Transformed by the Spirit Journey Team Task Force, as associate executive minister for Administration for the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island, and as a member of the ecumenical planning team for the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York.

She is married to Rev. Jabulani McCalister, pastor of Covenant Baptist Church (West Bloomfield, Mich.), and is the proud parent of two children, Jaden McCalister and Azriel McCalister.



Rob Loane
VantagePoint 3 President

Robert Loane serves VantagePoint3 Ministries as President, seeking to both learn and encourage a more relational way of life and ministry. VP3 partners with leaders in the church, marketplace, seminaries, and neighborhoods, who are looking for a proven, integrated process, like VP3's The Journey, to help deepen and develop adults in Jesus' name.

He is the co-author of Deep Mentoring: Guiding Others on Their Leadership Journey (IVP, 2012), a great primer on understanding VP3's hospitable, particularizing, deepening, and patient way of developing people and A Mentoring Guide: Christ. Conversation. Companionship (VP3, 2019)

Rob has served with VP3 since 2004, putting his mind and heart to the ongoing development of the VP3 Pathway of processes.

He and his wife Sarah live in Sioux Falls, SD, with their children Elliott, Rosie, and Rhys.)

Schedule

Monday March 18

2:00 pm Pre-Conference Connections

- Prayer Walk with Rev. Jackie Saxon
- Chair Exercises with Morgan Bandy
- Social Gathering at Sunset Hills

4:00 pm Registration

5:15 pm Welcome

5:30 pm Dinner – Provided by ABHMS

6:45 pm –Worship

Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain, General Secretary ABCUSA

8:30 pm Ice Cream Fellowship

Tuesday, March 19

8:15 am Breakfast hosted by ABWM

9:30 am –Worship

10:00 am Workshop

- Rob Loane- VantagePoint3
- Guided Prayer Time

10:50 am Break

11:00 am Workshop

- Rob Loane- VantagePoint3
- Guided Prayer Time

11:50 am Lunch – Regions gather for lunch

1:30 pm Free Time

- MMBB 1:1 conferences/speakers available for discussion
- Foundation, OGS, ABHMS, IM, and others available

2:30 pm Women in Ministry Coffee Fellowship at Sunset Hills

Dinner on your own

- 5:00 pm ABCCR/ ABCNE Ministers Council Dinner at Sunset Hills

6:45 pm Worship

Keynote Speaker, Rev. Nikita McCalister, President ABCUSA Board

8:30 pm Group Photo

Wednesday, March 29

9:30 am Worship

Keynote Speaker, Rob Loane, VantagePoint3

Closing Worship and Communion

Lodging, Restaurants, and More

Hotels are listed from closest to farthest away from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

Omaha Marriott

10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114
402-399-9000

Hampton Inn Omaha/West Dodge Road

11201 Davenport St., Omaha, NE 68154
402-334-4938

Staybridge Suites: Omaha 80th and Dodge

7825 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68114
402-933-8901

Holiday Inn Express and Suites Central Omaha, an IHG Hotel

8736 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE 68114
402-343-1000

TownePlace Suites Omaha West

10865 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE 68154
402-590-2800

Best Western Old Mill Inn

650 North 109th ct, Omaha, NE 68154
402-431-1246

Aloft Omaha Aksarben Village

6201 Center St. Omaha, NE 68106
402-819-2500

Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Aksarben Village

6737 Frances St., Omaha, NE 68106
402-334-4441

General Info <https://www.visitomaha.com/>

FOOD

FUN FACT! Omaha has one of the highest number of restaurants per capita of all large cities in America.

[Blackstone District](#)

[Aksarben Village food](#)

[Downtown](#)

Do you like Reubens? They were invented in Omaha! Check out [these restaurants](#) claiming to have the best one!

Places near Sunset Hills include Cheesecake Factory, PF Changs, Bonefish Grill, Wheatfields bakery, Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse, and various fast foods

ACTIVITIES

Beautiful Downtown

[Award Winning Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium](#)

[Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge](#)

[Lewis and Clark Museum](#)

[Riverfront area](#)

[Axe Throwing!](#)

[Top Golf](#)

[Multiple Mini-Golf locations](#)

[Escape Room](#)

[Archery games](#)

[Spielbound board game cafe](#)

[Joes Indoor Go Kart Track](#)

[Scorz bowling, darts, pool etc.](#)

[Hike a trail at Fontanelle Forest Conservation area](#)

SHOPPING

[Aksarben Village](#) (yes that is just Nebraska spelled backward)

[The original Nebraska Furniture Mart](#)

[Indoor Mall](#)

[Outdoor Outlet Mall](#)