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Delegates to Region Biennial Gathering

Mid-American Baptist Churches Biennial Gathering will be held October 3, 2020. Due to the uncertainty surrounding the covid-19 pandemic a decision was made to hold the Gathering via an electronic meeting media. **Please save the date and watch for registration and Biennial Gathering information in Body Builders and on the Mid-ABC website.**

This year's theme is ***"Strength for Today, Hope for Tomorrow"***. Keynote speaker is Reverend Soozi Whitten-Ford.

On the following pages you can find the number of delegates your congregation will be allowed for the 2020 Region Biennial Gathering. This is based on your reported average attendance and the total American Baptist Mission Support given in the 2019 calendar year.

If more individuals register as delegates than you are allowed from the church, the delegates will be assigned based on the order that they sign for the Gathering, with additional names being held as alternates for your church. If you feel your number of delegates is in error, please contact the Region office.

Please remember that all are welcome and encouraged to join in the Region Gathering meeting, whether designated a delegate or not.

From the Mid-ABC By-Laws:

Section 3. DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL AND SPECIAL MEETINGS OF THE REGION.

- 3.1 LOCAL CONGREGATIONS. Each cooperating local congregation shall have a minimum of two delegates, one of whom may be its pastor. Congregations may receive one additional delegate for each 50 persons in average worship attendance as reported on the previous year's Congregational Report Form. In addition, the church will receive one (1) additional Delegate if such Church's per capita giving to the American Baptist Mission Support (or any successor thereto) in the calendar year preceding the meeting equaled \$40, plus one (1) additional Delegate for each whole number multiple of \$30 of such per capita giving based on average worship attendance in excess of \$40 in such year; and one (1) additional Delegate for each whole number multiple of \$5,000 of such Church's total giving to the American Baptist Mission Support (or any successor thereto) in the calendar year preceding the meeting.
- 3.2 A congregation may designate an alternate for the delegate selected.
- 3.3 Each delegate shall represent only one church or parish and have only one vote.
- 3.4 All officers of the Board of Region Ministries shall be delegates, ex officio with vote.

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