

**ABCORI Representative to the ABC/USA Board of General Ministries  
Annual Report  
Rev. Dr. Jonathan Malone**

Our denomination continues to celebrate the success of the Biennial Mission Summit and the work of the program, *Transformed by the Spirit*. At the Biennial close to 2,000 Baptists gathered in Overland Park, Kansas to worship, learn, and listen for the movement of the Spirit. Part of the meeting included time for people to gather in groups and discuss various topics that are pertinent to the denomination including: generational connection, communication, mission, and evangelism. From those conversations emerged a handful of major themes that are on the hearts and minds of many people within the denomination. As a follow-up to the experience, in November the denomination hosted the first ever Mission Summit Table where 100 people looked at the major themes and considered ways the denomination can respond to those. Throughout this process people continued to open themselves to an awareness of the presence of the Holy Spirit which is the focus of the program, *Transformed by the Spirit*, guiding the denomination to have an awareness of the movement of the Holy Spirit as it moves forward.

This year the Board of General Ministries approved continuing Dr. A. Roy Medley's contract with ABC/USA as the General Secretary for two more years. Many would have like to have Dr. Medley continue for a full four years (each contract is for four years), but this was done at Dr. Medley's request. He is looking forward to retirement and spending time with his family but feels it is important to continue to see the denomination through the *Transformed by the Spirit* program. Our president, Rev. Don Ng, is already working to put together a search committee so the transition will be as smooth as possible. At the next Biennial in 2015 we will have Dr. Medley's wonderful ministry to celebrate.

I continue to serve with the Committee on Christian Unity and Interfaith Relations as well as on the Board of Directors of the American Baptist Historical Society. It is an honor and privilege to serve on both.

As a family the American Baptists are involved in powerful and wonderful ministries. I encourage you to go to the web site ([www.abc-usa.org](http://www.abc-usa.org)) to see some of the many things that we are doing through our denomination.

I am thrilled to be your representative to the Board of General Ministries and am always willing to answer any questions or take any suggestions.

Blessings and Peace,

Dr. Jonathan Malone