

❖ Congratulations to The Rev. **Hopeton A. Scott of First Baptist Church, Bridgeport** as he was elected President of the Board of Directors for **American Baptist International Ministries (IM)** at its meeting on November 16, 2011, in Atlanta, Georgia. Ruth Clark, president of IM's Board of Directors from 2010 to 2011 and now president-elect of the American Baptist Churches USA, says that Hopeton Scott and the other newly elected officials will serve well in their new roles leading International Ministries into our **third century** of mission.

❖ Prayers of joy and congratulations to The Rev. Dr. **Peter J. Aduba** and the **Grace Baptist Church of Waterbury**. ABCCONN's Commission on the Ministry voted unanimously to recognize Peter's ordination on November 29, 2011. Rev. **Larry Green** and the congregation honored Peter on December 18th during their worship service. Pastor Green stated this ceremony was the first in the church's century old tradition. Peter is also attending the New Ministers Orientation in Florida January 23–27. He and his wife Clare reside in Torrington.

❖ Our prayers continue for:

The Rev. **Matt Yukon**, pastor of the **Northville Baptist Church, New Milford**, and his family. Matt's wife, Dee, is undergoing treatment for breast cancer.

The Rev. Dr. **Richard Seeley** who is experiencing health challenges.

❖ The **First Baptist Church, West Haven**, both welcomed Mr. **David Nelson** as Pastor and said goodbye to The **Rev. Amy Johnson** as she concluded her interim ministry there on December 11, 2011.

❖ The Rev. **Jason Apicella** has accepted a call as Associate Pastor at **First Baptist Church, West Hartford**.

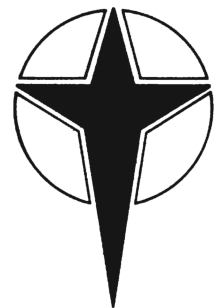
❖ Congratulations to The Rev. **Kevin Butler** and Antonia Jimenez del Rosario who wed in the Dominican Republic on November 25, 2011. Kevin preaches at **Asylum Avenue Baptist Church, Hartford**, is a Youth Leader at **Primera Iglesia in New London** and is also ABCCONN's technology consultant and web designer.

❖ Congratulations to the **Rev. Dr. G. Kenneth Carpenter**, who was inducted into the Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2011 in Hartford in December. The Veterans Hall of Fame recognizes distinguished veterans who have made significant contributions to their communities after leaving the military. Ken retired in 2007 after serving as Senior Pastor of **Union Baptist Church, Mystic** for 25 years.

❖ The American Baptist Home Mission Society (ABHMS, formerly National Ministries) has announced that the **Haitian Baptist Church of Norwalk/Pastor Jowell Papin** has been selected to receive a gift from the American Baptist Women's Ministry through its "Refit" fund.

❖ **Checks for Camp Wightman:** due to federal bank compliance regulations, checks made out to "Camp Wightman" will no longer be accepted at the bank. Please make checks payable to "American Baptist Churches of CT" or "ABCCONN." In the Memo/Note line, write "Camp Wightman".

MISCELLANY



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❖ **Bristol Baptist Church** reported recently that they served 94 meals at Zion Baptist Church in Bristol.

Let ABCCONN know about your outreach and mission projects and they'll be included on an upcoming Miscellany Page (abconn@abconn.org).

❖ The **2012-2013 Directory and Planning Calendar** is available for download on the ABCUSA website, at www.abc-usa.org. A direct link to the calendar is: <http://www.abc-usa.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=aZTxvJDD9Us%3D&tabid=36>

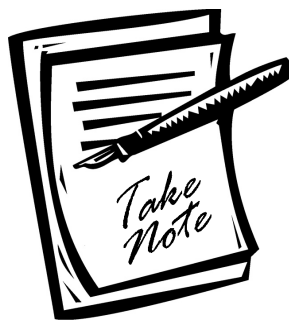
❖ **American Baptist Women News:**
The "Shine the Light" award, established in 2011 by American Baptist Women's Ministries, recognizes outstanding light-bearers for Christ. The award honors exemplary women from local American Baptist churches for how they shine Christ's light in the world. The award may be given to an individual American Baptist woman or to a group of women from an American Baptist church. For more information go to www.abc-usa.org.

❖ The **Ministry Resource Center at Yale Divinity School** has resources for you: Everything congregations and ministry agencies care about, including

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

The ABCCONN Office will close in observance of:

Presidents' Day:

Monday, February 20, 2012

ABCCONN's Vital Skills

Workshops: Saturday, February 4 (snow date, February 11), 9:00

A.M. to 2:00 P.M. at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Danielson

ABCCONN's Board of Managers: Saturday, February 4 (snow date, February 11), 2:30 P.M. at Cornerstone Baptist Church, Danielson, following the Vital Skills Workshops.

Spring Fling:

Saturday, March 3, 8:30 AM– 2:30 PM at Union Baptist Church, Hartford

American Baptist Women (ABW)

Spring Celebration:

Saturday, March 25, 2012, 8:30 AM– 3:00 PM at Connecticut Baptist Homes, Meriden

ABCCONN's Annual Gathering 2012:

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Theme: Proclaiming the Gospel

Place to be announced

American Baptist Women (ABW)

Conference: Saturday, June 2, 2012

at Holy Family Retreat Center, West Hartford

National Youth Gathering 2012:

July 24-28, 2012: **IMMERSE**

American University, Washington, D.C

American Baptist Women (ABW)

Fall Retreat:

Saturday, September 29, 2012

at Camp Wightman

LOOKING AHEAD:

ABCCONN's Annual Gathering 2013:

Saturday, April 27, 2013:

Theme: Practicing Radical Discipleship

The next Biennial in 2013: will be held in Overland Park, Kansas from June 21 to 23, 2013

ABCCONN THEMES FOR COMING YEARS:

2013-14: Meeting Human Need

2014-15: Nurturing Vital Congregations

2015-16: Cultivating Servant Leadership

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