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ABCOM CONVENTION
October 23 & 24, 2015

Hosted by
Kennebec Baptist Association & China Lake Camp
China Lake Conference Center
5 Dillon Drive, China, Maine

“Cultivating Spiritual Growth”

The Kennebec Baptist Association and the China Lake Camp want to invite and welcome you to the 211th Annual Meeting of ABCOM. This two day annual event is a time that we as American Baptists gather to reconnect, worship, and grow together in faith and ministry. We are blessed to have Rev. Dr. N. Graham Standish as our guest teacher. If you were part of an LTG group a few years ago, you will remember his book, *Becoming a Blessed Church*. He will be speaking at the Pastors and Guests Conference on Thursday evening and with us all day Friday.

As you spend time on the China Lake Campus, please take advantage of touring the campus as well as the beautiful setting, or enjoy a cup of coffee and a snack while overlooking China Lake. A couple of prayer walk routes are being planned as well as a Prayer Wall to post and pray for needs in our churches.

As we gather together to ask the Lord's blessing on the churches that are ABCOM, please be in prayer for the Annual Meeting, our leadership and each other. The 28 churches of the KBA and China Lake Camp look forward to seeing you at China Lake October 23 & 24.

Pastor Gary York—Oakland United Baptist Church and Chair of KBA host committee

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Rev. Dr. N. Graham Standish

Rev. Dr. N. Graham Standish is pastor of the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, PA. He went to Calvin Church with a vision to create a church rooted in prayer and a passionate desire to seek and do God's will in everything. Over the past 16 years, Calvin Church has more than doubled in size, and has garnered national attention in several studies, including one by Diana Butler-Bass, who included Calvin Church in her groundbreaking book, *Christianity for the Rest of Us*, which researched churches across the country that are leading Christians to renewal through an emphasis on spirituality and spiritual practices.



He is the author of six books including: *In God's Presence: Encountering, Experiencing, and Embracing the Holy in Worship* (2010), *Humble Leadership* (2007) and *Becoming a Blessed Church* (2005).

Dr. Standish is an adjunct professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Doctor on Ministry program and Certificate in Spiritual Formation Program, focusing in the areas of spirituality and congregational leadership. He is a teacher, retreat leader, spiritual director, and has a background in individual, marital, and family therapy. His Ph.D. is in formative spirituality from Duquesne University. His Master of Social Work is from the University of Pittsburgh, and his Master of Divinity is from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He is the husband of Diane and father of twin girls, Erin and Shea.

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Celebrating 211 Years of Mission!

PASTORS & GUESTS CONFERENCE
October 22, 2015

ABCOM Convention
OCTOBER 23 & 24, 2015

CHINA LAKE CONFERENCE CENTER

Information and Registration Brochure
Meal Reservation Deadline – October 9, 2015



Dr. N. Graham Standish

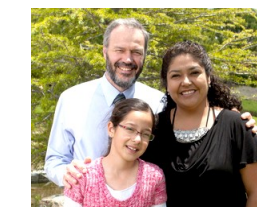
ANNUAL SERMON
Rev. Wayne Sawyer



Rev. Wayne Sawyer earned a Bachelor of Arts (Biblical & Theological Studies) degree at Gordon College and Master of Divinity degree at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Rev. Sawyer is an ordained pastor of the American Baptist Churches of Maine and the ABC in the USA.

Rev. Sawyer has been pastor of the Thomaston Baptist Church since 1984. In addition to serving his congregation Rev. Sawyer is also active in his denomination, serving on the Ministers Council of Maine. Rev. Sawyer is married to Margaret Sawyer and they have two daughters, Karis and Kristen.

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS
The Kalkmans



Nora and Pieter Kalkman are missionaries based in the Czech Republic, where they serve through as liaison and volunteer coordinators with IM's partner, the European Baptist Federation (EBF).

They match skills and interests of Short-Term Mission (STM) volunteers with the needs of the 50+ Baptist conventions in Europe.

They travel extensively, meeting with partners throughout Europe, the Middle East and West Asia to identify needs and coordinate mission opportunities for American Baptist churches and individuals.

