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American Baptist Churches of Maine Celebrating 211 Years of Mission!



Dr. N. Graham Standish

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



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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.



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.

LODGING OPTIONS

Contact directly the businesses below to obtain ABCOM Group rate reservations. These are available for a limited time, so please make reservations as early as possible. October is foliage season, therefore, rooms may fill quickly.

In China:

To stay on the China Lake Campus, please contact Stephen Labbe at 877-1914. \$25 per night without linens, \$35 with linens. Rooms available with 2 single beds each.

In Augusta area:

Best Western Plus, 110 Community Dr., Augusta bestwestern.com/Augusta (207) 622-4751 (ABCOM Group rate \$80.00 until Oct. 7) Comfort Inn, 281 Civic Center Drive, Augusta, ME (207) 623-1000 (ABCOM Group rate \$80.00 until Oct. 7)

Fairfield Inn and Suites, 14 Anthony Ave., Augusta www.fairfieldinn.com/augfi Tel: (207) 623-2200 (ABCOM Group \$99.00 10/8) Hampton Inn, 388 Western Avenue, Augusta www.augustame.hamptoninn.com (207) 622-4077 (ABCOM Group \$109.00 until 10/8) Quality Inn & Suites Maine Evergreen Hotel, 65 Whitten Road, Augusta www.augustaqualityinn.com (207) 622-3776

(ABCOM Group through 9/22 - Standard Evergreen Room with 2 double beds \$106.25)

Senator Inn, 284 Western Ave, Augusta www.senatorinn.com (207) 622-5804 (ABCOM Group rates until 10/8 start at \$99.00) Super 8, 395 Western Avenue, Augusta (207) 626-2888 (ABCOM Group rate of \$69.99 for 2 persons until 10/1)

PASTORS & GUESTS CONFERENCE

This year's Pastors and Guests Conference, a collaborative effort of the ABCOM and the Ministers Council, is pleased to provide the opportunity to talk candidly with Dr. N. Graham Standish about mission and ministry. Dr. Standish is committed to helping local churches develop as communities of faith and practice. His concern is for the spiritual well-being of faith communities, helping them to achieve balance in worship, depth in spiritual formation, and openness to the Holy Spirit's leading and promptings.

Pastors are important architects in building church structures that influence spiritual growth and vitality. This is an opportunity for pastors and lay leaders to be challenged in their thinking and ministry. Register now for this timely and important conference. Please see the registration form inside. Watch for a notice and registration from the Ministers Council for the Thursday evening dinner.



Coffee Shop

The China Lake Camp will provide a coffee shop on site for pre-session times and break times, including light lunch options on Friday.



Praver Wall

Bring prayers from your church to post on the prayer wall.

Praver Walk

Walk the China Lake campus with opportunities to pray for ABCOM ministries.

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I/We, would	d like to stay in a home durin	ng the Annual Meeting. Several loca	al churches have recruited parishioners to open the	heir
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PROGRAM SCHEDULE THURSDAY—OCTOBER 22, 2015 FRIDAY—OCTOBER 23, 2015 **Ministers Council Dinner (reserve with Ministers Council)** 5:45 ALL CONVENTION BANQUET BUFFET 7:00 p.m. PASTORS & GUESTS CONFERENCE Sukeforth New Life Center, CLCC Pendleton Chapel, CLCC With Graham Standish Welcome, Grace, and Meal FRIDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2015 7:00 p.m. EVENING SESSION 9:30 a.m. OPENING SESSION-Sukeforth New Life Center Welcome Welcome and Reports Invocation Pastoral Prayer & Communion Praise and Adoration Vignette: Columbia Street Project Special Music Missionary Address: Pieter and Nora Kalkman Offering KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Graham Standish Kevnote Address: Graham Standish Benediction Benediction 1:30 p.m. AFTERNOON SESSION-Sukeforth New Life Ctr. SATURDAY – OCTOBER 24, 2015 Secretary Of State Certificate Presentation 9 a.m. CLOSING SESSION-Sukeforth New Life Center Ministers Council Recognitions Welcome AIM Presentation Praise and Adoration Vignette: So. Berwick FBC "242" Annual Sermon: Wayne Sawyer Missionary Trip Presentation—Kalkmans and Hungary3 Pastors Offering Business Session: Elections & Board Report Vignette: Turner Christian Community Church KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Graham Standish President's Vision – Stephen Heneise Benediction Benediction For Office Use Only AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MAINE Amt. Rec'd ABCOM CONFERENCE AND CONVENTION – OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 2015 Date rec'd REGISTRATION/RESERVATION FORM Ck# (Meal by reservation only- Deadline October 9)

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Checks payable to: ABCOM Annual Meeting and Mail to: ABCOM, PO Box 6149, China Village, ME 04926