



# American Baptist Churches of Maine ABCOM CONVENTION October 22 & 23, 2021

Hosted by  
**Sugarloaf Area Christian Ministry and  
West Association**

**“God Reigns”  
Isaiah 52:7**

Dear ABCOM Family,

Come on up to Sugarloaf and the Western Maine Mountains to visit the relatives! We can't wait to show you around! We've been meeting with Sugarloaf staff to get you all the best lodging rates and most tasty food on their menus. Did I mention the mountain view? How about the pool and hot tubs? Come on in Thursday if you can and make the most of your time here. Your presence will be a blessing to this mountain community. Thank you for coming to this corner of our beautiful state.

Sugarloaf Christian Ministry and other West Association volunteers look forward to serving you October 21-23 at the ABCOM Annual Convention. If you have any questions at all, give Pam a call.

Revs. Pam & Earle Morse, Co-Pastors



## **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Dr. C. Jeff Woods**

Dr. Woods is currently serving as the Acting General Secretary for the American Baptist Churches USA. He has previously served as an ABC pastor and the Executive Minister for the ABC of Ohio.

As a speaker, consultant and resource person, he has worked with groups in nearly every state and province in North America and supervised students both nationally and internationally. He has received numerous research grants and worked on a variety of study groups and think tanks, including his recent service on the Pulpit and Pew Project, a ten million dollar Lilly endowment research project.

He and his wife, Kandy, have two children, Brandon and Kelsey, and reside in Newark, Ohio.



## **ANNUAL SERMON Rev. John P. Ross**



Pastor John has pastored the Second Baptist Church in Bowdoinham ME since 2014.

John grew up on Cape Breton Island, NS; graduated from Crandall Univ. in Moncton, NB; Tyndale College & Seminary in Toronto, and Moody Theological Seminary in Chicago.

John previously served churches in Millville, and Bathurst, NB; Hanover, MA; and Dexter and Caribou, ME.

He and his wife, Joan, live in Gorham. They have three children and five grandchildren.

## **VIDEO PRESENTATIONS FROM**



ANN and BILL CLEMMER reside in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) where they serve as regional consultants and work with IM partners Heal Africa and IMA World Health in the town of Goma. Bill provides counsel to health care workers, hospitals, and clinics that provide life-saving maternal and child health services while Ann supports educational and relief services to orphans and vulnerable children.



NORA and PIETER KALKMAN have a mission to share the love of Jesus and glorify God through networking with Baptist churches in Europe and the Middle East, developing mission awareness and coordinating the skills and interests of short-term mission volunteers with the needs of the 50-plus Baptist conventions. They are based in the Czech Republic. Their ministry impact multiplies through volunteers.

## COFFEE SHOP

The Morse Family welcomes you to their on-mountain restaurant



D'Ellies Bakery & Deli



which will be open Friday & Saturday 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

during the convention



See the menu at <http://dellies.net>.

Friday evening "Songs and S'mores"



## PASTORS AND GUESTS CONFERENCE

**RICHARD BELL CHAPEL  
(DIRECTLY BELOW SUGARLOAF HOTEL)**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 7 PM**

Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods,  
Acting General Secretary of the  
American Baptist Churches USA.



This is an opportunity to learn what is happening across the ABCUSA.

How has COVID-19 affected local churches across the ABCUSA? What challenges and opportunities are pastors and church leaders facing in the coming years?

This is an opportunity to know more about our national and global mission and to understand better the support that is available to local churches through the United Mission.

*"Friends of the King"*

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE (abbreviated)

Please bring your own downloaded/printed convention documents found on the ABCOM website: [abcom.org](http://abcom.org)

### THURSDAY—OCTOBER 21, 2021

**7:00 p.m. PASTORS & GUESTS CONFERENCE**  
Richard Bell Chapel, directly below Sugarloaf Hotel

### FRIDAY – OCTOBER 22, 2021

**7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet**

### **9:00 a.m. OPENING SESSION**

"Friends of the King"

Vignette: Sam Morse

**Bible Study/Table Talk: Jeff Woods**

Benediction

### **2:00 p.m. AFTERNOON SESSION**

Business Session

**Missionary Video: Clemmers**

Vignette: David and Michelle Brown

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

"Friends of the King"

**ANNUAL SERMON: John Ross**

Communion

Benediction

### FRIDAY—OCTOBER 22, 2021

### **5:30 ALL CONVENTION BANQUET BUFFET**

Welcome, Grace, Meal

### **6:45 p.m. EVENING SESSION**

Welcome

Invocation

**Missionary Video: Kalkmans**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Jeff Woods**

Benediction

**OUTSIDE FIREPIT—Songs and S'mores (bring guitars)**

### SATURDAY – OCTOBER 23, 2021

**7-8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet**

### **9 a.m. CLOSING SESSION**

Welcome

Vignette: Susan Crane

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS: Jeff Woods**

Offering

Testimony and President's Vision: Jay Noll

Benediction

