# REPORT OF THE ABCOM NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING – ZOOM mtg. Friday, October 21, 2022

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# **About Our ABCOM Presidents-Elect**

## President, Mr. Robert Clapp

Rob was born and raised in Blue Hill, Maine and attended local schools there, graduating from George Stevens Academy in 1973. He received BA in mathematics from Dartmouth College in 1977. For the last 43 years, he has worked as an insurance agent in Blue Hill, now owning an agency with 13 employees at two locations in Hancock County.

He has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Blue Hill since 1998, and is currently serving on their advisory board, the deacon board, chair of the finance committee, and past member of the pastoral relations committee. He is also currently co-chair of their pastoral search committee.

Rob has been married to Patricia Astbury Clapp for 42 years, has 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren and greatly appreciates the blessings of family.

Current hobbies and interests include working on land - his family's Christmas tree farm, blueberry and wood lands; as well as hiking, sports and spending time enjoying activities with his family.



### First Vice President, Mrs. Marlene Everett



Marlene was born and raised in Augusta, Maine. She attended local schools and graduated from Cony High School. She and her late husband were married and baptized at Penney Memorial United Baptist Church. In 1967 the family moved to Fairfield, where she still resides.

She has been an active member of Fairfield First Baptist Church for the past 54 years teaching Sunday School and serving on boards and committees. She is currently serving as a Deacon. She has also been active in the Kennebec Baptist Association and ABCOM.

Since her retirement from MaineGeneral Medical Center in 2004 she has devoted her time to her family and growing in her faith, commitment, and service to the Lord Jesus Christ. She has 2 adult daughters and a foster son, 3 grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. She is extremely thankful and grateful for the Lord's blessings and his constant care.

## Second Vice President, Pastor Kathy Saarinen

Kathy was born and raised in the Western Foothills of Maine where she currently resides. She is a graduate of our American Baptist Churches of Maine's Institute for Ministry, Class of 2008. She is currently the Pastor of the Buckfield Community Church, Buckfield, Maine and United Baptist Church of Canton, Canton, Maine.

Her faith journey is one of steps: 1.) Accepting the invitation to follow, 2.) Walking through the front doors of the local church, 3.) Learning and Growing in Christ, 4.) Listening to His still small voice, 5.) Accepting with hesitancy that a small-town girl from Western Maine would become a church(es) pastor, 6.) Humbled in my journey, and 7.) Believing anything is possible with God.

Current interests are creating a botanical garden in her back-forty, raising chickens, and spending time with her family and dog.

