

ABCOM Christian Nurture Committee

Members of the Christian Nurture Committee: Russ LaFlamme (Chair), Al Fletcher, Bonnie Higgins, Braden Rancourt, Randall B. Kelloway

**Report to the ABCOM Board for ZOOM meeting, May 06, 2023**

Since my last report to the ABCOM Board for the March meeting, the Christian Nurture Committee (CNC) has continued to meet monthly. We have spent a good deal of our energy planning the training workshops for the October 20, 2023 Annual Meeting. We have worked with Al Fletcher and Jeff Johnson planning four workshops covering Evangelism, Discipleship, Leadership, and one for Pastors New to ABCOM.

Since people will only be able to attend one workshop at the Annual Meeting, we hope to have a Mission Summit in January to redo the workshops so people can pick up the ones they missed. We would most likely do this at China Lake provided it works out with their schedule. We are currently working to decide who would be the best people to lead each of the Workshops.

Russ has checked with committee members to see if they were willing to continue to serve. Peter Barrett has decided to resign from the committee due to increased pastoral responsibilities at his home church in Litchfield Plains. Our committee wishes to acknowledge his contribution to our committee over the last three years and I have personally thanked Peter for his service. Therefore, we are working to find a couple more people to add to the committee to give us some fresh perspectives and continue our work.

Our committee is also starting work on a handout to give to new pastors to help them in their acclamation to working with ABCOM Churches. We are also making a suggestion that each Association have a Welcoming committee of a couple people to check in with pastor new to their area and help them understand how that Association works.

So our work continues and it is exciting to see progress as we work to provide the Board with suggestions for training opportunities and developing church leaders.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russ LaFlamme".

Russ LaFlamme, Chairperson for the CNC