

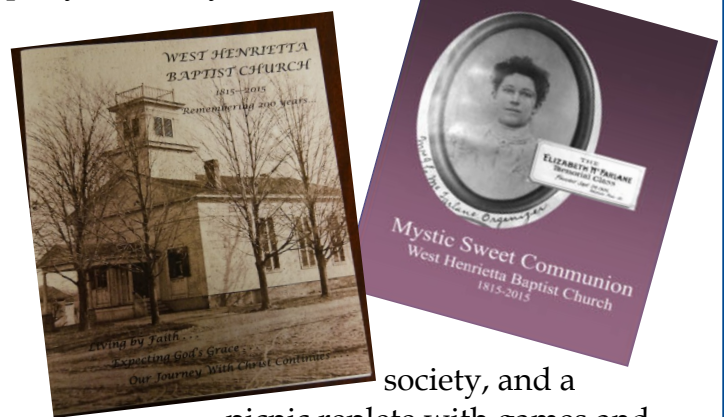
## West Henrietta Baptist Church Receives George D. Younger Award

This year's recipient of the George D. Younger Award for Excellence in Local or Regional American Baptist History is the West Henrietta Baptist Church (West Henrietta, NY). On behalf of the church, Alan Newton, Executive Minister of the Rochester/Genesee Region, accepted a certificate honoring the church and a check for \$100 at the ABHS Breakfast during the Biennial Mission Summit in Portland, OR. These will be officially presented to West Henrietta at the region's annual meeting in September. West Henrietta Baptist Church has been added to a plaque honoring awardees that hangs in the Historical Society Reading Room.

Chosen from among a dozen entries, West Henrietta demonstrated how they met the criteria for the award, especially in their outreach beyond their congregation. Church members researched the history of the congregation, which dates from 1815, and presented the history at a congregational retreat. Presented through the lens of the lives of members of a Sunday School class founded and

led by the pastor's wife in 1905, the many connections between the church and the wider community were revealed.

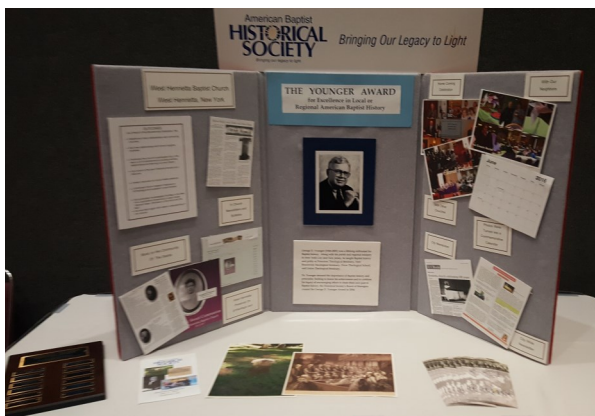
Monthly events celebrating the bicentennial included hosting the community interfaith Thanksgiving service, a party, a visit by the town Christmas caroling historical



society, and a picnic replete with games and toys popular in 1815. The year-long celebration resulted in renewed relationships with longtime and former members, stronger ecumenical connections, and the establishment of a history room in the church, thereby becoming a resource for the local historical society and being featured on the [NYHeritage.com website](http://NYHeritage.com).

They also prepared to participate knowledgeably in New York Landmarks Conservancy's open house "Stained Glass: Windows on this World and the Next" by researching the background of their stained glass windows.

George Younger (1926-2001) was a historian, pastor, ecumenical leader, and lifelong enthusiast for Baptist history. The Younger Award seeks to honor his achievements and legacy by encouraging others to share their part in Baptist history.



Display of West Henrietta Baptist Church, winner of the George D. Younger Award. [Click here](#) for their biennial web site.

# Connections Strengthened at Biennial

In the midst of worship, small groups, and fellowship in Portland, the business of collecting, preserving, and *making* American Baptist history continued.

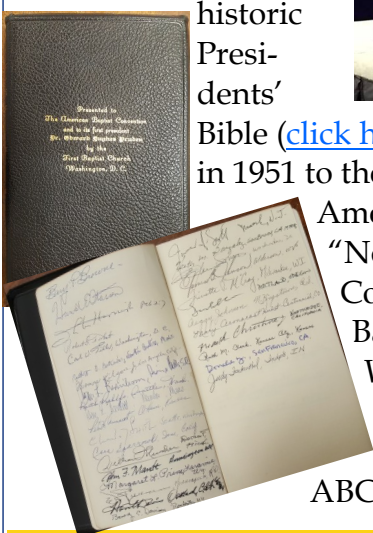
## Presidents' Bible signed

During the closing worship service, ABC/USA President Rev. Judy Fackenthal added her signature to the



historic Presidents' Bible

([click here](#) to see video). Given in 1951 to the first president of the American (no longer "Northern") Baptist Convention by the First Baptist Church of Washington, DC, this Bible has been signed by every subsequent ABC/USA president.



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ABHS serves as steward of this historic Bible.

"The signatures in this Bible represent faithful Christian leadership across many decades," said Dr. Priscilla Eppinger, Executive Director of ABHS, as she explained the history of the Bible and invited President Fackenthal to sign the book.

## Home Mission Societies and ABHS Normalize Relationship

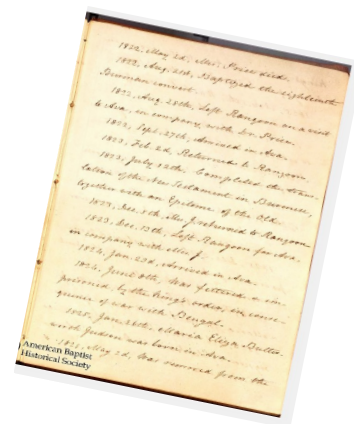


Dr. Jeffrey Haggray, Executive Director of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and Dr. Priscilla Eppinger signed a deposit agreement between the two agencies. The agreement stipulates that ABHS will house, preserve, and make available for use the records of the Home Mission Societies, and that ABHMS will provide funds to support that work. ABHS has cared for ABHMS records since the 1980s without a formal agreement.

This agreement is similar to agreements ABHS has with other American Baptist agencies.

## Breakfast Attendees Interact with History

At the ABHS breakfast, diners were surprised to be given an assignment: share with each other the document or photo at their place setting, and piece together the story told by their table.



Participants found it exciting to read highlights of Adoniram Judson's life, written in his own hand. Other tables learned about the Mather School, the Hopevale martyrs, the Baptist Missionary Training School, and the history of ABHS.

# A Photo Journey Through the Mission Summit

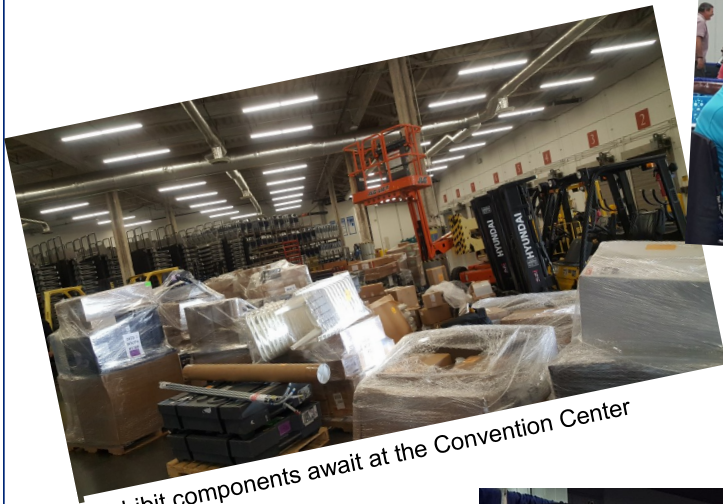


Exhibit components await at the Convention Center



Paul Reeder's book repair is always a draw!



ABHS Board member Mitch Homma and Yosh Nakagawa at the ABHS booth



ABHS display showing American Baptist responses to injustices to Japanese-Americans



ABHS display of membership categories and (on the Computer) places where ABHS Members can use their TimeTravelers cards

## Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Voice Heard in Portland

Many attendees stopped short when they recognized Dr. King's voice coming from the ABHS booth. ABHS holds reel-to-reel tapes of addresses by King to various American Baptist conventions and conferences in the 1950s and 1960s. Preservation and digitization of these audio tapes was made possible by a generous donation to the *At Your Fingertips* campaign. You, too, can support this digitization project; see p. 7.

[Click here](#) to listen to MLK addressing ABC convention in 1962.



Volunteers Paul Reeder and Stephanie Homma help take down the exhibit

## From the Archives

### Preservation of Textiles from China

The archives has an interesting addition to our collection, materials from China from the Proctor family.

There are 22 items created by women who worked at the Shaohsing Industrial Mission in the 1930s and 1940s, a project of the Chekiang-Shanghai Baptist Convention. The linens may have belonged to Mildred Proctor, who directed the mission from 1934 until 1940, or were perhaps given to her sister, Helen Proctor Padelford.



There are also 14 tiny dolls in traditional dress.



Look for a complete listing of the Proctor family collection in our [online catalog](#).

Napkins, guest towels and table runners are now interleaved with acid-free tissue paper.



The dolls now rest on acid-free tissue paper, too, and are stored in archival boxes and kept in climate-controlled storage.



*Post this page on your church's bulletin board. When you use information from "From the Archives" remember to give credit to the American Baptist Historical Society.*

## Join the Historical Society and Become a Time Traveler

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↑ * inclusion on a special plaque in ABHS Reading Room	

American Baptist Historical Society membership circles are named for some of our significant Baptist forebears. Learn about these honorees in

# Membership Circle: Ann Hasseltine Judson

Ann Hasseltine was born December 22, 1789 in Bradford, Massachusetts. In the spring of 1806, Hasseltine converted to Christianity and joined the Congregational Church. In June, 1810, a young Andover Seminary-educated man named Adoniram Judson was attending the organizational meeting of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. During these meetings, Judson boarded at the Hasseltine home, where he met Ann.

Adoniram Judson and Ann Hasseltine were married at Bradford on February 5, 1812. Two weeks later, they sailed for India on appointment by the ABCFM, making Ann the first woman to go overseas as a missionary. On their journey, the Judsons became convinced of the biblical basis for believers' baptism and became Baptists. With the approval of British Baptist missionaries



Image from ABHS photo files

in India, the Judsons set sail for Burma. In 1814, the Baptist Triennial Convention was organized in order to support the American missionary endeavor.

In Burma Ann did evangelistic work, adopted orphaned girls, and educated children. She is known to be the first person to translate

any part of the Bible into Thai with her 1819 translation of the Gospel of Matthew. Ann also translated the books of Daniel and Jonah into Burmese, as well as helping produce a Burmese grammar and a Burmese catechism.

She is perhaps best known, however, for her endurance and bravery during Adoniram's imprisonment as a result of the 1824 war between the British and the Burmese. During this time, Ann brought Adoniram food and medicine, and tirelessly advocated for his freedom. Adoniram was eventually released, but the strain of two years' struggle proved too much for Ann. She died on October 24, 1826, exhausted by her persecution and family responsibilities. She remains one of the most influential missionary women in American history. ABHS holds a collection of her [missionary correspondence and papers](#).

## Baptist Responses to Injustice

The ABHS fall event will highlight American Baptist responses to injustice, both historically, in response to the forced relocation of Japanese-Americans in 1942, and today. Yosh Nakagawa will share about his experience as a child in a relocation camp for Japanese-Americans during World War II, and Jeffrey Haggray will reflect on responses to contemporary circumstances of injustice.

Free and open to the public, this event is one of an annual series sponsored by the American Baptist Historical Society. Join us for discussion and a reception on September 28 at 7:00 pm.

## Research Snapshot

Richard Boles, Assistant Professor of History at Oklahoma State University, researched race relations from 1730-1850. His book on this topic is nearly complete.

Boles found original church records from Philadelphia particularly revealing: while African-Americans were members and greeted with the traditional 'brother' and 'sister,' they were consigned to separate pews and were not allowed use of the consecrated cemetery.

Boles also began research for another project, considering the influence of Black and Native American Christianity on each other. He found relevant information from several Baptist missionaries to the Cherokees and to other tribes. [Click on photo](#) to hear from Boles.



## Church Anniversaries

### June – August

We celebrate the faithful ministry of American Baptist congregations and their pastors! The following churches recently marked anniversaries:

#### 180<sup>th</sup>

Crooked Creek Baptist Church, Indianapolis, IN;  
Rev. Mark Pitmann, pastor

#### 175<sup>th</sup>

Central Baptist Church of Millville-Vineland,  
Millville, NJ; Rev. D. Gordon Braun, Jr., pastor  
First Regular Baptist Church, Huntingdon, PA;  
John C. Staje, Jr., pastor  
Miami Baptist Church, Logansport, IN; Dr.  
Daisoklung R. Panmei, pastor

#### 150<sup>th</sup>

First Baptist Church of Franklin, PA; Randy  
Powell, pastor  
First Baptist Church of Rantoul, IL; Rev. Dr. Ken  
Crawford, pastor  
Grand Prairie Baptist Church, Marion, OH;  
Robert Hendrix, pastor  
Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Glen Allen, VA;  
Rev. Darryl G. Thompson, pastor  
New Light Beulah Baptist Church, Hopkins, SC;  
Dr. Malcolm L. Taylor, pastor  
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, St. Albans,  
WV; Dr. Michael A. Poke, Sr., pastor

#### 100<sup>th</sup>

Morning Star Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH;  
Rev. Clarence W. Hall, Jr., pastor  
Pilgrim Baptist Church, Rockford, IL; Rev. Dr.  
Kenneth R. Board, pastor  
St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, Toledo, OH;  
Rev. James H. Willis, Jr., pastor

#### 50<sup>th</sup>

Avon Avenue Baptist Church, Cleveland, OH  
(no current pastor)  
The American Baptist Community Church, Big  
Flats, NY; Michael Dickinson, pastor

#### 25<sup>th</sup>

Mt. Olive Multicultural Community Church,  
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Thursday,  
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7:00pm  
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