

AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN & GIRLS GATHERING 2009 — NEW YORK STATE

Owego Treadway Inn

April 24-26, 2009

“Women...Destined for God’s Purpose”

Ephesians 2:10, Esther 4:14



Keynote Speaker Rev. Jackie Saxon

Rev. Jackie Saxon would not be the woman she is today had it not been for the nurturing and support of American Baptist Women’s ministries in Rochester and Binghamton, New York. She grew up and was an active Guild Girl at Mount Olivet Baptist Church which led to youth leadership position at state level for both Girls Guild (now know as ABGIRLS) and the BYF (now known as ABYouth). After receiving a Bachelors of Business Administration with an emphasis in Finance from Howard University in Washington, DC, she moved to Endicott, NY to work for IBM as a financial analyst while also being an active member of Community Baptist Church in Port Dickinson working with their youth. Six years later, she transferred to Austin, Texas with IBM and soon left the company to pursue a Masters of Divinity Degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. She is an ordained American Baptist pastor and was the Associate pastor at University Baptist Church in Austin, Texas for 8 years. She has also served on the ABC General Board for two terms as well as Co-directed the most recent ABC National Youth Gathering known as MTW held in the summer of 2008. Beginning fall of 2008, Jackie joined the National Leadership team for ABGIRLS as the Adult Events Coordinator for the upcoming ABGIRLS Gathering to be held at Lake Williamson Conference Center in conjunction with the National ABWomen’s Conference in July of 2009.

Bible Study Leader Rev. Martha Cruz

Martha was ordained in 1983, and went on to serve as Pastor of Christ Baptist Church in Worcester, MA; North Baptist Church in Port Chester, NY; Memorial Community Church in West Harrison, NY; and East Bronx Baptist Church in N.Y.C. She has worked as a denominational and ecumenical communications officer since 1991; as a columnist, reporter and editor for the American Baptist Office of Communication; as Communications Director for Church Women United; and , since 2000 as Director of Public Relations/Communications of the Pension Boards-United Church of Christ. She is privileged to have dual ministerial standing in the American Baptist Churches and the United Church of Christ.

Martha and her husband, Philip E. Jenks, Media Relations Specialist for the National Council of Churches, are the parents of a blended family of six young adults ages 19-33, Victoria, Katherine, William, Elita, Angela and Lauren—and have a two year old grandson, Philip. They share their home in Port Chester with their two mutts: Homer J. Cruz, a five-year old Beagle-Shar Pei, and Krusty Jenks, a four-year old German Shepherd-Black Lab.



CONVENTION MISSION THE PLACE, NORWICH, NY

THE PLACE, Norwich, NY — began in 1982 as an outreach project of the First Baptist Church. Programs include a study center with computers and homework assistance, the Drop-in Center with games, music and food, the Family Counseling Program, a self-defense and Karate program and referral services. The director is David Sheldon who will speak to us on Saturday.

CONVENTION MISSION PROJECT

ITEMS TO BRING: playground games i.e.: balls, jump ropes, soccer balls, any outdoor type of games. Indoor games (rainy days) for school age. School supplies (paper, pencils, etc.), paper products-paper towels, napkins, cups, etc.