



National Gathering for Girls Registration Form

Dear registrant,

We're glad you're planning to attend the National Gathering for Girls! May God bless us all in our preparations for this event.

Attached is the registration form for this event. Please read carefully the information on the form and fill it out completely. Use clear handwriting (all capitals often helps).

Please note that this registration form needs to be sent, with registration deposit, by the dates indicated on the form. Once you have registered, you will receive further forms that will need to be completed (such as medical permission, code of conduct, and others) prior to your arrival at Gathering. If you are registering as part of a group, your adult leader may collect all your forms and send them in together. If you are registering individually, you will need to send in your forms yourself. Our administrative assistant Wendy Mertzels will contact you if forms are missing prior to the event.

If you are applying for scholarships, you will find the scholarship information packet and forms on our website at www.abwministries.org; click on Upcoming Events, find the entry for the National Gathering for Girls, and download the scholarship forms. Note that the scholarship application process also has deadlines that you need to attend to.

Return this registration form and deposit by the dates listed on the form to:

2009 National Gathering for Girls
American Baptist Women's Ministries
P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

Telephone: 800-222-3872, x2288

Fax: (610) 768-2286

Email: info@abwministries.org

We're looking forward to seeing you at Gathering!



"One" 2009 National Gathering for Girls Registration Form

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Name, Address, and Pastor of Church:

I am a...

Girl

Age _____

I will enter grade _____ in Fall '09

Adult

This is my first time at conference (check one): Yes No

(If ages 12-18) I will be coming with this adult: _____

Parent/Guardian Permission

I give permission for my daughter/ward to attend the 2009 National Gathering for Girls.

(Parent/Guardian signature)

(Workshop registration is on a separate form. Please note that you also MUST register for workshops. If sending this registration form early, please remember to send in your workshop registration following.)

Registration deposit (non-refundable):

Minimum deposit: \$100 if postmarked on or before May 1

\$130 if postmarked after May 1

Make checks out to "AB Women's Ministries."

Return this form **with registration deposit** to:

National Gathering for Girls, American Baptist Women's Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

Telephone: 800-222-3872, x2288; Fax: 610-768-2286; Email: info@abwministries.org

Registrations will not be processed until registration deposit is received.

Balance due by July 10th, 2009.

Cancellation policy:

Refunds will be issued upon receipt of written notice of cancellation mailed to AB Women's Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851, or faxed to 610-768-2286. Deposits are non-refundable. No refunds issued after July 15.

Workshops at National Gathering for Girls July 25-31, 2009

Participants in the National Gathering for Girls will be joining with participants of the National Women's Conference for two sessions of workshops; Monday afternoon, 1:15-2:30, and Thursday afternoon, 1:15-2:30. The descriptions for available workshops in those time periods are included in this packet.

The National Gathering for Girls also has workshops of its own on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday morning from 10:30-11:30. The descriptions for those workshops are also included in this packet.

Use the attached form to register for your chosen workshops. Be aware that some workshops have listed fees for supplies. If you register for one of those workshops, you will need to send a check for that payment with your workshop registration form.

You may only register for one workshop in each session. You must register for one workshop in each session—if we do not receive a workshop registration from you, we reserve the right to assign you to a workshop of our choosing.

Workshops for National Gathering for Girls Participants ONLY

Session 1 (Monday 10:30-11:30 a.m.)

Workshop 1: “Meet the NLT” (Abby Reyes)

Have you ever been curious about what it's like to serve on the national leadership team of AB GIRLS? Do you think God might be nudging you to apply, but you've got some questions? Join AB GIRLS convener Abby Reyes as she shares with you her experience over two years of serving on the NLT, and does her best to answer any questions you might have. (NLT applications will be available!)

Workshop 2: “One Voice” (Jasmine Turner, Hornrette Washington)

Lift your voice to God in praise in this choir made up of Gathering participants. Led by our Gathering music leader Hornrette Washington and NLT member Jasmine Turner, the Gathering choir will practice during two workshop sessions (Session 1 and Session 2), to perform during Wednesday evening's worship service.

Please note: if you register for this workshop, you will need to also register for Workshop 2: “Gathering Choir” in Session 2.

Workshop 3: “Break the Chains: Slavery in the 21st Century” (Bonnie Sestito)

Come and learn about the issue of human trafficking and “Break the Chains,” the 2007-2009 national mission project of American Baptist Women's Ministries. Bonnie will share information and resources that will make you think, inform your prayer life, and perhaps spur you to action. *(Because the topic is of a sensitive nature, please visit www.abwmbreakthechains.org with your parents/guardians to find out more about the topic before registering.)*

Workshop 4: “One Big Scavenger Hunt” (Sandy Hasenauer)

Search high and low for items with point values and win prizes! Participants will be formed into teams and will work together on this biblically-themed scavenger hunt to try to earn as many points as possible within the time limit. Be prepared to work fast and laugh hard!

Workshop 5: “Adult Track” (Becky and Karen Howard)

This workshop is open only to adult leaders of AB GIRLS. Join with experienced AB GIRLS leaders Becky and Karen Howard to learn more about leading girls' ministry, and to share with, and support one another, in this vital ministry.

Please note: there are two sessions for this workshop. If you register for this workshop, you will also need to register for Workshop 5: “Adult Track” in Session 2.

Session 2 (Wednesday 10:30-11:30 a.m.)

Workshop 1: “You’ve Been Framed!” (Thelma Lowthert)

Participants in this workshop will decorate a picture frame to take home from Gathering. A frame for a pic of your BFFs from Gathering? Perhaps for the Gathering group photo? Whatever you put inside it, the frame will be sure to remind you of your great Gathering memories for years to come.

Workshop 2: “One Voice” (Jasmine Turner, Hornrette Washington)

Lift your voice to God in praise in this choir made up of Gathering participants. Led by our Gathering music leader Hornrette Washington and NLT member Jasmine Turner, the Gathering choir will practice during two workshop sessions (Session 1 and Session 2), to perform during Wednesday evening’s worship service.

Please note: if you register for this workshop, you will need to also register for Workshop 2: “Gathering Choir” in Session 1.

Workshop 3: “At One with the Written Word” (Sandy Hasenauer)

In this workshop, participants will have the opportunity to explore the gift of writing. Stations set up throughout the room will offer different types of inspiration or challenges; participants will work individually at stations of their choosing.

Workshop 4: “Discover and Xtreme—ONE Worldwide” (Angela Sudermann)

Be One in Christ...with brothers and sisters around the world! Whether you have a burning passion in your heart for global mission, or are simply interested in what’s out there, this workshop is for you. From the faith stretching, mind expanding, mission exploring Xtreme Team to mission trips for all ages, learn how you can serve God across the border and around the world.

Angela Sudermann is part of the Volunteers in Global Mission team of International Ministries. She loves to travel and serve internationally and get others excited about it, too.

Workshop 5: “Adult Track” (Becky and Karen Howard)

This workshop is open only to adult leaders of AB GIRLS. Join with experienced AB GIRLS leaders Becky and Karen Howard to learn more about leading girls’ ministry, and to share with, and support one another in this vital ministry.

Please note: there are two sessions for this workshop. If you register for this workshop, you will also need to register for Workshop 5: “Adult Track” in Session 1.

Session 3 (Thursday 10:30-11:30 a.m.)—“Can We Talk?”

All of Thursday’s workshops will give you an opportunity to help set the direction of the national AB GIRLS organization into the future, as well as swap some great ideas with one another about girls’ ministry in your church, area/association, or region/state!

Workshop 1: “A Conversation about Mission” (Jasmine Turner)

Share your ideas about mission in this workshop. Do you think it’s important that mission be a part of a girls’ ministry? Why or why not? Are there particular issues you think that AB GIRLS as a national organization is uniquely suited to address? Are there projects you think local groups could be encouraged to try, or that perhaps we could consider including in future Gatherings?

Workshop 2: “A Conversation about Building Connections” (Abby Reyes)

Participants in this workshop will discuss ways to stay in touch with one another between Gatherings, to reconnect with former AB GIRLS or NLT members, and to reach out to new potential AB GIRLS. You’ll also discuss ways to build more bridges with AB Women’s Ministries and other organizations of American Baptist Churches USA, to the benefit of all!

Workshop 3: “A Conversation about Promotions” (Casey Howard)

Do you have great ideas, or *need* great ideas, for how to spread the word about AB GIRLS? Participants in this workshop will get to brainstorm about how to promote ministry with girls in your church, in your region, and across the U.S. and Puerto Rico. Don’t keep AB GIRLS a secret! Help us get the word out there!

Workshop 4: “A Conversation about Leadership Training” (Molly Dunn)

How does participating in girls’ ministry help build your leadership skills? What could AB GIRLS be doing more of, in order to train up leaders? Participants in this workshop will be able to brainstorm about ways to do leadership training in AB GIRLS at a local, region/state, and national level.

Workshops in Conjunction with the National Women’s Conference

“B” Workshops (Monday Afternoon 1:15-2:30 p.m.)

B 4. Journaling – Florene LeBlanc, Coordinator of Young Adult Women’s Ministries

“Hear counsel, receive instruction, and accept correction that you may be wise in the time to come.”
Proverbs 19:20 (AMP) You may already be spending time alone with God, but are you expressively journaling your thoughts and prayers on paper—listening and obeying God’s instructions? This workshop will offer you a moment of time with God to begin journaling toward the next level of your spiritual growth.

B 5. White Cross for Today’s Women of Purpose – Peggy Burke, Coordinator of Mission and Service, and Chris Marziale, International Ministries Consultant

Working together, we will roll bandages, cut quilt blocks and receive hands-on instruction about some other simple projects. We’ll also get a brief overview of this valuable program and share ideas about completing White Cross requests and how to involve others in unique ways (while we accomplish something for missions!).

B 6. Two P’s in a Pod...Meet the Podcast Purpose and Process – Jonna Turek, Western Geographic Coordinator

We will learn the reasons for producing and listening to podcasts and the practical steps to download them onto your computer, iPod, or other MP3 players. We may even have some “hands on” opportunities!

B 7. Around the World in 75 Minutes – The National Leadership Team of AB GIRLS

Travel “around the world” visiting various ABCUSA mission sites in the U.S. and overseas (such as Peoria Friendship House and Thailand) where you can learn about their ministries and do hands-on mission activities in this fun and interactive workshop.

B 8. Focus on God’s Wonderful World through Digital Photography, Part 1 – Victoria Goff, National Ministries, & Sandra Hasenauer, AB Women’s Ministries

Digital photography, the new craze! In this first part of a two-part workshop, we’ll focus on how to take better photos. Learn about photo composition, lighting, and ways to improve your digital photos. (See description for **F 8 Part 2**. You do not need to register for both workshops but they will be interconnected.)

B 9. Making Spoon Roses – Lois Chiles, former National President of AB Women’s Ministries

Using ordinary plastic spoons, we will make a unique rose. This crafting experience will remind us that we are all God’s children--that we are unique and beautiful in our own way. **\$5.00 fee for cost of supplies.**

B 10. Handbell Chimes – Rev. Jan Smith

We enjoyed these simple handbell chimes so much last year that Jan is bringing them again! If you can count and recognize primary colors, you can make beautiful music with very little practice. Come and be a part of our worship time as we make a joyful sound together.

B 11. Team-Building Super Fun Totally Awesome Obstacle Course – Abby Reyes, AB GIRLS NLT Convenor, and Casey Howard, NLT Resources Coordinator

Ready, Set, Go! This workshop will push you, not only physically, but also challenge your ability to communicate with others. It includes great team building activities and communication skills that prove essential in everyday life. There will be an obstacle course to test your skills of all sorts. You must work with others as well as believe in yourself to fulfill these goals. If you're up for the challenge and a great time, then this workshop is for you!

B 12. Missional Church in Changing Times – Rev. Glynis LaBarre, Transformation Strategist, National Ministries

We are living through the most accelerated rate of change in human history. How does the church adapt to stay on mission with God in these changing times? “Missional Church” offers some guidelines to help your church meet the growing needs in your community and capture this time of great opportunity. Come be a part of this interactive, participative learning experience.

“F” Workshops (Thursday Afternoon 1:15-2:30 p.m.)

F 8. Focus on God’s Wonderful World through Digital Photography, Part 2 – Victoria Goff and Sandra Hasenauer

In this second part of a two-part workshop (see description for **B 8. Part 1**), we'll focus on what to do with your photos once you've taken them. This workshop will address photo-editing and how to more effectively share your photos through online photo albums, publications and presentations, and even a little digital scrapbooking. (You do not need to register for both workshops but they will be interconnected.)

F 13. Conference Choir – Ardys Carpenter, Worship/Praise/Choir Leader

If you love to praise the Lord in song, this is your opportunity to join with others to raise the sweet sound of musical harmony before God. The Choir will sing during the Closing Gathering on Thursday evening. Try to attend the Conference Choir practices at least twice before Thursday night. **Choir members will pay \$5.00 for music that they can take home.**

F 21. Learn the Art of Acting through Games and Exercises – Molly Dunn, AB GIRLS NLT Events Coordinator

If you have ever dreamed of acting, but feel self-conscious, this is the workshop for you! Acting is having the emotion that best fits the scene. Learn how to get in touch with some of these emotions through games and exercises. Then put them into *action* in a short skit.

F 22. Jewelry by Jaz! – Jasmine Turner, AB GIRLS NLT Spiritual Development Coordinator

Explore the art of jewelry making by creating your own beautiful beaded works. In “Jewelry by Jaz,” you will learn the basic techniques of jewelry making and create unique jewelry that you will want to share with everyone you know. (Maximum 15 women; **\$5.00 fee for supplies**)

F 23. ‘Tis A Gift To Be.... – Jackie Saxon, AB GIRLS NLT Events Coordinator

As the Shaker hymn suggests: *‘Tis a gift to be simple, ‘Tis a gift to be free; ‘Tis a gift to come round where we ought to be; And when we find ourselves in the place just right – we will be in the valley of love and delight.* This will be a fun way to discover and rediscover some of your spiritual gifts and to learn how to discern next steps in your life’s journey.

National Gathering for Girls Workshop Registration Form

Choose your workshops and note your preferences by workshop number and title on this form:

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

Phone number/Email address: _____

National Gathering Morning Workshops (10:30-11:30 a.m.)

Session 1 Workshops (Monday)

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

Session 2 Workshops (Wednesday)

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

Session 3 Workshops (Thursday)

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

Workshops in Conjunction with National Women's Conference

"B" Workshops (Monday afternoon, 1:15-2:30 p.m.)

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

"F" Workshops (Thursday afternoon, 1:15-2:30 p.m.)

First choice: _____

Second choice: _____

Please remember to include payment if there are any fees associated with workshops that you have listed as your first or second choice. (Your fee will be refunded if we are not able to give you your first choice. If you are registered for a "second choice" workshop with a fee associated with it, we will contact you to request payment.)

**Mail to: National Gathering for Girls, AB Women's Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA
19842-0851.**