

Report to the Senate  
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I continue to work at building our relationships within our constituent councils and while I cannot measure the effectiveness of the effort, I have enjoyed the time that I have spent with our colleagues.

Our primary projects remain the same. The pre-biennial meeting with Leonard Sweet is in place and needs only some last minute agenda planning with our partners.

For scholarship information, see our current newsletter, “News You Can Use.” Yes, scholarships are available if you attend all of Dr. Sweets presentations.

We also need help at the Ministers Council Booth.

Speaking of the Ministers Council booth, you will not find it if you look where we have always been. This year, we are at the very entrance of the exhibit hall or, as they call it this year, “the Mission Fair”.

The “Together in the Lord” conference, January 4-7 in Orlando, is in great shape and a full line-up of speakers and work-shop leaders will soon be on-line. You can register now at the Ministers Council web site, [www.ministerscouncil.org](http://www.ministerscouncil.org).

We’ve begun our work with Trinetta McCray on “The Calling Church.” We have a NING site and you are invited. Send me a note and you will receive your formal invitation to join the conversation.

Judson Press has just published two books that include pieces that I have written – the forward for the new edition of The New Life; Six Studies for New Baptists and a sermon in The Audacity of Faith; Christian Leaders Reflect on the Election of Barak Obama edited by Marvin McMickel.

You will notice in the travel schedule below that I stayed home between April 4 and April 16. It seems that there were no retreats, annual gatherings, or denominational meetings to attend during Holy Week or the week before and that’s a good thing.

March 30 – April 2	GEC, Green Lake
April 3	Ministers Council, ABC of Wisconsin, in Milwaukee
April 17-18	Ministers Council, ABC of Indiana-Kentucky in Indianapolis

April 20	OGS Extended Council in Valley Forge
April 21-23	American Baptist Churches of the South in Richmond, Virginia
April 26-27	Ministers Council of ABC New Jersey at Camp Lebanon near Flemington, NJ.

I'm looking forward to seeing you at the Senate meeting this year. Now is a very good time to register for the event. If you have questions, call Sue Sechrist at the Ministers Council office.