

## **Nominees Selected for National Positions in American Baptist Women's Ministries**

The American Baptist Women's Ministries' nominating committee members nominate LaRose Karr, Debra Curry, and Lovena Van Haaften to be elected for national officer positions for the 2022-2025 term.

### **Nominee for Coordinator of AB GIRLS — Debra Curry**



Debra Curry shares with us that her strongest gifts, talents, and skills she would like to use in ministries with women and/or girls are: "encouragement, wisdom, and leadership." She states that "having had opportunities to demonstrate them resulted in many great opportunities for others, as well as myself." Working within NY Public Library and her church provides many opportunities for wonderful projects. Two favorites include "Children's Storytime; seeing those little faces light up as I ran around the room like an airplane with them running behind me brings the book to life. This was joyful in many ways, but most importantly, it allowed the children to dream and feel bigger than life itself." Moreover, supporting the ministries in her church and helping the girls prepare for praise dance. Debra hails from the Bronx, New York.

### **Nominee for Coordinator of Mission with Women and Girls — LaRose Karr**



LaRose shares, "My faith has been my guiding light in all times of my life. I have a great desire to grow more like Christ. I spend a lot of time in prayer, seeking the Lord's wisdom, and searching my heart. I've had short stories and devotions published in 17 compilation books, numerous devotional guides, and websites. I helped coordinate the ABWM State Conference to be held at my church. (The first and only one held in Sterling, Colorado). ABWM has been very rewarding. I've loved the ministry and missions and, most of all, working with women who love the Lord. I have been so blessed to be on the Colorado ABWM State board and involved with granting large scholarships to young women to help them pay for college costs." LaRose dwells in Sterling, Colorado.

### **Nominee for Coordinator of the Midwestern Section — Lovena Van Haaften**



It has been said of Lovena, among other things, that she "takes her leadership role in her church very seriously—it has been very meaningful and helpful." "She is always ready to serve her Lord and others." Also, "she takes her responsibilities very seriously and has the foresight to follow through and expect the unexpected." "She is always ready to serve her Lord and others." For example, Lovena shared, "I being somewhat computer literate; I helped register those that wanted the COVID-19 shots and booster, even providing transportation." She counts her greatest gifts to be encouragement, listening, and teaching. She hails from Pella, Iowa.