



Great Rivers Region  
Board Meeting  
August 16 & 17,  
2019



Area IV Board  
Meeting  
August 24,  
2019

Greetings American Baptist Women Ministries of Area IV, Your GRR Board members and Area IV Board members have been busy during August. We are already planning events for 2020.

#### GRR NEWS

The GRR Board is seeking new officers. The GRR Election and Appointments according to By-Laws adopted June 2015 include: The term of office shall be three years and terminate at close of the Annual Conference; an officer shall not hold the same office for more than two consecutive terms. If you are interested in serving on the GRR Board, please contact me. I will be happy to discuss the offices available and their duties.

In the top left corner is the new logo. We also have a new Special Project. GRR has selected Peoria Friendship House as the Home Mission Project for 2020. Although International no longer assigns missionaries to GRR churches, there are missionaries adopted by our each of our five areas in GRR. We no longer send rolled bandages to the Congo. There are many White Cross options available for churches in GRR and AREA IV. This may seem like GRR is designating or assigning Home Missions and Missionaries. Each church may select where they want to give their support. Each church may select the amount they are able to give. This is where our Area IV fits into the picture. Your Area IV provides information.

#### AREA IV NEWS

Information is very important. I strongly encourage you to attend the Area IV Fall Rally at Highland First Baptist Church on October 5, 2019. The officers of Area IV will have displays and valuable information about Missionaries, Special Project, Student Aid, ABGIRLS, White Cross Projects, and Home Missions. Our officers will be available to answer your questions and help you plan for 2020. Bring your ideas to share with everyone. Many of our church Women Societies are decreasing in active participation in projects and mission field work. However, as I look over the form included in this mailing "Marks of An Active Women's Ministries Group of Great Rivers Region", it is not just an act of giving money. Praying for and attending events are also on the list. There are times when a women's ministry group needs to step back and plan ways to revitalize their local program. Although I avoid the term "brainstorming", women's ministry groups have an important role within the church. They must promote their purpose! They begin with planning: (1) What are our plans for 2020? (2) What is our budget? (3) What and how much can we give? (4) What activities can we do? (5) How do we let others in our church know what we are doing? "Seek wholeness in our church family and community!"

I have included in this mailing: (1) Flyer for Fall Rally at Highland FBC, (2) Marks of An Active Women's Ministries Group in GRR, and (3) SAVE the Date. I encourage you to attend the Fall Rally. I also encourage you to bring ideas to share and artifacts for our display tables.

Blessings, Linda (Please visit [Area IV News](http://www.fbc61951.org) on my church Web Site.) [www.fbc61951.org](http://www.fbc61951.org)