



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

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*General Secretary*

Dear Regional Executive Ministers Council:

I write to you on behalf of the ABC Burma Refugee Commission to ask you to promote this coming Sunday, February 6, as a day to “Pray and Act for Burma.”

The Burma Advocacy Group, which was recently formed by ABC, has chosen this Sunday because it is the first Sunday following the anniversary of the military coup that overthrew the democratic elections of Burma. Imagine the power of all our conventions expressing solidarity in prayer for the realization of peace and justice in a federal democratic Burma! Therefore, we need your help to spread the word of this effort among the member churches of your convention.

I am attaching three pieces for your use in promoting this Communion Sunday to remember our brothers and sisters in Burma. The three pieces are:

1. A letter to pastors asking them to join in “Pray and Act for Burma,”
2. A sheet listing 4 actions church members can take on behalf of Burma, and
3. Specific items of concern to consider for the pastoral prayer and
4. Prayers for Burma that may be used in the service.

The actions include ways to help move forward the Burma Bill that is currently before the US Congress. By the middle of February, the Burma Advocacy Group will be launching a signature campaign to name key items that ought to be in the bill and to ask for its passage. The campaign seeks the signatures of as many congregants as possible to show wide-spread support. We will be asking you to help promote this effort.

The QR Code on the letter to the pastors accesses the ABC Burma Refugee Commission webpage on the ABC website. Here they will find other prayers and resources which they might wish to consider for this Sunday or Sundays to follow.

On behalf of the Burma Advocacy Group I thank you for your support of this effort.

Yours in Christ,

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