

Board of Global Ministry

The Baltimore-Washington Conference Board of Global Ministries is excited to participate in the celebration of ministry in the conference. This past year was one marked with loss and celebration. We lost Sharon Leatherman, long-time Global Ministry Conference Co-Secretary and a long, but private battle with cancer. Jane Grays, her co-secretary, stepped up and has done a fabulous job. Pam Bowen and Deborah Trowbridge continue to provide conference staff support.

We staffed a booth at Annual Conference to provide information about our work. We partnered with Conference UMW in putting together and leading a wonderful Mission U experience. Many youth and adults participated in learnings about the Human Sexuality, Environmental Concerns, and Latin America. I was privileged to serve as Assistant Dean.

We celebrate the many congregations and individuals that gave, and continue to give, towards global missions in various ways including financial support of conference missionaries, and while they are itinerating. All of our itinerating missionaries were well accommodated and cared for due to the love and support of BWC congregations and ministries. We were glad to welcome Alina Saucedo and her husband, Michael Keyes, last fall. They currently serve in Nicaragua. Alina provided a detailed report of their ongoing work with women, youth and children in the San Francisco Libre area. Thanks to Susanna Wesley House for providing accommodations for them.

As I move out as Chair, I wish the team great success as we look forward to a year of education and advocacy in 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Raphael Koikoi, Chair
Conference Board, Global Ministries