



# **PRAIRIE PASTORS**

CONFERENCE

**When: March 18-20, 2024**

**Where: Sunset Hills Baptist Church  
9416 Pacific St. Omaha, NE 68114**

# Speakers



**Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain**  
General Secretary ABCUSA

Rev. Dr. Gina C. Jacobs-Strain's devotion to the Lord began in her elementary school years when she committed her life to Christ. Currently, she holds the position of Executive Director for American Baptist Women's Ministries (ABWM) and is a member of the National Executive Council for American Baptist Churches USA.

Dr. Jacobs-Strain has held various pastoral roles including Transitional Pastor at First Baptist Church of New Market in Piscataway, N.J., Interim Pastor at St. Paul Baptist Church in Atlantic Highlands, N.J., Associate Regional Pastor for Women in Ministry for American Baptist Churches of New Jersey (ABC-NJ), and serves as an Associate Minister of Christian Education at St. Paul Baptist Church in Montclair, N.J.

Rev. Dr. Jacobs-Strain earned a bachelor's degree in Psychology from Rutgers University and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Master of Divinity degree from Drew University's Theological School. She was also honored with the Old Testament Studies Scholar Award from the Biblical Studies Department. In 2015, she received a Certificate of Excellence from Palmer Theological Seminary & ABC-NJ Academy, and in 2017, she completed the Nehemiah-Leadership Program. In May 2020, she attained a Doctor of Ministry from Duke University.

She is married to Clifton Strain, and together they have three sons. They currently reside in Morristown, N.J.



**Rev. Nikita McCalister**  
ABCUSA Board President

Rev. Nikita G. McCalister was licensed and ordained into the Gospel ministry under the leadership of Rev. Dr. James C. Perkins, pastor of the Greater Christ Baptist Church in Detroit, Mich. She received her bachelor of science degree from Central Michigan University (Mount Pleasant, Mich.), Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy (Detroit, Mich.), and Master of Divinity from Boston University School of Theology (Boston, Mass.).

She currently serves as the Transitional Ministries consultant for the American Baptist Churches of Michigan and Transition Pastor of Westhaven Baptist Church in Port Huron, Mich. In addition, Rev. McCalister serves on the Advisory Board for American Baptist Women in Ministry, Boston University Alumni Council (BUAC), the Boston University School of Theology Dean's Advisory Board, as president of The Metropolitan Detroit Area American Baptist Women, and as co-chair of the Metropolitan Detroit Area American Baptist Churches.

She previously served as the chairperson of the ABCUSA Transformed by the Spirit Journey Team Task Force, as associate executive minister for Administration for the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island, and as a member of the ecumenical planning team for the 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women at the United Nations in New York.

She is married to Rev. Jabulani McCalister, pastor of Covenant Baptist Church (West Bloomfield, Mich.), and is the proud parent of two children, Jaden McCalister and Azriel McCalister.



**Rob Loane**  
VantagePoint 3 President

Robert Loane serves VantagePoint3 Ministries as President, seeking to both learn and encourage a more relational way of life and ministry. VP3 partners with leaders in the church, marketplace, seminaries, and neighborhoods, who are looking for a proven, integrated process, like VP3's The Journey, to help deepen and develop adults in Jesus' name.

He is the co-author of Deep Mentoring: Guiding Others on Their Leadership Journey (IVP, 2012), a great primer on understanding VP3's hospitable, particularizing, deepening, and patient way of developing people and A Mentoring Guide: Christ. Conversation. Companionship (VP3, 2019)

Rob has served with VP3 since 2004, putting his mind and heart to the ongoing development of the VP3 Pathway of processes.

He and his wife Sarah live in Sioux Falls, SD, with their children Elliott, Rosie, and Rhys.).

# Schedule

## **Monday March 18**

2:00 pm Pre-Conference Connections

- Prayer Walk with Rev. Jackie Saxon
- Chair Exercises with Morgan Bandy
- Social Gathering at Sunset Hills

4:00 pm Registration

5:15 pm Welcome

5:30 pm Dinner – Provided by ABHMS

6:45 pm –Worship

Keynote Speaker, Rev. Dr. Gina Jacobs-Strain, General Secretary ABCUSA

8:30 pm Ice Cream Fellowship

## **Tuesday, March 19**

8:15 am Breakfast hosted by ABWM

9:30 am –Worship

10:00 am Workshop

- Rob Loane- VantagePoint3
- Guided Prayer Time

10:50 am Break

11:00 am Workshop

- Rob Loane- VantagePoint3
- Guided Prayer Time

11:50 am Lunch – Regions gather for lunch

1:30 pm Free Time

- MMBB 1:1 conferences/speakers available for discussion
- Foundation, OGS, ABHMS, IM, and others available

Dinner on your own

6:45 pm Worship

Keynote Speaker, Rev. Nikita McCalister, President ABCUSA Board

8:30 pm Group Photo

## **Wednesday, March 29**

9:30 am Worship

Keynote Speaker, Rob Loane, VantagePoint3

Closing Worship and Communion

# Lodging, Restaurants, and More

Hotels are listed from closest to farthest away from Sunset Hills Baptist Church

## **Omaha Marriott**

10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114  
402-399-9000

## **Hampton Inn Omaha/West Dodge Road**

11201 Davenport St., Omaha, NE 68154  
402-334-4938

## **Staybridge Suites: Omaha 80th and Dodge**

7825 Davenport Street, Omaha, NE 68114  
402-933-8901

## **Holiday Inn Express and Suites Central Omaha, an IHG Hotel**

8736 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE 68114  
402-343-1000

## **TownePlace Suites Omaha West**

10865 West Dodge Road, Omaha, NE 68154  
402-590-2800

## **Best Western Old Mill Inn**

650 North 109th ct, Omaha, NE 68154  
402-431-1246

## **Aloft Omaha Aksarben Village**

6201 Center St. Omaha, NE 68106  
402-819-2500

## **Hilton Garden Inn Omaha Aksarben Village**

6737 Frances St., Omaha, NE 68106  
402-334-4441

**General Info** <https://www.visitomaha.com/>

## **FOOD**

**FUN FACT!** Omaha has one of the highest number of restaurants per capita of all large cities in America.

[Blackstone District](#)

[Aksarben Village food](#)

[Downtown](#)

Do you like Reubens? They were invented in Omaha! Check out [these restaurants](#) claiming to have the best one!

Places near Sunset Hills include Cheesecake Factory, PF Changs, Bonefish Grill, Wheatfields bakery, Brother Sebastian's Steakhouse, and various fast foods

## **ACTIVITIES**

Beautiful Downtown

[Award Winning Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium](#)

[Bob Kerry Pedestrian Bridge](#)

[Lewis and Clark Museum](#)

[Riverfront area](#)

[Axe Throwing!](#)

[Top Golf](#)

[Multiple Mini-Golf locations](#)

[Escape Room](#)

[Archery games](#)

[Spielbound board game cafe](#)

[Joes Indoor Go Kart Track](#)

[Scorz bowling, darts, pool etc.](#)

[Hike a trail at Fontanelle Forest Conservation area](#)

## **SHOPPING**

[Aksarben Village](#) (yes that is just Nebraska spelled backward)

[The original Nebraska Furniture Mart](#)

[Indoor Mall](#)

[Outdoor Outlet Mall](#)