



Partners In Ministry

Building healthy/vital partnerships with local congregations and pastoral leaders.

If you've spent much time in a church or around people who work in churches, you may have heard the words, "*Churches want to keep doing things the way they have always done them.*" This phrase isn't usually meant as a compliment and quite often it's voiced as a complaint.

When I talk with church treasurers, mission treasurers, members of a trustee board and some of the pastors, I'm hearing something completely different. I hear requests for better resources, information for use in training people to take on positions in their congregations and, even more often, it's looking for direction as they find their way through the maze of payroll taxes, housing allowance, direct deposit, health insurance, contractors for major repairs, computerized accounting programs and when, or if, they need an accountant or attorney.

Your gifts to Partners in Ministry mean that we are able to look for new and better ways to help equip the people in our churches who are responsible for the finances and the changing landscape of the "business side of church." You will be hearing more about a new way for us to share ideas, resources and concerns around our common goal of having financially healthy congregations. My hope is that we will bring together through technology, interested people, informed people and people in need of assistance so that in our partnership, we all benefit.

Caryl Casey, ABCOPAD Treasurer



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