

100% of your gift to ABCOPAD - Partners In Ministry supports the mission and ministry of the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware

Such as:

- Regional Pastors
- Support to Pastors
- Youth and Young Adult Ministries
- Mission Education and Trips
- Co::Lab / Church Unique Collaborative Learning Communities
- ABCOPAD Prays
- Clergy Ethics Training
- Work with Pulpit Search Committees
- The Interim Ministry Network
- Sunday School Training
- Stewardship Education
- ACTS/Academy of Christian Service
- The Conflict Mediation Network
- New Church Planting
- Leadership Learning Communities
- Discipleship Training
- Training Conferences in: Leadership, Outreach, Christian Education and Mission/Stewardship



ABCOPAD's Vision is Supported by

ABCOPAD - Partners In Ministry

The Vision:

- **To Build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with Local Congregations**

“Supporting local churches in ministry as they both assess and build on the eight vital signs of a spiritually healthy congregation.”

- **To Build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with Pastoral Leaders**

“Seeking to build a culture of Excellence in Leadership, which, in turn, will foster the development of a new generation of leaders.”

- **To Build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with our Wider ABC/USA Family**

“Striving to enhance existing partnerships with other Regions/Covenanting Partners and to explore new avenues of Partnership.”



**2017
ABCOPAD
Partners
in Ministry**



**Fulfilling
Christ's Mission
in the World**



Regional Support Goal

\$210,000

100% for the
Mission and Ministry of the
American Baptist Churches of
Pennsylvania and Delaware

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership in the gospel**...Philippians 1:3-5*

“There’s strength in numbers...”
“There’s no ‘I’ in the word ‘team’...”
“Many hands make light work...”

All of those are phrases that we’ve heard before, and all of them are true when we think of our ministry together as a Regional family here in ABCOPAD. Like Paul with the church in Philippi, so the 300 congregations that make up our Regional family **ARE** partners in this ministry that we share together here in ABCOPAD.

As we faithfully partner through service, prayer, and giving to the work of our Regional family, the ministry of the Kingdom goes forth in some remarkable and world-changing ways!

- Churches are challenged to new dreams and visions as they go through Co::Lab, led by the Regional Pastor with Congregations.
- Believers see their world enlarged as they participate in a Regionally-sponsored mission trip.
- Congregations are aided in finding their next pastoral leader.
- Youth and Young Adults consider what it means to grow as a disciple of Christ through Regionally-sponsored camps and retreats.
- And on, and on, and on!

Our Region is blessed with a family of congregations that have a heart for mission - that GIVE when they see the need. Our support following the tragedies in Haiti or Hurricane Sandy in New Jersey attest to that.

Our Regional family is able to take the donations you provide and maximize them for Kingdom work both in our own Region and around the world.

At its heart, the unfolding of God’s Design for Regional Ministry depends upon **you** — the churches and the pastoral and lay leaders of ABCOPAD. God gifts and gives vision for ministry to His people, and it is through God’s people that the Kingdom is built. To that end, together we are seeking to hear God’s voice for mission and ministry through the passion and vision of people and groups throughout our Regional family. As God speaks and inspires, our heart’s desire is to come alongside those with a passion for ministry to support and encourage that effort to extend the Kingdom.



What Vision is God Giving YOU for Ministry?

God wants to use you and your church to change the world? As a Regional family, we want to partner with you to see His dream for you come true...

Our goal for this offering in 2017 is **\$210,000**; but together, we believe that the God who “is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask, or imagine” (Ephesians 3:20) can surprise us with His goodness and challenge His people to an even greater level of support!

THANK YOU being Partners In Ministry and for your financial support of our work together!

As patterns of giving have changed, Partners In Ministry has provided a means for many ABCOPAD congregations to support the work of the Regional family. Since the start of our Regional offering, we have seen Partners In Ministry become a significant source of our funding through missions.

The 2017 ABCOPAD budget projects that over 40% of our total income from mission giving will come through Partners In Ministry.



148 congregations, 3 Associations, the AB Men of PA/DE and the ABWM of PA/DE contributed to **Partners in Ministry** during 2016. They have...

- **Chosen** to financially support the ministries that have changed lives within their churches;
- **Appreciated** the encouragement and support their pastors have received;
- **Recognized** the impact they have made through mission trips to Nicaragua, Haiti, Mexico, New Jersey, Delaware, West Virginia and student-led VBS programs;
- **New** outreach in their communities started through Regional grants.

PIM Giving 2007 through 2016

