



In Philippians 4, Paul says, *not one church helped out in the **give-and-take** of this work, **except for you**.* The Message

While reading these verses, I couldn't help but think of so many of the "**except for you**" churches here in ABCOPAD. Last year, 182 congregations were a part of the **give-and-take** partnership that supports regional work through **Partners in Ministry**. This financial support means that full-time Staff, GPS Staff and RMA's were able to **give** assistance and participate in pastoral searches, ordination preparation and services, pastoral retreats, the ABW Ministries conference and the AB Men envisioning retreat, mission trip experiences, disaster relief and pastoral & church anniversaries and celebrations.

Last year, 23 congregations, 8 Associations, ABW Ministries, the AB Men, ACTS, 3 camps in ABCOPAD, Women in Ministry, the Commission on Ministerial Leadership and Student Ministries were able to **take** advantage of the grants that are available through 3 funds that ABCOPAD administers and disburses twice a year when the earnings allow.

Paul's writing reminds us that the work of the kingdom happens when people want to be on both sides of this equation. We need to **give** to the work happening in and around ABCOPAD and we need to **take** advantage of the fruits of that labor, to further ministry in our congregations, communities and with partners in other countries.

Partners in Ministry encompasses the very definition of the **give-and-take** that Paul describes. Without the **give** (gifts) no work or support for pastors and congregations can happen, without the **take** (grants) churches, Associations, ABW Ministries, AB Men, the Ministers Council, ACTS, and Student Ministries miss out on opportunities to envision and live out the words of Jesus, "*Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age.*"

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## You can give to Partners in Ministry...

1. Through your local congregation's weekly offering by designating your gift to ABCOPAD - Partners in Ministry.
2. Through ABCOPAD's Online Giving option, available on the Regional website ([www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)). Your church can receive mission-giving credit for your online gift.
3. By giving through your mobile device
4. By sending your check (made payable to ABCOPAD WMS) to:



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