

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE

REGION FACT SHEET

PURPOSE STATEMENT

God calls us to covenant together in Christ to be a worshipping, inviting, caring, and growing family.

To provide an organization through which the member churches can implement and fulfill their role as part of the church of Jesus Christ.

To implement as an organization its corporate responsibility for that mission of the church which extends beyond the local congregation and related units:

1. To support the American Baptist Churches in the USA in its world mission;
2. To extend the total mission of the church throughout the Pennsylvania and Delaware region;
3. To engage in such acts of charity and to establish and support such institutions as shall give effective expression of the Christian concern of the membership for the needs of persons;
4. To provide the corporate structures by which the membership can give effective expression of Christian concern for the needs of society;
5. To develop in all persons an awareness and appreciation that God is Creator and Source of all so that stewardship is fulfilled.

REGION MINISTRY GOALS (adopted 1998)

- Making Disciples
- Growing Vital Congregations
- Encouraging Ministry Initiatives
- Strengthening Cooperative Ministries
- Supporting American Baptist Mission
- Managing Resources Effectively

HISTORY

In 1703 the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania became a part of America's oldest American Baptist organization, the Philadelphia Baptist Association. In 1972 the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware (ABCOPAD) was formed as the successor of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Associations were separate Regions. As of October 15, 2005, the Pittsburgh Baptist Association and ABCOPAD have merged in ministry together.

STATISTICS

- Total operating receipts for 2007 Approx. \$1,041,475
- Mission receipts for 2007 Approx. \$2,051,075
- Endowment Fund Approx. (restricted and unrestricted) \$ 2 million
- Common Investment Fund (owned by related organizations & churches) Approx. \$ 2.5
- Total membership Approx 48,500
- Number of churches 322
- Number of Associations 21

DEMOGRAPHICS

- The region is a mix of rural, suburban and urban communities. The distribution of our churches is approximately 40% urban, 47% suburban, 13% rural
- Of our 322 churches 273 are Euro-American; 41 are African American; 3 are Hispanic and 5 are multi-racial
- The region is organized into 6 areas with 21 associations

REGION MINISTRIES

American Baptist Women's Ministries, American Baptist Men's Ministries, Church Leadership Institute, Clara's House, Evangelism Network, French Creek Christian Center, Kingdom Builders, Ministers Council, Camp, Conference and Retreat Ministry, Baptist Homes, Church Transformation Initiatives, Nicaragua Development Team, Rankin Christian Center, Wilksburg United Ministries Initiative

ABCOPAD STAFF:

Rev. Frank Frischkorn –Executive Minister

Mrs. Carol Bicking – ABCOPAD Administrative Staff

Ms. Denise Veselicky – ABCOPAD Administrative Staff

Mrs. Caryl Casey – Treasurer

Jamie Enge – Assistant to Treasurer (Disbursements)

Jeannie Joyce – Assistant to Treasurer (Mission Receipts)

Rev. Mark Mahserjian-Smith – Central Area Minister & Web Site Administrator

Rev. Donald Girdwood – Northwest Area Minister

Rev. Dale Miller – Southeast Area Minister

Rev. Jim Oldham –Southwest Area Minister, Interim

Rev. Richard McIntyre – Northeast Area Minister

Rev. Jim Oldham - Pittsburgh Area Minister, Interim

Rev. Eric Kraihanzel – Coordinator of Student Ministries

Rev. Kenneth Stout – M & M rep