

# Unfolding Regional Ministry around our Vision—The Focus of Regional Pastors

## *The Ministry of the Regional Executive Pastor Reverend Frank Frischkorn*

As we move forward in this new unfolding design of ministry, the Regional Executive Pastor plays a key role in coming alongside each of the Regional Pastors to support, encourage and guide them in the fulfillment of their ministry on behalf of the entire region.



Working with the Regional Board as ‘keepers of the vision’, the Regional Executive Pastor helps to prayerfully discern God’s direction for our future and strives to communicate that vision to the churches and leaders of the region in ways that challenge and inspire them to move forward in a growing partnership for the glory of God.



### **PARTNERING IN MINISTRY THROUGH SUPPORT STAFF**

In addition to the Regional Pastors and Adjunct Staff, the key communication links for the success of the ministry are our two Administrative Assistants (Carol Bicking and Denise Veselicky) and the office of our Regional Treasurer (Caryl Casey). Their work is invaluable in helping connect churches, leaders and staff in the fulfillment of the vision.

## *The Ministry of the Regional Pastor with Congregations Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Johnson*

In proportion as a church is holy, in that proportion will its testimony for Christ be powerful .  
C.H.Spurgeon

God has a plan and purpose for each of the churches in ABCOPAD, a plan that will bring glory to His Name by reaching the lost and encouraging and discipling believers in Jesus Christ. The Regional Pastor with Congregations will come alongside local churches to assist them in areas such as evangelism, worship, discipleship and small group development as well as envisioning new and exciting ways God wants to use them to be His Body on earth.

They will work collaboratively with the **Regional Pastor for Student Ministries** (Reverend Eric Kraihanzel) to resource the life of the churches throughout the region, challenging them to be the Hands and Feet of Christ in the communities where they serve.



*Walking with God's  
People as they grow  
in faith*

## *The Ministry of the Regional Pastor with Pastoral Leaders Reverend Kevin Walden*

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care...

1 Peter 5:2a



The call of a pastor is a complicated one: prophet, care-giver, counselor, teacher, leader, visionary, administrator, are all words that could be used to describe the life of the one called to this place of service in the Body of Christ. When you couple these roles with the demands of caring for a family and the pastor’s own need for personal health and wholeness, the challenges are great.

The Regional Pastor With Pastoral Leaders will seek to come alongside local church pastors to provide resources and training opportunities to help them be transforming, visionary leaders for the churches that they are called to serve. In addition to resourcing pastoral leaders in professional development, will also seek to challenge and encourage pastors and their spouses around the personal needs that come for those who serve the Body of Christ.

Through the ministry of our new **Leadership Learning Communities** and our ongoing relationship with the **Nehemiah Leadership Network**, the goal of the Regional Pastor with Pastoral Leaders is to build a culture of excellence in the lives of pastoral leaders throughout the region,.

## *The Ministry of the Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication Reverend Mark Mahserjian-Smith*

A passion for Mission is in the DNA of every American Baptist, and so the call of the Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication is to help the churches and leaders to understand the partnership we share regionally, nationally and internationally. In addition, they will challenge congregations throughout the region to understand in fresh, new, ways what it means to be a ‘steward’ of God’s resources.



A key piece of our life together is the regional website ([www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)) and the Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication will help develop and grow that ministry. They will also challenge all of us to convey this ministry for Christ in new and radical ways, using the latest that technology has to offer.

### **PARTNERING IN MINISTRY THROUGH ADJUNCT STAFF**



In addition to the three full-time Regional Pastors, we will broaden our staff through partnerships with leaders (lay and clergy) to serve as Adjunct leaders in a variety of ways:

- \*\***Staff Search Consultants** throughout the region to work with Pastoral Search Committees
- \*\*Mentors for **Leadership Learning Communities**
- \*\***Conflict Mediation Teams** to come alongside churches in need.

**God at work  
in our midst through  
Ministry Teams**

God has already planted visions for ministry in the hearts of His People! A few examples of how God is moving would be:

**Adoptions  
Ministries**



**Refugee  
Resettlement  
Ministry  
Team**

**Youth  
Ministry  
Leadership  
Team**



**Camps and  
Conferences  
Ministry Team**

**The Power  
of  
Partnership**

Philippians 1:4 – 6

*Coming together in Ministry and Mission  
for the Glory of God*

**Our Regional Vision**

*To build Healthy Partnerships with Churches, Pastoral Leaders and the wider ABC Family to fulfill Christ's Mission in our world.*

*1. To build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with Local Congregations*

*2. To Build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with Pastoral Leaders*

*3. To build a Healthy/Vital Partnerships with our wider ABC Family*

**Our Scriptural Foundation:**

*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 from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 1:3-6

For more information, please call 1-800-358-6999 or be watching our regional website for further updates: [www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)

**PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**

Trusting God for the future,  
while building upon the past....

**THE AMERICAN BAPTIST  
CHURCHES OF  
PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE**



# Unfolding God's Design for Regional Ministry

**The Key Role of  
Ministry Teams in  
Unfolding  
God's Design for  
Regional Ministry**



At it's heart, the unfolding of God's Design for Regional Ministry depends upon **you**—the churches, 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....