



Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication Update....

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Since the launch of the new model for Regional Ministry, life has been busy. Below are a few of the major tasks being worked on over the past three to four months.

- Promoting ABCOPAD Work in Haiti with Rubble Home Construction. This has included presentations at Association events, local church presentations, at the AB Women's Conference and the AB Men's Retreat.
- Planning and Coordinating upcoming November Mission Trip back to Haiti. This second trip to Haiti to build rubble homes will take place Nov. 5 - 14.
- Utilizing ABCOPAD's new Facebook webpage for communication, especially during and following the recent extreme weather in our Region. Facebook was used along with the Regional Web Site and Constant Contact to pass along information in the midst of Hurricane Irene and the flooding that took place following record setting rain delivered by Tropical Storm Lee.
- Conducting Congregational Life Cycle (CLC) workshops with various church families throughout ABCOPAD. Many of our congregations in ABCOPAD are either plateaued or declining. They are struggling to understand why their church is in this situation. The CLC can help a local church better understand the dynamics in their congregation and begin to develop a strategy to move forward with vision and renewed attention to being missional.
- Working with Regional Adjunct Search Committee Staff to provide support to congregations in the midst of a pastoral search.
- Conducting Web Site Workshops. In today's world a church web site is a necessity. A church web site is the equivalent to a street sign, helping people in a community learn more about a church family. Building a church web site is easier than ever and does not need to cost much money. The Web Site workshop is designed to help local congregations understand the importance of a web site, the free resources available to launch a site and some important concepts in helping a church web site be successful.
- Development of new ways to create and maintain ministry funding streams. Working with local churches and the ABCOPAD Foundation to understand how to do ministry funding in our current culture.

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