



Regional Pastor with Pastoral Leaders Update....

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- I have spoken at several churches encouraging a missional lifestyle that is lived out daily as well as encouraging churches to encourage their pastoral leaders and their families.
- I have met personally with many pastors and their spouses to discuss the stresses of life and ministry in the 21st century.
- I have met with several association gatherings of pastors and lay people and discussed the importance of encouraging healthy and vital relationships in our churches; as well as the partnership that the regional family can plan in encouraging them.
- We have launched our Leadership Learning Communities across the region. These self-perpetuating groups of pastoral leaders have sprung up in 13 places across ABCOPAD and have approximately 80 leaders participating (25%). They are reading books designed to encourage the pastoral leader as a person and as a professional.
- We are partnering with our Certified Lay Ministers to make sure their records are complete and up to date enabling them to be successful in ministry.
- After having successful Spring Pastor Retreats, we are planning a Fall Pastoral Workshop on the topic of seeing the Land of Israel as the Fifth Gospel featuring Dr. Willis Britt. This will be open to pastors and lay leaders.
- We have just completed a pre-retirement workshop for pastors and spouses that was hosted at West Shore Baptist Church in Camp Hill.
- I have been working with Regional Adjunct Search Committee Staff to provide support to congregations in the midst of a pastoral search. I've also been working with other churches that were in the search process prior to the adjunct staff's arrival.
- Developing new ways to encourage pastors and their families. Statistics tell us that only 25% of clergy finish ministry well – for various reasons. We are working on improving that number in our ABCOPAD churches.
- Lastly, I've been working as the ABCOPAD Staff liaison to the ABMen of Pennsylvania and Delaware and just begun as the Staff liaison to the ABCOPAD Ministers Council.

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