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Greetings in the LORD!

Regional Biennial gatherings have always been about celebration and worship, fellowship and encouragement. Our 2010 Biennial will have those components, as well, but this year we are striving to create a Biennial meeting that will literally touch eternity!

Built around the theme of "Filled to the Brim-Outflowing for Him", this year's event, scheduled for October 14-16 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, will feature the teaching ministry of Dr. David Ping, co-author of the book entitled, *Outflow*. Dr. Ping will bring to us his passionate love for the Savior as well as his fervent desire to teach others how to reach the world for Christ through efforts known as 'servant evangelism'. He will not only be the keynote speaker for our Biennial plenary sessions, but will also provide leadership for a continuing education event for Pastors and Lay Leaders all day on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, as well as serving as the keynote presenter for the American Baptist Women's Ministries Women's Day program on Friday morning. We will then put 'feet' to our learnings on servant evangelism by going out into the greater Altoona community to share our love for the Savior through a variety of servant evangelistic opportunities.

We are also hoping to carry this new-found passion for the world home to our local communities, by encouraging participation at a five-week small group Bible study in the local congregations of the region, culminating in outreach events throughout ABCOPAD. To help you prepare for that effort, we will be providing the first 115 churches that register for the Biennial with a Pastors and Small Group Leader's Kit of the *Outflow* materials, so we encourage you not to delay in registering! In addition to Dr. Ping, the Biennial will feature the worship leading talents of Mrs. Hornrette Washington, the gifted Minister of Music from the Antioch Baptist Church in Corona, New York. Hornrette served as the worship leader for this year's ABWM Conference at Bucknell, and any woman who attended can tell you that having the chance to worship with Hornrette is a joy! We will also welcome the music ministry of *Shepherd's Voice* to our Biennial for a Friday evening concert. The ladies ensemble (from the Riverview Baptist Church, in New Eagle, PA) will bless your heart with their gift of harmony and rhythm, as well as their passion to praise their God.

Biennial 2010 promises to be a time when the ABCOPAD Family can gather together to celebrate what God has done in our midst, to connect with friends old and new, and to be challenged to let our walks with God make a difference that can flow out and touch eternity! We hope you'll plan now to come to Altoona in October, and look forward to seeing you then!

In Christ,

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