

Partners In Ministry

There are those in our culture who are defined by their partnerships. In fact, these partners have such a strong connection it is difficult for our brain to think of one without automatically bringing to mind the other.

- Ginger Rogers and Fred Astaire
- Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis
- Bud Abbott and Lou Costello
- The Lone Ranger and Tonto
- Sponge Bob and Patrick

If I said the Apostle Paul, you might struggle to think of his corresponding partner. On missionary journeys you might say, Paul and Silas. But when it came to ministry, Paul himself might have said, Paul and the Church at Philippi.

In Philippians Paul wrote: *(NIV) Philippians 1:3 - 6 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.*

Effective ministry involves partnership.

The American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware seeks to be a partner in ministry in three areas.

Your church can receive mission-giving credit for your online gift.

We partner with local congregations, to work together to 1) recognize and 2) reinforce the strengths of vital congregations.

We partner with pastoral leadership, to strengthen and revitalize their personal and professional lives. In turn, these partners reach out based on their gifts and resource other congregations and pastoral leaders.

Building Up The Body Of Christ



We partner with the wider ABC family to strengthen our resources collectively and support our brothers and sisters in their work.

Your contributions to **ABCOPAD-Partners in Ministry** makes it possible for our Region to partner with local churches, pastors and the ABC family to extend the work of the Kingdom of God throughout Pennsylvania and Delaware.

What ministries do your gifts help make possible?

Area Ministry in the form of Pastoral Search Committee Support, Growing Vital Congregations Workshops, Resourcing for vision-casting and long-range planning....

Student Ministry including resourcing for local church youth ministry efforts and regionally offered events like *The Reunion*....

Region Wide Missions

Projects such as the ABCOPAD Habitat Build....

Fanning The Flame Pastors Conference seeking to energize and support pastors and their ministry to local church families....

To name but a few....

Your gifts allow us to move forward with strength, so thank you in advance for the gifts of your hands to **ABCOPAD-Partners in Ministry**.

You can support **ABCOPAD-Partners in Ministry** in two ways:

- Through your local church's weekly offering, by designating your gift to **ABCOPAD-Partners in Ministry**.
- Through **ABCOPAD's Online Giving option**, available on the regional website (www.abcopad.org).