

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



Healthy Partners with Pastoral Leaders

A major part of our regional vision is focused on **strengthening** and **building healthy partnerships with pastoral leaders** in order to fulfill Christ's Mission in our world.

In our first year, the Leadership Learning Communities have reached out across ABCOPAD and included over 25% of our pastoral leaders. The LLCs as they are lovingly called, impact nearly 90 pastors on a monthly basis. The focus of the LLCs is to encourage personal and professional development.

Our ongoing vision with the LLCs is to help pastors be healthy and vibrant followers of Jesus Christ as well as creative and effective leaders. The pressures of being a pastor are unique. Very few jobs are 24/7. That is the mechanic doesn't usually have someone come up to him at the supermarket and have someone ask about their car. The baker doesn't typically have someone at the gym ask for their best cake frosting recipe. But, pastors are sought out for spiritual help at the drive-in, grocery store, car dealer, and post office to name a few. And while thrilling, it is also exhausting.



LLC Mentor Pastors Training 2011

Our LLCs have already received praise for helping our pastors to develop lasting friendships. They have also debated the latest trends and convinced each other about assumptions they have made or are making about the *vision* or *future* direction of the congregations they serve. This is just one way our New Design for Ministry is having an impact.

Web link: <http://www.abcopad.org/Leadership-Learning-Communities.aspx>
Leadership Learning Community Blog: <http://abcopadllc.blogspot.com/>

Your support of our Regional Ministry, “**Aids us, to Aid Others.**” It is through your contributions to PIM that we are able to help Pastors in our Region support one another as well as discover new and innovative ways to do ministry in their local congregations. You can give to Partners In Ministry through.

1. Your local congregation's weekly offering, by designating your gift to ABCOPAD-Partners in Ministry.
2. Through ABCOPAD's Online Giving option, available on the regional website (www.abcopad.org). Your church can receive mission-giving credit for your online gift.
3. Send your check (made out to ABCOPAD) to ABCOPAD, P.O. Box 421, Hatboro, PA 19040.

Thank you for your giving to **Partners in Ministry** and for your partnership as we minister together In Pennsylvania and Delaware.



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