

Unfolding Regional Ministry around our Vision—The Focus of Regional Pastors

The Ministry of the Regional Executive Pastor Reverend Dr. Frank Frischkorn

As we move forward in this new unfolding design of ministry, the Regional Executive Pastor plays a key role in coming alongside each of the Regional Pastors to support, encourage and guide them in the fulfillment of their ministry on behalf of the entire region.



Working with the Regional Board as 'keepers of the vision', the Regional Executive Pastor helps to prayerfully discern God's direction for our future and strives to communicate that vision to the churches and leaders of the region in ways that challenge and inspire them to move forward in a growing partnership for the glory of God.



PARTNERING IN MINISTRY THROUGH SUPPORT STAFF

In addition to the Regional Pastors and Adjunct Staff, the key communication links for the success of the ministry is our Administrative Assistant (Denise Veselicky) and the office of our Regional Treasurer (Caryl Casey). Their work is invaluable in helping connect churches, leaders and staff in the fulfillment of the vision.

The Ministry of the Regional Pastor with Congregations Reverend Dr. Jeffrey Johnson

In proportion as a church is holy, in that proportion will its testimony for Christ be powerful.

C. H. Spurgeon

God has a plan and purpose for each of the churches in ABCOPAD, a plan that will bring glory to His Name by reaching the lost and encouraging and discipling believers in Jesus Christ.

The Regional Pastor with Congregations will come alongside local churches to assist them in areas such as evangelism, worship, discipleship and small group development as well as envisioning new and exciting ways God wants to use them to be His Body on earth.

They will work collaboratively with the **Regional Pastor for Student Ministries**

Reverend Eric Kraihanzel to resource the life of the churches throughout the region, challenging them to be the Hands and Feet of Christ in the communities where they serve.



*Walking with God's
People as they
grow in faith*

The Ministry of the Regional Pastor with Pastoral Leaders Reverend Dr. Kevin Walden

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care...

1 Peter 5:2a



The call of a pastor is a complicated one: *prophet, care-giver, counselor, teacher, leader, visionary, administrator*, are all words that could be used to describe the life of the one called to this place of service in the Body of Christ. When you couple these roles with the demands of caring for a family and the pastor's own need for personal health and wholeness, the challenges are great.

The Regional Pastor with Pastoral Leaders will seek to come alongside local church pastors to provide resources and training opportunities to help them be transforming, visionary leaders for the churches that they are called to serve. In addition to resourcing pastoral leaders in professional development, will also seek to challenge and encourage pastors and their spouses around the personal needs that come for those who serve the Body of Christ.

Through the ministry of our new **Leadership Learning Communities** and our ongoing relationship with the **Nehemiah Leadership Network**, the goal of the Regional Pastor with Pastoral Leaders is to build a culture of excellence in the lives of pastoral leaders throughout the region.

The Ministry of the Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication Reverend Mark Mahserjian-Smith

A passion for Mission is in the DNA of every American Baptist, and so the call of the Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication is to help the churches and leaders to understand the partnership we share regionally, nationally and internationally. In addition, they will challenge congregations throughout the region to



understand in fresh, new, ways what it means to be a 'steward' of God's resources.

A key piece of our life together is the regional website (www.abcopad.org) and the Regional Pastor for Mission and Communication will help develop and grow that ministry. They will also challenge all of us to convey this ministry for Christ in new and radical ways, using the latest that technology has to offer.

PARTNERING IN MINISTRY THROUGH ADJUNCT STAFF



In addition to the four full-time Regional Pastors, we will broaden our staff through partnerships with leaders (lay and clergy) to serve as Adjunct leaders in a variety of ways:

- ****Staff Search Consultants** throughout the region to work with Pastoral Search Committees
- ****Mentors for Leadership Learning Communities**
- ****Conflict Mediation Teams** to come alongside churches in need.

**God at Work
in our Midst through
Ministry Teams**

God has already planted visions for ministry in the hearts of His People! A few examples of how God is moving would be:

**Adoptions
Ministries**



**Refugee
Resettlement
Ministry Team**

**Youth
Ministry
Leadership
Team**



**Camps and
Conferences
Ministry
Team**

**The Power
of
Partnership**

Philippians 1:4 – 6

*Coming together in Ministry and Mission
for the Glory of God*

Our Regional Vision

To Build Healthy Partnerships with Churches, Pastoral Leaders and the Wider ABC Family to Fulfill Christ's Mission in our World.

1. To Build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with Local Congregations

2. To Build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with Pastoral Leaders

3. To Build Healthy/Vital Partnerships with our Wider ABC Family

Our Scriptural Foundation:

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, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:3-6

For more information, please call 1-888-687-0883 or watch our regional website for further updates: www.abcopad.org

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY

*Trusting God for the future,
while building upon the past...*

**THE AMERICAN BAPTIST
CHURCHES OF
PENNSYLVANIA & DELAWARE**



**Unfolding
God's
Design for
Regional
Ministry**

**The Key Role of Ministry Teams
in Unfolding God's Design for
Regional Ministry**



At its heart, the unfolding of God's Design for Regional Ministry depends upon **you**— the churches, and the pastoral and lay leaders of ABCOPAD.

God gifts and gives vision for ministry to His People, and it is through God's People that the Kingdom is built. To that end, together we are seeking to hear God's voice for mission and ministry through the passion and vision of people and groups throughout our regional family. As God speaks and inspires, our heart's desire is to come alongside those with a passion for ministry to support and encourage that effort to extend the Kingdom.



**What Vision is God Giving
YOU for Ministry?**

God wants to use you and your church to change the world? As a regional family, we want to partner with you to see His Dream for you come true....