Partners in Ministry Fulfilling Christ's Mission in the World



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Members of an LLC spend time having fun together on their annual baseball stadium trip

Throughout the New Testament, many of the commands that we are given as followers of Jesus end with the phrase, "one another." We're told to "love one another" (John 13:34), "bear with one another" (Ephesians 4:2), "pray for one another" (James 5:16), and "serve one another" (Galatians 5:13). You don't have to be a biblical scholar to realize that given all these commands, at its very core, our faith involves building and maintaining relationships with other Christians.

As a Region, we've always leaned into this idea. Much of our ministry focuses on being in relationship and partnership with one another. Through these relationships and partnerships, we not only carry out the commands of Scripture, but we also grow in our faith and help build the Kingdom of God.

Over the past several years, I've had the opportunity to serve the Region in a number of capacities, as a Region board member, Regional Ministry Associate for Leadership Learning Communities, and most recently as a Geographic Pastoral Servant for the North Central part of our Region. In each of these areas, it's been a joy to have the opportunity to build relationships with pastors and churches and encourage them in the ministry God has given them.

Of course, this work is only possible because churches and individuals choose to support our Region by giving to the Partners in Ministry offering. Through this offering, we are able to carry out the commands "to encourage and build one another up (1 Thessalonians 5:11)" and "stimulate one another towards love and good deeds."



Clergy from the Northumberland Association gather together to pray and encourage one another

There are numerous ways we do this throughout the year, through things like phone calls, visits, church workshops and even retreats for our clergy and spouses, but again, none of these things would be possible if it weren't for you! We need you to carry out our work, so please, pray for our Region, and give generously to it, through the Partners in Ministry Offering, so we can continue our work together for the Kingdom of God!

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- 3. By giving through your mobile device (<u>www.abcopad.mobile</u>).
- 4. By sending your check (made payable to ABCOPAD WMS) to: ABCOPAD; P.O. Box 421; Hatboro, PA 19040

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