**American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware**

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**ABCOPAD Vision:** To build Healthy Partnershipswith Churches, Pastoral Leaders, and our wider ABC Family,to fulfill Christ's Mission in our world.

**Who We Are:** In 1703 the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania became a part of America's oldest American Baptist organization, the Philadelphia Baptist Association. In 1972 the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware (ABCOPAD) was formed as the successor of the Pennsylvania Baptist Convention. Philadelphia and Pittsburgh Associations were separate Regions. As of October 2005, the Pittsburgh Baptist Association and ABCOPAD have merged in ministry together. Note: Philadelphia Baptist Association is an independent Region not a part of ABCOPAD.

**ABCOPAD Regional Board Structure:** The ABCOPAD Regional Board consists of an Executive Committee, representatives from each auxiliary ministry, and each association. The board operates under the guidance of a constitution. The board meets as a whole at least twice a year and plans and holds a regional business meeting biennially. The Executive Committee meets more often for staffing and transitional matters. The ABCOPAD regional board values the input, celebrates, and supports the autonomy of each of its almost 50,000 members, 281 churches, and 21 associations.

**Demographics:** The region is a mix of rural, suburban and urban communities.  The distribution of our churches is approximately 40% urban, 47% suburban, 13% rural. Of our 281 churches, 218 are Euro-American; 45 are African American; 2 are Hispanic; 1 is Asian-Pacific and 15 are multi-racial.

**Pastors:** ABCOPAD has pastoral leadership in the areas of Ordained, Licensed, Full-time/Part-time, Multi-Vocational, Chaplains, and Certified Pulpit supply and Lay Leaders.

**Region ministries:**

* [ACTS Ministry School](https://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/ACTS_Ministry_School/)
* [American Baptist Women's Ministries](https://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/ABWM/)
* [American Baptist Men's Ministries](https://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/AB_Men.aspx)
* [Kingdom Builders](http://www.abmopad.org/cmssite/index.php?page=kingdom-builders)
* [Ministers Council](https://www.abcopad.org/Ministries/Ministers_Council.aspx)
* [Camp, Conference, and Retreat Ministry](https://www.abcopad.org/Camps/Default.aspx)
* [Baptist Senior Family](http://www.baptisthomes.org/)
* [Rankin Christian Center](http://www.rankinchristiancenter.org/)