

## Why Interim Ministry?

The Christian walk is all about relationships—our relationship with the Lord and our relationship with others. Pastors, as Spiritual Leaders, provide valuable guidance in both of those relationships. When pastors accept another call retire or become disabled, it can leave a void in that Spiritual guidance. Interim pastors are trained to help a church address five focus points during times of pastoral transition. Interim Pastors can be God’s instruments for securing a better and healthier future for the congregation.



## ABCOPAD Interim Ministry



Trusted ~ Faithful  
Leadership

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)



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# Typical Struggles

Without Pastoral Leadership



# Experienced Interim Pastors Help Your Local Church



# Value Added Benefits of a Qualified American Baptist Interim Pastor



## Working Around the Five Focus Points:

### No Pastor to...

- Preach
- Lead Bible Study
- Visit the Sick and Troubled
- Conduct Funerals and Weddings
- Represent the Church in the Community
- Carry out day to day Pastoral Duties
- Train and Lead the Congregation for Mission in the Community, Region, Nation and World

**HERITAGE:** A foundational time of Celebration and an opportunity to surface issues and work toward resolution.

**MISSION:** A clarifying time of identifying the vision and mission of the congregation and helping ministries to come into Spiritual alignment.

**LEADERSHIP:** Consider the organizational leadership stress points and review the decision making processes.

**CONNECTIONS:** Renewing Mission Partnerships: Associationally, Regionally, Nationally and in the World.

**FUTURE:** Preparation for the congregation as the church prepares for the new pastoral leadership.

- ▶ A Qualified American Baptist Interim Pastor “on the field”
- ▶ Consistent leading in Worship and Bible Study
- ▶ Stability of ministry during a time of transition
- ▶ Churches typically experience greater ministry effectiveness during the Interim
- ▶ The church leadership is freed up to focus on discerning God’s preferred future
- ▶ Working alongside the ABCOPAD Regional Pastoral Staff.

