

Partners in Ministry

Fulfilling Christ's Mission in the World

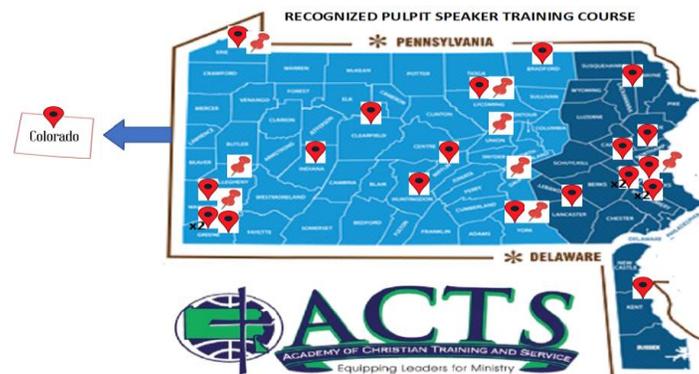


Some of you may remember the old nursery rhyme, “Old Mother Hubbard.” The first verse of the rhythm states, “Old Mother Hubbard went to the cupboard to get her poor dog a bone; But when she got there, the cupboard was bare, and so the poor dog had none.” These days in ABCOPAD, it can

be challenging finding pastoral leadership or even pulpit supplies to preach on a Sunday morning. Often a Regional Pastor or our ABCOPAD Administrator will be asked if ABCOPAD has someone who can fill the pulpit on a Sunday morning, and like Old Mother Hubbard, when we go to our cupboard looking for effective pulpit supply preachers, our cupboard is bare.

In September ABCOPAD in conjunction with our Academy of Christian Training and Service (ACTS), launched a 6-week **Recognized Pulpit Speaker Training Program**. This online class included the following instructors: Pastor Cristy Wise (Basic Communication), Pastor Tim Munson (Biblical Interpretation), Pastor Mark McCallion (Sermon Construction), Pastor Sue Radel (Preaching Throughout the Year), Pastor Jeff Johnson (Personality-Based Speaking) and Pastor Frank Frischkorn / Pastor Mark Mahserjian-Smith (Knowing ABCOPAD). Almost 40 people signed up for the classes.

Of those 40, 29 students have successfully completed the course requirements and are Recognized Pulpit Speakers who stand ready to assist churches throughout ABCOPAD and beyond in need of a preacher.



When you support Partners In Ministry you make it possible for ABCOPAD Staff to organize, coordinate and launch new discipleship programs like the Recognize Pulpit Speaker Training. Your gifts help us as a Region respond to Jesus’ command to “Go into all the world and make disciples. Your gifts to Partners in Ministry make a difference as we serve local congregations. You can give to Partners in Ministry through:

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3. Giving through your mobile device (www.abcopad.mobile).
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