

## PARTNERS IN MINISTRY COVID CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



In recent months, every congregation has felt the pressure of trying to navigate through the COVID-19 crisis. Without a doubt, many churches have been hamstrung by the inability to gather for corporate worship and found themselves pivoting to online services and resources to facilitate ministry in a self-quarantine situation. Remarkably, while some would feel defeated in this situation, many churches are actually thriving, not just surviving, by finding new avenues that will change the landscape of relational ministry, moving forward in a “post-COVID world.”

ABCOPAD understands this challenge and the importance of developing a communicative strategy in its mission. As such, in recent months:

- The ABCOPAD website added a *Covid-19 Information* page with links to health & safety, educational, pastoral, and worship resources.
- The ABCOPAD website added links to all region churches posting online worship services, while assisting churches in their effort to livestream.
- A new Facebook site, *ABCOPAD Responds to Covid-19 Epidemic*, provided a place to share resources, ideas and mutually support one another.
- Weekly Zoom gatherings provided a forum for conversation and encouragement among region staff, pastors, and church leaders.
- Virtual Continuing Education events and the Biennial Leadership Conference were offered to constituents across PA and DE.

All of this (and more!) is to say that ABCOPAD is committed to supporting church leaders in fulfilling their local ministries. When you support **Partners in Ministry**, you make regional connections and communications possible. And there’s nothing more important than getting the Word out!



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