



## American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania & Delaware

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Friends:

Since March of 2020, our society and our culture have faced one significant crisis after another. Over the past 20 months, the entire planet has faced a monumental health crisis in the global pandemic. We have also experienced an ongoing economic crisis, political unrest, social justice issues, climatological catastrophes, and more. The impact of so many challenges in a short period of time has not only created stress for individuals and families, but also for local congregations. In the midst of this difficult season of life, ABCOPAD has sought to be a resource and a strong partner in ministry.

Throughout these long months, our Regional Ministry Associates, webinars, workshops, and Zoom support groups have provided support and encouragement to many church leaders across Pennsylvania and Delaware. ABCOPAD grants have provided thousands of dollars in technology grants helping local congregations develop online ministries and moving the church into a digital ecology while continuing face-to-face, analog ministry. ABCOPAD staff have sought to support and encourage pastoral leaders who have felt overwhelmed by the onslaught of rapid change. Finally, ABCOPAD has been a valuable resource for congregational leaders who are making every effort to be the distributed church in their local communities and beyond.

When you contribute to Partners In Ministry, you make it possible for our Region to be present during these challenging days. You make it possible for ABCOPAD to be a strong partner for pastors and congregational leaders.

If you have given to Partners In Ministry, THANK YOU for your donations! They have made a difference. If you've not made a contribution, or even if you have been giving regularly, perhaps you would consider making a donation on Giving Tuesday, November 30. Our Giving Tuesday Facebook site is now up and running! Donations made on Giving Tuesday via Facebook may be eligible to be matched.

You could also make an "end of year" gift during the next two months. Perhaps, you could take up a Thanksgiving / End-of-Year offering for our Regional Ministry.

Your donations to Partners In Ministry allow our Regional Staff and Regional Ministry Associates to serve, strengthen, support, congregations all across Pennsylvania and Delaware, even in the midst of this season of changes and challenges.

It continues to be our joy to be the hands and feet of Jesus. When you give, you make it possible for us to serve. Thank you for your partnership in ministry.

God bless and have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

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Ps: Resources for Partners In Ministry are available on the ABCOPAD website or by contacting any of the Regional Staff.