

## HOW DOES ABC/NYS MINISTER WITH 275+ CHURCHES?

Region staff is available to churches during times of envisioning, conflict and planning for the future. In times of pastoral transition, staff will assess a church's transitional needs and coordinate Regional resources.

**Regional Enhancement Team.** These faithful volunteers are elected by each Association to connect with churches in transition and journey with the search committee as invited. These individuals work closely with the Associate Executive Minister.

**Seminars.** The Region provides and promotes a number of seminars throughout the year. Examples are: Church Finance, Board Training, Mission Trip Leaders, Safe Church Training, plus others.



**Communications.** Staff works diligently to ensure that our churches have up-to-date reports, publications, and information.



Between Staff blogs, Twitter, Paragraphs for Partners, Region Notes, "What is God doing among us?", and "Since You Asked..." publications - Staff is passing on vital information for the local church.

**Biennial.** The Biennial gives a moment for ALL American Baptists within ABC/NYS to come, learn, grow, and worship together. You will experience more than what can happen in a single congregation. Make sure to join us for this event!

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# How does American Baptist Churches of New York State minister with the local church?

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**The purpose of the American Baptist Churches of New York State is to bear witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.**

The staff and Board of American Baptist Churches of New York State (ABC/NYS) count it a joy that we are partners with you in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## HOW DOES ABC/NYS MINISTER WITH 48,000+ MEMBERS?

**Region-wide Mission Trips.** All members of ABC/NYS are invited to join with others across New York to minister world wide.



**Lay Study Program.** All members of ABC/NYS congregations are encouraged to take courses that provide personal growth, enrichment and enable them to serve more effectively.

**Spiritual Formation Retreats.** Led by the Initiative for Personal Theological Reflection, retreats have been formed to answer difficult questions to become more fully the people of God in the 21st century. Open to all members and pastors.

**Lynette Martin Educational Fund.** For members and pastors, an educational endowment was set up to provide scholarships and grants for continuing education.

### Mission Conference.

A two-day event that connects each member with International, National missionaries and encourages local mission in a retreat-like setting.



### ABC/NYS also partners with:

- Vick & Pathfinder Camp & Conference Ministries
- American Baptist Youth
- American Baptist Men & Boys' Ministries
- American Baptist Women's Ministries

## HOW DOES ABC/NYS MINISTER WITH 300+ PASTORS?

Region staff provides personal support to pastors.



Association as well as with the Association as a whole.

**Committee on Ministry.** The Committee on Ministry reviews ministerial standing and guides Associations and churches with ordination processes and ordination recognition.

**PSALM Fund.** The PSALM (Pastoral Support & Local Ministry) Fund is focused in two areas: to provide grants for pastoral support to congregations whose pastors' salaries are below a minimal level and to provide emergency grants directly to pastors and local ministries. The PSALM Fund is about congregations helping congregations; please place the PSALM Fund in your church's mission budget.

**New Pastors Gathering.** ABC/NYS hosts a one-day introduction and time of worship to pastors who are new to the Region and/or to the ministry.

### ABC/NYS also partners with:

- Ministers Council
- Nehemiah Leadership Network

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE MINISTRIES, GO TO [WWW.ABC-NYS.ORG](http://WWW.ABC-NYS.ORG).**

## MISSION STATEMENT

American Baptist Churches of New York State, a regional expression of the Body of Christ, in response to Christ's call, assumes responsibility for leading, challenging, resourcing, and empowering our churches and Associations so the liberating Good News might be proclaimed, experienced and lived in fullness.

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