

Falls where there will be plenty of opportunities for ministry, fellowship and building of relationships.

Educational opportunities abound in ABC/NYS. Workshops are offered on issues of importance to local congregations. Leadership development, especially with lay pastors, is a priority. This includes interim ministry training. A new initiative, **Going Deeper into Ministry Through Continuing Study**, has been designed for pastoral leaders who have not completed an MDiv degree. The eight sessions over two years will be led by seminary or university professors.

Communications are sent in various forms. **Region Notes** is a bi-weekly email about events and opportunities in the Region and beyond. The other bi-weekly email, **What is God Doing Among Us?**, celebrates ministry and mission done in the local church. **Since You Asked** is sent from time to time answering questions that churches have asked about various issues that we feel would be helpful to others. **Paragraphs for Partners** (postal mailed and posted on the Region web site) is a quarterly publication filled with information and news.

The body of the ministry of American Baptist Churches of New York State has many parts. They are working together to strengthen local congregations and develop leaders.

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## REACHING ACROSS NEW YORK

New York State has a variety of... everything! Weather, topography, people, churches. ABC/NYS comes along side congregations and offers a variety of ministry opportunities as churches and leaders live out their faith.

Want to enrich your Biblical knowledge and your faith? Perhaps you are called to be a Certified Lay Pastor. Courses in the **Lay Study Program** can help in both of these endeavors. Course offerings are increasingly available online. You can be in a classroom too!

And what about the annual **ABY Convention**? This is a tremendous opportunity for youth and adults to grow in faith and in relationship with their brothers and sisters in Christ. It sometimes gets a little crazy, but the Spirit works in hearts and minds in a unique way during this weekend in November.

The **ABCNYS Biennial** takes place on the off year from the ABC/USA Biennial. In 2018 we'll be gathering at Bethany Baptist Church in Syracuse over the weekend of September 28-30. This is a wonderful time of inspiration, fellowship... and a little bit of business.

Don't want to leave the country for a **mission trip**? In July 2018 the Region is sponsoring a weekend trip to Community Missions of Niagara