



## ***Sowing Seeds For the Next Season***

### **ABCNYS Region Offering 2023**

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With 20+ churches open at any one time, ABCNYS depends on funds to travel and offer support to our churches in transition. Will you contribute to our ABCNYS Region Offering so more of this vital work can grow and flourish?



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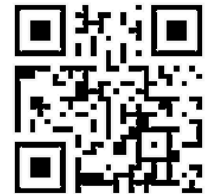
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