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AMERICAN BAPTIST
CHURCHES OF MICHIGAN

GREETING FROM EXECUTIVE MINISTER



Rev. Brian D. Johnson
Executive Minister

Welcome to this digital magazine that highlights the ministry and mission of ABC-MI. I hope you'll take a few minutes and journey through it in the hopes of discovering some of the incredible work that is happening through your mission dollars. Together, we are impacting the state of Michigan for Jesus Christ. I thank God for the roots of ABC-MI and I celebrate the shoots that are on the verge of breaking through!



"See, I am doing a new thing!
Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?
I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19



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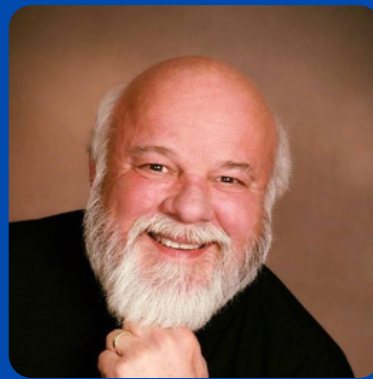


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PEER GROUP LEADERS

Peer Group Leaders are ABC-MI contracted consultants working with a Ministry Leadership Group (MLG) comprised of four to eight pastors. These Peer Leaders schedule and lead regular gatherings of their group; connect with each individual pastor on a regular basis, visit annually in each pastors church, and provide support to the pastors in their group as needed.



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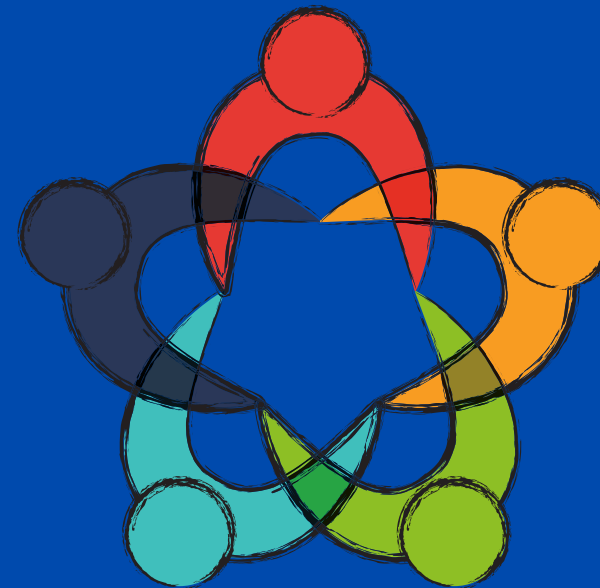
REGION BOARD AND MINISTRY TEAMS

REGION BOARD OFFICERS

President: Rev. Dr. Robyn Moore (First Baptist Institutional, Detroit)
Immediate Past President: Mr. Michael Kingsbury (Crosspointe Meadows, Novi)
Vice-President: Rev. Dr. Karen Walker Freeburg (First Baptist Church, Midland)
Secretary: Rev. Dr. Arie Van Brenk (First Baptist Church, Lincoln)
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CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS TEAM

Chair: Vince Basile (Bethel Baptist, Southgate)
Gary Cunningham (Olivet Baptist, Lansing)
Karen Hernderlong (First Baptist Church, Midland)
Lynn Ross (First Baptist Church, Cadillac)
Lionel scott (Hartford Memorial, Detroit)
Yolanda Young (New Prospect Baptist, Detroit)



LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES TEAM

Chair: Joaquin Tittle (First Baptist Church, Ypsilanti)
Steve Boyak (Crosspointe Meadows, Novi)
Deandre Collier (Pure Word Missionary Baptist, Detroit)
Melinda Hall (First Baptist Church, Marshall)
Brad Parrish (Union Church, Quincy)
Katie Wallen (First Baptist Church, Marshall)

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES TEAM

Chair: Russell Kirksey (Mount Olive, Flint)
Todd Browning (First Baptist Church, Wyandotte)
Jane Gunneman (South Church, Lansing)
Frank Fishman (Burton Baptist, Grand Rapids)
Lori Mosher (First Baptist Church, Ypsilanti)
Robin McFerrin (Covenant Baptist, West Bloomfield)

FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM

Chair: Michael Scott (Galilee Baptist Church, Kalamazoo)
Moses Bingham (Mt. Olive Missionary Baptist, Flint)
Jennifer Langford (Bethel Baptist, Southgate)
Jeanna Madej (First Baptist Church, Marshall)
David Wilson (First Baptist Church, Cadillac)



REGION BOARD AND MINISTRY TEAMS

FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM

Responsible for assisting local congregations in the development of ministries to persons of all life stages. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to children's, youth, adult and senior ministries at the local and regional levels, family ministries such as marriage enrichment and parenting, and worker training.

ADMINISTRATIVE MINISTRIES TEAM

Responsible for oversight of the support services which undergird the internal workings of the corporate structure of the Region, and which facilitate the effectiveness of other Ministries Teams. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to communications, budget development, property management, legal matters and personnel.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRIES AND MISSIONS TEAM

Responsible for providing resources related to congregational health and vitality. Specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to church health assessments, church growth and renewal, transitional ministries, mission support initiatives and stewardship development.

LEADERSHIP MINISTRIES TEAM

Responsible for organizing and aiding in the accomplishment of leadership development and support. Specific responsibilities and relationships include, but are not limited to Ministry Leadership Groups, pastoral health and support, Commission on Ordination and Standing and leadership development & training.



OUR VISION

We are American Baptist Churches of Michigan: a family of churches committed to a common purpose. We exist to help God's Kingdom come in local communities throughout our state. We support our family by caring for pastors, identifying and training leaders, and by guiding churches in times of transition. We are urban. We are rural. We are everything in between.

We are free. We join together because we want to, not because we have to. The things we hold in common help us celebrate the things we see differently. We are inspired and informed by a history of justice and diversity. While our roots keep us grounded, they don't prevent us from breaking out in new ways. We are citizens of an ever-changing world. We strive to be a constant to churches navigating the sea of change. We don't fear tough questions and we admit we don't have all the answers. Still, we keep seeking. We keep moving ahead.

We are Baptist. We may surprise you because we're a different kind of Baptist. We're on a mission. We believe God intends to rescue the world and we won't miss the chance to be part of the story, having been rescued ourselves. We are active. We're on the field, not watching from the sidelines.

Building momentum for the Kingdom of God
through new churches and renewed churches
on mission with Jesus Christ.
Together.



OUR VALUES

THE CHURCH WAS MADE FOR MISSION

We are actively involved in God's work to redeem the world

LEADERSHIP MATTERS

Christ-like leaders ensure the church is effective in fulfilling its mission

MEASURE GROWTH WITH MORE THAN NUMBERS

The fruit of ministry is shown in ways more significant than numerical increase alone

DIVERSITY ADDS DEPTH

We can celebrate our differences because of what we share in common

WE ARE UNIFIED AND FREE

We are guided by the same Spirit and retain broad freedoms of practice



OUR IMPACT

" In 2000, I and my congregation became a part of the American Baptist Churches of Michigan. What a marvelous and wonderful experience it has been for my church as well as me."



Follow the link to Pastor William Wyne's message
https://youtu.be/wBFdG1Yr_b8

FOR PASTORS

We assist with recruitment; placement; leadership development and training; and we give pastoral care/support. We share access to our consultants who complement local church teams with their expertise.

FOR LEADERS

We provide training; organize and fund mission opportunities; and help individuals prepare for ordination.

FOR CHURCHES

We support your church by supporting your pastor and leadership through strategic resourcing that is proactive, while simultaneously responding to churches in times of crisis.

FOR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

We promote collaboration; help advance the mission of groups like camping ministries and Friendship House; and provide connections to ABC within the region and across the nation.

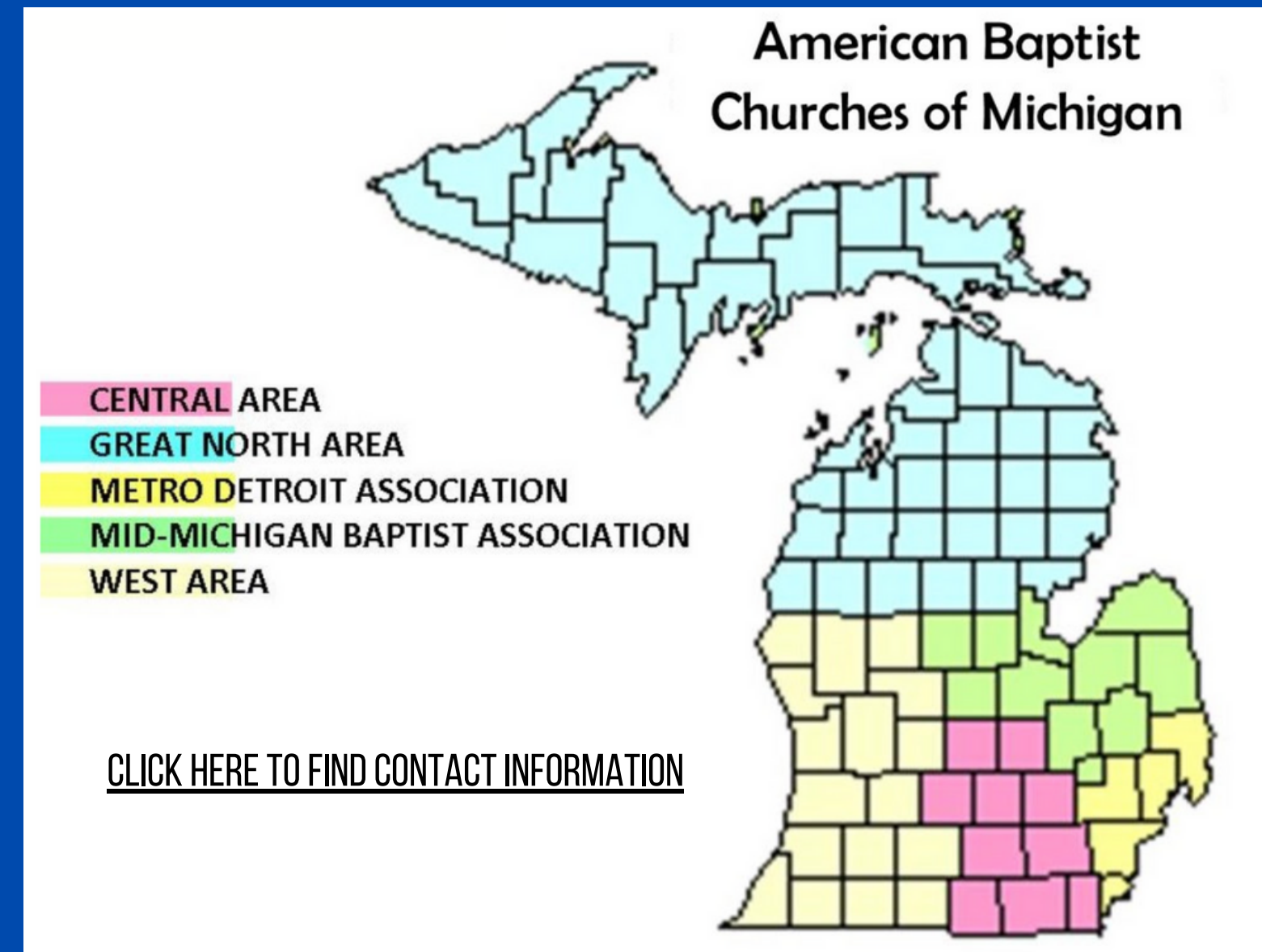


OUR CHURCHES

In the last 40 years, American Baptist Churches of Michigan has adopted over 140 churches across the state into one community, enabling member churches to carry out the mission of Jesus Christ to serve and to strengthen our local churches by providing a network support of resources and fellowship.

American Baptist Churches of Michigan is comprised of five areas/associations: Central Area, Great North, Metro Detroit Association, Mid-Michigan Baptist Association, and West Area.

We are a family of churches committed to a common purpose.



CENTRAL AREA CHURCHES

ANN ARBOR

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

CORUNNA

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

EAST LANSING

PEOPLES CHURCH
TOWAR HART BAPTIST CHURCH

ELSIE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

GRASS LAKE

FEDERATED CHURCH OF GRASS LAKE

GREGORY

GREGORY COMMUNITY CHURCH

HILLSDALE

BANKERS BAPTIST CHURCH

HOWELL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HUDSON

ROLLIN BAPTIST CHURCH

JACKSON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LANSING

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
CHURCH OF ELOHIM
CHIN BAPTIST CHURCH
CHRIST COMMUNITY CHURCH
JUDSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH
KAREN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP
OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH

MASON

AURELIUS BAPTIST CHURCH
MASON COMMUNITY CHURCH

MILFORD

WEST HIGHLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

MONROE

REDEEMER FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

PLYMOUTH

PRAISE BAPTIST CHURCH

STOCKBRIDGE

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH

YPSILANTI

CHRIST TEMPLE BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
IMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH
METROPOLITAN BAPTIST CHURCH

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GREAT NORTH

ALPENA

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LINCOLN

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

MARKEY COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CADILLAC

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MANISTIQUE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ST. HELEN

COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

CHARLEVOIX

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MARQUETTE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

TAWAS CITY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

LACHINE

GREELY BAPTIST CHURCH

ROSCOMMON

MARKEY COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

TRAVERSE CITY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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METRO DETROIT ASSOCIATION

- BIRMINGHAM
SANCTUARY CHURCH
- BRIGHTON
CHILSON HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH
- CLINTON TOWNSHIP
CROSSPOINT CHURCH
- DEARBORN HEIGHTS
CHERRY HILL BAPTIST CHURCH
- DETROIT
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
DAVISON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST BAPTIST INSTITUTIONAL CHURCH
FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
GREAT SALVATION MISSIONARY CHURCH
GREATER CHRIST BAPTIST CHURCH
GREATER NEW MT. MORIAH CHURCH
GREATER SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCH
HARTFORD MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

- DETROIT (CONTINUED)
MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
MT. VERNON MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NEHEMIAH BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW GALILEE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW LIBERTY BAPTIST CHURCH
NEW PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH
PALESTINE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
PURE WORD MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
RENAISSANCE BAPTIST CHURCH
RUSSELL STREET MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH
SANCTUARY FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH
ST. LUKE TABERNACLE COMMUNITY CHURCH
THIRD LATIN AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH

- EASTPOINTE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
- FARMINGTON HILLS
WELLSPRING CHURCH

- FERNDALE
RENNAISSANCE VINEYARD CHURCH
- GROSS POINTE FARMS
GROSS POINTE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
- HAMTRAMCK
CORINTHIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
- LINCOLN PARK
FIRST HUNGARIAN BAPTIST CHURCH
- LIVONIA
ALPHA BAPTIST CHURCH
- NORTH STREET
NORTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
- NOVI
CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH
- PONTIAC
NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST
- PORT HURON
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WESTHAVEN BAPTIST CHURCH

- ROYAL OAK
GENESIS: THE CHURCH
MT. OLIVE MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY CHURCH
- SOUTHFIELD
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF DETROIT
- SOUTHGATE
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
- NOVI
CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH
- PONTIAC
NEW BETHEL MISSIONARY BAPTIST
- WATERFORD
BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH
- WEST BLOOMFIELD
COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
- WYANDOTTE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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MID MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION

ALMA

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

BAY CITY

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

BURTON

JUDSON BAPTIST CHURCH

DAVISON

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

ESSEXVILLE

ESSEXVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

FLINT

MORNINGSTAR BAPTIST CHURCH

MOUNT OLIVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

SECOND GENESIS CHURCH

GRAND BLANC

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

HOLLY

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

IMLAY CITY

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

MIDLAND

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MILLINGTON

MILLINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

MT. MORRIS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

OWOSSO

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

SAGINAW

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH

CANDLELIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH

BEACON OF HOPE CHURCH (FORMERLY FBC)

HOUSE OF PRAYER BAPTIST CHURCH

MICHIGAN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

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WEST AREA CHURCHES

BATTLE CREEK

CHIN BAPTIST CHURCH
FALAM BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
LAKEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH
SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

CERESCO

CERESCO BAPTIST CHURCH

COLDWATER

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

FENNVILLE

GANGES BAPTIST CHURCH

GRAND RAPIDS

BURTON BAPTIST CHURCH
CHIN BAPTIST CHURCH
MYANMAR CHRISTIAN CHURCH
MICHIGAN KACHIN BAPTIST CHURCH

KALAMAZOO

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
GALILEE BAPTIST CHURCH
WEST OSHTEMO BAPTIST CHURCH

MARSHALL

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

MONTGOMERY

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY CHURCH

MUSKEGON

BETHESDA BAPTIST CHURCH
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

NILES

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
HUNTLY MEMORIAL CHURCH

PALO

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

QUINCY

UNION CHURCH OF QUINCY

SOUTH HAVEN

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

STURGIS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

TEKONSHA

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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BUILDING OUR ROOTS

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Roots are evidence of sustained resilience and growth. They serve as nourishment for not only what is, but for what could be. Roots tell the story, they speak of not only what is, but what was. Our roots as ABC-Michigan tell the story of an association of churches that have done ministry and mission together for well over 100 years. Our roots testify to the conviction that the Good News of Jesus Christ is meant for every man, woman, and child that has been created in the image of God. Our roots can be found in some powerful ministry opportunities that your mission dollars help make possible.

Rev. Brian Johnson,
Executive Minister ABC-MI

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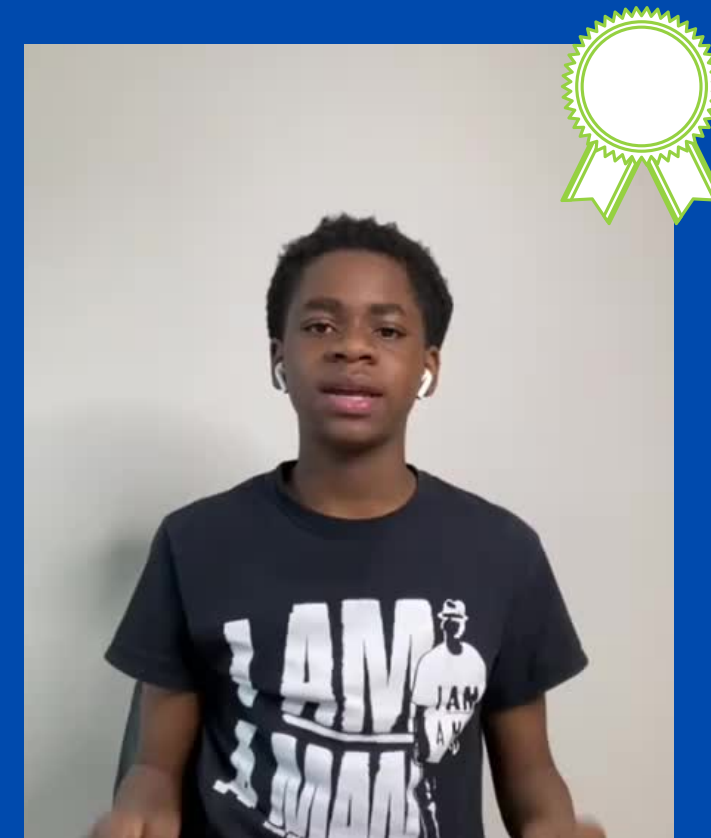
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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. SPOKEN WORD CONTEST

PRESENTED BY FAMILY MINISTRIES TEAM

Several students submitted videos to the MLK Jr. Spoken Word Contest sponsored by the Family Ministries Team. A region of churches that celebrates diversity, and champions justice for all people, is richly blessed by students discovering their voices and speaking into issues of justice as it relates to the kingdom of God. We look forward to the opportunity to build upon our legacy as American Baptists with the emerging voices of the next generation of leaders!

"Hi, my name is Jonathan Edwards, and I am here to tell you about 'Do the Right Thing' ..."



Follow the link to Jonathan Edwards' message
<https://youtu.be/clZfSJouH3o>



BUILDING OUR ROOTS

MISSION TRIPS

As a Region of churches we exist because of the pioneers who came before us, and established the churches we now inhabit. Because we were formed on mission, and because we serve a God on mission, it is no surprise that we would support mission trip opportunities where we partner with missionaries and local residents in both Haiti and Puerto Rico. Your mission dollars help us offset the cost of these trips and provide much needed supplies to these churches overseas.

"For the last 10 years, one or two or three people from any of our Michigan churches have come together to form short term mission teams to respond to our devastating earthquake in Haiti..."



Follow the link to Lynne Punnett's message
<https://youtu.be/-Gfq6ib0SFo>



BUILDING OUR ROOTS

DETROIT BAPTIST UNION

Since the late 1800's, the DBU has worked in partnership with ABC-MI. Their financial assistance has provided loans to many churches stepping out in faith to answer the call of God. In addition to local churches, the DBU has provided grants to outreach organizations who are eagerly seeking ways to respond to the needs of a changing community.



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FRIENDSHIP HOUSE

An American Baptist mission for almost 100 years, Friendship House distributes over 60,000 pounds of food per month to hundreds of low-income families in Hamtramck. People from the community have come to trust and rely that this American Baptist mission will be there to meet them at their point of need.



<https://www.detroitfriendshiphouse.org>



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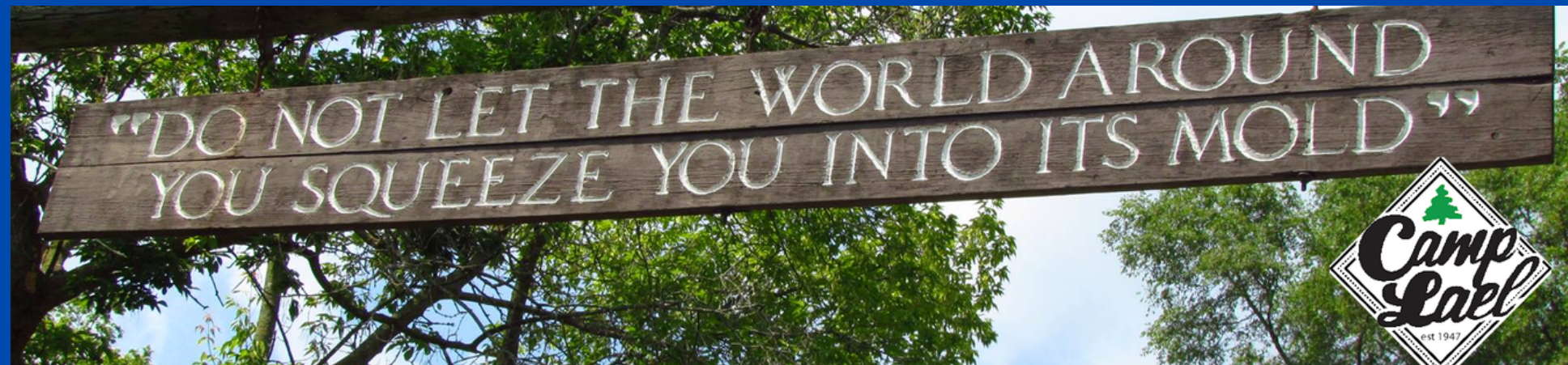
"Hey, good morning everybody! Greetings this late March day from Higher Ground at Lake Louise..."



Follow the link to
Bruce Johnson's message
https://youtu.be/GiI_KLAlo0k
highergroundatlakelouise.com

OUR CAMPS

Camp Lael and Higher Ground at Lake Louise have a tremendous history of providing a transformational camping experience for not only children, but adults as well. Many pastors and leaders in our Region discerned their call while participating in one of our camps. Each year hundreds of kids experience the highlight of their summer and have an encounter with God while at camp.



www.camplael.com

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iu6joFEpTyw>

<https://youtu.be/IKkLeIwT6R8>



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COMMISSION ON ORDINATION AND STANDING

This commission seeks to nurture and support people who are feeling the call to ministry and desire an oversight group that lends credibility and confirmation to this calling. This group meets with candidates seeking ordination and shepherds them on the journey towards being a recognized ordained pastor within ABC-MI.

[click here to learn more!](#)

A Few of Our Most Recent Recipients:

Donald Proctor - Granted ABC recognition of ordination
Mary Fair-Matthews - Granted “certified lay pastor” status
Drew Filkins - Granted ABC recognition of ordination
Sandor (Alex) Huli - Granted ABC recognition of ordination



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CHURCH RENEWAL

Many of our churches are well over 100 years old with a rich tradition. But, tradition testifies to what has been, and if we're not careful it can prevent us from becoming what we could. Within our ABC-MI family of churches, we are committed to providing resources and consultations for churches that are experiencing a decline. Through the resurrection power of Jesus Christ, we have and continue to pour into churches that are interested in experiencing that same power at work in their congregation.



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CLERGY RETIREE APPRECIATION

Our churches have been led by Pastors and Ministers who have led our congregations forward into God's preferred future for them. Their tireless devotion will not go unnoticed by us, simply because they have retired. Each year we seek to bring them together for a time of fellowship and a thank you luncheon because we know we wouldn't be here today if it were not for their service. This luncheon provides a tremendous opportunity for old friends to spend some time together and over a meal as we share how God has been at work in American Baptist Churches of Michigan.



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AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN

Our history highlights the conviction that we believe God can and does use anointed and gifted women to champion the cause of Jesus Christ, both in Michigan and around the world. ABW has a rich history of nurturing and encouraging women's gift and talents for ministry. Their mission work is extensive and they have helped to support many women in their personal journey of discovery into how God might use them in ministry.



<https://www.abc-mi.org/american-baptist-women>



GROWING NEW SHOOTS

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Shoots are often fresh growth that emerges from unexpected places. It springs forth in new life that is dependent upon nutrients in order to fully grow and reach its potential. If cultivated and cared for, these shoots can produce tremendous growth. All of the deep roots that exist today began as a little shoot that was nurtured. ABC-MI is committed to nurturing new life in our Region.

Rev. Brian Johnson,
Executive Minister ABC-MI

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GROWING NEW SHOOTS

CHURCH PLANTING

Healthy organisms reproduce. In order to be faithful to the call to make disciples throughout every part of Michigan we must prioritize church planting. When you give to the Region Offering, you enable us to start new churches to reach people that nobody else is reaching.



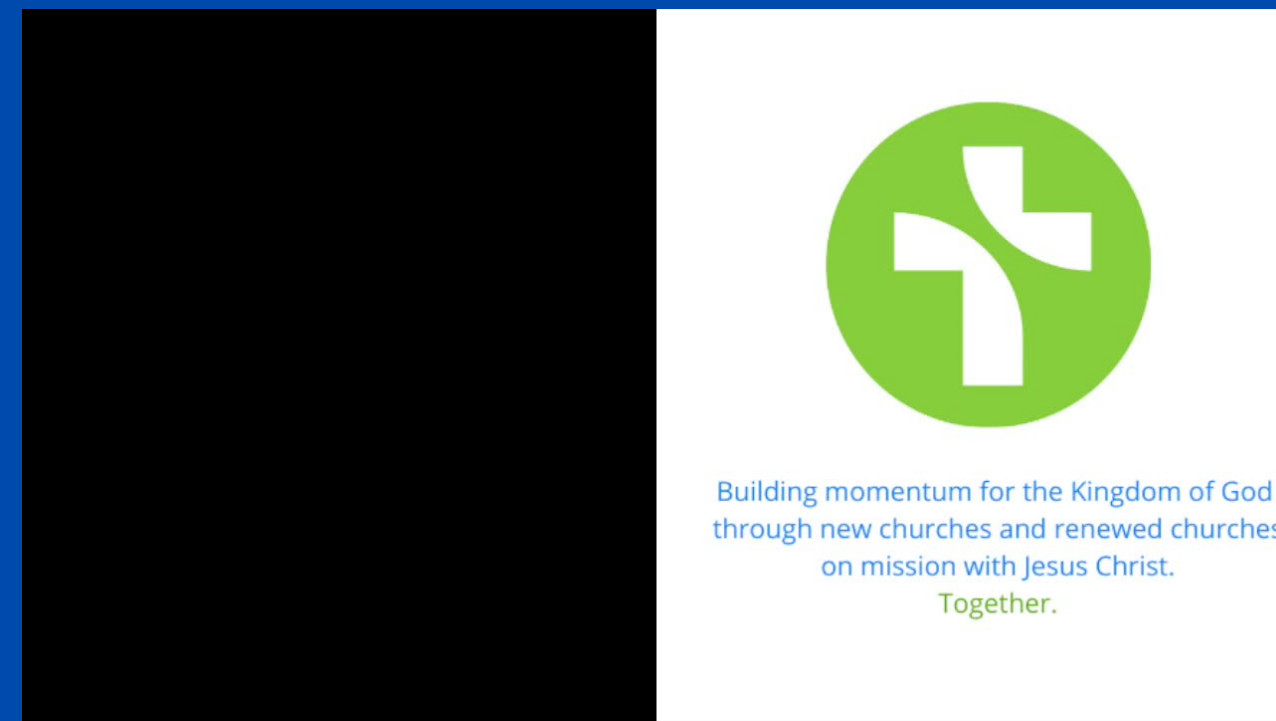
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CHURCH TRANSITIONS

Leading a congregation through a church transition when one pastor leaves and the preparation and process towards finding the next pastor is a pivotal time in the life of a church. New life often emerges in these churches as they journey together to clarify their purpose. Our Regional Consultants love supporting churches in a time of transition.

Follow the link below as Ed Owens, Contract Consultant for Transitioning Ministries explains how ABC-MI guides churches during their time of transition.

<https://youtu.be/qvzX3CUQR-M>



GROWING NEW SHOOTS

MICHIGAN BAPTIST SCHOLARSHIP SOCIETY

MBSS provides scholarships to college and seminarian students who sense a call from God to serve in ministry. Countless numbers of ministers and missionaries have been blessed as they lived into their calling through the MBSS. Many more students can and will be supported in tangible ways because of your giving.



Scholarship Recipients:

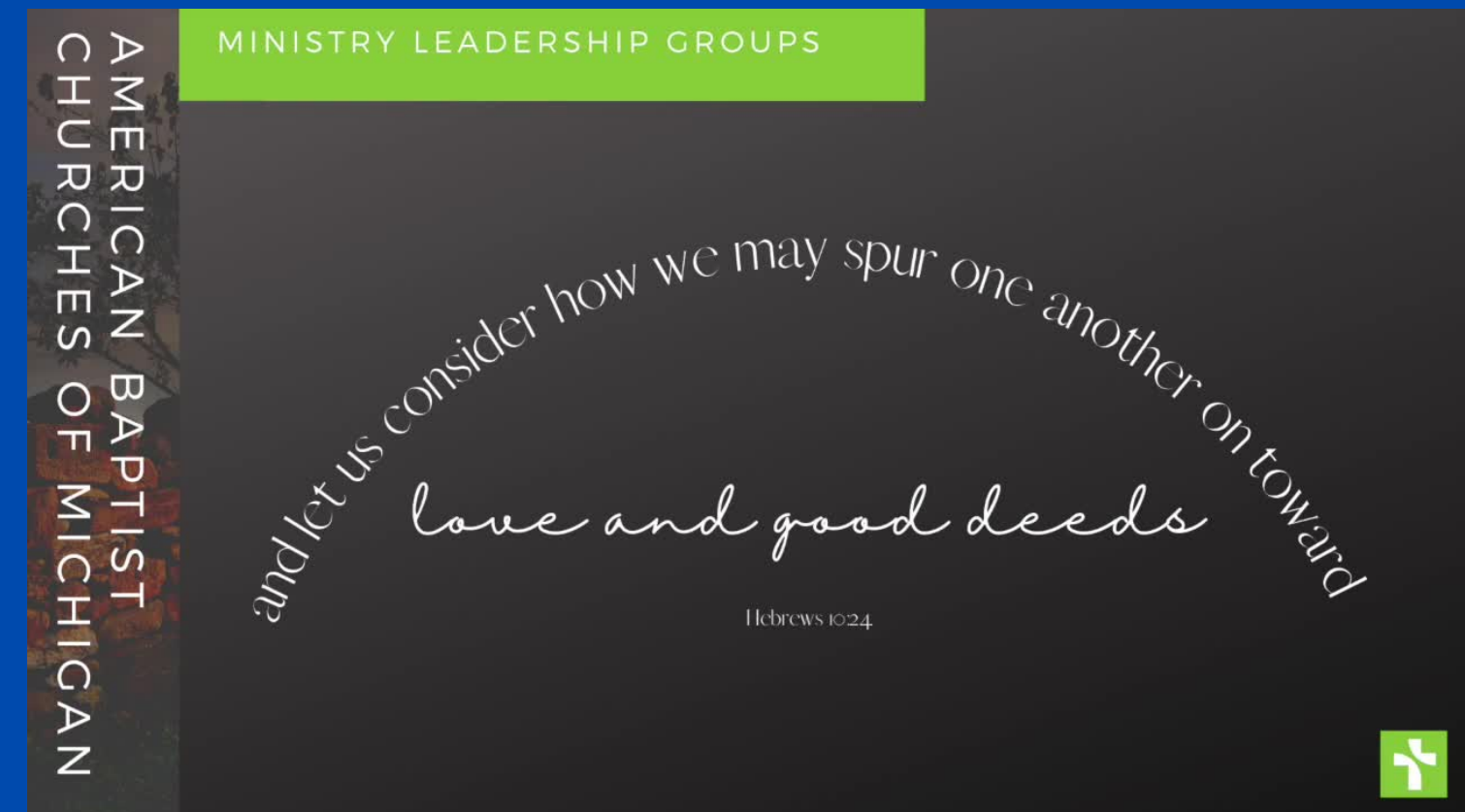
Sarah Kocsis - Grand Rapids Theological Seminary
Will Rieske - Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
Sarah Good - University of Debrecen
Albert Hum – Calvin Theological Seminary
Phillip Bouyer – Ecumenical Theological Seminary
Ethan Machida – Moody Bible College
Moses Peng – Grace Christian University
Cheryl Swaker-Coneal – Ashland Theological Seminary



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MINISTRY LEADERSHIP GROUPS

Our MLG's provide a safe place for pastors and ministers to nurture their own soul through a cohort experience that values the whole being of the leader. Through collaboration, encouragement, and mutual support our pastors are seeing a new thing springing up, not only in their own souls, but in the life of their churches as well.



Follow the link to hear ABC-MI Ministry Leadership Group leaders share about the impacts being a part of a MLG group has had on their ministries.

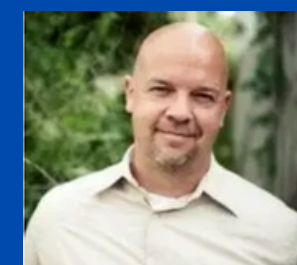
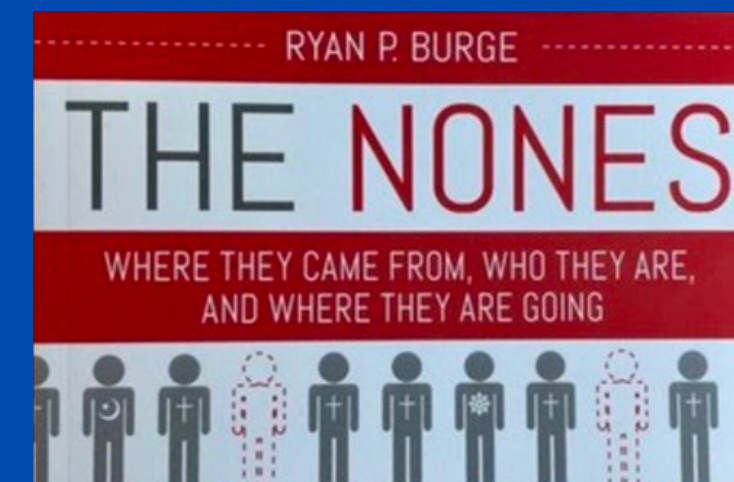
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STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

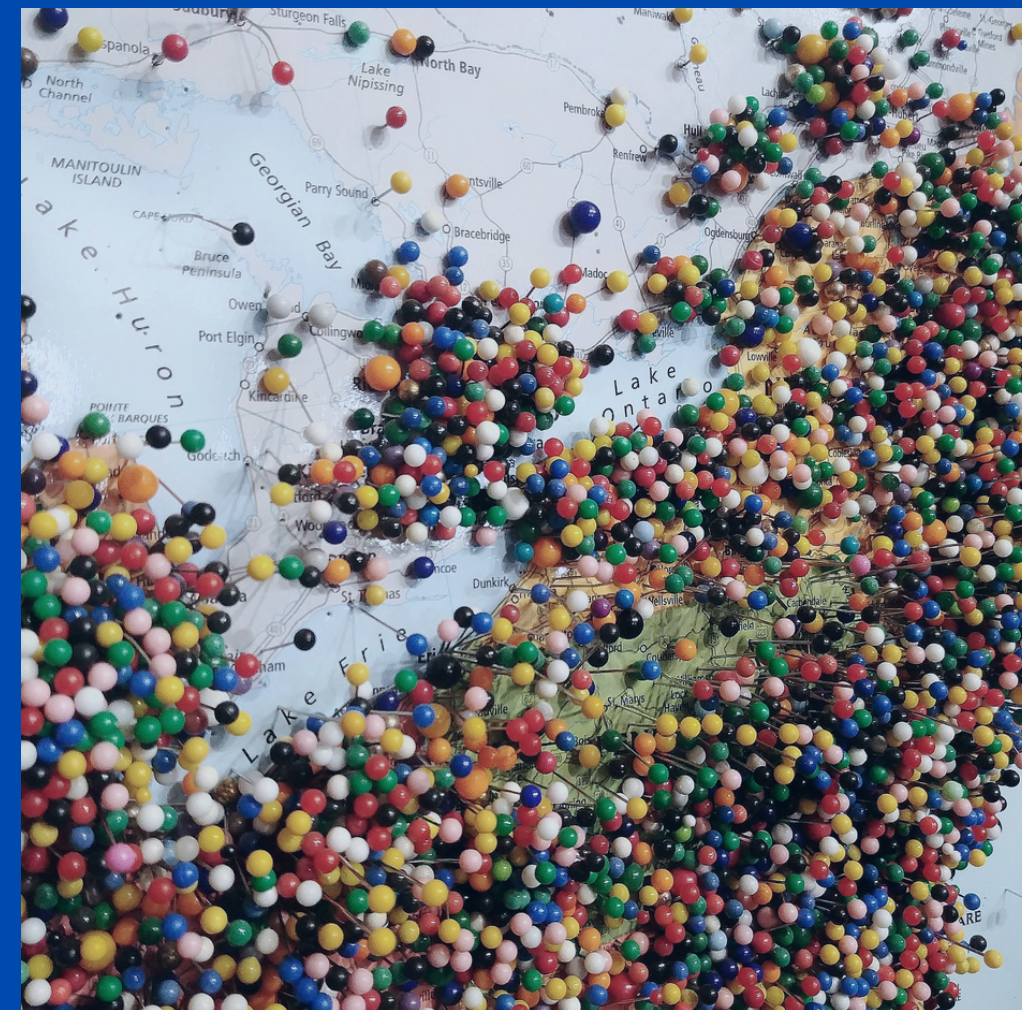
By partnering with organizations such as The Unstuck Group and Big Life, we are connecting leaders with organizations that can impact them at their point of need. Your mission giving has allowed us to develop these and hopefully additional partnerships as we seek to serve and support our churches in meaningful ways. It also provides partnerships with other Regions and professionals to provide powerful multi-region webinars at no cost to the participant.



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REGION CHURCH EXPANSION

Our desire is to build upon our current association of churches in our Region with other like-minded congregations who champion the heartbeat of ABC. We have added at least one church per year over the past few years and eagerly desire to see that number grow. New churches in our Region breathe new life and bring with them new ideas that can help all of our churches impact our communities for Jesus Christ.

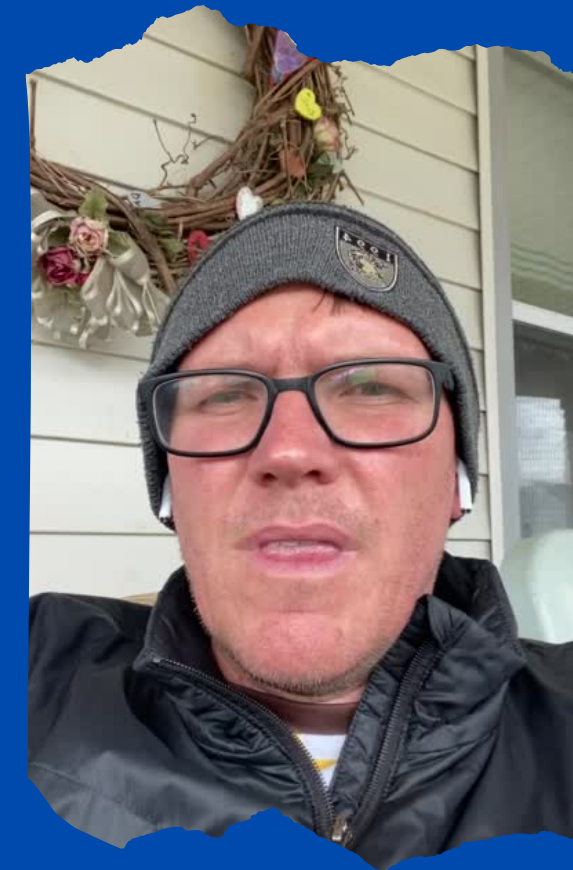


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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Through training events for clergy and lay people, to providing for potential bi-vocational pastors who are seeking theological education in new ways, ABC-MI is intentionally working to add value to our current and future leaders as we serve the King and the Kingdom. Your contribution to the Region Offering ensures that we can continue to make these leadership development opportunities available in our Region.

"I just want to say thank you to ABC of Michigan for all that they've done this past year in connecting me to leaders from diverse backgrounds who share a common commitment..."



Follow the link to Pastor Jim Poole's message
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TECHNOLOGY AVAILABILITY

Technology is a vehicle that allows churches to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ right into the living rooms of people's houses. Our Region has embarked upon an aggressive plan to offer technology services that provide a whole host of resources to pastors and church leaders in order to bless them and their ministry. This Region Offering enables us to expand that service so that we can resource, in even greater ways, our pastors and church leaders.



"Every business, school, and organization has realized this last year how important technology is for fulfilling their mission..."

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