



**Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods**  
**Acting General Secretary**  
**American Baptist**  
**Churches USA**



Dr. Woods began serving as Acting General Secretary in September 2018, and continues provide leadership and serve the denomination in this role. As Associate General Secretary for Regional Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA, Dr.

Woods has the responsibility of encouraging the health and vitality of the 33 regional judicatories coast to coast throughout the United States. Other denominational positions include serving as the Executive Minister of the Ohio Region and four pastorates within the ABC Region of Indiana.

Dr. Woods earned his Ph.D. from Indiana University in 1987 majoring in both higher education administration and educational inquiry methodology. He also holds a M.Div. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a B.S. from Purdue University in Management and Statistics. Scholarships and fellowships allowed his entire education to be tuition free. Over the years, he has furthered his education with additional courses and training at various institutions including the renowned Tavistock Institute in Leicestershire, England. He holds a certification as a master facilitator and several other certifications in personality and organizational assessment.

Also an author, his formal publications are comprised of seven books with publishing houses that include Judson Press, Chalice Press, and the Alban Institute and over thirty articles in both popular and refereed journals in the areas of leadership and organizational development, and research design.

As a speaker, consultant, and resource person to congregations, regions, judicatories, and nonprofits, he has worked with groups in nearly every state and province in North America and has taught and supervised masters and doctoral students at universities both nationally and internationally. He has received numerous research grants and worked on a variety of study groups and think tanks, including his recent service on the Pulpit and Pew Project, a ten million dollar Lilly Endowment sponsored research project, exploring the status of clergy in North America.

He and his wife, Kandy, have two children, Brandon and Kelsey, and reside in Newark, Ohio.