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Greetings!

American Baptists are on the move! To help us celebrate the journey of the last 50 years, we have produced a new DVD to proudly proclaim who we are and why we should stand proud as American Baptists. We are sending this announcement to you ahead of the release of the DVD to get you ready and to request that you begin to create a "buzz" around this exciting 8-minute film.

In producing this DVD, we invited a diverse and dynamic group of friends with national and international influence to give fresh and personal testimonies of the impact of American Baptists on their lives.

"**Inspired, Transformed...American Baptist Churches**" is a celebration of God's wonderful gift to us of being American Baptists by some of today's most important and tireless religious and social activists: Jimmy Carter, Suzan Johnson Cook, John Lewis, Joan Brown Campbell, Tony Campolo, Luis Cortés, Jr., and Neville Callam. These seven credible witnesses enthusiastically volunteered their time to speak about American Baptist Churches. Referencing their personal stories, they remind us that we are a people always being inspired and transformed by the Spirit as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

This film is a celebration of ABC—moving into the future as we continue to listen to what the Spirit is saying and moving in the ways that God is leading us. This journey is a key part of our ***Transformed by the Spirit*** initiative: over the past few years, we have worked to engage local congregations across the denomination in a journey of identifying the significant challenges that face our churches, our regions, and our national bodies in today's culture. Because of ***Transformed by the Spirit***, churches across the country are wrestling with the changes that will be required of all American Baptists if we are to seize opportunities to serve as the hands and feet of Christ and remain relevant in our changing world.

We are asking churches and pastors to make the month of November a ***celebration*** of our ABC life and heritage as American Baptists. We are inviting you to choose a Sunday in November to show the DVD and to design sermons and other aspects of the liturgy around our ABC witness. Please visit the website, www.abc-usa.org/inspired, to learn more about the interviewees and get tools for your worship service. After showing the video, you may want to leave a few moments for questions or discussion.

We want American Baptists to be inspired by their past, and ignited and transformed as we move into our bright future!

Thank you for inspiring your church members and community to be transformed, and to continue the good work of American Baptists across the country and around the world!

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