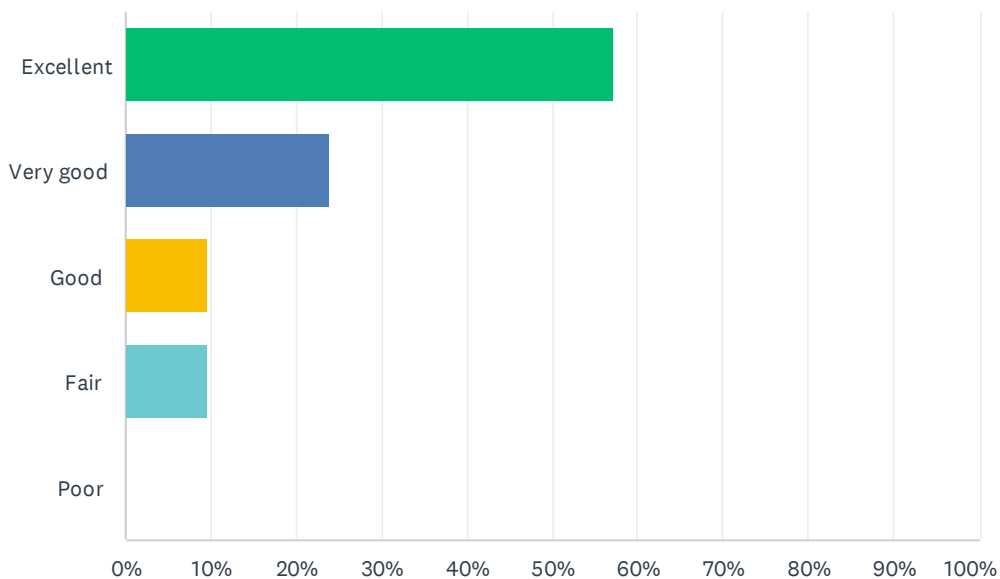


## Q1 Overall, how would you rate the Engage 2023! event?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	57.14%	12
Very good	23.81%	5
Good	9.52%	2
Fair	9.52%	2
Poor	0.00%	0
TOTAL		21

## Q2 What from Engage 2023! did you find helpful and informative?

Answered: 21   Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Meeting folks from ABC-USA's partners and learning about ways to be involved in American Baptist life from my table mates,	7/20/2023 9:50 PM
2	Connecting with Executive ministers and peers	7/20/2023 12:04 PM
3	The videos from each department/ministry was very informative and meeting the various organizations with their specific focus provided a deeper meaning to who we are as ABC-USA. I think making this connection was critical in linking/joining us together.	7/11/2023 11:38 AM
4	So much information from each one of the participating partners as well as having a regional exec minister at our table answering more questions	7/10/2023 7:37 AM
5	It was helpful to hear and put a face with the different groups within ABCUSA.	7/6/2023 8:18 PM
6	Networking	7/6/2023 7:17 PM
7	Having a regional executive at the Engage table to talk with and respond to the table's questions and experience was very helpful.	7/6/2023 3:25 PM
8	Our Engage 2023 encounters and our small group table discussions was the best for me. I could have used more time talking with this group.	7/1/2023 1:54 AM
9	Meeting the staff of ABC and learning what they do. It was great to see how all the departments work together and the culture of the denomination.	6/30/2023 12:50 PM
10	Learning about how the denomination fits into the larger work of Christianity worldwide. Also, the partner organizations and the various regions	6/29/2023 4:18 PM
11	Appreciated varied workshops, liked the exhibit, enjoyed speakers after worship.	6/29/2023 12:27 AM
12	Gathering new biennial attendees together for relationship building and ministry sharing. Having the videos offered in advance of the session so we could watch them on our own time and not during the conference.	6/27/2023 4:22 PM
13	The information about the American Baptist Church. It helped me to understand what the church is about and how it functions within the autonomy of the local churches.	6/27/2023 11:19 AM
14	Engaging with the fellow ministers and believers. Learning from various angles and application according to the situation and environment. (example: blessing of COVID and engaging in different ways to ministers, depending on God's presence at all time.)	6/27/2023 10:47 AM
15	While I appreciated and got something out of all of the sessions, the "Partner Game" session was especially helpful to me.	6/27/2023 9:01 AM
16	Engaging with participants and learning about the different resources available	6/27/2023 2:05 AM
17	Having all the sponsors provide how we work together for the good of the church, the clergy person, and the way ahead.	6/26/2023 12:38 PM
18	It was very helpful to me and VERY informative.	6/26/2023 11:19 AM
19	Learning about the various national organizations that serve the ministries within ABC	6/26/2023 10:53 AM
20	Having the Executive Ministers from various regions to provide the tools needed to know who they are and how access resources.	6/25/2023 10:53 AM
21	The Introduction to the different ministries within ABC USA	6/24/2023 11:15 PM

## Q3 What from Engage 2023! was most valuable to you?

Answered: 21   Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	The fact that the conference and meals were paid for made it easy to attend unencumbered.	7/20/2023 9:50 PM
2	Relationships and information about different ministries	7/20/2023 12:04 PM
3	Making the connections with all that is available within ABC USA was most valuable along with other people.	7/11/2023 11:38 AM
4	New connections with new ministers within the ABC	7/10/2023 7:37 AM
5	Making the connections and meeting different regional ministers.	7/6/2023 8:18 PM
6	Meeting colleagues that were also newer to ABC.	7/6/2023 7:17 PM
7	The financial support from ABC to attend Engage 2023 was really valuable to me because I don't think I would have been able to attend otherwise. And I found that getting to interact with the national organizations was really helpful to better understand and appreciate their work.	7/6/2023 3:25 PM
8	Time talking with all the different venders about their ministries and having conversations with people at our small group table, at meal time, or just meeting people.	7/1/2023 1:54 AM
9	The Engage gatherings help me understand how Regional Executives and how local churches work together. I really appreciated National staff explaining what they do.	6/30/2023 12:50 PM
10	Learning about the partner organizations and how I can benefit from them	6/29/2023 4:18 PM
11	Coming together to hear eve speaker.	6/29/2023 12:27 AM
12	Meeting new participants and getting to know people from my own region better	6/27/2023 4:22 PM
13	The times we had together to meet each other and hear from staff and others for whom this church is special and dear to them.	6/27/2023 11:19 AM
14	Learning from different areas and location applying the Gospel. Many projects and groups.	6/27/2023 10:47 AM
15	The opportunity to get to know others in various stage of the process of considering/affiliating with the ABCUSA, and especially the encouragement for us to sit at the same table for each Engage session.	6/27/2023 9:01 AM
16	Resources tables	6/27/2023 2:05 AM
17	Connecting with other seminary students in other regions.	6/26/2023 12:38 PM
18	It help me to meet a lot of new people and learn more about ABCUSA and the others partners.	6/26/2023 11:19 AM
19	The Friday morning Black Caucus and meeting members in other regions	6/26/2023 10:53 AM
20	Engaging my fellow seminarians from various regions and recognizing we are all called distinctly and collectively for God's purpose.	6/25/2023 10:53 AM
21	The explanation on the resources of ABC that ministers can have access to.	6/24/2023 11:15 PM

## Q4 What could we have done differently to be more helpful to you?

Answered: 21 Skipped: 0

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Perhaps pair me with a mentor to assist with navigating the system and ministry career development. Maybe have a mini-job fair in the exhibit hall for those seeking ministry calls or other jobs within ABC-USA.	7/20/2023 9:50 PM
2	Create space to talk about the current struggles of ABC in general and how we are working on them	7/20/2023 12:04 PM
3	Here's a couple of thoughts that might be useful... 1. Possibly provided some opportunities to Engage with an overview of ABC USA via the Zoom and establishing interactions prior to the Biennial meeting. Clearly, there's a lot of work going on to bring this group together and in the busyness of this effort find out the interests of individuals of partner them with others or have them shadow others for a session throughout the weekend. 2. The opportunity to either monitor or serve as a room liaison during the sessions can open up additional stronger connections and building our strengths with leadership. 3. Any clarity about expenses will be helpful for planning resources, i.e. the daily per diem. Hope this information is helpful for any possible improvements on what was an outstanding event.	7/11/2023 11:38 AM
4	The panel with questions, though cute, was difficult to follow. "Speed dating" or something similar from table to table to ask our own questions and hear a 5-10 minute spiel would have been more helpful. There wasn't enough time to really engage with the information well.	7/10/2023 7:37 AM
5	Talked more about Ministelife.	7/6/2023 8:18 PM
6	During the portion on the panels (one with National staff and the other with REM's) it would have been nice to have us asking the questions rather than having a whole list of the hypothetical questions.	7/6/2023 7:17 PM
7	Perhaps instead of the game show and other ways of having organizations come and quickly share big overviews - split up into our tables more with not just a region executive but people from those different organizations to have more personal conversations with the organizations.	7/6/2023 3:25 PM
8	Not have musical groups performing at meal times. Could not have discussions at the table because music was overbearing & noisy. I wanted to talk more with people at the table rather than listen to more music.	7/1/2023 1:54 AM
9	I have hearing loss. The sound of the room with my hearing aids was hard. If there are headphones with the sound system in my language, that could have helped.	6/30/2023 12:50 PM
10	Allow more time to meet and greet with other attendees	6/29/2023 4:18 PM
11	Everything was so nicely organized. Maybe more down time offered, and perhaps when pairing roommate try from same state.	6/29/2023 12:27 AM
12	Adding the extra opportunities to gather to meet each other on Sunday was really helpful! I like the idea of staying with your table the whole time to get to know them better, but I wish I would have known that when I was picking my table on the first day so I wouldn't have sat with people I already knew.	6/27/2023 4:22 PM
13	A little more time to go out and discover the island for ourselves.	6/27/2023 11:19 AM
14	Focusing on the Gospel and ministru of Jesus, rather that fighting for rights. Obviously Jesus is a liberal in application of the Gospel	6/27/2023 10:47 AM
15	I can't think of anything.	6/27/2023 9:01 AM
16	Allow more time for participants to engage in a group	6/27/2023 2:05 AM
17	If a church or region is not an inclusive community make be intentional and offer a statement of warning so that discord is not sown. And that is a warning disclosure for both.	6/26/2023 12:38 PM

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18	Keep us updates regarding the opportunities.	6/26/2023 11:19 AM
19	A mixer for engage participants to meet each other and to meet the regional representatives or a fun event to engage visitors with the local community	6/26/2023 10:53 AM
20	If a region has exclusionary practices please provide a statement of disclosure that autonomy is our right and that leadership will be the source of conflict resolution.	6/25/2023 10:53 AM
21	Have more time for table "Get to know you" and discussions.	6/24/2023 11:15 PM

## Q5 Open Comments: What would you like us to know about your experience?

Answered: 18    Skipped: 3

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This was truly a blessing. Thank you for doing this!	7/20/2023 9:50 PM
2	I'm super grateful for your generosity that I could be there and learned about ABC. I felt at home and energized at the conference, which is uncommon to me since conference is usually tiring. I appreciate the thoughtfulness and care you put in all your planning and facilitation to help us build relationships with one another and know we are supported.	7/20/2023 12:04 PM
3	It is with a grateful heart that I express my appreciation for the support, knowledge and the spirit of the Engage Program. The teamwork from the home office reflected son much that I already love and appreciate about ABC. May God's Blessings be multiplied as each one takes a moment to celebrate the accomplishments and "see what the Lord has done!"	7/11/2023 11:38 AM
4	I would love to have seen or been given a graphic with all the partners that are the most beneficial for us to know about...like a diagram to show the structure and relationship with one another and ourselves.	7/10/2023 7:37 AM
5	Overall, it was a great experience. I made many connections with other new ministers and learned more about all the different groups within ABCUSA.	7/6/2023 8:18 PM
6	Engage was a really helpful way to make my first biennial experience not feel as alone in a big crowd.	7/6/2023 3:25 PM
7	Ummm... I can't say I came away on fire for Christ or feeling as though I had an up lifting experience. The style for Engage 2023 just doesn't fit my personality. I did appreciate all the work that went into this event.	7/1/2023 1:54 AM
8	I like the bi-lingual worship. I think that should always be done. It was amazing.	6/30/2023 12:50 PM
9	The information about housing- how to sign up, how to pick a roommate, what to expect to pay, what to expect to be covered, came very late and I was very anxious about all of that. So just being clearer right from the very beginning would have helped a lot.	6/27/2023 4:22 PM
10	Those who put this together did a great job and were readily and fully available to us newbies.	6/27/2023 11:19 AM
11	Please know that I am blessed to be part of this denomination.	6/27/2023 10:47 AM
12	I imagine it would have been a major logistical headache, but a (perhaps optional?) group excursion of some kind would have been nice--allowing us to get to know a little more about San Juan, and each other along the way. I would have been willing to pay out of pocket for the experience.	6/27/2023 9:01 AM
13	I appreciate the financial support	6/27/2023 2:05 AM
14	It was insightful, encouraging, and informative. I know National, regional, and local resources because of this connection opportunity.	6/26/2023 12:38 PM
15	It was a pleasure and a blessing to be part of this wonderful family.	6/26/2023 11:19 AM
16	I think coming in, I was expecting to learn more about the core values that bind the ABC together, but I think I more so heard the about the importance of church autonomy and thus not needing to agree to any core values. I'm still curious about how ABC churches with different theological backgrounds view each other and their shared membership within the convention. In other words, outside of my congregation what binds us to the larger organization outside of the participation in the national organizations?	6/26/2023 10:53 AM
17	It was refreshing to have the sponsors present so that we had direct access instead being told to seek them out when they can available in the room.	6/25/2023 10:53 AM

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18 Engage 2023 was well done, informative and wonderful. The subsidies and grants were such a huge blessing. Thank you very much to the donors and the team who put the whole program together. I know it's a lot of hard work; and I want to say I greatly appreciate the effort. Good bless you all richly!

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