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*Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods*  
*General Secretary*

Dear Rev. Dr. Frank Frischkorn:

November 2023

Thank you for your exemplary service as chairperson for the "Interpreting the Impact of COVID-19 on Congregations."

As you gathered survey data and conducted follow-up conversations, our denomination benefited greatly from the work of your task force. The rich combination of clergy and laity, national and regional staff, and broad ethnic representation is a tremendous model for the future as our American Baptist family continues to benefit from common ministry engaged by our diverse and gifted family.

I still recall the powerful imagery of "hugging the elephant" that was generated by your task force as we continue to live with and even embrace the opportunities created by the global pandemic. Since that time, many congregations have embraced needed changes, agencies are placing increased emphasis upon clergy health, and vaccinations have become much more mainstream.

I greatly appreciate the contributions of your committee that were shared with our National Leadership Council, the Theologians Commission, and others. We are grateful for you and each member of your team.

The products of your task force remain on our website for

May God continue to bless the next chapters of your ministry.

Grace and peace,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dr. C. Jeff Woods".

Rev. Dr. C. Jeff Woods  
ABCUSA General Secretary

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Rev. Dr. James Wolfe  
ABCUSA President

