

Engage 2025 INFORMATION SHEET



Who is Eligible to Attend Engage 2025?

- Seminarians in their second or third year
- Pastors ordained by other denominations, hired by American Baptist churches
- Lay ministers, licensed ministers, chaplains, and specialized ministry persons who have not yet attended the Engage program

Is there Economic Support Provided for Engage 2025 Participants?

Yes! For all Engage participants, the denomination will cover:

- Biennial Mission Summit registration fee.
- Up to four nights of housing, based on shared occupancy of two Engage participants per room. This is the equivalent of the cost of two room nights per person.
 - Another Engage participant may be requested as a roommate, or a roommate will be assigned.
 - Single rooms or shared rooms with persons not attending Engage may be obtained if the participant pays the difference in room cost. (The Engage program pays for a maximum of 2 room nights per person.)
- Meals provided
 - Special group meals for Engage participants will be determined once the Biennial a Mission Summit schedule is finalized. These meals will be automatically included when you register. We expect to gather for 3 meals together on-site.
 - Engage participants will also receive an automatic credit of a preset amount which will be applied when any meals available through the Biennial registration are selected.
 - There will be a predetermined meal allowance provided for each participant outside of the credit provided within registration. This allowance will be a reimbursement after the event provided detailed receipts accompany the expense form. More information about receipt requirements will be distributed onsite along with the expense form.

Seminarians will receive a travel reimbursement of \$200 following the event.

Our expectations of all Engage participants

- Be willing to Engage when we gather together onsite in Omaha, Nebraska.
- You are required to view a series of videos produced by our partner organizations before June 30, 2025.
- You must be able to attend the entire Engage event which begins on Thursday, July 3, 2025 at noon and concludes on Sunday, July 6, 2025 at the conclusion of worship at 8:30 PM.
- You are expected to attend and participate in each scheduled Engage session during the event.
- We expect that you would attend the four worship services held during the biennial as no other programming conflicts with the plenary sessions.
- Complete and submit the evaluation Sunday afternoon.

All of this information and benefits are available to Engage participants for a \$100.00 registration fee as your investment toward all you will receive through Engage 2025. Seminarians and pastors are encouraged to reach out to their Regional Executive Ministers for information on additional resources.

Can I represent my church as a voting Delegate at the Business Session?

Yes, you may also serve as a voting Delegate representing your church at the Biennial Mission Summit. There is an Engage Delegate registration option that recognizes you as your church Delegate. Your local church would need to provide you with their PIN # which is used to verify that you have been selected to serve in this capacity. Speak to your church pastor to learn more.

I have questions. Where can I get more information?

Join us on Zoom, Thursday, November 14, 2024 between 3:00-4:00 PM ET for an informal session where you can ask questions. <https://ministrelife.zoom.us/j/9420076454?omn=95078344871>

You can also contact Engage@abc-usa.org with any questions you may have.