



American Baptist Women in Ministry

American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) has a long history of affirming the calling and gifting of women for ministry. The Biblical record and history affirm that women are created in the image of God, called by Christ, and gifted by the Holy Spirit. For over a century, American Baptist churches have ordained women, recognizing that God calls women to ministry.



American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM) is a ministry within the Office of the General Secretary of ABCUSA where we recognize and advocate for the full partnership of women and men in ministry in which both women and men are able to fully utilize their God-given gifts and fully live out their God-given calls.

Mission: ACCESS! We...

- **Advocate for women in ministry** for equitable opportunities in ministerial roles, ensuring that women's voices are heard, women's gifts are valued, and women are included at all levels of leadership.
- **Celebrate their gifts** from preaching and pastoral care to prophetic leadership and innovative ministries, recognizing their vital role in advancing the Gospel.
- **Cultivate their call** through spiritual direction, theological reflection, one-on-one discussions, and resources to help discern their God-given call.
- **Educate about the biblical basis** for the full participation of women in all ministerial roles and for the equal partnership of women and men in ministry.

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- **Share their history** honoring their achievements, acknowledging their challenges, and drawing wisdom from their journeys.
- **Spotlight women in ministry** highlighting their leadership, gifts, and impact to inspire and empower both current and future generations of women leaders.



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www.abwim.org

To explore additional ABCUSA resources:

www.abc-usa.org

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At American Baptist Women in Ministry (ABWIM), it is our heartfelt hope and urgent prayer that each of us may fully access, embrace, and utilize our God-given gifts and fully live out our God-given calls for the good of all and the glory of God. When all God's gifts and all God's people are fully engaged we are able to serve as the hands and feet of Christ in mission with God, transforming our world!

