



Office of the General Secretary

As one family **United in Christ and Together in Mission**, the American Baptist Churches USA Office of the General Secretary serves as the central connecting organization for our denomination. We are dedicated to gathering, supporting, and creating space in collaboration with our 33 regions and national partners. Together, we provide essential ministry programs and resources for local churches, clergy, leadership, seminarian students, and the broader American Baptist family.

Gathering the Denomination

ABCUSA hosts significant events, including the Biennial Mission Summit, leadership trainings, gatherings that include orientations for



clergy and seminarians, as well as opportunities for conversations through webinars, workshops, conferences, and retreats. Our Office of the General Secretary is responsible for developing and

implementing these gatherings to explore relevant topics and trends while sharing the Gospel, fostering spiritual growth and well-being, and providing insightful analysis.

Supporting Congregations, Regions, and National Organizations

We empower and engage our regions, congregations, clergy, and national partners with comprehensive support and dynamic and relevant resources. We support clergy with a special emphasis on Women in Ministry, training and resources for interim ministers, and guidance on tithing and church stewardship programs to equip congregations. ABCUSA also maintains a database of American Baptist churches and leaders, manages Group Tax Exemption to assist churches with their 501(c)(3) status, and serves as a clearinghouse for donations to national

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partners. We support national and regional partners through event planning and the coordination of logistics. In addition, we offer grants for seminarians, as well as funding for new ministry launches and denomination-wide mission initiatives.

Creating Space for Local and Global Issues

Historically and currently, ABCUSA is proud to create space for essential conversations through webinars, conferences, workshops, and training opportunities, both online and in person. Our Baptist beliefs emphasize



the Lordship and atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ, believers' baptism, the competency of all believers to be in direct relationship with God and to interpret Scripture, the importance of the local church, the assurance of freedom in worship and

opinion, and the need to be Christ's witnesses within society. Guided by the Gospel mandates, American Baptists have consistently engaged with societal institutions to promote holistic and healing change. We are continually exploring new ways to enhance our collective mission and to share the Gospel!

ABCUSA Office of the General Secretary
is grateful to serve and be a resource for you.

We are excited to see where our work together takes us!

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