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WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE PART OF A REGION?

American Baptist Churches of Indiana & Kentucky (ABC-IN/KY) has three priorities:

- equipping leaders
- empowering churches
- expanding mission.

We are TOGETHER on God's Abundant Journey!

As an interdependent fellowship of about 300 American Baptist churches, we are called to be people of God and empowered by the Holy Spirit. We are a united people commissioned by Christ to bear witness and make disciples throughout our two states and beyond— seeking to fulfill the saving, healing and liberating work of Christ.

Our mission is to glorify God and to unite our churches in carrying out ministries which flow from our response to the word of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Our denomination was birthed out of a focus on mission and the recognition that **TOGETHER** we could accomplish ministry that singular churches could not accomplish on their own.

ABC-IN/KY Region ministers and office staff join in mission and ministry with local churches— while also providing a variety of training/consultation, administrative and supportive services to you.

Our American Baptist Region continues to be one of the most active! Your unceasing prayers, participation and financial support are essential to the continued health of ABC-IN/KY.

Thank you for all you do to collaborate with each other and with us in the ministry of Jesus Christ!

Here is a sampling of the *many ways* Region staff work with churches, pastors and lay leaders every day:

- assistance with churches in transition
 - navigating the pastor search process
 - pastor support and consultation
 - clergy spouse support
 - Healthy Boundaries training
 - Pastor/Staff Zoom Calls
 - pastor gatherings
 - young pastor gatherings
 - Ministerial Excellence Fund (MEF) grants
 - new church development
 - church boards training/consultation
 - small church consultation
 - bi-vocational ministry consultation (e.g. Nehemiah Leader events)
 - Church Leadership Institute (CLI)
 - evangelism and discipleship training
 - mission education/interpretation
 - missionary speaker resources
 - stewardship training/consultation
 - communication training/consultation
 - church treasurer/tax consultation
 - estate planning/planned giving consultation
 - church budget preparation assistance
 - camps and retreats
 - youth events
 - senior adult ministry and events
 - partnership with American Baptist Men
 - partnership with American Baptist Women's (and Girls') Ministries
 - Women in Ministry
 - Teaching Church Initiative (TCI) with Northern Seminary
 - connections with other seminaries/campus ministries
 - ordination coordination
 - church clerk reporting/data collection
 - church anniversary certificate coordination
 - The Indiana Baptist Collection (archives)
 - *Baptist Observer* quarterly magazine
 - *Observations* - bi-monthly e-news
 - web and printed resources
 - *Region Coordinated Calendar*
 - Region Board support
 - Region Biennial Gathering
- ...and more!

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