



American Baptist Churches USA

Office of the General Secretary

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American Baptists are a Christ-centered, biblically grounded, ethnically diverse people called to radical personal discipleship in Christ Jesus. Our commitment to Jesus propels us to nurture authentic relationships with one another; build healthy churches; transform our communities, our nations and our world; engage every member in hands-on ministry; and speak the prophetic word in love.

As a people of prayer, purpose, and passion, we are in the forefront of creating a community of faith where people of every race, nationality and culture gather as one in worship, service and work.

The heart of the gospel is God's redemptive love. In our life together, the world will see the power of forgiveness to overcome alienation, the strength of love to transform hate, the power of grace to break the bonds of guilt, the triumph of hope over despair, and the victory of faith over doubt.

Through the cross of Christ we embrace the world as neighbor. Our vision for mission energizes a multitude of servant ministries of evangelism, discipleship, leadership, new church development, social justice, healing, peacemaking, economic development, and education. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we work together in mutual submission, humility, love, and giving that the gospel might be preached and lived in all the world.



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Pastoral Vision and Ministries of the Office of the General Secretary

Serving as the hands and feet of Christ to: **Unify our American Baptist Family** – Celebrate our American Baptist identity and promote the mission of our national agencies and partners. **Strengthen our Regions** – Make resources and support available through staff contact with regions as they serve our churches and clergy. **Resource Churches and Pastors** – Provide opportunities for new church growth, evangelism, and connections to creative partnerships and initiatives. **Powered by United Mission** – Lifting up ministries and resources made available through your church's support of United Mission, including your local region, the Office of the General Secretary, and more.