

Ministers Council
ABCOPAD Chapter
Report for ABCOPAD Regional Meeting
May 5, 2017



The ABCOPAD Chapter of Ministers Council is pleased to say that the recent Pastors Retreat at Camp Krislund was a huge success. 45 Pastors attended, the retreat leader was Rob Rice. Ministers Council executive board members reached out to Rev. Dr. Kevin Walden and asked for a retreat where pastors from the east and west could come together. Together they came up with a good plan to make this happen.

People ask, "What are the benefits of Ministers Council?" Ministers Council cosponsors the Pastors Retreat. That means we financially help with it. Ministers Council purchased the devotional books written by Rob Rice for all of the pastors who attended the retreat. Ministers Council cosponsors the ABCOPAD Biennial.

We offered a reduced rate at the Pastor's Retreat for membership of \$15.00 instead of the normal \$25.00 rate if pastors joined at the retreat. In the past, we have offered a \$10.00 discount if you were a member of Ministers Council.

At the ABCOPAD Biennial Leadership Conference we presented Craig Martin Excellence in Ministry awards to Pastor Kelly Legg of First Baptist Church of Norristown and Pastor Rusty Horning of First Baptist Church of Shinglehouse. We also recognized other pastors who were celebrating significant ordination anniversaries, years in ministry or new to ABCOPAD. We celebrated with these pastors by giving them a gift certificate.

Ministers Council is here to promote collegial relationships and sponsoring continuing education events. We pursue this vision because we care for our colleagues in ministry. The Ministers Council is a professional organization in ABCUSA life which is solely dedicated to supporting and advocating for our ministerial leaders.

The members of our executive board are Deborah A. Loessy, Serving as President, Rev. Dr. Randall Harris, as First Vice President, Cheryl Filson as Second Vice President (also in charge of membership), Treasurer, David Braneky, Secretary, and David Barrett. At Large Representatives are: Rev. Gary Gilpin, Rev. Shelly Lewis, Rev. Christopher Davis, Rev. Ralph Prinkey, Rev. Dr. Tim Spring.

I am representing ABCOPAD Chapter of Ministers Council at the National Meeting in Portland, Oregon on June 28th, 2017. Rev. Dr. Randy Harris is serving in the position of Interim Office Manager of the Minister Council in Valley Forge.

I would encourage membership in Ministers Council so we can provide more opportunities for you as pastors and also so that we can help support ABCOPAD by cosponsoring the biennial conference and future pastor retreats. We care about you.

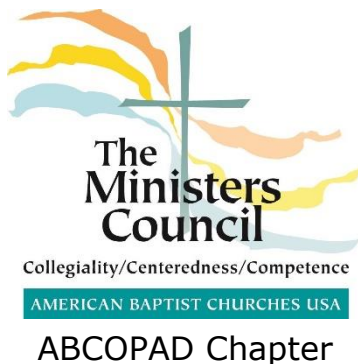
Serving and caring about you,

Pastor Deborah A. Loessy
President – ABCOPAD Chapter
Ministers Council

Drawing Closer: Devotions from I and II Peter
by Robert Wesley Rice

This book was given out at Pastors Retreat as a Gift from ABCOPAD Chapter of Ministers Council.

The first four to sign up for Membership to ABCOPAD Ministers Council will receive a free copy of this book.



Please send your membership to
(for this free gift only):

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