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As we start the New Year, I thank God for the partnership the American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware enjoys with our churches and pastoral leaders. ABCOPAD remains committed to partnership and service. In 2024, ABCOPAD churches held its Biennial Leadership Conference focusing on sharing Jesus through Community Outreach and Fresh Expressions of Church. We were grateful for attendance that eclipsed records set in previous years. Already plans are underway for two Pastor (and spouses) Retreats in 2025. ABCOPAD will be offering two grant opportunities in the Spring and Fall of this year. Regional Pastors, Geographic Pastoral Servants and Regional Ministry Associates are ready to help congregations search for new pastors, overcome conflict and discover new ways to do community outreach and evangelism.

At a time when denominational donations are in decline, our churches have remained faithful, giving generously to ABCOPAD's Partners In Ministry Offering. While denominational contributions have decreased, PIM has grown, making it possible for ABCOPAD Staff to resource, encourage, and support churches and pastors across the Region. We could not do this ministry without you.

Please be sure to include the Partners In Ministry Offering in your church contributions this year. Many congregations include the PIM Offering in their annual mission budget. Other churches plan a special offering, using the bulletin inserts provided by the Region to promote donations. We have individuals who give directly to PIM through our online giving platform or our giving app. Whatever works best for you, know how much we appreciate your contribution and your partnership. You make ministry happen in our American Baptist Churches of Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Blessings and thank you for your generosity and support. Know how much we appreciate you. Blessings and may the Love of Christ surround you throughout 2025.

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