

## Partners in Ministry

### Fulfilling Christ's Mission in the World

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You've probably heard the old joke about pastors only working on Sundays.

Occasionally, someone unfamiliar with a pastor's work or who just wants to push a pastor's buttons will try and get a laugh with that played-out groaner. When I hear that line come out, I usually force out a chuckle, and sometimes will respond with, "If you only knew..."

While that joke may cause most pastors to groan, it does reveal a truth about ministry. The majority of pastoral ministry, and regional ministry for that matter, happens behind the scenes on a one-on-one basis. But just because it isn't done in public, it doesn't make it any less valuable. I would argue that this individual ministry is perhaps more important than the things that are seen by the multitudes.

As I think about my role as a Regional Pastor, I've come to appreciate just how important the Region is to individuals, and how important it is that we are there for churches and pastors in times of need. Certainly, there are great opportunities to engage with the whole Region. This past year, we enjoyed one of those at our Biennial Leadership Conference. There are also wonderful opportunities we have to pull small groups of leaders together like at our Association gatherings or retreats. But far more ministry takes place on a one-on-one basis and that's what I'd like to focus on, as you prayerfully consider giving to Partners in Ministry.

Think about the pastor who is lonely or overwhelmed. Without the support of our GPS, they might not have anyone to call when they aren't sure where to turn for advice. Think about the church going through the search process, they too, wouldn't be able to navigate the waters of finding a new pastor without the support of the Region. There's also the church in need of resources to do new ministry, the pastor who wants to find support from other colleagues, and the list goes on and on. While you see some of this activity on our Facebook page, please know that far more is happening within our Region than ever goes out publicly.

Your regional staff is hard at work to make sure our churches and pastors are supported, and this is all possible because of your generous support of our Region through Partners in Ministry.

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Thank you for allowing me to serve,  
and thank you for your partnership!

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1. Through your local congregation's weekly offering by designating your gift to ABCOPAD - **Partners in Ministry**.
2. Through ABCOPAD's Online Giving option, available on the regional website ([www.abcopad.org](http://www.abcopad.org)). Your church can receive mission-giving credit for your online gift.
3. Through PayPal.
4. By sending your check (made payable to ABCOPAD WMS) to:  
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