



Dear Pastors and Church Leaders,

On Friday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup> during the Annual Meeting there is going to be a dinner for Mission Advocates. A Mission Advocate is a volunteer that connects his/her church to other churches, regional ministry and to the mission work of our American Baptist family in the nation and world. We are still recruiting Mission Advocates and are inviting you to appoint someone to represent your church at this dinner. Those who came to the training event in November are also invited to attend.

A Mission Advocate is someone who:

- Has a passion for outreach and missions and is respected as a leader in your church.
- Will serve a 2 year term as a Mission Advocate.
- Is fully aware of how your church is supporting and is involved in missions and outreach.
- Will receive communications about regional and American Baptist ministry and share the information with church leadership and the church family.
- Will invite your church to support the events, programs, missionaries of our regional and national ABC family.
- Encourages your church to continue to receive the ABC Offerings.
- Communicates with the region what your church is doing in mission outreach so that others may know and possibly share ministry with your church.
- Attends at least 2 meetings a year: **Fall:** Mission Advocates Training Event; **Spring:** Mission Advocates dinner at the Annual Meeting.
- When possible - joins in conference calls with missionaries serving on the field.

The Mission Advocates Dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm will feature:

- Mission Advocates sharing what their church is doing in outreach and missions.
- Hear from our missionaries about their ministries and learn about the ministries represented at the annual meeting.
- For those who are new to this program there will be some time devoted to helping them understand their role as mission advocates.

Please consider who in your church can serve as a Mission Advocate! You can have one person or a few who serve as a team. Pastor, after you have appointed your Mission Advocate please let them know about this dinner, during the annual meeting on April 29. Although it is complimentary we must know that they have been appointed by the church AND a reservation must be received. (Registration form enclosed.)

If you or your Mission Advocate needs translation into Spanish - please let us know so we can provide translation.

My prayer is that your church will partner with the wider family which will help us all be more effective in our mandate to spread God's love throughout the world!

In Christ,

Rev. Doug Hubbard  
Regional Minister - Youth and Global Missions

REGISTRATION BROCHURES, DELEGATE INFORMATION AS WELL AS YOUR ANNUAL MEETING CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECEIVED BY YOUR CHURCH OFFICE. ALL INFO CAN ALSO BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE - [WWW.ABCLA.ORG](http://WWW.ABCLA.ORG). WE ARE ALSO INCLUDING A REGISTRATION FORM THAT CAN BE COPIED AND GIVEN OUT TO THOSE IN YOUR CHURCH ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING. **PLEASE NOTE THAT REGISTRATION AS A DELEGATE DOES NOT REGISTER YOU FOR THE CONFERENCE.** PLEASE CALL 213-955-4942 IF YOU NEED INFO OR CLARIFICATION. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!