

Join Us...

What are the benefits of belonging?

- Our dues support both local and national resources (ex. retreats, continuing education, etc.).
- Our dues express our own commitment to a wider belonging.
- Our dues support our presence at the national ABC table.

Visit www.ministerscouncil.com to calculate and pay your dues. (Please note that chapter dues vary across the country.)

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*Learn more at www.ministerscouncil.com
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Together in Ministry

The Ministers Council

We are the only organization dedicated solely to supporting American Baptist ministers. Through our local chapters and nationwide initiatives, we inspire ministerial excellence to the glory of Jesus Christ.

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COLLEGIALITY...CENTEREDNESS...COMPETENCE

Our Foundation

Since 1935, The Ministers Council has served Jesus Christ's church by serving American Baptist ministers who desire to become more effective leaders across our many contexts of ministry. This has required advocacy, accountability and awareness of the connections between our personal and professional growth.



Throughout our life, these core program values have guided us:

COLLEGIALITY... *Coming together to combat burnout and isolation*

- Encouraging clergy peer groups
- Supporting gatherings for edification and equipping

CENTEREDNESS... *Emphasizing discipleship through spiritual renewal*

- Resourcing for spiritual practices, sabbatical planning, etc.
- Sharing inspiration and best practices for local retreats.

COMPETENCE... *Becoming more effective in ministry arts, skills & gifts*

- Continuing education for practices and trends in ministry
- Establishing and maintaining professional and ethical standards of Christian ministry.



Our Enduring Mission

We remain steadfast in our commitment to the well-being of American ministers, recognizing the intersection of spiritual wholeness and professional effectiveness.

We currently nurture, encourage and strengthen more than 2000 clergy serving in local churches and counseling and chaplain ministries, as well as seminarians and professional lay leaders. We have 30 active chapters across the country, in addition to regions where a local "constituent council" could be formed or reactivated (see reverse).



Our Recent Initiatives*

Sustaining Pastoral Excellence Initiative

Together in Ministry Groups funded by Lilly Endowment, 2002-2012

Clergy Health Initiative

"Strengthened in Sanctuary" Ministry Cohorts

Underway, led by Consultant Rev. Dr. Debora Jackson

Ministries Team (Network of Chapter Reps formed 2015)

Our Present Planning

Over more than eighty years, our staffing and programs have evolved. For most of our history, sizeable endowment or grant funding have been the financial engine driving a strong national staffing and program presence. In 2017, we are discerning fresh ways to both secure financial sustainability and center us anew on core Baptist values: empowering local chapters, mutuality, resource sharing etc.

***Stay tuned for upcoming announcements!**