

I am a member and have been since I became American Baptist. I want to stay connected to my colleagues. I've been blessed to observe my denomination from the grassroots to the institutions, in conferences and in political struggles, in our closeness and in our isolation. Though we sometimes would deny it, we need each other desperately. When we come together we devote precious little time to learning from each other, understanding the value of the American Baptist ministerial tradition. The Ministers Council, its publications and the website, are the best place in the ABC to have such interconnectedness.

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Some time ago a convicted pedophile came to our church and some were uncomfortable with his presence. Kate Harvey recommended that I check out the Ministers Council website where there was a covenant for us to use as we formed a relationship with him. I cannot tell you how grateful my church was that we had something in writing that allowed us to face the situation in which we later found ourselves. It was a real blessing.

Being able to share resources is one of the best parts of Ministers Council. It is good to know we aren't in this alone.

Peg Nowling  
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"Ministers Council blesses me with opportunities to connect with clergy colleagues for mutual encouragement. We have shared our ministry stories, questions, frustrations, pearls of wisdom, laughter and prayers --- holy moments."

Roberta White  
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The Ministers Council is on the cutting edge of responses to the challenge of ministry in the swirl of change in our culture and the church. Through its sponsorship of the Together in Ministry grants and its partnership with the Office of the General Secretary in providing a conference for ministers every other year, it provides both tools for ministry and ministry to the minister. We are blessed by the Ministers Council.

Roy Medley.  
General Secretary  
ABC-USA

There are dear colleagues that I would not know if it weren't for Ministers Council - people in different types of ministry or in different parts of the region. Ministers Council has made it possible for me to "expand my horizons" and as a result I have been blessed.

Shawn Zambrows  
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I have been a member of Ministers Council for nearly 40 years. The one constant through the years has been a singular focus on the men and women who have answered God's call to Ministerial leadership. Our shared vocation has been the center around which life-long relationships have been formed and a never ceasing commitment to grow in both faithfulness and fruitfulness has been nurtured. And there have been times when the "Code of Ethics" has been the document that has helped us to think ethically about difficult situations. I believe the Ministers Council helped me to be a better pastor.

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