



## *WHY A MINISTERS COUNCIL?*

The Ministers Council is an autonomous, self governing association of ministerial leaders and clergy that stands alongside other denominational members. It is fully supportive of the mission of the ABCUSA and seeks to work together in ministry with each of its denominational partners.

### **The Ministers Council provides a community for its members:**

- To assume responsibility for the faithful practice of the ministerial calling
- To develop and promote ethical standards that both guide and shape the way in which the vocation of ministry is performed
- To assume personal responsibility for and to encourage physical and emotional well-being in the practice of ministry
- To inform, support and encourage one another in the deepening of personal and communal spiritual life
- To work together to develop the skills necessary to become effective servants of Christ's church
- To encourage growing friendships that encourage, inform and correct the leader as she or he seeks to faithfully respond to the call of God in Christ Jesus

### **The Ministers Council is that unique place within the national structure of the ABCUSA which:**

- Offers leaders opportunities to articulate a distinct ministerial viewpoint, among the many denominational perspectives that need to be voiced and heard, as we work together for the growth of Christ's kingdom.
- Serves as an advocate for its members in times of difficulty and conflict
- Is solely focused on the well-being of clergy as they engage in the ministerial calling in all of its dimensions

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