

## REPORT TO THE SENATE

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I continue to travel extensively for the purpose of encouraging our constituent councils and looking for ways that we can all be stronger and more effective in our ministries. In the process, I have become more convinced than ever that one of the keys to both our effectiveness and our faithfulness lies with our ability or disability to live as a community of ministerial leaders and within that community to learn from one another about nurturing our ministries and ourselves.

In May, my travel schedule was as follows:

May 4	Professional Ministries Team	Valley Forge, PA
May 10-13	Ministers Council Retreat	Sugarloaf, Maine
May 18-19	Colgate Rochester Crozer Trustees Meeting	Rochester, NY
May 20	Ministers Gathering	Detroit, MI

While in Detroit, I also took a couple of vacation days with the family.

I have been working with an ad hoc team of American Baptist leaders, led by Dr. Larry Greenfield, to create ways of communicating responses to the problems caused by the present recession. The new website can be accessed by any and all American Baptists at [www.abc-responds-economy.ning.com](http://www.abc-responds-economy.ning.com).

I also continue to work with Trinette McCray on the issues relating to issues related to "Call to Ministry." If you wish to participate in that conversation, via Ning.com, please let me know and you will be invited.

The biennial is on us and Sue Sechrist is working feverishly to complete preparations. It's more complicated than it seems.

I continue to work on Community of Practice workshops for the purpose of strengthening local councils. One workshop has been scheduled for the Philadelphia area in September and conversations about others are in process.

The Senate will soon be here and I look forward to being together.