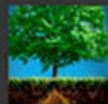


OUR COMMON CALL



abc of the **northwest**

growing healthy, mission-focused churches
that multiply disciples and churches

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God is at work reaching the northwest through the American Baptist Churches of this great region. It is exciting to see what He is doing. Our churches are reaching out to their surrounding communities in a myriad of ways. Pastors are growing as leaders. Churches are being transformed. New churches are being planted. New believers are coming to Christ. Our connection with one another continues to be strong in spite of our vast geographical spread.

Our vision is to **"grow healthy, mission-focused churches that multiply disciples and churches."** We invite the congregations that comprise the Region to support this vision through prayer, involvement and financial contributions. By joining forces we believe that we can increase our ability to reach the northwest for Jesus Christ. This reflects the normative practice of the early church.

New Testament churches knew they were part of something greater than themselves. Each church was birthed through the mission efforts of others. In turn each church maintained its connection with the growing movement of Christianity. It is in this spirit that Paul paid homage to scores of co-workers in Romans 16. His knowledge of, and indebtedness to, his fellow and sister co-workers demonstrate that the earliest followers of

Jesus Christ invested greatly in their partnership with one another.

Since **the Northwest is a giant mission field** and since **mission focused churches are God's primary tool for reaching the lost**, then it stands to reason that as the Region strengthens and multiplies churches that it is engaging in legitimate missions. The activities of our mission together fall under the headings of four Landmarks:

- Leadership
- Church Transformation
- Connection
- Church Planting
- Funding

This brochure provides additional information about our efforts in these particular areas. As we continue to work together **let us also pray that our efforts will bear fruit** as individuals, families and whole communities are transformed through the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely in Christ Jesus,



Dr. Charles Revis, Executive Minister
ABC of the Northwest

Visit the **Mission Northwest Blog** where I provide updates on what God is doing in local ABCNW congregations, communicate insights related to the Region's vision, and reinforce the landmarks of the ABCNW.

missionnorthwest.blogspot.com

Leadership Learning Communities

Leadership Learning Communities (LLCs) are safe places for peer-to-peer learning, developing accountability, growing friendships, praying together, problem solving, and encouraging one another. They are laboratories for learning how to lead, *the* critical skill every pastor needs for leading churches in today's rapidly changing ministry context. The LLCs are a foundational strategy for developing leadership skills among all the pastors of the ABC/NW. It is our hope that all pastors will take advantage of this opportunity by joining a LLC.

The LLCs are also foundational for reconnecting churches. The members of highly functioning LLCs will find ways to resource, guide, intervene and conduct training among the churches they pastor. It is our hope that this will be one major piece in developing helpful relationships between the churches of the Region.

Every LLC follows an agenda that includes developing friendships and trust among the members, holding one another accountable for personal growth and congregational development, and problem solving together. Each LLC reads and discusses a book every four weeks, usually related to leadership and church vitality. The book is an essential piece in the LLC, but it's not the only resource.

Some of the books read and discussed have been

- *Leading With a Limp* by Dan Allender
- *Church Unique* by Will Mancini
- *The One-Life Solution* by Henry Cloud
- *Church That Works* by Gary McIntosh
- *IT* by Craig Groeschel
- *The Shaping of Things To Come* by Frost and Hirsch

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LLC Coordinator	Clint Webb , Church on the Rock (360) 675-3032 clintcharlenewebb@hotmail.com

Assessments

How can a congregation receive help to evaluate its current ministry?

Assessments are a new tool offered by the Region as a ministry to help churches sharpen their purpose, grow in health, and look outward with vision and compassion to more effectively reach the lost.

An assessment is a “snapshot” of where a congregation is in its ministry, seeking to bring to light its strengths and suggest areas where new or additional efforts need to be made if the congregation is to become a thriving church. Congregations are urged to complete this process as a part of the process of calling a new pastor. However, assessments are a vital tool for any congregation at any place in its ministry.

Typically, an assessment gathers findings through LISTENING to the congregation in a variety of ways: focus groups, individual interviews, and written materials and data, including some historical data. Part of the materials are gathered prior to an on-site visit which usually begins on a Friday afternoon or evening and concludes after worship on Sunday.



The report made to the congregation has three parts: affirmations (what a church is doing well and should seek to strengthen); general findings (area for growth and attention); recommendations (specific items which need to be addressed to move a congregation towards more health and growth).

Conducting an assessment requires significant investment from the Region and the local congregation. It is not uncommon for 100 hours of work to be invested in just the reporting phase of the assessment. Typical costs for full-time assessors ranges from \$6,000 to \$16,000 (plus expenses). Because this is a ministry of the region that requires additional help from others, the Region fee is \$1,000, or less if church averages under 100 in worship (plus expenses). Some scholarship aid may be available to local churches in need and who are serious about moving from a surviving to a thriving congregation.

Resources for When Pastor Resigns or Retires

The Region provides support to local churches by

- helping to secure an interim pastor, and
- training and assisting the church in its pastoral search process

Securing an Interim Pastor

Interim Ministries-ABC recruits, screens and maintains a register of primarily American Baptist Pastors who have shown an interest and aptitude for interim leadership.



Regional Staff who work closest to each church personalize our services. All the churches, that make use of the program, benefit from three outside sources: the Interim Pastor, the Regional Staff and the personnel at the national office. Such collaboration ensures support, ready responses for problem solving and the security of multiple caring ABC leaders who want the church to thrive.

Research groups and energetic interim pastors have discovered the potential of in-between times. The particular dynamics of a church without a pastor are being matched with interim pastors free to lead differently. The specialized temporary leader, not vested in the past or future, can candidly assess and name the problem situations, help the congregation heal, grow and lead the church toward a new vision and new pastor.

Five General Tasks for the Interim ...

1. Dealing actively with a congregation's history and heritage to ensure faithfulness to its past ministry as it prepares for the future.
2. Helping the congregation discover and claim its identity now.
3. Guiding the church through numerous adjustments that come from leadership changes.
4. Renewing and strengthening authentic, vital relationships with sister ABC churches and their ministries.
5. Preparing the congregation with strong hopes and a clear vision in welcoming the new pastor.

For more information online, see abcnw.org/we-need-a-pastor

Contact: **Patti Duckworth** p-duckworth@abcnw.org

Training and Assistance for the Pastoral Search Committee

Search consultants are engaged in one of the significant efforts of our life as congregations working together: **aiding and resourcing search committees in the essential task of seeking God's person for pastoral leadership of their congregation.**

As a region, our churches have identified leadership as one of the key areas of focus for our mutual work and support. We clearly understand that Christ-like pastoral leaders are necessary if we are going to be a part of the work God is doing to bring Christ's Kingdom to the Northwest Region.



Search consultants are a part of a team and a larger network of resources and people whom the Lord is raising up to come along side local churches as they strive to become healthy, mission-focused communities that are growing disciples.

Search consultants generally meet with a search committee 4 or 5 times during the time of the search and are in touch on a monthly basis with the committee by phone and email.

The primary **ROLE** of a search consultant is

- assist with the process the search committee engages in to find God's person for leadership;
- advise the committee about the process; and
- encourage the committee and the congregation to remain hopeful and faithful to the work they have begun, especially through consistent prayer times.

Conversely, search consultants are not

- members or regular attendees of the search committee;
- members or parts of the congregation;
- decision-makers for or with the search committee or congregation.

Additionally, search consultants are advocates for

- a congregational assessment, done during the search process;
- strengthening the congregation's partnership with other ABC/NW churches through financial giving and participation in area and region gatherings/training events;
- the pastor's participation in Leader Learning Communities, the ethics conference, *Leading Edge*, and other similar gatherings.

Contact the Region Office when you have need for or questions about any of these valuable resources.

Other Ways Your Congregation Can **Connect and Network** With Other Churches to Find Encouragement, Training and Resources

Here are a number of events that happen annually...

Leadership Tune-Up

Occurs the last Monday and Tuesday of September

Significant speakers and successful practitioners share their heart and insights for ministry for pastors and lay leaders

Ethics Conference

Occurs either spring or fall every 12 to 18 months

Training in boundary issues for clergy and lay leaders; provides resource for making churches safe places for hurting people; meets the requirement for ordination guidelines

Tools for the Trade

Occurs first Saturday in March, Western Washington

High quality speaker focusing on church health coupled with workshops for lay leaders and pastors, focusing on skills and training to help churches become healthy, mission-focused groups

Other Local Gatherings

Gathering of churches together on a more local level to provide leadership training, connection, support, inspiration and shared worship. These events are announced and publicized as they occur, meeting the needs of congregations from a specific geographic area of the region and/or shared ministry needs of congregations faced with similar ministry challenges.

Be sure you and your church are on the region mailing and email lists for upcoming opportunities.

People In the Region You Can Contact For More Help and Guidance

We encourage churches to help one another by connecting, sharing time and resources, and working together. The resources and support outlined in these pages are only some of the ways we are working together. Please contact the region staff or mentor pastor at anytime you have a question or would like assistance with any needs you have. Our desire is to see your congregation fulfill its calling.

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Mentor Pastorssee list on page 7

Mentor Pastors and members of the local LLC are available to resource the churches in their immediate vicinity.

ABC/NW Regional Staff



Dr. Charles Revis has been the **Executive Minister** of the ABC of the Northwest since September 2003. His ministry focus is to help ABCNW churches be healthy and mission focused so that they may effectively multiply disciples for Jesus Christ. Previously, Dr. Revis was the Sr. Pastor for University Baptist Church in Bakersfield, CA for 18 years. During his tenure the congregation experienced growth due to a wide variety of community ministries. In 1997 the congregation dedicated a new worship center designed specifically for facilitating modern worship. Dr. Revis has also served in staff positions for churches in FL, TX, OK and CA. He works from the region's office on the grounds of Ross Point Camp in Post Falls, ID, traveling extensively to serve the 155 churches of the ABCNW. He also represents the ABCNW to the national body, ABC-USA. His education includes a D. Min. (Fuller Seminary), an M. Div. (Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary), and a B.A. (Oral Roberts University). In addition to his passion for leadership development and church transformation, Charles pursues windsurfing, skiing, biking, fly-fishing and reading. Charles and his wife Karen make their home in Coeur d'Alene, ID. They have two adult children, Jennifer — married to Eric — and Ryan — married to Cora.



The **Rev. Patti Duckworth** has served ABC/NW as the **Associate Executive Minister** since January of 1997 in a variety of ways as need has arisen. Her desire is to help equip churches for health and ministry so that they will make a difference for Christ in the lives of individuals and communities. Previously, Patti served as Associate Pastor at Great Falls, MT; a youth pastor in CA, and a campus minister in WY, all of the work focusing on re-establishing and revitalizing ministries that had experienced decline. She works from her home in Great Falls, also traveling extensively to serve the region's churches. She represents ABC/NW to Interim Ministries—ABC. Her education includes an M.Div (Central Baptist Theological Seminary) and a B.A. (University of Sioux Falls). Currently she is a Ph.D. candidate with the International Baptist Theological Seminary (Prague, Czech Republic), researching Baptist history and ethics in the Northwest. She enjoys flying (whenever possible), growing roses, classical guitar and reading. Patti and John live in Great Falls, MT, where John is pastor of First Baptist. They have two grown sons, Doug and James.

ABC/NW Region Staff continued



Cherie' Vidovich has served ABC/NW as **Administrative Assistant/Accountant** since May 2004.

Among her responsibilities, she provides a variety of services to Region churches and pastors, maintaining the daily operations of the office, processing mission giving of the Region churches and providing financial accounting. Before joining the staff here, Cherie' was the Accountant for the Post Falls Fire District. She has a B.S. degree in Accounting from Oral Roberts University. She enjoys helping with their family business, gardening, and making quilts. Cherie' and Bud have been married for 20 years and have four children: Andrew, Sam, Will, and Laura.



Terri Anderson is ABC/NW's **Communications Specialist**, serving in that position since June of 2008.

She studied Graphic Design at Western Washington University and the University of Washington, and is responsible for the Region website, regular email communications with pastors and churches, layout and design of *The Northwest Baptist*—our quarterly newsletter, and promotional material for Region events. She is married to Ron Anderson, Pastor of Manette Community Church in Bremerton, WA and they have three teenagers: Spense, Sena, and Shanna.



Rev. Terry Oliver is ABC/NW's **Stewardship Consultant -Washington State**, and church planter and

Pastor of the New Community Church of Union in Union WA. Terry has successfully led churches through stewardship growth needed to support vital ministry.



Rev. Clint Webb is ABC/NW's **LLC Coordinator**, and Pastor of Church on the Rock in Oak Harbor, WA.

Through his tenure there, Pastor Clint has led the congregation to growth and large numbers of baptisms.

Resources On Our Website — www.abcnw.org

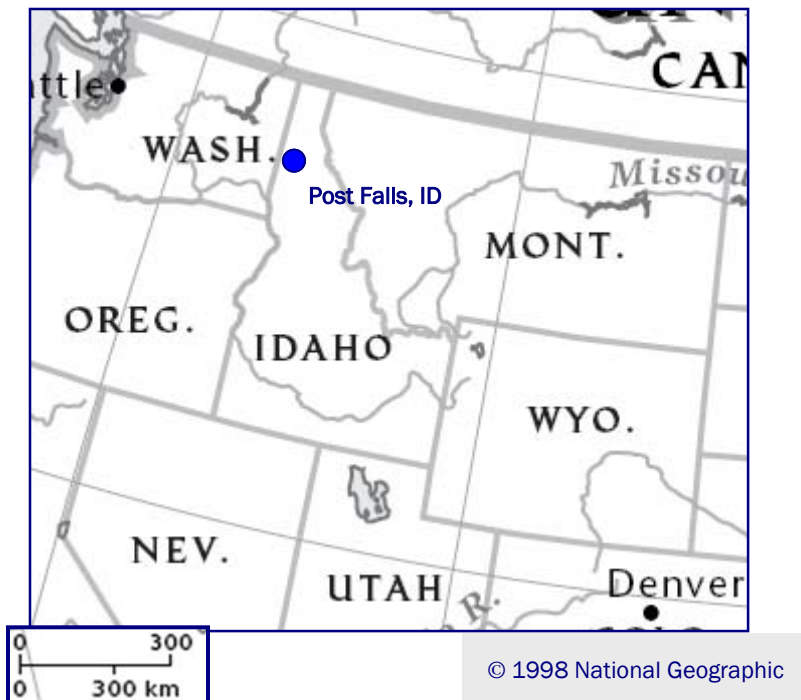


This booklet gives a brief overview of who we are and some of the main resources and initiatives of the Region churches working together. Other materials are accessible on our website. They include

- Region updates, including
 - Current events and registration forms
 - Current and previous newsletters
- Leadership articles which include insights and encouragement for ministry
- Mission support, including giving summaries and links to International Ministries and other resources
- Pastor Resources, including LLC reading lists
- Church resources, including
 - More detailed information about assessments
 - Promotional materials for upcoming Region events
- Placement information for pastors with process steps and materials needed for region staff to aid a pastor in relocating to the Region

American Baptist History in the Northwest

American Baptist Churches of the Northwest are a gathered people who have a long history established in mission and rooted in evangelism. Beginning in the 1850s with pioneering work in the coastal areas, Baptists were compelled to bring the good news of Jesus with them to port towns, mining areas, logging camps and agricultural areas. In the 1850s and 60s in Washington, several churches were begun before Washington became a state, and this pattern was repeated in Idaho, Montana, and Utah.



The challenges were not only those of geography and climate, they were also challenges created by minimal or non-existent social institutions such as schools, courts, law enforcement and hospitals. Rugged individualism gave rise to isolation and vice. Alcohol, gambling, and poverty were the standards of the day. These and the struggle for daily survival were constant threats to the well-being of the people who moved to this part of the world. Yet in the midst of this, Baptists recognized they were in the midst of a vast mission field and

even though climate, isolation, and harsh economics were often obstacles, Baptists maintained a vision of offering Jesus to the many who came here, whether they were seeking their lives' fortune or simply a second or third chance in life. Aided and encouraged by the American Baptist Home Mission Society and its vision of the Northwest for Christ, congregations were established and continued to offer Christ to their communities and help establish new congregations in the communities without a church. Our current vision and mission as churches working together reflects this historic understanding.

Current Structure of the American Baptists of the Northwest

Baptist churches have always been self-governing, but learned very early that there are great benefits in associating with one another. By working with other Baptist churches in associations we found mutual support, accountability and the ability to do mission together. As territories became states, the associations grew into state conventions and city societies and accepted God's call to reach their fledgling new states with the Gospel.

In the late 1960s and early 1970s, efforts were made to reorganize the work of state conventions to maximize representation and involvement of local churches. This resulted in the formations of regions and areas. After several attempts to merge the western state conventions into regional structures, the state conventions and "city societies" of WA, ID, UT, and MT came together to become the American Baptist Churches of the Northwest. Because of historic ties and proximity, the region currently includes one church in NV and one church in OR. Scattered across this wide expanse, the now 159 churches and new church plants of the region have agreed to join together for ministry.

Our roughly 500,000 square mile region is approximately equal in size to the area between Washington, DC and Chicago and Boston to Atlanta. Over the years, our associational connections have helped us maintain connections and aid to each other for ministry. To attempt to meet the needs of fellowship and support of churches over such as vast territory, the region used some of

the associational connections established in the past to group itself into 5 “areas.” From east to west, the areas the areas currently are

- **Big Sky** (BSA)— generally MT to the Continental Divide (21 churches);
- **Inland Northwest** (INW)— MT west of the Continental Divide, northern ID and eastern WA to the eastside of the Cascade Mountains (35 churches);
- **Intermountain** (IMA) — southern ID, northern UT, one church each in NV, OR, and CA (40 churches)
- **Far West** (FWA)— western and southern WA from the Olympic Peninsula and Tacoma to the OR border (32 churches)
- **North Puget Sound** (NPS) — northwestern WA from the Canadian border south, including parts of Seattle (31 churches)

Purpose of the American Baptists of the Northwest

The Region exists to serve the local church by encouraging relationships, providing resources, and pursuing renewal. We believe that Jesus is the head of his Body and as its Living Lord he continues to "seek and save that which was lost" (Luke 19:10) through healthy, mission-focused churches that multiply disciples and churches. Just as we found useful ways to work together for this mission in the past, we continue to prayerfully pursue this purpose in new ways. Because the primary purpose of the church is to reproduce disciples, the Northwest Region is the expression of local churches working together to develop leaders and plant new churches – all for the glory of God.

What is the Biennial Celebration?

Your church is not alone in the world. You and your church are part of a bigger family, both regionally (American Baptist Churches of the Northwest) and nationally (American Baptist Churches USA). The Biennial is an every-other-year-gathering of our Northwest Region (of which your church is a member). Just as we are separated by distances and the differences between our individual congregations, we are conversely connected by our affiliation through shared mission and vision. Biennials provide a time for celebrating the Good News of Jesus, for fellowship, learning, and re-connecting with one another so that we can focus our efforts *together* in making a difference in the Northwest and this world for Christ.

Vision and Mission

Our Mission & Vision Statement:

"Growing Healthy, Mission-Focused Churches That Multiply Disciples and Churches"

Preamble

We believe in the priesthood of all believers, freedom of conscience, and the autonomy of the local church. Recognizing the inherent tension between autonomy and association, this "Vision Statement" and these "Commonly Held Essentials" describe what cooperating churches in the ABCNW affirm and hold in common for our mutual affirmation and mission together.

Vision Statement

Because American Baptist Churches of the Northwest hold in common as essential

- The grace of God, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and the ministry of the Holy Spirit;
- The authority of the Scripture;
- The church of the Lord Jesus Christ;
- And the Great Commandment (Mk. 12:29-31)
- And the Great Commission (Mt. 28:18-20)

We seek to

- Serve the local church by encouraging relationships, providing resources, and pursuing renewal;
- Promote the priority of disciple-making through mission, evangelism, and care;
- Foster the associating of local churches which value both their autonomy and mutual encouragement and accountability and;
- Reflect the Kingdom of God in obedience and love;

All for the glory of God.

(Adopted at the May 2002 Region Biennial)

Landmarks

The activities of our mission together fall under the headings of four Landmarks, first adopted by the churches meeting in biennial session in May 2002:

- Leadership
- Church Transformation
- Connection
- Church Planting
- Funding

Commonly Held Essentials

(Adopted at the May 2002 Region Biennial)

We worship the triune God of the Bible, who is eternally one God in three persons - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. We affirm that God is sovereign over all and that His grace is uniquely expressed and realized through His incarnate Son, Jesus Christ. We affirm the Lordship of Christ over the world and the church. Jesus Christ is the only Savior and Lord, calling us to joyously surrender to His purpose and will. We are called to live by the power and ministry of the Holy Spirit, and proclaim the Good News of God's reconciling grace in the atoning death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

- Colossians 1:13-29
- Ephesians 1:19-23
- Philippians 2:5-11
- John 16:5-15
- Galatians 5:22-23
- 1 John 5:7
- 1 Corinthians 12 & 14

We believe that the Bible, composed of the Old and New Testaments, is the divinely inspired Word of God. As our final authority, it is trustworthy for faith and practice when interpreted responsibly under the guidance of the Holy Spirit within the community of faith. It is the perfect standard for all human conduct and behavior. The essentials necessary for our salvation and the basics of how to conduct our lives are clearly revealed. The primary purpose of the Bible is to point to and glorify Jesus Christ, the living Lord of the Church.

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17
- 2 Timothy 2:15
- 2 Peter 1:20-21
- Deuteronomy 4:1-2

Commonly Held Essentials (continued)

The church, as the Body of Christ, includes all believers and is manifested most visibly in local congregations. The church is the presence of the living Christ in the world, led, empowered and gifted by the Holy Spirit to continue His mission. "...[A]s local congregations are connected among themselves to experience together the oneness in Christ, ...they responsibly function as members of the one body." (The American Baptist Quarterly, June 1987, Vol. V, No. 2 "An interdependent people," p. 95)

- Romans 12
- Ephesians 5:23
- Acts 1:8
- 1 Corinthians 12-14
- Ephesians 4
- Acts 2:41

God's love for us in Christ is the motivation for loving people and creation. God's love compels us to live and make decisions in accordance with His design in obedience to His Word and will. The heart of God, reflected in both the Old and New Testaments, is to create a redeemed community that loves and serves Him with all their hearts, minds, and bodies. This conviction is the foundation of our commitment to fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission. We will continue to be a mission people, carrying the Gospel to our nation and the world.

- Mark 12:18-31
- John 15 - 17
- Acts 1:8
- Mark 16:15-16
- 2 Corinthians 5:14
- Matthew 28:18-20
- 1 John 4:21
- Romans 12:1-2
- Luke 24:48-49
- James 2:14-19

Resolution on Human Sexuality

(Adopted as Region Policy November 2003)

Because we are all wounded and broken people in need of the healing power of God's grace in Christ Jesus, and being aware of the confusion of voices pertaining to human sexuality, the following statement defines our common understanding for sexual behavior.

Because we affirm the Bible as our rule for faith and practice and embrace its ethic of compassion, love, and ministry to all persons and the availability of God's grace through repentance (Luke 5:30-32, John 8:1-11, 1 Corinthians 6:11);

We affirm that God's gracious creation intent for human sexual conduct as defined in scripture is faithful, lifelong heterosexual union for married persons and committed celibate behavior for unmarried persons. All other sexual practices are clearly defined as sinful and destructive of individuals, of community, and of the fellowship of believers, and like all sin, call for repentance, openness to the transforming power of God, and restoration to the community of faith. (Genesis 1:27, 2:24, 1 Thesalonians 4:3-8, Hebrews 13:4); (Leviticus 18:22, 20:13, Romans 1:18-32, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10)

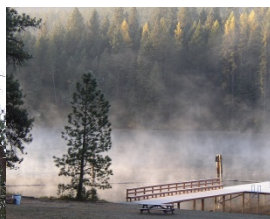
We affirm the existing Region policy "against violence of all kinds, including against persons of all sexual orientations." (Policy adopted by the Regional Board, American Baptist Churches of the Northwest, October 30, 1998)

Therefore, we resolve that this Region will encourage grace-motivated ministries which respond to human need and offer God's transforming love to all wounded and broken people, including heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, and transgendered persons.

Acknowledging the high calling of church and Region leadership, we resolve that this Region will not recognize for ordination or recognize the preexisting license or ordination of any person practicing, affirming, endorsing, and/or celebrating adultery, fornication, gay/lesbian/bisexual behavior, or any other practices that are contrary to God's creation intent as defined above.

And finally, because of our commitment to do mission together, we resolve that any church within this Region that endorses, celebrates, or affirms adultery, fornication, gay/lesbian/bisexual behavior, is choosing not to cooperate in the work and mission of the ABCNW. That church will be indicating their choice to sever their relationship with the ABC of the Northwest (Article 3 Section 3, 3.2(a)).

Camps



One of the ministries American Baptists engage in together is the ongoing ministry and witness provided through camping. These camps are owned and operated by the respective state conventions, not the ABC Northwest Region. There are 7 different camps supported by our region churches, each with a variety of programs and facilities. Each camp has a regular schedule of ministries for all ages; in addition, each has some capacity to host a church event or retreat. If your congregation is looking for ways to enhance its outreach and fellowship, the camps are ready to assist you.

Below is a list of the camps, their location and contact information.

Bethel.....347 Kirkpatrick Rd, Hoquiam, WA 98550
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 Executive Director: Kyle Plett

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 Phone: from Seattle call toll free 622-3935 outside Seattle area (206) 463-2512
 Fax: (206) 463-6738 Website: www.campburton.com
 Executive Director: Kathleen Hendrickson E-mail: campburton1@centurytel.net

Cascade Meadows.....21174 White Pine Creek Rd., Leavenworth, WA 98826
 Phone: (509) 763-3673 Website: www.cascademeadows.org
 E-mail: cascademeadows@gmail.com

Cathedral Pines HC 64, Box 8296, Ketchum, ID 83340
 Phone: (208) 726-5007 Website: www.cathedralpines.org
 Camp Manager: Dave Wilcox E-mail: dwilcox@cathedralpines.org

Ross Point Camp 820 S. Ross Point Rd., Post Falls, ID 83854
 Phone: (208) 773-1655, Fax: (208) 773-1656 Website: www.rosspoint.org
 Executive Director: John Batchelder E-mail: rp@rosspoint.org

Templed Hills Baptist Camp30 miles south of Livingston, MT
 Office Phone: (406) 781-1667 P.O. Box 11731, Bozeman, MT 59719
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 Executive Director: Sal Ippolito Email: sippolito@comcast.net

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