

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY HARK, THE HERALD!



In his classic book, Models of the Church, Avery Dulles speaks of the church as “herald” – *ie*, one who receives an official message with the commission to pass it on. Just as Jesus came as the herald of the Father, proclaiming and demonstrating God’s love for the world, so the Church is called to be a herald community. She is called to proclaim the love of God, especially expressed in the passion, death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ. She is also tasked to proclaim the dignity of every person and the coming of God’s kingdom.

It’s a life-changing, world-changing message which ABCOPAD seeks to herald. With a vision “to build healthy partnerships with churches, pastoral leaders, and our wider ABC family, to fulfill Christ's mission in our world,” the region has built a strategy of communication to share the gospel. Through its website, social media platforms, Constant Contact, YouTube, ZOOM, and more, ministry examples and mission opportunities have been shared with thousands. [Last year, over 60,000 connections were made through ABCOPAD Facebook!] In so many ways, local and international stories have been proclaimed and celebrated.

A few highlights from 2023 include:

- *Substance Abuse and Addiction Webinar* ...learning how to identify and support individuals with a substance use disorder.
- *Private, Public, and Pulpit Lives* ...examining the various aspects, dimension, and complexities of pastoral life.
- *Town Hall Listening Sessions* ...a series of online opportunities for church leaders to communicate with the ABCOPAD Regional Executive Search Committee.

When you support **Partners in Ministry**, you make it possible for ABCOPAD to herald the good news. And there’s nothing more important than getting the Word out!



To Build Healthy Partnerships with Churches, Pastoral Leaders, and the Wider ABC Family to Fulfill Christ's Mission in Our World.

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3. By giving through your mobile device.
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