



THE AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MASSACHUSETTS

Partnering With Churches To Transform Lives and Communities

“Go therefore and teach all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” Matthew 28:19-20a

Rev. Dr. Mary Day Miller, Executive Minister

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Dear Friends,

TABCOM is training, preparing, and ordaining new leaders for our churches and beyond. Pastor Victoria Pina, serving at First Baptist Church in Hanson and a graduate of the TABCOM School of Ministry writes:

“My experience at TABCOM School of Ministry helped to equip me with the foundational skills necessary for ordained ministry. I felt loved, encouraged and appreciated by my teachers and peers. As a minister in the ordination process, TABCOM leaders provided me with wisdom, guidance and support. I am blessed and humbled to serve as a pastor in the American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts.”

In 2023, TABCOM will ordain or grant standing to 12 ministry leaders, with 28 more “in the pipeline.” As a clergy shortage looms, we are working to provide our churches with well-prepared leadership for the future.

TABCOM training and equipping events provide important resources to church leaders. Chris McWhite shares:

“For me, TABCOM is a supportive resource, campsite for the faithful, gathering of passionate Christians, and active supply for future faith leaders and visionaries. By supporting TABCOM, I believe we will soon witness a very tangible exacting of John 14:12 in Massachusetts and beyond.”

Through events like Church Leadership Day, Annual Gathering, Missionworks, and many more (in person and online) we are providing the tools and inspiration our churches need to meet the challenges of ministry in our post-pandemic world.

TABCOM provides guidance and resources for churches seeking new ministry leadership. And, as churches seek renewal, TABCOM provides opportunities for consultation to support new directions, health, and vitality.

This year, TABCOM assisted 18 churches with the search-and-call process. Currently, six TABCOM churches are working with Associate Executive Minister, Ron Bouthillette in church revitalization.

TABCOM grants support for important upgrades to church facilities, such as accessibility upgrades at First Baptist Church of Lynn. Church leader, Dexter Bishop, writes:

“FBC of Lynn is grateful to TABCOM for supporting our building accessibility project. These necessary ramp and facility improvements have benefitted the six congregations who call FBC home and have made it possible for all people to participate in worship, enjoy fellowship, and access food pantry and community services.”

These are just a few examples of how TABCOM is uniting and equipping churches to make disciples of Jesus. We are indeed “Churches Better Together.”

When you support the mission of TABCOM, you share in these and many other vital ministries.