

## **AFFIRMING**

- Serve Local Churches as fundamental unit of Mission
- Provide pastoral needs for local churches
- Network Churches in Mission
- Share local Ministry Stories
  - Green Shoots
  - Emails
  - Conversations
- Church Celebrations
  - Installation Services
  - Ordination Services
  - Historical Anniversaries
- Provide accurate record keeping data bases and files
- Provide yearbook/directory to local churches
- Assist in creating unity as American Baptists with other Christian Communities

## **SUPPORTING**

- Assist local churches in calling Pastoral Leadership
  - Counsel the Search Committee
  - Identify potential Pastoral candidates
  - Relate to seminaries, AIM, Bible Schools, para-church organizations
  - Provide background checks
  - Encourage pastors to meet ABC/USA ordination standards
- Assist local churches in conflict resolution
- Assist churches in finding Ministry resources
- Assist local churches in Mission Stewardship
- Assist Auxiliary Organizations

## **CHALLENGING**

- Motivate local churches to honor Christ's mandate for the whole Gospel for the whole World
- Challenge the Associations in the work of the Gospel
- Encourage mission engagement at all levels
- Build relationships with local churches
- Preach Biblical Sermons
- Help congregations understand trends and best practices
- Identify and provide resources which challenge local churches in mission
- Help congregations in missional learning experiences
- Provide ABC/USA Resources
- Provide experiences of fellowship, i.e. Annual Meeting

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Baptist Youth Camp

China Lake Camp

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Ministers Council

# American Baptist Churches of Maine



## PURPOSE:

**“To further the cause of  
our Divine Redeemer  
through cooperative  
ministry by affirming,  
supporting, and challenging  
the local church in  
mission.”**