

Engage 2027

Whether you are a pastor or church leader new to American Baptist Churches USA, a seminarian, or serving as a chaplain or specialized minister, we are excited to have the chance to introduce you to brothers and sisters in Christ and to help you ENGAGE with the amazing partners and opportunities our American Baptist denominational family has to offer.



Our denomination is incredibly diverse in a great many ways. Like any family, we come from different places, hold different perspectives, and pursue different priorities in our attempts to love God and neighbor. While we acknowledge and celebrate our diversity, the purpose of this ENGAGE event is to highlight opportunities for unity and connection. We want to help you discover the opportunities that will make you proud to declare, “I AM AN AMERICAN BAPTIST!”

Our calling as followers of Jesus and ministers of the gospel isn’t always easy. As we welcome you into our family, we want to help you to ENGAGE with the various partners within our denomination that can serve you to help lighten the load and make you more effective. There is space at our table for you!

Engage is an event for: - American Baptist seminarians in their second or third year - Pastors ordained by other denominations, hired by ABC Churches - Others: Lay ministers, chaplains, and specialized ministry persons who have not yet attended ENGAGE.

We want leaders new to ABC life to ENGAGE our American Baptist family personally, professionally, and socially as together we seek to serve the Lord in your communities and in the world.

Who is Eligible to Attend Engage 2027?

- Seminarians in their second or third year
- Pastors ordained by other denominations, hired by American Baptist churches
- Lay ministers, licensed ministers, chaplains, and specialized ministry persons who have not yet attended Engage/Orientation to American Baptist Life

Is there Economic Support Provided for Engage 2027 Participants?

All registrants pay a \$100.00 registration fee as their investment toward all they will receive through Engage 2027, and to help offset the cost of the event. Seminarians and pastors are encouraged to reach out to their Regional Executive Ministers for information on additional resources.

Yes! For all Engage participants, the denomination will cover:

- Biennial Mission Summit registration fee.
- Four nights of housing, based on shared occupancy of two persons per room.
 - Another Engage participant may be requested as a roommate, or a roommate will be assigned.
 - Single rooms or rooms shared with persons not attending Engage may be obtained if the participant pays half of the room cost.
- Meals provided

- Special group meals for Engage participants will be determined once the Biennial a Mission Summit schedule is finalized. We expect to gather for at least 2 meals together on-site each day.

Seminarians will receive a travel reimbursement of \$200 following the event.

When may American Baptist Universities and Seminaries and American Baptist Regions submit the names of eligible participants?

Seminaries, Colleges and Universities are asked to submit names and contact information by September 21, 2026 to the following email: Engage@abc-usa.org. The Engage 2027 team will contact eligible participants with additional information and a formal invitation. Please send name (including applicable title), email address, mailing address, and cell phone number.

When does the Engage program begin and end?

The Engage program runs concurrent with the Biennial Mission Summit. The program will begin with lunch on Thursday, June 10, 2027, and will conclude Sunday, June 13, 2027 at the conclusion of evening worship. Participants are expected to be available for the entire scheduled program.

Please contact Engage@abc-usa.org with any questions.