

Working Together – Building Up the Body

The Mission and Vision Statement
Of the Mid-American Baptist Churches

Our Mission

Called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to embody and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as Lord, Mid-American Baptist Churches is a covenanting association of American Baptist churches in Minnesota and Iowa. We are interdependent and diverse congregations and individuals working and praying together to build up the Body of Christ.

Our Vision

As prayerful stewards of God's resources and in partnership with others we commit to:
(in no particular priority)

- Nurturing individuals to excel in leadership by
 - ◆ Assisting in the identification and recruitment of quality church leadership
 - ◆ Caring for professional church leaders
 - ◆ Training and equipping leaders to face the challenges of presenting the Good News in new and varied ways
- Providing enrichment opportunities for spiritual formation by
 - ◆ Offering quality camps, conferences and other events
 - ◆ Celebrating our American Baptist heritage and continuing to develop our American Baptist identity
- Encouraging biblical reflection and action by
 - ◆ Supporting individuals and churches in identifying and responding to justice issues
 - ◆ Engaging in dialogue with other people of faith
 - ◆ Modeling authentic Christian community
- Nurturing ministries and mission by
 - ◆ Planting new churches/ministries
 - ◆ Promoting stewardship of life and ministry
 - ◆ Encouraging and equipping congregations for transformation in our changing world
 - ◆ Challenging and providing opportunities for individuals and churches to engage in mission
 - ◆ Providing an effective network for communication and ministry

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