



AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH
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SEVEN PILLARS OF EFFECTIVENESS
“DISCERNING YOUR CONGREGATIONS FUTURE”

THEME SONG: “THE CHURCH’S ONE FOUNDATION”

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- 1. Leadership Empowerment**
How to nurture faithful leaders who effectively mobilize God’s people for kingdom-building.
- 2. Children and Disciple-Making**
How to nurture and support children in their efforts to become committed disciples of Christ
- 3. Evangelism (Congregational Growth)**
How to share the Good News so that souls are won and lives are changed for Jesus Christ
- 4. Envisioning for the 21st Century Church**
How to envision change that will facilitate the development and maintenance of healthy ministries
- 5. Mission At Your Doorstep**
How to make a powerful impact on the social, economic, and educational challenges within the local community
- 6. Youth and Mentoring**
How to help youth build a foundation of faith that will continue their Christian growth into adulthood
- 7. Stewardship**
How to use the world’s resources within God’s plan; putting insight into practice

**EVERY ABC CONGREGATION
A DISCIPLE-MAKING COMMUNITY**

The gifts [Christ] gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastor and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ...

...Ephesians 4:11-12

****Targeted Audience: Clergy,
Deacons, Trustees, Christian
Education Leaders
General Membership**