

## The Rex A. Rogers (Biography)

The Rev. Rex Rogers is no stranger to The Great Rivers Region of American Baptists. He has been a part of this region since he became pastor of the First Baptist Church, Belvidere, IL in June, 1992. During his 22 years as pastor at Belvidere he was also involved with churches in Area I and, most recently, as a Pastoral Care Consultant with Judson University, has been in touch with many more churches of our region.

Rev. Rogers is a native of Indiana where he also found his wife, Constance. They have two grown children, a boy and a girl, both of whom are married and have presented them with three grand-children.

Rex is an American Baptist by choice. His earlier years were involved with other denominations where he found Christ and was nurtured in his faith. But, when choosing where to invest his life, he felt God's leading to ABC-USA "because of its emphasis on missions and the associational process." Beginning during seminary days he has frequently attended cluster, associational and area meetings as part of his learning process.

The educational attainments of Rev. Rogers include, a Bachelor's degree from Purdue University, a Masters of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry from Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Lombard, IL. He has served as both a Minister of Youth and a Campus Minister. He is currently a member of the GRR Regional Board of Ministry, a member of the Board of Directors of Green Lake Conference Center and a member of Judson University's President's Advisory Council.

For many years, Rex has had an interest in the work of Area Ministers, and describes this interest as a "call." This interest was demonstrated when he chose the subject for his Doctoral Dissertation. It was on *"how pastors can be contacted and supported by Area Ministers"* in an efficient and effective way. This interest and his obvious excitement for this ministry was no doubt part of what impressed the search committee.

The search committee nominates The Rev. Rex A. Rogers as our choice for Area Minister for Areas I & III of the Great Rivers Region.