



*American Baptist Churches of the
Great Rivers Region*

We, the churches of the Great Rivers Region of the American Baptist Churches, are committed to building healthy congregations and healthy leaders in partnership with Jesus Christ to transform the world.

Therefore, affirming a shared faith in God, our Sovereign Creator, in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Sustainer, we covenant to:

- **Commit** to praying for one another in every dimension of our relationships
- **Seek** the wondrous movement of the Holy Spirit in all that we do, so that our congregations and Region will flourish
- **Engage** the mission of our Region with our participation and financial support
- **Connect** our congregations with resources available from our national and global American Baptist partners
- **Celebrate** our unique identity as American Baptists by sharing our history, mission, and stories with all generations throughout our Region
- **Encourage** a sense of belonging by fostering healthy relationships among clergy, between congregations, and throughout the Region
- **Call** pastors and leaders committed to our American Baptist values and mission

- **Recognize** our multifaceted diversity as a strength, allowing us to work across our differences in shared mission
- **Engage** in multi-generational ministry
- **Work** to overcome injustice and bias, listening to all voices including those on the margin, to create a beloved community
- **Respond** to societal hurts and natural disasters as they arise
- **Engage** in authentic partnerships and courageous conversations that strengthen our faith, minds and spiritual connection to Jesus Christ

- **Stand** by our local churches in seasons of transition, crisis and transformation, and
- **Build** collaborative partnerships in support of area, regional and national ministries.

**We covenant to embody and share the redeeming message
of Jesus Christ in everything we do.**