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We are calling on our members and friends to generously support the ***Together In Ministry (TIM) Fund*** to effectively support and encourage our pastors and ministerial leaders as they discern God's will and provide congregational leadership in the power of God's Spirit.

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"A cord of three strands is not quickly torn apart."

Ecclesiastes 4:12

In 2002, with a significant grant from the Lily Endowment, The Ministers Council, ABCUSA, implemented an effort to sustain pastoral excellence called ***TOGETHER IN MINISTRY (TIM)***.

Pastors and ministerial leaders were invited to organize into covenantal peer learning groups recognizing that through mutual accountability, support, and collegial relationships, tremendous benefits were realized. Ministers realized:

- Enhanced preaching, teaching, and leadership skills
- Gained a more positive perspective of self and congregation
- Experienced greatly reduced levels of stress and improved personal health

Contrary to the life-sapping experiences of the "Lone Ranger" minister, thousands of TIM participants flourished, recognizing first hand that successful ministers cultivate consistent collegial relationships.

The subsidy of the Lily Endowment ended in 2013, but the success of TIM has motivated us to establish the TIM Fund



to create a sustainable means to continue this initiative in ways that will ensure pastoral excellence for years to come. We need your support to make it possible for the positive results of this integral and impactful ministry continues.

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Together in Ministry Fund

To provide long-term financial support for Together in Ministry, The Ministers Council, ABCUSA, has established the ***Together in Ministry (TIM) Fund*** to ensure the funding of:

- Scholarships for new covenant groups with limited resources
- Educational resources
- Sponsored TIM group gatherings
- Associated administrative expenses

