

Clergy Appreciation Month

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And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" Romans 10:15 NIV

Dear American Baptist Clergy,

During Clergy Appreciation Month, I offer my heartfelt gratitude for the sacred work you do and the countless ways you faithfully serve God's people. Thank you for the love and care you share with our churches, regions, seminaries, colleges, and throughout our denomination.

There are moments when your service brings great joy—when you witness lives transformed, communities strengthened, and people discovering renewed hope. There are also seasons of uncertainty and weariness that may not always be visible to those you serve. Yet, your dedication to share the gospel and to serve is steadfast.

You preach the Word, offer a listening ear, visit the sick, comfort those who grieve, celebrate with those who rejoice, advocate for those in need, and create spaces where people feel the love and grace of God. Through your leadership, you help congregations and communities discern where God is calling them and remind us that the Church is called to be a living witness of Christ in the world. Whether you serve in a congregation, region, chaplaincy, spiritual caregivers, world campus ministry, nonprofit, or another ministry

setting, your faithfulness matters. Your leadership is inspiring. Your ministry builds community. You are an ambassador for Christ.

As you pour into others, I pray that you will also make room for God to pour into you. May you experience time for rest, renewal, joy, and holy encouragement. May you remember that you do not carry the work of ministry alone. We are part of the body of Christ, our American Baptist Family, connected by our faith, our calling, and our shared commitment to participate in God's mission.

Thank you for answering God's call. Thank you for your generous spirit, courage, compassion, perseverance, and faithful witness. May God strengthen you for the journey, renew your spirit, and remind you each day that the work you offer in faith has eternal significance

With deep gratitude and prayer,

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