

# NEW LIFE 2010:

## Rejoicing in Individual and Congregational Transformation

If the mission of NEW LIFE 2010 sounds profoundly faith-driven and ambitious, that's because it responds to a Gospel that calls us to be nothing less.

A denomination-wide challenge to reach 1,000,010 new disciples, plant 1,010 new churches, and vitalize a multitude of caring ministries, NEW LIFE 2010 has inspired American Baptists to reach out in evangelism, discipleship training, church planting and renewal during this first decade of the new millennium.

National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA organized the initial planning that produced the ambitious NEW LIFE 2010 goals. And National Ministries continues to dedicate significant programming,

staffing and other resources to the initiative to make the transformational ministry a reality for American Baptists.

Just as it did in such programs as the Evangelistic Life Style emphasis in the 1970s and the church planting "500 More By '94" campaign,



National Ministries is providing churches and individuals with tools to share Christ and renew His church through NEW LIFE 2010.

"Each believer who wants to can be part of NEW LIFE 2010 in whatever way God desires to use his or her gifts," says the Rev. Carol F. Sutton, national coordinator. "NEW LIFE 2010 is a grassroots movement that begins within individual Christians who claim the power of the Spirit and follow the Spirit's leading to discern where they fit."

Because evangelism, church planting and congregational transformation are fundamental ministries in our local, regional and denominational service for Christ, American Baptists are eager to be part of—and rejoice in—the work that makes them successful.

"People are thrilled to hear how God can use them and others for wonderful purposes," Sutton says. "There is a hunger to hear the NEW LIFE 2010 stories of American Baptists."

**For information and resources about NEW LIFE 2010—including evangelism, church planting and congregational transformation—e-mail [Carol.Sutton@abc-usa.org](mailto:Carol.Sutton@abc-usa.org), phone 800-ABC-3USA, ext. 2425, or visit [www.nationalministries.org](http://www.nationalministries.org).**

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## National Ministries partners with American Baptist Colleges and Seminaries

Scripture calls us to honor God by cultivating vital, growing and discerning minds—“making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding,” as Solomon advises in Proverbs. National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA and its predecessor organizations have taken seriously this challenging call by supporting resources and relationships that affirm and encourage quality higher education.

This ministry enables emerging lay and clergy leaders as they bring witness—and wisdom—to bear in the world. Today the 16 colleges and universities and 10 theological seminaries related to American Baptist Churches USA through National Ministries emphasize that the wonders of God’s world and the discernments of God’s gift of grace are integrally related.



American Baptist support of educational institutions was begun not only to cultivate wisdom, but also to complement other biblical imperatives calling for justice and

equality. Among the schools established for freed people following the Civil War, Shaw University and Virginia Union University have maintained their partnership with National Ministries. Another partner, Bacone College, founded in 1880 for Native Americans, is the oldest institution of higher education in Oklahoma.

Relationships with seminaries—begun with such now-venerable northern institutions as Andover Newton Theological School and Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School—grew over time and location to include the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico and The Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology in Richmond.

National Ministries provides tangible support for American Baptists through the Office of Financial Aid for Studies, which offers assistance for students enrolled in undergraduate, graduate and seminary programs. Conferences that introduce seminarians to the structure and resources of American Baptist Churches USA are held biennially, too.

Through its commitment to partnerships in higher education, National Ministries remains faithfully “attentive to wisdom” in supporting the intellectual growth of American Baptists.

**For more information on American Baptist-related colleges, universities and seminaries, visit [www.nationalministries.org](http://www.nationalministries.org).**

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