

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST NORTHWEST REGION

Membership Covenant

The NAB Northwest Region exists to resource, network and enable partner churches to become disciple-making healthy congregations to the glory of God.

What to expect from the NABNW: We will come alongside the local church to assist in the following areas:

- 1. Strengthening the Disciple-Making Health of the Local Church:** *The NABNW will come alongside the local church to help assess health, provide consultation, coaching, and tools to strengthen the disciple-making health of the church.*
- 2. Developing Leaders:** *The NABNW is committed to coming alongside the local church to help in the development of leaders in the local church for the local church. The region has developed the Cascade School of Theology that is a partnership with Sioux Falls Seminary to provide master's level theological training for pastors, church planters, missionaries, and gospel workers of all kinds that is affordable and in the context of the local church.*
- 3. Church Planting:** *The NABNW will come alongside the local church to provide guidance, training, assessment, and resources in planting new churches. The NABNW will develop and resource ethnic ministry toward the vision of multiplying ethnic congregation throughout the region.*
- 4. Caring for Pastors:** *The NABNW will come alongside the local church to care for, encourage, and equip pastors and elders to effectively shepherd the local church.*
- 5. Strategic Partnerships:** *The NABNW will seek strategic partnership with likeminded churches and organizations, creating synergy for the mission that we could not generate alone, in order to accomplish the mission God has given our region.*

An NABNW Congregation Will: Partner NABNW churches will commit to the following:

1. We will adhere to the NAB Conference statement of faith and affirmation of marriage.
2. We will pray for, encourage, and support one another regularly and in times of difficulty.
3. We will be willing to serve on the NABNW leadership teams when feasible.
4. We will cooperate with NABNW efforts in Strengthening the Disciple-making health of Churches, Developing Leaders, Planting Churches, and Caring for Pastors.
5. We will to the best of our ability send delegates to the annual meeting for mutual encouragement and counsel.
6. We will participate in resourcing events for pastors and leaders when possible.
7. We will contribute to the financial support of the NABNW's annual operating budget.
8. We will participate, when feasible, in greater NAB Conference initiatives.