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Dear Arizona ABCOFLASH friends:

Hello! I hope this finds you well. As you may have heard, our ABCFLASH Executive Minister, Rev. Andy Quient, is sadly retiring in Spring 2026. We will miss Rev. Andy and will pray for him and his family in the new era of life that is approaching.

As part of the search process for a new Executive Minister, the ABCOFLASH Board — which is also the Search Committee — will hold a Focus Group here in Phoenix on Saturday, November 8. Lunch will be included. The session starts at 11 a.m. and will continue until 2 p.m. at Monte Vista Baptist Church, Phoenix, 2409 N. 36<sup>th</sup> Street.

Our American Baptist region takes Arizona seriously, and really wants your input in the prayerful, deliberate process of choosing the next Executive Minister. It is important to share our vision, hopes and concerns with those who will be selecting the next Executive Minister.

Please consider attending the listening session, and encourage congregants of all ages, backgrounds, and walks of life to do so as well! The more information the Search Committee has, the better. It would be wonderful to have a couple of people from each congregation at the session.

Please note that reservations are required so that we can gauge which congregations are participating and have an accurate count for lunch. Lunch matters. [Click here to make your reservation](#) or call Debbie Gentry at 818-839-6069, email [exec@abcoflash.org](mailto:exec@abcoflash.org). For more information, go to <https://abcoflash.org/search>.

There is also a survey that we encourage all congregants to fill out, whether or not they are attending the listening session: [ABCOFLASH Executive Minister Survey - Search Committee](#)

We hope to see you there.

*ABCOFLASH Search Committee &  
Paul Gibson, Regional Resource Minister/Arizona*