



Dear San Diego ABCOFLASH friends:

November 2025

Hello! I hope this finds you well on a pleasantly overcast Monday. 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 listening session here in San Diego on Thursday, November 13. Lunch will be included. The session starts at 11 a.m. and will continue for several hours. OB One Church in Ocean Beach has very kindly agreed to host the listening session on November 13 at 11 a.m. The address is: 1969 Sunset Cliffs Boulevard. San Diego, California 92107.

Our American Baptist region takes San Diego seriously, and really wants our input in the prayerful, deliberate process of choosing the next Executive Minister. We here in greater San Diego understand that we have particular ministry concerns, such as a very large active-duty military and veteran population; the fact that we are a border community, and have many ties of family, church, and mission with Baja California; our substantial immigrant and refugee communities; ongoing challenges with cost of living, housing affordability and homelessness; and our deep support for international missions. 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 registration is required, so that there is a sense of which congregations are taking part, and an accurate count for lunch. Lunch matters.

For more information and the registration link, 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](#)

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