

✝ **Discipleship Partners** share a deep commitment to the church and to the crucial role that local congregations play in shaping disciples of Jesus Christ.

✝ **Discipleship Partners** can assist your congregation by providing resources and by serving as consultants to assist in your Christian education and discipleship ministry.

✝ **Discipleship Partners** are available to consult with your church to help you:

- assess your current teaching ministry
- develop mission and vision statements
- meet the challenges you face in helping people grow as disciples.

✝ **Discipleship Partners** are trained and supported through a partnership between the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut and the Discipleship and Education Ministry Center of National Ministries.

When a Discipleship Partner comes to your church, you are invited to help pay their travel expenses. The amount is negotiable.



Shawn Buskey is a member of the Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church in Hamden. Her passion is reaching children and youth for

Christ and helping equip others who minister to children and youth through various ministries. Her workshop specialties include:

- *Discipling Children and Youth*
- *Helping Children and Youth Connect the Bible to their World*
- *Sharing the Gospel Creatively through Your Lessons*



Mary Brodhead is a member of the Noank Baptist Church and has been involved in Christian Education and Discipleship for all of her ministry. Her

passion right now includes the following workshops:

- *Identifying and Using Your Gifts*
- *Being Sustained and Sustaining Others*
- *Healing Prayer*
- *Small Group Bible Study*
- *Educational Ministry Vision and Evaluation*

Joyce Blandon is a member of Christian Tabernacle Baptist Church in Hamden. She is the 2008 incoming President of ABCCONN.



Her specialty workshops are the following:

- *Leadership as Enabling*
- *Deacon as Servant*
- *Teaching Basics*
- *Teaching the Bible to Children*
- *Maximizing Adult Small Group Discussion*

Tricia Baker is a member of the First Baptist Church of Mansfield. She has a B.A. from Taylor University in Social Work, a MSW from Southern Seminary



in Church Social Work and has worked in many different fields of social work for 28 years. Her workshop strengths include:

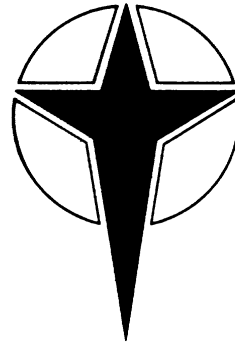
- *Christian Parenting*
- *Personal Safety for Kids*
- *Life Choices for Teens*
- *Meaningful Worship for Children*
- *Christians and Depression*
- *Program Development Based on a Need or Interest*

“...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God...” *Ephesians 4:12*

✝ **Discipleship Partners** are trained to lead workshops in your congregation in order to assist in your Christian Education and Discipleship Ministry. Here are some examples of workshops:

- *Identifying and Using Your Gifts to serve the Church and its Mission*
- *The Disciple-Making Church*
- *Motivating and Inviting Volunteer Leaders*
- *Evaluating the Church's Educational Ministries*
- *Basics for Teaching Children, Youth, and Adults*
- *Teaching the Bible to Children*
- *Children and Worship*
- *Nurturing Faith in Families*
- *Choosing Teaching Methods*
- *The Bible and Personal Growth*
- *Intergenerational Ministry*
- *Planning the Total Church's Educational Program.*
- *Session Planning for Teachers*
- *Technology and Education*
- *Ministry with Senior Adults*

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For more information or to request a Discipleship Partner for your church, please call the ABCCONN office and the Coordinators will see that your request is fulfilled.

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... you need resources for a young adult small group?

... your church needs a new vision for its teaching ministry?

... you want to train new teachers and leaders?

... people are asking you to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ?

