

PACIFIC COAST BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

- ◆ is a group of congregations, laity and pastors who have joined together to form an association of Baptists on the Pacific Coast.
- ◆ is committed to continuing the ministry and mission of Jesus Christ.
- ◆ affirms the traditional Baptist Freedoms:
 - Bible Freedom
 - Soul Freedom
 - Church Freedom
 - Religious Freedom
- ◆ supports the right of each individual and each local church to respond to the call of God as led by the Holy Spirit, AND respects the integrity of each congregation's vision of mission and ministry.
- ◆ affirms the five common criteria of American Baptist Churches USA.

WHY DO WE COME TOGETHER?

We come for renewal of Spirit, cooperation in common ministries and service, education, and worship. Monthly gatherings, common mission projects, joint youth ministry, and an annual conference, bind us together.

Our Focus: Mission

American Baptist United Mission

As part of the American Baptist family we support national and international ministries through our regular gifts.

American Baptist Seminary of the West

We strongly believe in the equipping and educating of leaders for the church.

Annual Spring Conference

Members from over 20 churches gather for growth opportunities in mind, body and spirit through guest preachers, topical seminars, special music, and worship reflecting the diverse nature of our faith and life together.

Coalition of Bay Area Youth (CBAY)

CBAY is a network of American Baptist Youth from the Bay Area providing opportunities for American Baptist teens of diverse backgrounds to fellowship, play, worship and learn about God with other Bay Area Christians.

Participate in the Ministers Council of The Greater Bay Area

With a wide range of ABC pastors, we join together to discuss our roles in ministry, participate in small focus groups, and to provide encouragement for the work of ministry.

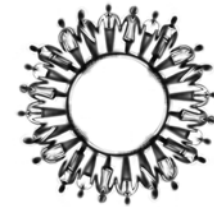
Special Mission Projects

Philippine Book Mission
Seafarers Ministry of the Golden Gate

FREEDOM OF CONGREGATIONAL ASSOCIATION

PCBA is an association of Baptist churches that have made a commitment to be in relationship with one another, regardless of other relationships they may have with other groups, such as The Alliance of Baptists, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, Local Interfaith Councils, the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America, etc.

PCBA believes that each local congregation is free under God to follow the leading of God's Spirit in biblical interpretation, mission and ministry.



HOW ARE WE SUPPORTED?

Prayer is a key ingredient of our support for each other. As an independent association of churches, PCBA is financed as member congregations give some of their budgeted "American Baptist Mission Support" funds directly to PCBA, and by generous individual gifts.

CONTRIBUTIONS to "PCBA" are tax deductible and can be sent to our Treasurer, c/o Pacific Coast Baptist Association, 200 La Casa Via, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

PCBA ROOTS:

Our roots come from a group called Baptists Lunching Together. BLT first met in 1997 in Oakland as a luncheon fellowship alternative to local clusters. The Group included pastors and laity who sought more diverse and inclusive relationships.

Most gatherings are held monthly at Grand Lake Gardens Retirement Community (401 Santa Clara Avenue, Oakland). Occasional dinner gatherings are rotated among areas outside Oakland.

BLT has grown in regular attendance from 8 in the early days, to around 40 or more now. An Ad Hoc Steering committee formed to envision something new. They developed the Pacific Coast Baptist Association.

PCBA operates under a set of By-laws, with an elected board of directors and advisory members. The Board is by design a representative and racially diverse group.

Monthly lunches are an integral part of our community life. Past guest speakers have included denominational leaders such as Roy Medley, Dan Weiss, Kate Harvey, Sumner Grant, Dr. Keith Russell, Dr. J. Alfred Smith, and other local pastors and educators.

For a schedule of Upcoming Lunches visit our website (www.pcba.org) or contact Joan Thatcher at (510) 843-4656.

AFFILIATED CHURCHES

- First Baptist Church Berkeley
- First Baptist ChurchChico
- Fairview Community Church
..... Costa Mesa
- Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church
..... Oakland
- First Baptist Church Oakland
- First Baptist Church Palo Alto
- Dolores Street Baptist Church
..... San Francisco
- Grace Baptist Church..... San Jose
- New Community of Faith..... San Jose
- Shell Ridge Community Church
..... Walnut Creek

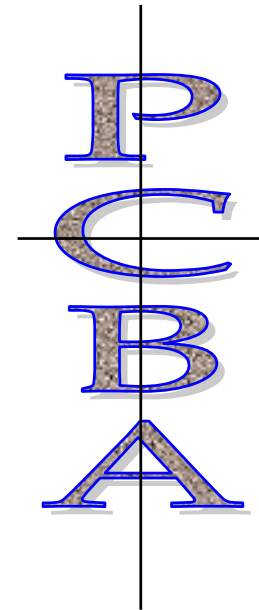
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