

## Alliance of Baptists Representative Report

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Maybe you don't know a lot about the Alliance of Baptists, but if you appreciate the CABF's history and posture in the world, it's a safe bet that you'd benefit from time spent with these Baptist friends from the South. The A o B takes Baptist distinctives seriously and lives this out with a plucky commitment to historical reckoning, deep learning, global justice, and local action. For over 30 years these progressive Baptists have practiced the discipline of sitting with hard truths, sharing their reflections, adjusting their practices along the way.

In recent years I have attended two Alliance of Baptist Gatherings and the affinity I've felt in the room with these folks has been palpable (Dr. Anne Bellamy joined me for the second event and I think she'd agree). It is refreshing to see our Baptist voice focused with such zeal and thoughtfulness. The next in-person Gathering of the Alliance of Baptists is March 28-30 in Washington D.C., with Keynote Speaker Rev. Dr. Wil Gafney.

Given the commitment and expense of a trip to a place like Washington D.C. it makes sense to first dip your toes in the water to get a sense of what the A o B is all about. At <https://allianceofbaptists.org> you'll find links to their regular online events which gather voices to focus attention on challenging theological and social issues. These Baptists go at this work with courage and humility, naming our blind spots and listening for the prophetic voices calling us to do better. I look forward to future opportunities to connect with the A o B, and I am hopeful that we CABF friends can find ways to partner with them in days ahead.