

American Baptist Churches of Vermont and New Hampshire

Mission at Our Doorstep: Renewal, Restoration, and New Beginnings

Rev. Dale Edwards: First Identity

"As one might suspect, for myself the new year has begun with a bit of reflection. My thoughts and tasks are now woven with the knowledge that in several months my tenure as the regional executive minister will end."

Read more [here](#).

2023 Annual Gathering

Friday, March 17th - Saturday, March 18th
Fireside Inn and Suites, West Lebanon NH

The Annual Gathering will be here in two weeks. If you haven't already registered, time is running short, so please make your plans.

Friday, March 3rd (today) is the last day to register for child care. The deadline to register for meals is Wednesday, March 8th. If you want to come and don't need meals or child care, we can accept your [online](#) or mailed registrations until Tuesday, March 14.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call the Region office: 603-790-8044.

Hope to see you at the Gathering!

[Register Before It's Too Late!](#)



We recognize that small-town churches can't escape the genuine and painful problems that face rural North America. At the same time, many Jesus' followers across rural regions are uncovering exciting possibilities as they explore creative and practical approaches to loving their neighbors. Fresh Expressions is putting on a unique training experience tailored to the needs of rural church leaders this coming April 21 & 22.

Rural Revival Summit is a two-day digital event that will introduce you to other ministry leaders serving in small-town and rural contexts to provide examples and inspiration for being the Church and addressing the needs within your community. This is a unique opportunity for Rural Church Leaders to explore new ways of being church, for and with people who have no church.

Our region has been given a code ABC10 to get discounted tickets. Sign up for this unique event today at [FreshExpressions.com/ruralrevivalsummit!](https://FreshExpressions.com/ruralrevivalsummit)

Region Offering Update

The Region Offering last year was \$96,000. Our goal was \$83,000. We appreciate the generosity already shown this year.

Donations for Ukraine

Thank you for giving so generously! Our donations for the last year have totaled \$85,141.55.

Book Recommendation

Rev. Dale Edwards recommends reading: "[Nonverts: The making of ex-Christian America](#)" by Stephen Bullivant.

Nonverts explores who they are, and why they joined the rising tide of the ex-religious. One of world's leading experts on contemporary atheism and nonreligiosity, sociologist and theologian Stephen Bullivant draws on dozens of interviews, original analysis of high-quality survey data, and a wealth of cutting-edge studies, to present an entertaining and insightful exploration of America's ex-religious landscape. Bullivant criss-crosses the country, talking to everyone from ex-Mormons in Utah to ex-Catholics in Pennsylvania, from ex-Evangelicals in Georgia to ex-Muslims in California, showing not only what they have in common but also how the traditions they left behind continue to shape them.

The chapters on mainline Protestantism and American Evangelicalism would be of most interest to American Baptists.



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