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**American Baptist Women's Ministries of Ohio
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Rev. Ripley is an ABCUSA International Ministries Missionary serving in Chiang Mai, Thailand and is working on a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling with a specialization in Art Therapy. She will be in her second year of this three-year program from Lesley University in Boston, MA. The coursework for this low residency program is completed mostly via distance learning and she will complete her internship in Thailand.

Kit holds her US church membership at Kenwood Baptist Church in Cincinnati, OH and considers this her "home church". Rev. Dr. David Palmer is the lead pastor at Kenwood. When she is in Thailand, she attends the Chiang Mai Community Church, which is a member congregation in the Church of Christ in Thailand denomination. (The "CCT" denomination and was founded by and maintains an association with American Baptist Churches, USA, the Presbyterian Church USA and the Disciples of Christ. It is the hosting church body that provides Kit's visa and work permit that allow her to work in Thailand.)

Church activities for Kit include: FOCUS (Fellowship of Christians in Universities and Schools); InterVarsity; Youth Leader and church Deacon at United Baptist Church in Lewiston, ME (ABCUSA); Pastor to Senior Adults at First United Methodist Church in Pasadena CA; Small Group Leader at First Baptist Church, Pasadena, CA; Office Manager at San Marino Congregational Church, pulpit supply in ABC Ohio, Small Group Leader at Kenwood Baptist Church in Cincinnati, OH; Chair of the Leadership Team at Chiang Mai Community Church. Kit was ordained in the ABCUSA in 2002 at Kenwood Baptist Church.