

MISSION RECEIPT INSTRUCTIONS

- A. Please make all checks payable to:
“AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES.”
- B. In filling in the report, use ball point pen so that it is legible. We suggest that you make a copy of the receipt for your records. Once a quarter, the national offices will send each giving church four Monthly Report of Mission Support forms, four envelopes addressed to ABCUSA and a statement of the church’s giving. Please check your records against the statement.
- C. To be certain your church receives credit for the gift, fill in the six spaces at the top of page on the left.
- D. In the box below “Send receipt to” fill in the name, address and zip code to whom the receipt is to be sent.
- E. AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT column at right.
- Using the giving category definitions, determine the classification of each gift, and enter totals for each class on the appropriate lines.
 - The sum of lines 1 through 11 must equal the amount of your check, entered on the line marked REMITTANCE TOTAL. If you have sent gift directly to an organization, do NOT report it on this form.

- F. DETAIL DESCRIPTIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR AMOUNTS ON LINES 3, 5 and 7 through 11 to help ensure funds are distributed to the intended recipient.
- Do not write in column marked “Leave Blank.”
 - LINE column.
Fill in the line number(s) covering a particular gift, (e.g. Use “3” for United Mission Designations, “8” for Institutional Support, etc.).
 - ORGANIZATION column.
Enter the initials of the organization to receive the gift, (e.g. ‘IM’ for International Ministries; ‘NM’ for National Ministries; ‘CT’ for the American Baptist Churches of Connecticut; etc.). Leave this column blank if the gift is on line 8 for Institutional Support.
 - FOR WHAT WORK OR MISSIONARY column.
Fill in the project, missionary, or institution for whom the gift is to be used.
 - AMOUNT column.
Fill in the exact dollar amount of each gift.

American Baptist Mission Support (ABMS)



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GIVING CATEGORY

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UNITED MISSION

United Mission contributions provide the largest portion of support and are the very foundation for all American Baptist Mission. These contributions are reported on lines UMB through UMD of the Monthly Report of Mission Support form. They are distributed on a percentage basis according to the covenant agreement between Region organizations, International Ministries, National Ministries, Ministers & Missionaries Benefit Board, the Office of the General Secretary, and career development centers.

1. UNITED MISSION BASICS. Gifts to United Mission Basics (UMB) support all parts of our national and international mission effort as American Baptists. These gifts are vital and basic to the work of all of our American Baptist family.
2. UNITED MISSION ABWM LOVE GIFT. American Baptist Women make over-and-above contributions to Love Gift. A percentage of these contributions is used to support the work of the American Baptist Women, and the balance is divided in the same way as gifts to United Mission Basics.
3. UNITED MISSION DESIGNATIONS. United Mission Designations are contributions toward budgeted financial support of a particular mission board or program board, budgeted financial support of a particular missionary, or budgeted financial support in a particular area of mission. Such gifts provide money for the approved budget of participants. If you are not sure whether a program or missionary is in the approved budget, please contact the appropriate region or national office before designating your gift. If designated contributions exceed the budgeted amount, the church or donor is notified and given an opportunity to redirect the

funds. These gifts allow you to give directly to one or more purposes and still ensure that overall funding for all partners is maintained.

ANNUAL OFFERINGS

American Baptists promote and contribute to four annual offerings which provide financial support to the recipients in addition to support received from United Mission. The Annual Offerings are listed on lines AFC through RO on the Monthly Report of Mission Support form.

4. AMERICA FOR CHRIST. The America for Christ (AFC) offering is divided two thirds for the work of Mission in America through National Ministries, and one third for the work of the region.
5. WORLD MISSION OFFERING. The World Mission Offering (WMO) goes entirely for the work of Global Mission through International Ministries.
6. RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING. The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO) provides emergency relief and a “thank you” check to retired ministers and missionaries, administered by MMBB.
7. ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING. The One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) offering provides disaster relief and development assistance in the United States and overseas, administered by the American Baptist World Relief Committee.
8. REGIONAL OFFERING. Gifts given to the region to use at their discretion for the budget, or for a targeted purpose promoted by the region.
9. INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT. Gifts to American Baptist-related institutions in the United States which participate in the Institutional Support Process (ISP) are for their operating expenses. These institutions include seminaries, colleges, campus ministries, student aid for

colleges and seminaries, retirement homes, hospitals, children’s homes, and our national conference/training center (ABC) at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

10. TARGETED GIVING. Gifts given as the result of appeals by a mission partner for support of the operating budget or special projects.

11. SPECIFICS. Contributions to budget participants which provide money over-and-above their allocation from the United Mission and annual offering contributions. Contributions for validated local ministries are also included in this category. Gifts for a missionary’s personal use are NOT included here, but should be listed on line MO as a Miscellaneous Objective. Specifics should be cleared with the appropriate agency before making the contribution.

12. CAMPAIGNS FOR ABC WORK. These gifts are for campaigns conducted by recognized American Baptist institutions, by American Baptist Region organizations, and by national American Baptist organizations.

13. MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIVES. This category provides a channel for sending gifts to American Baptist missionaries for their personal use, as well as to the American Bible Society. Other non-ABC-related gifts should be sent directly to the organizations. Gifts in this category are treated as “pass-thrus” and are not tax deductible.