

UNITED MISSION

American Baptists are a people of mission. Mission describes who we are. Our United Mission ministry helps us be the hands and feet of Christ locally and throughout the world. United Mission unites us as American Baptists and helps us fund our total ministry. The total financial ministry of American Baptist Churches, USA is called American Baptist Mission Support (ABMS). The largest category of that support is called United Mission (UM).

United Mission allows the local church to join together with other American Baptist churches to do collectively what it cannot do on its own. The mission and ministry of ABCUSA depends upon the faithful support of UM by each local church.

UM supports our Region — which makes it possible for the region to provide more effective support for your church. With your UM giving, our region is able to provide:

- staffing for search committees;
- assistance resolving church conflicts;
- area ministers to maintain contact with individual pastors and with small groups of churches;
- resources to assist your church in growth and spiritual health; and
- education and training of pastors, youth and lay leaders in congregational empowerment.

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UM Giving also supports:

- The Office of the General Secretary
- American Baptist Men
- ABC Information Services
- American Baptist Women's Ministries
- National Ministries
- International Ministries
- Colleges, Seminaries, Hospitals, etc.
- Career Centers
- Mission Resource Development
- American Baptist Historical Society
- American Baptist Personnel Services
- Orientation to ABC Life

Each ABCCONN church is a covenanting partner of ABCUSA and part of that covenant includes support of United Mission through your annual budget.

**THANK YOU for your support
of United Mission.**

“Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.”

I Peter 4:10 NRSV

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UNITED MISSION and GIVING CATEGORY DEFINITIONS

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GIVING CATEGORY

DEFINITIONS

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.

“ . . . give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”
Luke 6:38NRSV