

# AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT and GIVING CATEGORIES

## UNITED MISSION

**United Mission:** These gifts support everything we do as American Baptists- 65% remains in Indiana/Kentucky and supports ministries of the region. The remaining 35% is shared with mission partners (i.e. International Ministries, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, Ministers & Missionaries Benefit Board, American Baptist Churches USA, etc.) according to a covenant agreement.

**Love Gift:** Gifts from local church American Baptist Women's Ministries organizations (but men are welcome to participate)- 15% of these contributions support the work of American Baptist Women's Ministries and the remaining 85% is shared like United Mission (above).

## ANNUAL OFFERINGS

**America for Christ Offering:** Supports the ministries of American Baptist Home Mission Societies (59%) and ABC-IN/KY (29%), after a 12% promotional cost. Typically promoted and received in February – March.

**One Great Hour of Sharing Offering:** Gifts provide disaster relief and development assistance in the United States and overseas, and are administered by the American Baptist World Relief Committee. May be designated. Typically promoted and received May – June.

**ABC-IN/KY Region Offering:** This offering (**100%**) supports the ministry of the region or a particular region project promoted by the region. Typically promoted and received in July – August.

**World Mission Offering:** Supports the work of Global Mission through International Ministries. Contributions are used to support the work of International Ministries partners, projects, and missionaries in over 70 countries around the world. May be designated. Typically promoted and received in September – October.

**Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering:** The Missionaries & Ministers Benefit Board uses these gifts to provide emergency relief and thank-you checks to retired ministers and missionaries. Typically promoted and received in November – December.

## INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT PROCESS

Gifts provide support for American Baptist-related institutions in the United States for their operating expenses. These institutions include seminaries, colleges, campus ministries, student aid for colleges and seminaries, retirement homes, hospitals, children's homes, and Green Lake Conference Center (American Baptist Assembly in Green Lake, WI).

## SPECIFICS

Gifts are used toward the support of both general and specific projects for regional, institutional, and national boards. This can include missionary projects identified by missionaries. These gifts provide additional monies beyond the budgeted dollars for these projects.

## TARGETED GIVING

These gifts are often the result of an appeal for support from national or regional boards. Salary support for International Ministries missionaries is provided on this line.

## CAMPAIGNS

These gifts are for campaigns conducted by recognized American Baptist institutions, regional organizations, and by national American Baptist organizations. Gifts to campaigns are over-and-above American Baptist Mission Support.

## MISCELLANEOUS OBJECTIVES

The only "Miscellaneous Objective" currently is Southeastern Baptist Youth Camp, listed as such since it is an *association-founded* camp, run independently of the Region; whereas, gifts to Indian Creek and Tippy, our ABC-IN/KY Region camps, go under "Specifics," Lines 5-7. -- **NOTE:** Gifts to individual ABC missionaries for their personal use & gifts for non-ABC related organizations should be sent directly to those recipients.

### **To receive updated information:**

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