

*American Baptist Foundation*



# Inspirations Endowment

*"O taste and see the Lord is Good" - Psalm 34:8*

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# Greetings from the Foundation

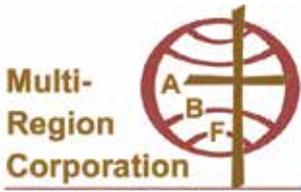
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Dear American Baptist Family,

We, the American Baptist Foundation's (ABF) formally introduce to you the **ABF Inspirations Endowment**.

ABF exists to support our named Members – *American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)*, *International Ministries (IM)*, and the *Multi-Region Corporation (MRC)*!

Beyond this, ABF serves the entire American Baptist Family, including our donors, churches, regions, and national partners. The **ABF Inspirations Endowment** was established to further aid their ministries. As the financial wealth of our members increase so will the overall efforts of our entire American Baptist families, ministries, and mission.



The **ABF Inspirations Endowment** is a permanent endowment comprised of three funds which include the:

- **Regional Inspirations Fund**
- **National Inspirations Fund**
- **Global Inspirations Fund**

ABF asks that you become involved with this very important endeavor. Beyond cash, we aim to grow the fund through the establishment of planned gifts and other stewardship opportunities. Join us to further the work of our American Baptist family as accomplished through the **ABF Inspirations Endowment!**



(from left to right) Members of ABC of the Dakotas, First Crow Indian Baptist Church (ABC of NorthWest), members of First Baptist Church, Glendale (ABC Los Angeles, Southwest & Hawaii)

## Local. Regional. Community.

*Multi-Region Corporation (MRC)* is comprised of a majority of autonomous American Baptist regions throughout the United States. Often within a common geography, American Baptist regions provide a vital link between local congregations and the wider American Baptist family.

Committed to serving the churches within their region, *MRC* offers essential services that support local ministries, including:

- Christian Education Resources
- Continuing Education Opportunities for Pastors
- Leadership Development Programs and Resources
- Camping and Youth/Young Adult Programs
- Evangelism and Social Witness Ministries
- Congregational Resources and Support
- Counseling and Advocacy
- Women's and Men's Work Programs, and many others.

Our regions are collective force of inspiration in the ABC Family. The **ABF Inspirations Endowment** will provide perpetual financial resources to assist them in providing resources and support to fulfill the collective will of the gospel of Christ.

## National Inspirations Fund



(from left to right) ABHMS helps to provide the Westmoreland Family with a new home, WV. Youth volunteers for New Orleans rebuilding project.

## Connect. Cultivate. Change.

*American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)* collaborates with American Baptists throughout the United States and Puerto Rico to promote the Christian faith, develop spiritual leaders, equip disciples, and heal communities.

*ABHMS* has a vision of a better world transformed by the healing power of the Gospel and the passion of American Baptist leaders and disciples. Working as Christ's hands and feet, *ABHMS* executes the will of God through:

- Education and Scholarships
- Inter-cultural Ministries
- Church Transformation Resources and Training
- Pastoral Growth and Health
- Disability Ministries
- Disaster Response
- Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare
- Immigration and Refugee Resettlement
- Neighborhood Action Programs

*ABHMS* ministry of healing communities is a driving force of inspiration in the ABC Family. The **ABF Inspirations Endowment** will provide perpetual financial resources to assist *ABHMS* to continue to spread the gospel of Christ.



(from left to right) Congo/Mitendi Primary School building. Safe Birthing Project of Bangladesh.

## Faith. Service. Community.

*International Ministries (IM)* proclaims God's reign of justice, peace and abundant life throughout the world. With a mandate of equipping the body of Christ to engage in God's mission, *IM* contributes to the strength and vitality of its global partners by working hand-in-hand with national churches and partner conventions throughout Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Europe and the Middle East, as well as Central and South America.

Along with other American Baptist volunteers from the United States and Puerto Rico, *IM* Missionaries glorify the will of God to fulfill Christ's Great Commission in the areas of:

- Evangelism and Discipleship
- Theological Education
- Immigrants and Refugee Relief
- Peace and Justice
- Human Trafficking and Global Slavery
- Education
- Economic Development
- Health and Wellness, among others.

*IM's* ministry of compassion is a transforming force of inspiration in the ABC Family. The **ABF Inspirations Endowment** will provide perpetual financial resources to assist *IM* as it continues to facilitate the alleviation of global crises while meeting global human needs.

# WAYS TO GIVE

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## *How do you contribute?*

ABF promotes planned giving stewardship. In addition to cash gifts, we strongly encourage other ways to give, and we embrace gifts through/of:

- Wills and Bequests
- Stock and other Marketable Securities
- Charitable Gift Annuities and Trusts
- Life Insurance Designations
- Real Estate and other Property
- IRAs, 401(k)s and other Retirement Plans

Some of these gifts provide steady income to donors while assuring a long-term benefit for ministry and mission. Together, we can find the best gift plan to benefit you, your loved ones and our American Baptist family.

Undesignated gifts to the endowment will be divided equally between the three funds for maximum impact. Gifts may also be designated to any of the individual funds. A small percentage of each gift will be given to benefit ABCUSA and ABF operations.

## *In Appreciation*

As our way of saying thank you, supporters of this endowment will be included in the **John Mason Peck Society**. If you desire that your gift remain anonymous, please let us know.

## *Establish a gift today!*

We invite you to partner with us and grow the **ABF Inspirations Endowment!** Contact the ABF office and express your desire to make a gift.