



FUNDING
OUR FUTURE
THE TRANSFORMATION FUND

The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM)
Helping Churches Transform Lives and Communities.

The main focus of *The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM)* is to engage in mission and to strengthen our member churches, enabling them to nurture personal faith while also offering a dynamic evangelical witness in their communities.

We recognize that there are some things no one church can accomplish alone and that we benefit greatly from the sharing of our diverse gifts and perspectives. Thus we use our association to maximize our shared resources for mission, education, and social witness. In all things we will be defined—and measured—by our discipleship to Jesus Christ and our distinctive character as American Baptists.



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*"If you have FAITH as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain 'move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you."
Matthew 17:20*

The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM) has "FAITH" that its member churches and individuals will provide the financial resources needed to "Fund the Future." To help that happen, we have established an endowment called the *TransFORMATION Fund*, and with the resources of the American Baptist Foundation, we are encouraging and enabling planned gifts to that endowment to support our region and our camps.

Your support of the *TransFORMATION fund* will help **TABCOM** provide resources to strengthen local churches, train church leaders, and carry out its vision of transforming lives and communities. The earnings from this fund will also help **Grotonwood** and **Oceanwood** reach out to traditional campers and to special populations such as adults with disabilities, veterans and their families, firefighters and burn victims, and other persons seeking a caring environment shaped by Christian values.

RESOURCING OUR CHURCHES



For over 200 years *The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts* has provided programs and resources to help local churches carry out their ministry and mission.

- TABCOM's staff offers assistance in pastoral searches, conflict resolution, stewardship development, financial management.
- TABCOM's annual gathering offers a time of celebration of our regional life together.
- TABCOM's missionworks gathers almost 300 mission-minded youth and adults for information and inspiration about the World of Mission.
- TABCOM's School of Ministry provides training in pastoral leadership for persons who are serving churches but have only limited seminary training.
- TABCOM's annual Leadership Training Event offers church leaders training in all areas of church life.

OCEANWOOD



While Christian camping has been part of the Ocean Park community for over 100 years, in 1975 the camp was named “Oceanwood” when it became part of the camping ministry of *The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts*. Oceanwood offers a seaside environment and a unique horse ministry along with a spiritual enrichment program, and because of its seaside location in the Ocean Park Religious Assembly Ground, is popular with family campers as well as traditional youth.



OCEANWOOD NEEDS YOUR HELP THROUGH THE TRANSFORMATION FUND TO CONTINUE TO PROVIDE CAMPSHIPS, OFFER CREATIVE PROGRAMMING, AND MAINTAIN QUALITY RESOURCES AND FACILITIES.



GROTONWOOD



Since 1956 Grotonwood has provided camping programs for people of all ages and abilities. With over 250 acres of woodlands and one-half mile of shore-front on Lost Lake, the camp offers a well-balanced program of recreational activities and spiritual enrichment.



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The *American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts (TABCOM)* has partnered with the *American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* to provide the "Friends of the Region" *TransFORMATION Fund*. This endowment was created for those wishing to support our region's mission and ministry through charitable gifts and planned giving.

The *TransFORMATION Fund* was introduced in 2008 for the purpose of providing resources for the ministries of **TABCOM** and **Grotonwood** and **Oceanwood**. The "FORM" in the *TransFORMATION Fund* represents the fund raising program called "Friends of Regional Ministries" and the fund itself is so named because of the Region's mission statement of "helping churches transform lives and communities."

There are many ways you can make a gift to the *TransFORMATION Fund*:

- Wills (Bequests)
- Gift of Stock
- Life Insurance & Retirement Plans
- Charitable Gift Annuity or Trust
- Real Estate & Other Property
- Cash