

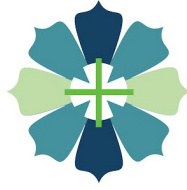
The Abundant Blessings FUND



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*“And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
you may share abundantly in every good work.”*

2 Corinthians 9:8



Pictures above represent some churches, pastors, and members of the diverse ABC of Rochester/Genesee Region family.

ABC of Rochester/Genesee Region (ABCRGR)

American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region was formed as the “Monroe Baptist Association” in 1827, with nine churches in the Greater Rochester Area, the oldest of which had been organized in 1804. In 1988, we became American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region. Today, ABCRGR has fifty churches located throughout 10 states, roughly one-third of our congregations residing outside of the Greater Rochester Area. Having been a part of the founding of the University of Rochester, Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School, the Fairport Baptist Home, and Cameron Community Ministries, we continue our strong relationships with these institutions and the work that they do in the community.

Although scattered across the country, our deeply-rooted legacy of mission, advocacy, education, and inclusion permeates our lives together as a regional family today. ABCRGR serves our congregations and clergy by creating community, sharing resources, and providing inspiration and support for their ministries. Together we share the Gospel story in word and deed as we live our guiding words

*Connect,
Encourage,
Empower.*



The Abundant Blessings Fund

The Abundant Blessings Fund was established in 2021 to support the entire mission and ministry of American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region. By providing ongoing, foundational funds, ABCRGR is able to ensure staff and resources to meet the needs of our family of congregations and our clergy. Your financial gifts to the Abundant Blessings Fund make you a partner in critical initiatives for the health of churches and their pastors now and for years to come.

The Abundant Blessings Fund...

- Supports all work of American Baptist Churches of the Rochester/Genesee Region
- Allows for the greatest flexibility in meeting the needs of congregations and clergy





The Abundant Blessings Fund includes four sub-funds:

- The Equipping Leaders Fund
- The Emerging Ministries Fund
- The Mutual Assistance Fund
- The Heidi Fuller Fund

Gifts may be designated to any one or combination of these funds or given undesignated. A small portion of each gift to these funds will go towards the Ministry Support of American Baptist Churches of Rochester/Genesee Region.

Equipping Leadership Fund

American Baptists have a heritage of emphasizing education, as well as being at the forefront of social justice and advocacy. American Baptist Churches of Rochester/Genesee Region, especially, having the influence of Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Walter Rauschenbusch, Helen Barrett Montgomery, and many other significant world-changers in our history, supports congregational advocacy for the poor, marginalized, and oppressed. We also emphasize the impact of excellent education on leaders and congregations.

The Equipping Leadership Fund...

- Provides funding for leadership development opportunities in congregations
- Offers support for training in advocacy and engagement in justice issues

“Region funds allowed me to receive facilitator training in consensus decision making. It is a gift that will keep on giving for years to come.”

Rev. Sarah, Rochester, NY



Emerging Ministries Fund

We are in a time of re-envisioning ministry in a rapidly changing environment. Current churches are seeking new ways to reach people in their communities; new models of “church” are being explored. Your support of the Emerging Ministries Funds provides seed money for churches to equip for ministry with communities the congregations would like to serve more effectively. It also provides grants to empower visions of new faith communities that embrace and empower today’s faithful.

Be a part of the future by giving today!

The Emerging Ministries Fund

- Offers financial support for new faith communities and discipleship
- Provides grants to support churches in developing new outreach ministries





Mutual Assistance Fund

The Mutual Assistance Fund is the most long-standing fund in ABCRGR established in 1954 and continuing to provide support to churches today.

Church facilities are a holding space for ministry and mission to be born, to be cultivated, and to then break forth into the community.

Those facilities need upkeep. Your gift to the Mutual Assistance Fund helps congregations ensure their buildings are healthy, safe, and equipped for ministry today.

The Mutual Assistance Fund...

- Offers grants for necessary updates to church buildings for accessibility and technology
- Provides support for emergency physical plant issues in churches
- Assists in other facility enhancements to support the church's ministry

The Heidi Fuller Fund

Founded in memory of the Rev. Heidi Fuller, the Heidi Fuller Fund and its sub-funds, the Carol Gomez Fund and the Margaret Curtis Fund, provide grants and scholarships to those discerning and equipping for a call to ministry, clergy and laypeople. Your financial gifts provide opportunities for learning, growing, training, and ongoing support of laypeople and clergy to offer congregations vital, healthy leadership.

The Heidi Fuller Fund...

- Provides scholarships for those called to ministry
- Provides grants for training laypeople
- Provides sabbatical support for current clergy
- Provides support for workshops and conferences

“Thanks to the Heidi Lynn Fuller scholarship, this training [in chaplaincy ministries] will impact my current practice of ministry and whatever ministry I am involved in post-retirement. Please know how grateful I am for your generosity.”

Rev. Dr. Mark, Houghton, NY



Ways to Give

Your financial commitment is important for the initiatives supported by the Abundant Blessings Fund. American Baptist Churches of Rochester/Genesee Region has teamed up with American Baptist Foundation (ABF) to provide creative “planned giving” options.

In addition to cash gifts, we strongly encourage other ways to give, and accept:

- Gifts through Wills and Bequests
- Gifts of Stock
- Life Insurance designations
- Real Estate and Other Property
- Charitable Trusts and Gift Annuities

Together, we can find the best gift plan to benefit you, your loved ones, and the Abundant Blessings Fund mission and ministries.

In Appreciation

As our way of saying thank you, supporters of the Abundant Blessings Fund will be included in the ABCRGR Legacy Society. If you desire that your gift be anonymous, please let us know.



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