# Strengthening Your Financial Future

Custom Planned Giving Solutions for Ministry & Mission

## Vision.

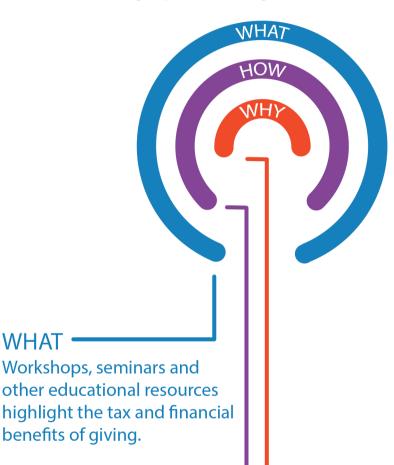
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Connecting People Who Care to Ministries That Matter



Traditional Planned Giving is effective at addressing What to give and *How* to do it, but seldom gets to *Why*. The core of the American Baptist Foundation's (ABF's) Strengthening Your Financial Future (SYFF) program begins at the core with the question of WHY — assisting your ministry in developing a creative, strategic plan for long-term financial support.



### HOW -

WHAT

Professional advisors (attorneys, CPAs, financial advisors, etc.) assist with the development of financial plans.

#### WHY -

SYFF begins with a conversation between ABF and your leadership team. A few steps, and commitment to the process, will help transform your ministry's vision into a powerful stewardship resource. Donors will embrace the opportunity to explore how their generosity will be a blessing to your ministry while addressing their financial needs.

#### Who should be a part of this team?

The first team prerequisite is commitment. Seek out individuals who work well within a team environment and are committed to your ministry.

#### What should the size of the team be?

Four to six members, initially. Too few team members may limit ideas. Too many stifle progress.

#### What skills/talents should each member bring?

Team members do not have to be financial experts, attorneys, CPAs, or fundraisers. Trustworthiness and a belief in your ministry is key. ABF can provide technical guidance, support and resources.

#### We have our team. What do we do next?

Contact ABF to set up an initial conversation. Practical exercises illustrating how the program benefits your ministries and those who desire to support you, will be discussed. Steps to move the process ahead will also be defined.



More than ever, the financial support needed to sustain the continuation and longevity of ministry, has increasingly become an area of high priority within our American Baptist family.

Based on decades of managing planned gifts and endowments, American Baptist Foundation (ABF) is delighted to offer the *Strengthening Your Financial Future (SYFF)* program as a resource to bolster the long-term health of your ministry.

Thank you to our partners American Baptist Regions (Multi-Region Corporation), American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS), and American Baptist International Ministries(IM). The Foundation encourages the support of these ministries.





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