

WHAT IS UNITED MISSION?

As American Baptists, there is so much to do as we serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

It's time to talk about how United Mission empowers us to accomplish everything that we are called to do.

United Mission is your church's tithe to the American Baptist family.

It is through United Mission that your church supports the denomination and your region.

UNITED MISSION PROVIDES THE ESSENTIAL BEHIND THE SCENES SUPPORT IT TAKES TO KEEP SERVING AS THE HANDS AND FEET OF CHRIST.

WHY SHOULD MY CHURCH SUPPORT UNITED MISSION?

Working together is the core of who we are as American Baptists. Our discipleship, social justice and missional initiatives can only be accomplished when we work collaboratively. United Mission allows us to come together to accomplish so much more than any one region or church can do alone.

United Mission is the vehicle that helps us serve as the hands and feet of Christ.

Join us as we work to empower churches and pastors to engage in mission and ministry for the glory of God. Support the American Baptist family through your church's giving to United Mission.

UNITED MISSION NEEDS OUR ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

AMERICAN BAPTIST IDENTITY AND MINISTRY ARE POWERED BY UNITED MISSION

These mission dollars empower national staff to provide support and develop resources for regions and churches.

National staff provide many services to regions and churches such as: trained consulting for search committees, pastoral leadership and ministry by the General Secretary and Associate General Secretaries, leadership and training to women in ministry, guidance and matching of interim ministers, opportunities to connect with partners through Missional Initiatives, and resources for regions and churches that support and encourage our American Baptist identity.

The representative process that enables all churches through their regions to be represented in all decisions made by the Board of General Ministries is funded through United Mission giving.

The American Baptist Churches Information Systems, also referred to as ABCIS, receives support for staff and systems from United Mission. ABCIS is the system used to record local church and donor giving through the American Baptist Mission Support system.

The American Baptist Churches Biennial Mission Summit and the Orientation to American Baptist Life are also powered by United Mission. The biennial event is integral to fostering American Baptists' identity and unity. Beginning in 2017, the Orientation to American Baptist Life experience was combined with the biennial, providing new ministers and seminarians the time to experience American Baptist identity, numerous learning opportunities, and ways to make connections with the wider American Baptist family.

MANY MORE INITIATIVES
RECEIVE FUNDING THROUGH
MISSION DOLLARS RECEIVED
BY THE OFFICE OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY
INCLUDING:

American Baptist Caucuses

*ABCUSA Intercaucus; Asian American
Baptist Caucus; National Black Caucus
of the American Baptist Churches;
American Baptist Haitian Caucus;
American Baptist Hispanic Caucus;
American Baptist Indian Caucus;
American Baptist National
Portuguese-Speaking Caucus;
American Baptist Women's Caucus;
American Baptist Young Adult Caucus*

Mission Initiative Fund

Task Forces & Commissions

*Immigration Task Force; Task Force
on Race and Race-Based Violence;
Burma Refugee Commission;
Commission on Baptist Talk;
Theologians Commission; and
Creation Justice Network*

26%

OF YOUR UNITED
MISSION GIVING
SUPPORTS AMERICAN
BAPTIST IDENTITY,
MISSION AND MINISTRY
THROUGH THE OFFICE
OF THE GENERAL
SECRETARY.

REGIONAL MINISTRIES

65%

OF UNITED MISSION DOLLARS STRENGTHEN AMERICAN BAPTIST REGIONS THAT PROVIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING AND SUPPORT, MINISTRY MATERIALS, MISSIONAL NETWORKS, AND RESOURCING FOR REGIONAL STAFF.

Each local region provides their own unique resources to churches, funded in part through your support of United Mission. Some of these include:

Leadership training

Pulpit support

Pastoral continuing education

Clergy advocacy

Pastoral search committees

Mission opportunities

Conflict resolution

Eldercare ministries

Communicating news from the larger

Conferences, Annual Gatherings & events

ABC family

and more

UNITED MISSION STRENGTHENS OTHER AMERICAN BAPTIST PARTNERS

9%

THE REMAINING 9% OF UNITED MISSION GIVING IS DISTRIBUTED TO AMERICAN BAPTIST PARTNERS INCLUDING:

American Baptist Personnel Services

American Baptist International Ministries

American Baptist Women's Ministries

American Baptist Historical Society

American Baptist Home Mission Societies

American Baptist Men

Institutions

Career Centers

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