

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES
JUNE 2016**

The following is an overview of the work of the Board of General Ministries Finance Committee:

I. 2015 Audited Financial Statements

Conducted a conference call with auditors from Tait Weller on June 8, 2016. Reviewed and voted to recommend acceptance of the 2015 audited financial statements to the Board of General Ministries.

II. Legacies and Gifts - The following legacies and gifts have been received for ABCUSA.

November 2015 to April 2016:

Morgan Trust	\$6,325.43
Maine Estate	\$3,600.79
American Baptist Foundation	\$31,019.95
Walker Trust	\$47,763.77
Kellogg Trust	\$48,047.70
Schutt Fund	<u>\$9,712.41</u>
	\$146,470.05

III. ABCUSA Treasurer's Report

The Committee reviewed the Report of the ABCUSA Treasurer, including:

Building Update:

- 588 Associates update, tax appeal update, joint venture solicitation

Budget Timeline

Report on Internal Audits

Transformed By The Spirit – Reviewed financial status of TBYTS

Loans to Mission Center Partners

Financial Report as of 4/2016

ABMS Report as of 4/2016

IV. Investment Policy

Paul and Robin will continue working on a revised investment policy.

V. Draw Rates on Endowments

As discussed at the June 2015 meeting, there are negative unrestricted endowment balances, indicating that the value of some endowment funds is less than the original corpus of those endowments. In 2015, the committee discussed reducing the 5% draw rate on the Roblee and Roberts endowment funds. However, so as not to disrupt the 2016 budget processes of IM and ABHMS (recipients of these draws), the committee chose to keep the draw rates unchanged for one more year. In 2016, the draw rates were once again reviewed.

For 2017, the draw from the Roblee fund will be \$189,838 (4.5% of the 12-quarter rolling average of the market value of the fund) and will be distributed to International Ministries.

For 2017, the draw from the Roberts fund will be \$4,705 (4.5% of the 12-quarter rolling average of the market value of the fund) to be distributed evenly to International Ministries and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

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VI. Mission Receipt Forms

Alan Musoke presented the new mission receipt forms used by churches to report contributions to United Mission, offerings, and other portions of American Baptist Mission Support. A webinar was presented in May to show churches how to use the revised forms. The webinar is archived on the ABCUSA website.

VII. Investment Reports

The committee decided to move the updates with our investment advisers to the November meeting so that the presentations can be done in-person with representatives from the American Baptist Foundation and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

VIII. Review of Regional Audits

Paul presented a report showing the audits, compilations, reviews, and internal financial statements received from each region that provided such reports for 2010-2014. (Fourteen regions have not yet submitted reports for 2014. Four regions provided no reports for any of the five years.)

IX. Review of Development Efforts

Ken Marsenburg, ABC Director of Development, joined the meeting. He detailed efforts to build up endowments, particularly for AB Women in Ministry. He also stated that we have received the first installment of a designated gift split three ways between Peace and Justice Ministries, AB Women in Ministry, and Transformed by the Spirit.

Submitted by: Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer; Robin Crouch, Beryl Hornberger, Danny Jack, Charity Matic and Dianne Steelman; Alan Musoke, ABCUSA Treasurer

June 17, 2016

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Review of Mission Initiative Fund grants

The committee considered two requests for funding from the Mission Initiative Fund.

The first request was the resubmission of a previously-denied proposal for funding for an ABC Creation Justice Network. After modifications were made to the original proposal, the revised proposal was approved for one year of funding. Funding for the proposed second and third years will be considered in subsequent June meetings of the committee.

The second request was for the second half of funding for the United Mission Advertising Team. Funding was approved, with concern expressed that the long-term health of United Mission was not being addressed and that ABC partners were not asked to collaborate on the project.

The committee learned that First Baptist Church of Huron, SD would soon return to the Mission Initiative Fund monies that were granted in 2009 but not spent.

Submitted by: Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer (BGM); Robin Crouch (BGM), Beryl Hornberger (BGM), Danny Jack (BGM)-absent, Charity Matic (BGM), Dianne Steelman (BGM), Brazilian Thurman (ABHMS), and Paul Vick (IM); Alan Musoke, ABCUSA Treasurer

June 8, 2016