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2011 PROMOTIONAL GUIDE

RETIRED MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES OFFERING 2011

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

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Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering 2011

It is time to promote the 2011 Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO). We are guided by Psalm 100, Verse 5:

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

—Psalm 100:5

We continue our focus this year on the personal stories that exemplify the giving spirit of our member churches.

Look inside for:

- A “Getting Started” checklist for your RMMO committee or designated representative
- Promotional ideas that can easily be customized to your congregations
- Feature stories on the two recipients of the 2010 Widow’s Mite Award: Niantic Baptist Church in Niantic, Connecticut and Crossroads American Baptist Church in Northglenn, Colorado

If you have not already done so, now is the time to identify a retired minister or missionary in the congregation who can testify about what the offering means to them. Whether your church focuses its RMMO giving on December 4th, on another Sunday—or as part of a month-long celebration—we are best reminded of God’s goodness when we hear testimony from those who have served Him.

Through RMMO, from generation to generation, we remember in love those who have given to us. We look forward to making this year the most successful yet in remembering our retired clergy and missionaries!

Getting Started Checklist

The 2011 RMMO promotional materials include the video, *Remember with Love, Give with Gratitude: The RMMO Offering*. This 3-minute video is short enough to use as part of the Sunday liturgy and includes footage of the pastors and congregation from three ABC churches:

- Lenox Road Baptist Church, Brooklyn, NY – Rev. Kirkpatrick G. Cohall
- Grace Baptist Church of Germantown, Philadelphia, PA – Rev. Dr. G. Daniel Jones
- North Shore Baptist Church, Chicago, IL – Rev. Douglas L. Harris, Rev. Carol McVetty, Rev. Rony Reyes

These churches explain why RMMO is such a priority for their congregations—and can help unite *your* congregation with this year's theme, "RMMO Connects Generations."

- **Designate a person or committee who will take responsibility for this year's RMMO.** Churches with a person or committee in charge of RMMO take better ownership and are more successful in promoting the RMMO campaign.
- **Preview the video with the pastor and other members of the church's RMMO promotional or missions committee** (see "Promotional Ideas" on the next page).
- **Encourage church members to visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RMMOConnectsGenerations, where they will be able to find testimonials, highlights from previous years' offerings, connect with other ABCUSA churches and more.** If your church has a Facebook fan page, "like" our RMMO page and we will "like" you back!
- **Know why the offering is so important.** The RMMO is a tangible way through which American Baptist congregations honor the denomination's retired ministers and missionaries and their widowed spouses. The offering provides emergency and other financial assistance to over 3,000 recipients with 20 or more years of ABC service prior to retirement.
- **Ask others, including the pastor, to help promote the offering.**
- **Set the date for Offering Sunday (December 4, 2011, in most churches).**
- **Track your progress toward reaching your goal on a "thermometer," like the one on the poster included herein** (also see "Create a Contributions Thermometer" on page 6).
- **Order additional promotional materials as needed**, such as offering envelopes for the pew racks, from Judson Press at 800.458.3766.

Promotional Ideas

Use the RMMO Video, *Remember with Love, Give with Gratitude: The RMMO Offering.* Preview the video with the pastor and other members of the church's RMMO promotional or missions committee. Discuss how, when and where the video can be used for maximum effectiveness. Announce the date the video will be shown to the congregation in Sunday bulletins, the church newsletter and "Mission Moments" during worship services. Also, make arrangements for any equipment needed and do a test run before the showing.

Share this year's theme—RMMO Connects Generations—with your adult and/or youth Sunday School teachers, to inspire teaching ideas. Successful ideas churches have used in the past include:

1. The teacher or leader invites the class members to think back to a favorite minister(s) or missionary(ies), now retired. Class members may also have fond memories of a former pastor's spouse.
2. Ask class members to make a list of the ways that person made an impact on their lives, noting when, where, and how.
3. Invite class members to share their lists with the class.
4. Discuss the connections between their lists and the RMMO.

Invite a Guest. Invite a retired minister, missionary or widowed spouse to give testimony about what the offering means to them. Time and time again, our member churches tell us that these personal testimonies are the most moving part of the service.

Display the 2011 RMMO Poster. Write the offering date and your 2011 goal on it. You may order extra posters from Judson Press, 800.458.3766.

Track Progress toward Meeting Your Goal. A contributions thermometer is a useful tool for charting progress toward your goal; see page 6 for a sample. If you create a thermometer, display it in a prominent place alongside the poster. This year's poster also includes a tool for measuring incremental goals. Other ideas our churches have shared include handing out M&M'S® packets when the offering is introduced (and then filling a large candy jar with more and more paper M&M'S® as the goal is achieved)—or hanging a red ribbon on the church's Christmas tree for every \$5 given.

To access online versions of these materials and other 2011 RMMO resources, visit the ABCUSA home page, www.abc-usa.org, and click on the RMMO 2011 link in the lower left corner.

2010 Widow's Mite Award

NIANTIC BAPTIST CHURCH, NIANTIC, CONNECTICUT

A Small Church with a Big Footprint

Niantic Baptist Church has demonstrated its caring spirit by helping those in need for more than 100 years—and the congregation embraces RMMO as another opportunity for giving. Though small and struggling financially, the church has given generously to RMMO, and was listed as one of the top giving congregations this past year. Niantic Baptist Church is proud to be one of the two recipients of the 2010 Widow's Mite Award.



Niantic Baptist Church
Niantic, Connecticut

“It is an amazing recognition that a small church in our financial position can still have a big impact in ministry,” notes Rev. Jill Harvey, Niantic’s pastor.

RMMO’s success can be partly attributed to the wives of two past ministers of Niantic Baptist Church, Mrs. Marian Bradley and Mrs. Cynthia Bowes. “To us, this offering is personal, because the funds go to people we know and love,” explains Rev. Harvey. Every year, as part of the RMMO campaign, Mrs. Bradley writes a letter to the congregation which Rev. Harvey reads out on the first Sunday of December. This letter carries a personal message that highlights the importance of RMMO and what it means to many like Mrs. Bradley and her family.

The sight of Rev. Harvey at the pulpit with a glass vase full of M&M’s® is something the congregation looks forward to every first Sunday of December when she launches RMMO month. She works with the mission steward to set a monetary goal based on the previous year’s contribution, and then urges the congregation to contribute generously towards the RMMO to meet their goal. As an incentive, she promises to share the M&M’s® with the congregation during worship if they meet the goal...but she also threatens to eat them all if the goal is not met in time. Other tools Rev. Harvey uses to encourage the congregation to give include the RMMO promotional guide materials—like the posters and bulletin inserts she receives.

“Many retired clergy live off little money, so that extra check means a lot to them. We work hard together to continue the good work—and have a little fun with the candy to boot,” noted Rev. Harvey.

Niantic Baptist Church’s giving spirit extends beyond the RMMO. It includes two other programs, the Bridge Brook Blessings and the Bayview Blessings programs. These are “caring touch” ministries that involve visiting with those who have no family, giving cards and small gifts. The congregation, which contains a high proportion of retirees, also makes cards and knits prayer shawls for those in nursing homes. The prayer shawls are a visible token of the prayers from the congregation.

Looking ahead, Rev. Harvey says, “Instead of figuring out how to become a big church, we are figuring out how to be the best small church by reaching out to others—and giving.”

2010 Widow's Mite Award

CROSSROADS AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCH, NORTHGLENN, COLORADO

Crossroads American Baptist Church, one of the two recipients of the Widow's Mite Award, celebrated its 50th anniversary in June. "Our culture is serving others, with no expectation," notes Rev. Dr. Kim Skattum, Crossroads' senior pastor. "We serve and love them first, then share about Christ."



Crossroads American Baptist Church
Northglenn, Colorado

"We are humbled and honored to receive the Widow's Mite Award," noted Rev. Dr. Skattum. Every year, Crossroads American Baptist Church promotes RMMO in November and collects the offering over Thanksgiving weekend or during the Thanksgiving service. "We let people know what RMMO means. Simply put, people give because there is a need," noted Rev. Dr. Skattum. "Through sharing stories that highlight how the congregation's giving and serving has changed a life, they are motivated to give."

The Crossroads congregation has several retired ministers who have sacrificed through the course of their careers. "We are blessed to have retired ministers within our congregation. It is an honor for a retired minister to want to be a part of your church. It is a sign that they believe in your leadership," noted Rev. Dr. Skattum. "Many retired ministers look at the RMMO as something they can count on within a scope of a fixed budget, so this is a small thank you token to meet that need."

The RMMO is promoted through letters from retired ministers within the congregation expressing thanks for the offering. Rev. Dr. Skattum reads them during the service and posts them on the church website. In addition to the letters from retired ministers, Crossroads places posters from the RMMO promotional guide around the church to encourage the congregation to give.

For Rev. Dr. Skattum, the RMMO is also personal: he attributes the completion of his doctorate degree to a retired minister in his church who encouraged him. "To give this tangible offering is an honor!" he exclaimed.

As part of its renewed commitment to serve and direct people toward Jesus, Crossroads American Baptist Church recently opened a goServe center that caters to the community's needs. The center serves as a shelter for the homeless when temperatures drop below 30 degrees. They also offer counseling services, English as a Second Language (ESL) tutoring and feed about a thousand families each month.



The Widow's Mite Award commemorates the gift in 1981 of a Vietnamese refugee woman worshipping with the First Chinese Baptist Church in Fresno, California. Not knowing the full intent of the offering, but understanding the words "thank you" printed on the offering envelope, she slipped off her wristwatch, her only possession of value, and placed it in the envelope.

Each year, ABCUSA selects an American Baptist congregation or congregations whose giving, like that of the poor widow at the temple treasury whom Jesus commended, reflects the spirit of thankfulness and generosity.

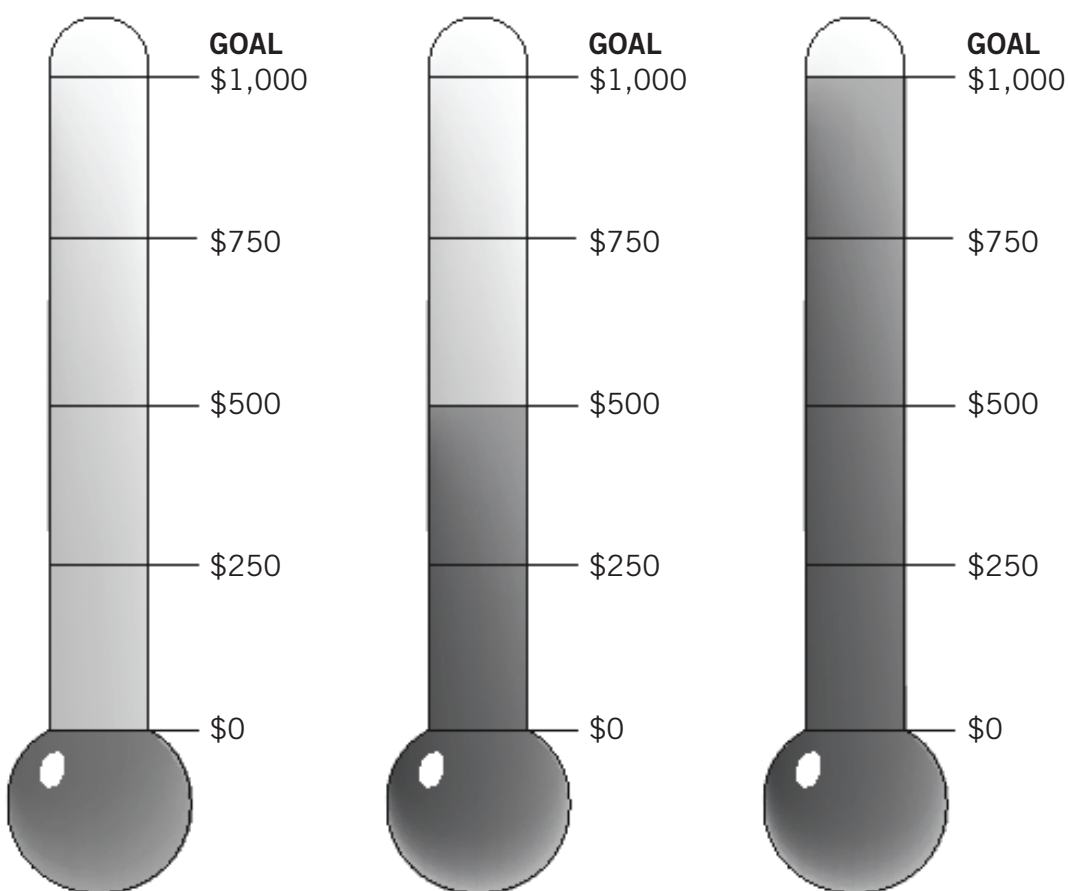
(See Luke 21.1-4).

Create a Contributions Thermometer

TRACK PROGRESS TOWARD REACHING YOUR 2011 RMMO GOAL

One of the first steps in promoting the RMMO is to set a monetary goal (see “Getting Started” on page 2). Once that has been determined, make it known and visible to the congregation in different ways, such as by using the tool provided on your Promotional Poster and including it in both printed and verbal announcements (see “Sample Announcements” on page 7).

A contributions thermometer is a useful tool for charting your congregation’s progress toward the goal—and it can also be a good motivator! Below is a simple thermometer you can make and display along with the 2011 RMMO poster in a prominent, highly visible place in your church. Feel free to customize it to meet your congregation’s needs—these usually work best as do-it-yourself poster board displays.

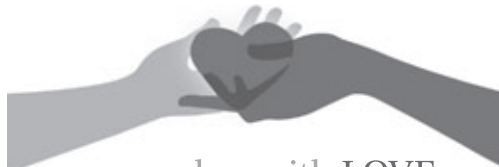


Sample RMMO Announcements

- If your church has received personal thank you notes or messages directly from former pastors and/or retired ministers, missionaries or their widowed spouses in your own congregation...use them! There is no greater testimony to the importance of this gift—and nothing inspires as much as hearing from members of our own community about the ways in which our gifts sustain our retired clergy.
- Use the samples below to create announcements for your Sunday bulletins, church newsletter, website, etc.
- Create your own announcements. See “Additional Thank You Notes” on page 9.

For downloadable versions of the sample announcements and theme art, visit the ABCUSA home page, www.abc-usa.org, and click on the RMMO 2011 link in the lower left corner.

COMING SOON!



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—Psalm 100:5

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO)

On Sunday, December 4, 2011, our congregation will receive the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO).

The RMMO is an annual ABCUSA offering that provides (1) “Thank you” checks to more than 3,000 retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses, based on 20 or more years of ABC service, and (2) emergency and other financial assistance based on need.

Our 2011 goal is \$_____.

Please help us remember them with love and give with gratitude.

The Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering: Administered by The Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board



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Does Your Gift Make a Difference?

Yes, it does! In 2010, Sophia Stephenson, along with more than 3,000 other retired ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses, received a “Thank You” check from the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering (RMMO).

“Thank you so much for the ‘Thank You’ check! It was a Godsend to help with the many medical bills this year.”

—Sophia Stephenson, Delaware, OH

RMMO SUNDAY IS DECEMBER 4, 2011. OUR GOAL IS \$_____.

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Your Gift to the RMMO - Connecting the Generations

“I am very grateful for my ‘Thank You’ check, which came at a needy time. I am 79 years old and as the years go by, I appreciate your support more and more.”

—Betty Faul, Dallas, OR

Let God’s love flow through you by contributing to the Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering on SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2011. OUR GOAL IS \$_____.

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Additional Thank You Notes

“Our gift from this year's RMMO gave a big boost to our household budget so at risk in these tough, uncertain times. It came as a breath of fresh air bearing health and hope.”

— Rev. Robert Fletcher Smith and Elaine Smith, Minister Emeritus, First Baptist Church, Watertown, NY

“I want to sincerely thank you. There are many repairs and upkeep needed around my home, and I plan to replace my kitchen sink faucet with the money. God bless all of you!”

—Phyllis Markham, Moorpark, CA

“I thank God for the thoughtfulness and generosity of our ABC family. What an encouragement you are to us retired ministers and missionaries!”

—Rev. Everett Palmer, Bemont, NH

“The ‘Thank You’ check was greatly appreciated. It allowed us to help our local food bank at a time when so many truly need help—and to make an extra gift to support our church's ministries. We are truly grateful for this remembrance and to be able to pass the gift on.”

—Carroll and Jan Morony, Fort Collins, CO

“As always, this offering is a special blessing for me. God bless all the people that, in spite of this difficult time, make it possible for us to receive this offering.”

—Benjamin Manjarrez, Encinitas, CA

“We have not received a cost of living increase for our Social Security in two years and our pension has been cut. It is therefore with grateful hearts that we received your welcome ‘thank you’ check. This unexpected gift is a great blessing.”

—Wilbur and Reba Rees, Richland, WA

“Through the years of my ministry, I encouraged congregations to contribute to RMMO, realizing the importance of supporting retired ministers and missionaries—and now it is a true blessing to be one of the recipients of the offering. This year's check was used to meet an expensive auto repair expense. God bless you and thank you for helping us.”

—Rev. Leonard and Shirley Lewis, Landisville, PA

“I am so thankful for this generous offering. It came just in time to help me with my prescriptions, as I have met my medical deductible. It is such a great blessing in these later years to be remembered by this special gift.”

—Betty J. Walker, Spencer, WV

Honor Roll of Churches

The generosity of all who contribute large or small gifts is sincerely appreciated by retired American Baptist ministers and missionaries or their widowed spouses. Recognition is given below to the leading churches in total giving and total given per person during the 2010 calendar year.

For a complete listing of the Honor Roll of Churches giving \$600 and up, go to www.abc-usa.org.

Highest Total Contribution

RANK	CHURCH	CITY	STATE	PASTOR	2010 RMMO
1	Crossroads American Baptist Church	Northglenn	CO	Rev. Kim Wayne Skattum	\$21,721.85
2	First Baptist Church	Stockton	CA	Dr. James M. Dunn	\$11,789.50
3	Sutton Baptist Church	Sutton	WV	Rev. Robert A. Copenhagen	\$11,285.00
4	Brewster Baptist Church	Brewster	MA	Douglas V Scalise	\$9,292.02
5	Brandon Baptist Church	Mount Vernon	OH	Rev. Marvin L. Haught	\$8,000.00
6	First Baptist Church	Mc Pherson	KS	Rev. Lester Cantrell	\$7,862.00
7	Gardena Valley Baptist Church	Gardena	CA	Rev. Stephen P. Langley	\$7,191.00
8	Montgomery Community Church	Cincinnati	OH	Rev. Dr. Thomas Lipsey	\$7,084.00
9	Fifth Avenue Baptist Ch	Huntington	WV	Dr. J. Allen Reasons	\$6,478.71
10	First Baptist Church	Sioux Falls	SD	Pastor Shawn Norton	\$6,131.03
11	First Baptist Church	Cheyenne	WY	Jason Lee King	\$5,102.33
12	Burnt Hills Baptist Ch	Burnt Hills	NY	Rev. Trudy Pettibone	\$5,014.00
13	Calvary Baptist Church	Newark	DE	Rev. Bruce G. Martin	\$4,802.14
14	First Baptist Church	Marshalltown	IA	Rev. Richard J. Sipe	\$4,754.15
15	Portola Baptist Church	San Francisco	CA	Rev. Elias Castillo	\$4,498.41
16	First Baptist Church Champaign	Savoy	IL	Rev. Dr. Randy Gauger	\$4,069.37
17	Evergreen Baptist Church-San Gabriel Valley	La Puente	CA	Rev. Cory Ishida	\$4,062.85
18	Central Baptist Church	Springfield	IL	Dr. Reginald S. Mills	\$4,032.09
19	North Shore Baptist Ch	Chicago	IL	Rev. Douglas Harris	\$3,843.33
20	Calvary Baptist Church	Denver	CO	Rev. Brian J. Henderson	\$3,834.00
21	Baptist Temple, Charleston	Charleston	WV	Dr. Dennis L. Johnson	\$3,799.00
22	Indianapolis 1st Baptist Church	Indianapolis	IN	Rev. Dr. Frederick O. Lewis	\$3,695.78
23	First Baptist Church	Cadillac	MI	Rev. David McMahon	\$3,674.00
24	Grand Prairie Baptist Ch	Marion	OH	Rev. Eugene M. Parker	\$3,591.00
25	First Baptist Church	Lamar	CO	Rev. David L. Davis	\$3,430.87
26	Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	Hoxie	KS	Jeff Ruckman	\$3,414.00
27	Gassaway Baptist Church	Gassaway	WV	Rev. Mark Stump	\$3,360.00
28	First Baptist Church	Davison	MI	Rev. Chris Radcliffe	\$3,330.00
29	First Chinese Baptist Church	San Francisco	CA	Rev. Donald Thlick-Min Ng	\$3,329.00
30	North Hills Community Baptist Church	Pittsburgh	PA	Rev. Dr. Timothy E. Spring	\$3,320.51
31	First Baptist Church	Galesburg	IL	Rev. Daniel R. Siems	\$3,308.34
32	Community Baptist Church	Tulsa	OK	Rev. Robert Adcox	\$3,297.00
33	Cheektowaga Community Baptist Church	Cheektowaga	NY	Rev. Ivan F. Crossno	\$3,282.00
34	West Shore Baptist Church	Camp Hill	PA	Rev. Gary R. Bruland	\$3,281.50
35	Greenwood 1st Baptist Church	Greenwood	IN	Dr. Thomas M. Bridges	\$3,270.00
36	Greenfield Baptist Church	North East	PA	Rev. David M. Waldo	\$3,260.15
37	Niantic Baptist Church	Niantic	CT	Rev. Jill E. Harvey	\$3,213.50
38	Ridgeview Baptist Church	Danville	IL	Dr. Mark Keyser	\$3,177.00
39	First Baptist Church	Greensburg	PA	Rev. Dr. Clifford Hockensmith	\$3,149.00
40	First Chinese Baptist Ch	Fresno	CA	Rev. Danny L. Jack	\$3,000.00
41	Prairie Baptist Church	Prairie Village	KS	Dr. Stephen D. Jones	\$2,996.00
42	Calvary Baptist Church	San Fernando	CA	Rev. William T. Broadous	\$2,979.15
43	First Baptist Church	Wichita	KS	Rev. Steve Toews	\$2,964.15
44	First Baptist Church	Kearney	NE	Rev. Stanley C. Murdoch	\$2,956.34
45	Newman Baptist Church	Massillon	OH	Rev. Dennis K. McDonald	\$2,922.00
46	Second Baptist Church	South Hadley	MA	Rev. Donald H. Bradley	\$2,918.04
47	First Baptist Church	Redlands	CA	Rev. Joseph H. Deroulhac	\$2,857.00
48	The Summit Church	Boise	ID	Rev. James L. Steiner	\$2,843.00
49	First Baptist Church	Waynesburg	PA	Rev. Dr. Edward W. Peirce	\$2,791.50
50	First Baptist Church	Topeka	KS	Rev. Dr. Cheryl R. Henson	\$2,742.00

Highest Contribution Per Person

RANK	CHURCH	CITY	STATE	PASTOR	2010 PP
1	Aurora Hills Baptist Church	Aurora	CO	Rev. Charles Clark	\$355.50
2	Burnt Hills Baptist Ch	Burnt Hills	NY	Rev. Trudy Pettibone	\$167.13
3	Southwest Baptist Church	Topeka	KS	Mrs. Catherine Olsen	\$99.08
4	Bethesda Baptist Church	Palm Bay	FL	Rev. Denzel Alexander	\$95.25
5	First Baptist Church of Greater Cleveland	Cleveland	OH	Rev. Martin L. Rolfs Massaglia	\$92.70
6	First Chinese Baptist Ch	Sacramento	CA	Rev. James Moi	\$83.55
7	Flaggy Meadow Baptist Church	Mannington	WV	Rev. Gerald M Bowman	\$75.00
8	Sutton Baptist Church	Sutton	WV	Rev. Robert A. Copenhaver	\$68.81
9	Brandon Baptist Church	Mount Vernon	OH	Rev. Marvin L Haught	\$64.00
10	First Baptist Church	Arcade	NY	No current pastor.	\$57.93
11	Portola Baptist Church	San Francisco	CA	Rev. Elias Castillo	\$56.23
12	Chestnut Street Baptist Church	Wadsworth	OH	Pastor John M. Detwiler	\$55.63
13	First Baptist Church-Lamont	Lamont	IA	Rev. Scott R. Hall	\$55.38
14	Niantic Baptist Church	Niantic	CT	Rev. Jill E. Harvey	\$54.47
15	Central Community Baptist Church	Waldo	OH	No current pastor.	\$53.25
16	First Baptist Church	Linwood	KS	Rev. Joe Igla	\$51.68
17	Kings Creek Baptist Ch	Urbana	OH	Mr. Chuck Samson	\$50.00
18	Hillcrest Baptist Church	Arvada	CO	Rev. Paul Fischer	\$46.25
19	Rome Baptist Church	Rome	ME	Pastor Earle Meola	\$45.38
20	First Baptist Church	Rutland	ND	No current pastor.	\$45.00
21	Palestine Baptist Church	Saint Edward	NE	Rev. Carl Edwards	\$43.64
22	First Baptist Church	Lisbon	ND	No current pastor.	\$42.77
23	Springdale, First	Meadow Bridge	WV	Rev. Billy Floyd	\$41.70
24	Millington Baptist Church	Millington	MI	Rev. Kenneth L. Hoad	\$39.49
25	First Baptist Church	Bozeman	MT	Rev. Jay T Smith	\$39.06
26	Church of New Covenant	Phoenix	AZ	No current pastor.	\$37.50
27	First Baptist Church	Greensburg	PA	Rev. Dr. Clifford Hockensmith	\$36.20
28	Cong-Baptist Church	Chester	NH	Rev. Beverly Lindsey	\$36.18
29	First Baptist Church	Lamar	CO	Rev. David L. Davis	\$36.11
30	First Baptist Church-Arlington	Kearny	NJ	Rev. Dr. Lillian M. Ramos	\$36.00
31	First Baptist Church	Center	CO	Rev. Betty Jane Weaver	\$34.87
32	Big Sky Church	Froid	MT	Pastor Neil & Mary Kaye Knudsen	\$34.47
33	Prairie Union Baptist Ch	Stella	NE	Rev. Arthur B. Chapin	\$34.40
34	Newman Baptist Church	Massillon	OH	Rev. Dennis K. McDonald	\$34.38
35	First Baptist Church	Minneapolis	KS	Rev. Harry A. Fink	\$33.43
36	Castorland Baptist Church	Castorland	NY	Pastor Joyce E. Miller	\$33.37
37	Fairfax Community Church	Battle Creek	MI	Rev. Robert G. Muirhead	\$33.33
38	Riverside Baptist Church	Tekamah	NE	Rev. Beverly Melchor-Young	\$32.71
39	First Baptist Church of Tioga	Tioga	PA	No current pastor.	\$32.62
40	Highland Park Baptist Church	Colorado Springs	CO	Rev. William Wolfe	\$32.35
41	Independence Baptist Church	Independence	WV	Carl Trickett	\$32.29
42	Putnam Baptist Church	Putnam	CT	Rev. Gilbert Bourquin	\$32.24
43	First Baptist Church	Colby	KS	Rev. Craig A. Crossman	\$31.31
44	Community Baptist Church	Cordova	AK	Rev. Frances Esther French-Marcott	\$31.21
45	Ogunquit Baptist Church	Ogunquit	ME	Rev. Jeffrey R. Patnaude	\$30.06
46	New Hope Baptist Church	Wellsville	KS	Rev. Randy Senior	\$29.92
47	Bow Lake Free Baptist Church	Strafford	NH	Rev. Lillian Buckley	\$29.55
48	Wales Center Community Baptist Church	Wales Center	NY	Rev. George Kohl	\$28.61
49	First Baptist Church	Alden	KS	Rev. Robert Bethell	\$28.13
50	Sugar Grove Baptist Church	Greensboro	PA	Rev. Frank Vucic	\$27.97

2011 Calendar Checklist

NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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November

- **Schedule a time to show the RMMO video, *Remember with Love, Give with Gratitude: The RMMO Offering*, to the congregation.**
- **Display the poster.** Using a broad-tipped marker, write the offering date and your 2011 goal on it. If you create a contributions thermometer (see page 6), post it alongside the poster.
- **Schedule RMMO committee or other church members to make brief promotional presentations during the worship services leading up to Offering Sunday.** Use the bulletin inserts enclosed for ideas.
- **Schedule testimony from a retired minister or missionary in the congregation about what the offering means to them.**
- **Ask your Sunday School teachers for promotional ideas involving your church youth (see Promotional Ideas on page 3)—especially ideas that revolve around this year's theme, "RMMO Connects Generations."**
- **Use the bulletin inserts in this guide (also available online) to promote the offering.**
- **Use the "Sample Announcements" in this guide to create custom-made announcements for your Sunday bulletins, church newsletter, website and other means of communication.** For downloadable versions of the samples, go to the ABCUSA home page, www.abc-usa.org, and click on the RMMO 2011 link in the lower left corner.

DECEMBER						
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December

- **Receive the RMMO on Sunday, December 4, 2011.** Some churches do well by continuing to promote the offering throughout December.
- **Remind the congregation of its goal, from the beginning of the promotional period throughout December.**
- **Remit the church's contribution with your total December 2011 American Baptist Mission report.** If it is mailed, it must be received in Valley Forge no later than December 31, 2011, in order for the church to be considered for the 2011 Honor Roll of Churches.
- **This calendar may be adjusted for alternate dates.** Some churches take the RMMO at a different time of the year.

Whether your church focuses its RMMO giving on December 4th, on another Sunday—or as part of a month-long celebration—reminders of God's goodness are all around us. From generation to generation, through RMMO, we remember with love those who have given to us.

