

WAYS OF GIVING

UNITED MISSION BASICS

American Baptists have always been a people of mission; mission is in our DNA. Our United Mission (UM) contributions give concrete expression to this impulse and help us to be the hands and feet of Christ – from the local congregation to all parts of the world. It is through UM, our one family offering, that each giver is able to participate in the total ministry of our American Baptist family.

These gifts are distributed on a percentage basis according to the covenant agreement between Region organizations, International Ministries, National Ministries, Ministers & Missionaries Benefit Board, the Office of the General Secretary, and career development centers. These gifts under gird every aspect of our life together as American Baptists, supporting the cutting-edge ministry projects as well as the administrative support necessary to the success of those projects.

AB WOMEN'S MINISTRIES LOVE GIFT

American Baptist Women make over-and-above contributions to Love Gift. A percentage of these contributions are used to support the work of American Baptist Women, and the balance is divided in the same way as gifts to United Mission Basics. These sacrificial gifts play an important role in United Mission.

UNITED MISSION DESIGNATIONS

These gifts go directly to support the designated ministry, but do not change the percentage specified in the covenant agreement to any of the ministry partners. These United Mission dollars are used for the designated purpose.

TARGETED GIVING

Gifts in this category are not applied to the percentage in United Mission, but are used for budgeted purposes. They may be given as a result of a special appeal or to support a particular ministry important to the giver. Many of our ministry partners rely on targeted giving to allow them to reach their budget goals.

SPECIFICS

Specifics are “over and above” gifts to ministry partners that are not used for budget purposes. They may support a specific project or one-time ministry opportunity. It is important that specifics are cleared with the appropriate ministry partner before being sent.

OTHER AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSION SUPPORT OFFERINGS

The five special offerings, America For Christ, World Mission Offering, Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering, One Great Hour of Sharing, and Regional Offering, are another way to support the good work of specific ministry partners.