

AMERICAN BAPTIST NATIONAL PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING CAUCUS
Caucus Nacional Batista Americano de Língua Portuguesa
05/15/2017

2016 Financial Report

INCOME

1. ABC General Fund, check # 9810 dated 02/12/16	\$ 1,525.00
2. ABC General Fund, check # 10077 dated 05/06/16	\$ 1,525.00
3. ABC General Fund, check # 10428 dated 08/18/16	\$ 1,525.00
4. ABC General Fund, check # 10673 dated 11/04/16	\$ 1,525.00
5. Personal donation	\$ 300.00
6. Bank dividends (less D.A.D.B. Withholding)	\$ 7.56
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TOTAL	\$6,407.56

EXPENSES

1. Travel expenses (reimb.) for ExCom meeting	\$ 378.99
2. Travel expenses (reimb.) for ExCom meeting	\$ 2,406.70
3. Travel expenses (reimb.) for ExCom meeting	\$ 130.00
4. Travel expenses (reimb.) for ExCom meeting	\$ 292.73
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TOTAL	\$ 3,208.42

SUMMARY

Income:	\$ 6,407.56
(-) Expenses:	\$ 3,208.42
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Balance:	\$ 3,199.14

NOTE:

This balance will complement our REDUCED BUDGET for 2017, especially having in view that in 2017 our expenses will be much higher than usual.

Rev Dalton H. Said, Treasurer
May 15, 2017

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2016 ACTIVITY REPORT

The region of New England, under the leadership of Reverend Jackson Oliveira, organized the followed events:

1-Organized in December 3, 2015 the “Christmas Party Celebration”, an event to facilitate a reunion pastors, ministers and leaders form the Brazilian community in the Area of American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts, and to promote integration and the involvement of the Brazilian pastors with the ABC.

2-On March 27, 2016 Reverend Jackson Oliveira was invited to preach at Baptist Church New Vida Nova (New Life), located on the City of Lowell, MA. Is was a tremendous opportunity to share about the work we do as ABC Caucus.

3-Another event that was promoted has happened on May 13, 2016 during the annual meeting of the TABCOM, when two new Brazilian pastors in this area were invited and attended the event. The goal was accomplished and the total of pastors and leaders counted seventeen Brazilian pastors.

4-On June 12, 2016, A Regional Caucus meeting of the New England, under the leadership of Reverend Dalton Said, and with the special participation of the President of the Free Baptist Churches of Angola, pastor Tomas Cuvila, was held and Pastor Cuvila had the opportunity to preach in this event for the pastors who attended it.

In sum, our Caucus labor is trying to give support to our Brazilian churches in the area, and also to be at the leader side of the plantation of new Ethnic group in these areas. Also, last year, we had a great victory as our regional caucus approved the formation of the Ministerial Association of the Portuguese-Speaking Churches of Massachusetts as a chapter of the Conference of Ministers of Massachusetts. This way, the Portuguese-Speaking Pastors and churches would be better served and the work load of the Conference would be eased and made more efficient.

In the West Coast, our Committee was in associating with ABCOFLASH putting in practice a retreat and conference with Brazilian Leaders and Pastors in California area. The retreat was held in 22 & 23 of April 2016. The Caucus would not be promoting the event, I would attend as a participant and ask for time to talk about the Caucus and the need for the churches to participate and contribute economically to ABCUSA. Many of these churches enjoy the benefits generated by our denomination. The theme of the meeting was "The mission is the ministry of the Brazilian church in the USA. For personal reasons, my husband had heart surgery a week before, I could not attend.

We held our annual meeting on August 12 and 13 during the Multicultural Conference of the MBMM (Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministry). The meeting was been led by me, Elizabeth Pinto, and the Caucus Regional Representative, Rev. Jackson Oliveira as well as pastor representing Boston area.

We discussed the preparation for the 2017 biennial, as well as how to reach and involve more leaders in our caucus, as well as a better awareness of caucus functions in the Portuguese-speaking community in this country.

On November 14, & 15, 2016 I participated in the Intercaucus Meeting. We discussed the participation of each caucus in the American Baptist Churches as well as had the opportunity to express our needs as a group, and our concern as ethnic groups facing a new political situation with a new presidential election. We also scheduled our participation in the 2017 Biennial.

We praise God for all that has been accomplished, and trust him to be our helper as we struggle onwards, facing the challenges that lay ahead. God Bless we all.

Elizabeth Pinto
President

Los Angeles - May 15, 2017

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2018

PROJECTED INCOME

Allocations requested from the ABC General Fund	\$6,100.00
Other sources	\$ 500.00

TOTAL	\$6,600.00

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

Spring Executive Committee Meeting	\$2,800.00
Fall Executive Committee Meetings	\$2,800.00
Representation (members of the Board)	\$ 800.00
Operational and administrative expenses	\$ 200.00

TOTAL	\$6,600.00

Rev. Dalton H. said, Treasurer
May 15, 2017