

# AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES USA

*Dr. Susan E. Gillies*  
*Interim General Secretary*

November 9, 2016

TO: ABCUSA Directors

Dear Friends:

At each Biennial Meeting, the Cora and John Sparrowk President's Award is presented on behalf of the Board of General Ministries to an exceptional Christian. The recipient must be an American Baptist who has over a period of years made an exceptional and outstanding contribution to the life of Christ's Church and who in life and service manifests richly the fruits and gifts of the Spirit.

This award takes the form of a plaque recording the presentation, a written testimony to the life and service of the recipient being honored and a monetary gift.

As a member of the Board of General Ministries you are asked to give prayerful consideration to persons who would be worthy candidates. Nominations are to be sent to me on the enclosed form for receipt **on or before December 15, 2016**. The President, Vice President and immediate Past President will select a recipient from among those nominated for confirmation by the Executive Committee of the Board of General Ministries. Announcement of the recipient will be made to the Board of General Ministries and presentation of the award will take place at the Biennial Meeting in Portland, OR in June 2017.

Please use the Nomination Form provided to submit your nomination. For your information, I have also provided a list of past recipients of the President's Award.

If you have questions, please be in touch with me. You have our gratitude for your willingness to take part in this sensitive and significant task.

Sincerely,



Dr. Susan E. Gillies  
Interim General Secretary

Enclosures:    Nomination Form 1214.1  
                     President's Award Recipients

cc:            National Leadership Council