

Report of the Women's Caucus to the Credentials and Caucus Committee American Baptist Churches, USA Narrative Report of 2019

The Women's Caucus continues to be about the mission of building a caucus to serve as advocate for women leaders at all levels of American Baptist life. After three Mission Summits with a presence in the exhibit hall, the Women's Caucus has gained visibility and is increasingly known to active lay and clergy women. At the same time, the Women's Caucus is getting to know increasing numbers of those same women, both through contact at American Baptist events and via a very intentional presence on Facebook. We continue to be impressed with their gifts and commitment to church life over time.

In the past five years, our leadership team of four officers has settled into a pattern of joining together for a face-to-face meeting in the first months of the year. In a brief, but intensive hotel stay, we share our acquaintances with ABC women and plan our presence in upcoming events.

In 2019, we traveled to Virginia Beach for the Mission Summit. Once again, we brought the Women's Caucus quilt as our ongoing back-drop in the exhibit hall, and symbol of our connection with ABC women. Pieced and finished by Caucus officer Shirley Fair, the quilt was tied, using an old technique of countless women before us, by those who visited our booth in Portland.

Wanting to put names and faces together, In Virginia Beach we sought to take a picture of the women who visited our booth with thoughts of creating a pictorial directory. We continue to build a network of remarkable women who might take on leadership in the denomination. Our work in Virginia Beach was challenging as our booth was on the far margins of the exhibit hall and hidden by walls of other booths. Hence, we saw much fewer persons than in previous years. We shared the space and that dilemma with the Black Caucus, the Indian Caucus and the Haitian Caucus.

The Women's Caucus leader team continues to work toward developing a Steering Committee of women who represent the official Boards and ministries of the denomination. This group will join us in expanding our network of women who are, and have been, active throughout the ABC. It will also allow us to get acquainted with women whose particular gifts make them good candidates on the boards as well as staff positions as they become open. In the coming year, we hope to invite a new officer to join the Caucus at our winter meeting as our current members seek to retire.

Julia Bebeau
for the ABC Women's Caucus

2019

Balance on January 1, 2019	\$14,109.01
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Revenues:

Funding for caucuses	5975.00
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Expenses:

January 2019 Meeting in Dallas, Texas	
Julia's baggage & parking fees	84.00
Meals for four	340.98
Embassy Suites hotel	865.52
flights for Charity, Katherine, Shirley & Julia	1397.65
2020 ABWIM Conference	1000.00
2019 Biennial Mission Summit	
Shirley Fair's airfare	638.00
Julia Bebeau's airfare	374.00
Luggage Tags	514.09
Julia Bebeau's registration & additional transp	382.60
Housing & meals for Shirley & Julia	990.26
Shirley Fair's meals & additional transportatio	276.83
Electricity at BMS booth	105.00
Charity Matic's registration & transportation €	213.60
Brochures	194.36
BMS Exhibitor Booth	360.00
Ad in Women's Day program book	150.00
Charity Matic's housing & meals expenses	701.71

Total Expenses	\$8,588.60
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Balance	\$11,495.41
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American Baptist Women's Caucus

2021 Caucus Funding Proposal

Caucus Goals	Administration or Program	Plans and Activities	Dates	Who's Involved	Proposed Funding
1. Build/Strengthen Caucus planning	Administration	A. At least one face-to-face meeting per year; and conference calls	February 2020	Caucus Officers	A. Flights \$1400; Meals \$350; Hotel \$900; Shuttle and Parking \$100 (\$2750)
	Administration	B. Mobilize Steering Committee, virtual meetings	4-6 times/year	Caucus Officers	\$50.00 Total \$2800.00
2. Women's Caucus Presence at 2021 Mission Summit	Administration	Booth in Exhibit Hall Ad in Program Guide Supplies Travel/lodging Meal Events	June 2021	3 Caucus Officers	Booth \$360 Give-away \$1000 Ad in Program Guide \$150 Supplies \$200 (\$1710) Travel \$2000; Meal Events \$200; Lodging/meals \$1700 (\$3900.00) Total \$5610,00

3.Expand network of Women Across Denomination	Administration	A.Recognize newly appointed women in positions of leadership; B.Maintain promotional materials, social media	All year	Officers	A. \$45.00 B. \$200.00 Total \$245.00
Participate in InterCaucus	Administration	InterCaucus Breakfast	Mission Summit	Caucus Officers	\$100.00 Total \$100.00

Total Proposed spending \$8755.00
Less amount not spent in 2020 \$2500.00
(due to cancelled events)
Grand Total \$6255.00