

GUIDELINES FOR CAUCUS FUNDING
Adopted by Credentials & Caucus Committee
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1. Definition. A Caucus, within American Baptist Churches, USA, is any group of persons joined with one another in recognition of a common cause and shared characteristic, which meets criteria (See Rule 14.4.2), and is recognized by the Board of General Ministries on recommendation of the Credentials and Caucus Committee.
2. Funding. Each Caucus is eligible for funding by ABCUSA. Annually, in June, the Committee will determine funding amounts for the following year. In general, all Caucuses will be eligible to receive equal funding, but need not accept the full amount allocated. Funding recommendations from the Committee will be communicated to the General Secretary for consideration in the annual budget process.
3. The purpose of caucus funding is to aid in the development of a caucus organization and the fulfillment of its goals. Grants may be used for both administrative and programmatic purposes.
4. Following recognition by the Board of General Ministries (SR 14.4.3), any Caucus seeking funding shall make application to the Credentials & Caucus Committee of the ABC, stating the purpose of the Caucus and the proposed plans for operation.
5. Grants for caucus funding will be for one calendar year. Approximately 25% of the funds will be paid from the Office of the Treasurer each calendar quarter (January, April, July, and October) and sent to an account in the name of the Caucus or be maintained by the ABCUSA's treasurer's office.
6. Unused funds must be returned to the Office of the Treasurer by March 31 of the following year. Requests to carry over funds from one calendar year to another must be submitted to the Credentials and Caucus Committee for their approval by March 31.