

## **World Relief Committee**

### **Description of the Work (Current)**

Functions. The functions of the World Relief Committee shall include:

- (a) establishing policy, subject to the approval of the BGM, with respect to the distribution of funds received from the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, including the funding of the World Relief Office subject to budgetary provisions voted by the BGM;
- (b) determining the allocations to be sent to cooperative bodies such as Church World Service and the Baptist World Aid; and
- (c) granting to National Program Boards and to Region Boards the administration of funds within the policies adopted by the Committee and approved by the BGM.

Members of this Committee from BGM shall be nominated by the President and elected by BGM. There shall be a World Relief Committee consisting of eleven (11) members including:

- (a) seven (7) voting members to be elected by the Board of General Ministries:
  - (1) two (2) persons nominated by the Board of Directors of ABFMS from among its membership;
  - (2) two (2) persons nominated by the Board of Directors of ABHMS from among its membership;
  - (3) two (2) persons nominated by the ABCUSA President from among Board of General Ministries membership, with one of those persons to be appointed chair of the Committee by the ABCUSA President; and
  - (4) one (1) person nominated from the American Baptist Women Executive Committee from among that Committee's membership.
- (b) four (4) non-voting members, one (1) each from the staffs of ABCUSA, ABFMS, ABHMS and American Baptist Women's Ministries ("ABWM") appointed by the General Secretary in consultation with the appropriate respective members of the National Executive Council.

(c) The World Relief Officer shall staff the Committee.

(d) Any vacancy shall be filled by nomination and election or appointment as aforesaid.

### **Responsibilities that apply to all commissions, committees, and task forces (entities):**

- Know and abide by the duties of your entity
- Attend scheduled meetings and events
- Participate in discussions and decision making
- Advocate for the work of your entity
- Comply with the conflict-of-interest policy (Note from Lisa to Iris/Kathy: I do not know how the non-BGM Committee members receive and return a signed conflict of interest policy. Is that currently happening?)

**Skills, experience, and perspectives that add value to this entity (name your top 3)**

- Prior experience in grantmaking or applying for grants
- Experience in domestic and international service ministry opportunities and/or interest in understanding diverse cultures.
- Participation in ministries of human development, ministries to displaced persons, and/or emergency disaster response.

**Potential benefits of service on this entity (name your top 3)**

- Greater understanding of the breadth and depth of American Baptist mission and ministry.
- Gain a better understanding of the importance of the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and the communities it serves.
- Participate on an engaged committee whose decisions impact communities in the U.S./P.R. and around the world.

**Additional expectations of involvement (name up to 3)**

- Review of meeting materials prior to each meeting.
- Fully engaged participation in meetings with a desire to contribute and listen and learn from other Committee members.

Sharing within your region about the ministries of OGHS when requested.