

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES FINANCE COMMITTEE
TO THE BOARD OF GENERAL MINISTRIES
June 2023**

The following is an overview of the work of the Board of General Ministries Finance Committee:

I. 2022 Audited Financial Statements

The committee conducted a conference call with auditors from Tait Weller on May 22, 2023. Acting as the Audit Committee (as specified in Standing Rule 11.5.2(a)), we received and reviewed the 2022 audited financial statements.

II. Legacies and Gifts - Legacies and gifts in the amount of \$88,532.59 were received for ABCUSA between October 2022 and April 2023.

III. ABCUSA Treasurer's Report

The Committee met to review the Report of the ABCUSA Treasurer, including:

Budget Timeline for 2024

Financial Report as of 12/31/2022

Financial Report as of 4/30/2023

Results of internal audit of mission receipts

IV. Draw Rates on Endowments

For 2024, the draw from the Roblee fund will be \$60,064 (4.5% of the 12-quarter rolling average of the market value of the fund) and will be distributed to International Ministries. The draw from the Roberts fund will be \$5,078 (also 4.5% of the 12-quarter rolling average) to be split evenly between International Ministries and the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

V. Budget Concerns

There was considerable discussion about the process for developing the 2024 budget and concern that the budget will again include a planned deficit. The committee members do not want to see a pattern of planned deficits and a resulting dependence on reserves. As a board, we need to be using our combined talents (across all action groups) to find and develop new sources of revenue.

VI. Review of Regional Audits

Paul presented a report showing the audits, compilations, reviews, and internal financial statements received from each region that provided such reports for 2017-2022. We noted that 12 of 33 regions were in compliance with reporting requirements for 2021. Harry Riggs, Soozi Whitten Ford, and Robin Stoops joined us to share their thoughts from serving as Regional Executive Ministers. A proposal to drop the audit requirement will come before a Common Budget Covenant review committee this fall.

VII. Banking Resolutions

The committee reviewed two resolutions related to the establishment of new bank accounts. The first allows a money market account to be created at TD Bank so that AMOs for whom we provide accounting services can receive interest on deposits. The second allows a Chase Bank account to be created for the Hispanic Caucus. The committee recommended adoption of both resolutions by BGM.

Submitted by: Paul Higgins, Budget Review Officer; Orin Clinger, Thomas Gilmore, Cedric Jones, and Tom Ross; Alan Musoke, ABCUSA Treasurer. (Noemi Nunez-Sanchez was unable to attend.)

June 22, 2023