

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**To the Board of General Ministries
American Baptist Churches in the USA
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania**

We have audited the accompanying statements of American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. (ABCUSA) which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of activities, changes in net assets, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**To the Board of General Ministries
American Baptist Churches in the USA
Valley Forge, Pennsylvania**

Emphasis of a Matter

As discussed in note 2 to the financial statements, in 2018, ABCUSA adopted Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of ABCUSA as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Tait, Weller & Baker LLP

**Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
June 4, 2019**

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STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

December 31, 2018 And 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,341,184	\$ 1,511,551
Accounts receivable from Baptist-related organizations, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	1,665,020	1,967,510
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	122,370	85,077
Note receivable, current portion	<u>109,958</u>	<u>131,590</u>
Total Current Assets	3,238,532	3,695,728
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Investments, at fair value	22,186,193	26,224,894
Investment in limited liability company	94,365	6,264
Property held for investment purposes	6,355,480	-
Land, buildings and equipment, net	1,845,671	6,958,937
Note receivable, non-current portion	2,682,067	2,792,025
Lease acquisition costs, net	<u>77,141</u>	<u>94,049</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 36,479,449</u>	<u>\$ 39,771,897</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 92,627	\$ 103,445
Funds of others – Mission Support	1,249,078	1,269,668
Funds held for others	953,793	1,069,513
Deferred lease revenue, current portion	<u>96,476</u>	<u>96,476</u>
Total Current Liabilities	2,391,974	2,539,102
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Deferred lease revenue, non-current portion	<u>1,398,747</u>	<u>1,495,223</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>3,790,721</u>	<u>4,034,325</u>
NET ASSETS		
Without donor restrictions		
Board designated	23,422,862	24,076,662
Board undesignated	<u>3,178,643</u>	<u>2,894,304</u>
Total unrestricted	26,601,505	26,970,966
With donor restrictions	<u>6,087,223</u>	<u>8,766,606</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>32,688,728</u>	<u>35,737,572</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 36,479,449</u>	<u>\$ 39,771,897</u>

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.

STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2018

(With Comparative Totals For The Year Ended December 31, 2017)

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>2018 Total</u>	<u>2017 Total</u>
Operating revenues, gains and other support:				
American Baptist mission support				
Amounts received on behalf of others	\$26,988,535			
Amounts remitted to others	<u>\$25,086,060</u>			
Amounts retained by ABCUSA	\$ 1,902,475	\$ -	\$ 1,902,475	\$ 2,035,057
Donations and other revenue	1,473,261	-	1,473,261	2,743,125
Endowment return designated for current operations	775,823	363,545	1,139,368	1,095,458
Other investment income	8,852	-	8,852	5,808
Mission Center building operations	443,294	-	443,294	562,595
Net assets released from restrictions - operating:				
Satisfaction of program restrictions	<u>468,768</u>	<u>(468,768)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total operating revenues, gains and other support	<u>5,072,473</u>	<u>(105,223)</u>	<u>4,967,250</u>	<u>6,442,043</u>
Expenses				
Mission Center building operations	469,155	-	469,155	536,308
Treasurer's office	778,172	-	778,172	778,742
Mission resource development	400,183	-	400,183	529,092
Biennial	-	-	-	841,452
General Secretary and Associate General Secretary	698,302	-	698,302	401,339
Information technology	168,799	-	168,799	-
Development Office	244,595	-	244,595	266,403
Representative process	267,121	-	267,121	379,007
Regional operations	301,180	-	301,180	348,600
Distribution to others	268,231	-	268,231	249,805
General and administrative	378,890	-	378,890	408,360
Human resource development	58,430	-	58,430	65,068
Office of travel and conference planning	331,434	-	331,434	287,448
Transition Ministries	648,588	-	648,588	851,207
Denominational emphasis	13,594	-	13,594	16,185
ABC information	234,869	-	234,869	253,328
Orientation to American Baptist Life	-	-	-	162,106
Women in Ministry	190,660	-	190,660	133,345
Ecumenical relations	<u>96,936</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,936</u>	<u>102,468</u>
Total expenses	<u>5,549,139</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,549,139</u>	<u>6,610,263</u>
Deficiency of revenue and support over expenses	<u>(476,666)</u>	<u>(105,223)</u>	<u>(581,889)</u>	<u>(168,220)</u>
Other changes				
Investment return in excess (deficit) of amounts designated for current operations	(1,712,744)	(949,160)	(2,661,904)	2,196,206
Other investment income	185,372	-	185,372	291,634
Net change in value of investment in limited liability company	(86,899)	-	(86,899)	(118,049)
Lease revenue	96,476	-	96,476	96,476
Net assets released from restrictions – non-operating	<u>1,625,000</u>	<u>(1,625,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other changes	<u>107,205</u>	<u>(2,574,160)</u>	<u>(2,466,955)</u>	<u>2,466,267</u>
Changes in net assets	<u>(369,461)</u>	<u>(2,679,383)</u>	<u>(3,048,844)</u>	<u>2,298,047</u>
Net Assets				
Beginning of year	<u>26,970,966</u>	<u>8,766,606</u>	<u>35,737,572</u>	<u>33,439,525</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 26,601,505</u>	<u>\$ 6,087,223</u>	<u>\$ 32,688,728</u>	<u>\$ 35,737,572</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

For The Year Ended December 31, 2017

	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>2017 Total</u>
Operating revenues, gains and other support:			
American Baptist mission support			
Amounts received on behalf of others	\$28,390,391		
Amounts remitted to others	<u>\$26,355,334</u>		
Amounts retained by ABCUSA	\$ 2,035,057	\$ -	\$ 2,035,057
Donations and other revenue	2,509,958	233,167	2,743,125
Endowment return designated for current operations	748,989	346,469	1,095,458
Other investment income	5,808	-	5,808
Mission Center building operations	562,595	-	562,595
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	<u>429,319</u>	<u>(429,319)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total operating revenues, gains and other support	<u>6,291,726</u>	<u>150,317</u>	<u>6,442,043</u>
Expenses			
Mission Center building operations	536,308	-	536,308
Treasurer's office	778,742	-	778,742
Mission resource development	529,092	-	529,092
Biennial	841,452	-	841,452
General Secretary	401,339	-	401,339
Development Office	266,403	-	266,403
Representative process	379,007	-	379,007
Regional operations	348,600	-	348,600
Distribution to others	249,805	-	249,805
General and administrative	408,360	-	408,360
Human resource development	65,068	-	65,068
Office of travel and conference planning	287,448	-	287,448
Transition Ministries	851,207	-	851,207
Denominational emphasis	16,185	-	16,185
ABC information	253,328	-	253,328
Orientation to American Baptist Life	162,106	-	162,106
Women in Ministry	133,345	-	133,345
Ecumenical relations	<u>102,468</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>102,468</u>
Total expenses	<u>6,610,263</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,610,263</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue and support over expenses	<u>(318,537)</u>	<u>150,317</u>	<u>(168,220)</u>
Other changes			
Investment return in excess of amounts designated for current operations	1,351,463	844,743	2,196,206
Other investment income	291,634	-	291,634
Net change in value of investment in limited liability company	(118,049)	-	(118,049)
Lease revenue	<u>96,476</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,476</u>
Total other changes	<u>1,621,524</u>	<u>844,743</u>	<u>2,466,267</u>
Changes in net assets	1,302,987	995,060	2,298,047
Net Assets			
Beginning of year	<u>25,667,979</u>	<u>7,771,546</u>	<u>33,439,525</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 26,970,966</u>	<u>\$ 8,766,606</u>	<u>\$ 35,737,572</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

For The Years Ended December 31, 2018 And 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Total change in net assets	\$ (3,048,844)	\$ 2,298,047
Adjustments to reconcile total change in net assets to net cash (used) in/provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	156,670	146,608
Amortization of lease acquisition costs	16,908	16,908
Net realized and unrealized gain on investments	2,492,313	(2,367,330)
Net change/loss in value of LLC	86,899	118,049
Amortization of lease income	(96,476)	(96,476)
Decrease (increase) in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable from Baptist related organizations	302,490	325,645
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(37,293)	17,120
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable/accrued expenses	(10,818)	(52,478)
Funds of others and funds held for others-mission support	<u>(136,310)</u>	<u>(382,288)</u>
Net cash (used for) provided by operating activities	<u>(274,461)</u>	<u>23,805</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of equipment	(1,398,884)	(18,381)
Purchases of investments, net of proceeds from sales	1,546,388	(1,478,781)
Contributions to LLC	(175,000)	(70,000)
Collections of notes receivable	<u>131,590</u>	<u>1,513,739</u>
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	<u>104,094</u>	<u>(53,423)</u>
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(170,367)	(29,618)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		
Beginning of year	<u>1,511,551</u>	<u>1,541,169</u>
End of year	<u>\$ 1,341,184</u>	<u>\$ 1,511,551</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

December 31, 2018 And 2017

(1) BACKGROUND

The American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. (***“ABCUSA”***), as a manifestation of the church universal, bears witness to God’s intention to bring redemption and wholeness to all creation. American Baptist believe that God’s intention can be sought and followed in local congregations and other gatherings of Christians and in associational, regional, national and world bodies as they receive from one another mutual counsel and correction. Since Jesus Christ is the head of the church, each body of Christians, seeking to order its life in accordance with the Scriptures under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has a proper responsibility under God for maintaining its life of worship, witness, and ministry.

The Internal Revenue Service (***“IRS”***) has determined ABCUSA to be an “association of churches” and, therefore, exempt from federal income taxes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The IRS has further determined that contributions made to the ABCUSA are deductible by the donors to the extent allowed by law. Management has reviewed their tax positions and has concluded that there are no significant uncertain tax positions that would require recognition in the financial statements.

(2) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accompanying financial statements of ABCUSA have been prepared using the accrual basis of accounting.

NET ASSETS

For accounting and reporting purposes, ABCUSA classifies its resources into two net asset categories according to externally (donor) imposed restrictions. A description of the two net asset categories follows:

Net Assets without donor restrictions – include the revenues and expenses associated with the principal mission of ABCUSA and are segregated as follows:

Board Undesignated: These may be used by management for any purpose without restriction.

Board Designated: Includes reserves such as the Functioning as Endowment, Proceeds from the Sale of the Mission Center, ABCUSA Operating Reserve and other designated balances. Although intended for specific use, these are not binding on ABCUSA.

Net Assets with donor restrictions – include gifts for which restrictions have not been met. Net assets with donor restrictions are limited by donors for a specific purpose or specified period. Also includes gifts and contributions which require, by donor restriction, that the corpus be invested in perpetuity and only the income be made available for program operations in accordance with donor restrictions.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts held in highly liquid securities with maturities of less than three months at the time of purchase and are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

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ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FROM BAPTIST RELATED ORGANIZATIONS

Accounts receivable consist of amounts due from Baptist related organizations and local churches for mission fund support and reimbursable costs, net of allowance for doubtful accounts. Allowance for doubtful accounts is determined by review of the aged accounts receivable listing for balances that are specifically identifiable as a credit risk or uncollectible.

INVESTMENTS

Investments are stated at fair value. Donated securities are recorded at fair value on the date of receipt. Investments primarily consist of funds invested in investment pools that are managed by the American Baptist Foundation (“**ABF**”) (an affiliate), and American Baptist Home Missions Societies (“**ABHMS**”) (an affiliate).

Investment income is recorded on the accrual basis of accounting and investment transactions are recorded on trade date. Investment income including realized and unrealized gains and losses on investments are recognized as income in the Statement of Activity.

INVESTMENT IN PARTNERSHIP AND COMPANY

In 2008, ABCUSA entered into a limited partnership agreement with the American Baptist Foreign Missions Society (“**ABFMS**”), American Baptist Home Mission Society (“**ABHMS**”), and the Ministers and Missionaries Benefits Board (“**MMBB**”) to form 588 Associates, LP (the “**Partnership**”), a Pennsylvania limited partnership, for the purpose of the acquisition of the Mission Center (the “**Sale**”), and 588 Associates, LLC (the “**Company**”), a Pennsylvania limited liability company, for the purpose of managing the activities and serving as the General Partner of the Partnership.

The Partnership agreed to dissolve effective September 30, 2016 in accordance with the Tenants in Common Agreement signed by ABCUSA, ABHMS, ABFMS and MMBB. Per the agreement, the land, building and equipment and the interest in all lease agreements were distributed to the partners based on their respective share in the partnership.

The Company now provides the management of the property and the related leases distributed under the Tenants in Common Agreement.

The value of ABCUSA’s investment in the Company as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$94,365 and \$6,264, respectively, and its share of the Company’s loss for 2018 and 2017 was \$(86,899) and \$(118,049), respectively, which is recorded as “net change in value of investment in company” in the statement of activities.

PROPERTY, LAND, EQUIPMENT AND DEPRECIATION

Property, land, and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation is provided on a straight-line basis and is charged to expense over the estimated useful lives of the assets. Gains and losses on the disposition of assets are recognized in the Statement of Activity in the period of disposition. Repair and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred, while improvements that extend the life of the assets are capitalized.

ABCUSA reviews its assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable.

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FUNDS OF OTHERS-MISSION SUPPORT

Mission Support consists of funds administered by ABCUSA but intended for affiliated organizations in accordance with the approved budget covenant. These payments are recorded as a liability, funds of others-Mission Support, when received.

FUNDS HELD FOR OTHERS

ABCUSA collects and distributes other (non-Mission Support) funds for the benefit of others. ABCUSA holds these funds in a fiduciary capacity and its sole responsibility regarding these funds is in the capacity of acting as an agent. These funds represent contributions for other institutions and are recorded as a liability, funds held for others, when received.

DEFERRED LEASE REVENUE

Deferred lease revenue represents rental income received for a land lease and is amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the leases.

CONTRIBUTIONS

ABCUSA reports gifts of cash and other assets as restricted support if they are received with donor stipulations that limit the use of the donated assets. When a donor restriction expires, that is, when a stipulated time restriction ends, or purpose restriction is accomplished, net assets with donor-imposed restrictions are reclassified to net assets without donor-imposed restrictions and reported in the statement of activities as net assets released from restrictions. If the donor stipulations are met in the same reporting period, the contributions are reported as support without donor-imposed restrictions.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make certain estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses for the years then ended. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the various programs and other activities have been summarized on a functional basis in footnote 12. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among programs and supporting services.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

On August 18, 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ASU 2016-14, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958) – *Presentation of Financial Statements for Not-for-Profit Entities*. The update addressed the complexity and understandability of net asset classification, deficiencies in information about liquidity and availability of resources, and the lack of consistency in the type of information provided about expenses and investment returns. The main provisions of this guidance include the presentation of two classes of net assets versus the previously required three. This guidance also enhances disclosures for board designated amounts, under water endowment funds, composition of net assets without donor restrictions, liquidity, and expenses by both their natural and functional classification. This ASU was adopted by ABCUSA for the year ended December 31, 2018 and did not have a material effect on the statement of financial position or results of operations.

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A recap of the net asset reclassifications driven by the adoption of ASU 2016-14 as of December 31, 2016 is as follows:

<u>Net Asset Classifications</u>	<u>ASU 2016-14 Classification</u>		<u>Total Net Assets</u>
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	
As previously presented:			
Unrestricted	\$25,188,226	\$ -	\$ 25,188,226
Temporarily Restricted	-	5,038,123	5,038,123
Permanently Restricted	-	3,213,176	3,213,176
Net assets previously presented	<u>\$25,188,226</u>	<u>\$ 8,251,299</u>	<u>\$ 33,439,525</u>
Reclassifications to implement ASU 2016-14:			
Underwater endowments	<u>479,753</u>	<u>(479,753)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets, as restricted 2016	<u>\$25,667,979</u>	<u>\$ 7,771,546</u>	<u>\$ 33,439,525</u>

The effect of the above reclassification on the 2017 financial statements was an increase in net assets without donor restrictions of \$206,312 and a decrease in net assets with donor restrictions of \$206,312.

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain account balances in the 2017 financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the 2018 presentation.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS NOT YET ADOPTED

In June 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-08, Not-for-Profit Entities (Topic 958): *Clarifying the Scope and the Accounting Guidance for Contributions Received and Contributions Made*. The amendments in this update will assist entities in evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as contributions (nonreciprocal transactions) or as exchange (reciprocal transactions) and determining whether a transaction is conditional. ASU 2018-08 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. The ASU should be applied using a modified prospective basis. ABCUSA plans to adopt the new ASU at the required implementation date.

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(3) INVESTMENTS

ABCUSA carries its investments at fair value. ABCUSA utilizes various methods to measure the fair value of most of its investments on a recurring basis. Generally accepted accounting principles establish a hierarchy that prioritizes inputs to valuation methods. The three levels of inputs are described below:

Level 1 – Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets at the measurement date for identical assets and/or liabilities. An active market is one in which transactions for assets or liabilities occur with sufficient frequency and volume to provide pricing information on an ongoing basis. This category includes contracts traded on active exchange markets valued using unadjusted prices quoted directly from the exchange.

Level 2 – Observable inputs other than quoted prices included in level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. These inputs may include quoted prices for the identical instrument on an inactive market, prices for similar instruments, interest rates, prepayment speeds, credit risk, yield curves, default rates and similar data.

Level 3 – Assets or liabilities whose fair value is estimated based on internally developed models or methodologies using inputs that are generally less readily observable and supported by little, if any, market activity at the measurement date. Unobservable inputs are developed based on the best available information and subject to cost benefit constraints.

The inputs methodology used for valuing securities are not necessarily an indication of the risk associated with investing in those securities. For example, amortized cost approximates the current fair value of a security, but since the value is not obtained from a quoted price in an active market, such securities are reflected as Level 2.

The fair values of the investment securities and the associated fair value measurements as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

<u>2018</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Investment Type				
Mutual Funds – Fixed Income	<u>\$ 556,254</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 556,254</u>
	<u>\$ 556,254</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 556,254</u>
Investments reported at net asset value:				
Blended Portfolio of the American Baptist Foundation				11,796,440
Common Investment Fund of the				
American Home Mission Society				<u>9,833,499</u>
Total Investments				<u>\$ 22,186,193</u>
<u>2017</u>	<u>Level 1</u>	<u>Level 2</u>	<u>Level 3</u>	<u>Total</u>
Investment Type				
Mutual Funds – Fixed Income	<u>\$ 547,551</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 547,551</u>
	<u>\$ 547,551</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 547,551</u>
Investments reported at net asset value:				
Blended Portfolio of the American Baptist Foundation				15,010,690
Common Investment Fund of the				
American Home Mission Society				<u>10,666,653</u>
Total Investments				<u>\$ 26,224,894</u>

There were no transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the years ended December 31, 2018 or 2017.

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The Blended Portfolio of the ABF and the Common Investment Fund of the ABHMS represent investment pools managed by ABF and ABHMS, respectively. Each investment has a calculated net asset value and distributions may be taken at any time.

The Blended Portfolio of the ABF has a target allocation of 60% stock and 40% bonds, however, the target allocation may vary by plus or minus in each category.

The Common Investment Fund of the ABHMS has a long-term optimal allocation target of 66% stocks, 23% bonds and 11% alternatives, however, the allocation may vary by plus or minus in each category.

Assets whose use is limited represent investments held for a deferred compensation plan.

The following schedule summarizes the investment return for the investments and its classification in the statement of activities:

	2018		
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dividends and interest, net	\$ 694,522	\$ 339,917	\$ 1,034,439
Net realized and unrealized losses	<u>(1,631,443)</u>	<u>(925,532)</u>	<u>(2,556,975)</u>
Return on investments	(936,921)	(585,615)	(1,522,536)
Less: Investment return designated for current operations	<u>(775,823)</u>	<u>(363,545)</u>	<u>(1,139,368)</u>
Investment return in excess (deficit) of amounts designated for current operations	<u><u>\$ (1,712,744)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (949,160)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (2,661,904)</u></u>

	2017		
	<u>Without Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>With Donor Restrictions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Dividends and interest, net	\$ 630,388	\$ 356,139	\$ 986,527
Net realized and unrealized gains	<u>1,470,064</u>	<u>835,073</u>	<u>2,305,137</u>
Return on investments	2,100,452	1,191,212	3,291,664
Less: Investment return designated for current operations	<u>(748,989)</u>	<u>(346,469)</u>	<u>(1,095,458)</u>
Investment return in excess of amounts designated for current operations	<u><u>\$ 1,351,463</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 844,743</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,196,206</u></u>

(4) PROPERTY HELD FOR INVESTMENT PURPOSES

In 2016, an Investment Partnership consisting of the Headquarters for ABCUSA and other Baptist Organizations, (“the Partnership”) in which ABCUSA held a 35% interest was dissolved, and in connection with the dissolution, ABCUSA received its share of the property previously held by the Partnership. ABCUSA’s 35% ownership share of the partnership property was \$6,643,762 and is included in Property held for investment purposes on the Statements of Financial Position as of December 31, 2018. In 2019, ABCUSA plans to relocate its headquarters and along with the other owners of the former headquarters, has signed an agreement of sale subject to due diligence. The Property held for investment purposes had a net book value of \$6,355,480 as of December 31, 2018.

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(5) LAND, BUILDINGS AND EQUIPMENT

Land, buildings and equipment as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 consist of the following:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Land	\$ 414,916	\$ 3,214,916
Buildings	1,347,985	3,843,762
Computer software and equipment	2,645,645	2,592,531
Leasehold improvements	31,531	31,531
Office equipment	<u>646,797</u>	<u>646,797</u>
Subtotal	5,086,874	10,329,537
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(3,241,203)</u>	<u>(3,370,600)</u>
Total property, land and equipment, net	<u>\$ 1,845,671</u>	<u>\$ 6,958,937</u>

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$156,670 and \$146,608, respectively.

ABCUSA purchased a new building on December 21, 2018 for future office space in the amount of \$1,347,985.

(6) RELATED PARTY LEASE COMMITMENT

ABCUSA leases its space in the Mission Center Building under a lease agreement expiring February 28, 2019 with 588 Associates LP, which was dissolved on September 30, 2016 and the lease agreement was transferred to the Tenants in Common (*see Note 2*). The rent expense for 2018 and 2017 was \$149,376 and \$132,357, respectively.

Future commitments under this lease are as follows:

December 31,

2019	<u>\$112,350</u>
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During 2018 and 2017, the fees collected for building related services from affiliated organizations totaled \$125,604 and \$140,049, respectively, which is included in the “Mission Center building operations” revenue and expense lines in the statement of activities.

(7) NOTES RECEIVABLE

ABCUSA and other affiliates entered into a loan agreement with American Baptist Historical Society (“*ABHS*”), an affiliate, to assist in the relocation of ABHS to another geographical location. The loan agreement with ABCUSA, ABFMS, ABHMS, and MMBB (collectively, the “lessors”) totaled \$464,970. ABCUSA contributed 15% of the principal totaling \$69,750.

Commencing October 1, 2009 and thereafter interest accrues at 5%. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, ABCUSA’s share of the principal balance due was \$14,108 and \$18,190, respectively.

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ABCUSA entered into loan agreements with ABFMS, ABHMS, and MMBB in conjunction with the 2009 sale of the Mission Center to the partnership. The notes, which carry an interest rate of 7%, are payable in monthly installments over 10 years for MMBB and over 25 years for ABHMS. During 2011, ABFMS paid in full the remaining balance due on its outstanding note. During 2018, MMBB paid in full the remaining balance due on its outstanding note. These notes are collateralized by each organization's interest in the land, buildings, and equipment which was transferred to each organization on September 30, 2016. As of December 31, 2018 the outstanding note receivable balance due from ABHMS was \$2,777,917 and the outstanding note receivable balance due from ABHMS and MMBB was \$2,905,425 as of December 31, 2017.

The following is the schedule of future minimum principal payments of all outstanding notes receivable as of December 31, 2018:

Year Ending December 31,

2019	\$ 109,958
2020	117,741
2021	127,123
2022	130,373
2023	139,798
2024 and thereafter	<u>2,167,032</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,792,025</u>

(8) LEASE OF AMERICAN BAPTIST FREEDOM CENTER

In July 1984, ABCUSA entered into an agreement to lease 24 acres of the building property to a third party. The initial lease term is for 50 years with renewal options for an additional 49 years at the lessee's discretion. In 1990, the lease was amended to provide the lessee with additional development considerations on the property. The lease has been classified as an operating lease.

Rent received for the initial lease term approximated \$4,690,000. This amount and subsequent rental revenues were deferred and are amortized using the straight-line method over various lease terms of up to 50 years. Amortization of deferred lease revenue for each of the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$96,476.

Costs incurred in negotiating and consummating the lease transactions described above totaled \$624,496. These costs were deferred and are amortized using the straight-line method over various periods of up to 50 years. Amortization on these deferred lease acquisition costs for each of the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$16,908. Accumulated amortization was \$547,355 and \$530,447 as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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(9) RETIREMENT PLAN

Substantially all of ABCUSA full-time employees are covered by the American Baptist Churches Retirement Plan (the “*Plan*”), a multi-employer defined contribution plan in accordance with Section 403(b) of the Internal Revenue Code. ABCUSA contributes 13 percent of each participant’s annual compensation. Plan expenses for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 were \$322,705 and \$301,343, respectively.

Exempt employees are eligible to participate in the Plan immediately upon enrollment. Non-exempt employees are eligible to participate in the Plan upon completion of three years of service. Upon completion of ten years of service for non-exempt employees, a lump sum contribution will be made that is equivalent to contributions that would have been made during the participant’s first three years of services. All participants are fully vested in the Plan upon enrollment.

(10) AMOUNTS RECEIVED ON BEHALF OF AND REMITTED TO OTHERS

Amounts received on behalf of and remitted to others through the American Baptist Mission Support (“*ABMS*”) during the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 were as follows:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Amounts received through ABMS:		
ABC Offerings and Other Objectives	\$ 19,760,150	\$ 20,891,393
United Mission	7,014,244	7,318,191
Other campaigns	109,160	73,837
Gifts to other agencies	<u>104,981</u>	<u>106,970</u>
Total amounts received through ABMS	<u>26,988,535</u>	<u>28,390,391</u>
Amounts received on behalf of others were distributed as follows:		
National Related Boards	15,778,439	13,326,919
Regions, States, and Baptist Related Activities	5,879,040	8,971,795
Other organizations	3,039,569	3,663,358
Shared Support Services to Related Boards	316,565	316,985
Mission Initiative Fund Disbursements	<u>72,447</u>	<u>76,277</u>
Total amounts distributed to others	<u>25,086,060</u>	<u>26,355,334</u>
Amounts retained by American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. in accordance with budget covenant provisions	<u>\$ 1,902,475</u>	<u>\$ 2,035,057</u>

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(11) NET ASSETS

Net assets designated by the Board consisted of the following at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
ABCUSA Operating Reserve	\$ 1,066,802	\$ 1,066,802
Mission Center Proceeds – Current Operations	14,218,830	16,076,701
Property held for investment purposes	6,355,480	6,483,605
Land, buildings, equipment, net	433,765	449,554
New building – future office space	<u>1,347,985</u>	<u>-</u>
Total designated by the Board	<u>\$23,422,862</u>	<u>\$24,076,662</u>

Net assets with donor-imposed restrictions are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Funds functioning as endowment:		
Roblee Fund	\$ 2,442,805	\$ 4,531,570
Other Funds	855,623	1,084,266
Other	125,415	211,035
Underwater endowment funds	<u>(549,796)</u>	<u>(273,441)</u>
Total restricted by purpose	<u>2,874,047</u>	<u>5,553,430</u>
Perpetual in nature:		
Women in Ministry	2,323,285	2,323,285
Operational Support	<u>889,891</u>	<u>889,891</u>
Total perpetual in nature	<u>3,213,176</u>	<u>3,213,176</u>
Total restricted net assets	<u>\$ 6,087,223</u>	<u>\$ 8,766,606</u>

Net assets subject to donor-imposed restrictions released from restriction for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 comprised the following:

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Operating		
Operational Support	\$ 287,834	\$ 249,805
Women in Ministry	95,314	96,664
Specifics	<u>85,620</u>	<u>82,850</u>
	<u>468,768</u>	<u>429,319</u>
Non-Operating		
Roblee Fund - Purchase of building and related costs	<u>1,625,000</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$2,093,768</u>	<u>\$ 429,319</u>

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Endowment net asset composition by type of fund as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions
	<u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Restrictions</u>
		<u>Total</u>
Donor restricted endowment funds perpetual in duration-		
Original gift amount	\$ -	\$ 2,748,632
Donor restricted – other funds	-	3,213,176
Funds functioning as endowment	<u>14,126,815</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>\$ 14,126,815</u>	<u>\$ 5,961,808</u>

	2017	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions
	<u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Restrictions</u>
		<u>Total</u>
Donor restricted endowment funds perpetual in duration-		
Original gift amount	\$ -	\$ 5,342,395
Donor restricted – other funds	-	3,213,176
Funds functioning as endowment	<u>15,552,867</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds	<u>\$ 15,552,867</u>	<u>\$ 8,555,571</u>

Change in endowment net assets for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

	2018	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions
	<u>Restrictions</u>	<u>Restrictions</u>
		<u>Total</u>
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2017	\$ 15,552,867	\$ 8,555,571
Investment return:		
Investment income, net	694,522	339,917
Net realized/unrealized loss	<u>(1,631,443)</u>	<u>(925,532)</u>
Total investment return	(936,921)	(585,615)
Contributions	286,692	-
Appropriation of Roblee income –		
for additional operational support	-	(19,603)
Appropriation for purchase of building	-	(1,625,000)
Appropriation of assets for expenditure in		
accordance with the spending policy	<u>(775,823)</u>	<u>(363,545)</u>
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2018	<u>\$ 14,126,815</u>	<u>\$ 5,961,808</u>

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	2017	
	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions
	Total	
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2016	\$ 12,481,959	\$ 7,710,828
Investment return:		
Investment income, net	630,388	356,139
Net realized/unrealized gain	<u>1,470,064</u>	<u>835,073</u>
Total investment return	2,100,452	1,191,212
Contributions	1,719,445	-
Appropriation of assets for expenditure in accordance with the spending policy	<u>(748,989)</u>	<u>(346,469)</u>
Endowment net assets, December 31, 2017	<u>\$ 15,552,867</u>	<u>\$ 8,555,571</u>

RETURN OBJECTIVES AND RISK PARAMETERS

ABCUSA's endowment funds are invested in various investments, primarily with ABF and ABHMS (*See Note 3*). According to policy approved by the Board, funds are invested in a manner to preserve the real purchasing power of the assets after all withdrawals and fees by earning a total rate of return over full market cycles of 3 to 5 years which will support the spending policy stated below. Additionally, the total rate of return (net of fees) is expected to equal or exceed a passive investment in commonly quoted market indices (benchmarks) based on a long-term optimal asset allocation.

To satisfy its long-term rate-of-return objectives, ABCUSA relies on a total return strategy in which investment returns are achieved through both capital appreciation (realized and unrealized) and current yield (interest and dividends). ABCUSA targets a diversified asset allocation that places a greater emphasis on equity-based investments to achieve its long-term return objectives within prudent risk constraints.

SPENDING POLICY

ABCUSA sets the draw from the endowment funds by approval of the BGM Finance Committee annually. The percentage draw for operations and disbursements to related partners ranged from 4% to 5% for all restricted and funds functioning as endowment. Effective January 1, 2004, ABCUSA was assigned American Baptist Women in Ministry ("*ABWIM*") as a department within the Office of the General Secretary by the General Board, and thus, investments held in an endowment fund were transferred to ABCUSA to support the operations of the new department. ABWIM's percentage draw was 5% for 2018 and 2017. The maximum percentage allowable under terms of ABCUSA's Covenant Agreement with the Ministers & Missionaries Benefit Board ("*MMBB*") is 8%.

FUNDS WITH DEFICIENCIES

From time to time, the fair value of assets associated with individual donor restricted endowment funds may fall below the level that the donor or state standards require ABCUSA to retain as a fund of perpetual duration. Deficiencies of this nature are reported in net assets with donor restrictions. At December 31, 2018 and 2017, funds with an original gift value of \$2,323,285 and \$2,323,285 were "underwater" by \$549,796 and \$273,441, respectively. These deficiencies resulted from unfavorable market fluctuations that occurred shortly after the investment of new contributions for donor-restricted endowment funds. ABCUSA has a policy that permits spending from underwater endowment funds.

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INTERPRETATION OF RELEVANT LAW

The Board of ABCUSA has interpreted the applicable state standards and guidelines for the prudent management of an endowment fund as requiring the preservation of the fair value of the original gift as of the gift date of the donor-restricted endowment funds absent explicit donor stipulations to the contrary. As a result of this interpretation, ABCUSA classifies as permanently restricted net assets (a) the original value of gifts donated to the permanent endowment, (b) the original value of subsequent gifts to the permanent endowment, and (c) accumulations to the permanent endowment made in accordance with the direction of the applicable donor gift instrument at the time the accumulation is added to the fund. The remaining portion of the donor-restricted endowment fund (i.e. the accumulated realized and unrealized gains/losses) that is not classified in permanently restricted net assets is classified as temporarily restricted net assets until those amounts are appropriated for expenditure by the organization.

(12) FUNCTIONAL CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENSES

ABCUSA is required to present expenses on a functional basis if natural classifications are presented in the Statement of Activities. The functional allocation of expenses is based primarily on the amount of direct cost spent on the program or activity as follows for the year ended December 31, 2018:

	<u>Total Expenses</u>	<u>Program Expenses</u>	<u>Management General</u>	<u>Fundraising Activities</u>
Salaries and wages	\$2,140,814	\$ 1,235,397	\$ 703,739	\$ 201,678
Employee benefits	542,247	286,042	207,889	48,316
Payroll taxes	108,654	43,930	47,420	17,304
Fees for services	453,146	176,420	240,435	36,291
Advertising and promotion	19,689	11,813	-	7,876
Office expenses	89,292	28,281	54,663	6,348
Information Technology	96,849	45,238	34,393	17,218
Occupancy	197,261	74,850	103,614	18,797
Travel	278,356	240,516	21,031	16,809
Conferences, conventions and meetings	122,480	122,480	-	-
Depreciation	156,671	15,877	134,498	6,296
Insurance	40,997	9,749	28,722	2,526
Program expenses	1,152,993	1,152,993	-	-
Other expenses	<u>149,690</u>	<u>87,052</u>	<u>47,271</u>	<u>15,367</u>
Total expenses	<u>\$5,549,139</u>	<u>\$ 3,530,638</u>	<u>\$ 1,623,675</u>	<u>\$ 394,826</u>

(13) CREDIT RISK AND OTHER CONCENTRATIONS

ABCUSA is required by Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 825, “*Financial Instruments*” to disclose significant concentrations of credit risk regardless of the degree of such risk. As of December 31, 2018 and 2017, ABCUSA maintained bank deposits that exceeded the limit of insurability under the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. This risk is managed by ABCUSA in continuing to monitor the financial institutions in which it maintains relationships.

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(14) CONTINGENCIES

ABCUSA is involved in litigation from time to time arising in the ordinary course of business. In the opinion of management, all such matters are adequately covered by insurance or, if not covered, are without merit or are of such kind, or involve such amounts, as would not have a significant effect on the financial position and results of activities and cash flows of ABCUSA, if disposed of unfavorably.

(15) FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIQUIDITY RESOURCES

The following table reflects ABCUSA's financial assets as of December 31, 2018, reduced by amounts that are not available to meet general expenditures within one year of the statement of financial position date because of contractual restrictions.

Financial Assets	
	<u>2018</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,341,184
Investments	22,186,193
Notes receivable, current portion	109,958
Accounts receivable	<u>1,665,020</u>
Total financial assets	25,302,355
Less:	
Board-designated quasi and true endowment funds	(20,088,623)
Net assets with donor restrictions not expected to be spent within one year	<u>(125,415)</u>
Financial assets available to meet general expenditures within one year	<u>\$ 5,088,317</u>

ABCUSA strives to maintain liquid financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations become due. Financial assets in excess of daily cash requirements are invested in money market funds and certificates of deposit. As part of ABCUSA's liquidity management, it has a practice to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities and other obligations come due. ABCUSA has donor-restricted endowment and investments used similar to quasi-endowment. Although ABCUSA does not intend to spend from its quasi-endowment of approximately \$14.1 million, with the exception of budgeted draws, amounts from its quasi-endowment could be made available, if necessary, with Board approval.

(16) SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 4, 2019, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no material subsequent events required to be disclosed.