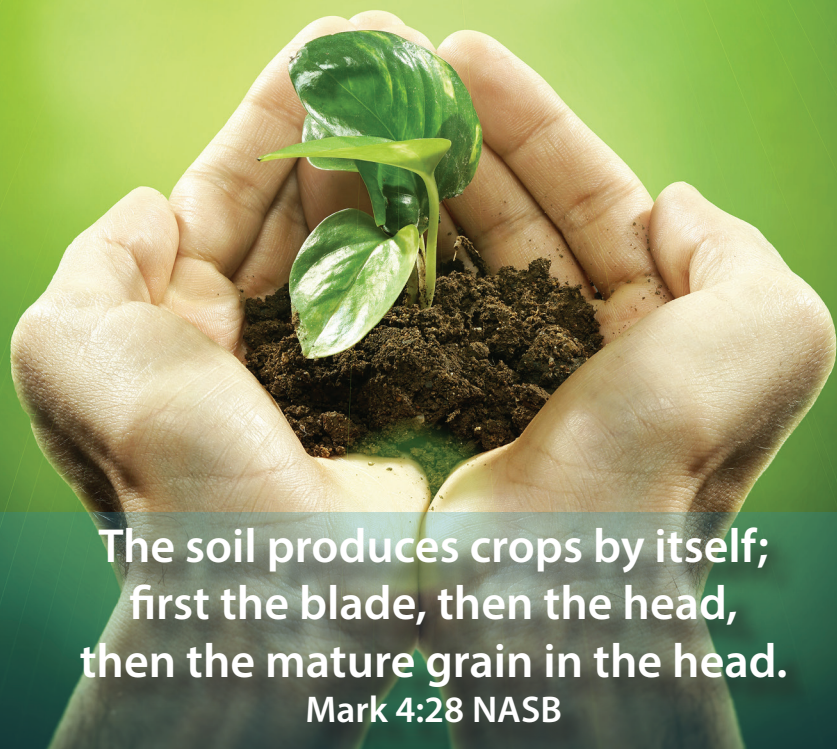


American Baptist Churches of Maine

GREEN SHOOTS

ENDOWMENT



The soil produces crops by itself;
first the blade, then the head,
then the mature grain in the head.

Mark 4:28 NASB



In partnership with
American Baptist
FOUNDATION

ABC of Maine

American Baptist Churches of Maine (ABCOM) was organized in 1804 as the Maine Baptist Missionary Society. Later, it was reorganized in 1915 as the United Baptist Convention of Maine, then formally recognized as the American Baptist Churches of Maine in 1973.

Throughout its history ABCOM has been devoted to strengthening and supporting established associations and local congregations throughout the state. In partnership, we encourage the spread of the good news of Jesus Christ to every community in Maine and to the ends of the earth.

Green Shoots Endowment

The *Green Shoots Endowment* was established in 2017 to provide current and long-term financial resources to allow ABCOM to fulfill the ministry goals and objectives of ABCOM mission. The Green Shoots Endowment is comprised of four different funds:

- ***Church Leadership Support Fund***
- ***Congregational Support Fund***
- ***Community Support Fund***
- ***Regional Support Fund***

Gifts may be designated to any one or combination of these, or given undesignated. A small portion of each gift will go towards ABCOM's current needs and expenses.

Church Leadership Support Fund

ABCOM is committed to supporting godly men and women who are called to lead and to be disciples of Jesus Christ. Within their congregations, pastors and other church leaders teach the word of God and provide living examples of what it means to be Christ-like.

The *Church Leadership Support Fund* includes help to enable the following:

- Healthy Church Leader Practices
- Leadership & Development Training
- Vocational Development & Support
- Networking

Supporting our church leaders, especially our pastors is vital to the success of ministry because they provide the leadership and guidance needed for those they serve.



Congregational Support Fund

ABCOM congregations are clustered within eleven associations, who define a unique mission in each area within our state. As a regional partner, ABCOM is committed to partnering with our local congregations to help them grow and mature.

The *Congregational Support Fund* includes financial resources in the following key areas:

- Evangelism & Discipleship Training
- Pastoral Search Process
- Stewardship Development
- Conflict Mediation
- Congregational Development
- Transition Ministry

As this fund grows, it will allow our congregational partners to remain healthy and vibrant.



Community Support Fund

To further reveal Jesus through education and charitable services, ABCOM has created this fund to help spread the Great Commission throughout our communities and across the world.

The *Community Support Fund* includes the following ministries:

- Food and Clothing Ministries
- Community Development Projects
- Outreach Training and Education
- Church Planting & Development
- Disaster Relief
- Other Missional Programs

Supporting these endeavors allows our witness for Christ to be evident at home and throughout the world.



FBC Fairfield Lamb's closet ministers to body and souls by praying with shoppers and providing free clothing to anyone in need.

Regional Support Fund

ABCOM encourages the mission development of local churches.

The *Regional Support Fund* includes financial resources in the following key areas:

- Missional Learning Opportunities
- Adaptive Challenge Training
- Resource Networking
- China Lake Conference Center
- Seasonal Camps

Mission Tables where we gather together to celebrate and learn.



Ways to Give

Your financial commitment is important for the initiatives supported by the *Green Shoots Endowment*. **American Baptist Churches of Maine** has partnered with *American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* to provide creative “planned giving” options.

In addition to cash gifts, we strongly encourage other ways to give, and embrace:

- Gifts through Wills and Bequests
- Gifts of Stock
- Life Insurance Designations
- Real Estate and Other Property
- Charitable Trusts and Gift Annuities

Together, we can find the best gift plan to benefit you, your loved ones and the *Green Shoots Endowment* mission and ministries.

In Appreciation

As our way of saying thank you, supporters of the *Green Shoots Endowment* will be included in the *American Baptist Churches of Maine Legacy Society*. If you desire that your gift be anonymous, please let us know.