



Fall/Winter 2018

Legacy

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God opens others...*

American Baptist
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Greetings from ABF Executive Director

Dear American Baptist Family,

I have set before you an open door, which no one is able to shut.
Revelation 3:8,

There are a number of sayings that friends may quote when you are in one of life's transitions—like if you are searching for a job or have ended a relationship. One saying that I feel goes beyond being a platitude is, "When one door closes, God opens others." Perhaps you heard this in terms of windows, but for me it is doors. And I do not feel God does the closing, but rather he opens.

The staff of the American Baptist Foundation (ABF) has served donors and ministries by going through the doors of the Mission Center in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania for more than 30 years. But that is about to change. Our ministry partners who have occupied the Mission Center have, or will, be moving into new facilities. The ABF Board of Directors carefully studied our options and determined that we could continue to best serve our partners by moving to our own facility nearby.

ABF's new home is on the national historic register and has served as Montgomery County, Pennsylvania's first courthouse. It was previously known as the historic Barley Sheaf Inn and was owned by a prominent family in the area. This rich history now intersects with our own history, and we celebrate this blessing.

As this new era begins, ABF's office location is changing, but we are determined to continue our vigorous commitment to support the stewardship of all American Baptist individuals, churches, and organizations by providing gift planning, gift management, endowment fund management, and educational resources in harmony with the mission of our faith family. That is "an open door" that will not be shut!

Yours in Christ,

Perkin

Rev. Perkin Simpson
Executive Director

End of the Year Planned Giving

As the year comes to an end, consider the many ways you can help support American Baptist ministries and missions while enjoying tax and income benefits. Here are a few end of the year gift suggestions:

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY (CGA)

A CGA offers an excellent opportunity to make a gift while creating a dependable stream of lifetime income. Benefits include:

- An income tax deduction for those who itemize their deductions.
- Regular fixed payments for life based on attractive rates.
- Tax-free income. A portion of each annuity payment may be tax-free.

A CGA is a deferred gift. When the CGA matures, the remainder value gets added to the fund.

Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) Sample Rates*

One Life					
Age	Rate	Age	Rate	Age	Rate
65	5.10%	75	6.20%	85	8.30%
70	5.60%	80	7.30%	90+	9.50%

Two Lives					
Age1	Age 2	Rate	Age1	Age 2	Rate
65	70	4.70%	80	85	6.60%
75	80	5.70%	85	90	8%

* CGAs are irrevocable gift agreements. ABF does not provide legal or tax advice, so be sure to consult with your legal or tax adviser(s) before completing any gift agreement.

GIFTS OF STOCK

An outright gift of stock or other appreciated marketable securities is an excellent way to contribute to ministry while receiving attractive tax benefits. Stocks can also be used to create an income paying gift, such as a CGA or charitable trust.

This option works best for individuals who:

- Have investments that have grown over time
- Are concerned with paying capital gain taxes

For your convenience, ABF will work with your financial advisor or institution to facilitate your desired gift.

OTHER GIFTS:

There are many planned giving options available to you. Whether it be a gift of life insurance, a bequest through your will, or a gift of real estate, ABF can work with you and your advisors to establish a gift plan that works best for you, your loved ones and the ministries you hold dear.

Endowment Spotlight:

Choosing which ministries to support is arguably the most important consideration. ABF has established several funds in collaboration with our partners. Here are a few notable considerations:

ABF INSPIRATIONS ENDOWMENT

This endowment provides financial assistance to our supported Members:

- *American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)*
- *International Ministries, (IM)*
- *Multi-Region Corporation (MRC)*

From supporting local pastors and congregations, to improving the lives of children in poverty, to establishing schools and ministries worldwide, your support for their ministries is critical. A small portion of each gift also goes to support ABCUSA as well as ABF operations.

REGIONAL FUNDS

ABF has worked with many of our regional partners to establish endowments/funds that support pastoral leaders and local congregations, provide camp scholarships, plant churches, and a variety of other ministry objectives. Consider supporting one or all!

Evergreen Baptist Association
Building Bridges Endowment

ABC of Greater Indianapolis
Greater Impact Endowment

ABC of Great Rivers
F.L.O.W. Endowment

ABC of Maine
Greenshoots Endowment

ABC of Massachusettes
The Transformation Fund

ABC of Nebraska
Preferred Path Endowment

ABC of New Jersey
Cedars of Lebanon Endowment

ABC of Pennsylvania and Delaware
The Harvest Endowment

ABC of Ohio
Friends of the Region Legacy Endowment

ABC of Rocky Mountains
Empowerment Endowment

ABC of the South
Fellowship Endowment

ABC of Wisconsin
New Wineskins Endowment

Additional information is available for each of these funds. Contact the ABF office and let us know that you desire to be a blessing to these worthy ministries!

A Special Thank You to Our Contributing Partners:



Since 1985, the mission of the American Baptist Foundation is to support and strengthen the Christian witness fulfilled by the Foundation's partners in ministry and mission. The Foundation encourages individuals to support the endeavors of these partners through what is known as planned giving— establishing wills and other charitable estate plans.

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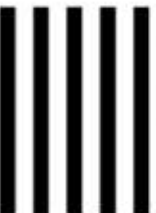
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I would like to establish a planned gift!

Please complete & mail the form below to the ABF office.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ Zip _____

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E-mail _____

To return mail, fold form in half, this side facing in and seal with tape or staple.

My GOALS:

- Making a will that works for me, my loved ones and ABC ministry & mission.
- Reduce estate, capital gains and income taxes.
- Increase income and support my church or other American Baptist ministries & missions.

Other: _____
