

American Baptist

**Women's**  
MINISTRIES



**BRIDGES & GATEWAYS**  
ENDOWMENT

*In partnership with*

**American Baptist**

**FOUNDATION**



# AMERICAN BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

*American Baptist Women's Ministries (AB Women's Ministries)* is a Christ-centered ministry with a commitment to encourage and empower women and girls to serve God. *AB Women's Ministries* has a long heritage of being on the forefront of essential ministries and programming for and with women and girls worldwide.

From our very roots to today, AB Women's Ministries has addressed critical issues such as sex trafficking, poverty, equal voice, safety and security, access to water and other natural resources, leadership development, and, of course, spreading the good news of Jesus Christ.

Every American Baptist individual and organization plays a vital role in empowering women and girls to become and develop as God's people, build God's faith community, and serve God's world. To continue to fulfill our mission for generations to come, we welcome your partnership.



## Bridges & Gateways Endowment

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The **Bridges & Gateways Endowment** was established in 2018 to provide current financial resources for today while securing long-term assets for the future.

The **Bridges & Gateways Endowment** is comprised of five distinct funds. Gifts may be designated to any of these or a combination. A portion of a gift will be used for *AB Women's Ministries'* operational use. The funds are:

- *Beloved Community Fund*
- *Break the Chains Fund*
- *In Her Shoes Fund*
- *S.T.E.A.M. Program Fund*
- *Developing Leaders Fund*



## Beloved Community Fund

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The *Beloved Community Fund* will provide opportunities to women and girls to embrace our diversity as Christians through:

- Mission
- Dialogue
- Education
- Spiritual formation

This fund supports the growth of healthy communities and enhanced communication, facilitating safe, and sustaining relationships.

## Break the Chains Fund

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The *Break the Chains Fund* provides education, advocacy, partnerships, and opportunities to learn how to prevent sex trafficking through:

- Workshops and events
- Partnerships
- Grants for new projects



## In Her Shoes Fund

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The *In Her Shoes Fund* builds relationships and empowers women and girls through:

- Mentoring programs
- Workshops for all ages
- Working with local schools, businesses, and community centers
- Advocacy and awareness

This fund helps women and girls find the support and encouragement they need.

## S.T.E.A.M. Program Fund

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The *Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (S.T.E.A.M.) Program Fund* supports the development of:

- Tutoring programs
- Workshops and events
- Partnering schools
- Scholarships

This fund enables *AB Women's Ministries* to partner with other organizations to make sure girls receive an excellent foundation for life.



## Developing Leaders Fund

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Offering opportunities for women and girls to develop their God-given gifts for leadership is a critical part of American Baptist Women's Ministries. The *Developing Leaders Fund* was created to support the following:

- Leadership and development training
- Education and credentialing
- Spiritual and financial wellness education
- Networking events
- Mentoring relationships

The *Developing Leaders Fund* ensures that strong women and girl leaders will have an impact on our ministries and our society into the future.

# Ways to Give

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Your financial commitment is important for the initiatives supported by the **Bridges & Gateways Endowment**. *American Baptist Women's Ministries* 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 the following:

- Gifts through wills and bequests
- Gifts of stock
- Life insurance designations
- Real estate and other property

Life income agreements, such as charitable trusts and gift annuities, are also available. These provide steady income to donors while assuring a long-term benefit to the ministry.

## HOW TO GIVE

Cash contributions can be made by specifying the **Bridges & Gateways Endowment** as the ultimate beneficiary and by mailing your gift to *American Baptist Women's Ministries* offices at 1075 First Ave., Ste. C-210, King of Prussia, PA 19406, or online at [www.abwomensministries.org/give](http://www.abwomensministries.org/give). For more information on ways to give, contact *ABF* at (610) 768-2035 or [abfadmin@abc-usa.org](mailto:abfadmin@abc-usa.org).

## In Appreciation

As our way of saying thank you, supporters of this endowment may be included in the *AB Women's Ministries Legacy Society*. If you desire that your gift be anonymous, please let us know.

For more information about *American Baptist Women's Ministries* and the **Bridges & Gateways Endowment**, please contact:

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