

# LEGACY ENDOWMENTS

FOR MINISTRIES AND CHURCHES

*“Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid;  
do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God  
will be with you wherever you go.”*

*Joshua 1:9 NIV*

Dear Partners in Christ,

The ministry of *American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* is centered on strengthening the financial futures of our American Baptist members and partners.

With this in mind, the Foundation takes care in recognizing the challenges that many ministries face—including confronting questions of uncertainty and mortality.

As you prayerfully investigate and navigate the resources and options available to support you throughout our American Baptist family, rest assured that you are not alone.

Continue to be strong and courageous, knowing that your ministry's legacy will live on in perpetuity; and that, no matter the circumstance, your gift will be a blessing for future generations.

This is your legacy!

*American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* understands that certain decisions are emotionally and mentally difficult. If you decide that establishing a LEGACY ENDOWMENT is an option, we want to assure you that we will make it a priority to carry out your ministry directives and protect your investment.

*ABF* is willing to answer any of your questions or concerns. Feel free to contact us by phone at 610-768-2035 (8am-4pm) or by email [abfadmin@abc-usa.org](mailto:abfadmin@abc-usa.org) for more information.

**Generosity and foresight can be achieved by establishing a LEGACY ENDOWMENT for your ministry.**

## **WHAT IS A LEGACY ENDOWMENT?**

Endowments are permanent funds established to support specific ministry and mission purpose(s). A *LEGACY ENDOWMENT* is a permanent fund created by an organization to reflect its mandate and presence beyond its physical existence.

## **HOW DOES A LEGACY ENDOWMENT WORK FOR OUR MINISTRY?**

YOUR MINISTRY



LEGACY ENDOWMENT



MINISTRY & MISSION PURPOSES



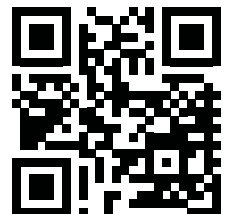
Every distribution from your endowment includes a personal reminder to each income recipient that the funds provided are due to the generosity of your ministry. This ensures that your Christian witness and values live on in perpetuity.

**You may have specific mission and ministry purposes that you hold near and dear. Many *LEGACY ENDOWMENTS* have been used to fund Local, Regional and National ABC Partners directives, including:**

- Youth Camping Ministries
- Missionary Support
- Local Congregations
- Clergy and Leadership Growth
- Scholarships
- New Church Start-Ups

If you desire to have others contribute to your endowment, ABF can assist with the development of customized communications and marketing tools to help your ministry build awareness around the purpose(s) of the fund.

Thank you to our partners, *American Baptist Regions (Multi-Region Corporation)*, *American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)*, and *American Baptist International Ministries (IM)*. *American Baptist Foundation (ABF)* encourages the support of these ministries.



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