

# Why contribute to the Region?

From their earliest days, Christian churches have cooperated with one another through caring for and encouraging one another, bearing in common their burdens and celebrating together their blessings. Paul's letters make clear that local congregations are to be part of a larger interconnected body of churches.



The Region seeks to strengthen those connections through supporting churches in pastoral searches, organizing mission trips, holding the annual American Baptist Youth Convention, and equipping lay leaders and pastors. We are there to support pastors and congregations in times of transition and challenge. We organize conferences for our churches, helping them to discern God's calling in their lives and envision ways of fulfilling that calling. Your support of the Region enables us to do additional ministry that touches more lives for Christ.

Through your support you are a part of what God is doing in upstate New York!

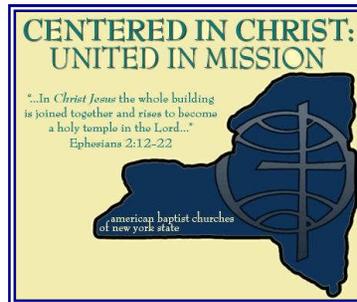
## Our Mission

*American Baptist Churches of New York State, a regional expression of the Body of Christ, in response to Christ's call, assumes responsibility for leading, challenging, resourcing and empowering our churches and Associations so the liberating Good News might be proclaimed, experienced and lived in fullness.*

(Adopted by ABC/NYS Board of Mission, November 1989)

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*"As American Baptists of New York State, we will embrace God's future with these core operational values: honesty, connectedness, and hope. We will uphold our operational values in every aspect of our common ministry."*



# Ways of Supporting the Region



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## CHURCH SUPPORT

ABCNYS Regional ministry is made possible and depends entirely on the ongoing financial support of our member congregations and individual friends of the Region.

Do you have questions or wish to host Region staff for a presentation or conversation? Need help with understanding how to send in mission support? Contact our Region staff for support!

### United Mission

*United Mission* are contributions given by our churches and are the largest source of Region ministry support. ABCNYS receives 65% of United Mission gifts to fund our vital ministries to local churches. The other 35% is distributed to other members of the American Baptist family.

Our American Baptist Women Ministries groups support an over-and-above gift through Love Gift, which also supports United Mission.

### ABCNYS Region Offering

The annual *Region Offering* is another way for churches to support ABCNYS. These gifts can be sent directly to the Region or can be included in your monthly mission giving through ABCUSA by indicating this on the church treasurer's report sent in each month. One hundred percent (100%) of these contributions are used for Regional ministry needs within ABCNYS.

Our churches differ in how they take up this offering, sometimes by designating a specific month. Other churches make a commitment to send Region Offering contributions monthly or quarterly or annually. Contact the Region office for Region Offering promotional materials and envelopes.

### America for Christ Offering

The America for Christ Offering is collected each Spring by American Baptists for funding the work of mission within the USA and Puerto Rico. ABCNYS receives 29% of these funds, as ABC Regions are a significant partner for home mission work. The AFC Offering also provides contributions for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

### ABMS Specifics

A church can designate gifts for the Region or one of the Region's programs, such as the Psalm Fund, by listing them as a "Specifics" on the church treasurer's report sent in each month.

## INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

### Direct Gifts to the Region

Individuals are invited to support Regional Ministries. You can send gifts directly to the Region office or you can send them through your local church designated for the support of ABCNYS. You are free to indicate how you would like your gift used if you wish it to fund a particular ministry within ABCNYS.

Contributions can be made by sending a check directly to the ABCNYS Region office or by PayPal. More information can be found at [www.abc-nys.org](http://www.abc-nys.org).

### Annuity/Wills

Please remember the Region when you are doing estate planning. The American Baptist Foundation can assist you with things like a bequest in a will, a living trust, or a charitable gift annuity.

Contact the Executive Minister about this option.

## Contribution Form

- I wish to support American Baptist Churches of New York State with this one-time gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I would like to support ABCNYS by giving a monthly gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- I will support ABCNYS through prayer that the gospel of Jesus Christ reaches worldwide.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ (street) \_\_\_\_\_ (city) \_\_\_\_\_ (state) \_\_\_\_\_ (zip)

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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