

# 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 a part of a larger interconnected body of churches. **The Region seeks to maintain that connection** through assisting churches as they seek pastors, providing opportunities for expanded ministry to congregations, and equipping lay leaders and pastors. We are there to **support pastors and congregations** in times of transition and difficulty. We organize conferences for adults and youth, 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 more ministries that touch more lives for Jesus Christ.**



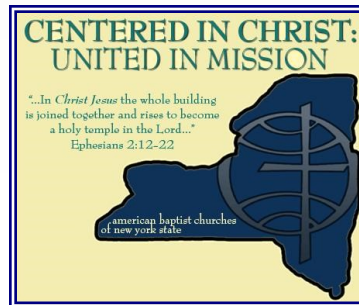
## Our Mission

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.

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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 Financially



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# CHURCH SUPPORT



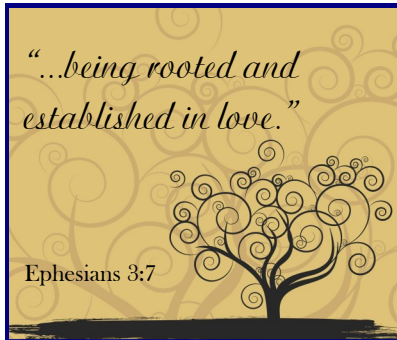
## United Mission

*United Mission Basics* are contributions given by churches and are the largest source of support for the Region. Sixty-five percent of these gifts remain in the Region and fund our ministries. The other 35% go to fund other American Baptist causes, such as International Ministries, the American Baptist Home Mission Societies, and other denomination-wide ministries. United Mission Basics allows the local congregation to do collectively what it could not do on its own. United Mission Basics extend the ministry of local churches beyond their community and to the ends of the earth.

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

## Region Offering

The annual *New York State Region Offering* is becoming an increasingly larger source of support for our ministries. Some churches take up an offering during a particular month. Other churches make monthly or quarterly or annual gifts to the Region. These gifts are sent directly to the Region, and 100% of these funds go to support ministry within the State of New York.



## 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 ABC/NYS. You are free to indicate how you would like your gift used, for example: mission trip or conference, evangelism, pastoral training, the Psalm Fund, etc.



Region Mission Trips to Haiti, Thailand, plus others

Contributions can be made by sending a check directly to the ABC/NYS 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. You can find them at [www.abcofgiving.org](http://www.abcofgiving.org).

# Contribution Form

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

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

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

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

Church: \_\_\_\_\_



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