



THRIVE Leadership Team Update Fall 2023

Things to Know

- ❖ Love Gift began 91 years ago as a way for the women of our denomination to support the finances of ABCUSA.
- ❖ Love Gift is a part of the United Mission process, ABCUSA covenant with its partners. 15% of what is collected goes to the National ABWM, 65% stays with our region ABCOPAD and the remaining 20% is disbursed to the other partners.
- ❖ Since 2013, the women of PA & DE have given \$270,000. for Love Gift which means the National ABWM office, has received \$40,500. from our giving.
- ❖ In June, at the meetings in Puerto Rico, the National ABW Staff and Executive Team, attempted to make some Bylaw changes that were not well received by our Region, and we were not alone. When the proposal did not pass, the National ABW President encouraged the women to not give to Love Gift, instead to give directly to ABW, so that they could receive 100% of the Love Gift funding.
- ❖ In the past 15 years, **ALL** programing, resources and focus on spiritual growth & mission have come from your ABWMOPAD Region THRIVE Team, not from the National ABW.
- ❖ Your THRIVE Leadership made the decision at the Fall Planning meeting to no longer promote Love Gift.
- ❖ Instead, we have created and are introducing a new offering for the ABCOPAD Women's Ministries, **OVER & ABOVE GIVING**. 100% of your giving dollars will remain with the ABCOPAD Women's Ministries, which means the decisions of how the funds are divided and used will be made by your Leadership Team and YOU!
- ❖ Love Gift giving has been declining over recent years, which means ABCOPAD has received less. In 2022 the region received \$10,000 from the Love Gift collected. As we make this shift, we want to provide support for the ABCOPAD Region with a minimum of \$10,000. a year. from our Region's new offering – **OVER & ABOVE GIVING**
- ❖ The *why* behind this change is because all our relationships, leadership and resources come from within our region, ABCOPAD. We want to provide funds for the stability, growth, and continued strength of our ABCOPAD partners and programs.
- ❖ **OVER & ABOVE GIVING** will support our Region's women's ministries and our network of Region leaders as we work together in ABCOPAD to ensure we carry out Christ's Mission in the world.
- ❖ We chose the name **OVER & ABOVE GIVING** because that's exactly what it should be! Please **DO NOT** move money from what you may already be giving to Partners in Ministry, nor should it come from your designated giving to our Region Project or our General Fund. This **OVER & ABOVE GIVING** should be the money previously donated as Love Gift.
- ❖ The new remittance is enclosed with this mailing, with the new line for **OVER & ABOVE GIVING** on the form. The Love Gift line remains on the form while we transition to our new way of giving.