

The Legacy Grant Fund is presently composed of funds from the closing of the Brookhaven Baptist Church and the First Baptist Church, Jersey Shore. Should other churches find themselves in a similar situation of coming to the end of their present ministry, hopefully they will invest in future ministry for other congregations by using their assets to add to this fund.

The purpose of these funds shall be to support the vision of ABCOPAD in the following three areas:

1. To build up and strengthen healthy congregations and lay leadership by:
 - a) updating constitutions and bylaws
 - b) technology training
 - c) stewardship training
 - d) identification and training in becoming a vital congregation
 - e) experiential and theological encounters for the missional church
 - f) training for Deacons, Trustees, Mission Board members, etc.
 - g) training in writing church position descriptions and assistance in handling background checks for those who work with children, youth and/or finances
 - h) congregational training in supporting a pastor, spiritually, emotionally and in ministry
 - i) contextual evangelism training
2. To build up and encourage pastoral leadership:
 - a) support participation and commitment to the Ministers Council and their activities
 - b) training and promoting mentoring and being mentored
 - c) personal finance planning
 - d) working through with church conflict
 - e) worship seminars and training
 - f) interim ministry
 - g) health of the pastor on all levels; defining our ministries
 - h) preaching seminars and training
3. To build up and strengthen relationships with the wider ABC family:
 - a) a current approach to associational life in the 21st century
 - b) identify positive benefits of denominational, regional and associational ties (calling an American Baptist minister)
 - c) training in digital formats
 - d) accessibility for continuing education experiences (webinar experiences)
 - e) connect persons and churches who are operating successful programs with persons and churches who are looking for new avenues of ministry and/or ending programs that are no longer working