

LINE ITEM EXPLANATION FOR MISSION GIVING REPORT

United Mission Basics -A way for your church to participate in the total mission and ministry of American Baptist Churches, USA. United Mission funds are usually from church budgets; a percentage of weekly or monthly church offerings; or designated gifts.

ABW Ministries Love Gift -These funds for mission support are given by the members of the ABW Ministries groups in our churches. 15%of Love Gift is used to fund the operations of the national offices of ABW Ministries and the remainder a part of United Mission.

Designated Giving -Contributions toward budgeted financial support of a particular mission board or program board, budgeted financial support of a particular missionary, or budgeted financial support in a particular area of mission. Such gifts do not provide additional money for the budget participants but are part of their approved budget. If you are not sure whether a program or missionary is in the approved budget, please contact the appropriate the national office before designating your gift.

America For Christ Offering -This offering is for our homeland ministry and missions in the United States and Puerto Rico. One-third of the AFC supports ministry in the Region and two-thirds National Ministries.

World Mission Offering -the World Mission Offering in its entirety supports our overseas mission programs through International Ministries. WMO gifts may also be sent as "Directed Gifts," using those items published in the "Directed Gifts" catalog from IM.

Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering -An offering to say thank you to the retired ministers and missionaries of our denomination. Portions of the offering are also held in reserve as an emergency assistance fund for the retirees.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering - An offering, for the support of worldwide relief and development administered by the American Baptist World Relief Committee,. OGHS provides funds for disaster relief, hunger programs and a variety of development projects in the United States and overseas.

ABCOPAD-Partners In Ministry – (Former ABCOPAD Regional Offering), received throughout the year, helps to support the ongoing ministry of the region here in Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Institutional Support - Gifts to American Baptist related institutions in the United States which participate in the Institutional Support Process (ISP) are for their operating expenses. These institutions include seminaries, colleges, campus ministries, student aid for colleges and seminaries, retirement homes, hospitals, children's homes and our national conference/training center (ABA) at Green Lake, Wisconsin.

Specifics – Specifics are contributions to budget participants which provide money over and above their allocation from the United Mission and annual offering contributions. Contributions for validated local ministries are also included in this category. Gifts for a missionary's personal use are NOT included here, but should be listed on the Miscellaneous Objective line. Specifics should be cleared with the appropriate agency before making the contribution.

Targeted Giving -Gifts received as a result of appeals initiated by a covenanting partner to individuals and churches for support. Including support for: operating budgets, special programming, missionaries and projects.

Campaigns for ABC Work – These gifts are for campaigns conducted by recognized American Baptist institutions, by American Baptist Region organizations, and by national American Baptist organizations.

Line 13 -Miscellaneous Objectives -This category provides a channel for ending gifts to American Baptist missionaries for their personal use, as well as to the American Bible Society. Other non-ABC-related gifts should be sent directly to the organization. Gifts in this category are treated as "pass-thrus" and are not tax deductible.