

# FOUNDATION SERVICES

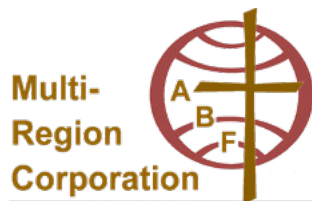




***As each has received a gift, employ it in serving one another,  
as good managers of the grace of God in its various forms.***

***--1 Peter 4:10 (WEB)***

Thank you to our partners, *American Baptist Regions (Multi-Region Corporation)*, *American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS)*, and *American Baptist International Ministries (IM)*. The Foundation encourages the support of these ministries.



## American Baptist Foundation

**American Baptist Foundation (ABF)** works with individual donors and American Baptist ministry organizations to create customized planned giving solutions tailored to their needs.

As a center for planned giving, to fulfill our vision of *“Connecting People Who Care to Ministries that Matter,”* we provide professional investment services, estate planning guidance and other planned giving stewardship resources for the benefit of our Members and our broader American Baptist family.

*“ABF is a wonderful partner for churches in our Region as they work to maximize their resources in order to multiply their ministry. ABF representatives are knowledgeable of local church culture and sensitive to the particularities of each congregation. I am pleased that I have a good partner to recommend to my congregations.”*

– Jim Kelsey, Executive Minister, ABC New York State





## For Ministry Organizations and Churches

**American Baptist Foundation (ABF)** is committed to improving the long-term financial health of our American Baptist partners in ministry and mission. As such, we provide a variety of services and resources aimed at growing resources and encouraging greater stewardship over time, including:

- ***Planned Giving Programs***– ABF’s **Strengthening Your Financial Future (SYFF)** program provides customized solutions to support each ministry’s vision while breaking down barriers that inhibit stewardship.
- ***Investment and Endowment Management*** – ABF provides flexible, professionally managed investment options aimed at protecting and growing financial resources.
- ***Gift Cultivation*** – ABF works with donors to establish gifts that support ministry while meeting their financial needs.
- ***Training and Education*** – Seminars, workshops and online tools are among the resources available to increase planned giving literacy.



## For Individuals and Families

As a trusted partner, ABF works with individuals, families and their advisors to develop effective gift and estate planning solutions that meet their needs and reflect their Christian values. Deciding *what to give* and *how to give* is important and ABF's offers expertise and guidance to help employ effective gift strategies.

We work with individuals and families to establish:

- Family endowments
- Lifetime income gifts (Charitable Trust & Gift Annuities)
- Gifts through Wills and Bequests
- Gifts of stock and other marketable securities
- Gifts of life insurance, real estate and other property

As a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, gifts established using ABF services often provide meaningful state and federal tax benefits to the extent allowable by law.

As an example, a typical gift involves:

1. Naming **American Baptist Foundation (ABF)** as a beneficiary in a will, trust, retirement plan, insurance policy, or other vehicle.
2. Providing ABF with a letter of instruction on how to distribute your gift.

Distribution instructions can be changeable over time and the assurance that your gift will be used as desired are among the benefits of giving this way.



## Grant Opportunities and Other Services

*The Virginia and Gordon Palmer, Jr. Trust Grant ("Palmer Grant")*



The *Palmer Grant* was established in 1999 as a permanent endowment to the **American Baptist Foundation (ABF)**.

It is a platform of partnership with our supported Members; *American Baptist Home Mission Societies*

*International Ministries (IM)*, and the *Multi-Region Corporation (MRC)* to establish grant cycle themes and spread awareness when grant opportunities are available for ministry and mission.

The Trust is administered in accordance with established guidelines and principles based on the Palmers wishes. Grant awards are distributed annually and typically used to fund special projects and programs for American Baptist and closely related entities.

## **Grant Management Services**

By way of the Virginia and Gordon Trust Palmer Grant, ABF has built the capacity of a powerful grant management platform that may be a viable option for those desiring to establish a granting program managed by ABF. Interested entities will need to fulfill certain requirements before any program can be established. Please contact the ABF office for more information.

## **Professional Resources**

Providing our partners in ministry and mission with an increasing a network of reputable advisor resources nationwide is among our priorities. In turn, ABF also provides resources for CPAs, attorneys, and other professional partners that can be beneficial to their practice(s) and clients.

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