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ABHMS awards \$723,111 in grants in 2018

Through the generosity of donors, ABHMS awarded \$723,111 total in grants to 129 partners in the United States and Puerto Rico in 2018.

Salary Support Grants were provided to several American Baptist Churches USA regions, including American Baptist Churches (ABC) of New Jersey, ABC of Metro Chicago, ABC of the Dakotas, ABC of Greater Indianapolis, ABC of Nebraska and ABC of Wisconsin.

Thirty-eight ministry partners received grant awards through the America for Christ Offering, Community Outreach Ministries and Rizpah's Children partner grants.

As part of the overall \$723,111 in grants, \$30,000 was provided to various partners across the United States and Puerto Rico for emergency food and shelter, while \$22,593 for refugee and immigration ministries was provided to such organizations as Massachusetts Baptist Multicultural Ministries; Stelton Baptist Church, Edison, N.J.; First Baptist Church of Maywood, Calif.; Iglesia Bautista Betesda, Indianapolis; Judson Memorial Church/New Sanctuary Coalition, New York City; and Esperanza and the New Sanctuary Movement, both in Philadelphia.

In addition to the \$723,111 in grants, \$538,889 from the Virginia and Gordon Palmer Jr. Trust was awarded by American Baptist Foundation during ABHMS' 2018 grant cycle. A total of \$275,757 in One Great Hour of Sharing and other ABHMS grants was awarded in response to natural disasters.

More than half of the funds received for ABHMS' ongoing "Rebuilding, Restoring, Renewing Puerto Rico" initiative have been utilized toward rebuilding efforts with the remainder designated for continuing efforts

to be announced in 2019. Since September 2017, when hurricanes Maria and Irma wrought havoc on Puerto Rico, 48 American Baptist churches, schools and other entities on the island have been restored or are undergoing restoration via the initiative.

In addition to the previously mentioned grants, ABHMS continues its commitment to ongoing education by awarding scholarships and continuing education grants.



Groups to 'Converge' at April event

During ABHMS' "Converge" event to be held April 8 and 9 at the American Baptist Home Mission Center, King of Prussia, Pa., members of the Co-Creators Incubator, 2018 Palmer Grant recipients and American Baptist Association of Colleges and Universities' deans and presidents will meet both individually and collaboratively. Because meetings of the three groups coincided, ABHMS recognized the opportunity for collaboration through sharing stories, resources and best practices.

ABHMS' first 'Co-Creators Incubator' cohort to meet

Individuals seeking to bring their Christ-centered ideas to ministry fruition will begin meeting as the first cohort of ABHMS' new "Co-Creators Incubator" during "Converge" in April. (See story above.)

The Co-Creators Incubator seeks to turn ideas into viable ministries. While fostering collegiality, the incubator provides creative individuals—referred to as *Co-Creators*—with resources to develop their ideas or enhance their ministries, matching them with creative partners who may provide long-term financial and other support.

Additional information is available at cocreatorsincubator.com.



ABHMS is sponsoring two collaborative events in May at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.

American Baptists from North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota, Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri and Illinois will attend an Action Network gathering on May 2.

From May 2 to 4, entrepreneurs, changemakers, creators, pastors and congregations will attend *Create!*, a training event that will explore a variety of topics, including innovative ministry models.

■ For additional information, visit abhms.org > Events.

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Judson Press and ABHMS invite scholars, pastors, teachers, students, readers and bibliophiles to help restock the library shelves at Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico. Financial gifts of any size will allow the library to replace titles that were damaged during Hurricane Maria and to expand the Interdisciplinary Studies collection.

Gifts will be accepted by credit card online or by checks made payable to Judson Press and mailed to 1075 First Ave., King of Prussia, PA 19406. Write "Library" on the memo line.

■ For more information and to view a video of the seminary's head librarian, visit judsonpress.com > Donate.

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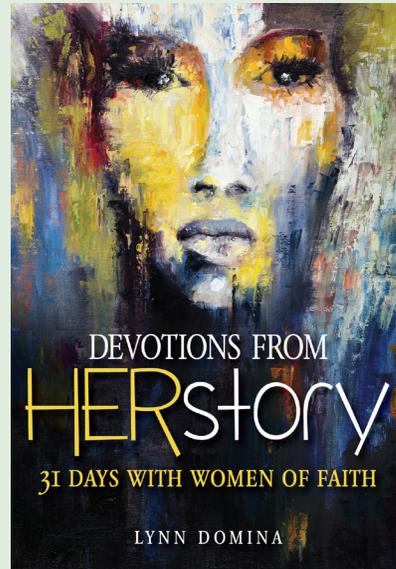
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Judson Press releases Women's History Month-inspired devotional

Perfect for Women's History Month in March, Judson Press releases "Devotions from HERstory: 31 Days with Women of Faith." Honoring women who



have come before by connecting their stories across time as a resource for a contemporary life of faith, this book is great for women's group study or individuals seeking to meditate on the female experience.

While the biblical women featured are primarily Hebrew or early Christian, the other historic women highlighted include those of many faith traditions, as well as various ethnic and national backgrounds.

Each day's devotion features the following: a Scripture connecting a biblical woman with more recent "HERstory"; meditation for personal or group conversation; prayer-poem; idea for action inspired by the story; and brief biographical sketch of the historical woman.

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