



**Thank you—two little words** Annual Report 2014  
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**ON THE COVER:**

Margie Lewis (far right)—a Gifford, Ill., homeowner—was overwhelmed by the generosity of volunteers who participated in a blitz build to help her community recover from the destruction wrought by a deadly tornado (see p. 5).

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# report of the chief executive officer: we have an incredible mission

## Dear Home Mission Supporters and Friends,

Just as I felt called to this ministry in August 1991, I now sense a strong divine call to turn over leadership of American Baptist Home Mission Societies to a yet-to-be-identified “Joshua” or “Deborah” when I retire in October 2015. I can smell the milk and honey of Canaan’s fair land, and feel the mists of the Jordan waft about my face as I stand on tiptoe to see the wonderful things God has in store as the Home Mission Societies continues to fulfill its historic mandate of developing disciples, building community and pursuing justice.

Many aspects make the Home Mission Societies so special. First of all, we have an incredible mission—“American Baptist Home Mission Societies ministers as the caring heart, serving hands, going feet and prophetic voice of Jesus Christ across the United States and Puerto Rico, networking and equipping others to be disciples in community striving to do justice”—which embraces the Great Commandment (Matthew 22:35-40), the Great Criteria (Matthew 25:37-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20).

American Baptist Home Mission Societies has been blessed with a Christ-centered and skilled board of directors. For the last 24 years, I have served alongside a gifted group of Christians who have volunteered thousands of hours providing oversight and direction to the faithful implementation of our mission. Like a hand in glove, the executive director and board have worked together creatively, constructively and with passion over the course of my tenure. I am tempted to paraphrase a psalm of David and celebrate “how good and pleasant it is when a board of directors and an executive director work together in unity!” I am grateful for the privilege of being blessed by these hundreds of men and women who have “propped me up on every leaning side” as I have attempted to do my best for our Master and the world for which He lived and died.

I continue to be amazed by the Home Mission Societies’ servant-leader staff. It has been fun to work with them primarily as a cheerleader and coach, rather than as a manager or supervisor for all of these years. I believe that I am not being braggadocios or speaking in hyperbole when I simply describe the staff as “the best.” This year’s annual report—both in its description of the wonderful ministry they carry out and in terms of the financial strength it shows—is testimony to just how fine they are.

Finally, I am grateful to you. You, American Baptist constituents and stakeholders, provided me an opportunity to exercise my gifts for ministry at the highest levels of denominational life for two-plus decades. You took a chance on me—a boy preacher at age 9 who spent the first 15 years of ordained ministry in Watts and Lynwood, Calif., just 3 miles from my childhood home—and called me to the national stage when I was only 40. I have attempted to stay true to what I have always thought most important: education, evangelization and emancipation. Thank you for standing with me, praying for me and supporting this mission with your financial gifts and labors of love. Thank you, above all, for sharing the journey with me.

I have no doubt that God will continue to bless the mission and ministry of American Baptist Home Mission Societies.



With hope,

*Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III*

Rev. Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND LEAD MISSIONARY

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**Eight new church plants and congregational ministries** that address oppression and exploitation of women and girls in five American Baptist Churches USA (ABCUSA) regions received more than \$6,000 in American Baptist Women's Ministries Refit Fund donations distributed by American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

**Four dozen churches in eight ABCUSA regions implemented the "Got Style?" protocol** for evangelism as outlined in the 2009 book of the same name published by Judson Press.

On behalf of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, "Got Style?" author Dr. Jeffrey Johnson **conducted seven seminars at local, association and regional events.** Johnson also conducted **four revivals in four regions** and served as a featured speaker at the annual meetings of five ABCUSA regions.

Since American Baptist Personnel Services (ABPS) launched an online service that allows ministerial leaders to more easily develop profiles that promote professional development and placement, **28 profiles and five updates have been completed online.** In addition, **59 enrollments and 22 updates are in process.** ABPS continues to serve American Baptist churches and regional constituents by making professional profiles available to ministries seeking committed leaders.

**Nearly 7,000 copies of the 2014 Annual Discipleship Planning Guide were distributed** via regional and national events, an all-church mailing and Judson Press fulfillment.

"Children, Poverty and the Bible," a five-part Bible study, again proved to be a valued free resource: **345 requests for the study were filled,** bringing the total number of issues in distribution to 6,190.

The multi-session study "Reading the Bible with Integrity" was added to **American Baptist Home Mission Societies' online collection of more than 50 free downloadable Workshops for Church Life and Leadership.** The top six downloaded workshops were as follows: "The Identification and Use of Spiritual Gifts in the Disciple-making Church," "Growing Persons," "Leadership as Enabling," "Naturally Creating Community," "The Deacon as Servant-Leader" and "Church Leadership Development."

The Latino pastor and lay leader training project—"Centro de Capacitación para Líderes del Siglo XXI" ("Training Center for Leaders of the 21st Century"), known as "CECALI XXI"—was implemented with 80 participants in California and Nebraska. CECALI XXI seeks to train 220 Latino pastors and lay leaders across the United States and Puerto Rico by 2020. **Approximately 122 pastors and 400 lay leaders have been trained to date.**

Through American Baptist Home Mission Societies, **42 undergraduate students and 38 seminarians received \$85,750 in scholarships** from Spanish American Baptist Scholarship and International Baptist Scholarship funds.

## Caring for caregivers: Chaplains bring light of God's love to dark places

Of the 600-plus chaplains and pastoral counselors endorsed by American Baptist Home Mission Societies to minister in many specialized settings, the Rev. Al Kleinsasser, BCC, answers a call to care for emergency response professionals—those EMTs and paramedics who regularly experience traumatic events in the course of their daily jobs. Kleinsasser, staff chaplain at a Minnesota hospital, rides with ambulance crews and sits with dispatchers so that the responders feel "safe" with him and comfortable sharing the pain they inevitably see and feel. His primary responsibility is caring for the hospital employees who care for the injured and sick: As a disciple of God's love and mercy, he ensures that responders can be fully present for those who need their care.



## Go! Tell it on the mountain—with style

When you think of evangelism, do visions of going door-to-door, preaching on the street, distributing tracts and standing before large crowds keep you from sharing the Good News?

Take heart. "Got Style?" empowers congregations to learn the God-given personality styles of individual members, understand how those styles relate interpersonally, then inspire collaboration in sharing the Gospel.

Consider the historic African-American Union Baptist Church of Pittsburgh: Members held the common perception of evangelism, until studying "Got Style?" via guides and videos downloaded from ABHMS' website.



The study laid a foundation for discipleship in our congregation."

THE REV. ROBERT TEDDER, SENIOR PASTOR  
UNION BAPTIST CHURCH







The Web-based “Mission from the Gospels” was developed in collaboration with American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin to facilitate understanding of the early church’s challenge to engage in mission and to translate that challenge to today’s faith communities.

In the Wisconsin region, **two young adult groups that used the resource launched several teams** engaged in mission and Biblical reflection. In American Baptist Churches of New York State, **seven churches from one association and four congregations from another “tested” the resource**, and a gathering of leaders trained in the resource resulted in an association conducting an ecumenical “Mission from the Gospels” study group. An introductory workshop was also presented by American Baptist Churches of the Central Pacific Coast.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies’ Missional Church Learning Experience (MCLE) continued to gain momentum. **Twelve learning communities were conducted** in California, Massachusetts, Illinois and Indiana; **four MCLE continuing education events were held** in Nebraska, Vermont and Iowa; and **three do-it-yourself missional experience events took place** in Maine. Also, **eight regions featured MCLE workshops and speakers** at events throughout the year. Related to the effort, an MCLE pastor from Rochester, N.Y., visited St. Louis for a week to study the missional movement and better understand the racial climate.

Volunteer Ministries facilitated the placement of more than **750 volunteers who served nearly 3,500 days** across the United States, including:

- **116 in the Gulf Coast**, continuing hurricane relief efforts;
- **122 from 11 states and Puerto Rico** in the annual “Home Mission: ‘Til the Work is Done” Gulf Coast effort, formerly known as Ecumenical Work Week;
- **128 from more than 12 states and 11 regions** in the second “Coming Together for New Jersey. . . Rebuild, Renew and Restore”—a two-week effort sponsored by American Baptist Home Mission Societies and American Baptist Churches of New Jersey;
- **35 on the Home Mission Action Team** Alaska trip to Kodiak Baptist Mission;
- **70 from nine states, representing eight ABCUSA regions**, who logged close to 2,300 hours during the two-week “Bringing Hope to Gifford [Ill.] Blitz Build,” a joint effort of the Home Mission Societies, American Baptist Churches of Great Rivers Region and Habitat for Humanity in Gifford; and
- **four at ABCUSA’s Mission Center**, Valley Forge, Pa., contributing more than 73 hours of service, and, according to the 2013 Independent Sector’s national value of volunteer time, saving more than \$1,500 in staff cost.



One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS) **Emergency Disaster Relief grants totaling \$46,000 were awarded** to these ABCUSA regions: Pacific Northwest, Ohio, Growing Healthy Churches, Rocky Mountains, New York State and Central Pacific Coast. The grants supported local church and regional responses to 2014 natural disasters, including mudslides in the Pacific Northwest; flooding in Ohio, Colorado and New York; and an earthquake in California. Grants were also awarded to support the responses of national partners Church World Service and American Baptist Men USA.

In addition, the **Disaster Response Ministries office disbursed \$160,500 in OGHS Domestic Development grants**. In Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Ohio, community organizers received grants to address low wages, immigration and the cradle-to-prison pipeline. In Massachusetts, a matching grant supported construction of a new Habitat for Humanity home. In New Jersey, a grant funded an English as a Second Language project, while in Illinois, funds made possible an after-school Bible club. A grant supported creating sustainable jobs for women in recovery in New York, while funds assisted with the creation of a homeless shelter and safe place for women dealing with recovery issues in Puerto Rico.

All told, **American Baptist Home Mission Societies distributed more than \$250,000 in OGHS domestic grants** to support mission and ministry.



“Thank you’ [is] just two little words. They just don’t even begin to compensate for the generosity of total strangers giving time to help you. It’s just unreal.”

MARGIE LEWIS, HOMEOWNER  
GIFFORD, ILL.







**Prisoner Re-entry and Aftercare Ministry provided 10 presentations and workshops in nine ABCUSA regions**, training 320 people and certifying 17 individuals in its “train the trainer” program. **More than 12,000 people were served** through direct ministry that ranged from prison chaplains preparing prisoners for community re-entry to supporting a camp for children of incarcerated parents. In eight visits to state and federal prisons, Home Mission Societies’ staff ministered to prisoners, chaplains and guards. **Seven women were baptized at the South Dakota Women’s Prison** during an Easter visit.



### Samantha’s story: A testimony to hope

During a 16-year prison sentence, Samantha (name changed) corresponded with an American Baptist Home Mission Societies’ staff member who encouraged her. Samantha attended prison church services and decided to be baptized. Remaining in touch with the Home Mission Societies after her release, she learned about its program that trains trainers to help prisoners re-enter their communities. Samantha participated in the training, becoming the leader of a re-entry group in her own congregation in 2014. Restoration is possible.

American Baptist Home Mission Societies gathered more than 40 faith leaders and psychiatrists in Washington, D.C.—through the Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition, a program of the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)—for the inaugural meeting of the Mental Health and Faith Community Partnership. The partnership, a joint project of AAPD and the American Psychiatric Association, **brings together religious leaders and psychiatrists to collaborate on reducing the stigma of mental illness** and improving community-based services.

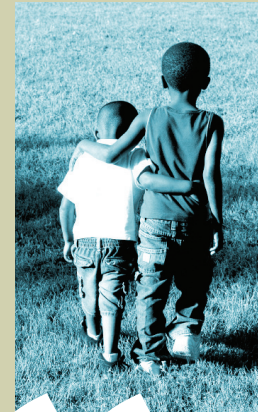
American Baptist Home Mission Societies **partnered with Faiths United Against Tobacco** to advise, plan and promote a highly successful Centers for Disease Control smoking cessation campaign that included faith-community outreach featuring a webinar and podcast for faith leaders.

Asian Ministries continued to meet the needs of a growing Asian-American Baptist presence throughout American Baptist Churches USA by joining in meetings with 70 Asian pastors and lay leaders across the country and offering workshops attended by nearly 50 people. In cooperation with the Alliance of Asian American Baptist Churches, Asian Ministries **sponsored a 2½-day Asian conference attended by more than 150 individuals**. At a two-day Burmese language group retreat in Washington, D.C., more than 300 pastors, lay leaders, women’s fellowship group members and youth heard a Home Mission Societies’ report on the Burma diaspora community.

**Commissioned home missionaries the Rev. Saw Ler Htoo and Pastor Ronald Charles Nunuk worked closely with Karen Baptist Churches USA and Chin Baptist Churches USA**, ministering to the approximately 135 churches and fellowship groups from 36 states that have affiliated with ABCUSA since 2006 when the resettlement of refugees and asylum seekers from Thailand, Malaysia and India began. Both missionaries helped to sponsor four different conferences—language group gatherings, women’s conferences, youth conferences and pastoral leadership retreats—for each organization. Attendance at each conference ranged from 150 to 500 people.

At Cameron Community Ministries (CCM)—a Neighborhood Action Program Christian center in Rochester, N.Y.—approximately 80 children learned about financial management, citizenship and career planning, thanks to American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

The “Literacy Academy” was part of the center’s math-and-reading-enrichment program, known as the “Plans to Prosper Project,” which received a \$3,000 2014 Justice for Children grant from the Home Mission Societies.



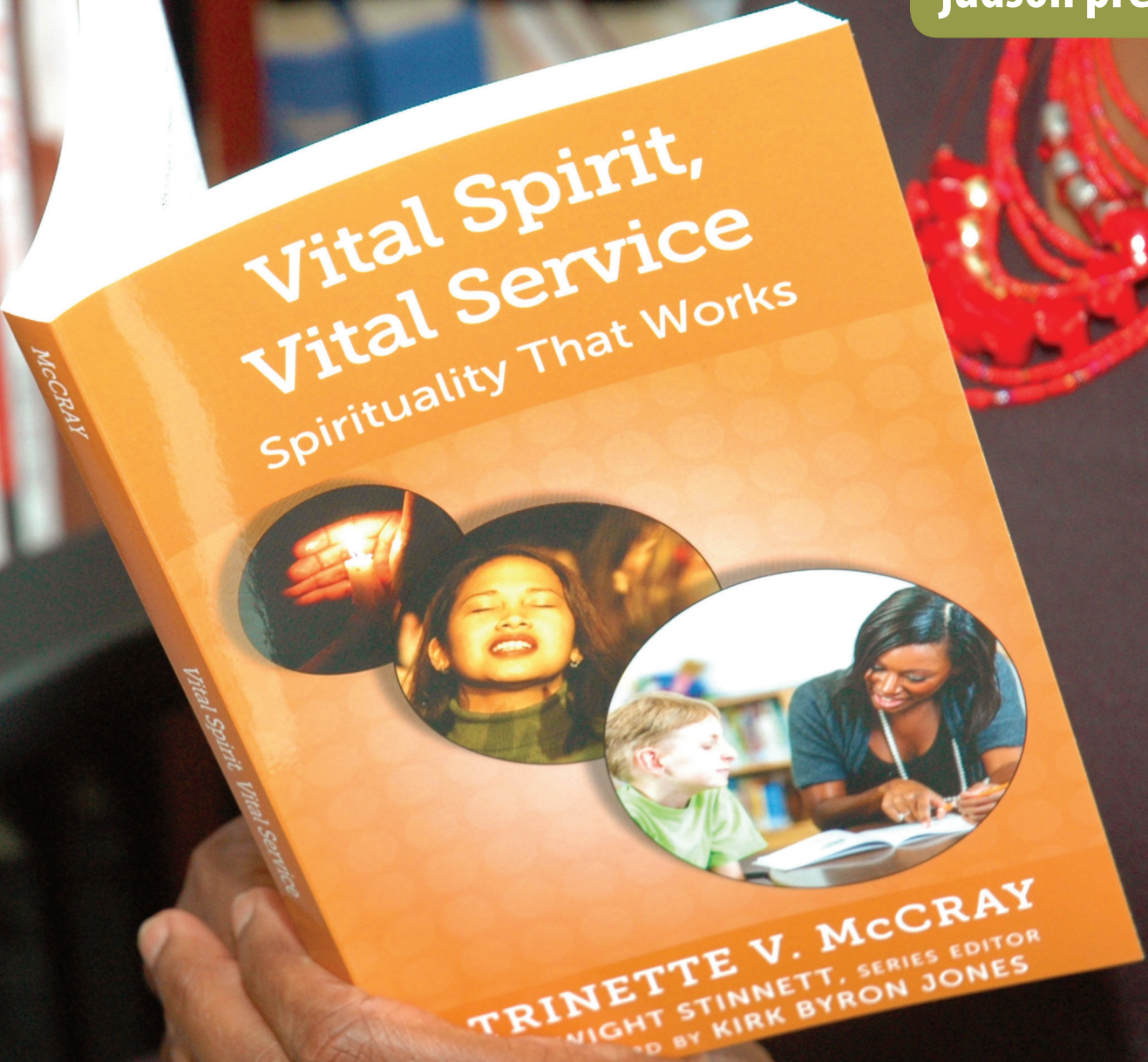
Field trips to the Strong National Museum of Play, the Rochester Museum & Science Center, and the Strasenburgh Planetarium enhanced the children’s understanding of the community. In addition, several youth participated in a music therapy support group for children of incarcerated parents that resulted in improved mood, confidence, kindness/helpfulness and empathy.

Since 2009, American Baptist Home Mission Societies has awarded more \$300,000 in Justice for Children grants to ministries across the country.

“Thank you for the opportunity to show our children that, no matter their current situations, God loves them and has plans for them to prosper.”

JENNIFER MUNIGA, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
CAMERON COMMUNITY MINISTRIES







**Judson Press served more than 1,500 new customers**, Facebook friends totaled more than 1,300 and Twitter followers grew to more than 1,100.

Eighteen ABCUSA regions participated in “Regional Rewards,” receiving 10 percent of online retail sales.

Using a “crowdsourcing” tool, Judson Press raised more than \$6,000 to fund production of an upcoming book.

Judson Press **hosted seven webinars** with more than 200 registrants.

More than 200 American Baptist college students received gift certificates to buy Judson Press books for their studies.

Through “Friends of Judson,” American Baptist Home Mission Societies **presented 160 American Baptist seminarians with a “Baptist Ministry Library.”**

More than 6,000 copies per quarter of Judson Bible Journeys—the American Baptist-written curriculum—were used by leaders and adult students in Sunday schools or other study groups.

More than 136 customers received a Braille edition of “The Secret Place” at subsidized cost.

Thanks to customers’ 2014 Send-A-Blessing contributions—totaling close to \$3,000—Judson Press **shipped approximately 4,000 Bibles, books and periodicals to individuals in prisons, shelters, care centers and the armed services.**

**Titles available on e-readers and tablets expanded to 118.** In addition, 55 out-of-print titles were made available for download as PDFs at [www.judsonpress.com](http://www.judsonpress.com).

Dozens of used titles—regularly updated based on sales and returns—were available for purchase online as “Books Like New” at a 60 percent discount.

## 2014 releases

- “The Star Book for Ministers,” 3rd Revised Edition, by Edward T. Hiscox; new introduction by ABHMS Executive Director and Judson Press CEO Dr. Aidsand F. Wright-Riggins III
- “Vital Spirit, Vital Service: Spirituality That Works” by Trinette V. McCray; foreword by Kirk Byron Jones; newest volume in the “Living Church” series
- “Streams Run Uphill: Conversations with Young Clergywomen of Color” by Mihee Kim-Kort; foreword by Marvin A. McMickle; afterword by Rashell Hunter
- “The Spiritual Art of Raising Children with Disabilities” by Kathleen Deyer Bolduc; foreword by Ginny Thornburgh; afterword by Bill Gaventa; Illumination Award winner (spirituality category)
- “The Work of the Parish Church Nurse” by Julia Quring-Emblen; newest volume in the “Work of the Church” vocational series
- “The Future of the African American Church: An Invitation to Dialogue” by Ralph Basui Watkins and Justin G. West; foreword by Leslie D. Callahan; afterword by Maisha I. Kariamu Handy; epilogue by Marvin A. McMickle
- “For Such a Time as This: Young Adults on the Future of the Church” by Kathryn Mary Lohre, editor; foreword by Brian McLaren
- “Millennials in Ministry” by Jolene Cassellius Erlacher; foreword by Molly T. Marshall, president, Central Baptist Theological Seminary
- “What’s Your Function? Working It Out with God” by Aaron Basko; foreword by Andy Chan
- “Fostering Faith: Teaching and Learning in the Christian Church” by Denise Janssen, Diane Janssen Hemmen and Sallie Verner; foreword by Israel Galindo; afterword by Margaret Ann Crane
- “Signs of Love: A Guide for Deaf Ministry” by Lori Buck; foreword by Peggy Johnson, bishop, United Methodist Church
- “Pulpit & Politics: Separation of Church & State in the Black Church” by Marvin A. McMickle; foreword by W. Wilson Goode Sr., president/CEO, Amachi Inc., and former mayor of Philadelphia
- “The Work of the Deacon & Deaconess,” 2nd Revised Edition, by Harold Nichols; 50th anniversary edition; new introduction by Philadelphia Baptist Association Executive Minister James McJunkin



## Writer for ‘The Secret Place’ has fans

Charles P. Axe began writing devotions for “The Secret Place” when he began serving a prison sentence 15 years ago. Throughout his incarceration and return home, Axe developed a following of readers who anticipated the sharing of his life experiences and spiritual insights through the monthly devotional guide.

Axe now has so many fans that, if an issue of “The Secret Place” arrives without at least one of his devotions, readers call the Judson Press customer service number. “Is Charles Axe okay?” they ask. “Let him know we are praying for him.”

The Rev. James H. Callaway Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Junction City, Kan., and an American Baptist Home Mission Societies board member, is one of those fans and often includes Axe’s devotional thoughts in his Sunday sermons.

As he awaited his release from prison, Axe penned these thoughts for readers: “Despite my history of failures . . . writing about my life and being a witness to God’s power and love became my purpose.”



**I believe that Charles took me from his earliest encounter with the law to a relationship with Jesus, and to a deeper commitment to God.”**

THE REV. JAMES H. CALLAWAY JR., PASTOR  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, JUNCTION CITY, KAN.

# statement of the treasurer: generous gifts make our ministry possible

American Baptist Home Mission Societies has been about the diligent, steady and painstaking work of prayer, discernment and realignment on a number of levels. We have been excavating, digging trenches, building the frame and laying the footings—all in preparation for pouring a foundation strong enough to support 21st-century ministry that will glorify God for generations to come.

As the U.S. economy continued a period of sustained growth in 2014, the Home Mission Societies' total net assets increased \$2,431,715, or 1.3 percent, thanks primarily to strong investment results and continued containment of expenses. Revenue totaled \$20,299,962, which was \$5,158,387, or 34.1 percent higher, compared to prior year. Investment and endowment income, which represents 84.6 percent of total income, showed the strongest performance with an increase of \$6,193,951, or 56.4 percent. Total operating expenses were \$12,167,979 and have remained flat with a decrease of \$69,315, or less than 1 percent, compared to prior year.

The Common Investment Fund's annualized return, net of fees, was 5.7 percent, compared to a benchmark of 6.8 percent. This one-year period of underperformance was disappointing. When viewed within the context of our long-term strategy, however, the portfolio's return over the last 10-year period was 7.3 percent, which compares favorably to a benchmark of 6.8 percent and a CPI plus 5 of 7.3 percent. The Home Mission Societies'

Finance Committee and Investment Advisory Council continue to pursue a well-managed strategy that emphasizes long-term results through a well-diversified portfolio. The overall goal is to maintain the purchasing power of the Endowment Fund after an annual spending rate of 5 percent.

We are grateful for the generous support of American Baptist individuals and congregations who make our ministry possible—past, present and future. Whether through gifts of time, talent or treasury, you help us to transform individuals, congregations, communities and cultures through ministries of discipleship, community and justice. We pray that, as you read through the pages of this report, we will be found faithful.



With gratitude and enduring hope,

Michael D. Birdsall, CPA  
TREASURER AND CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER



I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them. That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.”

LUKE 6:47-48 (NRSV)



# common investment fund: giving thanks for opportunities that make a difference

Commitment to faithful stewardship compels American Baptist Home Mission Societies to align investment policies and practices with ministry to develop discipleship, build community and pursue justice.

To that end, the Home Mission Societies' endowment dollars—providing about 60 percent of annual income—are held in the Common Investment Fund (CIF), which engages a full range of socially responsible investment practices, including: 1) avoidance screens to exclude investments in companies engaged in products and activities such as tobacco, liquor, gambling, pornography and militarism; 2) voting proxies to impact policies and practices of companies in the portfolio; and 3) informal and formal dialogue to educate companies about their impact, and collaboration to develop and implement strategies that effect positive systemic change.

In partnership with Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility (ICCR), the Home Mission Societies continues to press companies to improve management of environmental, social and governance risks in ways that support sustainable development, defined by the United Nations as “meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

Highlights of 2014 shareholder engagements include:

- **Climate change.** After engaging in dialogue with Chevron and 20 other institutional investors, the Home Mission Societies co-filed a shareholder resolution, asking the company to establish “science-based” targets for greenhouse gas emission reductions.
- **Human right to water.** Part of a larger collaborative effort to encourage more corporations to acknowledge responsibility to respect the human right to water, the Home Mission Societies led the filing of a shareholder proposal with Tyson Foods, requesting the board of directors to “adopt and implement a water stewardship policy that outlines leading practices to improve water quality for all company-owned facilities, facilities under contract to Tyson, and suppliers.”
- **Financial practices.** The Home Mission Societies worked with ICCR to influence JPMorgan Chase (JPM) to produce “How We Do Business: The Report,” which describes how the company has addressed recent challenges, and re-articulates and re-emphasizes its cultural values and corporate standards to ensure employees internalize the standards and live by them every day. Also, the Home Mission Societies helped to facilitate testimony calling for just resolution to housing crisis foreclosures by more than 20 members of Virginians Organized for Interfaith Community Engagement at JPM's annual general meeting.

## Investment Management

Investment advisor: Colonial Consulting Corp. Inc., New York City

## Investment Managers

Atlanta (Ga.) Capital Management Co. LLC  
 Baillie Gifford Overseas Ltd., Edinburgh, Scotland  
 Bogle Opportunity Fund II SRI, L.P., Lower Newton Falls, Mass.  
 Colchester Global Investors Inc., New York City  
 Cross Harbor Institutional Partners II, Boston  
 Eagle Capital Management LLC, New York City  
 Heartwood Forestland, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Lazard, New York City  
 Owl Creek Socially Responsible Investment Fund Ltd., Toronto  
 Pacific Investment Management Co., Newport Beach, Calif.  
 Patron Capital IV, London  
 Prentiss Smith & Co. Inc., Brattleboro, Vt.  
 State Street Global Advisors, Boston  
 Vulcan Value Partners LLC, Birmingham, Ala.

## Dec. 31, 2014, CIF snapshot

Market value of assets under management: \$210,669,704

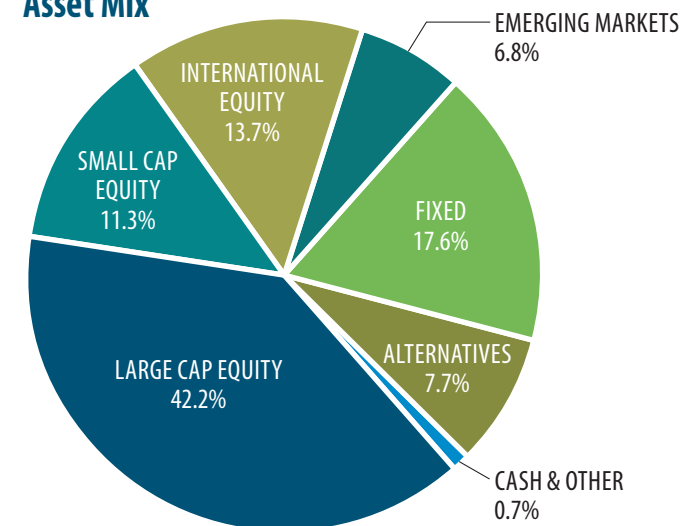
Annualized return, net of fees: 5.7%

Target benchmark: 6.8%

## Historical CIF unit value (2005-2014)

2005	304.09	2010	311.10
2006	333.34	2011	295.15
2007	350.04	2012	317.75
2008	240.03	2013	371.97
2009	284.84	2014	379.04

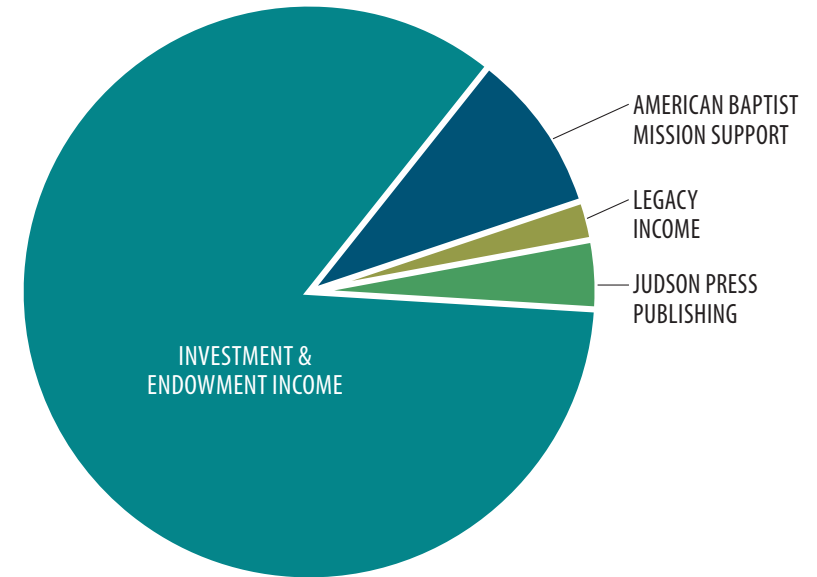
## Asset Mix



**Since 1975, American Baptist Home Mission Societies has invited American Baptist churches and related institutions to participate in the CIF. For more information, contact the treasurer's office at 800-222-3872, x2385.**

# 2014 financial snapshot: ministry income sources

	2014	%	2013	%
<b>American Baptist Mission Support:</b>				
America for Christ	\$894,679	4.4%	\$905,146	6.0%
United Mission	468,861	2.3%	543,749	3.6%
One Great Hour of Sharing	316,633	1.6%	716,532	4.7%
Other contributions	204,033	1.0%	299,569	2.0%
<b>Total ABMS</b>	<b>1,884,206</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>2,464,996</b>	<b>16.3%</b>
<b>Legacies &amp; related income</b>	<b>460,171</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>813,505</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Investment &amp; endowment income:</b>				
Investment, endowment & related funds	16,990,356	83.7%	10,758,217	71.1%
Mortgage income	178,048	0.9%	216,236	1.4%
<b>Total investment &amp; endowment income</b>	<b>17,168,404</b>	<b>84.6%</b>	<b>10,974,453</b>	<b>72.5%</b>
<b>Judson Press publishing</b>	<b>787,181</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>888,621</b>	<b>5.9%</b>
<b>Total support and revenue</b>	<b>\$20,299,962</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$15,141,575</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

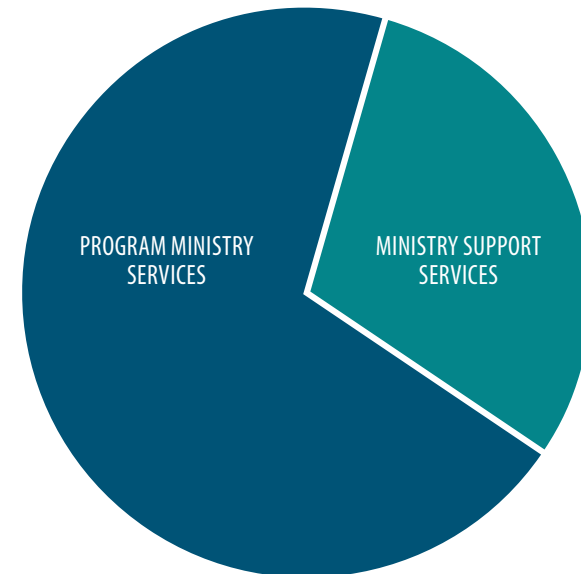


For a copy of American Baptist Home Mission Societies' audited financial statements, please visit our website at [www.abhms.org](http://www.abhms.org) or call 800-222-3872, x2465.



# 2014 financial snapshot: where ministry dollars were invested

	2014	%	2013	%
<b>Program ministries:</b>				
Missional life & missionary support & administration	\$4,647,243	38.2%	\$5,018,211	41.0%
Publishing ministries	1,361,534	11.2%	1,310,460	10.7%
Discipleship/transformation	1,107,066	9.1%	670,747	5.5%
Caring ministries/prophetic justice	967,744	8.0%	865,859	7.1%
Intercultural focus on discipleship & evangelism	419,289	3.4%	380,360	3.1%
Evangelism/new church planting	18,334	0.2%	34,442	0.3%
<b>Total program services</b>	<b>8,521,210</b>	<b>70.0%</b>	<b>8,280,079</b>	<b>67.7%</b>
<b>Administrative support:</b>				
Ministry support services	2,109,562	17.3%	2,386,695	19.5%
CIF management fees & beneficiary payments	1,210,598	9.9%	1,192,391	9.7%
Development	326,609	2.7%	378,129	3.1%
<b>Total administrative support</b>	<b>3,646,769</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>3,957,215</b>	<b>32.3%</b>
<b>Total program &amp; administrative support expenses</b>	<b>\$12,167,979</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>\$12,237,294</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>Net income (loss) from operations</b>	<b>\$8,131,983</b>		<b>\$2,904,281</b>	
Net unrealized gains on investments	(5,949,109)		21,017,988	
Change in annuity beneficial interest & actuarial obligations	248,841		(60,959)	
<b>Change in net assets</b>	<b>\$2,431,715</b>		<b>\$23,861,310</b>	



# thank you for spirit-filled generosity

## America for Christ 2014 focused on transformative power of Kingdom-building justice

With an appreciative spirit, we thank the 250 top-giving churches that participated in the America for Christ Offering 2014. The theme was an appeal to “Seek Justice,” based on Isaiah 1:17: “Learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow” (NRSV). As followers of Christ, we represent the promise of God’s love to our world by participating in the dynamic transformation of our neighborhoods. As we build and strengthen our communities, we bear witness to the Gospel of Christ that brings hope and justice.

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# america for christ offering 2014: 250 top-giving churches

Church Name	City, State	Region	Church Name	City, State	Region	Church Name	City, State	Region	Church Name	City, State	Region
North Shore Baptist Church	Chicago, Ill.	CHI	Crab Orchard Missionary Baptist Church	Crab Orchard, W.Va.	WV	Spokane Valley Baptist Church	Spokane Valley, Wash.	NW	First Baptist Church	Washington, D.C.	DC
Sutton Baptist Church	Sutton, W.Va.	WV	First Baptist Church	Beckley, W.Va.	WV	New Britain Baptist Church	New Britain, Pa.	PHL	Eastwood Baptist Church	Syracuse, N.Y.	NYS
Central Baptist Church	Springfield, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Grand Junction, Colo.	RMT	First Baptist Church	Washington, D.C.	DC	Royersford Baptist Church	Royersford, Pa.	PAD
First Institutional Baptist Church	Phoenix, Ariz.	LA	Second Baptist Church	Saint Louis, Mont.	GRR	First United Baptist Church	Lowell, Mass.	MA	Bethesda Baptist Church	Barrackville, W.Va.	WV
First Baptist Church	Sioux Falls, S.D.	DAK	Open Arms Baptist Church	Nebo, W.Va.	WV	Windsor Baptist Church	Uwchland, Mass.	PAD	First Baptist Church	Scottsdale, Ariz.	LA
First Baptist Church	Johnston, Iowa	MID	Baptist Temple	Charleston, W.Va.	WV	West Side Baptist Church	Topeka, Kan.	CEN	Springfield Baptist Church	Akron, Ohio	OH
West Shore Baptist Church	Camp Hill, Pa.	PAD	First Baptist Church	Dover, Del.	PAD	Franklin Union Baptist Church	Worthington, Pa.	PAD	Brandywine Baptist Church	Chadds Ford, Pa.	PAD
Calvary Baptist Church	Denver, Colo.	RMT	Buckfield Community Church	Delaware, Maine	ME	Delaware Avenue Baptist Church	Buffalo, N.Y.	NYS	Sunset Hills Baptist Church	Omaha, Neb.	NE
Brewster Baptist Church	Brewster, Mass.	MA	Greece Baptist Church	Rochester, N.Y.	ROC	First Baptist Church	Colorado Springs, Colo.	RMT	Cohansey Baptist Church-Roadstown	Bridgeport, N.J.	NJ
First Baptist Church	Olympia, Wash.	NW	Sato Baptist Church	Ava, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Boulder, Colo.	RMT	North Baptist Church	Columbus, Ohio	OH
First Baptist Church	Fremont, Neb.	NE	First Baptist Church	Davison, Mich.	MI	Calvary Baptist Church	Salem, Ore.	CPC	First Baptist Church	Jerseyville, Ill.	GRR
Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church	Anchorage, Alaska	ZAK	First Baptist Church	Louisburg, Kan.	CEN	Lewis Creek Baptist Church	Shelbyville, Ind.	IN	Central Baptist Church	Quincy, Ill.	GRR
First Chinese Baptist Church	Fresno, Calif.	WST	South Parkersburg Baptist Church	Parkersburg, W.Va.	WV	First Baptist Church	Bellows Falls, Vt.	VNH	First Baptist Church	Sturgis, Mich.	MI
First Baptist Church	Saint Albans, W.Va.	WV	Upper Merion Baptist Church	King Of Prussia, Pa.	PAD	Tabernacle Baptist Church	Utica, N.Y.	NYS	Grace Baptist Church	Portland, Ore.	CPC
Beulah Baptist Church	Grafton, W.Va.	WV	First Baptist Church/Church of The Brethren	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	MID	First Baptist Church	La Crosse, Wisc.	WI	First Baptist Church	Hiawatha, Kan.	CEN
First Baptist Church	Williamsburg, W.Va.	WV	North Hills Community Baptist Church	Pittsburgh, Pa.	PAD	First Baptist Church	Pella, Iowa	MID	Montgomery Hills Baptist Church	Silver Spring, Md.	DC
Grand Prairie Baptist Church	Marion, Ohio	OH	Chinese Baptist Church	Seattle, Wash.	NW	First Baptist Church	Lawrence, Kan.	CEN	First Baptist Church	Arkansas City, Kan.	CEN
Fifth Avenue Baptist Church	Huntington, W.Va.	WV	United Baptist Church	Mapleton, Maine	ME	American Baptist Church	Fort Collins, Colo.	RMT	First Baptist Church	Manlius, N.Y.	NYS
First Baptist Church	Mitchell, Ind.	IN	Baptist Temple	Fairmont, W.Va.	WV	Guyandotte Baptist Church	Jesse, W.Va.	WV	First Baptist Church	Ann Arbor, Mich.	MI
First Baptist Church	Decatur, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Moweaqua, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Ottawa, Kan.	CEN	United Baptist Church	Saco, Maine	ME
Metea Baptist Church	Lucerne, Ind.	IN	Mount Calvary Baptist Church	Rockville, Md.	SOU	Flemington Baptist Church	Flemington, N.J.	GRR	Wilsonburg Baptist Church	Clarksburg, W.Va.	WV
First Baptist Church	Nutter Fort, W.Va.	WV	Martin Street Baptist Church	Raleigh, N.C.	SOU	Boskydell Baptist Church	Carbondale, Ill.	GRR	South Woodstock Baptist Church	Woodstock, Conn.	CT
First Baptist Church	Seymour, Ind.	IN	Phillips Memorial Baptist Church	Cranston, R.I.	RI	Avoca Baptist Church	Avoca, Ind.	IN	First Baptist Church	Marissa, Ill.	GRR
Indianapolis First Baptist Church	Indianapolis, Ind.	INS	First Baptist Church	Santa Clara, Calif.	WST	Morganatown, W.Va.	Morganatown, W.Va.	WV	Van Riper-Ellis Broadway Baptist Church	Fair Lawn, N.J.	NJ
First Baptist Church	Sullivan, Ind.	IN	First Baptist Church	Olathe, Kan.	CEN	Harlan, Iowa	Harlan, Iowa	MID	Prairie Baptist Church	Prairie Village, Kan.	CEN
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church	Shelbyville, Ind.	IN	First Baptist Church	Waterloo, Iowa	MID	Blue River Baptist Church	Salem, Ind.	IN	Iglesia Bautista Ebenezer	Gurabo, Puerto Rico	PR
Central Baptist Church	Wayne, Pa.	PHL	Community Baptist Church	San Mateo, Calif.	WST	First Baptist Church	Plainfield, Ind.	IN	First Baptist Church	Coshocton, Ohio	OH
Portola Baptist Church	San Francisco, Calif.	CPC	Cedar Hills Baptist Church	Portland, Ore.	CPC	Bow Lake Free Baptist Church	Stratford, N.H.	VNH	First Baptist Church	Waverly, Kan.	CEN
Evergreen Baptist Church-Los Angeles	Rosemead, Calif.	LA	First Baptist Church	Bar Harbor, Maine	ME	First Baptist Church	Lyons, Kan.	CEN	New Bethel Baptist Church	Indianapolis, Ind.	INS
Calvary Baptist Church	Newark, Del.	PAD	Highland Park Baptist Church	Colorado Springs, Colo.	RMT	First Baptist Church	Lamar, Colo.	RMT	First Baptist Church	Oak Park, Ill.	GRR
Bay View Baptist Church	Milwaukee, Wis.	WI	First Baptist Church	Worcester, Mass.	MA	First Baptist Church	Macomb, Ill.	GRR	Whitestone Baptist Church	Baltimore, Md.	SOU
First Baptist Church	Greenwood, Ind.	INS	First Baptist Church	Kansas City, Mo.	GR	Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church	Oakland, Calif.	MNY	Christ Memorial Baptist Church	Dover, Del.	PAD
First Baptist Church	Midland, Mich.	MI	University Heights Baptist Church	Springfield, Mo.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Kent, Wash.	NW	First Baptist Church	Jefferson, Ohio	OH
Court Street Baptist Church	Auburn, Maine	ME	First Baptist Church	Woodstown, N.J.	NJ	Chesterfield Baptist Church	Chesterfield, N.J.	NJ	First Baptist Church	Bethlehem, Pa.	PAD
First Baptist Church	Peoria, Ill.	GRR	Immanuel Baptist Church	Minot, N.D.	DAK	First Baptist Church	Stoneham, Mass.	MA	Fair Park Baptist Church	Marion, Ohio	OH
Mill Creek Baptist Church	Mill Creek, Ind.	IN	Lenox Road Baptist Church	Brooklyn, N.Y.	MNY	Woodbury Baptist Church	Woodbury, Minn.	MID	First Baptist Church	Kennett Square, Pa.	PAD
Parkersburg Baptist Church	Parkersburg, Pa.	PAD	First Baptist Church	Hamilton, Ohio	OH	First Baptist Church	Rantoul, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Manhattan, Kan.	CEN
First Baptist Church	Lebanon, Ind.	INS	Emmanuel Baptist Church	Washington, D.C.	SOU	Memorial Baptist Church	Columbus, Ind.	IN	First Baptist Church	Terre Haute, Ind.	IN
Green Street Baptist Church	Melrose, Mass.	MA	Chin Evangelical Baptist Church	Indianapolis, Ind.	INS	First Baptist Church	Ballston Spa, N.Y.	NYS	Pea Ridge Baptist Church	Huntington, W.Va.	WV
First Baptist Church	Portland, Ore.	CPC	First Marion Baptist Church	Indianapolis, Ind.	IN	Hilton Baptist Church	Hilton, N.Y.	ROC	Second Baptist Church	Suffield, Conn.	CT
First Baptist Church	North Platte, Neb.	NE	Harvey Park Baptist Church	Denver, Colo.	RMT	Bethel Baptist Church	Springfield, Ohio	OH	First Baptist Church	Dixon, Ill.	GRR
First Chinese Baptist Church	San Francisco, Calif.	WST	Bethel Baptist Church	Southgate, Mich.	MI	First Baptist Church	Reading, Pa.	PAD	Judson Baptist Church	Kokomo, Ind.	IN
First Baptist Church	Cheyenne, Wyo.	RMT	Atwater Baptist Church	Atwater, Calif.	CPC	Fowler Baptist Church	Gouverneur, N.Y.	NYS	Northside Community Church	Ann Arbor, Mich.	MI
First Baptist Church	Freehold, N.J.	NJ	Alpha Baptist Church	Livonia, Mich.	MI	Niantic Baptist Church	Niantic, Conn.	CT	First Baptist Church	Parkersburg, W.Va.	WV
First Baptist Church	Gaithersburg, Md.	DC	First Baptist Church	Madison, Wis.	WI	Blue Bell, Pa.	Blue Bell, Pa.	PHL	First Baptist Church	Racine, W.Va.	WV
Enon Baptist Church	Salem, W.Va.	WV	Community Baptist Church	Cordova, Alaska	ZAK	Waynesburg, Pa.	Waynesburg, Pa.	PAD	American Baptist Church	Lakeland, Fla.	SOU
First Baptist Church	Pontiac, Ill.	GRR	Page Baptist Church	Kincaid, W.Va.	WV	Columbia Street Baptist Church	Bangor, Maine	ME	First Baptist Church	Washington, Pa.	PAD
First Baptist Church	Columbus, Ind.	IN	West Side Baptist Church	Wichita, Kan.	CEN	Kings Creek Baptist Church	Urbana, Ohio	OH	First Baptist Church	Osgood, Ind.	IN
Crossroads Community Church	Cranberry Township, Pa.	PAD	First Baptist Church	Tulare, Calif.	WST	First Baptist Church	McMinnville, Ore.	CPC	Penney Memorial United Baptist Church	Augusta, Maine	ME
Murray Baptist Church	Murray, Utah	NW	Cyrus Baptist Church	Kenova, W.Va.	WV	First Baptist Church	Paola, Kan.	CEN	Japanese Baptist Church	Seattle, Wash.	EBA
First Baptist Church	Mattoon, Ill.	GRR	University Baptist Church	College Park, Md.	DC	First Baptist Church	Galesburg, Ill.	GRR	Kenmore Baptist Church	Kenmore, N.Y.	NYS
First Baptist Church	McPherson, Kan.	CEN	First Baptist Church	Bismarck, N.D.	DAK	Moreland Baptist Church	Muncy, Pa.	PAD	Burnt Hills Baptist Church	Burnt Hills, N.Y.	NYS
First Baptist Church	Minonk, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Richmond, Ind.	IN	Emmanuel Church	Parkersburg, W.Va.	WV	First Baptist Church	West Allis, Wis.	WI
First Baptist Church	Davenport, Iowa	MID	Liberty Baptist Church	Balfour, N.D.	DAK	First Baptist Church	Dunbar, W.Va.	WV	Grace Baptist Church	Kansas City, Mo.	GRR
Arthur Baptist Church	Arthur, Neb.	NE	First Baptist Church	Seattle, Wash.	EBA	First Baptist Church	West Hartford, Conn.	CT	First Baptist Church	Gresham, Ore.	CPC
First Baptist Church	Pasadena, Calif.	LA	Shuck Memorial Baptist Church	Lewisburg, W.Va.	WV	Faith Baptist Church	Fort Wayne, Ind.	IN	First Baptist Church	Lancaster, Pa.	PAD
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First Baptist Church	Chrisman, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Burke, S.D.	DAK						
First Baptist Church	Madison, Ind.	IN	Philippi Baptist Church	Philippi, W.Va.	WV						
First Baptist Church	Pedricktown, N.J.	NJ	Lake Avenue Baptist Church	Rochester, N.Y.	ROC						
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First Baptist Church	Scott City, Kan.	CEN	Lower Providence Baptist Church	Eagleville, Pa.	PAD						
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First Baptist Church	Redlands, Calif.	LA	Greenfield Baptist Church	North East, Pa.	PAD						
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First Baptist Church	Fairbury, Ill.	GRR	First Baptist Church	Cottage Grove, Ore.	CPC						
First Baptist Church	Topeka, Kan.	CEN	First Baptist Church	Greenfield, Ill.	GRR						
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