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Vote on ABHMS-presented shareholder resolution indicates progress

At Tyson Food Inc.'s annual shareholders meeting in Arkansas in early February, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) upheld its commitment to socially responsible investing by presenting a shareholder resolution requesting that Tyson implement a water-stewardship policy designed to reduce the risk of water contamination in its direct operations as well as with its suppliers and contractors. While only 11.8 percent of shareholders voted in favor of the resolution, the outcome indicates progress.

“Tyson Limited Partnership [TLP] holds more than 70 percent of shares—70,000,000 of Class B shares and 2,000,000 shares of Class A Common Stock. Each Class B stock has 10 times the voting power of Class A stock, providing even more power over the vote outcome,” says Mary Beth Gallagher, associate director of Montclair, N.J.-based Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment, ABHMS’ consultant. “TLP is comprised of the family and their trusts. They vote against all shareholder resolutions. If you take their votes out of the equation, the resolution received more than half the votes of the shares held outside TLP, which can be seen as a victory.”

Increasing from last year’s 10.8 percent, this year’s vote indicates growing shareholder support.

The need for the resolution is illustrated by devastation in Monet, Mo., where Tyson’s highly acidic animal-feed supplement was discharged into the city sewer, causing 100,000

fish to die. A \$530,000 settlement was reached with Missouri’s attorney general, while the EPA pursues a criminal suit.

As the resolution’s lead filer, ABHMS—which owns 295 shares of Tyson stock—was joined by four other investors who, like ABHMS, are members of the Interfaith Center on Corporate Responsibility. The resolution was co-presented by the Rev. Dr. Robert Scott, a Missouri resident and member of ABHMS’ board of directors and finance committee, and



Sister Patricia Daly, OP, of the Tri-State Coalition for Responsible Investment.

“I commend the persistent work of Sister Patricia Daly. She knew how to voice her concerns in the shareholder meeting,” says Scott. “But the turning point, for me, was the meeting Sister Patricia and I had with upper management about concerns for workers’ safety, water sustainability, environmental accountability and slave workers among Tyson’s contractual partners. This experience helped me appreciate how major social change takes place behind closed doors, but there must be transparency in the public square.”

ABHMS will continue to pursue dialogue with Tyson.

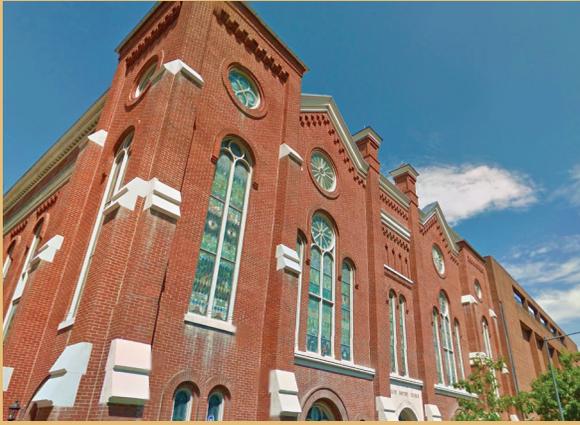
American Baptist leaders participate in White House pluralism event

Curtis Ramsey-Lucas, managing director, Resource Development, ABHMS, joined the Rev. Dr. A. Roy Medley, recently retired general secretary of American Baptist Churches USA, to participate in a December White House event on religious pluralism that included the launch of a project called “Know Your Neighbor.” The project urges Americans to understand and respect others’ beliefs.

■ Learn more at www.abhms.org > About Us > News Room.



ABHMS will celebrate its new leadership and mission strategy at a worship service on April 8 at Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. Stay tuned for further details.



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ABHMS Neighborhood Action Program Christian center offers 'Friday Night Take Out'

Via its "Friday Night Take Out" program launched in 2014, Peoria (Ill.) Friendship House of Christian Service—an ABHMS Neighborhood Action Program Christian center—provides individuals or households of up to 12 children with a sturdy yet easy-carry cardboard tote filled with take-home containers of prepared meals for Friday night, as well as enough ingredients for the weekend's six other meals.

The prepared meals are homemade by local agencies, churches and schools. The tote is the "club card" with which clients return weekly to obtain food.

While picking up food, a client can choose to meet with a community nurse, a legal assistant, nutritionist or staff



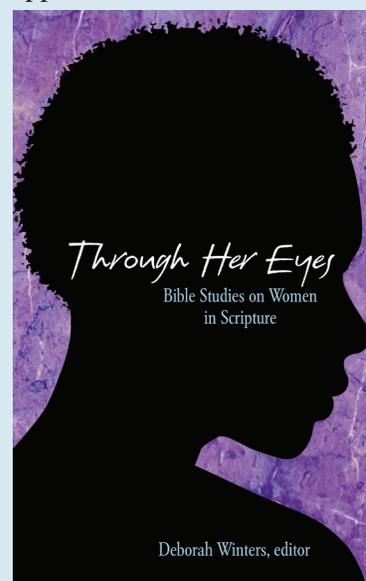
member, who will assess the client's additional needs, discuss resources and initiate a case-management plan. Diapers, hygiene kits and pet food are also available.

"Maybe they come because they are hungry but might find an answer that will lead them out of hunger," says Melanie McNiff, Friendship House's CEO/president.

Friendship House provided 28,724 meals in 2014. Nearly four times as many—105,945 meals—were provided in 2015. Since January 2015, 1,102 first-time food pantry households have been served.

New book offers fresh, relevant perspectives on stories of biblical women

Are the ancient women of the Bible relevant today? Yes! "Through Her Eyes: Bible Studies on Women in Scripture" applies the stories of biblical women to contemporary situations



so that readers can recognize God's presence both then and now.

The book's concept stems from coursework at Palmer Theological Seminary, King of Prussia, Pa., where professor Deborah Spink Winters and 19 students embarked on a journey to discover the impact of ancient women's stories on modern-day lives and ministries. As a result, readers will find faith anew through the perspectives

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