

American Baptist

**Women's**  
MINISTRIES

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Greetings from your AB Women's Ministries President ~

First, words can't adequately describe my gratitude for the opportunity to serve in this capacity in the Central Region. Although no one told me of the full extent of committee involvement and preparation for one meeting starting as soon as a previous one ends, because I believe so passionately in the work we do I know my answer to serve in this capacity would still have been an enthusiastic yes, as prompted by God's leading!

In the following pages you'll find information on much of what we do both within our Region and at the National level. And while some areas are considered very mission orientated in a traditional sense, others can likewise be considered such outreach, as lives within our own Region and beyond are impacted and developed for leadership and mission on the home front.

LOVE GIFT, which has been an important element of AB Women's work for 85 years, benefits not just mission work and our National ABW site, but also our own Region in a significant way. From the total received each year 35.95% remains in our Central Region budget (not ABW), which last year totaled \$19,055!

SPECIAL PROJECT, chosen for a one year emphasis, has through the years benefited several of our own Regional ministries and facilities, including Cross Wind this year and Camp Christy in the coming year! And involving the entire Congregation brings not just greater monetary response but also noticeable impact on the spiritual ministry of churches when such expansion takes place.

More than 20 women from our Region participate on the National level as VITAL PARTNERS, which represent giving at a beginning level of \$120 per year, with other steps above that. WHITE CROSS is now in the domain of International Ministries, along with other mission projects.

It's important to recognize the impact of programming and leadership at the National level in helping Regions with support and needed information for carrying out ministries. I'm convinced that as churches unite in the involvement of all ages and groups in various mission efforts, the successes and blessings that abound are beyond our human expectations! Please know that I am willing to help your groups in any way you might need.

Praising God to be together with you is service in our incredible Region ~

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