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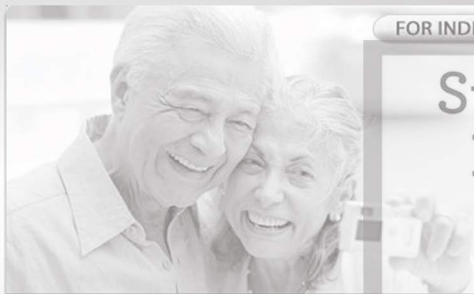
American Baptist Foundation
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PALMER GRANT RECIPIENTS



VALLEY FORGE, PA (ABNS 9/9/11)—American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) and the American Baptist Foundation (ABF) are pleased to announce recipients of the 2011 Palmer Grant. (Still to be funded in 2011 are grants in partnership wit...

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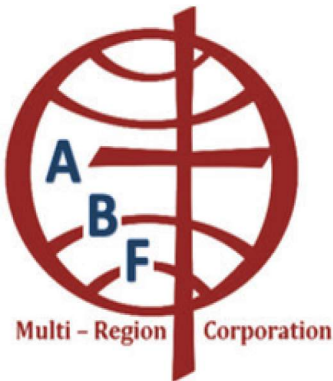
AMERICAN BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Since 1985, the mission of the American Baptist Foundation is to support and strengthen the Christian witness fulfilled by the Foundation's partners in ministry and mission.

SUPPORTED MEMBERS



International Ministries



The Foundation encourages individuals to support the endeavors of these partners through what is known as “planned giving” — establishing wills and other charitable estate plans.

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Greetings from the Executive Director

Dear American Baptist Family,

It has been one year since the formal launch of the Foundation's Strengthening Your Financial Future (SYFF) program. Over this past year, this initiative has proven to be a blessing to our engaged partners as well as to our ABF ministry.

The program is grounded on three stages – **Vision. Communication. Celebration.** Please permit me to *celebrate* a recent success with you:

“What a blessing it has been for Cuba First Baptist Church to partner with the American Baptist Foundation in the Strengthening Your Financial Future program. We found the format to be designed in a user-friendly manner and the suggested process worked well to acquaint our church leaders with the resources of the Foundation. We also had the steady guidance of the Director of Development, Linda Cassel.

Defining our vision and deciding on specific objectives as a basis to set up Cuba First's Endowment Funds were excellent exercises for our church leaders. The process helped us focus on our mission and gave us hope that putting these future ministry objectives into Endowment Fund opportunities would be a blessing to future generations. The customized banners and brochure which were designed for us by the Foundation to showcase Cuba First's new Endowment Funds are far beyond the quality of promotional resources we could have produced on our own.

This has been a positive and beneficial experience for us and we are excited to see how God will bless our congregation in the future because of the seeds that are being planted now.”

*Rev. Dr. Larry Poelma, Pastor
Cuba First Baptist Church – Cuba, NY*

Happy First Birthday SYFF!

Yours in Christ,

Perkin

Rev. Perkin Simpson, MBA, CAP®

Executive Director

2013 Year in Review

We believe that our strong performance in 2013 is evidence of the continued confidence in the Foundation. You have grown with us and now we manage over \$123 million in assets (as of 12/31/13).

For the American Baptist Foundation, 2013 was driven by the following accomplishments:

- Successful update of the Foundation's new website: abcogiving.com
- Successful development and implementation of a conceptual framework for a new model of planned giving – “Strengthening Your Financial Future” (SYFF).
- Strengthening our investment capabilities, producing another year of solid returns.
- Successful expansion of the Gordon and Virginia Palmer Trust Grant program, resulting in the funding of greater than sixty (60) ministries affiliated with our partners American Baptist Home Mission Society, International Ministries and the Multi-region Corporation, nationally and overseas.
- Successful development of customized planned giving programs for our constituents. Of special mention are the American Baptist Church of New Jersey and Cuba First Baptist Church.
- Successfully maintaining donor relationships through the expansion of our field staff.

American Baptist Foundation is on a track of improved long-term growth prospects. However, there is always work to be done. As a part of our continued efforts to create value, we strive to maintain our personal touch, offer great expertise, and take pride in delivering the best services possible. We continue to assure you that we are just a phone call away and our doors remain open at all times.

William C.

Rev. William Carlsen
Chairman of the Board

VISION

DONOR SPOTLIGHT: Randolph Farrar



In the words of Randolph, “I’ve been surprised that God has blessed me with the skill to raise money. One of the first came from a family friend that I was able to lead to Christ as a young minister -- A Swiss baroness that lived on the streets of San Francisco as an alcoholic that our family was always taking care of. When she died she left her money to the Foundation. Not by happenstance but because I spoke to her about where her money was going to go.

Speaking and fellowship about such things with people is quite important; it’s not about money-- it’s about telling people about Jesus and seeing how one with their own personal relationship with Jesus can help other people come to Christ and a renewed life. So I appreciate my opportunity of working with the Foundation and hope for good things in the future.”

***“Wisdom is a shelter as money is a shelter, but the advantage of knowledge is this:
that wisdom preserves the life of its possessor.”***

-Ecclesiastes 7:12

****New International Version****

PALMER GRANT SPOTLIGHT



International Ministries: KENYA

The following is an excerpt of a report received, November 2013 from Dan Buttry, International Ministries Global Consultant, documenting the power of Christ with the blessings of Palmer Grant funds for the Training of Conflict Transformation Trainers in Kenya.

“We Want Peace, but...”

The Pokot old man stood up to speak in response to our peace presentations. The village was gathered around, men sitting in a semi-circle under one huge shade tree, women and young children clustered on the other side with their thatch huts behind them. Behind us about 50 yards away was the river where not too long ago a woman had been shot and killed by people from the Turkana village while she was simply going to gather water.

“We want peace, but....,” he began. He then spoke about this virus, this bug that was biting and infecting them, reaching down and pinching the back of his thigh. The biting “bugs” were the Turkanas, people from the opposite village who kept fighting them. We want peace, but they don’t. So we have to squash this bug. As usual what is truly important is said after the “but....”

Even getting to Turkwel was a challenge. We were in the Pokot district, a large region in north central Kenya doing conflict transformation training. Pini Kidulah, who had been through one of my Trainings of Conflict Transformation had invited me to do a training in her home area a place plagued by continual violence often around a culture of cattle rustling and inter-tribal conflict. We had finished the three-day workshop in the central town of Kapenguria. We had been invited to Turkwel, a village two hours drive away on the edge of Pokot that was notorious for its vio-

lence. We had heard about vehicles being shot at in the region. Should we go? After discussion we ascertained that all the vehicles that had been shot at were government or police cars. We had lined up a borrowed government vehicle, so we decided to hire a private car and risk it.

Boaz Kelbarak was part of our team. He's only 22 years old, but he has already been chosen as a District Peace Commissioner, a government position in which he seeks to mediate between conflicted groups in the region. Boaz does this out of a deep Christian commitment. Boaz had been going to the Turkana village as well as to the Pokot village, going unarmed where the police feared to go, urging both villages to take steps toward talking together to end their chronic violence. He invited us to join in that process of encouraging the Pokots toward peace.

Boaz, Pini, Wilson Gathungu (who traveled with me from our earlier peacemaking training in Mauche), and I all made presentations about the ways to peace. Then the village elder stood up: "We want peace, but..." I've heard that same sentiment voiced in churches in my own country when I challenge people to follow Jesus in doing the things that make for peace. We bring a "realism" that counters and discounts the "idealism" of Jesus, even though we claim to follow Jesus. Yes, Jesus, you want us to love our enemies, but those people are a deadly virus that we need to get rid of first.

Wilson and Boaz responded by gently, graciously yet firmly challenging the elders view. Peace can be possible, but someone has to risk taking the steps of reconciliation toward the other side. Boaz had had the same conversation across the river and would be following up our discussions by his on-going communications with both parties. We didn't make peace that day, but we did bring a connection of support and encouragement to a village living on the edge of survival and violence. We also stood with a local peacemaker, Boaz, giving him the support for which he asked.

What is the "but..." that we bring to the teaching of Jesus? What is the "realistic" correction we bring to the call to faithfully follow our Lord amid the complexity of our daily lives and conflicts? Though the setting was very different from where I live, the conversation was very familiar. We would be willing to do what Jesus says, "but..." May God grant us the courage to offer all our "buts," corrections, and excuses to God so that we can truly be faithful followers of Jesus.

PALMER GRANT SPOTLIGHT



ABHMS: American Baptist Women's Ministries *Bridging the Gap* By Virginia Holmstrom

In March 2013, American Baptist Women's Ministries received an ABHMS Palmer Grant in the amount of \$12,000 to provide opportunities for young adult women to be stakeholders in AB Women's Ministries through their leadership. AB Women's Ministries designated \$6,000 to fund a "Conference Planning Team" of young adult women to design, implement, and lead a national young adult women's conference on July 27-29, 2013, in Phoenix, Arizona; and \$6,000 for our Transformed by the Spirit Action Learning Team to engage in "ALT Experimentation" to test ABWM's readiness to transfer leadership to young adult women.

CONFERENCE PLANNING TEAM

In April 2013, LaKeeyna Cooper, coordinator of Young Adult Women's Ministries for ABWM, invited four young adult women to work with her to plan and lead a national conference for Young Adult Women, July 27-29, 2013, to be held at a resort in Phoenix, Arizona. All four enthusiastically accepted her invitation: Jennifer Leneus of Haitian Evangelical Church, Jersey City, NJ; Joy Andrews of Church of the Redeemer Baptist, Philadelphia, PA; Holly Mulhivill of Poquonnock Bridge Baptist Church, Groton, Connecticut; and Jasmine Turner, student at Elon University in NC and member of Riverview Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

Three of them had attended “C2R4”, AB Women’s Ministries’ first event for young adult women that had been held in September 2012 in Connecticut, and were eager to work together to create a another national event for young women.



LaKeeyna convened a 2-day Conference Planning Team meeting in Raleigh, North Carolina (within short driving distance for two team members) on June 14-15. All four team members attended and participated with LaKeeyna to plan the various aspects of the conference, including worship and music, workshops, get-acquainted and team building activities, and a scavenger hunt. During this 2-day planning meeting, the team members centered their work and purpose on Christ, and were empowered to grow in relationship and leadership, all important components of Discipleship. By the end of the planning meeting, each team member had been tasked with specific leadership assignments for the conference.

LaKeeyna and the four planning team members were on-site in Phoenix in July to welcome conferees, do final set-up of meeting space and AV equipment, and lead the components of the conference. An invited guest speaker provided program content for the sessions throughout the weekend. The planning team empowered conferees to plan a segment of a larger Sunday evening worship service.

On Sunday evening, the conferees from three AB Women's Ministries conferences happening on site—the Young Adult Women's Conference, the National Gathering for Girls, and the National Women's Conference—came together for an intergenerational worship and multicultural communion service. The young adult conferees presented choral music, becoming the conference choir for the service. They were represented in the serving of bread and juice during the communion service. Another young adult woman led the multi-conference session with a rousing and joy-filled response to God's love. The Women's Conference conferees were delighted, and I think taken by surprise, to experience such confident and competent young women leading them in worship! Those moments will not be forgotten, and are foundational impressions that will help bring generational leadership change within the entire organization.

The evaluations received from the Young Adult Women's Conference attendees rated their weekend event in glowing words and highest ratings. They reminded us that it didn't really matter where a future event was held, and it didn't really matter what the conference theme would be, but if we kept the price affordable for them, they'd come to another event for young adult women. They thrived on the relationships they had built with one another and with God.

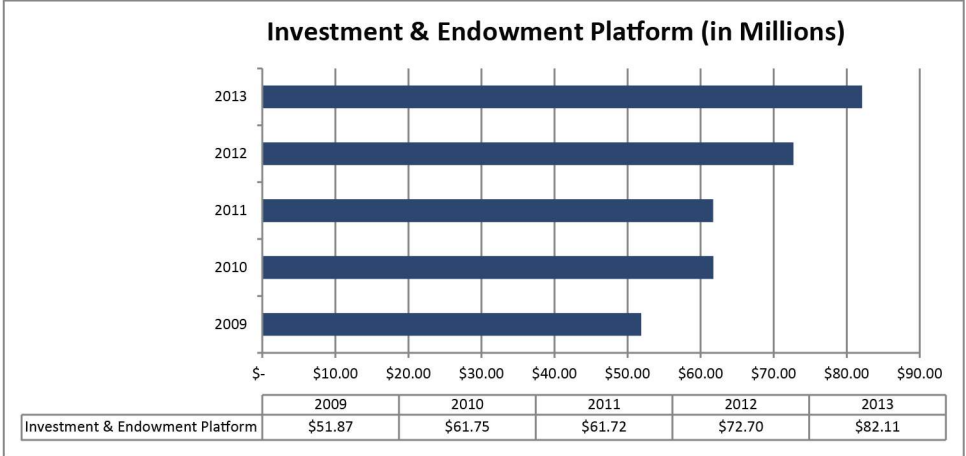




COMMUNICATION

Investments and Endowment Services

As of December 31, 2013 ABF managed \$84.7 million as part our Investment and Endowment Services platform, realizing a 16.5% net growth in assets from year-end 2012. Investments held are professionally managed and adhere to the Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) guidelines established by ABC/USA.



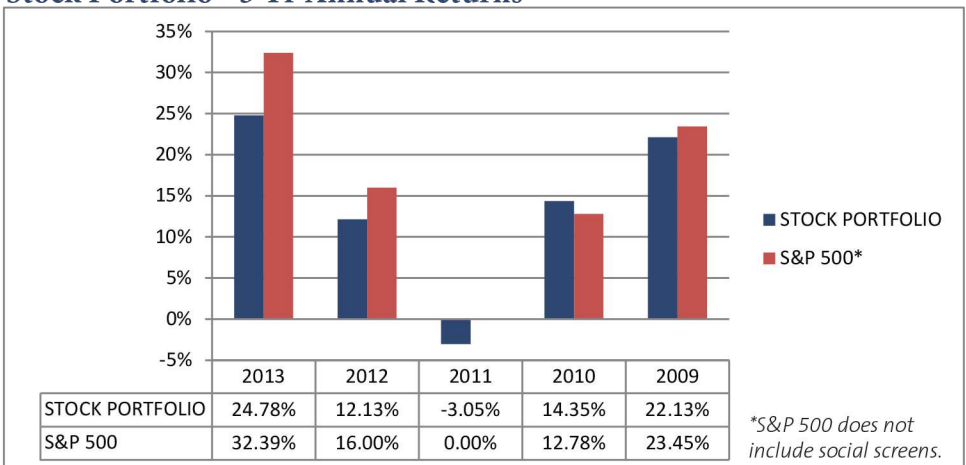
As a registered supporting organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code ABF's Investment and Endowment Services are only available to our American Baptist Partners in ministry and mission. Accounts held include:

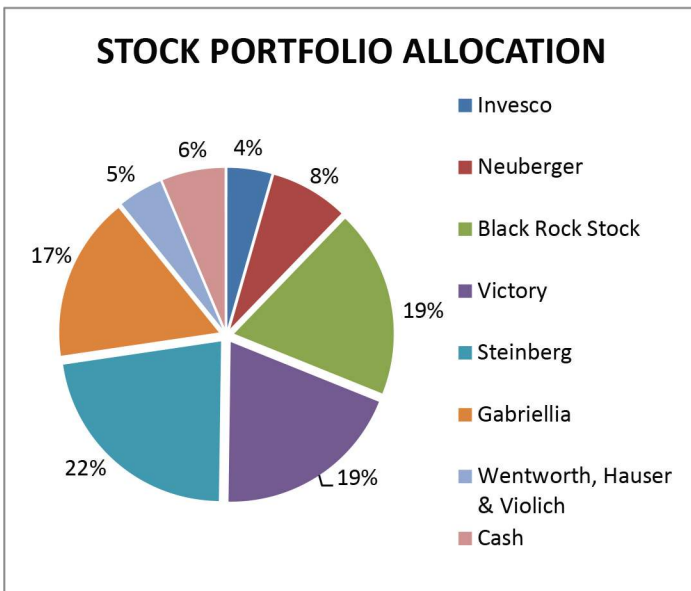
- Custodial Accounts held on behalf of churches and ministries
- Permanent Endowments established by donors or ministries

There are three portfolio options available and a description of each is below:

Stock Portfolio – this portfolio consists of all equities (100% stock) and is suitable for the investor who is willing to assume greater risk for the prospect of greater returns.

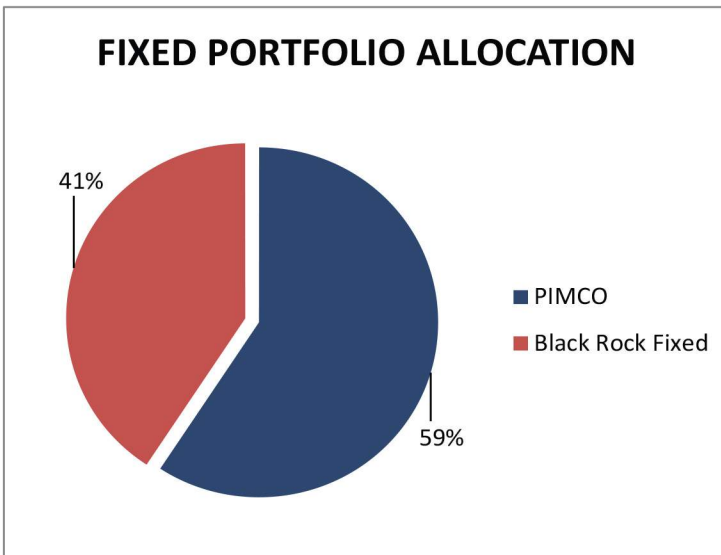
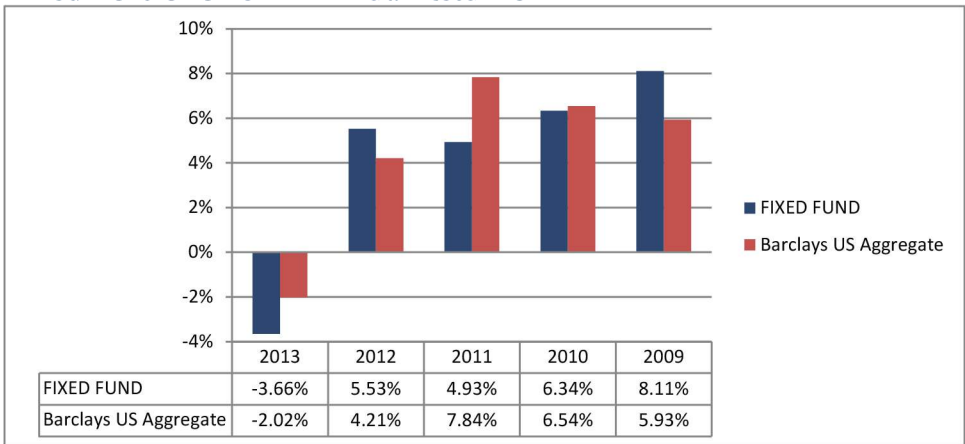
Stock Portfolio - 5 Yr Annual Returns





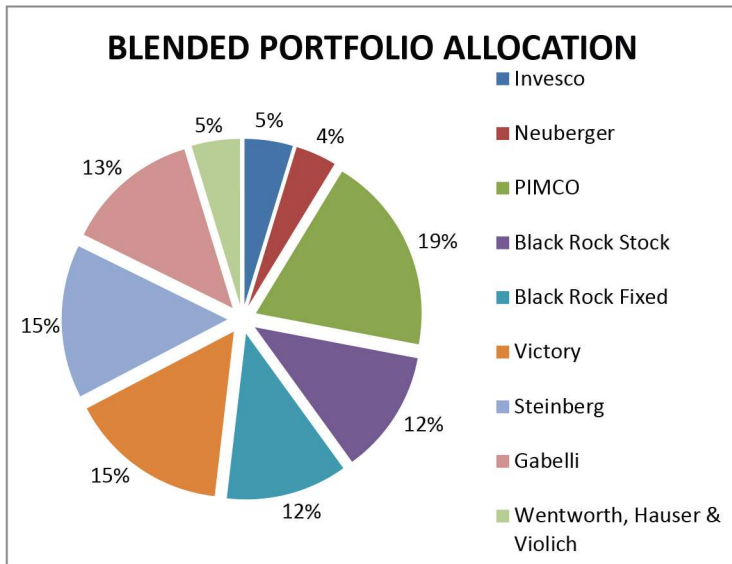
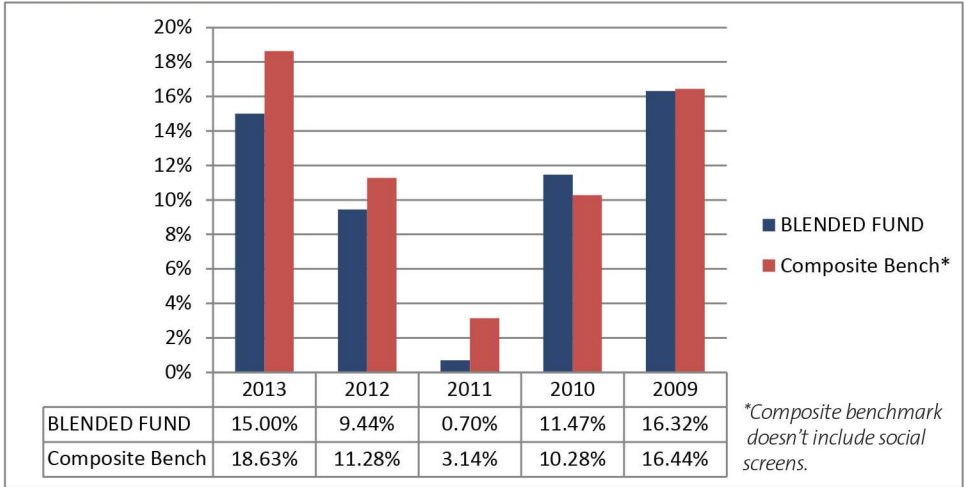
Fixed Portfolio – this portfolio consists of all bonds and fixed income investments. It is suitable for the risk-averse investor and offers the prospect of conservative growth

Fixed Portfolio - 5 Yr Annual Returns

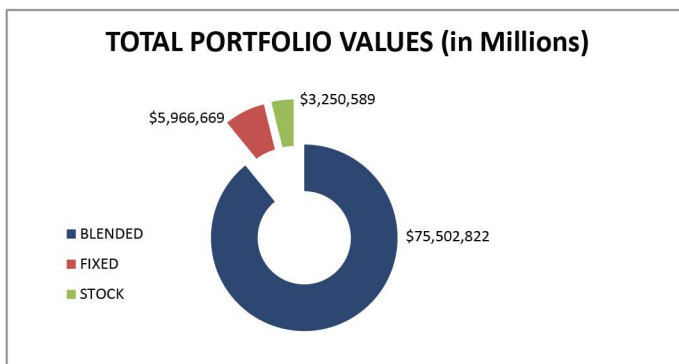


Blended Portfolio – this portfolio has an allocation target of sixty percent (60%) stock and forty percent (40%) bonds/fixed income. It is suitable for the investor who desires moderate risk and moderated growth.

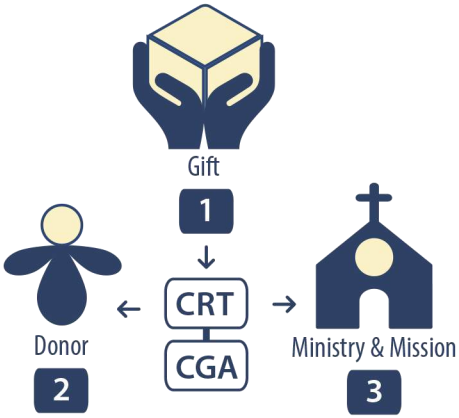
Blended Portfolio - 5 Yr Annual Returns



Our partners do have the option of choosing more than one portfolio to meet their desired investment objectives. The majority of assets managed are held in the Blended portfolio 89%. The Fixed and Stock portfolios hold 7% and 4%, respectively.



HOW LIFE INCOME AGREEMENTS WORK



1. You can irrevocably place cash securities or other property into a CRT and/or CGA.
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3. When the CRT and/or CGA matures, the remainder passes to your beneficiaries.

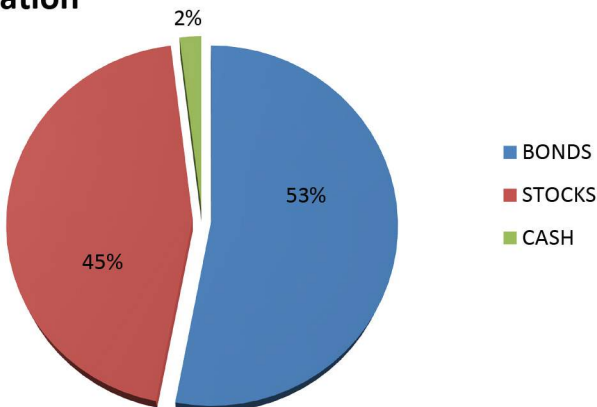
Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

ABF ended the year with 124 Charitable Trusts totaling \$27.0 million and includes 18 testamentary trusts to be funded in the future. Each trust is administered and invested based on the individual needs of the trust, but most share ownership in two pooled investments; the Mutual Fund and Bond Fund commons trust funds. The Mutual Fund had a total net return of 28.95 % and the Bond Fund had a loss of 3.05 % for 2013.

Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA)

American Baptist Foundation ended the year with 487 active CGAs and reserve holdings of \$8.53 million which are solely used to pay income and final distributions when annuities mature. Investments associated with all annuity reserves are carefully managed with a target allocation of approximately 60% bonds/cash equivalents and 40% equities. It is our fiduciary responsibility to ensure that all regulatory, reporting and compliance requirements are met.

CGA Allocation



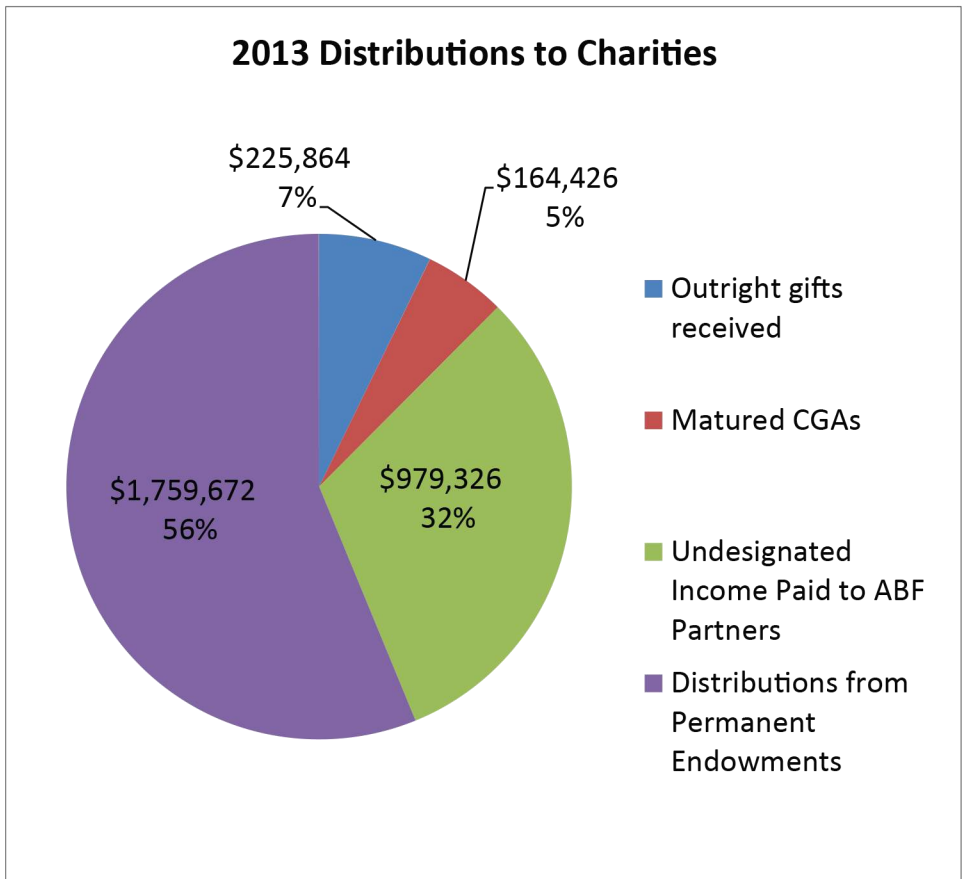
Distributions and Income Payments

The ministry of American Baptist Foundation is evidenced best by the availability of funds to further American Baptist ministry and mission while enhancing the lives of our donors. We are grateful to work with such a diverse body as we continue to live out our mission of “Connecting People Who Care to Ministries that Matter.”

Distributions to Charities

These are monies paid directly to our partners in ministry and other non-profit entities. For 2013, we distributed \$3.55 million to our partners and other non-profit entities. Below is a detailed breakdown of these distributions:

Outright Gifts Received.....	\$ 225,864
Matured CGAs.....	\$ 164,426
Undesignated Income Paid to ABF Partners.....	\$ 979,326
Distributions from Matured Trust Agreements.....	\$ 423,539
Distributions from Permanent Endowments.....	\$ 1,759,672
TOTAL.....	\$ 3,552,827



Income Payments

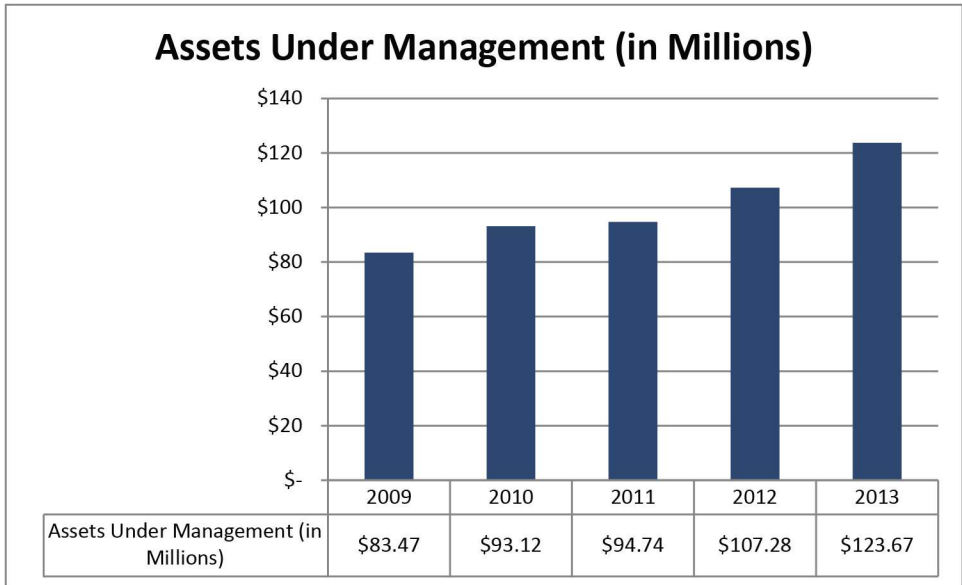
Life Income agreements allow donors to establish gifts that pay income for life or a specified number of years and have the final value distributed to ministry, mission or charity. Income payments made during 2013 is a follows:

CGA Annuity Payments.....	\$ 564,418
Trust Income Payments.....	\$ 1,662,396
TOTAL.....	\$ 2,226,814

Our institutional investors have the option to receive payments from their custodial accounts. Payments can be made based on ABF’s calculated payout formula or specified by the institution based on their needs.

Endowment Fund Payments \$ 2,539,437

Overall, \$6,559,406 in distributions and payments were made to our partners for 2013.



Over the period 2009-2013, the Foundation realized 48.2% representing \$40.2 million in net growth in Assets under Management. During the same period, 2009-2013, this growth was also realized after making over \$26.5 million in income payments and distributions to our donors and partners. As we grow, there is a clear indication of the power of Christ. We remain pleased to provide opportunities to enhance ministry and mission by maximizing funds and resources available for use. At the Foundation we continue to look forward to strengthening existing relationships and developing new ones.

CELEBRATION





Virginia & Gordon Palmer Trust Grant Program of the American Baptist Foundation

American Baptist Foundation (ABF) is pleased to announce that the successful expansion of the Virginia and Gordon Palmer Trust Grant Program has resulted in the funding of greater than 50 ministry projects affiliated with our American Baptist Family in 2013.

The Virginia and Gordon Palmer Trust of the American Baptist Foundation (VGPTABF) Grant seeks to fund priority ministries with the aid of our partners: American Baptist Home Missions Societies (ABHMS), the Multi-Region Corporation (MRC), and International Ministries (IM). Please visit our website for updates regarding partner cycles dates and themes for 2014.

The Virginia and Gordon Palmer, Jr. Trust was created in 1999 as a permanent endowment to the American Baptist Foundation. The Trust is to be administered by the Foundation in accordance with established guidelines and principles.

2013 Awardees

American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) Cycle

- 1. First Baptist Church of Wallingford CT**
College and Career Christians Group
- 2. Seattle First Baptist Church**
Simply Love, Served with Food
- 3. American Baptist Church of Wisconsin**
Disciples Joining God in the Neighborhood
- 4. American Baptist Women's Ministries**
Bridging the Gap
- 5. University Baptist Church and Burien Community Church**
Pub Theology – "The Alternative"
- 6. Ottawa University**
Kindling Faith Through a Culture of Servant Leadership
- 7. First Baptist Church of Chicago**
Boys to Men Program
- 8. First Baptist Church of Hastings NE**
Christ Conscious Collective
- 9. Alliance of Asian- American Baptist Churches**
Asian American Intergenerational Covenant Circles
- 10. American Baptist Assembly (Green Lake)**
Commissioning Disciples for Kingdom Service Initiative
- 11. American Baptist Church of Massachusetts**
Leading Edge Discipleship
- 12. American Baptist Church of Nebraska**
Young Adult Ministry Experiment
- 13. American Baptist Church of Rhode Island**
Keep the Firs Alive
- 14. American Baptist Churches of PBA/NJ/PA and DE**
YATMA Young Adults Together in Ministry
- 15. Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America**
Companioning Program for Young Adults
- 16. Baptist Student Foundation at Purdue**
Internship for Community Involvement
- 17. Benedict College**
Yes we C.A.R.E.
- 18. Brown Community Development Corporation**
Disciples for Community Action

19. Calvary Baptist Church

Theology on Draft

20. Central Baptist Church

Discipleship for a New Era: Engaging Young Adults

21. Iglesias Bautista de Puerto Rico and

WV Baptist convention

Proyecto HOPE

22. McKinley Memorial Baptist Church

Faith in the Future

23. Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology

Young Adult Vocational Exploration
in the African American Context

24. Third Baptist Church of Chicago

N.O.W. Young Adult Ministry of Third Baptist Church

25. Zion Baptist Church

The Renaissance Project

Multi-Region Corporation (MRC) Cycle

1. ABC Great Rivers Region

Journey Team Leadership Transformed by the Spirit

2. American Baptist Churches of Greater Indianapolis

Shared Learning Experiences for Pastors

3. American Baptist Churches of Michigan

Expansion of Ministry Leadership Groups

4. American Baptist Churches of New Jersey

Fresh Expressions: Transformed by
the Spirit Experiments

5. American Baptist Churches of Ohio

Turn Around Pastors: Transformed
by the Spirit in Regional Ministry

6. American Baptist Churches of the Dakotas

Dakota Journeys

7. American Baptist Churches of the NorthWest

Renewing Churches through the Church Unique Process

**8. American Baptist Churches
of the Rochester Genesee Region**

Gaining Skills for Adaptive Change

9. American Baptist Churches of the Rocky Mountains

Rural Church and Missionary/Mission Field

**10. American Baptist Seminary of the West
and Evergreen Association**

Latino Initiative

11. Chin Evangelical Baptist Church

Transformed by the Spirit in Regional Ministry

12. First Baptist Church of Holdrege

2013-2014 Intentional Outreach Vision

13. Mid-American Baptist Churches

Transforming Regional Ministries
with Burmese Congregations

14. Nebraska Baptist State Convention dba

American Baptist Churches of Nebraska
Mission Study Tour

15. West Virginia Baptist Convention

A Season of Transformation

16. American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin

Mission from the Gospels: A Congregational Resource

17. Chinese Baptist Church

Greater Seattle Children's Youth Ministers Network

International Ministries (IM) Cycle

1. The Divinity School of Chung Chi College,

Chinese University of Hong Kong
Develop Theological Educator From and
For the Church in China

2. China Christian Council

Empower Pastors to Grow Churches in Rural China

3. Macau Bible Institute

Bless Macau with Mind and Heart: Mission Research
and Teaching for a Better Macau

4. American Baptist International Ministries

and Convencion Bautista de Cuba Oriental
Empowering the Ministry to the Deaf in Cuba

5. Tartu Theological Seminary

Education and Church Ministry

6. American Baptist International Ministries,

Instituto Teologico Bautista de Chile et al.
Empowering Partners in Chile, Cuba, Nicaragua,
Spain and Colombia

7. American Baptist Churches of the USA,

International Ministries & CICESM, Mexico
Empowering Women in Ministry with CICESM

8. American Baptist International Ministries

& Seminario Bautista de Mexico
Overcoming Educational Challenges

9. Nepal Baptist Church

Supporting Development Worker Evangelists
in their fight against Poverty

10. Baptist Union of Poland

Training Polish Baptist Leaders

11. American Baptist International Ministries

Akha Radio Ministry

12. American Baptist International Ministries

Assessing Healthcare needs of Karen Partners

13. American Baptist International Ministries

Training of Conflict Transformation Trainers

14. Baptist Churches of Vietnam

Educating New Leaders



John Mason Peck Society

The John Mason Peck Society was established in 1996 as a way to acknowledge all those—past and present—who have worked with the Foundation to remember American Baptist ministry and mission in their charitable estate plans. Membership now numbers more than 680. However, many more people could become members of the Society since they have worked with the Foundation to name their church or an American Baptist organization

in their wills or through other planned gifts. If that includes you, please contact the Foundation office:

Phone: [610.768.2035](tel:610.768.2035)

Email: abfadmin@abc-usa.org

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