

# United in Christ, Together in Mission



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**EXECUTIVE MINISTER**

Dear pastors and friends of the American Baptist Churches of Wisconsin,

I am writing to invite you to participate in the ministries of ABCWI through your financial gifts. While we appeal to our churches, we also ask that you consider contributing, either through your local church or directly to the region.

We're beginning some new initiatives this coming year, including the following:

- Increasing our resources and support for local churches by providing trainings (we just held a Treasurer/Finance training this October and will have a Church Board training in 2023)
- Increasing continuing education opportunities and support for pastors
- Increasing training for lay ministers
- Supporting small churches by providing resources and connection with others
- Focusing on Next Generation Ministries

The focus on Next Generation Ministries is twofold: a focus on ministering with youth and young adults, and raising up the next generation of church leaders and pastors. Our 2023 Annual Gathering, October 13-15, will be at Green Lake Conference Center on this theme of Next Generation Ministries.

This focus also includes restoration and renewal at Camp Tamarack, a gem of the region. Rev. Carolyn Dugan, with help from the Finance Committee and new staff at Tamarack will be looking at renovations to existing buildings, offering new opportunities and a focus on Outdoor Ministries.

We can't do this without you. Rev. Rick Barlow, our speaker at the 2022 Annual Gathering said, "**Salvation is free, but ministry costs.**" We know finances are tight, but the more we are reminded that we are interdependent and in this together, the more opportunities we have for the Holy Spirit to show us what God is calling us to be, do, and change, for the work of Christ in our world! And we will know God's abundance through our generosity!

## REGIONAL MINISTRIES

65% of your United Mission giving stays right here in Wisconsin to support our churches and ministries.

## AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES, USA

26% of your United Mission giving supports our national office and resources for regions.

## MINISTRY PARTNERS

9% goes to support global ministries and national partners such as career centers and other institutional support.

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