



Partnerships Fund

Gifts designated to this fund are used to help churches partner more effectively together. Some initiatives are:

- New Faith Communities
- Race & Diversity Training (Sacred Conversations)
- Mission Church support

Kachin Christians coming from Burma received ABCGI financial support from 2013 to 2015 as they were establishing Indiana Kachin Baptist Church. Southport Baptist (now One Christian Church) provided them building space and ministry partnership. IKBC celebrated their 10th anniversary in 2021 and dedicated the building they purchased in Whiteland on Highway 31.

Over the last 10 years, ABCGI has been instrumental in starting new congregations, with seven of those receiving financial support over multiple years. Each of these new churches have begun by sharing a building with an existing church, and all have been multi-cultural partnerships. Our legacy gifts make this possible.



Community Ministry Fund

Gifts designated to this fund are used for neighborhood impact and partnerships. Some initiatives include:

- Project seed funds for outreach experiments
- Edna Martin Christian Center

Thanks to your generosity, in 2024 ABCGI will offer grants to churches seeking ways to impact their communities, with the goal of encouraging experiments and creative new ideas to partner with neighbors.

ABCGI churches that were part of the Missional Church Learning Experience know that this kind of grant opens doors for new mission engagement as the “we don’t have the money” argument is taken off the table.

We continue to work with the Edna Martin Christian Center as they model healthy and wholistic approaches to community-based ministry, especially with those who have fewer opportunities for stability and health.



Church Health Fund

Gifts designated to this fund are used to increase the vibrancy and capacity of our churches. Some initiatives are:

- Vision Discernment
- Listening Conferences
- Pastoral Searches
- Stewardship Development

How does a church transition after a 40-year pastorate? For Oasis of Hope Baptist Church, not easily. When the congregation found themselves in conflict their leadership turned to ABCGI for support and guidance as they carefully chose their next steps.

Over a period of months ABCGI staff co-facilitated congregation and leadership gatherings, staffed a Listening Conference event, and advised and supported the Search Committee. While COVID19 slowed their search process, their new pastor was called beginning ministry at the church in May 2022.



Leadership & Learning Fund

Gifts designated to this fund are used to create opportunities for current and future leaders. Some initiatives are:

- Equipping Leader Events
- Continuing Education
- Pastor Book Sessions
- Collegial Learning Groups

If the COVID19 pandemic made anything clear, it's that pastors and leaders need new skills and abilities to help their churches adapt to change, increase flexibility, and to maintain a spirit of unity in the process.

Since strong colleague relationships are proven to be a large factor in sustaining pastoral ministry, much of our learning takes place in small groups where pastors can gain insights and creatively collaborate with others.

This fund also provides scholarships for continuing education, the Church Leadership Institute (CLI) and other opportunities.