

ABIC ANNUAL REPORT
2014

Our first meeting of the year was held in Poston, AZ in January during the Martin Luther King Jr. weekend. The intention of our meeting was two part. Planning for our Indian Biennial in Muskogee OK, in July and secondly, to continue our plans of helping our Indian churches with renovation plans.

One other result of our meeting was the "Poston Challenge." While at Poston Community Baptist Church, we heard how their plans went for projects at the church and how they help other churches and ministries. After hearing of the support they give as a small church, we presented a challenge to all of our churches throughout Indian Ministries to give similarly on a Quarterly Basis to United Missions. This was in part, a response to our "Strategic Document" which states a desire to go from "being Missions" to "Doing Missions" as stated as one of our 7 areas of Action!

From our meeting in Poston, we realized there was no,"one size fits all" regarding our plans for renovations. Every church is different in their needs, ownership, history, community etc... So, we made plans for our Biennial to be centered around how we could help our churches.

Our Indian Biennial was held in late July in Muskogee, OK. at the Bacone College Campus. It was a beautiful setting and great to see how far Bacone had come. It was great to renew a long standing relationship with Bacone, as so many of our churches have a connection to the college.

We had a great conference, modeled after the "Mission Summit" we celebrated with our ABC family the previous year. It was well attended and many people shared information, worshipped together, building relationships and having fellowship together. As a follow up to the Summit, plans were made to participate in the ABC Biennial in June 2015. Subsequently, phone conference calls took place. There will be singers, scripture readings and Native prayers at the Biennial, represented by some of our Native churches.

Many people shared at the biennial and gave a lot of input towards helping our churches with renovations. A proposal was put forth and sent to ABHMS. The proposal suggests a plan on a "case by case" basis with interviews, assessments and evaluations. A continuous dialogue will be necessary to keep the church informed, requests made and resources found to help each church with their desires for renovations. Also, in the proposal is a plan for "transitions" of property ownership for the churches who desire it to be self-determining congregations rather than Missions. Lastly, the ability of the Caucus to participate at the desired level within the proposal will require financial considerations in order to fulfill our duties which will likely exceed financial abilities at present.

We are thankful for the support of the Inter-caucus in our endeavors and the other Caucus presidents for their endorsements of our ABIC plans and proposal towards the future of our Indian churches. The meeting and conversations held this past year are encouraging and helpful. We are excited to advocate on behalf of our churches.

Respectfully Submitted,

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President, ABIC

	A	B	C	D	E	F
1	Caucus Name: American Baptist Indian Caucus			Period 1-2016 to 12-2016		
2	Initial Work Plan Goals	Planned Activities	Purpose: Target Date(s) for Completion	Responsible Person(s)		
3	1 ABIC Biennial	Bring ABIC Churches	July 2016	Executive Officers & Council Reps		\$4,000
4		Together				
5	2 Review/Revise	Winter ABIC Meeting	Oct/Nov. 2016	Executive Officers		\$0,000
6	Constitution/Rulebook/Strategic Plan					
7	3 Update ABIC Churches	Site visits	Dec. 2016	Executive Officers & Council Reps		\$2,000
8	Restoration/Property Issues					
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10	Report Period	Key Findings and Analysis List any problems in reaching the goal or relevant data (i.e., state if goals were met or not met, include what caused the problem/issue)	Interventions / Follow-up Actions State what will be done to meet the goal (e.g., continue with plan as listed or modify the plan; add a specific new process, etc.)	Remeasurement State target date(s) for re-measurement or completion of follow-up actions.		
11	Due May 15th Goal 1 Goal 2 Goal 3					
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