

May 14, 2018

I was so humbled to be elected as the President of the Portuguese Speaking Caucus. I feel blessed for the opportunity to work with such a wonderful group of leaders. We continue to encourage our constituent members to participate more in the denomination's life as a whole. In every opportunity, we seek to educate our brothers and sisters on a variety of topics about the denomination, from how to send contributions, to the importance of being involved in their local associations, to supplying information about retirement plans.

My dear colleagues, I would like to present to you a summary report on the activities of the Portuguese Speaking Caucus in the last ten months. For a Financial Report, please refer to the report provided by our treasurer, Rev. Dr. Dalton H. Said.

1. On August 26, 2017, the Caucus held a special worship service to celebrate the 25 years of ministry of five of our churches in the New England region. The event was held at the Lowell House of Prayer Church in Lowell, MA. This was such a pleasant event which counted on the participation of members of the Portuguese-speaking churches in the region. The Executive Minister of TABCOM, Rev. Mary Day Miller, and other leaders of the denomination were present. The Caucus presented a commemorative plaque to those churches. A Certificate of Recognition from TABCOM as well as ABC-USA Historical Society was also presented to the churches. The keynote speaker was Rev. Salvador Orellana, Latino Ministries Coordinador for the American Baptist Home Mission Societies.

2. On December 14, 2017, a conference call was held during which the Intercaucus new board members were appointed.

3. On Friday, January 16, 2018, a Caucus meeting was held at the First Baptist Church of North Plainfield, New Jersey. We had breakfast, a program, and lunch. Local Brazilian pastors, as well as denominational leaders, participated in this meeting, including Rev. Dr. Luciano Marques and Rev. Salvador Orellana. This meeting was very productive as pastor Aurélio Correa was chosen as the new representative for the West-Coast region.

4. On June 4, 2018, the New England Portuguese Speaking Caucus held a meeting at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Leominster, MA. Members of the Caucus were present as well as TABCOM leaders. At this meeting, Rev. Miguel Silva was chosen as the new representative for the New England region.

There are Portuguese Speaking pastors who would like to have their ministerial standing with ABC-USA. Quite often these pastors have difficulties with the English language. We are currently in conversation with members of the standing committee in Massachusetts. We hope that in the future we will have the process of Ministerial Standing available in the Portuguese Language.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve alongside with you. May the Lord inspire and guide us all.
In Christ,

Pastor Jackson R. Oliveira
President - National Portuguese Speaking Caucus

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2017 Financial Report

INCOME

1. ABC General Fund, check #11004 dated 03/03/17	\$ 1,143.75
2. ABC General Fund, check #11223 dated 05/05/17	\$ 1,143.75
3. ABC General Fund, check #11612 dated 08/25/17	\$ 1,143.75
4. ABC General Fund, check #11904 dated 11/22/17	\$ 1,143.75
5. Personal donation, check #4400 dated 07/12/17	\$ 275.00
6. Special church service donation, check #4435 dated 09/11/17	\$ 358.00
7. Bank dividends (less D.A.D.B. withholdings, \$3.17)	\$ 8.04
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TOTAL	\$5,216.04

EXPENSES

1. President's trip to the Inter-Caucus Meeting	\$ 774.40
2. Andrew Oliveira's mission trip to Angola	\$ 300.00
3. Caucus expenses related to the Biennial in Portland, OR	\$ 5,167.85
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TOTAL	\$ 6,242.25

ANNUAL BALANCE

Income :	\$ 5,216.04
(-) Expenses:	<u>\$ 6,242.25</u>
Balance	\$ 1,026.21 (-)
Amount taken from <u>the contingency fund</u>	<u>\$ 1,026.21</u>
Final balance	0.00

Rev. Dalton H. Said, Treasurer
May 1st, 2018

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PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2019

PROJECTED INCOME

Allocations requested from the ABC General Fund	\$6,100.00
Other sources	\$ 500.00
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TOTAL	\$6,600.00

PROJECTED EXPENDITURES

First Annual Executive Committee Meeting	\$2,750.00
Second Annual Executive Committee Meeting	\$2,750.00
Representation (members of the Board)	\$ 900.00
Operational and administrative expenses	\$ 200.00
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TOTAL	\$6,600.00

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