

A Year of Unprecedented Ministry

ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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Connecting Partners. Cultivating Leaders. Transforming Communities.

COVER PHOTO: A team of women, calling themselves the Dorcas Seamstresses, at Iglesia Bautista Luz del Mundo in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, made 200 masks from fabric purchased with an ABHMS COVID-19 grant. The masks were included in hygiene-and-protection kits provided to the elderly, those most vulnerable to 2020's pandemic. (photo by Altita Ruiz)

Good works and glory amid great suffering and turmoil

By all accounts, 2020 was a year like none other in the early decades of the 21st century.

The list of challenges seemed never ending: a global pandemic; a nation and world in lockdown; a crushed economy; devastating fires and storms; the deaths of Breonna Taylor and George Floyd; national protests and unrest; a polarizing presidential election. Along with these life-and-death challenges was another, perhaps even more critical for Christians—holding on to faith in those moments when God's presence felt far away.

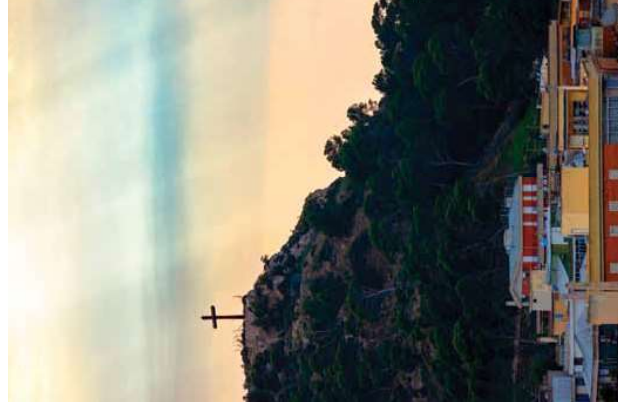
For American Baptist Home Mission Societies, holding on to faith throughout 2020's tumult meant re-examining ministry plans and adapting them to a totally new reality—listening for God's call in the chaos. Executive Director Dr. Jeffrey Haggeray put it this way: "As people

of faith, and as followers of Jesus, we believe we are God's missionary people; we believe God calls us to be salt and light in these troubled times. We hold tightly to our faith in God, which we sorely need in such a time as this, and seek divine guidance and wisdom concerning how we are to be agents of God's good news in this historic time."

It was, indeed, an unprecedented year. But ABHMS found new ways to be "agents of God's good news" in a brave new virtual world—from providing online worship resources to offering workshops and webinars via ministrELife, its online network for ministry professionals. Through this pivot in planning, ABHMS reached out to thousands in need, and our mission focus remained unchanged: to impact the United States and Puerto Rico with the gospel that heals and transforms.

You are the light of the world.
A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

— Matthew 5:14-16 (NRSV)





From the president

For members of the staff and board of American Baptist Home Mission Societies, this has been a year of unprecedented ministry, as we found ourselves abandoning our nets and following Jesus. Like those early disciples living through turbulent times, we have been asked to use the gifts we already possess in alternate platforms and altered realities. We are still fishing, but in another atmosphere and toward an expanded purpose.

The year 2020 took us out of our comfort zones. I attended a backyard party a long time ago where everyone was asked to bring an instrument or two. People began making music, some boldly, some more reservedly. As a song wound down, all were asked to swap instruments around the circle. Virtuoso on one instrument made clumsy attempts on unfamiliar reeds or strings, horns or skins. Yet even when no one was an expert, people managed rhythmic honks and enthusiastic, if not melodious, thumps. This year has been a bit like that improv session. All have taken the skills on hand and applied them in other ways. We learned to proclaim familiar songs of the Good News to new rhythms.

ABHMS staff used their talents in transformed and transformative ways during the pandemic and the struggles for justice and racial reckoning. Pastors and churches received resources for hosting meetings and

services over ministrLife, enabling congregational life to continue in many communities. Space for Grace reemerged as a series of webinars meeting people in places of grief, longing and restoration. Financial wellness training helped clergy balance current and future needs. The Christian Citizen consistently offered thoughtful theological reflections. COVID-19 relief grants made all manner of homegrown ministries and mission possible around the country.

People learned to improv with the instruments given to them and to fish without nets. Throughout this year, ABHMS maintained its commitment to equip disciples, cultivate leaders and heal communities. What a joy to be a part of this mission. May God continue to bless the work of God's people.

Peace,

Rev. Jamie P. Washam
President, Board of Directors
Pastor, First Baptist Church in America, Providence, R.I.

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!" While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. Jesus said to them, "Follow me; I will make you fishers of humankind." They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

— Mark 1:14-18 (The Inclusive Bible)



From the executive director

January 2020 launched joyously, as ABHMS hosted American Baptist national partners at the Leadership and Mission Building in King of Prussia, Pa.

We spent time together in fellowship, worship and study about Christian mission. We discussed our partnerships and initiatives to empower leaders and to transform congregations and communities, as we sought to increase mutual understanding and strategize about future mission.

We pledged to meet again in person during the 2020 Space for Grace National Conference. However, we all met sooner than expected at the National Emergency Roundtable—a virtual gathering of American Baptist executives and ABHMS staff assembled to urgently assess the impact of a global coronavirus pandemic on communities and congregations, and to collaborate on collective mission response.

We were bound together by common causes in 2020. The perils caused by the pandemic, racial unrest and racial reckoning, the hostility and vitriol of a polarizing national election, repeated natural disasters and wildfires, and untold economic devastation prompted all American Baptists to reflect critically on our call to be the presence of Christ amidst a hurting nation.

Despite 2020's challenges, ABHMS engaged in meaningful ministry, such as the You Are Not Alone

Clergy Conference, which provided online pastoral care to wounded healers, and the Justice Dialogues, which convened faith leaders and community organizers for mutual encouragement and support.

We raised and distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars through the One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 Response appeal to support local needs, and we provided emergency funds to areas devastated by wildfires and other natural disasters.

We lost loved ones and so much more, but by God's grace, we are still here. We know our ministries mattered. We are thankful that we were blessed to bless others. Our faith in God increased, and we look forward to continued partnership with loyal friends across the years as well as those we have met recently.

As always, we are indebted to board President Jamie Washam and our dedicated ABHMS board of directors for their faithful leadership and to our staff for their loyal service.

Dr. Jeffrey Haggray
Executive Director



In January 2020, ABHMS hosted American Baptist national partners at the Leadership and Mission Building, King of Prussia, Pa.

Throughout 2020, as the United States and Puerto Rico struggled with a worldwide pandemic and heightened racial tension, ABHMS met unprecedented needs with innovative, critical ministry.

This is how the year unfolded.

\$15,000 in One Great Hour of Sharing Funds released to partners in Puerto Rico

January 9 — Following a 6.4-magnitude earthquake that shook the island January 7, ABHMS responds on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA.



ABHMS launches National Network of American Baptist Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors, Clergy and Specialized Ministers

January 23 — Membership in the professional network is open to certified, noncertified, active and retired American Baptist chaplains, pastoral counselors, licensed counselors, spiritual directors, specialized ministers and other clergy in nontraditional settings who support ABHMS mission, as well as seminarians and volunteers in these fields.

American Baptist Regional Executive Ministers Council gathers with ABHMS in mission consultation

January 28-30 — At ABHMS' offices in King of Prussia, Pa., the event features guest lecturer Dr. Craig Van Gelder, author of "Participating in God's Mission: A Theological Missiology for the Church in America." The two-day gathering seeks to inspire an uncommon discussion of mission in America and the changing landscape of churches and denominations.



ABHMS announces Testify!—2020 Space for Grace conference

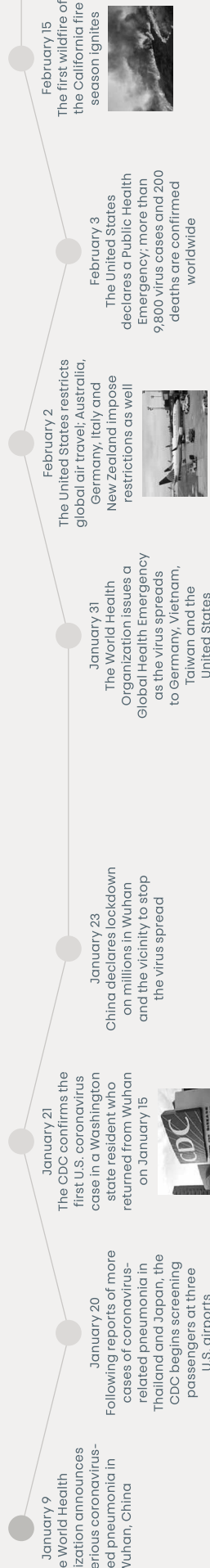
February 2 — The third Space for Grace conference will be offered in conjunction with the American Baptist Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors & Specialized Ministers Conference in Kansas City, Mo., in September 2020. ▲

Discipleship Ministries leads mission trip to Puerto Rico

February 9-18 — ABHMS National Coordinator of Discipleship the Rev. Dr. Christine Roush leads 21 volunteers from five American Baptist churches in Oregon, California and Washington, D.C., to Puerto Rico to serve as the hands and feet of Jesus. The group works on five projects rebuilding and restoring homes still needing repair years after Hurricane Maria's devastation.

ABHMS responds to pandemic declaration with support for American Baptist congregations

March 12 — Following the World Health Organization's declaration of the coronavirus' spread as a pandemic, ABHMS announces a ministrElife pandemic community, offering engagement and networking related to ministry in the midst of COVID-19. Details about launching virtual and livestreaming worship are also offered, along with suggestions for ways to connect with those who are sick and quarantined.



2020

The Christian Citizen publishes 'A Prayer During the Coronavirus Pandemic'

March 12 — The prayer, written by American Baptist pastor the Rev. Alan Rudnick, reaches 10,237 views, making it the second most viewed story since the magazine's digital version launched in 2017.

Native American Ministries launches three-event training, pivots to virtual platform

March 14 — First in-person Native American Leadership Training Series meets in Clarkdale, Ariz., despite U.S. pandemic shutdown the previous day. Follow-up meetings in June and August pivot to virtual ministrElife offerings, serving more than 50 leaders from Native American and Latino churches.

ABHMS reaches out to chaplains, specialized ministers serving on front lines of COVID-19 illness and death

March 19 — Chaplaincy and Specialized Ministries establishes ministrElife Zoom meetings to support and offer hope to chaplains, pastoral counselors and specialized ministers overwhelmed by the numbers of individuals struggling with pandemic grief and anguish. About 60 ministry professionals attend the weekly meetings, which move to bi-weekly in September.



March 11

The World Health Organization declares the COVID-19 pandemic



March 13
COVID-19 is declared a U.S. National Emergency, unlocking billions of dollars in federal funding to fight the spread

March 13

Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old Black emergency medical technician, is shot eight times in her Louisville, Ky., apartment

March 19
California issues the first statewide Stay-at-Home Order. 43 additional states and the District of Columbia follow



March 26

The U.S. Senate passes the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, providing \$2 trillion in aid to hospitals and small businesses as well as state and local governments

March 27

The U.S. House of Representatives approves the CARES Act, also providing direct payments to Americans and expanded unemployment insurance; the president signs the bill into law

March 31

U.S. monthly coronavirus deaths total 7,083



April 28

By April's end, 26.5 million Americans file for unemployment since mid-March



one Great HOUR OF SHARING

ABHMS convenes National Emergency Roundtable with American Baptist partners

April 2 — The roundtable seeks to convene and connect American Baptist partners to learn, first-hand, about the nature and scale of challenges faced by constituents, stakeholders and partners. Participants include National Executive Council, Regional Executive Ministers Council, National Leadership Council and representatives of American Baptist Churches USA-related colleges and seminaries.

In Support of Excellence financial literacy program reinvents delivery in pandemic's virtual world

April 3 — Rather than three face-to-face program gatherings throughout 2020, In Support of Excellence leaders plan for virtual networking and education through more frequent, shorter sessions and skills-based content. An example is the "Your Money, Your Goals" toolkit of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Participants receive weekly financial wellness challenges through May and an opportunity to apply for \$2,000 financial education mini-grants for financial literacy programs in their congregations.

One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 appeal announced by ABHMS and International Ministries

April 8 — On behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, the emergency appeal seeks support to help families, churches and communities find relief and recovery across the United States, Puerto Rico and countries around the world served by IM. Donations will assist with immediate needs, such as unemployment or loss of income, housing, hunger and access to healthcare. ▲

MINISTRY DURING PANDEMIC

Co-Creators Incubator announces grants to cohort participants for support amid COVID-19 challenges

April 8 — ABHMS' Leadership Empowerment ministries disburses close to \$12,000 in Accelerator Grants throughout the year to Co-Creators Incubator participants, encouraging and supporting the missional entrepreneurs' adaptability in the context of the year's continually changing circumstances.

Space for Grace 2020 cancelled because of coronavirus

April 9 — Just two months after announcing its third Space for Grace conference, ABHMS is forced to cancel the event, which included a gathering of chaplains, pastoral counselors and specialized ministers, because of health and safety, travel and economic issues confronting the nation in the pandemic.



Judson Press offers free downloadable resource 'Ministry During Pandemic: From Awareness to Implementation'

April 9 — Author and board-certified chaplain the Rev. Dr. Naomi Kohatsu Paget, an expert in disaster relief chaplaincy and crisis intervention, provides guidance for clergy helping others navigate the complex issues raised by crisis, trauma, isolation and grief. ▲

"It was so comforting to get Naomi's book and see that what we were doing was on track!" — A pastor

April 30
U.S. monthly
coronavirus deaths
total 65,202



April 30
U.S. unemployment rate
peaks at 14.8%, a level
not seen since data
collection began in 1948

April 30
Each U.S. state and
District of Columbia
reach unemployment
rates higher than the
Great Recession's
highest rates



May 25
George Floyd, a 46-year-old Black man, is killed by Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin

May 31

Cumulative U.S. coronavirus deaths since March pass the 100,000 mark; the CDC calls the milestone a "sobering development and a heart-breaking reminder" of the pandemic's toll

May 31
U.S. monthly coronavirus deaths total 38,179



May 31
More than 6 million people enroll in food stamps in the pandemic's first three months, three times faster than in any previous three months



June 10
U.S. COVID-19 cases reach 2 million; new infections continue to rise in 20 states

Judson Press webinar: 'What Does it Mean to Love Your Neighbor in a Pandemic?'
April 10 — Thirty-five participants hear Judson Press authors Joy Skjægstad and Heidi Unruh share practical, safe and innovative suggestions for churches caring for people in their communities during days of social distancing.

Supporting American Baptist camps in uncertain times

April 15 — Discipleship Ministries launches Camping Network, a new virtual ministry convening 30–40 camp leaders monthly to support one another and explore alternatives to traditional camp programs, now in question due to coronavirus threat.



ABHMS issues statement decrying Asian-American racism

April 22 — Inflammatory rhetoric around some names used for the coronavirus, because of its roots in China, result in harassment and even physical attacks of Asian-Americans, perceived as Chinese. "The resurgence of xenophobia in this time of coronavirus has no place in the United States or around the world," says the Rev. Florence Li, ABHMS national coordinator of Asian Ministries.

2020



The Christian Citizen hits high mark with church re-opening story

May 12 — With 10,269 page views, “As Churches Consider Reopening Buildings and Resuming In-person Worship, What Can Pastors Expect?” by the Rev. Dr. Mary Day Miller, American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts’ executive minister, garners the highest number of readers since the magazine transformed to a digital publication. Pandemic-related stories published in 2020 total 70, contributing to the magazine’s readership more than doubling from 71,127 visits in 2019 to 152,015 in 2020.

Discipleship youth effort retooled for days of pandemic

May 18 — The Growing Young & Million Youth Discipleship Engagement programs, shut down by COVID-19, shift from a West Coast-focused effort to a national pilot. Initial teaching model expands to include bi-monthly webinars led by Fuller Seminary Youth Institute staff, featuring online training teaching six core commitments crucial for churches seeking to disciple young people and keep them in church beyond the teen years.

First round of COVID-19 relief grants awarded, just weeks after pandemic’s onset

May 19 — ABHMS awards 21 One Great Hour of Sharing grants totaling \$27,000 to 15 American Baptist regions, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA.



Virtual evangelism and discipleship conference presented to Burmese leaders

May 23 — Fifty-five members of Kachin Baptist Churches USA participate in conference presented in English, translated in real time into Burmese. The Judson Press book “Got Style: Personality-Based Evangelism” and additional discipleship resources are offered in both English and Burmese. ▲

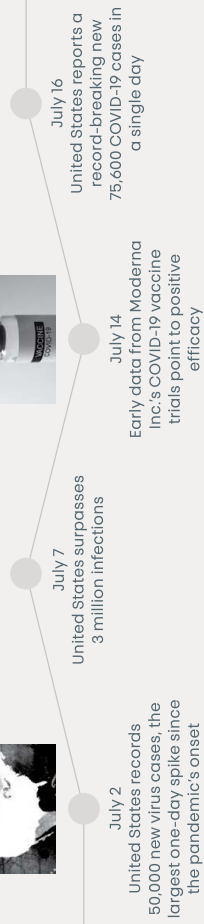
More than 370 attend Asian Ministries’ leadership training events

May 23 — From May through September, Asian Ministries offers eight different Zoom training sessions, ranging from “In the Wake of COVID-19 & Ministry of Reconciliation” to “Bridging Intergenerational Ministries” and “Grant Writing Skills.” The virtual connection creates a new way of networking, providing both education and intercultural engagement.



Join National Day of Mourning and Lament, says ABHMS

June 1 — As the United States passes the grim milestone of 100,000 dead from COVID-19, ABHMS calls American Baptists to join with people of faith across the country in a National Day of Mourning and Lament to share grief and loss in remembrance and prayer for the healing of the nation.



2020



More COVID-19 grants awarded

June 5 — Eleven regions are awarded 18 One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 relief grants totaling \$20,700 to assist projects providing food distribution, rent assistance, medical aid to homeless persons and child care for low-income essential workers.

Latino Ministries sponsors workshop supporting immigrant population

June 13 — Offered via ministrElife, “Workshop on Immigration—Helping Our Immigrant Community” targets those who work with immigrant populations and those who advocate for these communities, one of the most affected by the pandemic.

First ABHMS online conference addresses grief

June 16, 23 and 30 — More than 600 clergy, lay leaders and spiritual caregivers participate in ABHMS’ “You Are Not Alone: A Space for Grace Retreat” via ministrElife, which addresses caregiver grief experienced by these professionals as they minister to others during uncertainties created by the pandemic and racial unrest. ▲

ABHMS awards One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 relief grants

July 21 — ABHMS awards 16 grants, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, to 13 regions, totaling \$32,500, in support of programs helping to meet needs created by the pandemic around the country and Puerto Rico.

More COVID-19 grant applicants receive awards

August 18 — One Great Hour of Sharing grant awards in August total \$31,141, representing 10 grants awarded by ABHMS to nine regions, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA.

ABHMS lifts up faith and activism in online town hall

August 19 — More than 400 individuals join ABHMS’ “Faith & Activism Town Hall.” The featured panel discussion, designed to allow participants to hear perspectives of individuals engaged in activism nationally, seeks to garner ideas about transforming faith into activism.



July 31
U.S. monthly COVID-19
deaths total 30,972



August 3
United States enters
a new phase of the
pandemic: Cases now
spread across the nation,
differing from early
concentrated outbreaks
in March and April



August 4
Almost five months
after the United States
declares the pandemic
a national emergency,
49% of low-income areas
have no open intensive
care beds

August 7
U.S. jobless claims
reach a record high of
more than 1.1 million



August 10
Thunderstorms and a
derecho hit from Nebraska
to Indiana, killing three,
severely damaging 40% of
corn and soybean crops,
leaving thousands without
power for days in Iowa, the
hardest hit state

August 16
First fire ignites in what
will become California’s
first “gigafire” (called
the August Complex—a
combination of 37
smaller fires that burn
together), destroying
more than 1 million
acres, an area larger
than Rhode Island



August 17
COVID-19 is now the
third-leading cause
of death in the United
States; daily deaths
exceed 1,000; nationwide
cases top 5.4 million

August 22
More than 7,750
demonstrations since
May 26 are reported
across more than 2,440
locations in the United
States, linked to the Black
Lives Matter movement
(Source: Armed Conflict
Location & Event Data project)

2020

Grants totaling \$17,000 awarded to volunteers ministering in the midst of pandemic

August 20 — ABHMS announces awards to ministry volunteers serving from Alaska to Puerto Rico and all points in between for long-term commitments to caring for children, providing outreach to homeless persons, making pastor-to-pastor visits in rural communities, visiting prison inmates and supporting individuals overcoming addiction.

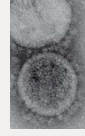


Justice Dialogues convened on ministrElife by ABHMS

September 16 — The online gathering of American Baptist activists, pastors, writers and educators seeks to provide conversation, allyship, spiritual support and an exchange of ideas, perspectives and resources in recognition of the nation's ongoing racial unrest, pandemic, political polarization and natural disasters.

Latino Ministries hosts free, ministrElife conference on serving in times of crisis

September 19 — ABHMS' Latino Ministries sponsors "Models of Solidarity Economy in Times of COVID-19" ("Modelos de economía solidaria en tiempos de COVID-19"). Gladys Rodríguez, executive director of ABHMS' Community Outreach Ministries partner in Caguas, Puerto Rico, shares her experiences serving church and community in times of crisis and precariousness.

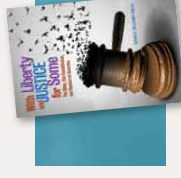


August 31
U.S. monthly COVID-19 deaths total 29,712

September 23
New, more contagious COVID-19 strain is discovered

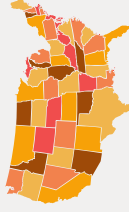
September 25
The Midwest states see a dramatic rise in COVID-19 cases, linked to Labor Day celebrations, school and holiday re-openings

September 28
Global COVID-19 deaths surpass 1 million



Social polarization inspires online workshops

September 25 and October 24 — "Naked Inequality: Racism from a Latino Perspective" and "Electoral Dialogue," sponsored by ABHMS' Latino Ministries and the Hispanic National Caucus, address community and congregational polarization, creating safe spaces for dialogue with love and respect about critical issues.



ABHMS awards another round of COVID-19 grants

September 29 — Eight American Baptist regions receive 14 One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 relief grants, on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, totaling \$25,600.

Judson Press publishes 'With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution and Racism in America'

October 12 — Susan Smith's book supplies context for a nation suffering from the soul sickness of white supremacy and systemic racial injustice. The Independent Book Publishers Association recognizes the book with a Benjamin Franklin (Silver) Award in 2021. ▲



October 8
Nine states set seven-day infection records; Wisconsin and Hawaii report record numbers of deaths in a seven-day period

September 30
U.S. monthly COVID-19 deaths total 19,000

October 15
United States reports 60,000 new cases; 44 states report caseloads surpassing mid-September numbers; rural states' case numbers top those of the first wave

October 19
Global cases top 40 million; more than 1.1 million have died worldwide, nearly 220,000 in the United States, the hardest-hit country globally

2020



Operation Planting Hope launches, continuing tradition of White Cross Overland
October 13 — The new ministry program reimagines ways to touch marginalized individuals, families and communities with God's love in today's changing times. It expands ABHMS' reach, providing opportunities for more ABHMS mission partners to benefit from financial and hands-on support. ▲

Second online town hall focuses on faith and civic engagement

October 14 — ABHMS' "How Faith Intersects with Civic Engagement" features interactive dialogue with panelists about ways people of faith can influence society around racial equity, voting, advocacy and community organizing.



As pandemic wears on, ABHMS awards more COVID-19 relief grants

October 20 — On behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, ABHMS awards four One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 relief grants totaling \$14,500 to three regions.



October 31
 U.S. monthly COVID-19 deaths total 24,466

November 4
 United States reports a grim milestone: 100,000 new COVID-19 cases in one day

November 11
 A new study reports that most new cases originate in indoor gatherings; low-income neighborhoods experience higher case loads because public venues are more crowded with residents who work at jobs that are not conducive to working at home

November 16
 Moderna reports that its vaccine reduces the risk of COVID-19 infection by 94.5%

ABHMS offers nonpartisan election worship resources amid polarizing political landscape

October 30 — Recognizing deep tensions and the need for unity as the Nov. 3 general election approaches, ABHMS shares free litanies, prayers and scripture for faith leaders at abhms.org. The resources seek to encourage congregations to speak into and confront issues such as voter suppression, civil unrest and de-escalating violence, while at the same time offering hope and optimism for the future.



Intercultural Ministries hosts second Intercultural Leadership Institute

November 7 — Presented via ministrElife, the free ABHMS event follows the first institute in 2019, providing an opportunity to refresh and amplify intercultural skills acquired then. Participants expand their understanding of culture and cultural competency and learn tools for practical engagement in multicultural settings.

Second Justice Dialogues convenes

November 10 — Hosted via ministrElife, the online gathering "Post-presidential Election Strategies" stresses that all justice work matters, no matter how small an effort may seem, and encourages participants to practice self-care physically, spiritually, emotionally and mentally as they engage in justice work.



November 18
 The Pfizer vaccine efficacy rate is reported at 95%

November 20
 U.S. cases surpass 11 million; the CDC urges Americans to stay home for Thanksgiving

November 30
 U.S. monthly COVID-19 deaths total 51,872

December 10
 The FDA recommends Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine



2020

From May to December, ABHMS—on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA—awards \$221,726 in One Great Hour of Sharing COVID-19 relief grants to 82 churches and American Baptist-related organizations.

Third Intercultural Leadership Institute offered via ministrElife

November 14 — To deepen understanding of the current moment and how it impacts abilities to deal with diversity and difference, ABHMS' Intercultural Ministries online gathering features the Rev. LeDayne McLeese Polaski, executive director of Mecklenburg Metropolitan Interfaith Network, Charlotte, N.C., and former executive director of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America-Bautistas por la Paz.



Judson Press publishes 'In This Together: Ministry in Times of Crisis'

November 15 — Edited by Curtis Ramsey-Lucas, The Christian Citizen editor, 'In This Together' serves as a resource for individuals and churches seeking to not only survive the year's health and systemic racism crises, but also to embrace an uncertain future with compassion, faith and resilience.

One Great Hour of Sharing grants meet pandemic-related needs

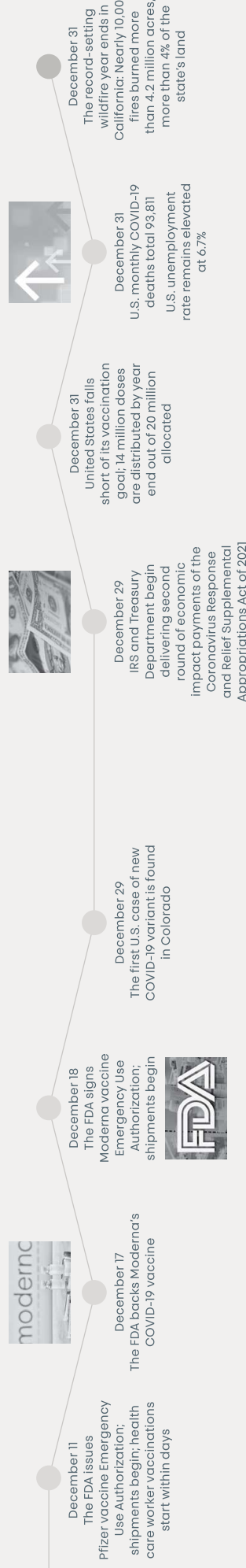
November 17 — Seven One Great of Sharing COVID-19 relief grants totaling \$17,000 fulfill applications from six regions for support of programs reaching out to those in need. The grants, awarded on behalf of American Baptist Churches USA, support many needs, including food distribution, financial assistance for the unemployed and infant and child care.



ABHMS-sponsored chaplaincy network releases grief-related resources during COVID-19 holiday season

December 22 — The American Baptist National Network of Chaplains, Pastoral Counselors and Specialized Ministers releases a series of practical and spiritual resources supporting those struggling with grief and loss. These include the videos: "An Empty Seat at the Table" panel discussion; "Living Without Them: My Journey With Loss" webinar and "Meet Me After Midnight" about reimagining touch—available at abhms.org.

It was a year of unprecedented ministry in an unprecedented time.





2020 Judson Press books

Meant for Good: Fundamentals of Womanist Leadership

Debra Jackson; Foreword by Rev. Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes

To Live in God: Daily Reflections with Walter Rauschenbusch*

Dennis L. Johnson

Ministry During Pandemic: From Awareness to Implementation

Naomi Kohatsu Paget

Crossing the Lines We Draw: Faithful Responses to a Polarized America*

Matthew Tennant; Foreword by Deidra Riggs

Making SPACE at the Well: Mental Health and the Church

Jessica Young Brown, Ph.D.; Foreword by Micah L. McCreary, Ph.D.

Health, Holiness, and Wholeness for Ministry Leaders

John R. Matthews with Kristina R. Gutiérrez and Ross D. Peterson; Foreword by Stephen Ort

The Art of Eloquence: The Sacred Rhetoric of Gardner C. Taylor

Joseph Evans; Foreword by Richard Lischer

The Formation of a People: Christian Education and the African American Church

Carmichael D. Crutchfield; Foreword by Anne T. Sireaty Wimberly

With Liberty & Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America

Susan K. Williams Smith; Foreword by Dr. Iva E. Carruthers

A History of the Black Baptist Church: I Don't Feel No Ways Tired

Wayne E. Croft Sr.; Afterword by J. Alfred Smith Sr.

#InThisTogether: Ministry in Times of Crisis

Curtis Ramsey-Lucas, Editor

*Free online discussion or reflection guides available at judsonpress.com.

“Several of the books we had planned to do—and a couple that we didn’t—were ‘mysteriously’ just right for the trauma we were facing as individuals, as churches, as a country in 2020 that we could not have predicted. God was with us.” — Laura Alden, publisher, Judson Press

2020 grants

Total 2020 ABHMS grants \$3,086,231

“The funds we received from ABHMS were truly a blessing. We were able to deliver meals and essential items to our seniors on six different occasions during the height of the pandemic.”

— Sandra Haynes, Chair, Trustee Ministry, Shiloh Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

Program mission grants	Other ABHMS grants	
Leadership Empowerment	Ecumenical partner grants	\$41,750
Leadership Innovation grants	Justice ministry partner grants	\$53,500
Financial aid scholarships	Palmer grants	\$554,602
Continuing education grants for clergy	American Baptist Related Seminaries, Colleges & Universities	\$403,421
JSOE grants to pastors & congregations	Grants to churches, regions & ABC-related institutions	\$208,305
	Total other ABHMS grants	\$1,261,578
Discipleship grants	One Great Hour of Sharing grants	
Discipleship Innovation grants	OGHS-Disaster grants	
Louise Burchard Pierce Memorial Grants for congregational renewal	Camp Fire, Calif.	\$20,000
	CZU Complex Wildfire, Calif.	\$15,000
	COVID-19 Recovery grants	\$221,726
	Hurricane Harvey, Texas	\$150,000
Intercultural Ministries	Hurricane Laura, La. & Texas	\$23,000
Alaska Ministries	Hurricane Maria—Rebuild, Restore, Renew Puerto Rico	\$161,851
Asian Ministries	Nashville tornadoes	\$15,000
Burma Diaspora Ministries	Oregon wildfires—Happy Farm Wildfire	\$7,000
Haitian Ministries	Puerto Rico earthquake	\$13,000
Latino Ministries	Other emergency disasters	\$11,000
Native American Ministries		\$637,577
	Total	\$3,086,231
Healing and Transforming Communities	Other OGHs grants	
Community Outreach Ministry	OGHS—Development grants	\$112,500
partners & networks	OGHS—Feeding & shelter grants	\$7,500
Rizpah's Children program grants	OGHS—Refugee & immigration grants	\$30,000
Volunteer in Mission grants		
	Total One Great Hour of Sharing grants	\$150,000
Total program mission grants		\$787,577

Giving...an American Baptist Response to COVID-19

At the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, American Baptist regions, individuals and churches marshalled resources to address needs in their communities through a task force convened by ABHMS in the spirit of collaboration, compassion and contribution.

ABHMS developed a strategy to support communities impacted by COVID-19, and as we met with American Baptist partners in the task force over several weeks to address the crisis, partners gave generously to meet the tremendous need created by the pandemic—from hunger and loss of income due to lockdowns and high unemployment rates to grants for churches who needed to establish an online presence so they could continue to offer worship and community to members.

From May to December 2020, 108 churches and organizations received COVID-19 relief grants, thanks to the generosity of American Baptist regions and communities across the United States and Puerto Rico.

More than 1,900 gifts from regions, churches, organizations and individuals supported ministries ranging from Chaplaincy to COVID-19 relief in 2020. Of those gifts, 361 hailed from first-time donors. These remarkable numbers in a year of ongoing crisis prove the power of ministry.

On behalf of American Baptist Home Mission Societies' board of directors and our executive director, thank you for your amazing generosity!

To support ministries across the United States and Puerto Rico, contact Vincent Dent at 610.768.2420, vincent.dent@abhms.org, or visit abhms.org/GiveNow to make financial contributions.

To donate your time as a volunteer, contact the Rev. Dr. Kadia Edwards at 610.768.2449 or kadia.edwards@abhms.org.



2020 Giving

Legacy gifts	\$486,202
Passionary gifts	\$295,101
America for Christ	\$537,120
One Great Hour of Sharing	\$552,109
United Mission	\$162,375
Total	\$2,032,907



“What an amazing blessing during a year with many issues and concerns. The ABHMS grant for our Lifeway Community Church COVID Relief ministries enabled us to reach hundreds more with various emergency food distributions and prepared meals as well as crisis counseling and resource sharing for extended help. Jesus’ name was lifted through this process and the gospel shared.”

— Pastor Joe Selenski,
Lifeway Community Church,
N. Bangor, New York

TOP PHOTO: Neighbors of First Baptist Church of Painted Post, N.Y., lined up for free take-out meals in 2020, funded by OGHs COVID-19 grant funds distributed by ABHMS.

CENTER PHOTO: Members of First Baptist Church of Painted Post, N.Y., served up free take-out meals in 2020, impacting the lives of close to 2,000 adults and children, many of them seniors, struggling through the pandemic.

BOTTOM PHOTO: Ana Maria Cruz was one of many neighbors of Iglesia Bautista Luz del Mundo in Trujillo Alto, Puerto Rico, who received a hygiene-and-protection kit from the church to protect her during the pandemic. Church volunteers assembled the kits with supplies purchased with ABHMS COVID-19 grant funding.

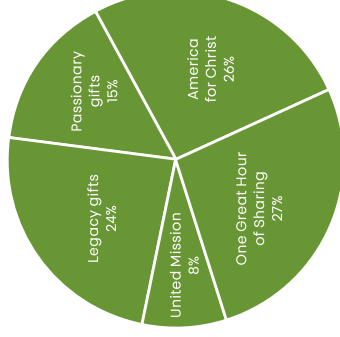
Financial snapshot

For calendar years ending December 31, 2020 and 2019

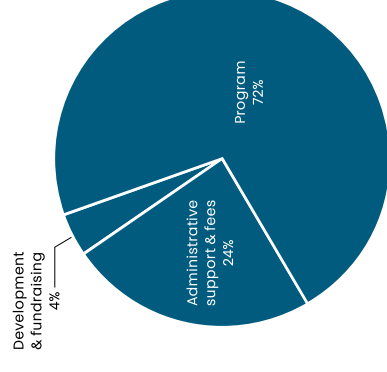
	2020	2019
Revenue gains and other support		
Contributions	2,032,907	3,448,336
Publishing sales, net	309,288	359,426
Investment-related income, including realized gains on sale of investments	17,928,923	12,104,081
Total revenue	\$20,271,118	\$15,911,843
Expenses		
Mission services	8,841,797	8,928,086
Publishing ministry	1,160,790	1,251,605
Total program expenses	10,002,587	10,179,691
Administrative support	1,867,346	2,363,604
Common Investment Fund management fees	1,449,907	1,378,170
Development and fundraising	568,785	592,549
Total supporting expenses	3,886,038	4,334,323
Total expenses	\$13,888,625	\$14,514,014
Total income (loss) from operations	6,382,493	1,397,829
Net unrealized gains/(losses) on investments	8,361,637	21,156,366
Other non-operating changes	(151,942)	60,545
Change in net assets	14,592,188	22,614,740

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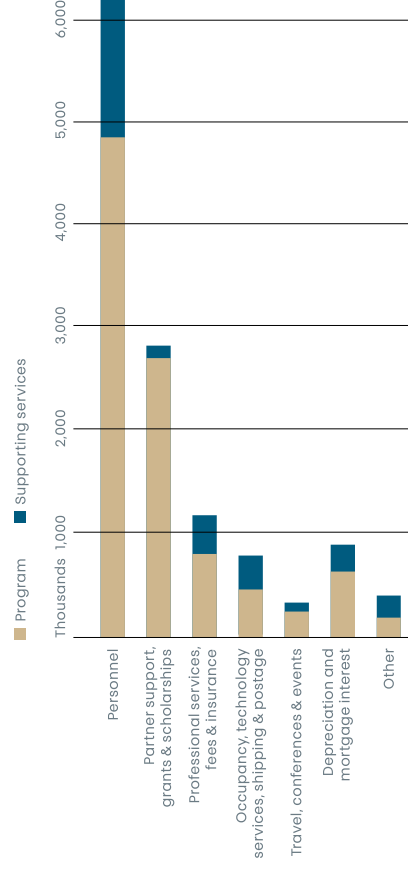
2020 contributions sources



2020 expense snapshot



2020 functional expense breakdown



Common Investment Fund

Socially responsible investing (SRI) is a hallmark of American Baptist Home Mission Societies' Common Investment Fund (CIF). Through SRI, the CIF seeks not only to maximize financial returns, but also to use shareholder power to hold corporations in which ABHMS is invested accountable to just and equitable business practices related to social and environmental issues. The COVID-19 pandemic's impact on health and human rights re-emphasized the importance of our SRI advocacy.

ABHMS' SRI priorities include affordable drug pricing, human rights, climate change, environmental justice, water stewardship and responsible financial practices. Annual corporate engagement around these issues is planned in collaboration with ABHMS' Socially Responsible Investment Advisory Council and our SRI consultant—Investor Advocates for Social Justice.

In 2020—in partnership with members of the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility—ABHMS pressed companies, such as Tyson Foods, The Hershey Co. and Pfizer to improve management of environmental, social and governance risks.

A few highlights of 2020 shareholder engagements include:

- ABHMS continued to engage with Tyson Foods, prioritizing human rights issues. Through dialogue and shareholder proposals, ABHMS sought to bring attention to the impact of Tyson's business on workers and community stakeholders. We pressed for strong worker protections, consultation with communities and responsible water stewardship. The 2020 annual shareholder meeting proposal received support from 14.58% of shareholders overall, correlating to 59.68% support from independent shareholders. The increase of 9% since the previous year demonstrated growing interest and support for this important issue. More than 20 investors co-filed the proposal.

Pandemic's health and human rights impact highlight critical role of socially responsible investing



- ABHMS continued to lead dialogues with The Hershey Co. on human rights and sustainable agriculture, focused on child labor in the cocoa supply chain. Hershey issued a new Supplier Code of Conduct in 2019. ABHMS urged the company to implement the Human Rights Policy adopted in 2020.

- With support from Investors for Opioid Accountability, ABHMS co-filed a Pfizer shareholder proposal aimed at strengthening governance and oversight of risks related to the opioid crisis. Dialogue also included fair COVID-19 vaccine access for underserved communities.

- In 2020, ABHMS implemented an SRI impact priority strategy for the \$2 million Socially Responsible Mission Directed Fund and made several new investments. Priority areas include investing in regional focus areas (Puerto Rico and Southeast United States), supporting racial justice, improving underserved groups' access to capital, supporting pastors, promoting environmental justice and mitigating climate change. Investments were made in the following funds to further these goals: Boston Impact Initiative, Chicago Trend, Ignite Capital, Up Community Fund, Sustain VC: Impact Fund II, Resilient Ventures Fund I.L.P. and Climate Investment Solutions Fund.

Common Investment Fund snapshot

December 31, 2020

Market value of assets under management: \$255,837,787

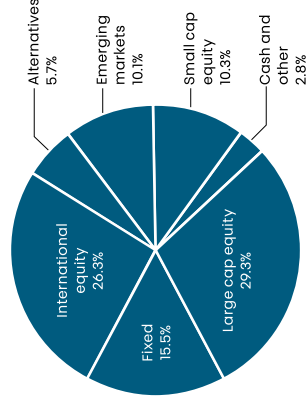
Annualized return, net of fees (+15.0)%

Target benchmark: (+14.4)%

Historical Common Investment Fund unit value (2011–2020)

	2011	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
	295.15	317.75	371.97	379.04	355.03	369.44	410.74
							470.67

Asset mix



Investment management

Investment Advisor:

Crewcial Partners, LLC., New York City

Investment Managers:

Atlanta (Ga.) Capital Management Co. LLC

Baillie Gifford Overseas Ltd., Edinburgh, Scotland

Bain Capital Senior Loan Fund, Boston

Colchester Global Investors Inc., New York City

Champlain Investment Partners, Burlington, Vt.

Cross Harbor Institutional Partners II, Boston

Eagle Capital Management LLC, New York City

Garcia Hamilton & Associates, Houston, Texas

Heartwood Forestland, Chapel Hill, N.C.

Kiltearn LLC, Edinburgh, Scotland

Lazard, New York City

Owl Creek Socially Responsible Investment Fund Ltd., Toronto

Paron Capital IV & V, London

Vulcan Value Partners LLC, Birmingham, Ala.

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"I want to say thank you for giving us Zoom. It makes ABHMS closer to the local church. ABHMS did this for us. For the local church, it means a lot."

— The Rev. Laura Ayala,
 Board member from Puerto Rico
 expressing gratitude for the ministrElife platform at ABHMS' first virtual board meeting, June 11, 2020

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— Rev. Joe Gratzel, Pastor,
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"I have attended ABC (of Maine) churches my whole life. I have never been as proud of my association as I was when I read the most recent version of The Christian Citizen. All of the articles were interesting, required reading for Christians who want to make a difference in our world. Thank you so much for this magazine."

— Mark Marsteller, Deacon
First Baptist Church of Brunswick, Maine

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A final word

Since 2005—when I was named associate executive director of Communications at National Ministries (now known as American Baptist Home Mission Societies)—producing the annual report has loomed large on my To-Do List each spring.

Now that I am retiring at the end of 2021, and this 2020 report is my last, I think I'll spend spring lingering by the lilac bushes in my yard, savoring their delicious aroma, a reminder of nature's constancy and renewal.

As constant as nature is ABHMS, which has been ministering across the United States and Puerto Rico since 1832, almost two centuries now.

I never took it lightly ... the challenge of telling the story of this storied organization each and every year. It was one of the challenges of my job that meant the most to me, because I find it life-giving to craft powerful, compelling stories in creative ways that engage readers.

I have been blessed, over these many years, to work with a team of Communications professionals as focused as I have been on meeting this challenge. I am proud that our 2019 annual report won a "Best in Class" award from the national Religion Communicators Council in its annual peer-reviewed professional recognition program. "Best in Class" is the highest award given in any category of this program, which recognizes excellence in communications.

As you well know, to everything there is a season, and my season with ABHMS is coming to its close. I will truly miss rising to this annual report challenge each spring, but new challenges await. With God's grace, I will meet those with the same gusto I have devoted to telling the story of ABHMS ministries that touch so many lives in such profound ways.

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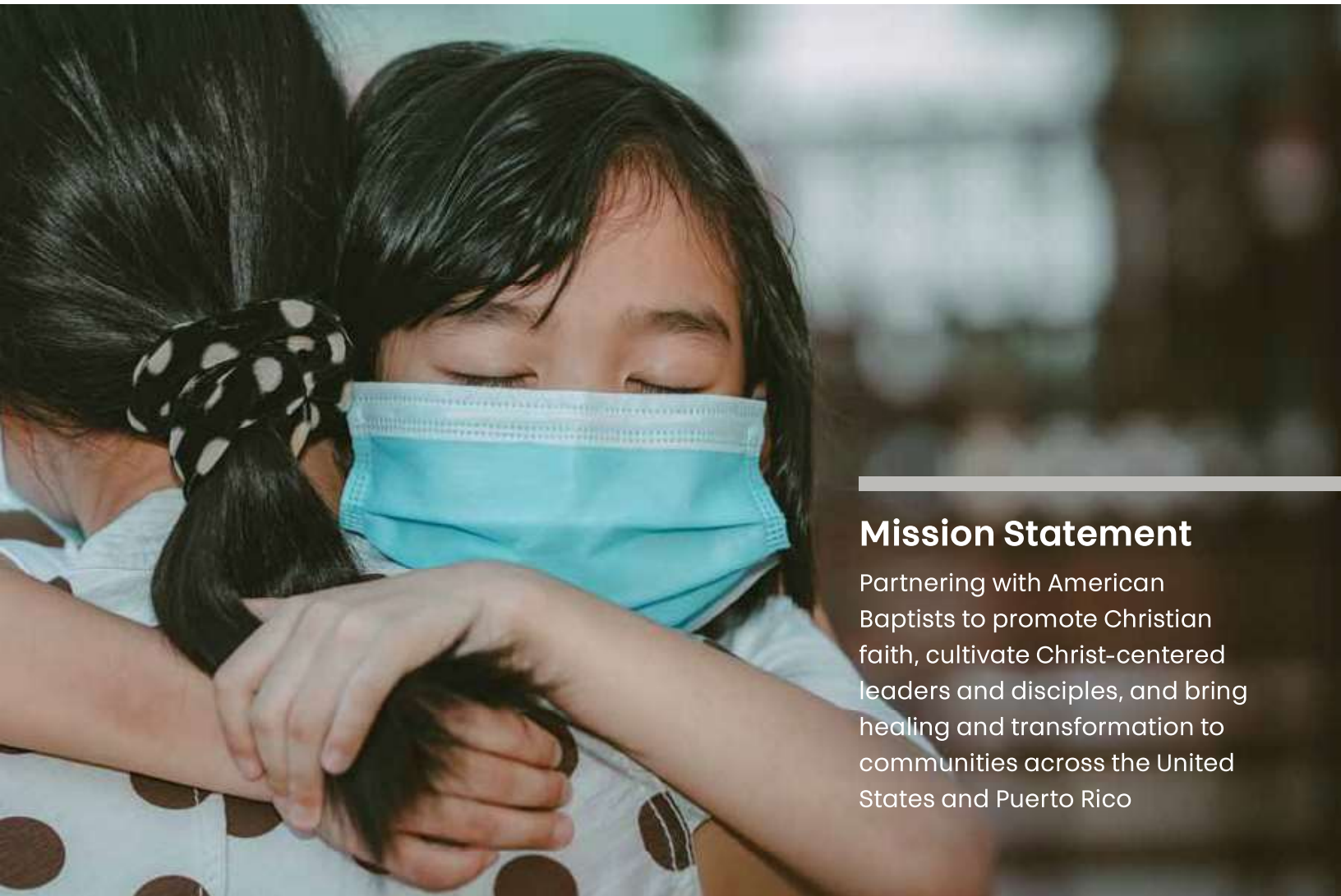
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