

Legacy Grant Guidelines

The purpose of these funds shall be to support the vision of ABCOPAD in the following three areas:

1. To build up and strengthen healthy congregations and lay leadership by:
 - a) updating constitutions and bylaws
 - b) technology training
 - c) stewardship training
 - d) identification and training in becoming a vital congregation
 - e) experiential and theological encounters for the missional church
 - f) training for Deacons, Trustees, Mission Board members, etc.
 - g) training in writing church position descriptions and assistance in handling background checks for those who work with children, youth and/or finances
 - h) congregational training in supporting a pastor, spiritually, emotionally and in ministry
 - i) contextual evangelism training
2. To build up and encourage pastoral leadership:
 - a) support participation and commitment to the Ministers Council and their activities
 - b) training and promoting mentoring and being mentored
 - c) personal finance planning
 - d) working through with church conflict
 - e) worship seminars and training
 - f) interim ministry
 - g) health of the pastor on all levels; defining our ministries
 - h) preaching seminars and training
3. To build up and strengthen relationships with the wider ABC family:
 - a) a current approach to associational life in the 21st century
 - b) identify positive benefits of denominational, regional and associational ties (calling an American Baptist minister)
 - c) training in digital formats
 - d) accessibility for continuing education experiences (webinar experiences)
 - e) connect persons and churches who are operating successful programs with persons and churches who are looking for new avenues of ministry and/or ending programs that are no longer working