

LINE ITEM EXPLANATION FOR MISSION GIVING REPORT

Line 1 – United Mission Basics – A way for your church to participate in the total mission and ministry of American Baptist Churches, USA. United Mission funds are usually from church budgets; a percentage of weekly or monthly church offerings; or designated gifts.

Line 2 – ABW Ministries Love Gift – These funds for mission support are given by the members of the ABW Ministries groups in our churches. 15% of Love Gift is used to fund the operations of the national offices of ABW Ministries and the remainder a part of United Mission.

Line 3 – Designated Giving – Contributions accompanied by instructions from the church or donor designating that they be used in support of a United Mission partner, project or missionary within the basic operating budget of the receiving organization. Such contributions are “equalized,” that is, they are a part of the recipient’s approved United Mission allocation.

Line 4 – America For Christ Offering – This offering is for our homeland ministry and missions in the United States and Puerto Rico. One-third of the AFC supports ministry in the Region and two-thirds National Ministries.

Line 5 – World Mission Offering – the World Mission Offering in its entirety supports our overseas mission programs through International Ministries. WMO gifts may also be sent as “Directed Gifts,” using those items published in the “Directed Gifts” catalog from IM.

Line 6 – Retired Ministers and Missionaries Offering – An offering to say thank you to the retired ministers and missionaries of our denomination. Portions of the offering are also held in reserve as an emergency assistance fund for the retirees.

Line 7 – One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – An offering to support worldwide relief and development. OGHs provides funds for disaster relief, hunger programs and a variety of development projects in the US and around the world.

Line 8 – Region Offering – Some Regions promote and receive an Annual Region Offering. At some future date, the Great Rivers Regional Ministry Board may consider a Region Offering.

Line 9 – Institutional Support – This category provides the opportunity for a church to support one or more of our institutions, which includes campus ministry, colleges, seminaries, children’s homes, Green Lake, and a host of other ministries. Any American Baptist institution can receive your support.

Line 10 – Specifics – This is a broad category to enable churches and individuals to support specific mission needs of a missionary, a mission board, or our State Convention. Be sure to list the areas or missions to receive your specified gift, total these, and place the total on Line 10.

Line 11 – Targeted Giving – Gifts received as a result of appeals initiated by a covenanting partner to individuals and churches for support. Including support for: operating budgets, special programming, missionaries and projects.

Line 12 – Campaigns for ABC/USA Work – This is the line for forwarding funds in most national capital campaigns, but not all. Instructions will be given for each campaign. Giving credit is only published by the receiving organization.

Line 13 – Miscellaneous Objectives – This category forwards funds from a church to an organization or personal gifts to special interest missionaries for which no mission giving credit is given (pass-throughs).