



## AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES OF THE SOUTH

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Pastors, Treasurers, Finance Persons of ABCOTS Churches

FROM: ABCOTS Executive Committee

DATE: December 2012

SUBJ: 2013 UNITED MISSIONS MONTHLY SUPPORT

Grace and peace to you! We wish to express our sincere thanks to you for your support to ABCOTS and to ABC/USA during 2012. There were some significant challenges and some wonderful victories. To be sure, many churches typically experience financial challenges at some point during the year, often the summer months. We, at ABCOTS generally get the “trickle-down” effect, which means that we struggle for several months in late summer and fall to meet our obligations. Moreover, 10% of our churches pay nothing until November/December when they make a one-time, end-of-the-year contribution to missions.

This appeal comes to urge churches to prayerfully consider becoming monthly supporters to United Missions. We believe this giving plan will be helpful to individual church budgets as well as increase the monthly cash flow to United Missions. Despite the dire predictions about the economy, we know that God does provide and that those who give willingly and cheerfully are truly blessed. If you are willing to embrace this strategy of monthly giving, kindly send in your contributions in the amount of one-twelfth of your covenant obligations for each month. If you prefer another giving plan, please know that we are grateful for whatever and however you choose to give.

Thank you again, for your continued support of the mission and ministry of ABCOTS, as together we strive to be obedient to God’s will.