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As we turn another page of the calendar it is natural to consider the year past. Looking back on 2021 we are grateful for your partnership in our work.

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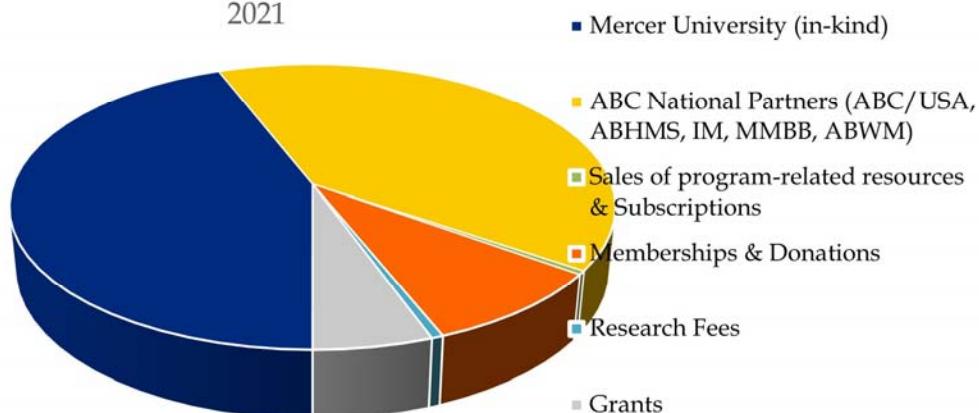
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We are grateful to you, members of and donors to ABHS, for your financial contributions. Without your support our ministry would stop with the collecting of records. Because of your support, we are able to preserve, conserve, catalog, digitize, and share stories of mission and ministry. Thank you for participating in this story-keeping and story-telling ministry!

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Postcard of the Northern Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, WI

Church Anniversaries January – March

We celebrate the faithful ministry of American Baptist congregations and their pastors! The following churches have notified us that they mark anniversaries this quarter:

240 Years

Old Greenbrier Baptist Church, Alderson, WV;
Rev. Derek A. Hall

150 Years

Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Huntington, WV;
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75 Years

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9 Years

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Baptist Lights Dimmed but not Extinguished

ABHS celebrates the lives and mourns the recent deaths of two Baptist luminaries.

Henry H. Mitchell (1919-2022)

Born in Columbus, Ohio, Henry H. Mitchell earned degrees from Lincoln University (PA), Union Theological Seminary (NY), California State University, and a doctorate in black church history and theology from Claremont School of Theology (CA). Dr. Mitchell began his ministerial career as an American Baptist regional staff person in Northern California working in Church Extension and Building, Black Church Ministries, and Bi-lingual Ministries. He next served as pastor of Second Baptist Church in Fresno, CA, and then as pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Santa Monica, CA.

Dr. Mitchell was the first Martin Luther King, Jr., Professor of Black Church Studies at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School (Rochester, NY) where he was later named Professor Emeritus. He served as founding director of the Ecumenical Center for Black Church Studies in Los Angeles before going to Proctor School of Theology, Virginia Union University (Richmond, VA) as Dean and Professor of History and Homiletics. In [semi-] retirement he and the late Rev. Dr. Ella Pearson Mitchell taught as Visiting Professors of Homiletics at the Interdenominational Theological Center (Atlanta, GA) while also co-mentoring in the D.Min. program at United Theological Seminary (Dayton, OH).

Dr. Mitchell was renowned as a preacher and teacher. He inspired and encouraged thousands of seminarians and pastors. His former students remember him as devoted to his students and to learning, often spending evening hours in ongoing conversation when serving as a visiting professor. Much of his life was dedicated to strengthening the Black church. Dr. Mitchell authored or co-authored nine books on African American church history and preaching, and contributed chapters to several others. His legacy will live on through those he formed as pastors and preachers and the congregations they serve.



Yosh Nakagawa (1932-2022)

Yosh Nakagawa was born in Seattle, Washington. As a child he helped in the family grocery store. There his instinct for customer service was developed and honed. When President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, commanding the removal of all people of Japanese descent from the west coast of the U.S., Yosh was in the third grade. His family lost their business when they were removed to Minidoka, ID, and Yosh spent the next three years incarcerated in an internment camp. At war's end the Nakagawas had no home nor business to return to. The experience of internment shaped the rest of his life.

After college Mr. Nakagawa went to work for Osborn and Ulland sporting goods company, where he had worked as a high school student, eventually becoming company president. As management, he addressed issues of gender and racial inequality in the industry. Over the course of his career he got to know many well-known athletes, including Jackie Robinson, Arthur Ashe, Billie Jean King, and Bjorn Borg.

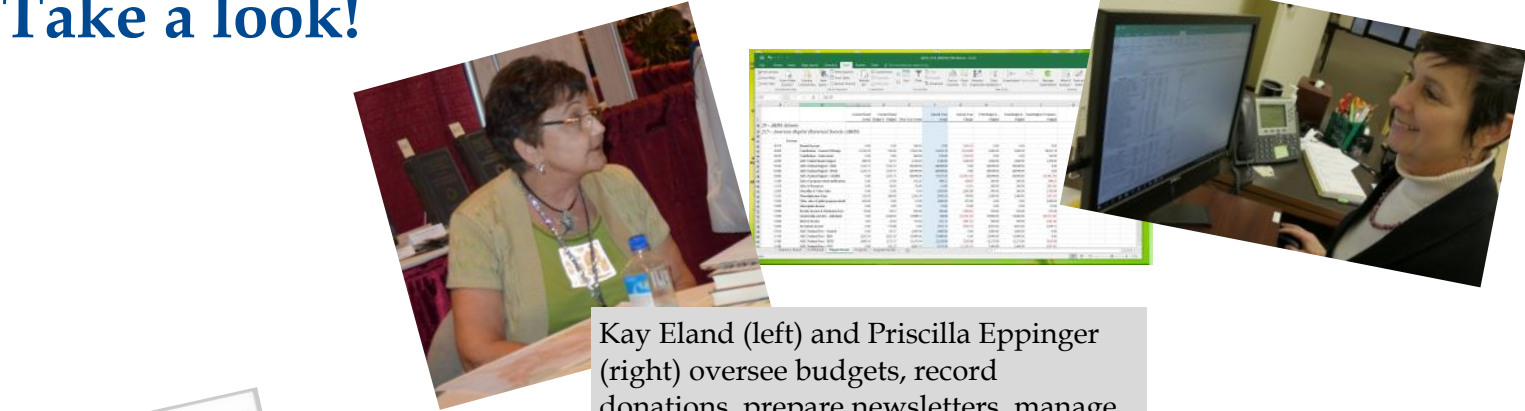
A lifelong member of Japanese Baptist Church in Seattle, Yosh Nakagawa served as vice president of American Baptist Churches, USA, 2002-2003. He served in leadership roles and on numerous boards, including the ABCUSA General Board; Board of Directors of Educational Ministries/ABCUSA; the Board of Trustees of American Baptist Seminary of the West; as president of ABC of the Northwest; Ministers and Missionaries Board, Board of Managers. He was instrumental in founding the Evergreen Baptist Association, which he valued for its multi-racial, multi-ethnic, consensus-based polity.

In 2011 Nakagawa was named the recipient of the ABCUSA Cora and John Sparrowk President's Award. He recounted, "When my country turned from me, let it be said, the church stood beside me. During that time of segregation and shame, missionaries from the American Baptist Home Mission Society and the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society followed us from Japanese Baptist Church in Seattle to internment in Minidoka, Idaho. There—by leading worship in the camp, retrieving belongings for us in Seattle, and listening to our stories—they affirmed our humanity, encouraging perseverance and hope. ... The courage and conviction exhibited by the Rev. Andrews and other missionaries inspired me to Christian baptism while I was at Minidoka. Every day I saw American Baptist missionaries standing for justice, while I lived in the midst of institutionalized injustice." ([ABHMS Mission Stories](#)) In his later years he worked ceaselessly to give voice to stories of oppression and injustice, his own and others'.

While Henry Mitchell's and Yosh Nakagawa's lights have dimmed, they are not extinguished. The impact of their lives will burn brightly for generations to come.



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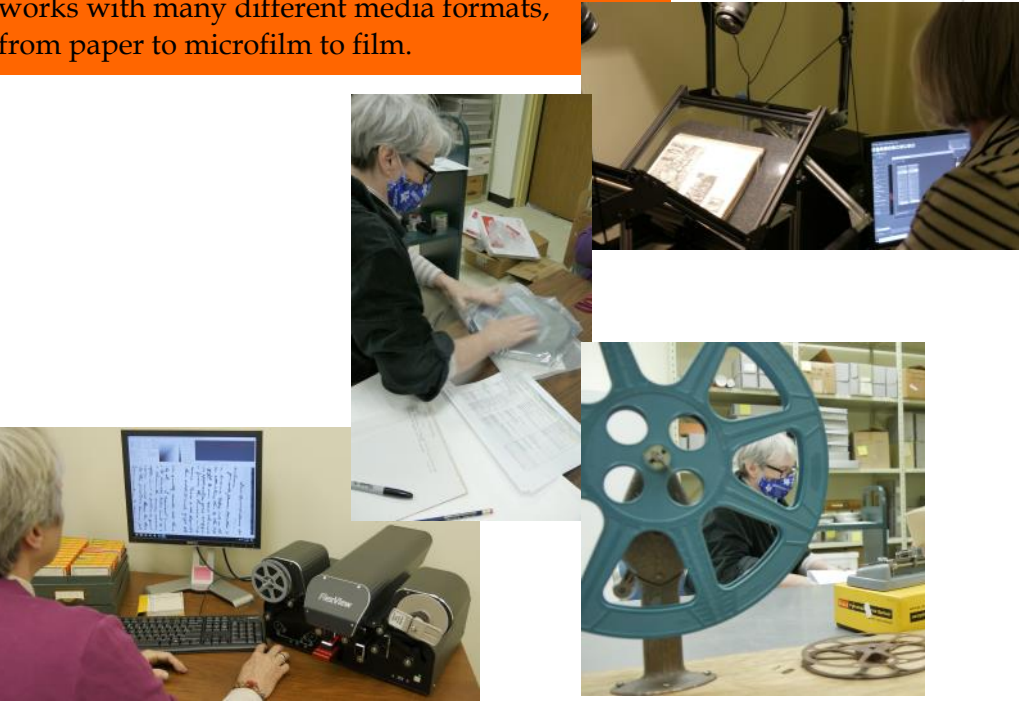


Kay Eland (left) and Priscilla Eppinger (right) oversee budgets, record donations, prepare newsletters, manage subscriptions, and take care of other aspects of organizational management without which ABHS could not function.

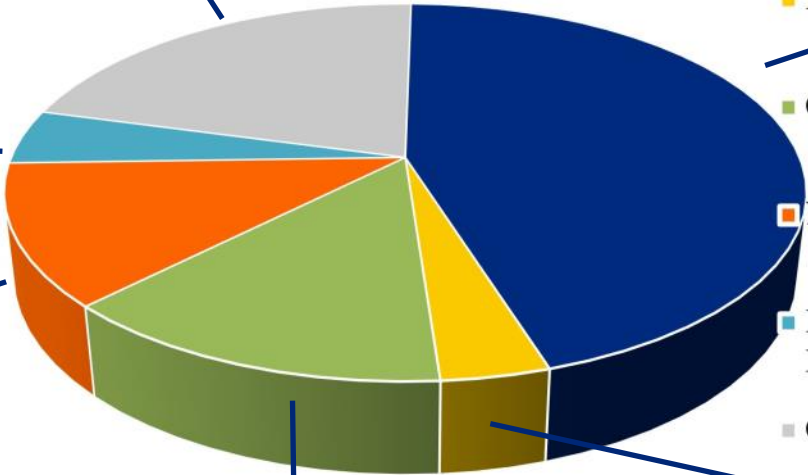


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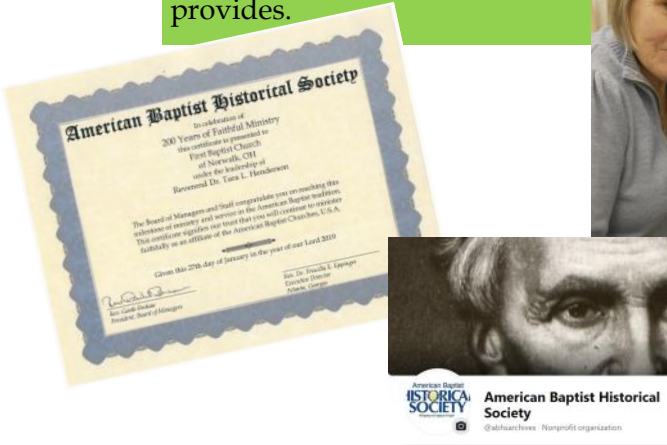
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- Digitization Project
- Resource Creation and Production
- Organizational Management



Archivist Caroline Crowell ensures collections are well-organized and can be easily found and retrieved.



Sending church anniversary certificates and preparing social media posts are some of the outreach Jean McDaniel provides.



Many researchers visit ABHS to do research in the archives. Those who cannot visit in person often request research assistance from staff. (Some of the researchers pictured here visited prior to COVID closings.)



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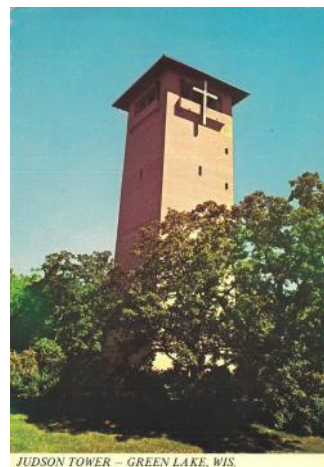
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From the Archives

Highlights of 2021 Donations



During World War II the church in Garnett, KS, sent care packages to Japanese American internees; some of the children became pen pals. Jan Fink Call donated remembrances from the pen pal at Poston, which her mother, Beverly Fink, had designated for ABHS. Beverly Fink Papers, RG-2010



Linda Isham donated a collection of postcards of the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, WI. American Baptist Assembly (Green Lake Conference Center), Group 22



Bill and Penny Cutler donated correspondence and memorabilia from Penny's grandparents, J. Herbert and Elizabeth Cope, who served as missionaries in Burma, 1908-1942. The collection includes souvenirs of ocean voyages back and forth between North America and Asia. Elizabeth Cope to Joseph Howard Cope, 1926, Cope Family Collection, MP-091

"RG" stands for "Record Group."
"MP" stands for "Missionary Papers."

Please share this with your church. When you use information from "From the Archives" remember to give credit to the American Baptist Historical Society.

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Documentation of ministry takes many forms. Some are meeting minutes, membership registers, or financial records. Other materials are more personal, like photos and letters. All tell aspects of the story of Baptist ministry and mission, and the variety of ways that God continues to work in the world.

We appreciate those who donated materials last year.

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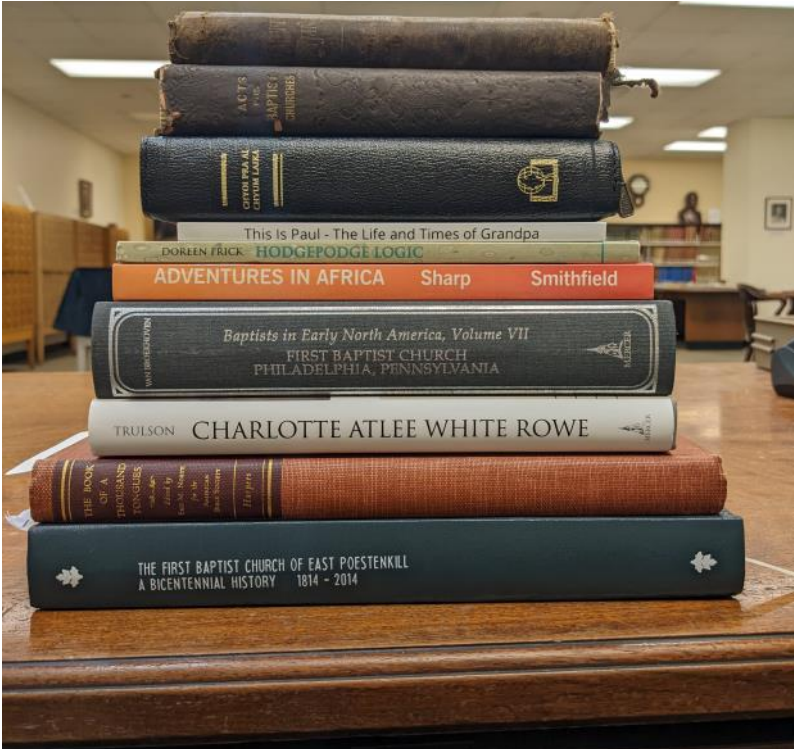
records, Baptist Temple (Rochester, NY)
Donna Sinclair: WW2 church bulletins, Adams Village Baptist Church (Adams, NY)
Jackie Sullivan: Church records, First Baptist Church (Auburn, NY)
Sara Swanson: publications about Emerald Avenue Baptist Church (Chicago, IL)
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George J. Gillespie Jr: *Baptist News* (newsletter from Baptist Churches of North East India)
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William Nelson: *Hymnal of the Methodist Episcopal Church* (1878); *The Baptist Hymnal, for use in the church and home* (1883)



Robert Newberry: *Concise History of the Northern Baptist Assembly*
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Entries should be no more than 25 double-spaced pages (excluding notes) with citations following the *Chicago Manual of Style*. Send entries to ABHSoffice@ABHSArchives.org. The submission deadline for the next award is September 1, 2022.

Robert George Torbet (1912-1995) was an American Baptist historian and educator. His significant contributions to Baptist research and publication led the American Baptist Historical Society to establish a prize in his honor to encourage development of young scholars in the field of Baptist history studies.

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