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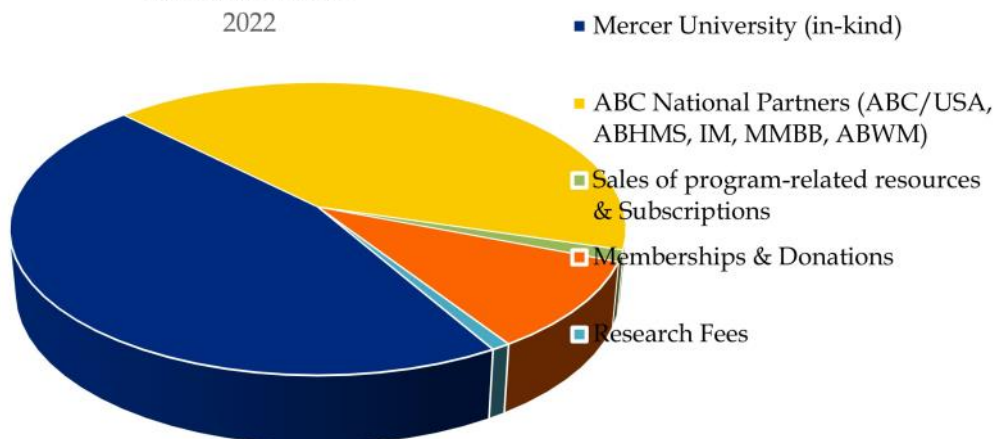
Wow – 2022 was another rough year for many people, and you came through for the American Baptist Historical Society! Thank you! **Thanks to ABHS members and donors**, we

- ★ completed the digitization of audio tapes of American Baptist Conventions from 1958-1973 and are now ingesting the files into the digital preservation platform, where they will be accessible online;
- ★ began a collaborative project with Ancestry.com. An Ancestry contractor is currently scanning ABFMS/IM missionary bio files. The project also includes some original church records, MMBB data sheets, and a set of scrapbooks with newspaper clippings on notable Baptists; we estimated 500,000 pages to be digitized (and this represents about 1% of our collections);
- ★ continued cataloging our rare books in the WorldCat online catalog. Of our roughly 2600 items listed in WorldCat, 74 are unique holdings and another 998 are held by 2-10 libraries worldwide;
- ★ celebrated 58 congregations' histories of ministry by sending them an Anniversary Certificate;
- ★ welcomed over 60 visitors and researchers on-site, and fulfilled over 75 Research-by-Mail requests.

Your generosity also made it possible for ABHS staff to participate both virtually and in-person in regional conferences and region annual meetings. Executive Director Priscilla Eppinger was named Conference Historian for the “Celebrating Ministering Women: Radical. Redeemed. Ready.” conference that was sponsored by American Baptist Women in Ministry, and led two workshops during that Green Lake conference in June 2022. In September, at the invitation of the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, Eppinger participated in a dedication ceremony for a memorial to the 122,000 people of Japanese descent who were interned during World War II.

Funds to carry out this work come from institutional partners and from individuals. We are grateful to Mercer University and President Bill Underwood for hosting ABHS on their Atlanta campus. We appreciate financial support from American Baptist Churches, USA, International Ministries, American Baptist Home Mission Societies, the Ministers and Missionaries Benefit Board, and American Baptist Women's Ministries, all of whose records of ministry we preserve and manage.

Sources of Income  
2022



We are grateful to you, members of and donors to ABHS, for your financial contributions. 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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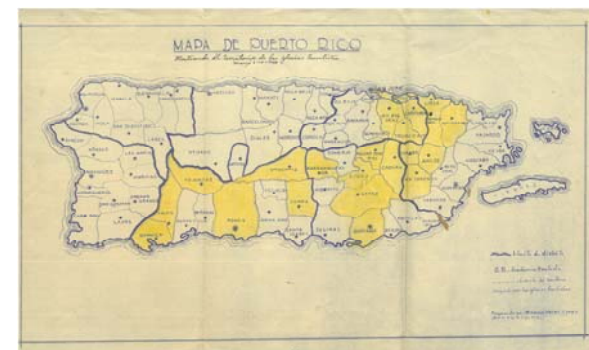
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### December 2022 - March 2023

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

#### 250 Years

First Baptist Church, Pittsfield, MA; Rev. Sheila Sholes-Ross, pastor

#### 170 Years

First Baptist Church of Dover, DE; Rev. Daniel L. Taylor, pastor

#### 155 Years

First Baptist Church-West, Charlotte, NC;  
Dr. Ricky A. Woods, pastor

#### 150 Years

Bethel Baptist Church, Colchester, IL; James E. Richardson, pastor  
Cross Mills Baptist Church, Charlestown, RI;  
Rev. Linda Moore, pastor

#### 130 Years

Bethany Baptist Church, Pawtucket, RI ;  
Rev. Love Masomera, pastor

#### 100 Years

Memorial Baptist Church, Yardville, NJ;  
Rev. April Van Ness, pastor  
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Jonathan Guinea, pastor

If your church is celebrating a significant anniversary, request a certificate from ABHS.



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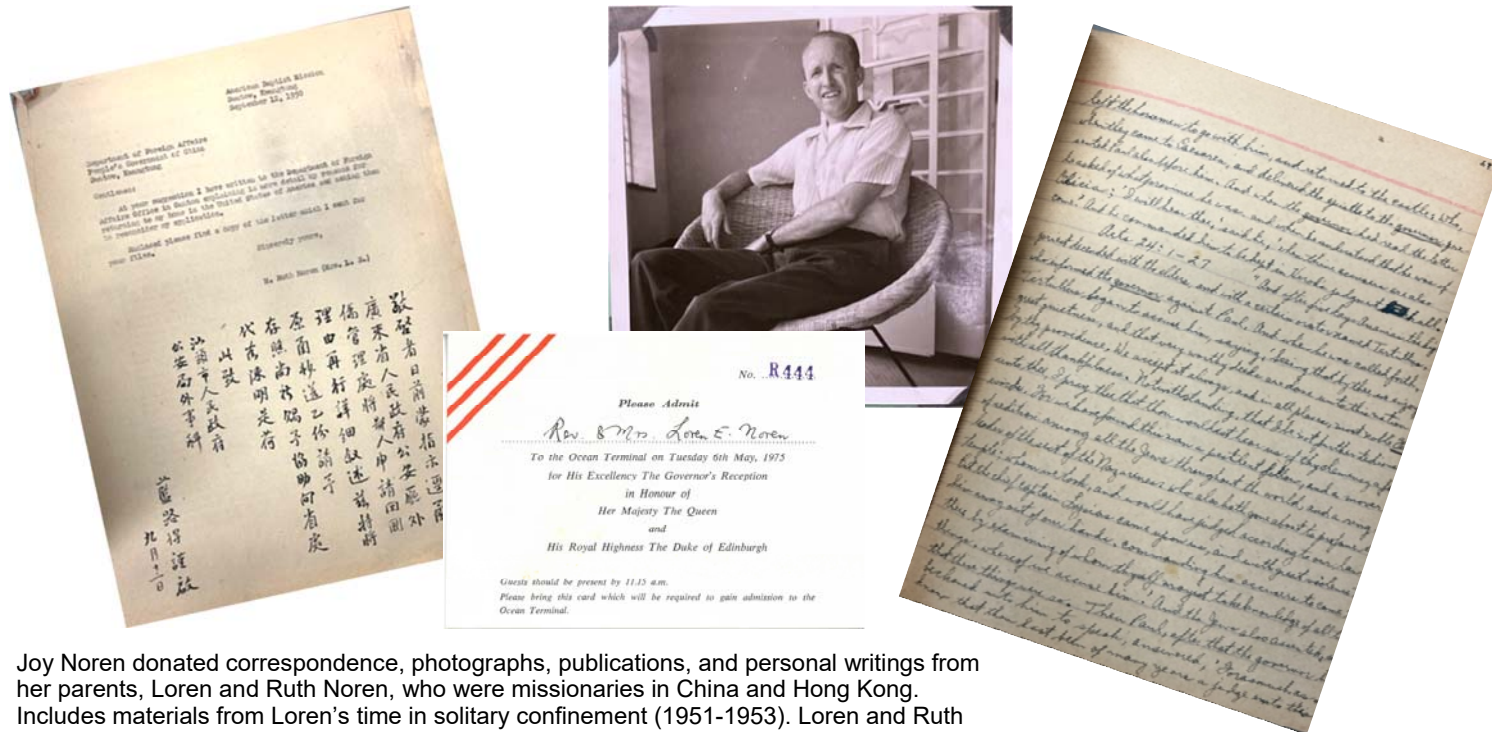


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## From the Archives

## Highlights of 2022 Donations



Joy Noren donated correspondence, photographs, publications, and personal writings from her parents, Loren and Ruth Noren, who were missionaries in China and Hong Kong. Includes materials from Loren's time in solitary confinement (1951-1953). Loren and Ruth Noren Papers, MP 143.

### Donors of Personal Papers

Holly Vincent Bean: copy of Master's Thesis  
 Viola & John Blackshear: Friendship Baptist Church (Atlanta) materials  
 Hammond Brown: records of Alfred and Sallie Satterlee  
 Daniel & Sharon Buttry: additions to Daniel Buttry Papers  
 Family of Rev. Dr. Paul H. Conrad: radio scripts and publication of Paul Conrad  
 Lorelee Cooley: Lorene Carpenter papers  
 Susan Deer: additions to Douglas Deer Papers  
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 Carolyn Friedman: addition to Emma & Willis Thomas papers  
 Clifford & Rosemary Gilson: additions to Gilson Family Papers  
 Cindy (Weaver) Graham: addition to Gerald & Lee

Weaver papers  
 Robert Hudson: additions to Robert Hudson collection  
 Nina Lawrence: additions to Helen Topping Papers  
 Art Munson: tie pins, etc. for anniversaries of employment with ABHS  
 Don Ng: sermon manuscripts  
 Joy Noren: additions to Noren family papers  
 Paul Reeder: index to NW Baptist annuals; pins  
 Kikue Rich: additions to Rich Family Papers  
 Jody Scriber: Rev. Elmore Love Scrapbook (Mt. Vernon Church, NY)  
 Robert E. Smith: additions to Robert E. Smith papers  
 Nancy Tracy: AB flyers - Chapel Car Evangel, Ninth General Conference of Christian Workers  
 Susan Zeager: additions to Paul Eppinger papers

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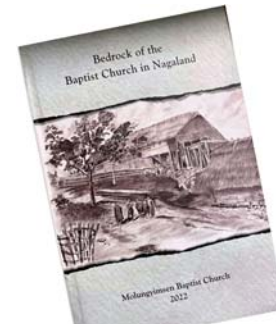
## Thank you, donors to ABHS collections!

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.

### Donors of Books and Pamphlets to the ABHS reference library:

Jim Beck: William Carey books  
 Robert & Patricia Coats: *Thailand Tatlers* and *Echoes* newsletters; Karen dictionary  
 Mike Fagan: Judson Press booklets/books  
 Sharon Farral: Henry Vedder, *A Short History of the Baptists* (1897) and George Lorimer, *Messages of To-Day to the Men of To-Morrow* (1896)  
 Darrel Fournier: *Zion's Banner*, Freewill Baptist newspaper (Lowell, MA)  
 Kathy Carman Henderson: *Openings of Providence: Dr. Anna Kay Scott's Life and Mission*  
 Sue Peterman (ABHMS): *Follow the Gleam*, a memoir by Florian Leo Levno  
 Tamra Phillips: *Faith Walks and Talks*  
 Susan Hudson Rogers: Books for Winthrop Still Hudson collection  
 Donna Sinclair: Hymnals  
 Richard & Dorothy Swindle: 3 books on Baptist history, and a history of Southport Baptist Church  
 Reid Trulson: Publications about Charlotte Rowe  
 Ellen Wilch: Howard Murphy memoir



Molungyimsen Baptist Church published a history in celebration of the 150th anniversary of Baptists in Nagaland, India. Moulungyimsen Baptist Church, Congregational Files.

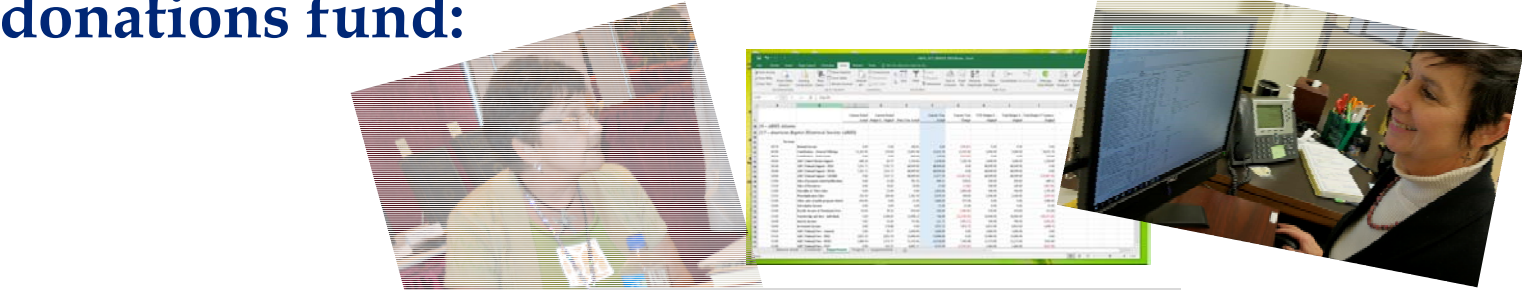
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 David Garver: minute books from Dakota regions  
 Gardena Valley Baptist Church: 2014 centennial history of the church  
 Gurrola Baptist Foundation : additions to collection

Diana James: women missionaries letters on behalf of FBC Seattle  
 Jeffrey Johnson - ABCOPAD: final service program for Victoria Chapel Baptist Church, Springfield, PA  
 Leslie Lucas: minutes of the Franklin Baptist Association; NY churches congregational records  
 Beverly Malville-Letter: addition to church records, Baptist Temple, Rochester, NY  
 Mountain District Primitive Baptist Association: Minutes of the 123rd Meeting  
 Bill Poland: AB Kansas Association minutes  
 Tony Pope: Primitive Baptist Association minute books  
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 Marja Yingling: "Church Pioneers" First Baptist Church Oregon City, 175th Anniversary



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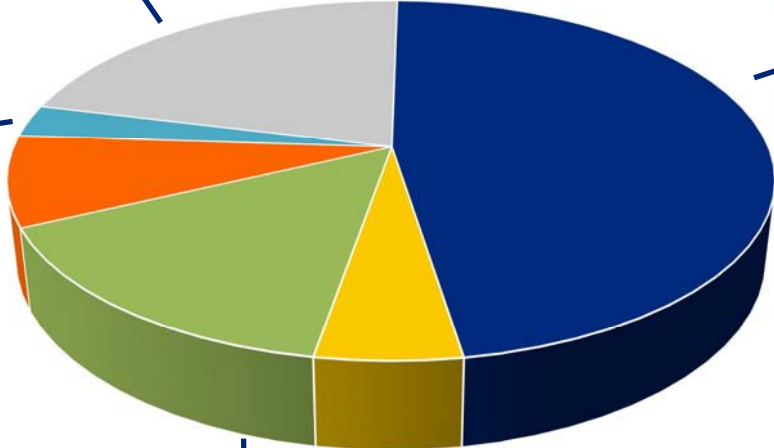


Kay Eland (left) records gifts and manages subscriptions, while Priscilla Eppinger (right) oversees budgets and raises necessary funds, prepares newsletters, and takes care of other aspects of organizational management without which ABHS could not function.



ABHS provides resources for local congregations and publishes a scholarly journal.

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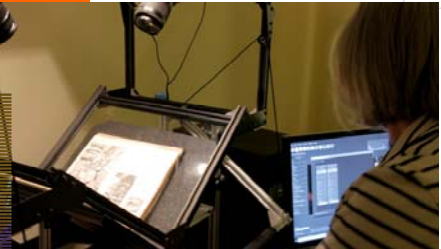


- Collections Care, Preservation, and Access
- Research
- Outreach
- Digitization Project
- Resource Creation and Production
- Organizational Management

Archivist Mariah Hamby ensures collections are well-organized and can be easily found and retrieved.



Digital Archivist Jenny Manasco works with many different media formats, from paper to microfilm to film. She oversees ABHS digital archives, digitizing primary documents and managing the digital preservation platform.



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



Many researchers visit ABHS to consult materials in the archives. Those who cannot visit in person often request research assistance from staff.





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Events or projects completed in 2021 and 2022 are eligible for the George D. Younger Award, which will be presented at the 2023 ABC/USA Biennial Mission Summit in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Mail nominations and supporting materials no later than April 1, 2023 to:

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- ✱ church anniversary celebrations,
- ✱ congregational or regional histories,
- ✱ oral history projects,

and should promote Baptist history in the local community or region.  
For more information, contact ABHS.



William H. Brackney, January 30, 1948 - November 13, 2022  
ABHS Executive Director, 1978-1986

As the first person to hold the title of “Executive Director” of the American Baptist Historical Society, Rev. Dr. William H. Brackney left an indelible mark on the Society. (Earlier administrators bore the title of “Curator.”) During Brackney’s tenure as Executive Director, ABHS became the permanent custodian of the records of the national boards of American Baptist Churches, USA, the Philadelphia Baptist Association, and the Freewill Baptist movement in North America. We can credit Bill Brackney with initiating the Archives Center at the ABCUSA headquarters at Valley Forge, PA. With the addition of ongoing exhibits at Green Lake, WI, ABHS expanded to three sites.



Bill Brackney came to ABHS in 1978 from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester, NY, where he served as Associate Professor of Church History. Ordained to ministry in 1971, Bill sometimes served as a pastor alongside his academic tenure. During the eight years that he served as Executive Director of ABHS, both denominational archives and manuscript collections expanded. Part of the historical library was reclassified from the Dewey Decimal to the Library of Congress system. Many original copies of newspapers (mostly 19<sup>th</sup>-century) were microfilmed. ABHS still makes use of the guide to manuscript collections that he and Susan Eltscher compiled.

Bill’s numerable publications, projects that he spearheaded, and research were unmatched among Baptist historians. His knowledge of Baptist history and the historians who study it was immense! Bill was very involved in the 2018 Rauschenbusch Conference that ABHS co-hosted with Mercer University and the Acadia Centre for Baptist and Anabaptist Studies. This jointly-sponsored conference was an example of collaborative work that Bill liked to organize.

In 1986, William Brackney resigned from ABHS to become Vice President and Dean and Professor of the History of Christianity at Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary (now Palmer Seminary, St. Davids, PA). He subsequently served as an administrator and faculty member at McMaster Divinity College (Hamilton, ON), Baylor University (Waco, TX), Acadia Divinity College (Wolfville, NS), and Carey Theological College (Vancouver, BC). He died on November 13, 2022 in Kentville, Nova Scotia, and a memorial service was held on November 17, 2022, at Wolfville Baptist Church.

We offer our condolences to Bill's widow, Kitty, and their children and grandchildren.

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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](mailto:ABHSoffice@ABHSArchives.org). The submission deadline for the next award is September 1, 2023.

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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