

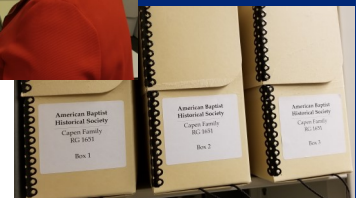
It's All Due to Donors: Here's what you made possible in 2019:

Thanks to many generous supporters, the American Baptist Historical Society made great progress in preserving and sharing Baptist stories in 2019, as we focused on making information about our vast and varied collections available to the wider world.

- ★ The first step in sharing Baptist stories is making information available about the resources we hold. This entails creating catalog entries for various collections. Among the hundreds of new entries to our online catalog, ArchivesSpace, are the [Congregational Files](#), 60 linear feet of materials comprising over 2800 records in an ever-growing collection that includes both published and unpublished church histories and other materials related to congregations all over the world.
- ★ You can now find in ArchivesSpace entries for 7200 [pamphlets](#), most of them from the 17th-19th centuries, including over 1000 pamphlets on Baptist theology and practice. The details of these volumes were previously only available from the card catalog in the our reading room.
- ★ Missionary correspondence from 1812 onward belonging to the archives of [International Ministries \(IM\)](#) were the first records we'd catalogued in ArchivesSpace. In 2019 we added additional IM records to the catalog: Property records (159 boxes), Pre-World War II files (84 boxes), Post-World War II files (140 boxes), Photograph files (76 boxes), and Biographical files (1399 entries).

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Archivist Jill Sweetapple ensures that collections are well-organized and that documents can be easily found and retrieved. In some cases, repair or conservation work is required. She then inventories and creates an electronic catalog record for the collection.



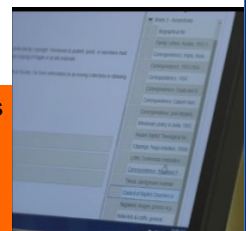
- ★ We processed 104 existing collections and 63 new collections or additions to existing collections. Additionally, we updated substantially the [New York Baptist City Society's](#) inventory, adding 158 boxes to our catalog.

- ★ Our digital program is up and running with the purchase of a microfilm scanner. We began with at-risk records of the American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) that had been microfilmed prior to 1960 and for which the originals were not preserved.

Digital Archivist Jenny Manasco digitizes at-risk microfilmed records. She then creates electronic catalog records for the digital files. This both preserves the



content, as microfilm eventually degrades, and makes it easier to supply content to researchers.



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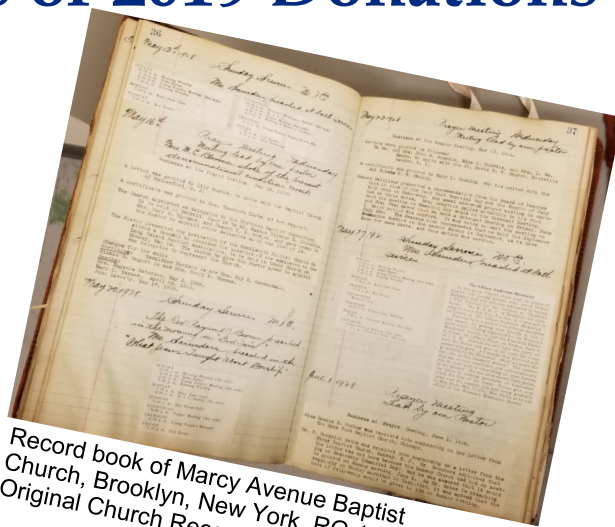
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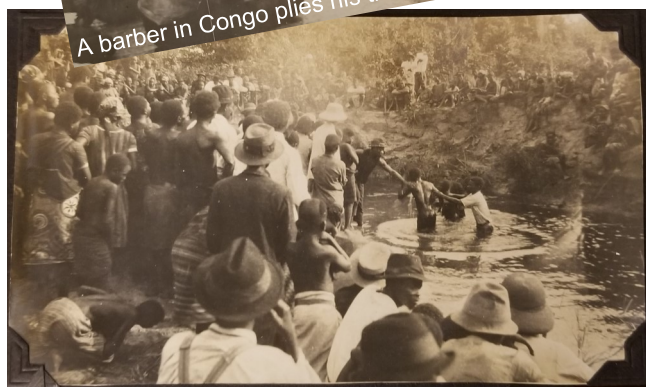
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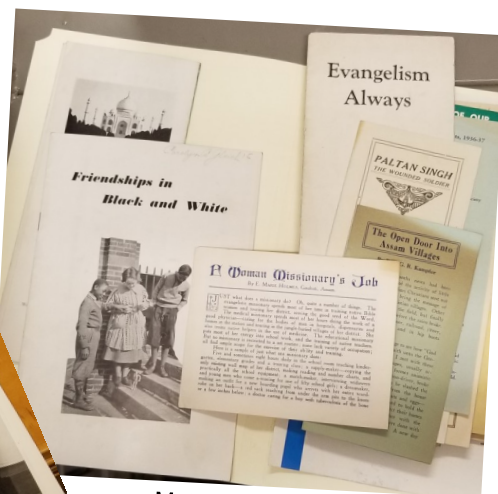
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Record book of Marcy Avenue Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York, RG 1703
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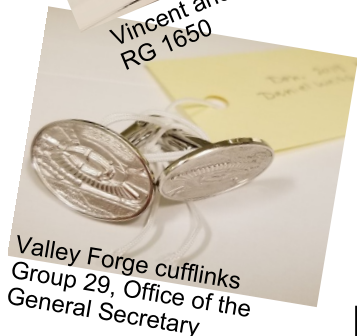
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Thank you, donors to ABHS collections!

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 show aspects 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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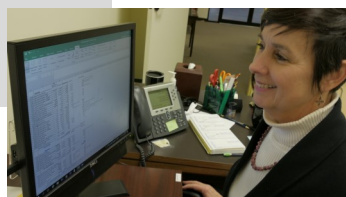
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- ★ In 2019 ABHS provided [anniversary certificates](#) to 57 churches.
- ★ We welcomed 91 researchers on-site, and 42 people received information through our "Research-by-Mail" service.
- ★ ABHS had displays at one national and three regional events, including the ABC/USA Mission Summit at Virginia Beach.

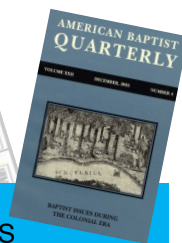


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ABHS provides resources for local congregations and publishes a scholarly journal.



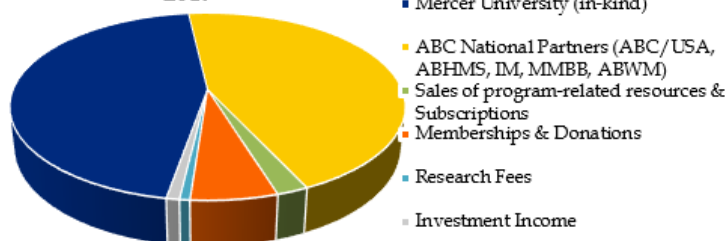
Sending anniversary certificates and shipping displays to regional events are some of the outreach Jan Winfield provides.



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In carrying out our mission we also rely on you. Ultimately it is friends and supporters of ABHS who ensure that this ministry of story-keeping continues. Some of you support ABHS because you find Baptist history intrinsically interesting. Some of you have personal connections to collections in the archives, with the records of family members (or of you, yourself) preserved here. Some of you have used ABHS materials to research the story of a pastor or missionary, mission society, congregation, or specific event. Some of you want to make sure

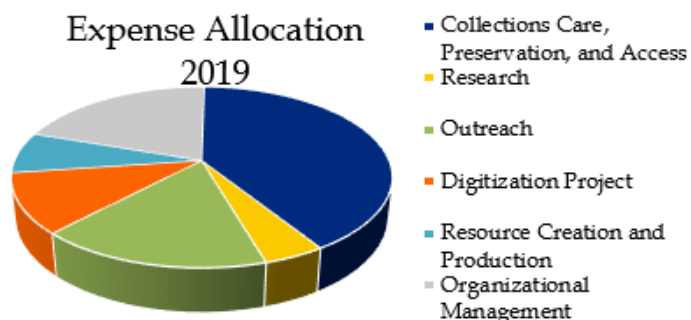
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that the stories of a particular group of people or organization endure.

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