

Retired
Ministers &
Missionaries
Offering
2021

Transformed by Generosity

The Retired Ministers & Missionaries Offering acknowledges and shares our collective appreciation for the extraordinary commitment of those who serve God's people. By participating in the RMMO, all congregants can celebrate the strength and perseverance of ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses by contributing to provide emergency assistance and "Thank You" checks. The supporting scripture for this year's RMMO theme—"Transformed by Generosity"—reflects how this perseverance and commitment alter us: **"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit"** (2 Corinthians 3:18).

Say "thank you" to retired pastors and missionaries who have served American Baptist churches and ministries for 15 years or more through your gift to the RMMO. There are pastors who have likely supported you and those you love directly in seeking Jesus Christ, while all missionaries serve as our collective hands and hearts in projects throughout the country and around the world. The American Baptist denomination is strong today because of those who have devoted themselves to serving our more than 1.2 million members in prior decades.

Following God's call does not come without certain sacrifices. Retired ministers, missionaries, and their widowed spouses are often faced with the stress and hardship of unexpected expenses. Medical problems, relocating, or the death of a spouse can also cause these leaders to find themselves far from the church family that once supported them. The assistance provided by RMMO restores that lifeline and ongoing connection to the ABCUSA family.

Through RMMO, we hope you are inspired to give to those who continue to transform and embody the spirit of Christ—and may we each be transformed by the opportunity to be generous in giving.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration in support of this offering. A portion of the money our church collects will go directly to our 3 retired EBC ministers: Rev. George Habel, Rev. Dick Olmstead, and additionally this year Rev. Paul Bailey. The remainder will be sent to the RMMO offering. Donations can be placed in the offering box in the provided envelopes or in an envelope marked RMMO and mailed to the church office.