ABCMC Emergency Relief Grants for Churches

Available funds: $75,000 total, to be paid out at $25,000 per month in April, May, and June of 2020. Unused funds will roll over into subsequent months.

These emergency relief grants are intended to help ABCMC churches that have experienced a significant reduction in revenue since March 1 and have no reserves to fall back on. We want to help with the most acute needs first.

The maximum initial one-time grant will be $4,000, allowing us to help at least 18 or 20 churches, about 6 per month. If funds remain in June we will consider requests for additional support from those still in need, but will still prioritize requests from churches that have not received any of these funds.

The rank priority of needs we seek to meet with these grants are (in order):

1. Supporting church payroll
2. Supporting emergency ministry needs the church is trying to address
3. Costs of retooling ministry with technology for the current situation
4. Utilities and debt service

To be eligible, a church must have experienced a significant reduction in revenue since March 1 and have no endowment or cash reserves. Churches will be asked where possible to document need by submitting a balance sheet and financial reports for Jan - Mar of 2020. Failing that, they can provide bank statements. We are willing to work with people but need some assurance of need. Churches who receive support will be expected to report back about the use of the funds.

The Emergency Relief Grants will be administered by the Executive Minister and the Associate Regional Ministers, who will make decisions collaboratively and in dialogue with the churches making the requests.

Churches who seek this support should contact the Executive Minister, Rev. David Gregg, or their respective Associate Regional Minister, Rev. David Watkins (African American Collaborative), Rev. Shakespeare Osorio (Hispanic Collaborative) or Rev. Chan Thawng Lian (Asian Collaborative).