



## American Baptist Churches of the South

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### Special Notification About Your Church's Tax Exempt Status

To all American Baptist Churches of the South

#### Does your church have a nonprofit tax status?

Is your church classified as a 501 (c)(3) organization – which means that the church is exempt from taxation as a nonprofit or religious group?

If you are a cooperating American Baptist Church in the South, you are eligible to be covered as part of the **Group of Members of the American Baptist Churches in the USA**. Your church would not have to go through the complicated process of getting a tax exempt letter just for your church – and yet you would enjoy all the privileges of the tax exempt status.

This inclusion in the ABC group tax exemption is one of the benefits of your church's membership in ABCOTS. Should your church decide to become a non-cooperative member, then this benefit is no longer available.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the **Group of members of the American Baptist Churches in the USA**, please complete the following for and submit it to:



**Ms. Julie Thomas**  
**ABCUSA – BNM**  
**P.O. Box 851**  
**Valley Forge, PA**

Should you have any questions, feel free to call the ABCOTS Headquarters at 443.551.3045. All forms should be submitted directly to Ms. Thomas.

AMERICAN BAPTIST CHURCHES IN THE U.S.A.

This questionnaire should be completed and returned to sender by cooperating church and affiliated organizations (including mission agencies, and regional, state and city entities) which desire inclusion as a member of the Group of American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. recognized as exempt under the Internal Revenue Code.

- 1. Please give the full name of the organization and its employer identification number (EIN).

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(Name) (E.I.N.) \_\_\_\_\_

- 2. Does the organization currently have a tax exemption letter from the internal Revenue Service stating that it is an organization described in Section 501 ©(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

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If yes:

(A) Please give the date of the exemption letter and attach a copy of the letter to this questionnaire.  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

(B) Is the organization listed in the Internal Revenue Service Cumulative List of Exempt Organizations?  
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- 3. Has the organization ever applied for and been denied exemption from federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Service?

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If yes, please attach a copy of the letter from the Internal Revenue Service denying exemption or explain the reason for such denial.

- 4. Does the organization wish to be included in the Group of members of the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. for purposes of the exemption under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code?

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If yes, please complete the authorization below

The undersigned organization hereby authorize the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A. to submit its name to the Internal Revenue Service for inclusion on the roster of its members which are exempt from taxation under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Code.

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(Name of Organization) \_\_\_\_\_ Date

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(Physical Address) \_\_\_\_\_ (By)

Return To: Julie Thomas, paralegal  
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