2017 was a year of growing awareness for the Alliance of Baptists. Living into the reality of a world divided after the 2016 United States presidential election has brought renewed energy to our call to respond to the needs of people on the margins of society. We spent much of last year responding to the call to walk alongside those on the margins of American society, as well as our 36 ministry partners around the world, as political struggles ensued.

2017 also was a year of celebration as the Alliance family gathered to honor 30 years of mission and ministry. We heard from justice-minded Alliance leadership about how we can better accompany the vulnerable in our society. The Rev. Dr. William Barber II helped us see that when we all come together amazing things can happen both politically and individually.

2017 was a positive year for the Alliance financially. Because of your generosity we ended the year with income exceeding expenses by approximately $26,000. We are grateful for your financial sacrifice.

2018 is proving to be a powerful year! We began the year with our first CAIRN retreat supporting our clergy working hard to balance the prophetic and the pastoral. We are joining with our partners in the National Council of Churches with ACT Now! Unite to End Racism. At our annual gathering we are exploring the intersectionalities of justice embedded in life on earth, and in the fall we are offering an opportunity for learning and conversations on human sexuality.

All of our mission and ministry are possible because of you and your generosity. We are grateful for you, and grateful to work together with you to imagine the world God dreams.

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At the “Why Baptist?” gathering, we participated with activists, advocates and congregational leaders engaging the question of Baptist identity.

In April, we celebrated 30 years as an Alliance family and welcomed more than 500 to our Annual Gathering at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church. With the theme of Embracing God’s Call to Justice and Love, we were inspired in worship services and workshops by luminaries like the Rev. Dr. William Barber II, Naomi Tutu and singer/songwriter Kate Campbell.

The Racial Justice and Multiculturalism Community of the Alliance of Baptists brought to life Trouble the Water: A Christian Resource for the Work of Racial Justice. This crucial resource tackling questions of how congregations can engage in the work of racial justice was edited by Michael-Ray Mathews, Marie Onwubuariri and Cody Sanders.

Paula Clayton Dempsey had the opportunity to join an ecumenical delegation from the National Council of Churches on a visit to the Middle East to witness to peace in the region, express solidarity with Christians and engage in interreligious dialogue for peace and justice.

Jason Smith had the opportunity to visit the Mayan Intercultural Seminary in San Cristobal de las Casas, Chiapas, Mexico and the Baptist Seminary of Mexico, Mexico City, and Paula Clayton Dempsey visited the Republic of Georgia.

The Alliance had a makeover! We launched a new virtual home, giving www.allianceofbaptists.org a remodel and fresh look. We also developed a new logo based on a flame, symbolizing our commitment to the pursuit of justice, a wave at the bottom calling us to remember our theological home in the waters of baptism and the way the three parts work together, symbolizing partnership in mission as understood through our Trinitarian faith.

Summer Communities of Service
Congregational Partner visits/Consultations
Theological School partner visits/Alliance Days
CAIRN launch, the result of planning throughout 2017
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$17,500 & Above
Baptist Church of the Covenant, Birmingham, AL*
First Baptist Church of Greenville, Greenville, S.C.*
Northminster Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss.*
Ravensworth Baptist Church, Annandale, Va.*

$7,500-$17,499
Glendale Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn.
Myers Park Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.*
Northminster Church, Monroe, La.*
Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.
University Baptist Church, College Park, Md.
Woodbrook Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.

$5,000-$7,499
Broadneck Baptist Church, Annapolis, Md.
Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D.C.
Central Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.
Central Baptist Church, Wayne, Pa.
Greenwood Forest Baptist Church, Cary, N.C.
Heritage Baptist Church, Cartersville, Ga.*
Northside Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss.*
Northside Drive Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.*

$2,500-$4,999
Austin Heights Baptist Church, Nacogdoches, Texas
Covenant Church, Houston, Texas
Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.
Cumberland First Baptist Church, Indianapolis, Ind.
First Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga.*
Grace Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.
Immanuel Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky.
Kirkwood Baptist Church, Kirkwood, Mo.*
Knollwood Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C.
Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, N.Y.*
Noank Baptist Church, Noank, Ct.

$1,500-$2,499
Broadview Baptist Church, Temple Hills, Md.*
Circle of Mercy, Asheville, N.C.*
First Baptist Church, Moorestown, N.J.*
First Baptist Church, Worcester, Mass.*
Grace Baptist Church, Statesville, N.C.
Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky.
Lake Shore Baptist Church, Waco, Texas
Olin T. Binkley Memorial Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, N.C.
Park Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
Peakland Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va.*
Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Williamsburg Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Va.*

$1,000-$1,499
Christ Congregation, Princeton, N.J.*
Church of the Savior, Cedar Park, Texas*
Covenant Baptist United Church of Christ, Washington, D.C.*
First Baptist Church, Silver Spring, Md.
Highland Park Baptist Church, Austin, Texas
Judson Memorial Church, New York, N.Y.
Mars Hill Baptist Church, Mars Hill, N.C.*
Royal Lane Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas*
Sardis Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.
Starling Avenue Baptist Church, Martinsville, Va.
Twinbrook Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md.
University Baptist Church, Austin, Texas
Vienna Baptist Church, Vienna, Va.*

$500-$999
Commonwealth Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va.
First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas*
First Baptist Church, Dayton, Ohio
First Baptist Church, Pittsfield, Mass.
Ginter Park Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.*
Harmony Creek Church, Dayton, Ohio
Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, Ca.
Lakeside Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, N.C.
New Heights Baptist Church, Gaffney, S.C.*
St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, La.
The United Church of Granville, Granville, Ohio*
University Baptist Church, Minneapolis, Minn.
Village Baptist Church, Bowie, Md.
Washington Plaza Baptist Church, Reston, Va.*
Williston Immanuel United Church, Portland, Me.*

$250-$499
Crossroads Church, Kansas City, Mo.
Englewood Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri
First Baptist Church of Washington D.C.*
First Baptist Church, Asheville, N.C.*
First Baptist Church, Jamaica Plain, Mass.*
First Baptist Church, Rochester, N.Y.*
Grace Covenant Church, Oak Ridge, Tenn.*
Lake Street Church, Evanston, Ill.*
NorthHaven Church, Norman, Ok.*

Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Cambridge, Mass.
Shell Ridge Community Church, Walnut Creek, Ca.
The Church at Ponce & Highland, Atlanta, Ga.*
University Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, Miss.*

$1-$249
Bayside Baptist Church, Bayside, N.S.*
First Baptist Church, Berkeley, Ca.
First Baptist Church, Front Royal, Va.
First Baptist Church, Madison, Wis.
Innocent Justice, Reidsville, N.C.†
Jefferson Street Baptist Community at Liberty, Louisville, Ky.*
Long Branch Baptist Church, The Plains, Va.
Millbrook Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C.
Mount Paran Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Pa.†
Peace Community Church, Oberlin, Ohio*
Wedgewood Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C.*

* Increased giving in 2017
† New congregational partner in 2017
Individual Partners

$5,000 and Above
Carol Blythe & Rick Goodman
Gary & Sylvia Campbell
Craig Henry
David Knight
Fran Langstaff
Anita & David Massengill
James Pollard
Paul & Susan Richardson
Janice & Mahan Siler

$2,000-4,999
Julie Barnett
Carol Burgess
Eileen Campbell-Reed
& Lynn Reed
Mark Chamberlin
Claudia Dickerson
Norman Gearhart
David Gooch
Mary Jane Gorman
& Duncan McArthur
Wayne Grinstead
Fred & Margaret Grissom
Randy Hall & Mary Hamrick
Kevin Hampton
Suzanne & Mac Smith
Bettie & Will Hodges
Sarah & Rodney Macias
Tim Moore
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Robert E. Seymour
Suzanne & Mac Smith
Mica Togami
Dick Tucker
Cecil White

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Allen & Terri Allen
Karen Ballard
Dick & Betty Barnett
Jim Broyles
Peggy Campolo
Kay Cheves
James Coffman
Mandy England Cole
Roger H. Crook
Benjamin Curry
Anne Dahle
John & Leah Grundset Davis
Daniel Day
Tammerie Day
Becky Vaughn
Bonnie & John Dixon
Carol & Ronald Ferris
Lil Galphin
Cristina Garcia-Alfonso
Marjorie & Bill George
Relma Hargus
Bettie & Stan Hastey
Robert & B.J. Herring
Jeanette Holt
Cam Holzer
Melinda Huff
Sandra John
Sandra & Steve Jolly
Gerald Kersey
John King

$250-499
April Baker & Deborah Lynn
Donald Ledbetter
Cathy McGaughey
Victor Craig Miller
Randle Richard Mixon
Margaret Money
Alisa Monfalcone
Lisa & Phil Nall
Patricia Parish
Morgan & Peggy
Sanderford Ponder
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Teresa Sanders
Cherie Smith
Jason Smith & Myra Houser
Bob & Nan Spinks
Libby Stephens & Nathan
Powers
G.J. & Kay Tarazi
Christine Tew
Meg & Will Thomas-Clapp
Tillie Tice
John W. & Betty J. Torbert
Deborah Vaughn
Melanie Vaughn-West
& Paul West
Donald Voyles
Dorothy & Ben Wagener
Lorelei Watts
Christine Wiley
Mark Reeve & Leslie Withers
Jill McCrory

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The Eula Mae and John Baugh Foundation
Created in 1994 by Eula Mae and John Baugh, the Baugh Foundation has been a stalwart source of support for Baptist institutions and missions organizations. In 2017, the Alliance of Baptists received a grant from the Baugh Foundation to support the Orquestra de Câmara do Alto da Mina (Chamber Orchestra of Alto da Mina) in Bultrins, Olinda, Brazil. The orchestra, founded in 1990, walks with community residents in their struggles and difficulties, utilizing music education to help them rise above their social and economic conditions. Through the orchestra, students are offered musical instruments, instruction and other community resources. Israel de França, the founder of the orchestra, was raised in an Olinda favela and has performed as a concertmaster with the Symphony Orchestra of Granada, Spain. The Alliance of Baptists is grateful for the Baugh Foundation’s generous support of this music education effort with our partners in Brazil.

The Richard D. Huff Foundation Trust
Richard D. Huff was a member of Alliance congregational partner Covenant Church in Houston, Texas, and a partner with the law firm of Fulbright & Jaworski until his retirement in 2008. He invested energy and resources into the life and vision of Covenant Church, serving over many years in various leadership positions with the congregation. His efforts are seen especially in the construction of Covenant’s sanctuary, an elegant and modern structure in Houston’s Museum District. Covenant Church senior minister Laura Mayo knew Richard very well in his roles as deacon and congregant. “Richard had a quiet, generous and steady presence that continues to be felt at Covenant. From opening his home to church gatherings to sharing with the congregation, his generosity helped to make many of Covenant’s visions possible.” The Alliance of Baptists gives thanks for the life and legacy of Richard Huff and for the generosity of the Huff Foundation for its financial support in 2017.

The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation
In 2017, the Alliance received a generous gift from The E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation to support our “Why Baptist?” gathering at Meredith College in Raleigh, N.C. Founded in 1975 in Richmond, Va., the Carpenter Foundation has supported various causes in theological education, public history and museum projects dedicated to Asian art and culture, religious organizations working for LGBTQ rights and equality, and local community health programs. “Why Baptist?” was attended by 65 participants who heard panel presentations from Alliance young leaders from various backgrounds who explained Baptist identity from their perspective. Thanks to the Carpenter Foundation for its generous support of Alliance projects through the years.

The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE)
The Forum for Theological Exploration (FTE) calls itself “a leadership incubator that inspires young people to make a difference in the world through Christian communities.” In 2017, the Alliance of Baptists received a Pastoral Internship Grant from FTE to support our Summer Communities of Service program. In 2017, the Alliance of Baptists partnered with the United Church of Christ to send 12 students to cities around the country to engage in community living, leadership development, hands-on justice opportunities and spiritual and personal growth. Thanks to FTE for its generous investment in the lives of students and future leaders through Summer Communities of Service.
**Mutual Partners**
African Baptist Churches in Zimbabwe  
Aliança de Batistas do Brasil  
Baptist Seminary of Mexico  
Evangelical Baptist Church of Georgia  
Fraternidade de Iglesias Bautistas de Cuba  
Seminario Intercultural Mayense  
Zimbabwe Theological Seminary

**Service Partners**
AMOS Health and Hope, Nicaragua  
Bright Stars of Bethlehem  
Calvary Latino Ministry, Washington, D.C.  
Crossing Lines, Uganda  
Emmaus House, Raleigh, N.C.  
Hope Center at Pullen, Raleigh, N.C.  
Interfaith Chaplaincy, Al Akawayn University, Morocco  
Jitokese Wamama Wafrika, Kenya  
JourneyPartners, Franklinton, N.C.  
Oakhurst Recovery Program, Decatur, Ga.  
Peace Cathedral, Tbilisi, Republic of Georgia  
QC Family Tree, Charlotte, N.C.  
Rauschenbush Metro Ministries, New York City  
Samaritan Neighborhood Center, Oakland, Ca.  
Seeds of Hope Publishers, Waco, Texas  
Shalom Children’s Center, Ghana  
Shekinah, El Salvador  
Stewart Center, Atlanta, Ga.  
Strive, Chicago, Ill.

**Interfaith, Ecumenical & Advocacy Partners**
Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty  
BPFNA-Hispanic Summer Program  
Churches for Middle East Peace  
Church World Service  
Creation Justice Ministries  
Ecumenical Advocacy Days  
Equity for Women in the Church  
Global Baptist Peace Conference  
Interfaith Criminal Justice Coalition  
Latin American Working Group  
National Council of Churches  
National Farmworker Ministry  
World Student Christian Federation, North America
## Year in Review

### Sources of Support

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### Expenses

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<td>Outreach, Communications and Development</td>
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