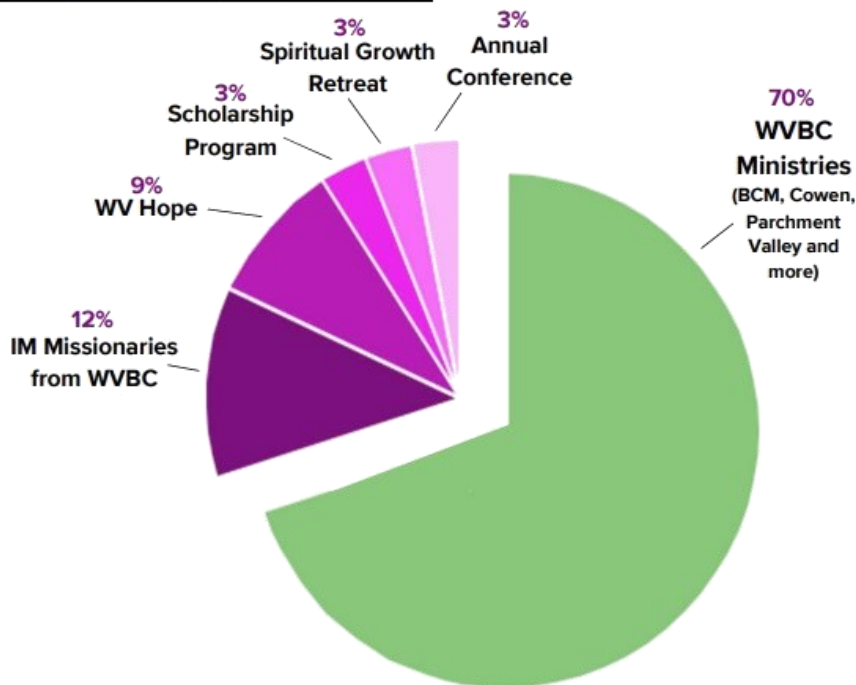


# A New Offering for the ABWM of WV



During Women's Day 2023, the American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV voted to create a new offering called **WV Blessings**. Thirty percent (30%) of the WV Blessings offering will stay with the American Baptist Women's Ministries of WV and seventy percent (70%) will go to support the mission and ministries of the West Virginia Baptist Convention.

## The Disbursement of the Offering



## How to Participate in WV Blessings

Churches that elect to collect the WV Blessings offering will send their offering to their association ABWM treasurer or directly to the state ABWM treasurer (Amy Starkey). This is the same procedure as the Mission Outreach Project and Special Project.

## For More Information

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# FAQ's

## **1. Why are we adding a new offering?**

Numerous churches have asked about an alternative to Love Gift due to increasing differences between the priorities of the national ABWM and the ABWM of West Virginia. Those differences were highlighted at the National Annual Meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, where several bylaw changes were proposed that were inconsistent with the beliefs of our local women's groups. While those proposed changes did not pass, this caused many of our churches to ask for ways to better support the specific ministries they care most about.

## **2. Is this offering replacing Love Gift?**

No. Love Gift will still be offered for churches that want to continue promoting that offering. WV Blessings has just been created as an alternative for those that would prefer to support local ministries.

## **3. What do we do with our Love Gift offering?**

For churches that continue to collect Love Gift, you can still send that offering in through the WVBC Mission Giving Form to the WVBC office.

## **4. How does this affect our missionaries?**

The WV Blessings offering will raise the percentage of giving support to our WV missionaries to 12%, which is an increase over the approximate 1% given through Love Gift.