

## **Ministry Initiative Grant Applications Board Policies**

Extensions of Pastoral Ministry Grants are subject to the following of the Atlantic Baptist Mission Board

- The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board will not consider a pastoral ministry grant application that is not accompanied by documentation of the church's or agency's financial situation.
- The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board will not consider a pastoral ministry grant application from a church that has unilaterally separated from a multi-church field unless there has been the involvement of Association or Convention representatives in the process of separation and a grant can be deemed a positive move for all parties involved.
- The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board will not consider a pastoral ministry grant application if the present pastor or pastoral candidate of the church has not been accredited as an ordained pastor or received recognition as a lay pastor by the Convention of Atlantic Baptist Churches, or has been accepted as a candidate for either by the Board of Ministerial Standards and Education.
- The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board will not consider a pastoral ministry grant application for a hospital Chaplain or a Camp staff employee
- The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board will not normally extend a pastoral ministry grant that exceeds one third of the cost of the specific ministry plan unless warranted by the special circumstances.
- The Atlantic Baptist Mission Board will not normally extend a pastoral ministry grant to a church for more than 5 consecutive years, and will not extend consecutive grants unless on a descending scale.