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**Shine  
the  
Light**



**An award recognizing  
Outstanding light-bearers  
For Christ**

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*“This a chance to say thank you to an American Baptist woman or girl whose light shines bright from the inside out. This person serves others with joy, integrity and her presence and efforts bear witness of her own testimony of God’s affirming love and grace.”*

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# Shine the Light Award

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The “Shine the Light” award, established by American Baptist Women’s Ministries (ABWM), recognizes outstanding light-bearers for Christ.

The award honors exemplary women from local American Baptist churches for how they shine Christ’s light in the world.

The award may be given to an individual American Baptist woman or to a group of women from an American Baptist church. The award will highlight a specific ministry project(s) that best demonstrates how the individual or group is Christ’s light-bearer.

One award will be granted in a year; award presentations are made at an annual gathering hosted by American Baptist Women’s Ministries. Recipients are encouraged to attend the event to receive their award in person. In addition to the presentation, information about the recipient will be included in the event materials, a letter of announcement will be sent to the pastor of the recipient’s church, and a letter of announcement will be sent to the executive minister of the region.

## Criteria

The following criteria will be considered:

### Creativity

What project best demonstrates the individual or group as a light-bearer for Christ? What are the goals of the project? How is the project reaching out to and welcoming new people? How does the project meet needs? What tools are being used to achieve the project goals? Send project pictures and/or videos to ABWM.

### Commission

In light of the “Great Commission” of Matthew 28, how does the project help to share God’s love, the Good News? What impact does the project have on others in their lives of faith?

### Collaboration

How does the individual/group enlist others to participate in the project? How have new individuals or groups been engaged in accomplishing project goals? What new partnerships have been formed, or previous partnerships engaged in new ways?

### Communication

How has the individual/group communicated to others in the church, community, or other women’s ministries group about the project? What communication tools have been used?

## Nominations

Anyone may nominate an individual or a group who fits the criteria. (People should not, however, nominate themselves.)

A selection committee will consider all nominations received at the national American Baptist Women’s Ministries (ABWM) office by February 14. Nomination forms are available on the website at [www.abwomensministries.org](http://www.abwomensministries.org), or by contacting the ABWM office. See below for contact information.

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The logo for American Baptist Women's Ministries features the text "American Baptist" in a purple serif font above a horizontal line. Below the line, the word "Women's" is written in a large, bold, purple serif font, with a globe icon integrated into the letter "o". Underneath "Women's", the word "MINISTRIES" is written in a smaller, purple, all-caps serif font.

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