

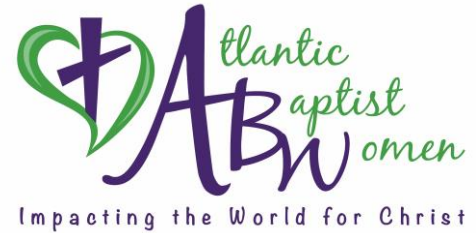
ABW Elective is an initiative and opportunity to involve women in a small group Bible study that also includes a mission component. A mission project, that will financially help a ministry supported by Atlantic Baptist Women, either locally or globally through Canadian Baptist Ministries (CBM), will encourage women to be involved in mission and connect with ABW. The small group Bible study will encourage women to read God's Word and discuss its truths.

ABW Elective is not to replace an existing WMS / ABW group in your church. It is a different style of a group, more suited to women who are busy with work and raising families yet desire to connect with women in a spiritually enriching and mission minded way.

ABW Elective provides an opportunity for women, who already participate in ABW, to involve other women who do not come to an existing group.

ABW elective is a new initiative. Invite the women of your church to join together for a small group study and a mission project that supports one of our ABW home missions within the Atlantic Provinces or a Canadian Baptist Ministries project.

**Partnering to serve Christ
in communities at home
and around the world –
learning and growing together**



How to begin:

Step 1: Pray about starting an ABW Elective group.

If the Lord is leading you to initiate this small group...

Step 2: Invite the women of your church to join together for a small group study and a mission project that financially supports one of the ABW home missions within the Atlantic Provinces or a Canadian Baptist Ministries project. Be creative in how you raise funds for this project. One idea is, "Toonie Tuesdays". A basket may be left on a table for those who want to contribute.

Step 3: The study book should have sound Biblical principles and include scripture. The suggested book on the 2018 ABW Reading Course; *She Did What She Could: Study Guide* by Elisa Morgan

Each woman should have her own book, read the chapter during the week and be ready to discuss the information with the others in the group.

Step 4: Decide where and when you will meet. An hour or hour and thirty minutes are suggested lengths of time.

Step 5: Promote this small group opportunity and invite women.

Step 6: Order the books you need in time for the first meeting, each woman may purchase her own book.

Books may be ordered from:
Sonshine Books & Gifts
email: sonshinebooks@hotmail.com or
phone: 902-859-3781

Step 7: Meet together!

If the group is larger than twelve you may consider dividing into two small groups to discuss the questions on the chapter. Have a confident leader ask the questions and encourage responses as well as discussion among the women. One person should not do all the talking or dominate the discussion time.

A prayer time is important. Have a time of prayer before or after the discussion. Ask if there are prayer requests.

Prayer cards of our Canadian Baptist Ministries Global and National Field Staff may also be distributed or you may choose to give each one the prayer card of your church's CBM partner in mission.

Have a prayer time, remembering to include the CBM Global and National Field Staff. One person in the group may pray aloud covering all the requests or several women in the group may pray aloud. Use a method that is comfortable for the women of your group.

After the last week the leaders of the ABW Elective may want to discuss: What went well? What needs improvement? Will the small group meet again? What book will be chosen for the next ABW Elective?

Suggested Mission Projects: The women could financially support the 2018 Great Canadian Bible Study (GCBS) CBM mission project, the Rwanda literacy program.

The 2018 GCBS mission project offering will provide support for those in Rwanda who have not had the opportunity to learn to read or go to school. Your offering will benefit and bless those for whom literacy is a key to economic stability as well as will help them to have leadership roles within their church and community.

One of the Home Mission ministries, supported by ABW, is New Life Mission. This ministry to children and families could be financially supported by the ABW Elective. The Home Mission budget shows a variety of ministries that are supported by ABW.

Send offering, for the mission project, to your Provincial Treasurer. Include information about designating the offering for the chosen project. See page 1 of the 2018-2019 Program Resource Booklet for contact information.

NOTE: We would like to know if you initiated an ABW elective group and the response of the women. Please contact:
abw@nb.sympatico.ca or 506-382-3898.