

2014 ANNUAL REPORT GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

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Psalm 85:6 Will You not revive us again
so that Your people may rejoice in You?



RESOURCES

2015 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET

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\$40,400,000**

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MINISTRIES ALLOCATION

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	40.00%	\$16,160,000
Disbursements*		
International Mission Board		8,112,320
North American Mission Board		3,682,864
Theological Education Ministries		3,581,056
Facilitating Ministries/SBC Operating		517,120
Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries		<u>266,640</u>
Total		\$16,160,000

*Disbursements based on SBC Executive Committee Budget

Note: 52.63% of all missions receipts are forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention



GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION EXTENSION MINISTRIES ALLOCATION

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	11.42%	\$4,612,500
Disbursements		
Colleges/Universities		
Shorter University		2,000,000
Brewton-Parker College		1,000,000
Truett-McConnell College		1,000,000
Education Commission		<u>12,500</u>
		\$ 4,012,500
Baptist Village		250,000
Baptist Retirement Communities of Georgia		250,000
Georgia Baptist Foundation		<u>100,000</u>
Total		\$ 4,612,500

GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION MINISTRIES ALLOCATION

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

Mission Georgia Offering
 Non-Cooperative Program Income



48.58% **\$19,627,500**
 1,350,000
175,485
\$21,152,985

Disbursements

Administrative Services	\$955,290
Business Services	2,294,493
Communications & Cooperative Program Promotions	1,709,337
The Christian Index	596,436
Woman's Missionary Union/Women's Enrichment Ministries	670,767
Evangelism & Church Revitalization	975,754
Church Planting	2,109,172
Collegiate Ministries	3,817,137
Church Ministries	5,479,652
Benevolent Ministries	142,921
Conference Centers	280,626
Executive Committee/Annual Convention/GuideStone	<u>2,121,400</u>



Total

\$21,152,985

Note: The Southern Baptist Convention has historically requested that a portion of their Cooperative Program funds remain in Georgia to be used for the Promotion, Support, Accounting, and Distribution of Cooperative Program funds, which equals 10% of the 2015 budget.



PROPOSED 2015 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

Southern Baptist Convention Ministries Allocation	40.00%	16,160,000
Georgia Baptist Mission Extension Ministries Allocation	11.42%	4,612,500
Georgia Baptist Convention Ministries Allocation	<u>48.58%</u>	<u>19,627,500</u>

2015 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET	100.00%	\$40,400,000
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NON-COOPERATIVE PROGRAM INCOME/EXPENSES

Non-Cooperative Program Income

Mission Georgia Offering	\$1,350,000
Investments	500,000
Cooperative Agreements	692,200
Rental Income	453,285
Registration/Fees Income	<u>650,000</u>
Total	\$ 3,645,485

Disbursements

Mission Georgia Offering to GBC Ministries	\$1,350,000
Georgia Baptist Convention Ministries	175,485
Capital Debt Service	<u>2,120,000</u>
Total	\$3,645,485

2015 BUDGET COMMITTEE INSTRUCTIONS

The following responsibilities are included in the instructions of the committee designated by the Executive Committee to recommend a Cooperative Program budget for the Georgia Baptist Convention: (1) Study Cooperative Program income for the current year as compared with previous years; (2) Estimate income for the new year on the basis of past experience, prevailing economic conditions, and reasonable expectations for the next fiscal year; and (3) Recommend a budget that provides an equitable distribution of available Cooperative Program and non-cooperative funds among all causes supported by Georgia Baptists.

2015 BUDGET DIRECTIONS AND PROCEDURES

1. In order for church staff members to receive GuideStone Protection Benefits provided by the Georgia Baptist Convention their church must give at least \$420 per plan participant annually through the Cooperative Program.

2. All Georgia Baptist Convention institutions provided for in the budget shall submit an annual declaration of indebtedness to the Administration Committee which shall be reported to the September Executive Committee meeting.

3. All interests provided for in the budget are instructed to keep all funds and designated gifts sacred to the trust and designation.

4. Should receipts available for the 2015 Cooperative Program Budget exceed the amount required to discharge the Convention's commitments, the excess balance shall be disbursed by direction of the Executive Director with approval of the Administration Committee.

5. Georgia Baptist Churches may exclude up to two Cooperative Program Budget line items and still have their gifts remain "Cooperative Program" upon written notification to the Executive Director with a copy of the official church action.

6. Only institutions and agencies in cooperation with the Georgia Baptist Convention shall participate in, benefit from or receive funds approved in the 2015 Cooperative Program Budget. An institution or agency is not in cooperation with the Convention if it: (a) is not a participating or cooperating institution or agency of the Georgia Baptist Convention, or ceases to be a Georgia Baptist Convention institution or agency, as may be determined from time to time by the Convention; or (b) violates or fails to follow or comply with any terms, conditions or provisions set out in the 2015 Cooperative Program Budget. In any such case, the Georgia Baptist Convention shall determine where to direct or how to use any funds, payments, or any other benefits relating to such institution or agency, and the Convention may direct that such funds be transferred to or designated for the benefit of any one or more of the Convention's other cooperating institutions, agencies, programs and/or ministries.

7. All Georgia Baptist Convention institutions, agencies or program entities that receive funding through the 2015 Cooperative Program Budget may not solicit from the churches of the Convention by direct appeal, special offerings, or any other direct funding promotion. Institutions and agencies supported by the 2015 Cooperative Program Budget may raise funds in support of their ongoing work or capital needs from friends, alumni, interested individuals, foundations or corporations who wish to support the values and interests of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

2015 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that in support of Georgia Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries, the 2015 Cooperative Program goal be \$40,400,000.

2. It is recommended that the following special seasons of prayer and offerings be approved as an integral part of the 2015 program:

- North American Missions Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 1-8, 2015
- Children's Home Day Offering, May 10, 2015
- Senior Adult Ministries Day Offering, July 19, 2015
- Mission Georgia Offering Emphasis, September 2015
- Thankful Hearts Sunday (Health Care Ministry Foundation) Offering, November 18, 2015
- International Missions Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis, Nov 29 -Dec 6, 2015

3. It is recommended that individual Georgia Baptists be urged to respond with renewed commitment of life and resources to Christ for service in evangelizing Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

4. It is recommended that churches strengthen the extension of their ministry by increasing their Cooperative Program gifts by at least 1 percent per year.

5. We recommend that every pastor in Georgia become a Cooperative Missions Champion – an advocate in his church for mission education and mission giving through the Cooperative Program. In addition, churches are encouraged to utilize the services and materials available to them through the Georgia Baptist Convention Cooperative Program and Stewardship office.

6. It is recommended that the Mission Georgia Offering goal for 2015 be \$1,750,000.