

2015 ANNUAL REPORT
GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION

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RESOURCES
2016 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET



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\$40,600,000

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION MINISTRIES

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM **42.00%** **\$17,052,000**

Disbursements*

International Mission Board	8,595,913
North American Mission Board	3,886,151
Theological Education Ministries	3,778,723
Facilitating Ministries/SBC Operating	509,855
Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries	<u>281,358</u>
Total	\$17,052,000

*Disbursements based on SBC Executive Committee Budget

GEORGIA BAPTIST MISSION EXTENSION MINISTRIES

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM **11.85%** **\$4,812,500**

Disbursements

Colleges/Universities	
Shorter University	2,000,000
Brewton-Parker College	1,000,000
Truett-McConnell College	1,000,000
Ministerial Education Fund	200,000
Education Commission	<u>12,500</u>
	4,212,500



Baptist Village	250,000
Baptist Retirement Communities of Georgia	250,000
Georgia Baptist Foundation	<u>100,000</u>
Total	\$ 4,812,500

GEORGIA BAPTIST CONVENTION MINISTRIES

FUNDING SOURCES FOR MINISTRY

Cooperative Program	46.15%	\$18,735,500
Mission Georgia Offering		1,450,000
Cooperative Agreements		522,768
Investment, Registration & Other Income		<u>1,115,601</u>
Total		\$21,823,869



Disbursements

Administrative Services	\$950,206
Business Services	2,131,407
Communications & Cooperative Program Promotions	1,825,184
<i>The Christian Index</i>	465,582
Woman's Missionary Union/Women's Enrichment Ministries	817,139
Evangelism & Church Revitalization	1,010,191
Church Planting	2,228,777
Collegiate Ministries	3,819,386
Church Ministries	5,845,027
Benevolent Ministries	168,833
Conference Centers	535,000
Executive Committee/Annual Convention	<u>2,027,136</u>
Total	\$21,823,869

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.

RECOMMENDED 2016 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET SUMMARY

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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.

2016 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 2016 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 2016 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 2016 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 insitutions, agencies, programs and/or ministries.
7. All Georgia Baptist Convention insitutions, agencies or program entities that receive funding through the 2016 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 2016 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.

2016 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

1. It is recommended that in support of Georgia Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries, the 2016 Cooperative Program goal be \$40,600,000.
2. It is recommended that the following special seasons of prayer and offerings be approved as an integral part of the 2016 program:
 - North American Missions Week of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, March 6-13, 2016
 - Children's Home Day Offering, May 8, 2016
 - Senior Adult Ministries Day Offering, July 17, 2016
 - Mission Georgia Offering Emphasis, September 2016
 - Thankful Hearts Sunday (Health Care Ministry Foundation) Offering, November 20, 2016
 - International Missions Week of Prayer and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Emphasis, December 4-11, 2016
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 2016 be \$1,750,000.