

# Cooperative Program & Designated Giving to Georgia Baptist and Southern Baptist ministries

Whether you are new to Baptist life or unfamiliar with the Cooperative Program, this snapshot will help you understand how your church may choose to participate in Kingdom-work through the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and the SBC. Each local church determines how to give, and more than one path may be chosen.

## APPROVED GIVING PATHWAYS

To satisfy the requirement for designation as a cooperating church, a church may choose to make its contribution in one of the following ways:

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### Cooperative Program

Contributions to the Cooperative Program are divided between Georgia Baptist causes (60%) and national Southern Baptist Convention ("SBC") causes such as IMB, NAMB, ERLC, and SBC seminaries (40%).

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### Restricted Cooperative Program

Contributions to the Restricted Cooperative Program are distributed using the same distribution ratio as in Section 5(a) above, but a giving church may expressly omit from its contribution up to two (2) causes, whether such causes are SBC or Georgia Baptist in origin.

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### Only to Georgia Baptist Convention Causes

Contributions only to Georgia Baptist Convention Causes are distributed among the GBMB and Convention Institutions as defined in Article IX, Section 1.

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### Only to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Contributions only to the GBMB, which are used to support the operating budget of the GBMB.

## Qualifications for sending messengers to the Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

- Being a cooperating church by having given a minimum of \$500 to any or a combination of the four approved giving pathways in the previous calendar year and having submitted the Annual Church Profile for the previous year (allows two messengers).
- Each additional \$800 given to any or a combination of the four approved giving pathways or other approved Convention causes allows an additional messenger for up to 15 total.
- See Article 2, Section 4 of the Georgia Baptist Convention Bylaws for more details at gabaptist.org.

## Qualifications for sending messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

Contributions through the Cooperative Program or giving to SBC entities is used to calculate messengers. Please refer to SBC article 3 in the Constitution on SBC.net.



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