

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 helps you understand how your church can participate in Kingdom work through the Georgia Baptist Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention. Every local church determines both the amount to give and how to give, and more than one path may be chosen.

APPROVED GIVING PATHWAYS

To be a Cooperating Georgia Baptist Church, a church must complete an Annual Church Profile and contribute at least \$500 annually in one or more of the following ways:

1

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%).

2

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.

3

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.

4

Only to the Georgia Baptist Mission Board

Contributions only to the GBMB used to support the operating budget and/or to the state missions offering for Mission Georgia.

Qualifications for sending messengers to the Georgia Baptist Convention Annual Meeting

- Being a cooperating church by having given a minimum of \$500 annually 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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