

Article XI. Evangelism and Missions

It is the duty and privilege of every follower of Christ and of every church of the Lord Jesus Christ to endeavor to make disciples of all nations. The new birth of man's spirit by God's Holy Spirit means the birth of love for others. Missionary effort on the part of all rests thus upon a spiritual necessity of the regenerate life, and is expressly and repeatedly commanded in the teachings of Christ. The Lord Jesus Christ has commanded the preaching of the gospel to all nations. It is the duty of every child of God to seek constantly to win the lost to Christ by verbal witness undergirded by a Christian lifestyle, and by other methods in harmony with the gospel of Christ.

Genesis 12:1-3; Exodus 19:5-6; Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 9:37-38; 10:5-15; 13:18-30, 37-43; 16:19; 22:9-10; 24:14; 28:18-20; Luke 10:1-18; 24:46-53; John 14:11-12; 15:7-8,16; 17:15; 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2:8:26-40; 10:42-48; 13:2-3; Romans 10:13-15; Ephesians 3:1-11; 1 Thessalonians 1:8; 2 Timothy 4:5; Hebrews 2:1-3; 11:39-12:2; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Revelation 22:17.

The Cooperative Program is "Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving through which cooperating Southern Baptist churches give a percentage of their undesignated receipts in support of their respective state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention missions and ministries."

Funds for the Cooperative Program are used to finance the North American Mission Board (namb.net), International Mission Board (imb.org), the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC), and the six Southern Baptist seminaries in America (Southern, Southeastern, Midwestern, Southwestern, Gateway, and New Orleans), and the Executive Committee of the SBC.

Breakdown of the SBC Cooperative Program:

International Mission Board	<u>50.41%</u>
North American Mission Board	<u>22.79%</u>
Six Southern Baptist Seminaries	<u>22.16%</u>
Executive Committee of the SBC	<u>2.99%</u>
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission	<u>1.65%</u>

The Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 is \$190,000,000.00

If that amount is given it would be equal to:

International Mission Board	50.41%	<u>\$95,779,000.00</u>
North American Mission Board	22.79%	<u>\$43,301,000.00</u>
Six Southern Baptist Seminaries	22.16%	<u>\$42,104,000.00</u>
Executive Committee of the SBC	2.99%	<u>\$5,681,000.00</u>
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission	1.65%	<u>\$3,135,000.00</u>

Breakdown of the 2022 MS Baptist Convention Budget

MS Baptist Convention Board	<u>33.68%</u>
Mississippi Agencies and Institutions	<u>25.50%</u>
Church Retirement and Protection	<u>1.82%</u>
Southern Baptist Convention CP	<u>39%</u>

The Budget for the 2022 MS Baptist Convention is \$30,231,786

If that amount is given it would be equal to:

MS Baptist Convention Board	33.68%	<u>\$10,183,889.00</u>
Mississippi Agencies and Institutions	25.50%	<u>\$7,707,000.00</u>
Church Retirement and Protection	1.82%	<u>\$550,500.00</u>
Southern Baptist Convention CP	39%	<u>\$11,790,397.00</u>

2022 Harrisburg Baptist Church Budget is \$3,643,393.00

If that amount is given Harrisburg would contribute \$440,000.00 to the Cooperative Program through the MS Baptist Convention.

Breakdown of Harrisburg CP giving through the MS Baptist Convention

MS Baptist Convention Board	33.68%	<u>\$148,192.00</u>
Mississippi Agencies and Institutions	25.50%	<u>\$112,200.00</u>
MS Church Retirement and Protection	1.82%	<u>\$8,008.00</u>
Southern Baptist Convention CP	39%	<u>\$171,600.00</u>

Breakdown of Harrisburg CP giving to the Southern Baptist Convention

International Mission Board	50.41%	<u>\$86,503.56</u>
North American Mission Board	22.79%	<u>\$39,107.64</u>
Six Southern Baptist Seminaries	22.16%	<u>\$38,026.56</u>
Executive Committee of the SBC	2.99%	<u>\$5,130.84</u>
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission	1.65%	<u>\$2,831.40</u>

So what do these dollars represent?

International Mission Board

Total Field Personnel	3,596
New Believers in 2021	144,322
Pastors Trained	20,750
Advanced Theological Training	51,101
New Churches	18,380
Baptisms	86,587

NAMB (#'s from 2020)

New Churches Planted	588
Church planting residencies	58 churches offering a residency program for planters
Evangelism/ Who's Your One?	

Missionaries	2,218
Chaplains	3,720

Six Seminaries

The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, KY
 Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, NC
 New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in New Orleans, LA
 Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, TX
 Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, MO
 Gateway Seminary in Fremont, CA

Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission is an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention. The ERLC is dedicated to engaging the culture with the gospel of Jesus Christ and speaking to issues in the public square for the protection of religious liberty and human flourishing. Our vision can be summed up in three words: kingdom, culture and mission.

1. Assist Churches in applying the moral and ethical teachings of the Bible to the Christian life. *Provide research, information resources, consultation, and counsel to denominational entities, churches and individuals with regard to the application of Christian principles in everyday living and the nation's public life.*
2. Assist churches through the communication and advocacy of moral and ethical concerns in the public arena. *Represent Southern Baptists in communicating the ethical positions of the Southern Baptist Convention to the public and to public officials.*
3. Assist churches in their moral witness in local communities. *Provide information resources that inform and equip churches for active moral witness in their communities.*
4. Assist churches and other Southern Baptist entities by promoting religious liberty. *Provide information and counsel to denominational entities, churches, and individuals regarding appropriate responses to religious liberty concerns; represent Southern Baptists in communicating the positions of the Southern Baptist Convention on religious liberty issues to the public and to public officials.*

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is comprised of [86 representatives](#) chosen from qualified states and regions, and acts on behalf of the Convention between sessions. Executive Committee officers are elected from these representatives.

Although the Executive Committee does not control or direct the activities of Convention agencies, it reviews their financial statements and recommends the Convention annual operating budget. In addition, it receives and distributes the monies Southern Baptists give in support of denominational ministries, acts as the recipient and trust agency for all Convention properties, and provides public relations and news services.

The Executive Committee also performs other tasks assigned by the SBC, and promotes the general work of Southern Baptists. To carry out these duties, the Committee employs an [executive and professional staff](#) in its Nashville offices.