

Giving to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Baptist General Convention of Texas

The following illustrations are to help your church as it decides how to support the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program in light of the defunding of SBC ministries in the Baptist General Convention of Texas adopted budget (Texas Preferred Budget).

Sample 1 Giving through the Traditional Plan

The traditional Cooperative Program plan distributes 67% for Texas ministries and 33% for worldwide ministries. If the box beside “SBC” is checked, the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program will receive that percentage of your church’s gift for missions. Most churches have given by this standard method, which divides each CP dollar as below:

BGCT Portion (67%)

Strengthen and Start Churches	\$0.196
Minister to Human Needs	0.081
Equip God’s People and Develop Christian Families	0.286
Missions and Ministry Support	0.105
BGCT Other	0.002

SBC Portion (33%)

Support International Missionaries	0.165
Evangelize and Plant Churches in North America	0.075
Train Ministers and Missionaries	0.071
SBC Other	0.018

Total \$1.00

You can see even in this plan, the state convention ministries receive twice as much of the CP gift as the worldwide ministries.

If you want to keep supporting missionaries and seminary students as you have in the past, this traditional CP plan is a good choice.

Sample 2 Giving More to the SBC

Some churches in Texas have inquired as to how they may give more than 33% of their CP gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention because they desire to give more to worldwide missions causes. To do this, check “other” on your BGCT remittance card, mark the “SBC” space, and indicate the amount of your check you want to be forwarded to the SBC. It can be as large a percent as you want. The BGCT has promised to forward it to us according to your instructions.

It is important to remember that the Executive Committee does not stockpile money or retain surpluses. Every dollar received is distributed to the mission boards, seminaries, and agencies within five days of its receipt.

Giving to the Southern Baptist Convention through the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention

Some Texas churches are choosing to give through the new Southern Baptists of Texas Convention, which will forward 51% of your CP gifts to the SBC for all our ministries.

You may contact them at the following address, phone number, or e-mail address for the remittance form depicted here:

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention
 P.O. Box 168585
 Irving, Texas 75016-8585
 972-953-0878
<http://www.sbtexas.com/>
sbtexas@sprynet.com

If you wish to give a larger percent to the Southern Baptist Convention (up to 100% of your church's Cooperative Program gift), the SBCT will handle this for you even if you are not affiliated with their convention. Simply contact them for instructions.

2001 SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OF TEXAS GIFT FORM

Church Name _____
 Your Name/Title _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Phone (_____) _____
 Fax (_____) _____
 E-mail _____

1 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (REPORTED AS CP GIFTS)
 [Cooperative Program funds will be distributed based on the current year budget percentages. The 2001 percentage is 51% to the Southern Baptist Convention and 49% to the Southern Baptists of Texas Convention.]

\$ _____

2 SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Little Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions \$ _____
 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions \$ _____
 World Hunger Fund \$ _____
 SBTC State Mission Offering \$ _____
 The Texas (state convention paper) \$ _____
 Other _____ \$ _____
 Other _____ \$ _____

*Thank you for your voluntary CP/Missions gifts.
 Please return this form w/ your gift to:*

Southern Baptists of Texas Convention
 P.O. Box 168585 • Las Colinas • Irving, Texas 75016-8585
 Web page: www.sbtexas.com • E-mail: sbtexas@sprynet.com
 (972)953-0878

\$ _____
TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED
 Total of 1 & 2

1 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM
 [Cooperative Program budget percentages]

\$ XXXX.00

Write in the dollar amount of your check.

Some churches are choosing to send their CP gift directly to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for distribution to the SBC entities. Although Cooperative Program gifts from the churches traditionally come to us through a state convention, you can give directly to the Executive Committee if one of the other methods doesn't suit your needs. Simply send a letter with your first remittance indicating your church's decision to give directly to the SBC.

We know that your generous support for the Cooperative Program is voluntary, and we are grateful for it. And we pledge to be good stewards of every gift, using it in kingdom ministry on your behalf. If you have questions about your decision about CP giving, please call us at 800.722.9407.