

2023 Missions Gifts Remittance Form

Instructions: Please enter the amount of your Cooperative Program gift for this remittance on the first line below. You may choose to exclude up to three (3) budget items and still have the gift qualify as Cooperative Program support ¹. Churches may also choose to designate a portion of this amount for theological education at Campbell and Garner-Webb divinity schools and for Mission: Dignity (formerly Adopt-an-Annuitant) by checking the appropriate box below the Cooperative Program amount ². All special offerings and non-CP designated missions gifts should be included on the remittance lines below the Cooperative Program gift line. Then please calculate the total amount of your enclosed check and provide the appropriate contact name and number.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Baptist State Convention of North Carolina PO Box 1107, Cary, NC 27512-1107

Church Name: _____

Church Number _____

Address: _____

Date _____

Cooperative Program support 51001 \$ _____

Exclusions (if any) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____

Please designate 2% of the Cooperative Program support above for the following:

Mission: Dignity (formerly Adopt-an-Annuitant) 2%
 Scholarship support for Campbell and Gardner-Webb divinity schools. 2%

NC Missions Offering 55001 \$ _____

World Hunger 59500 \$ _____

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions 56050 \$ _____

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions 56080 \$ _____

NC Baptist Hospital 57500 \$ _____

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina 56500 \$ _____

Baptists On Mission/NCBM 55124 \$ _____

Woman's Missionary Union 55200 \$ _____

Other special missions gifts not listed above: _____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

_____ \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \$ \$ _____

Please provide an individual's name and daytime phone number, should we have questions regarding this:

Name: _____ Phone (daytime): _____

¹ Gifts which negatively designate the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) shall not be considered Cooperative Program gifts. Gifts which negatively designate the Southern Baptist Convention will not be reported to the SBC as qualifying gifts for SBC messenger status, but will qualify the church for BSCNC messenger status.

² These designated funds will not be considered Cooperative Program gifts. Theological education designated funds will be added to the scholarship endowment at the NC Baptist Foundation for Campbell and Gardner-Webb divinity schools. Mission: Dignity designated funds will be sent to the reserve to assist retired NC Baptist pastors and surviving spouses through Guide Stone's Mission: Dignity program.

**IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE COMPLETING THIS FORM, PLEASE CALL THE ACCOUNTING TEAM AT
 1-800-395-5102 ext. 5588 or 919-459-5588**

Please make a copy for your records.

How do I make “exclusions” in my church’s Cooperative Program gifts?

Many churches have asked for more info about how to use the “exclusions” line on our remittance form to negatively designate certain ministries within the Cooperative Program budget. As you know, our financial policies allow a church to exclude up to 3 items in the budget and the gift still qualify as Cooperative Program receipts. However, there are limitations regarding what budget items can be excluded, so we’re providing this explanation for you. Here’s what you need to know:

- 1) You may only exclude items that are in OUR (Baptist State Convention) budget – that means you can exclude any institution or agency in our budget (Southern Baptist Convention, Biblical Recorder, Foundation, Baptist Children’s Home, etc.) but NOT a specific item in THEIR budget. So you cannot exclude a PART of the SBC budget, or Children’s Homes budget – i.e. you cannot exclude NAMB, IMB, ERLC, a Seminary, or a particular residential home of the BCH, or the salaries of Foundation employees, etc. We do not approve THEIR budgets – you can decide to exclude the whole entity, but not “parts” of those entities. If, for example, you write NAMB on the exclusions line, we will only convey to the SBC Executive Committee that a church indicated its desire to exclude NAMB from \$XXX dollars in Cooperative Program support, but it will be up to the SBC Executive Committee on how that is handled, and the gift from the church will be considered Cooperative Program giving without exclusions.
- 2) You may exclude Convention ministry items on the “Team” or “Group” level only. Therefore you could exclude “Church Planting” but not “Church Planting Staff Salaries”; or you could exclude “Mission Catalysts” but not “Region 4 Mission Catalyst”; or you could exclude “Operations Group” but not “Utilities”.
- 3) Churches may exclude the Baptist State Convention as a whole, which means the entire gift will go to the Southern Baptist Convention; BUT those gifts do NOT qualify as Cooperative Program gifts – they will simply be considered designated gifts to the SBC.

Frankly, our prayer is that fewer and fewer churches will use negative designations in the years to come (it represents only a few percent of our total receipts). We allow it because we value church autonomy so greatly – but we also believe that it undermines a spirit of “Cooperation” as it relates to Southern Baptist Life. We accomplish SO much together and the Cooperative Program is still the most efficient and effective missions funding strategy in the world. The Kingdom grows when we focus on what we can agree to do together; it is stifled when we focus on the things about which we don’t agree!

As always, our Operations Group and Accounting Team exists to serve our churches and the Mission. Please don’t hesitate to reach out if we can assist you in any way!