



Your Church and the Greater Boston Baptist Association

Together Strengthening the Church and Advancing the Kingdom

Advancing the Kingdom Together

As a committed Christian leader in your local church, you share with your pastor a desire to see your congregation healthy and growing. The Greater Boston Baptist Association exists to help you fulfill this desire.

The Greater Boston Baptist Association has purposed “to facilitate, equip, encourage and resource the churches as they fulfill the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.”

Here’s how . . .

Greater Boston Baptist Association Ministries

Strengthening Your Pastor and Staff

- Leadership skills development
- Encouragement of Pastoral families
- Mentoring Church Planters
- Theological Education on site in New England
- Licensing & Ordination
- Assist in placement
- Emergency & crisis funds

Strengthening Your Congregation

- Consulting and Training
 - * Evangelism and Missions
 - * Sunday School, Discipleship, and Stewardship
 - * Church Strengthening and Growth
 - * International Ministry to Collegiates
 - * Church building concerns and space studies
- Retreat Assistance (Leadership, Program, Location)
- Baptist Men’s and Women’s Ministries
- Food & clothing ministries
- Partnership Missions
- Interim Transitional Pastors
- Training of Pastoral Search Committees
- BCNE Youth and Children’s camps

Advancing the Kingdom of Jesus Christ

- Vision Casting and Goal Setting
- Denominational, Convention, Association, and Partnership involvement
- Financial Support for Church Planters and New Churches
- Supervision and Support for New Church Plants and Church Restarts
- Statistical and Demographic Study Resources
- Assistance with Missions Promotion and Education
- On Mission Celebrations – Planning and Scheduling
- Annual Associational and Annual BCNE Meetings

How the Greater Boston Baptist Association is Funded

The GBBA is funded through the Cooperative Program and a simple formula for local churches based on the biblical principle of proportionate giving. Each church is encouraged to tithe: giving at least 10% of the church's general offerings, excluding designated gifts, mission offerings and building funds.

5% is sent to BCNE for the Cooperative Program and

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Many churches give more than 10% as God blesses and grows their congregation. Through your contribution, you join with your sister churches in GBBA in advancing the Kingdom of Christ.

The major portion of our funding for Church Planting comes through the Cooperative Program and is dispensed by the North American Mission Board and the Baptist Convention of New England. The salaries of the Staff are supported through this channel and supplemented by the Association.

Special gifts placed with the Baptist Foundation of New England provide capital to help with church growth, new missions, new buildings, and construction/repairs of existing buildings. The Foundation provides investment opportunities for donors and sources of capital for expanding church ministries.

The Greater Boston Baptist Association provides timely and contextualized professional and personal support to:

- help your pastor become a more effective leader
- help your church grow and fulfill the Great Commission
- assist your church in effectively proclaiming the Gospel in your community and the world beyond

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**HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE
GREATER BOSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

(Taken from the GBBA Constitution)

- A. Membership into the Association shall include the following elements:
1. Theological: The church shall have specified within its adopted Statement of Faith and Practice and/or governing documents, a declaration that the basis for its theology, faith, practice and polity is the Bible, with the Baptist Faith and Message, or any other declaration of faith which parallels the tenets of our historic Baptist faith, as the theological framework.
 2. Declaration: The church shall, in a regular business session, by an affirmative vote express its intent and commitment to cooperate and be affiliated with the Greater Boston Baptist Association.
 3. Financial: The church shall annually make a \$500 financial contribution to the Association and give evidence of their participation in the Cooperative Program.
 4. Statistical: The church shall provide an annual church statistical profile which demonstrates its associational cooperation and partnership with other local Baptist churches.
- B. Churches desiring to become members in the Association shall present their written request to the Credentials Committee at least three months before the Annual or Semi-annual meetings of the Association. The request shall include a copy of their constitution and by-laws, covenant to fulfill the requirements for membership, and record of the vote of the congregation to voluntarily cooperate with the Association. The Credentials Committee shall make its recommendation(s) at the annual and semi-annual meetings of the Association.