

The Cooperative Program

The Cooperative Program is a financial channel through which mission dollars are combined into a unified budget to support Southern Baptist Convention missionary, education and benevolent ministries in each state (California), across the United States and throughout the world.

Through the Cooperative Program about 10,000 missionaries are supported in the United States and in more than 100 international settings. Also supported are six Southern Baptist seminaries which educate more than 13,500 students.

Gifts for 2021 are earmarked for these entities:

- California Southern Baptist Convention – 62 percent
- Southern Baptist Convention – 35 percent
- California Baptist University – 2 percent
- The Baptist Foundation of California – 1 percent

Here's how it works.

It all starts with you! You give back to the Lord a portion of what He has provided for you. This may be your tithe (10% of your income) or an offering. Share this gift with your local church.

Each year, your church prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be sent to California Southern Baptist Convention for the Cooperative Program. With more than 2,300 CSBC churches, the Cooperative Program helps expand your church's mission efforts to the entire world.

California Southern Baptist Convention decides what percentage of CP gifts will be designated for ministries to reach California for Christ. CP gifts that remain in California are used for beginning new congregations, evangelizing the lost, revitalizing churches, small church ministries and disaster relief. We also provide gifts for Christian education at California Baptist University and for The Baptist Foundation of California to raise, manage and distribute financial resources for Kingdom causes.

CSBC sends the remaining CP gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention for world missions. Most of these gifts fund the strategies of the International and North American Mission Boards, including deployment and support for nearly 10,000 missionaries. Six SBC seminaries (including Gateway Seminary in California) and the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission also are supported through the Cooperative Program.