

Why Join A State Convention?



GREAT COMMISSION
BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

WHO IS HELPING YOUR CHURCH GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES, CHURCHES, & MISSION?

We believe that ministry is not meant to be done in isolation. We know that ministry in the local church can be lonely and that those you lead are not always able to understand the unique challenges of ministry.

HOW CAN GCBSC HELP YOU TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP IN MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES, CHURCHES, & MISSION?

A state convention is an effective way to cooperate with like-minded churches to further the Great Commission. Linking arms allows us to strengthen each other and to accelerate our cooperative investment in building Christ's kingdom by pooling resources.

PARTNER WITH GCBSC FOR GREATER MINISTRY IMPACT

Don't go it alone. Partner with like-minded churches to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ together. Here are the six basic steps to joining GCBSC.

1. CONTACT GCBSC TO DISCUSS AFFILIATION

The first step to affiliating with Great Commission Baptist State Convention is determining compatibility of doctrines and ministry practice.

2. CONFIRM UNAFFILIATED STATUS

Inform your current denomination or state Baptist convention office that your church wishes to no longer affiliate with them.

3. OFFICIAL DECISION BY YOUR LEADERSHIP

Your church leadership team must officially vote to A) affirm the Baptist Faith and Message, B) affiliate with GCBSC, C) financially support the Cooperative Program, and D) submit an ACP report each year.

4. CONTACT GCBSC ABOUT DECISION

After your church leadership team makes an official decision, inform the GCBSC office of this decision.

5. SBC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Every church must have an SBCID#. GCBSC staff will either create a new one or inform the national office of change in state convention affiliation.

6. AFFILIATION PROCESS COMPLETED

Our staff will inform your church when the affiliation process is complete and discuss the next steps to getting your church connected with our fellowship of church leaders.



LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO JOIN GCBSC AT: **WWW.GCBSC.ORG**



BENEFITS OF CONVENTION PARTNERSHIP

WE BELIEVE WE CAN DO MORE FOR THE GOSPEL BY PARTNERING TOGETHER

In addition to the fellowship of partnering with like minded church leaders to do greater ministry, there are many advantages and practical benefits to affiliating with GCBSC.

HOW CAN GCBSC HELP YOU TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP IN MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES, CHURCHES, & MISSION?

FOR CHURCHES

We believe that the local church is God's "Plan A" for reaching all nations with the gospel. GCBSC supports church leadership teams through resources and coaching to accelerate church health, discipleship, leadership development, and gospel-centered vision.

1. CHURCH STRATEGY & VISION COACHING

- Church Unique Team Vision Process
- StratOp Team Strategy Coaching

2. CHURCH PLANTING PARTNERSHIP

- Church Planter Assessment & Training
- 4 Years of Financial Support for Church Plant

3. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Tuition scholarship at SBC seminaries
- \$100 conference scholarships for 10 youth

4. CHURCH HEALTH SUPPORT

- Pulpit Supply
- Church Conflict Resolution

5. REVITALIZATION & REPLANTING ASSISTANCE

- Unstuck Church Online Courses
- Transition Coaching

6. COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

- Communications & Website Coaching
- Ministry Grants through Iowa Ministry Fund

FOR PASTORS & LEADERS

Pastors and church leaders are the ones on the front lines of ministry fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. GCBSC exists to help church leaders move forward in multiplying disciples, churches, and mission.

1. PERSONAL FINANCES COACHING

- Ramsey+ Personal Finance Membership Site
- Ron Blue Financial Planning

2. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

- Guidestone Retirement Account
- Retirement Benefit for Pastors (\$240/year)

3. INSURANCE BENEFITS

- Disability Benefit
- Life Insurance Benefit

4. PEER LEARNING GROUPS

- Peer Learning Groups
- Pastor Cohorts

5. CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Workshops & Conferences
- Funds for Conferences or Classes (\$400/year)

6. PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT

- LifePlan Coaching Process
- Overseas Missions Vision Trip Scholarships