

Recommendation to Associations

We understand that merging two associations together is a large undertaking. We also understand that it takes a long time to get all legal matters taken care of in proper order. We realize that the deadline of having all documents prepared and ready for an official vote at the time of each annual meeting was an almost impossible task. It is still the desire of the Task Force to do all of the proceedings in the most upstanding and God honoring way. After hearing from the congregations at Town Hall Meetings, through various communication avenues and private meetings, we are recommending that we move forward with the merging of Grand Crossings Baptist Association and Mid Missouri Baptist Association through the following proposals:

1. The Joint Task Force of GCBA and MMBA proposes that the two associations merge together under the proper legal proceedings advised by legal council and for it to take place when all legal matters are finalized. The exact process and timeline cannot be known at this time, but this vote would be to affirm the workings of the Task Force, including the proposed Constitution, Bylaws and Core Values, and vote to combine the two associations.
2. By the recommendation of the Joint Task Force, we propose that GCBA extend all of the services of their DOM, Preston Thompson, to MMBA to serve as their DOM, under a contract decided upon by both Leadership Teams. This contract will begin on January 1st, 2020 and conclude at the full legal merger of the two associations or by the vote of either Executive Board due to a breach of that contract. Along with providing the services of a DOM, the purpose of this contract is to bring the two associations together as one in the transitional period.
3. The Joint Task Force proposes to both GCBA and MMBA, that the Task Force now be tasked as the Transitional Team to complete the combining of the two associations. This team will continue the work upon the approval vote of each association. Furthermore, the Transitional Team will have the authority to carry out the logistics merger with the authority and final vote coming at a special called full association meeting of both associations.