



California Southern Baptist Convention & Sacramento Region Baptist Network MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Dear Church,

We are so excited that you are considering joining the California Southern Baptist Convention (CSBC) and the Sacramento Region Baptist Network (SRBN)! The Sacramento Region Baptist Network rests under the umbrella of the California Southern Baptist Convention, so you will need to join both entities at the same time.

Please read and complete this entire packet. Please attach a copy of each of the following with your application:

- _____ Your church's Bylaws (required)
- _____ Your church's Constitution (if adopted)
- _____ Pastor's Resume
- _____ Your church's Statement of Faith (if adopted)
- _____ A Brief Church History
- _____ Resolution of Affiliation with the CSBC, signed by your church's governing body (i.e. Leadership Board, Congregation, etc.) indicating their agreement to join the CSBC and SRBN.
- _____ New Church Plants: Please attach letter from your sponsor church

In this application, you'll find:

- **Application:** to join both the CSBC and the SRBN (pages 1-2)
- **Resolution of Affiliation** with the California Southern Baptist Convention (page 4)
- **The Cooperative Program:** information on the offerings and finances of the California Southern Baptist Convention, our Network, and funding for North America and World Missions (pages 5-6)

Please return this completed application packet and supporting attachments to:

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Application

Church Information

Church Name: _____

Church Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Church Website URL: _____

Church Phone Number: _____

Date the Church was Organized/Constituted? _____

Does your church have any Denominational Affiliation(s)? If so, please list:

Statistical information requested to facilitate ministry to your church:

Current Membership: _____ Average Weekend Attendance: _____

Sunday School/Bible Study/Small Group Enrollment: _____

Number of Baptisms this Past Calendar Year: _____

Predominant Ethnicity (or list approximate percentages):

_____ African-American _____ Anglo _____ Chinese

_____ Hispanic _____ Korean _____ Other: _____

Primary Language Spoken in Worship Services/Bible Studies: _____

Pastor Information

Pastor's Name: _____

Pastor's Preferred Phone Number: _____

Pastor's Wife Name (if applicable): _____

Wife Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Pastor's Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Pastor's Email Address: _____

Is Your Current Pastor (check all that apply)... _____ Full-Time _____ Part-Time

_____ Paid _____ Volunteer _____ Bivocational



Please Complete the Following:

1. Why is your church seeking affiliation with California Southern Baptist Convention and the Sacramento Region Baptist Network?

2. Included in this packet is a copy of Southern Baptists' doctrinal statement, "The Baptist Faith and Message" (see pages 7-16). This is not a creed, but it reflects common beliefs held by Southern Baptists. Please read this document carefully. Is your church in agreement with this doctrinal statement? If not, please explain the areas with which you disagree.

3. The Southern Baptists use Associational Missions Giving, the California Mission Offering, and the Cooperative Program to support local, California, and world mission efforts (see pages 5-6). It is suggested that a church give 10% or more of undesignated offerings to mission causes beyond their own field. Will your church participate on a regular basis in Associational Missions Giving and the Cooperative Program?

4. Has your congregation's decision-making body discussed and voted to become Southern Baptist (see page 4)? Are you willing to host an orientation for your church to attend?



Resolution of Affiliation with the California Southern Baptist Convention

Whereas, we affirm that our church is in sympathy with the purposes of California Southern Baptist Convention as stated in Article II of its constitution; and

Whereas, we affirm that our church is in agreement with The Baptist Faith and Message as a statement consistent with our doctrinal beliefs; and

Whereas, we will faithfully support world mission causes by our mission gifts through the Cooperative Program with a regular contribution from our undesignated offerings; and

Whereas, we are a Great Commission congregation, committed to sharing Jesus Christ with the lost in California and to disciple those reached for Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, we will seek to share with California Southern Baptist Convention basic church statistics on a yearly basis by completing the CSBC Annual Church Profile (ACP); and

Whereas, we will seek to participate in our local Southern Baptist Association; now therefore be it

Resolved, that this church seeks affiliation by membership in California Southern Baptist Convention; and be it finally

Resolved, that our pastor engage in the membership process with California Southern Baptist Convention.

I hereby certify that I am the Secretary of _____ (church),
that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the resolution duly passed at the duly
organized meeting of _____ (church), held on the
_____ day of _____, 20_____, in
_____ (city), California.

Corporate Secretary

Date



Mission Funding System Explained

How Churches Fund the Work of Local, National, and International Shared Missions

Participating SBC Churches typically write two mission support checks. The amount is determined by your church. Many churches try to set aside 10% of their undesignated offerings for missions. Churches often budget from 1 to 4%, or a fixed amount, to the Network. Likewise, 5-6%, or a fixed amount is budgeted for the Cooperative Missions. The preferred frequency for the two checks is monthly. The Network contribution is mailed directly to the Network Office. The Cooperative Program check is mailed directly to the California Southern Baptist Convention 678 East Shaw Ave, Fresno, CA 93710. Online giving is also available.

Our Church plans to contribute \$_____ monthly to the Network.

Our Church plans to contribute \$_____ to the Cooperative Program.

Network Missions Support

The Network budget is managed by the Network Finance Committee and provides annual financial reports at its annual meeting along with its annual budget. The funds are used for...

- Church Planting
- Staff Support
- Church Strengthening
- Leadership Development and Monthly Ministry Coaching Networks
- Community Impact
- Missions to Mexico and more...



The Cooperative Program money goes to the California Southern Baptist Convention.

- 65% goes to our overall work in California and is managed by our California Southern Baptist Convention leadership.
- 35% is sent to the Executive Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, where it is distributed, along with cooperative program funds from all the other Baptist State Conventions.
 - International Missions Work (approximately 50%)
 - North America Mission work (approximately 24%)
 - 26% is distributed to our six seminaries, agencies, and boards
 - This is the largest missions endeavor in the Evangelical Church





Other Mission Opportunities for SBC Churches

Baptists are known for their generous missions' contributions. Many churches prefer to give over and above to reach the world for Christ. Several other optional missions' offerings are promoted to churches that is purely used for mission causes without any overhead taken out of the offerings.



LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering International Missions. A special offering promoted during the Christmas season, named after iconic China missionary, Lottie Moon. This offering goes to fund International Missions with no administrative overhead.

**ANNIE
ARMSTRONG**
EASTER OFFERING®

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. An offering promoted at Easter season, and named after iconic Baltimore missionary who worked with various Baltimore missionary organizations ministering to orphans, African Americans, Native Americans, Chinese Americans immigrants, and indigent women and families. This offering goes to fund North American Missions with no administrative overhead.



California Missions Offering. The California Mission Offering (CMO) is a special offering taken by California Southern Baptist Convention churches to support a variety of ministries aimed at winning people to Jesus in the Golden State.

All gifts collected through CMO directly support mission projects and ministries in the Golden State such as:

- Church Starting
- Evangelism and Healthy Churches
- Network mission projects
- Disaster Relief and other mission action projects
- Season of Prayer & promotion

Participating churches are free to give and participate in all mission efforts both locally and beyond. We are able to maintain a large national and international missionary force of over 8,000 full time missionaries through the system described above.