

Covenant United Partners Program

The Covenant United Partners Program (CUPP) is a revision all the Covenant Action Program. In the Covenant United Partners Program (CUPP), churches, associations, and state conventions are asked to financially support the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International. This means of support seeks to gain support for the Convention in three ways, monthly, registration at meetings, and registration during regional meetings.

The idea of monthly giving really needs to be the primary method of supporting the Convention. This is so because the Convention operates for twelve months. There are staff persons who work each day to keep records and keep constituents informed on what is taking place or will take place. Before one meeting is over, another meeting is already being planned. These are people who work behind the scenes on behalf of those who work out front. Despite how much work that might be done by volunteers, the Convention needs paid staff and the staff needs to be paid.

Another important factor in the need for monthly giving is the headquarters building in Dallas, Texas. Although there is no debt on the building, there is always maintenance to be done and utilities to be paid. The maintenance and utilities cannot be held off until there is a board meeting or an annual session of the Convention. Just as there are monthly bills, there is also a need for monthly support.

The Covenant United Partners Program (CUPP) is an opportunity for churches, associations, and state conventions to practice the four principles found in 1 Corinthians 16:2. Paul said, "On the first day of every week each one of you is to put aside and save, as he may prosper, so that no collections be made when I come" (1 Corinthians 16:2, NASB).

Churches, associations, and state conventions are asked to give systematically. The church at Corinth was encouraged to set aside and save on the first day of every week. Churches, associations, and state conventions are asked to support the Convention on whatever week that best fits their budget.

Churches, associations, and state conventions are asked to give voluntarily. The church at Corinth was asked individually put aside and save. Each church, associations, and state convention is asked to place the Covenant United Partners Program (CUPP) in their budget and send a check each month to the treasurer in Houston, Texas. This program is open to individual members of the Convention and auxiliaries to make commitments to become covenant partners along with the churches, associations, and state conventions.

Churches, associations, and state conventions are asked to give proportionately. Each church, association, and state convention is asked to give based on her ability to give on a monthly basis. There is no suggested amount. Proportionate giving demands churches, associations, and state conventions to look into their hearts and their available resources to determine their level of giving.

Finally, those member churches, associations, and state conventions that make up the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International are asked to give vitally. Vital giving is giving that is done to meet needs. This kind of giving is done when churches, associations, and state conventions listen to the needs of the Convention and join in partnership to meet those needs.

Another factor in the Covenant United Partners Program (CUPP) is registration at meetings of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc. International. Registration for the board meeting in February (the week following the fourth Sunday in February) and the annual session in June (the week following the fourth Sunday in June) are at three levels, \$1,000.00, \$500.00, and \$300.00. Registration at the board meeting and the annual session is necessary because these meetings exceed \$100,000.00 in expenses. This is due to the cost of having adequate meeting space.

The needs of the National Baptist Convention of America Inc. International make it necessary that that each church, association, and state convention become partners with one another as we seek to win the world for Christ, as we seek to reach the lost, the least, and the last.

Will you become a partner today?

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