

SECTION IV REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

In February 2017 the BRN transitioned from interim Executive Director, Dr. Stanley Smith, to calling Dr. Barry Whitworth as the new Executive Director-Treasurer (EDT). At his first board meeting as EDT, Barry shared his heart and discussed his vision for the BRN in the upcoming years. Barry shared that as a Convention, as churches and as individuals, our job is following God's leading. Yes, there are challenges in PA/SJ, starting with almost 14 million lost people just within our two states alone, but prayer can lead us over that mountain. Barry continued to share with the board that another challenge is the health of our churches within the BRN; over the next several months Barry and his Senior Leaders will be developing a strategy that will help our churches get healthy and/or remain healthy so they can get out into their communities.

The reality of our challenges came to life when we received an analysis report about our church plants over the last 15 years. PA/SJ had a net gain of eight churches during that time period. We need change, not for the sake of change, but for the sake of our future and for the sake of 14 million lost people who need to be told about Jesus Christ.

The BRN Senior Leaders presented several initiatives to the Executive Board to put into place and roll with for 2018. The BRN does everything through two filters – Kingdom and prayer. The vision is to encourage healthy churches that multiply. The mission will be to encourage partnering churches to practice the three Biblical behaviors of Missional Engagement, Intentional Discipleship, and Leadership Development so that they can become and/or remain healthy.

The Executive Board approved to present the Southern Baptist Executive Committee with a check in the amount of 10% of the proceeds from a recently sold BRN building. The check was presented to Dr. Frank Page during the November Annual Meeting, and we were also able to share with him and messengers that the board approved a higher percentage of CP dollars to be sent to the Southern Baptist Convention from PA/SJ starting in 2018.

As of November 2017, Cooperative Program giving was up; we ended the year 1.45% greater than the year before (2016). This represents the best Cooperative Program giving since 2009.

I shared many times that I was honored to serve on the Executive Board under the leadership of Drs. Waltz and Smith, but I'm very excited to be working with Barry under his leadership and with the new direction the BRN is headed!

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Brian Harrison
Executive Board President

EXECUTIVE BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT

January – September 2017

Income:

Cooperative Program	\$622,506
BRN Regions	\$154,770
North American Mission Board	\$714,455
Special Offerings	\$314,272
Other Income	<u>\$ 45,230</u>
Total Income	\$1,851,233

Expenses:

National CP & Special Offerings	\$386,659
Administration	\$401,031
Operations	\$108,802
Multipling Churches	\$509,067
Missional Living	\$148,950
Healthy Churches	<u>\$223,510</u>
Total Expenses	\$1,778,019

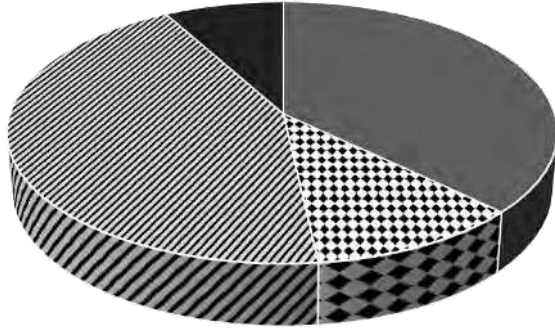
Notes for the January – September 2017 Financials:

1. Cooperative Program giving from Churches is up 2.6% over this time last year.
2. All expense areas are operating below budget to date.
3. The Executive Committee of the SBC has reported the following statistics about PA/S. Jersey according to their reporting on their Fiscal Year (October 2016 – September 2017). We say thank you to your church for giving!
 - a. PA/SJ giving to the National Cooperative Program increased by 2.31% over the previous fiscal year,
 - b. PA/SJ giving to Annie Armstrong Offering has increased by 21.5% over the previous fiscal year, and
 - c. PA/SJ giving to Lottie Moon Offering has increased by 1.7% over the previous fiscal year.
4. If you would like more detailed financial reports please see the Budget & Finance Chairperson or Andy Weber.

PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET

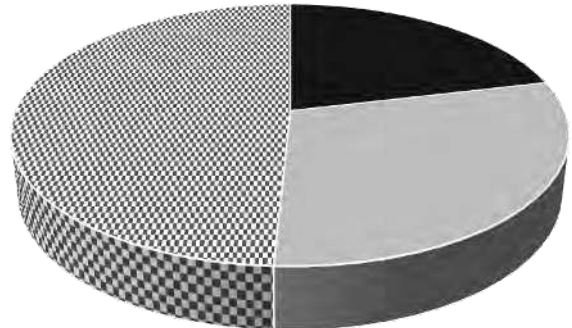
Baptist Resource Network of PA/SJ

2018 Anticipated Income



- Cooperative Program from Churches
- ◆ Special Offerings
- ▨ North American Mission Board Income
- Other BRN Income

2018 Anticipated Expenses



- National CP & Special Offerings
- Personnel & Hub Operations
- ▨ Church Servicing & Resourcing

Anticipated Income:

Cooperative Program from Churches	1,104,500
Special Offerings	330,000
North American Mission Board Income	1,300,000
Other BRN Income	238,500
Total Anticipated Income	2,973,000

Anticipated Expenses:

National CP & Special Offerings	632,500	21.3%
Personnel & Hub Operations	877,800	29.5%
Church Servicing & Resourcing	1,462,700	49.2%
Total Anticipated Expenses	2,973,000	100.0%

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Given at the Annual Meeting, November 2-3, 2017

The Committee on Committees recommends the following to serve on the standing committees for the year 2018:

CREDENTIALS AND ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Michael Mummert, Pastor, Lower Burrell Baptist Church (West Region)
Debbie Sechrist, Layperson, Country and Town Baptist Church (Central Region)
Don Woody, Pastor, Greencastle Baptist Church (Central Region)
Vacant
Vacant

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Phil Ginyard, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Swedesboro (South Jersey)
Alonzo Johnson, Pastor, Believers Bible Fellowship (Philadelphia Region)
Carol Reynolds, Layperson, Bread of Life Baptist Church (West Region)
Betsy Rubadue, Layperson, Emmanuel Christian Fellowship (Central Region)

PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE

Jim Herbert, Pastor, Emmanuel Christian Fellowship (Central Region)
Richard Krieg, Pastor, Red Land Baptist Church (Central Region)
Carrie Smith, Layperson, New Hope Baptist Church (West Region)
Vacant
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Given by:

2017 COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Jeffrey Harley, Chairman
Jim Herbert
Doug Pilot
Richard Wall

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In keeping with the Constitution and By-Laws, the 2017 Nominating Committee is submitting nominations for the Executive Board, the Constitution and By-Laws Committee, and for the offices of Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, Historian, and Parliamentarian as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Term Expiring 2020

Re-elect Larry Walker, Pastor, West Hills Baptist Church (West)
Re-elect Sue Crofutt, Layperson, Faith Baptist Church Emporium (West)
Re-elect Jason Hunter, Pastor, First Baptist Church Clarion (West)
Re-elect Jennifer Musser, Layperson, Bucks County Community Church (Philadelphia)
Elect Bruce Fidler, Layperson, Lighthouse Baptist Church (Philadelphia)
Elect Gibson Largent, Pastor, Pastor, Ridgeline Community Church (Philadelphia)
Elect Pusey Losch, Pastor, Mountain View Community Church (Central)
Elect Dennis Combs, Layperson, Valley Baptist Church (Central)
Re-elect Danilo Cosico, Layperson, SJ Bible Church International (South Jersey)
Elect Donnie Davis, Pastor, Amazing Grace Community Church (South Jersey)
Elect Buff McNickle, Pastor, Grace Falls Church (South Jersey)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 2020

Elect Bob Conrad as chairman, Pastor, Covenant Community Church (Central)

CONVENTION OFFICERS

Term Expiring 2018 (one-year term)

Elect as Recording Secretary, Antoinette Buie, Ezekiel Baptist Church (Philadelphia)
Elect as Assistant Recording Secretary, Sheila McConville, Stewartstown Baptist Church (Central)
Re-elect as Historian, Fred Boehlke, Layperson, Paoli Baptist Church (Philadelphia)
Re-elect as Parliamentarian, Jeff Slagle, Layperson, Mason Dixon Baptist Church (Central)

* *Pastor* represents Senior Pastor role or Wife of a Senior Pastor

Submitted by:
2017 Nominating Committee
John Toone, Chairman
Gary Cline
Bruce Fidler

PROGRAM AND ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE
Given at the Annual Meeting November 2-3, 2017.

The Program and Arrangements Committee moves that the program be approved as printed.

The Program and Arrangements Committee moves that the annual meeting convene in the Central Region on November 1-2, 2018.

Submitted by:
Program and Arrangements Committee
Jerry Cowan, Chairperson
Tim Dedman
Don Foose
Jake Pressley

Disaster Relief Report Baptist Resource Network - 2017

The following are PA/SJ Disaster Relief highlights for the calendar year 2017:

- 87 volunteers received basic DR training in Feeding, Chain Saw, and Flood Recovery, and Shower/Laundry
- 6 volunteers have received Chaplaincy Training
- 139 volunteers have been deployed to 4 in-state responses and 3 out-of-state responses, including 17 to Puerto Rico

In Pennsylvania, Chainsaw work was completed in Pittston following a Spring tornado. Flood recovery was done in Irvona/Coalport, Butler, and Uniontown. Six volunteers were deployed to Nederland and Cypress, TX to provide shower and laundry services while three more did recovery work in Houston. Our Feeding Unit, The Spirit of Grace, the Northeast PA Baptist Association and BRN West Recovery Units, and the NEBPA Shower/Laundry Unit were deployed to Cape Coral, FL for the Hurricane Irma response. There, our teams prepared about 25,000 meals and cleaned up 33 properties. Our Feeding Unit was also on the short list to ship to Puerto Rico before FEMA, SBDR, and Red Cross agreed not to send mobile kitchens to the island. In Arecibo, Puerto Rico, 14 PA/SJ volunteers participated with a 26-member Region 1 team from 5 state conventions to complete 39 recovery jobs and save an elementary school from closing. Kenton Hunt was the team leader. Three more volunteers served in Ponce, PR doing roof repair and other recovery work.

Our churches contributed a record \$50,577.86 toward the Harvey, Irma, and Maria responses.

As a result of all of these disasters, the gospel has been presented in each situation to the people who were served. We rejoice that we were able to see God save 12 people through our witness and work. In nearly all cases, we were able to work alongside a local church or church planter to do follow-up and engage local government, residents, and other faith-based and community responders. We praise the Lord for such opportunities to further the Kingdom of God!

Other developments:

- developed the Ready Church concept and have begun presenting this to pastors/churches so they are ready to respond to needs in their communities;
- identified and developed new leaders who will help us expand our reach and engage more of our churches in meeting real needs and making disciples.
- delivered a new shower/laundry unit to the Baptist Association of Southwestern PA which was used immediately to support mission teams locally, and then was deployed to Texas for the Hurricane Harvey response;
- developing plans for a fuel trailer, a kitchen support trailer, and a small mobile kitchen
- PASJ Disaster Relief and BRN purchased two 7 x 14 Send Relief trailers which will become part of our Disaster Relief fleet and ministry tools for local churches

Please keep Disaster Relief efforts in your prayers. It is a powerful ministry that brings light into darkness and Good News into very bad situations.

Respectfully submitted by:

Kenton Hunt
State Director of Disaster Relief
Baptist Resource Network of PA/South Jersey



Thank you for partnering with the BRN to further the Gospel and expand the Kingdom across PA/SJ, the nation, and the world.

Below is a brief look into the “new” strategic direction we’ll unfold in 2018. We will begin to unpack this at our Annual Meeting on November 2-3; hope you can be with us at The Wyndham Garden in York, Pa!

2018 BRN Strategy Overview

At the BRN we filter everything we do through a Kingdom mindset and prayer (Matt. 6:33; 10).

At the BRN we believe and practice these values:

1. We are always going ABOVE and BEYOND to serve pastors, planters, and churches;
2. We are always BOLD and BRAVE in trying new and innovative things;
3. We are a CAPABLE and CREDIBLE team;
4. We are DETERMINED and DECISIVE to be the best for our King!

The vision of the BRN is to see every church within its geography become a healthy, multiplying church.

The strategic objective of the BRN is to assist and encourage churches to practice the biblical behaviors of:

- Missional Engagement – Matt. 28:19, Acts 1:8, Acts 17
- Intentional Discipleship – Matt. 4:19, Matt. 28:20
- Leadership Development – Eph. 4:11---12, 2 Tim. 2:2

We will move forward functioning together as “one team” to fulfill the vision and strategy of the BRN.

The BRN team will exhibit character that is a reflection of that of Jesus Christ. We will strive to serve our constituents through humility and integrity. We will be diligent and faithful stewards to the resources entrusted to our care and oversight.



Appalachian Mountain Ministry
ammserve.org

Appalachian Mountain Ministry was started on January 1, 2018, by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board as an intentional missions response to the spiritual and physical needs of persons living in the Appalachian region.

Their purpose is to mobilize Southern Baptists and their resources to provide ministries, to evangelize the lost, to assist existing churches and new church starts in the multi-state region of Appalachia. Appalachian Mountain Ministry serves in cooperation with the sister state conventions in Appalachia and the Woman's Mission Union.

Appalachian Mountain Ministry (AMM) provides multiple short-term volunteer mission opportunities across the Appalachian region and the surrounding area in cooperation with associations, state convention regions, compassionate ministry sites, churches, missions, and new church starts that relate to the Southern Baptist Convention. As a ministry, AMM endeavors to work in cooperation with the local Southern Baptist associations (regions) and state convention regional representative(s) in Appalachia to accomplish its mission.

To lead in this effort, the Georgia Baptist Mission Board called Bill Barker, a retired national missionary who headed up a similar ministry for the state conventions, NAMB, and the WMU for 17 years. AMM under his leadership continues the cooperation between churches, associations, and state conventions formed in 1999. AMM is a ministry of the Georgia Baptist Mission Board.

The region served by Appalachian Mountain Ministry includes parts of Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, New York, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and all of West Virginia which are tied together by certain economic, political, and sociological factors, as well as missional strategies. For more information visit ammserve.org.

A key focus during the formative months of AMM has been to help forge long-term partnerships with churches in Pennsylvania that desire to reach their communities for with the gospel. The first step was the Pittsburgh Initiative between Georgia Baptist Churches and churches that relate to the Baptist Resource Network (BRN). The next phase is currently under development and will relate to BRN churches across Pennsylvania and South New Jersey with multiple state conventions involved.

A key part of AMM is the Christmas Backpacks, a focus on providing needy children with a Christmas Backpack filled with food, new clothing, hygiene items, a new Christmas gift/toy, and the Christmas story. The Christmas Backpacks offer churches a tangible way to express the love of Christ during the Christmas season. The Christmas Backpacks are child-focused, Christ-centered, and church connected. In 2017, the participating state conventions collected 74,276 Christmas Backpacks and distributed them to needy children across the Appalachia mountain range and on the Mississippi River Delta region. For information on how you can become involved in the Christmas Backpacks visit christmasbackpacks.org

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