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*Welcome
to the*
BRN Family!

**NAMB-ASSESSED CHURCH
PLANTING AFFILIATION PROCESS**



As we help existing churches affiliate with the Baptist Resource Network and the Southern Baptist Convention, we also assist church planters. It is our goal to help church planters navigate through this process for shared resources and connection.

Historically, this process allows you to affiliate with the national SBC network through the Baptist Resource Network, which enables continued servicing and resourcing throughout the lifetime of the church. As you are birthed through the SEND Network (NAMB), you also become a part of the family through the BRN. Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 says, “Two are better than one... A cord of three strands is not easily broken.”

The following process outlines your journey to official affiliate with the SBC through the BRN:

STAGE 1: REQUEST FOR SBC ID NUMBER*

- A NAMB Church Planting Catalyst or Send City Missionary makes this request on behalf of the planter.

Five items are needed about the church plant:

Planter Name

Plant Name

Mailing Address of Planter (or plant, if known)

County to Plant in

Email Address of Planter (or plant, if known)

- BRN completes the information in SBC Workspace.
 - Each plant must have an affiliated SBC sending church.

STAGE 2: CHURCH PLANT AFFILIATION PROCESS (0-18 MONTHS)*

- This stage occurs after the NAMB residency.
- During this time, the church plant is in the process of being launched.
- Church plant Cooperative Program giving may begin.
- The BRN will provide resources to assist church plant with organizational and administrative structures (the Director of Finance & Operations will work with the church, and legal counsel will be used as a resource). Contact the Help Desk to request these resources.
- The church plant will produce governing documents consistent with the most recent SBC Baptist Faith & Message (Constitution and By-Laws) within 18 months for approval by the BRN.
- Failure to produce, or producing unsatisfactory documentation, will forfeit eligibility for ministry grants, GuideStone benefits from the BRN (benefit for churches “officially affiliated”), and other servicing until time of completion.
- Church plants may send messengers to the BRN’s Annual Business Session.

STAGE 3: OFFICIAL AFFILIATION TO BRN/SBC

- Governing documents (Constitution and By-Laws) and BRN-affiliation paperwork are officially approved by BRN Executive Board Leadership.
- Church plants are eligible to complete the Annual Church Profile (ACP) for the SBC.
- When NAMB funding ceases, the church’s status can be changed to allow messengers to be sent to the national SBC annual meeting.

**Stage 1 and 2 do not constitute official affiliation with the BRN or the SBC.*





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