



MEMBERSHIP COVENANT

The International Baptist Convention is a family of Christian churches. We commit to work together in a spirit of unity and partnership for the greater good of God's global kingdom glory. We are living, autonomous churches under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, utterly dependent on Him. We are also interdependent churches that rely on and support one another in a spirit of voluntary Christian cooperation.

A. AS A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION WE will pursue, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the following goals:

1. **To regard our sister churches with Christian love;** to pray for each other; to aid one another; to be slow to take offense and ready to forgive in a spirit of Christ-like acceptance and reconciliation.
2. **To seek the advancement of our sister churches** in knowledge, holiness and peace, walking together in Christian love.
3. **To contribute voluntarily and regularly** to the financial and material support of the IBC and to the spread of the Christian gospel throughout all nations.
4. **To invite the Convention leadership** to participate in special occasions as well as regular visits to foster good relationship and to assist in times of crisis and transition.
5. **To communicate regularly with the Convention** by providing information of changes in pastoral leadership, completing the Annual Church Report in due time, and responding to or initiating other necessary communication.
6. **To participate in the life of the Convention** by attending Convention-wide meetings when possible and serving in ministries of the Convention.
7. **To support fully** the Mission and Vision of the IBC, to affirm its Summary of Basic Beliefs, and to respect its principles and practices.

B. THE INTERNATIONAL BAPTIST CONVENTION will pursue, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, the following goals:

1. **To pray** regularly and specifically for member churches and their leaders.
 2. **To encourage and assist member churches to multiply congregations** through church planting.
 3. **To provide ministries to help strengthen member churches** by assisting them to become or remain healthy and mobilized and helping in times of transition and conflict.
 4. **To assist in empowering pastors and other leaders and potential leaders** of member churches to be healthy and effective.
 5. **To help member churches to build connections** with other pastors, churches, and Great Commission partners for strategic Kingdom health and growth.
 6. **To develop and provide resources**—people, training, and financial—that enable member churches to carry out their God-given mission and vision.
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This covenant was read and approved at a church meeting.

Signed:

Church Representatives:

1. Pastor

2. Church Leader (deacon, elder, or equivalent)

Date:

This covenant was read and approved at the Annual Convention Meeting or Ministry Leadership Conference 20XX.

IBC Representatives:

1. General Secretary

2. President

Date: