

International Baptist Convention

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## I. IBC MISSIONS BUDGET ACCOUNT

The IBC Missions Budget Account is currently used to support indigenous church planters through the European Baptist Federation's Mission Partnership Program. The IBC has been participating in this program since its beginning in 2004.

Support for each church planter is over a five-year period. Following a start-up period of 2.5 years, support is reduced by 25% annually in anticipation that local sources will become involved in the financial support of the church planter.

The Building Connections Team will recommend annually which projects should be sponsored by the Convention. These will be recommended through the budget process and approved at the ACM. In addition to Convention-sponsored church plants, IBC churches are encouraged to sponsor one or more church plants through the Missions Partnership Program. In some cases, several churches could come together to support a church plant. We believe this would be a great investment that will enable local church involvement and lead to Kingdom growth.

Reports from the Convention-supported church planters should be distributed regularly through CareNet and *Highlights*.

## II. IBC GLOBAL MISSIONS OFFERING

Annually the IBC Churches will promote and collect a Global Missions Offering. The suggested date for collecting this offering is the first Sunday in December. It is recognized that some churches have the Global Missions Offering in their budgets and will send offerings throughout the year. The offering will be distributed as follows:

EBMI	IBC Missions Project	IBCAid	Total
30%	40%	30%	100%

**European Baptist Mission International (EBMI):** Monies go to support missions in Africa, Middle East, India, and Latin America.

**IBC Missions Project:** Monies go to support a project that an IBC church or churches sponsor and are heavily involved in. Churches should apply to be recipients of this portion of the Global Missions Offering on or before 15 September. The application form is found on the IBC Resources page on the website: <https://ibc-churches.org/developing-resources/ibc-resources/>. Please contact the IBC Office if you need the password for this page. The Building Connections Team will make the decision of the recipient for each year. Those chosen as recipients should provide information for promoting the project. The church should submit to the IBC Office a report of how the funds were used within 3 months of receiving the monies.

**IBC Aid:** Monies go to projects which arise such as disaster relief or hunger aid that are identified by the Building Connections Team.

The Building Connections Team and IBC staff shall work together on all promotional materials preparation and distribution to the churches in a timely manner and evaluate each approach.

Funds received through 31 March will go toward the previous year's Global Missions Offering. Funds received after that date will go toward the current year's Global Missions Offering. Funds received through the Global Missions Offering shall be distributed by check/bank transfer from the IBC Bookkeeper to the recipients, along with an accompanying letter written by the Building Connections Team or General Secretary, following the cut-off date. If funds are needed earlier than this, a special request can be approved by the Building Connections CSD.