



# MCLEAN BIBLE CHURCH

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The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention  
901 Commerce Street  
Nashville, TN 37203

SBC Executive Committee:

The Elder Board of McLean Bible Church would like to formally request a partnership with the Southern Baptist Convention. MBC is a large, nondenominational, multisite church in the Washington DC metropolitan area with a rich history of ministry and mission in and around the nation's capital.

Our church's elders and senior leaders have been working with Clint Clifton, Send City Missionary for Washington DC, regarding the details of a partnership with you. Also, our Associate Senior Pastor Dale Sutherland has met with Kevin Ezell from the North American Mission Board to discuss this partnership. At this time, we believe it best to cooperate with the Southern Baptist Convention in order to more effectively plant churches and send missionaries around the world. Currently, we do not desire to formalize a partnership with any State Baptist Convention or local association in our area.

Our church has reviewed *The Baptist Faith and Message* and finds itself in doctrinal harmony with the SBC's adopted confession of faith. We also affirm the Convention's missions and ministry initiatives as assigned through its eleven ministry entities—the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, the Convention's six theological seminaries, its Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, LifeWay Christian Resources, and GuideStone Financial Resources. We also commit to complete an annual church profile each fall to allow the Convention to maintain as accurate a statistical snapshot of its supportive churches as possible.

We plan to support SBC church planting and missions endeavors domestically and internationally through giving to the Cooperative Program and through individual partnerships with NAMB and IMB. We are excited to be part of a network that helps fund thousands of missionaries and church planters across the nation and around the world. We are especially grateful to be part of a supportive network that will allow students from our church to receive financial consideration from the Southern Baptist seminaries and will allow our staff to participate in GuideStone's minister protection plans. Our church intends to financially support these efforts for the duration of our partnership together. We would like to demonstrate our support by the enclosed donation to the Southern Baptist Convention.

Sincerely,

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Larry Cooper, *Trustee*

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William Steele, *Trustee*

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James Godwin, *Trustee*