

**THE UNIFIED  
BUDGET PROGRAM**

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**Regular Arkansas  
Missionary Baptist  
Convention, Inc.**

(Revised November 2018)

**WHAT IS THE UNIFIED BUDGET PROGRAM?**

The Unified Budget Program is an historical part of the Regular Arkansas Missionary Baptist Convention. It was conceived and adopted in 1958 under the leadership of President Dr. C. B. Knox. Rev. T. R. Redmond was the first Executive Secretary elected with the responsibility of administering the Unified Budget Program of the Convention.

The mission of the original Unified Budget Program was much like its stated objectives today. The Unified Budget Program was instituted to form a systematic and deliberate approach to funding Morris Booker Memorial College on a monthly basis. Each church was encouraged to send in their contribution monthly in support of the college. Today the mission of the Unified Budget Program has been expanded to include the total work of the convention in support of expanding efforts in religious education, home and foreign missions, evangelism, and training in the local church.

In a continuing effort to deliver a better product to the convention membership, in 1996 President Dr. D. L. O'Neal formed a committee to study the Unified Budget Program and make recommendations to improve the process by which the convention is funded. The ultimate goal was that every church and district in the convention would participate in the Unified Budget Program. The committee submitted its report, which was adopted by the convention in the 1996 Annual Session.

As a result of the concerted efforts of President O'Neal and staff members, the Unified Budget Program grew to include over 75 churches, districts, and individuals participating on a monthly basis. Part of this success was due to a renewed commitment by the members of the convention to the program, the computerization of convention

records, and the timely reporting to its constituents by the Executive Secretary.

**THE PROGRAM EXPLAINED**

As of January 1, 2019, the following provisions are in effect:

Churches subscribing to the Unified Budget Program will be considered in good standing for representation purposes which participate as follows:

<b>Schedule of Representation</b>		
Number of Members	Monthly	Delegates
50 or less	\$50	6
51-100	\$62	6
101-200	\$86	8
201-300	\$98	8
301-599	\$122	10
600 or more	\$146	10

Each church should represent according to the number of members shown on their current church roll. This honor system relies on the honesty and integrity of our church leaders and pastors to accurately represent their church.

All churches which adhere to the above schedule shall be fully represented in all departments of the convention in session with their messengers qualified to vote as indicated in the bylaws and provisions of the Convention.

All contributions to the Unified Budget Program must be made by mailing your check or money order to the office of the Executive Secretary.

Churches in good standing will be determined in the month prior to the scheduled meeting; i.e., churches will be considered in good standing for the November session if they have mailed their contributions through October.

Churches not participating or not subscribing at the above levels must represent at all sessions of the convention according to the representation schedule for that session.

Additional assessments may be levied on convention officers, board members, trustees, and pastors as determined by the Executive Board.

**DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS**

District Associations wishing to contribute to the Unified Budget Program shall be able to do so by submitting \$250 per calendar quarter or \$1,000 annually. This may be paid in advance to the Executive Secretary's office.

Qualifying district associations shall qualify for two messengers at each session.

District associations not participating in the Unified Budget Program must represent according to the representation levels established by the Executive Board.

**ACCOUNTABILITY**

Each time you send a contribution to the Unified Budget Program you will promptly receive a receipt in the mail along with an envelope to be used to send in your next payment. You will also receive an annual report of the Unified Budget Program and an annual budget.

**HOW DO I JOIN?**

Churches may join the Unified Budget Program by simply completing the registration form and returning it with your payment in the enclosed envelope. All churches are asked to register. After making your first payment you will receive envelopes each month to mail in your next payment.

**WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

If you have any questions concerning the Unified Budget Program simply submit your questions in writing to:

Office of Executive Secretary  
P. O. Box 2736  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas 71613

You will receive a written response to your question or an appointment may be scheduled for you to meet with a convention officer if necessary.