

# PROPOSAL

## FINANCIAL REQUIREMENT FOR VARIOUS MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

**Thesis:** The Tennessee Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Inc. (the Convention) wants to partner with any member, pastor and/or church that is desirous of a partnership to advance the Kingdom of God. However, there is a question of financial requirements/standings for membership. This document is prepared to address a proposal for various levels of participation in Conventional activities. This document is not meant to conflict with anything in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Convention nor does it change the current financial requirements for Districts.

**Level One Membership:** The church that registers with \$1,200.00 per year has all rights and privileges that the Convention offers. Its members may participate in any and all Conventional activities, including, but not limited to: Voting in election of Convention President and Vice-President, and on any business of the Convention; sending unlimited members to State and Regional Congress classes without an additional registration fee for classes (except for the Annual Edna Fisher Grafton Leadership Conference); and holding any elected or appointed Conventional office. Further, the pastor is exempted from having to pay an additional registration fee for any State or Regional meeting.

**Level Two Membership:** The church that registers with \$600.00 per year has all rights and privileges of a Level One Membership except as listed below: Its members will have to pay a registration fee for all State and Regional Congress classes. Its pastor will have to pay an additional registration fee for any State or Regional meeting.

**Associate Membership:** The church that registers with less than \$600.00 per year has the right to learn and fellowship with Convention members in the teaching and worship experiences. Its pastor and members are required to pay registration fees and fees for any Congress class in which they participate. Associate members have no voting rights in business meetings nor election of the President and Vice-President of the Convention. Further, Associate members are precluded from holding any office in the Convention.

**UPON APPROVAL, CHURCHES UNDER MEMBERSHIP LEVELS ONE (1) AND TWO (2) WILL HAVE TO BE IN GOOD FINANCIAL STANDING FOR A MINIMUM OF TWO (2) YEARS IN ORDER TO VOTE IN THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION OF THIS CONVENTION.**