



Headquarters Announces Top Ten Associations

The Baptist Headquarters has announced the Top Ten Giving Associations for the 2016 fiscal year which ended on December 31, 2016. There are sixty Associations in the General Baptist State Convention.

The Top Ten Associations list includes total giving from the Associations, but only includes contributions that were received at the Baptist Headquarters. The list **does not** take into account any contributions which the Churches in the Associations may have sent directly to the objectives.

These Associations will be formally recognized by President Nilous M. Avery, II at the upcoming Annual Session during the evening service on Wednesday night, November 1, 2017 at the Hilton North Raleigh/Midtown Hotel in Raleigh, North Carolina.

The Moderators listed were serving on December 31, 2016 when the fiscal year ended. In some instances, there are new Moderators in place.

Highest Giving Association
UNION — \$132,192.70
Dr. A. Jamale Johnson, Moderator

Second Highest
UNITED — \$83,944.70
Rev. Donnie R. Garris, Moderator

Third Highest
ROWAN — \$69,718.00
Rev. Michael Anthony Long, Moderator

Fourth Highest
NEUSE RIVER — \$65,085.37
Rev. Joseph L. Battle, Moderator

Fifth Highest
WAKE — \$63,641.65
Dr. Nathaniel J. Wood, Moderator

Sixth Highest
EBENEZER — \$37,516.96
Rev. Charles L. Webber, Moderator

Seventh Highest
REEDY CREEK — \$36,593.67
Rev. Robert G. Hedgepeth, Moderator

Eighth Highest
MIDDLE DISTRICT — \$32,247.89
Dr. Reginald A. Wells, Moderator

Ninth Highest
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY — \$28,832.43
Dr. Carroll R. Dickens, Sr., Moderator

Tenth Highest
JOHNSTON DISTRICT — \$28,559.00
Rev. James K. Herder, Moderator

A Message from the President

To the beloved saints of the General Baptist family and all who love the Lord, the work, witness, worship, ministry, and mission of the Lord:

“Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus the Christ our Lord.” (1 Timothy 1:2b, NKJV)

The late Dr. Edward Victor Hill, who served as pastor of the Mount Zion Baptist Church, Los Angeles, California, was noted for often saying there were three books the church needed to carry out its kingdom mandate: the good book (Bible), the hymnbook,



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and the pocketbook.

Throughout His earthly ministry, Jesus emphasized the importance of stewardship and its faithful, generous practice in kingdom building. The writer in 2 Corinthians 9:11 reminded us that we are enriched by our generous and gracious God in order to be free and liberal givers. Liberality and generosity in giving are not optional; they are kingdom responsibilities.

John Maxwell notes that the scriptures challenge us to be liberal and generous in giving (*Stewardship Strategies*). He says we must support the ministry of God’s kingdom building because:

- Giving is Kingdom-focused (Matthew 6:33).
- Giving responds to needs (Romans 12).
- Giving is consistent and deliberate (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
- Giving enriches and benefits others (2 Corinthians 8:9).

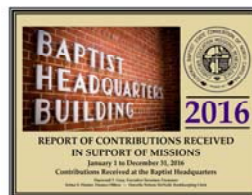
General Baptists, MISSIONS IS WHAT WE DO! Missions is Kingdom-focused, responsive to needs, constant and deliberate, and it enriches and benefits the lives of others. God has blessed us so we can bless our convention through cheerful and generous giving. As you give, your convention will be blessed to become a blessing through you, to you, and others. My brothers and sisters, we are blessed to become blessings. We are recipients of God’s grace and generosity in

order to become gracious and generous givers.

As we prepare to gather for our 150th Annual Session in Raleigh at the Hilton Raleigh North/Midtown Hotel (October 30-November 1), I prayerfully and personally ask every Church, Pastor, Association, Moderator, and Christian believer to be willing, liberal, and generous in your giving:

- Please bring a special offering for STATE MISSIONS.
- Please register and represent your church physically and financially as we fill the convention center with worship, fellowship, and stewardship.
- Invite a friend, or two, or more, and urge them to join with us in a dedicated, devoted, and dynamic time of inspiration and information.
- Come with high expectation and leave with holy excitement as we declare that our work in missions is “measured in centuries.”

2016 Contributions Report Now Available Online



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Contribution Report”
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