

Introduction

Jesus calls His disciples to play an active role in fulfilling the Great Commission found in Matthew 28:16-20. Partnering through the Cooperative Program is one way we can respond to Jesus' call.

What you will learn in session one

A portion of our money stays in Kentucky to help the work of the Kentucky Baptist Convention Mission Board staff as they help churches with trainings, consultations and resources. It is also used to help Sunrise Children's Services, Crossings Camps, Clear Creek Baptist Bible College, Oneida Baptist Institute, Woman's Missionary Union and Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

The other portion is forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention and used for the work of the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, six seminaries and other SBC organizations.

The KBC provides consultants and strategists to help local churches develop evangelism and missions strategies as well as providing help in worship planning, children and student ministry, church planting and more.

The KBC funds regional campus ministers at all of Kentucky's regional colleges and partners with missionaries serving across Kentucky.

The KBC's gospel-focused disaster relief provides nationally recognized support on a physical and spiritual level for people during devastating natural disasters.

What are the four tent pegs of the Kentucky Baptist Convention?

- A high view of Scripture
- A commitment to the Great Commission
- A commitment to the Baptist Faith and Message
- A partnership through the Cooperative Program

Millions of people living in North America need to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the SEND Network, the North American Mission Board is helping to plant churches in North America's most populated cities. Their ministry called SEND Relief is providing gospel-focused aid to refugees in North America and people around the world who are affected by natural disasters.

Experts believe nearly 42% of the world's population has never heard the gospel. As of 2021, that's about four billion people.

Through the Cooperative Program, there are more than 3,600 fully-funded missionaries being sent to the nations by the International Mission Board.

The nations are being impacted by the gospel as people are becoming disciples of Jesus and partnering to plant new churches through the work of the Cooperative Program.

Discussion questions

- Why should the Great Commission be a priority to our church?

- How is our church's Cooperative Program investment used?

- What struck you about the ministries funded through the Cooperative Program?

- Why are churches stronger when they work together?

- How can our church move forward in our partnership through the Cooperative Program?

