



MISSOURI BAPTISTS

HOW YOUR CHURCH MAY AFFILIATE WITH THE MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION

Step 1: Complete the Resolution for Affiliation

- It's a simple three-page document
- Enclosed for your reference is a copy of the MBC Constitution; pay particular attention to Article II – Composition
- Email the completed form to newaffiliations@mobaptist.org or mail to:

New Church Affiliation
c/o The Missouri Baptist Convention
400 E. High Street
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Step 2: Meet with a regional MBC Missions Mobilization Strategist

- The strategist contacts you to schedule an appointment
- This is a good time to ask questions and clarify issues
- Although it is not required, the strategist may request an endorsement from the Director of Missions for your local Missouri Baptist association

Step 3: Engage with the Cooperative Program

- Submit an initial contribution to the Missouri Baptist Convention with the completed Resolution for Affiliation
- Determine your ongoing contribution to the Cooperative Program. This is a percentage (or amount) of undesignated receipts sent to the MBC for cooperative missions throughout the state and around the world (learn more about the Cooperative Program at www.mobaptist.org/cp)
- Your church, as an autonomous local body of believers, determines the percentage or amount you give to cooperative missions through the Cooperative Program

Step 4: Receive a welcome packet and begin regular contributions to the Cooperative Program

- The welcome packet includes a letter from the MBC's Executive Director. Once you receive the letter, your church is considered an MBC-affiliated church.
- A supply of pre-printed remittance forms featuring your church's unique Cooperative Program tracking number is included in your welcome packet; these forms are to accompany your future contributions to the Cooperative Program.
- A sample remittance form is attached for your information.

Step 6: Be inducted into the Missouri Baptist Convention

- Missouri Baptists will formally induct you into the MBC at their Annual Meeting, normally held in late October.

Step 7: Remain in good standing with the Missouri Baptist Convention

- Contribute to the Cooperative Program on at least an annual basis
- Do not contribute to any other national convention of churches or organization that acts as a national convention, and do not send representative(s) or Messenger(s) to such a convention (Any organization that independently sends and ordains ministers to the United States military services is considered a national convention)
- Do not contribute financially to the work of any other state convention or organization that acts as a state convention in Missouri.