

January 15, 2013

Larry C. Hovis  
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Re: Missional Collaboration Report

Dear Larry:

The Baptist Joint Committee is thrilled to be partners with CBFNC through our Missional Collaboration Agreement and our mutual commitment to the gospel and Baptist distinctives. As you know, the BJC enjoys support from 15 different Baptist bodies, including CBFNC and national CBF. You, however, are the only state or regional CBF group with whom we have that relationship. Accordingly, for that reason and others, we take our commitment to collaborate with you quite seriously.

First, we enjoy a relationship with you through representation on our board from North Carolina. Daniel Glaze, pastor of First Baptist Ahsoskie, serves on our board representing CBFNC. Mark Edwards from Nashville and a member of Lakeside Baptist is also on our board, representing our Religious Liberty Council.

Both Daniel and Mark do a wonderful job serving North Carolina Baptists and the BJC. They are both very much involved in providing speaking opportunities and other connections to bring together North Carolina Baptists and the BJC. For example, in March, 2012, Daniel was instrumental in arranging for me to speak at the CBFNC General Assembly in Raleigh, followed by a preaching opportunity at First Baptist Smithton, a speaking engagement at his church First Baptist Ahsoskie, and then delivering a lecture at Chowan University before returning home.

We have enjoyed other opportunities to work with and deliver our message to North Carolina Baptists. Holly Hollman, the BJC's General Counsel, spoke at Gardner Webb University in January 2012 along with providing the programming for a symposium sponsored by the political science department with significant participation by the divinity school staff and students. This led directly to a CBFNC- sponsored intern and a speaking engagement that I enjoyed at GWU in October at a program put on by the Center for Christian Ethics and Leadership. In addition, I shall deliver the Greene Lectures at GWU in March, 2013. Over the past several years, Holly has spoken at First Baptist Raleigh and I

have spoken at Zebulon, Lakeside, Knollwood, First Ahoskie, First Smithton, and First Sylva.

The BJC is also involved in providing ongoing counseling and advice pastors and others in North Carolina on church-state issues. During the 2012 election cycle, we fielded several calls from North Carolina churches about limits on church activity in political campaigns and Amendment One debates. More recently, I have assisted Scott Hagaman, pastor at First Marion, concerning a dispute over the right of a student to express religious themes in a poem written to commemorate Veterans Day in the public schools.

We continue to be thrilled with the many ways in which you undergird our work. We appreciate your budget support as well as our inclusion in your mission resource plan. In the past year, we received \$2,000 from CBFNC and \$13,972.95 through the mission resource plan. We also are delighted with your willingness to provide us funding for an intern during the summer. For the past two years, we have enjoyed hosting Maddie Lea and Ivana Hughes. We especially appreciate Wanda Kidd's assistance in this regard.

Your contributions have been instrumental in allowing the BJC to fully fund its budget over the past three years, and our internship program is an invaluable adjunct to the ongoing operation of the our ministry.

Finally, the BJC attends the CBFNC General Assembly almost every year — something we are unable to do for most of our supporting bodies.

Thank you, Larry, for this opportunity to work together to advance our mutual goals and purposes. We look forward to continuing to so indefinitely in the future.

Yours very truly

J. Brent Walker

cc: Jack Glasgow