



## FOR CHURCHES CONSIDERING DISAFFILIATION WITH DENOMINATIONAL PARTNERS

### **FAQ #1: If our church disaffiliates, will we lose our tax-exempt status?**

No. Your church is a tax-exempt (501c3) because it is a church; not because of its affiliation with another organization. CBFNC's Legal Resource Partner, Jason Cogdill, has provided a helpful tutorial and document on this topic, [click here](#) to access it.



### **FAQ #2: Will our church staff lose benefits such as retirement and insurance?**



If your church staff receives benefits through Guidestone, they might lose access to the offerings of that organization. However, there are other options, including the Church Benefits Board of CBF. You can find more information on their [website](#) or contact Jenny Clore, director of benefits at [jclore@cbf.net](mailto:jclore@cbf.net).

### **FAQ #3: How can we continue to support the historic North Carolina Baptist agencies and institutions if we don't give to the Baptist State Convention?**

Since 2004, CBFNC has provided financial support for historic NC Baptist agencies and institutions. In fact, CBFNC supports a greater number of these entities than any other Baptist organization. By comparison, CBFNC gives to 28 Baptist partner organizations while the Baptist State Convention of NC gives to just four of those same organizations. To learn where the money goes when your church gives to CBFNC, [click here](#). You may also learn about CBFNC's finances and view our budget [here](#).



### **FAQ #4: What about the missionaries? How can our church support missions around the world if we are no longer affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention?**



Since its inception, CBF has sent missionaries, called field personnel, around the world to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. These missionaries might even more closely reflect the values of your congregation than those supported through other organizations. Your gifts to CBF's Offering for Global Missions are the primary channel of support for these women and men. Find more information about the Offering for Global Missions, including resources for your church, [here](#).

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### **FAQ #5: What is CBFNC's position on women in ministry?**

Affirmation and support for women in ministry has been a primary emphasis of our fellowship since the founding of CBF (1991) and CBFNC (1994). Many partner congregations ordain women to the Gospel ministry, have women pastors on staff and have called women as senior pastors. Women serve in leadership of CBFNC at every level, including our highest elected position: moderator.

Our affirmation of women in ministry is derived from our understanding of Baptist principles, particularly the autonomy of the local church, as stated on the CBFNC website:

*We affirm that Baptist churches are free, under the Lordship of Christ and guidance of the Holy Spirit, to determine their membership and leadership, to order their worship and work, to ordain whomever they perceive as gifted for ministry and to participate, as they deem appropriate, in the larger Body of Christ.*

