

# Why Join A State Convention?



WHO IS HELPING YOUR CHURCH GO TO THE NEXT LEVEL IN MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES, CHURCHES, & MISSION?

We believe that ministry is not meant to be done in isolation. We know that ministry in the local church can be lonely and that those you lead are not always able to understand the unique challenges of ministry.

## HOW CAN BCI HELP YOU TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP IN MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES, CHURCHES, & MISSION?

A state convention is an effective way to cooperate with like minded churches to further the Great Commission. Linking arms allows us to strengthen each other and to accelerate our cooperative investment in building Christ's kingdom by pooling resources.

## PARTNER WITH BCI FOR GREATER MINISTRY IMPACT

Don't go it alone. Partner with like minded churches to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ together. Here are the six basic steps to joining BCI.

### 1. CONTACT BCI TO DISCUSS AFFILIATION

*The first step to affiliating with the Baptist Convention of Iowa is determining compatibility of doctrines and ministry practice.*

### 2. CONFIRM UNAFFILIATED STATUS

*Inform the denomination or state Baptist convention office that your church wishes to no longer affiliate with them.*

### 3. OFFICIAL DECISION BY YOUR LEADERSHIP

*Your church leadership team must officially vote to A) affirm the Baptist Faith and Message, B) affiliate with BCI, C) financially support the Cooperative Program, and D) submit an ACP report each year.*

### 4. CONTACT BCI ABOUT DECISION

*After your church leadership team makes an official decision, inform the BCI office of this decision.*

### 5. SBC IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

*Every church must have an SBCID#. BCI staff will either create a new one or inform the national office of change in state convention affiliation.*

### 6. AFFILIATION PROCESS COMPLETED

*Our staff will inform your church when the affiliation process is complete and discuss the next steps to getting your church connected with our fellowship of church leaders.*



LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO JOIN BCI AT: [WWW.BCIOWA.ORG/JOIN](http://WWW.BCIOWA.ORG/JOIN)



# BENEFITS OF CONVENTION PARTNERSHIP

WE BELIEVE WE CAN DO MORE FOR THE GOSPEL BY PARTNERING TOGETHER

In addition to the fellowship of partnering with like minded church leaders to do greater ministry, there are many advantages and practical benefits to affiliating with BCI.

## HOW CAN BCI HELP YOU TAKE YOUR NEXT STEP IN MULTIPLYING DISCIPLES, CHURCHES, & MISSION?

### FOR CHURCHES

We believe that the local church is God's plan A for reaching all nations with the gospel. BCI supports church leadership teams through resources and coaching to accelerate church health, discipleship, leadership development, & gospel-centered vision.

#### 1. CHURCH STRATEGY & VISION COACHING

- Church Unique Team Vision Process
- StratOp Team Strategy Coaching

#### 2. CHURCH PLANTING PARTNERSHIP

- Church Planter Assessment & Training
- 4 Years of Financial Support for Church Plant

#### 3. LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- Tuition scholarship at SBC seminaries
- \$100 conference scholarships for 10 youth

#### 4. CHURCH HEALTH SUPPORT

- Pulpit Supply
- Church Conflict Resolution

#### 5. REVITALIZATION & REPLANTING ASSISTANCE

- Unstuck Church Online Courses
- Transition Coaching

#### 6. COMMUNICATIONS & OUTREACH

- Communications & Website Coaching
- Ministry Grants through Iowa Ministry Fund

### FOR PASTORS & LEADERS

Pastors and church leaders are the ones on the front lines of ministry fulfilling the Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. BCI exists to help church leaders move forward in multiplying disciples, churches, and mission.

#### 1. PERSONAL FINANCES COACHING

- Ramsey+ Personal Finance Membership Site
- Ron Blue Financial Planning

#### 2. RETIREMENT BENEFITS

- Guidestone Retirement Account
- Retirement Benefit for Pastors (\$240/year)

#### 3. INSURANCE BENEFITS

- Disability Benefit
- Life Insurance Benefit

#### 4. PEER LEARNING GROUPS

- Peer Learning Groups
- Pastor Cohorts

#### 5. CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

- Workshops & Conferences
- Funds for Conferences or Classes (\$400/year)

#### 6. PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT

- LifePlan Coaching Process
- Overseas Missions Vision Trip Scholarships