2026 SBCAL Annual Report
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Mission: SBCAL Strengthens Associational Leaders to Optimize Kingdom Impact.
Priorities: Leadership Development, Associational Advocacy, Succession Planning, Development Pathways

We are thankful for another year of God's blessing and favor:

- Membership remains the highest in our 66-year history - over 750
- I appreciate the privilege to participate in state AMS gatherings in IL, MO, GA, FL in person, and by Zoom with KS/NE this past year. I would love to connect with AMSs in your state at one of your state AMS gatherings by joining you virtually or in person – especially if I have not been in a while.
- Over 100 AMSs from around the nation were involved in 14 Cohorts September - May for equipping, encouragement, prayer, and times of iron-sharpening-iron. Will you join one this September?
- SBCAL hosted webinars such as Mission Dignity Forums, Grants as a Revenue Source, Developing Prayer Strategies, and Succession Planning AMS Cohorts.
- We now have 230+ resources for members on our website
- We are grateful that a record 21 state conventions are now partnering with SBCAL – paying the membership dues for their AMSs to receive leadership development resources from SBCAL.
- We helped several AMSs through the AMS Encouragement Fund due to hurricanes, medical needs, etc.
- Associational Advocacy – Partnered with the SBC Executive Committee at the *Forces for Good* Summit
- Our weekly *SBCAL Podcast with Ray Gentry* has recorded over 100 episodes. The podcast features speakers at conferences like this. My weekly blog at www.drraygentry.com, features "Four Things to Know" to keep you informed about SBC life and other helps for you and your pastors.
- Strategic Ministry Partnerships with Cutting Edge Missions - producing our podcast, Sherpa – help with Succession Planning, and Visitor Reach - helping you assist your churches with digital outreach efforts

Looking Ahead:

- Proposed record Ministry Plan of $325,600 includes stipends for a new Care Coordinator plus six Regional Ministry Coordinators to help us increase our care and ministry to AMSs plus a Multimedia Coordinator to help us develop an SBCAL YouTube Channel
- Coming this fall, a new Strategic Ministry Partnership with Ken Sande, author of "The Peacemaker" and President/CEO of Relational Wisdom 360. RW 360 offers biblical help preventing conflict and restoring peace between church members and churches.

Our 2026 Conference theme is "Faithful to Multiply," based on 2 Tim. 2:2: "and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also." I pray that this conference will motivate and equip you to be even more faithful to multiply believers and leaders.

Your servant in Christ,

Ray Gentry