

SBCAL 2022 Annual Report

- **Our Mission:** To champion associations and the role of Associational Mission Strategists throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, and to equip, encourage and network with them whether they are bi-vocational, volunteer, or full-time.
- **Our Vision:** To provide resources, coaching, professional development, and build peer-to-peer networks – doing all things for the glory of God.
- **Our Motto:** Equip. Encourage. Network.

The 2021-22 year has been another fruitful one, full of God’s blessings.

- Officers: Kevin Carrothers, Mt. Vernon, IL, Chairman of the Executive Team; Bob Lowman, Charlotte, NC, Vice Chair; Philip Price, Pascagoula, MS, Recording Secretary.
- SBCAL conducted the first AMS Compensation Study in five years. Special thanks to Jason Lowe for coordinating this study. You may read it at sbc.org/2022compensationstudy
- Your Administrative Team met monthly, as well as several additional meetings serving as a Vision Team, and has led us well. Your Executive Team met quarterly, and your Regional Directors and State Ministry Coordinators met quarterly, all by Zoom.
- In Anaheim, we voted to approve a Vision Script calling for the Staff to become full-time July 1, 2023. For that to happen, we need many associations to include SBCAL in their budgets. The 2022-23 Budget is \$160,000.

If you believe in our mission, will you invest in the work and share the burden?

- During our August 26, 2021 Virtual Conference, I shared “How to Host Effective Key Leader Training for Your Churches,” plus, we had Q and A with SBC President Ed Litton.
- September 9-10, 2021, SBCAL leaders led a Potential AMS Track at the NAMB AMS Excellence Lab at NAMB in Alpharetta, GA
- January 18-20, 2022, SBCAL Midwest leaders led the AMS Workshops at the Midwest Leadership Summit in Springfield, IL.
- Our January 27, 2022 Virtual Conference topic was "How to Start & Strengthen Rural Churches," featuring Dr. Jeff Clark, Rural Research Leader, IMB and Wheaton College.
- A new partnership with Church Multiplication Ministries enables members to receive 20% discounts off Gospel Coach training and other resources they offer.
- Several state conventions have begun partnering with SBCAL to cover SBCAL annual membership for the AMSs in their states. These associational leaders are then able to access annual and virtual conferences and other resources on our website for free.
- SBCAL membership is nearly 500 - an all-time high.

Our June 12-13, 2022 Annual Conference was well attended with over 150 AMSs and over 270 total participants. The theme was “Pursuing Love and Good Works,” based on Heb. 10:24. Ben Mandrell, Rick Curtis, Jeff Iorg, Hance Dilbeck, Trevin Wax, and Steve Viars were such a blessing as plenary speakers! The AMS Encouragement Fund Offering was \$1,742.25.

Your servant in Christ,
Ray Gentry, President/CEO