

# Council of Seminary Presidents

## 2018 Ministry Inquires

### Cooperative Program

1. **With an understanding that SBC entities which receive Cooperative Program funding share an equal responsibility to promote and advance the Cooperative Program, please give a description of CSP's efforts to promote the Cooperative Program both internally and externally as entity personnel engages Southern Baptists?**

The Council of Seminary Presidents exists in order to maintain and provide oversight for the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives and the Seminary Extension program. Both of these are Cooperative Program ministries, and both support the Cooperative Program by every available means. In particular, the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives serves as a repository for the documentary history of the Cooperative Program. It is also available at all times to other SBC entities in order to promote the Cooperative Program by means of historical materials, denominational memory, and documentation. From time to time, the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives presents historical displays and publications that highlight the work of the Cooperative Program, in terms of both its history and its present dimensions. Seminary Extension, in cooperation with the six seminaries, regularly reminds participating students of the Cooperative Program and its function in Southern Baptist life. Given the fact that, by definition, its students are neither full-time nor residential, Seminary Extension relies upon printed materials and the influence of teachers in order to promote the Cooperative Program and its work.

2. **How effective is CSP in creating an awareness and appreciation for the Southern Baptist Convention and its model for cooperative missions and cooperative funding? What level of confidence does CSP have that graduates from the six Southern Baptist Convention seminaries will continue to engage and invest in SBC missions and ministries?**

Response given by each seminary in individual ministry report forms.

3. **Please articulate for Southern Baptists how CSP perceives the role of the Cooperative Program funding theological education in North America. What value does CSP place upon its partnership with SBC churches through the Cooperative Program?**

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4. **How does CSP, representing all six seminaries, benefit from and utilize CP funds in fulfilling CSP's Ministry Assignment?**

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#### **Ethnic Participation**

5. **Please give a descriptive report of participation of ethnic churches and other ethnic leaders in the life and ministry of your entity. Over the past 12 months, (2016 – 2017) have the seminaries seen changes (increase or decrease) in the number of ethnic leaders among the faculty and within the student body?**

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#### **Mental Health Resource**

6. **In response to a Ronnie Floyd motion, June 2013, Houston, TX, requesting that the Executive Committee and SBC Entities assist churches with mental health ministries, the Executive Committee appointed an advisory group, Fall 2013, to determine ways in which Southern Baptist entities and SBC churches can best help those who are in need of mental health assistance. The final report of this advisory group was presented to Dr. Frank S. Page, Fall 2014.**

**In the 2015, 2016 and 2017 Ministry Report(s) the following question was asked of each SBC entity:**

**Please give a progress report on what CSP has implemented to assist SBC churches with training and equipping people with mental health challenges and how will CSP continue to seek ways to work in cooperation with SBC entities and others to address the severe challenges imposed by mental illness?**

**For the 2018 Ministry Report please provide the following:**

**If CSP feels that reporting on this subject is within its purview, or falls within the scope of its ministry assignment(s), or has made any progress in the area of assisting churches with training and equipping people with mental health challenges, or has developed or identified resources to assist SBC churches in the area of mental health ministry, please provide a detailed progress report.**

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## **CSP Specific**

- 7. What has proven to be CSP's most reliable metric indicating future accomplishments of, or challenges to CSP across all of its ministry assignments? Why is that metric the one CSP believes is most important to watch relative to each ministry assignment?**

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