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## STATE MISSIONS PRAYER & OFFERING

Resource Network  
Pennsylvania/South Jersey

# KINGDOM EXPANSION

*BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME ON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM, IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH. - ACTS 1:8*

**F**ourteen million people across Pennsylvania and South New Jersey do not have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, which makes the work of expanding the Kingdom through the Baptist Resource Network (BRN) and its churches crucial.

To that end, every year, Baptists across the BRN pray for and give financially to support God's Kingdom work in this region.

This year, we are focusing on those among us who are at

their most vulnerable: college students navigating major transitions in their lives, disaster and crisis victims in their times of difficulty, and our pastors, church planters and others who need compassionate care.

Please commit one week to join with your fellow Baptists across the BRN to earnestly pray for requests in these three areas. We trust God hears our prayers and moves to expand His influence—and His Kingdom—accordingly.

Further, loving those for whom we're praying includes doing something practical to show them that we care. You can participate in the BRN-wide demonstration of love and support by contributing as you are able to the State Missions Offering.

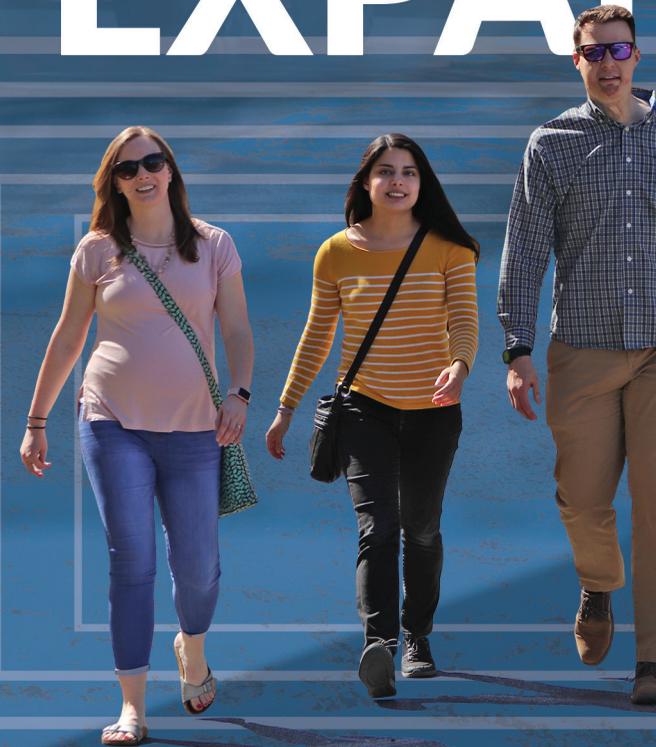
One hundred percent of your financial gifts will go to support ministries to college students, disaster and crisis victims and those whom need compassionate care. *THANK YOU!*

**Our goal for the 2019 State Missions Offering is \$35,000 to be allocated in the following categories:**

- BRN Next Collegiate Ministry • Disaster and Crisis Relief • Compassion Care

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## DAY 1: SUNDAY

### BRN Next Collegiate Ministry

*"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them"* (Ephesians 2:10).

Understanding young adult and student culture is an ongoing challenge. Those of us who work with students have to continuously be students of student culture, as what worked in the past won't necessarily work with the present generation and will need to be re-thought for the future. We've spent the past decade trying to understand Millennials, and now we have the reality of Generation Z, and the rise of the Nones, thrust upon us.

Pray that God would give us a clear understanding of our current student generation, that our approaches in reaching students would be relevant and effective, and that we would be able to build bridges and bonds of trust to a generation for which trust is a challenge. Pray that all our efforts would be guided by the Holy Spirit, that we would clearly articulate the gospel, and that we would represent Jesus well.



## DAY 2: MONDAY

### Compassion Care

*"The LORD will sustain him upon his sickbed; In his illness, You restore him to health"* (Psalm 41:3).

The compassion care initiative helps to come along side of our leaders and churches to help with an immediate need.

*"A sudden illness came over the family, although there was insurance, the deductibles were very steep and we were struggling to make ends meet. The compassion fund gave us help during a very stressful time."*

Pray for the health of church planters, pastors and their families. The sacrifices they make in the service and compassion for others can be draining. Ask God to keep them strong and sustain them in times of illness.

## DAY 3: TUESDAY

### Disaster and Crisis Relief

*"Let our people learn to devote themselves to good works for pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful"* (Titus 3:14).

Nationally, Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers shared in more than 81,000 spiritual conversations with victims of disasters and crises. Imagine how great the opportunity is here in Pennsylvania/South Jersey!

Please pray that PA/SJ churches will capture the vision for being prepared to meet urgent needs, including the need for salvation, in their communities.

## DAY 4: WEDNESDAY

### BRN Next Collegiate Ministry

*"And God is able to make every grace overflow to you, so that in every way, always having everything you need, you may excel in every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9:8)

Almost all of our vocational campus ministers have to raise financial support in order to serve in our region. Unlike some church planters who may have to raise support but anticipate their church will provide for their finances, campus ministers will always raise support. As support partners come and go, this is an ongoing challenge for campus ministers, who must give attention to fundraising as well as meeting ministry needs on the campus.

Pray that God would help our campus ministers to be effective in their support raising efforts, that they would be able to find new supporters to add to their team or to replace those who move on, and that they would be able to meet their financial support goals so they, their families, and their ministries are adequately provided for.

## DAY 5: THURSDAY

### Compassion Care

*"The Lord's bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but be kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to the knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, having been held captive by him to do his will"* (2 Timothy 2:24-26).

"The training I received to understand how trauma affects people in their discipleship process has opened the doors for compassion ministry. I would have never been able to afford the conference without the assistance of the BRN."

Pray for compassion ministry across PA/SJ as the work continues to share Jesus with those who are struggling daily. Ask God to help the kindness, patience and gentleness when correcting lead to discipleship of new believers. Pray for those who need to escape the snare of the devil and the faithful ministers who lead them from darkness to light.

## DAY 6: FRIDAY

### Disaster and Crisis Relief

*"Feed the hungry, and help those in trouble. Then your light will shine out from the darkness, and the darkness around you will be as bright as noon"* (Isaiah 58:10).

Trained Southern Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers gave over 860,000 hours in service in 2018. To give even more, your prayers are needed for the success of national efforts to develop online training that will make the powerful ministry of Disaster Relief accessible to many more people, including the new generations.

Please pray that God would increase the number of trained Disaster Relief volunteers in PA/SJ and across the country. As our abilities become more known, our resources become more relied upon. Also, pray that God would raise up leadership among the next generation of trained volunteers.

## DAY 7: SATURDAY

### BRN Next Collegiate Ministry

*"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field'"* (Matthew 9:37-38).

With over 750,000 students in PA/SJ, our need is great. We desperately need more people to respond to God's call and take up the responsibility for reaching the next generation.

Pray that God would indeed send out more workers into His harvest field of the campuses of Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey. Pray that many would hear His call and respond to the need. Pray that we would have more vocational campus ministers who can plant their lives among students, more churches who will step up and take responsibility for the campuses in their spheres of influence, and more churches to be planted near our campuses where we currently have none or where another church is needed.

## DAY 8: SUNDAY

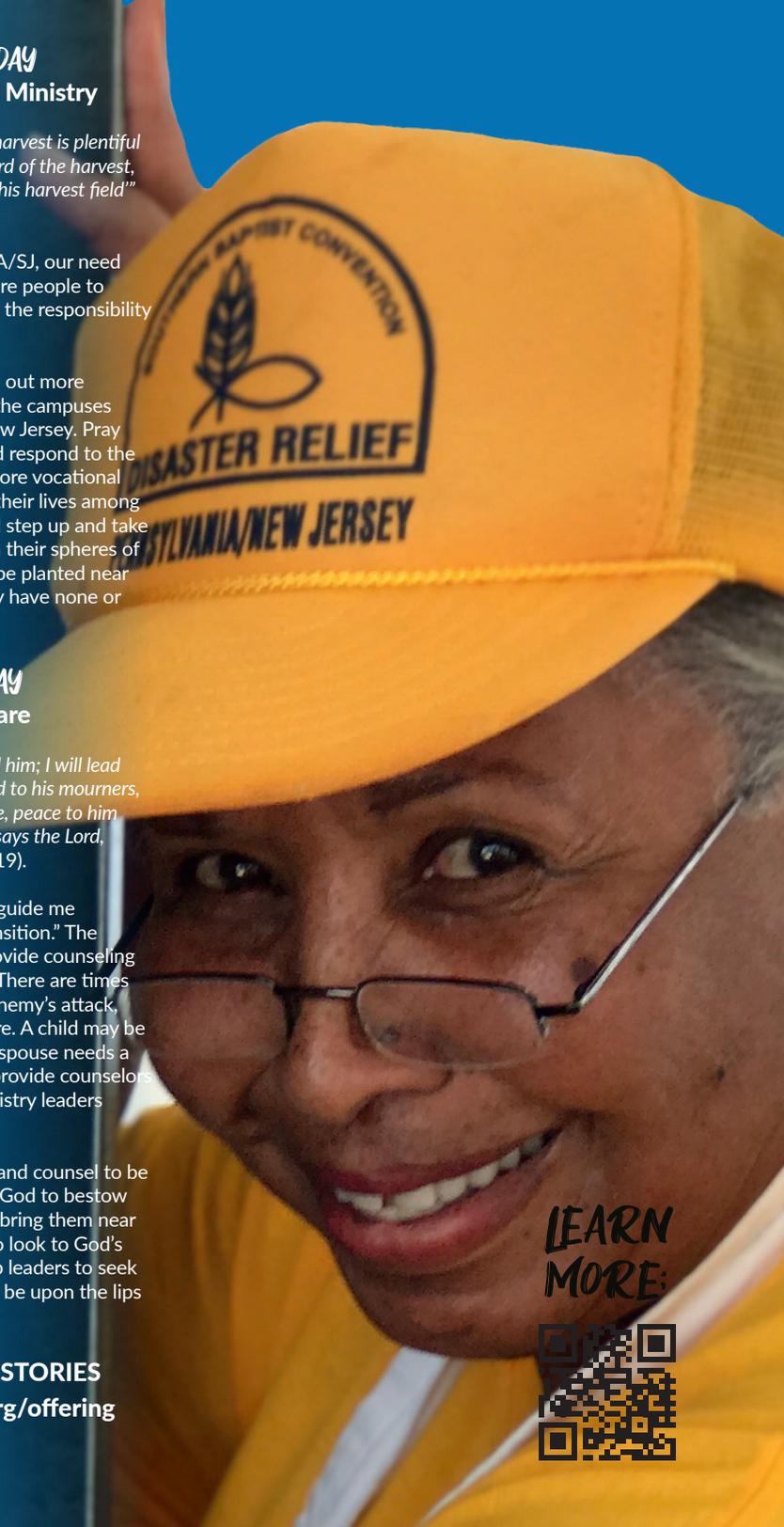
### Compassion Care

*"I have seen his ways, but I will heal him; I will lead him and restore comfort to him and to his mourners, creating the praise of the lips. Peace, peace to him who is far and to him who is near," says the Lord, "and I will heal him"* (Isaiah 57:18-19).

"I needed someone to listen and guide me to healing of past hurts in my transition." The compassion initiative helps to provide counseling and therapy for leaders in crisis. There are times when a leader succumbs to the enemy's attack, and they need compassionate care. A child may be in need of help to overcome or a spouse needs a healing touch. Your gifts help to provide counselors and places of retreat for your ministry leaders across our network.

Pray for those who need healing and counsel to be receptive to God's guidance. Ask God to bestow His peace upon His servants and bring them near to Him. Pray for the counselors to look to God's wisdom and strength as they help leaders to seek God's restoration. May His praise be upon the lips of His people!

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