

BUSINESS SERVICES REPORT

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In 2017, our Cooperative Program (CP) receipts were down 4.2% from budget and 4.3% from 2016. This comes one year after meeting both our budget goal and previous years' receipts, which was the first time since 2008. However, even with decreased receipts, we were able to keep a steady cash flow and fulfill all obligations. Our team worked diligently to keep expenses down where we could in order to stay in line with budget.

Through the first half of 2018, the CP receipts are slightly up over both our year-to-date goal and the previous year at this time. As always, we will closely monitor and manage the resources that we have been given. While many of the churches have increased giving, we would love to see at least 40% of churches take the 1% CP Challenge.

I am also happy to report that for 2017, the Convention received an unqualified opinion from our auditors on the year-end financial statements. This means that our financials were free of misstatements and presented fairly according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP).

In August of 2017, Administrative Associate for Church Health and Communications, Bev Olonoh, retired from the Convention. Bev joined the staff in 1998 and served faithfully in several different capacities during her tenure with the Convention. Bev did not go too far though, as she is now the Administrative Associate for the Indiana Baptist Foundation. It was discussed and decided not to fulfill the vacancy position that was left by Bev, but instead we allocated her responsibilities to different administrative assistants throughout our team. They have done a great job fulfilling these additional responsibilities.

This past year, I have had the opportunity to work closely with pastors, treasurers and finance teams. One of the benefits that the business department provides is treasurer training. This training guides churches on financial internal controls, budgeting and how to properly account for their finances. I have also had the opportunity to work with church planters in basic training to help guide them on becoming a legal church.

It is a privilege to serve Indiana Baptists. If your church or association is interested in treasurer training, online giving or just have other financial questions, please feel free to contact us. Our Business Team is here to help and serve at any time. Please visit us at www.scbi.org/business.

**Church/Church Plants Contributing to Cooperative Program
Year Ended December 31, 2017**

Congregation	Contributing Congregations	Percent Contributing	Total Congregations
Crossroads	60	68%	88
East Central	11	69%	16
Eastern	16	84%	19
Miami	14	93%	15
North Central	13	76%	17
Northeast	21	68%	31
Northwest	23	72%	32
South Central	18	90%	20
Southeastern	46	71%	65
Southwestern	43	81%	53
Wabash Valley	11	50%	22
West Central	11	65%	17
White River	19	86%	22
Whitewater	4	67%	6
Congregations at Large	22	51%	43
Totals	332	71%	466