



Baptist Churches
of South Australia

25 March 2019

Dear Treasurer,

Re: Church Contributions for 2019/20

Thank you once again for your continued partnership with us as we seek to be “*a movement of local churches thriving in Jesus transforming the world*”. Financial contributions from Member churches enable the Baptist Centre to continue to “encouraging, supporting, influencing and extending the life and mission of the local church”. This is something we all benefit from.

In recognition that there are many demands on the limited resources of our churches we strive to run a tight budget through faithful stewardship and wise investment.

In 2017 we recommended that churches contribute **2.5% of annual income** and we continue to believe this to be an appropriate approach. This will enable all our churches to make a proportionate contribution that is equitable across all sizes, regions and financial capacities.

A **church planting seed fund** has been established and we are working towards 50% of all church contributions being used for the purpose of new missional initiatives as is already the case with our newest churches in Andrew’s Farm, Broadview and SoulSpace Pennington.

In 2017/18, 48.94% of churches contributions had been used for church planting.

Please raise the new percentage-based recommendation with your church leadership, if you have not done so already. Your church’s contributions are vital to the continued health and vitality of our movement and the continuation of the supports offered through Baptist Churches of SA.

If you would like to discuss your contributions, or have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact accountant, Bridget Townsend, here at the office on 8357 1755.

Yours in partnership for the gospel,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike".

Rev Mike Mills
State Executive Minister

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