

SABA Membership Benefits

The New Testament sets a pattern of churches helping other churches as they did local and regional missions and ministry together. (Acts 1:8; 1 Cor. 16:1-4 and 2 Cor. 11:28)

1. **Multi-ethnic Missions and Ministry Efforts** -- SABA is composed of many different ethnicities people groups: African, African American, Hispanic, Asian, Jewish, Romanian, Arabic, Anglo and other churches in the San Antonio & South Texas area.
2. **Churches Helping Churches** -- Churches not only cooperating in joint evangelistic efforts but also in joint construction projects.
3. **Training (theological & practical)** -- various learning opportunities for everyone from church members to deacons to elders and ministers.
4. **Community Resources & Assistance** -- Helping churches identify, train and deploy laymen to build bridges in your community by responding to the needs of the hurting, disadvantaged, and poor.
5. **Leadership Training and Coaching** -- Pastor Search Committee Training, Deacon Certification, Interim Period Coaching, Sunday School Leadership Training, Conflict Mediation, Building Usage Studies, Church Financial Planning, Strategy Planning, Vision Development, Church Constitution Development, Leadership Development, Discipleship Training and etc.
6. **Information** -- Local Baptist institutions and conventions are beneficial to your church's ministry and growth. San Antonio is home to the following Texas Baptists Institutions: the Baptist Credit Union; Baptist Child & Family Services; the Baptist Health System; Baptist Health Foundation, Wayland Baptist University-San Antonio and Baptist University of the Americas. Additionally, Hardin Simons University has the Logsdon Theological Seminary classes meeting here offering courses for Master's and Doctorate Degrees.
7. **Approval and Recommendation for Loans** -- SABA churches can apply for low interest loans through the Baptist Church Loan Corporation in Dallas.
8. **Certification for Tax Exempt Status** -- SABA churches in good standing qualify to receive a 501(c)(3) Religious Tax Exemption reference letter, which helps when applying for loans with the Baptist Church Loan Corporation. With a 501(c)3 letter, churches are able to save on sales taxes and give members who contribute to the church a Tax Contribution Letter at the end of the year.

