

Cooperative Program Ambassadors

Thank you for your willingness to be a Cooperative Program (CP) Ambassador! As a CP Ambassador, you will help raise awareness of the great things your church is accomplishing through cooperative ministry. You will help tell the story of what God is doing through His people to redeem a world lost in sin.

A CP Ambassador has a powerful biblical heritage:

The idea for the CP Ambassador comes straight out of God's Word. From the moment Christ's church was born, believers have been compelled by the greatest mission ever given. Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 provide a clear mandate and strategy from our Savior to take His gospel everywhere.

The apostle Paul, one of the church's first missionaries, was a missionary in chains. Though he was unable to move freely, he organized a mission effort that, "turned the world upside down." This effort involved many strategic partners. One such ambassador was Epaphroditus. Paul referred to him as, "my brother and fellow worker" (Phil. 2:25). Epaphroditus served as an envoy of resources to advance the Great Commission.

A CP Ambassador is a Christ-follower who is:

- *Committed to see the Great Commission fulfilled in their community, across the Dakotas, and around the world
- *Enthusiastic about the Cooperative Program and the Dakotas state mission offering as tools to share the gospel
- *Prayer-focused and mission-minded

A CP Ambassador serves as an ambassador and communicator for Great Commission cooperation by:

- *Educating members of your church on how the gospel is being advanced through cooperative mission work of Southern Baptist churches in the Dakota Baptist Convention and beyond
- *Sharing the stories of the great things being accomplished through cooperative ministry
- *Inspiring and encouraging church members to engage in cooperative missions through generous giving, persistent prayer, and mission action
- *Encourage fellow church members to keep informed on work being done through other Dakota Baptist churches

Most church members have little understanding of what the Cooperative Program is and how it works. They do not know the part that they have and can have in taking the name of Jesus throughout North and South Dakota and around the world. With your voice your fellow believers will also become CP champions. Imagine the impact on your church's ministries!

As a CP Ambassador you are a CP champion and, just like in Paul's day, your part in accomplishing the Great Commission is critical!

Thank you for serving Jesus by serving on the Dakota Baptist Convention CP Ambassador team.