

Disaster Relief Gift Policy

Consistent with the Business and Financial Plan of the Tennessee Baptist Convention (TBC) all designated gifts for Disaster Relief will be used as instructed by the donor. The following guidelines are intended to clarify how funds designated for general disaster relief will be used.

Disasters Where There is No Direct TBC Response

All funds will be forwarded to the appropriate state convention or Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) agency responding to the disaster with designation.

Disasters Where TBC is Responding with Personnel and/or Equipment

Victim Relief – When specifically designated as such, funds will be forwarded to appropriate state convention or SBC agency with instructions to use funds to provide direct relief to victims of disaster. When a disaster occurs in Tennessee, the Strategic Relationships Group will administer these funds. Direct relief may include cash payments to victims, groceries, repair materials or services, clothing or physical materials, or other services provided directly to individual victims of disasters.

Specific Disaster Response – Funds designated to a specific disaster will be administered by the Strategic Relationships Group to meet expenses related to responding to the disaster. When appropriate these funds may be forwarded to the appropriate state convention or SBC agency. These expenses may include the following in the priority indicated:

1. Transportation of equipment or personnel to disaster site. Transportation costs may include provision for recovering costs of vehicle purchase, insurance, maintenance, tires, etc.
2. Purchase of food for cooking by disaster unit
3. Purchase of supplies or equipment consumed during response
4. Repair or replacement of equipment damaged during response
5. Repair or rebuilding of homes and churches damaged or destroyed by disaster
6. Victim relief
7. Any unused monies will be put in a reserve fund to cover similar expenses when designations are insufficient for a disaster.

General Disaster Relief Designations

Funds received designated to Disaster Relief (with no specific disaster indicated) will be used for the purchase of new or replacement of disaster equipment.

Executive Board Ministry Funds

These funds are budgeted for the purpose of providing volunteer training, equipment, communications, and promotion of Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Ministry.