

The Together Way...

Doing More Together



What is **The Together Way**?

The Together Way was established in 1994 as a way to fund the work of the denomination. The plan provides a comprehensive approach to stewardship based on the following simple biblical principles:

- + Stewardship involves all of life: possessions, time, talents, body, mind, ministry, spiritual gifts, or any other resource given by God for the benefit of humanity.
- + The ultimate purpose of giving is to build the Body of Christ and take the gospel to all people.
- + Giving as God has prospered is the privilege and duty of every believer.
- + Each believer and congregation should have freedom to carry out stewardship responsibility as God leads.

Unified by **The Together Way**, Free Will Baptists can do what no individual or local church can do to carry out Kingdom work.

Why is **The Together Way** important?

The increasing and diverse population, technological advances, greater access to the nations of the world, and our commitment to take the saving gospel of Christ to every nation and people group summons us as a denomination to full stewardship responsibility.

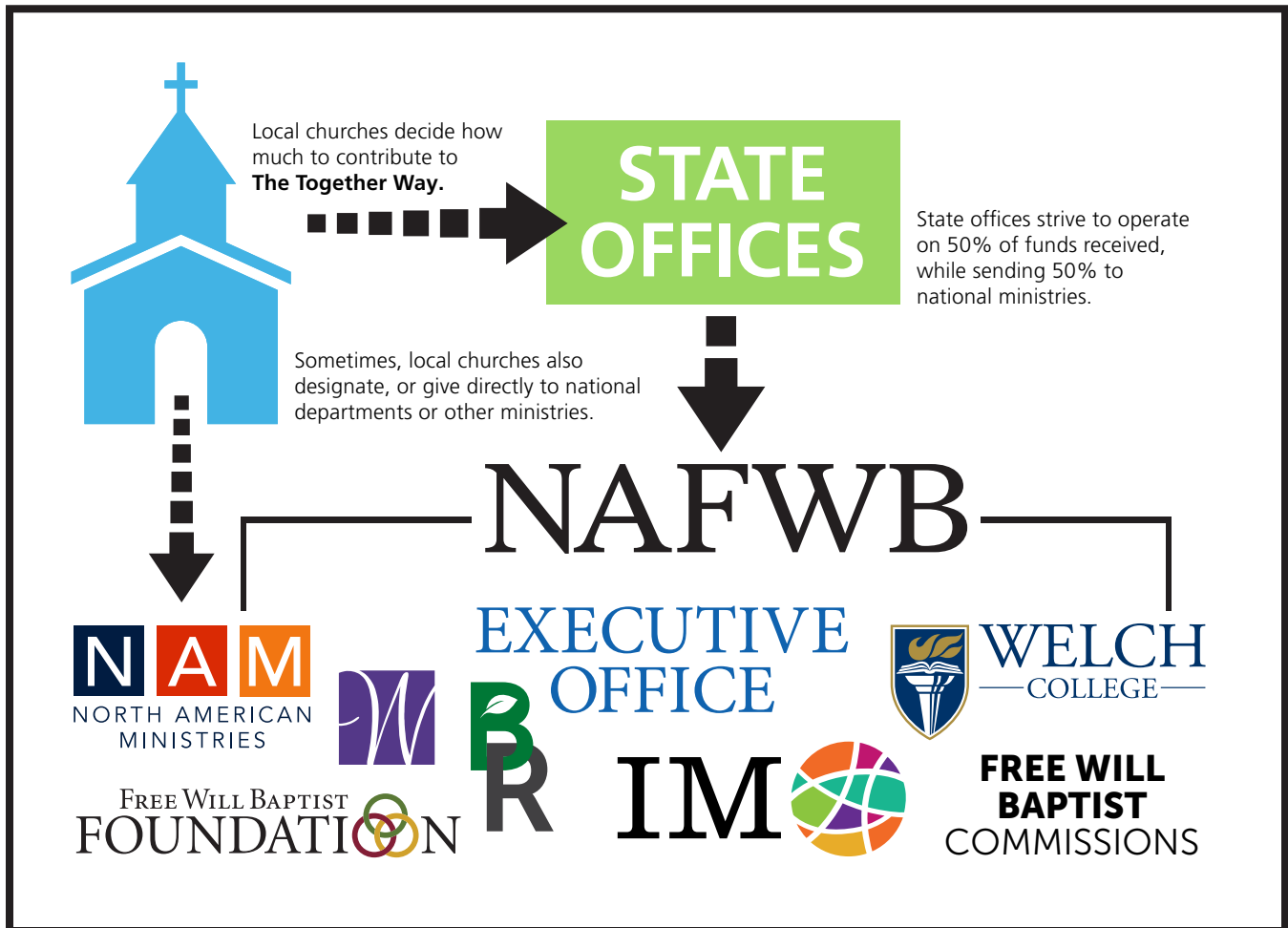
Stewardship starts at home, as parents teach and model whole-life generosity for children. It continues at church, where pastors and church leaders teach and model personal and ministry stewardship for the congregation. It extends through the cooperation of local churches that fund ministries at the local, state, and denominational levels. Stewardship continues with state organizations as they streamline operating expenses to maximize the funds they send to national ministries. The stewardship model comes full circle as national ministries give all Free Will Baptists an opportunity to accomplish more together, both in the United States and around the world.

How does **The Together Way** work?

The Together Way recognizes all denominational work finds its basis, authority, support, and mission within the local church. In addition, it encourages every church to support unified efforts to take the gospel around the globe. The plan calls for regular giving—whether cooperative (without restriction) or designated (restricted to particular ministries)—along with participation in four annual offerings.

The Together Way hinges on four specific elements:

1. Churches contribute at least 10% of general income to denominational causes—district, state, and national—whether cooperatively or through designated gifts.
2. Churches that designate offerings give equitable portions for all denominational agencies.
3. Each state receiving cooperative funds will strive toward operating on 50% of gifts received and sending 50% toward national ministries.
4. Each church gives, beyond the 10% minimum, designated offerings to various denominational agencies.



The Together Way Offerings

The entire denomination participates in four annual offerings to underwrite the budgets of 11 national departments and commissions:

February – Welch College

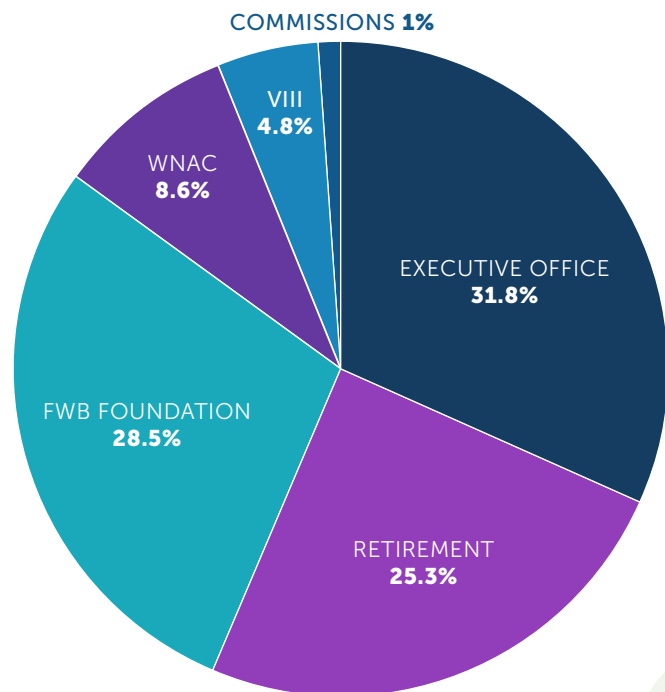
On the last Sunday in February, the denomination has an opportunity to invest in the future of Free Will Baptists through the Welch Fund Offering. The offering raises funds to help lower the cost for students attending Welch College. Quality Christian college education is crucial for the long-term health of the denomination.

April – The Rest of the Family

The final Sunday in April is set aside to support the work of nine national ministries:

- + Executive Office
- + Board of Retirement
- + FWB Foundation
- + WNAC
- + Vertical Three
- + Commission for Theological Integrity
- + Music Commission
- + Media Commission
- + Historical Commission

Each ministry listed above receives a percentage of The Rest of the Family offering:



1. Executive Office 31.8%
2. Board of Retirement 25.3%
3. FWB Foundation 28.5%
4. WNAC 8.6%
5. Vertical Three 4.8%
6. Commissions 1%
 - Commission for Theological Integrity
 - Historical Commission
 - Media Commission
 - Music Commission

** based on 2021 Rest of the Family disbursements; numbers rounded up.*

September – World Missions Offering

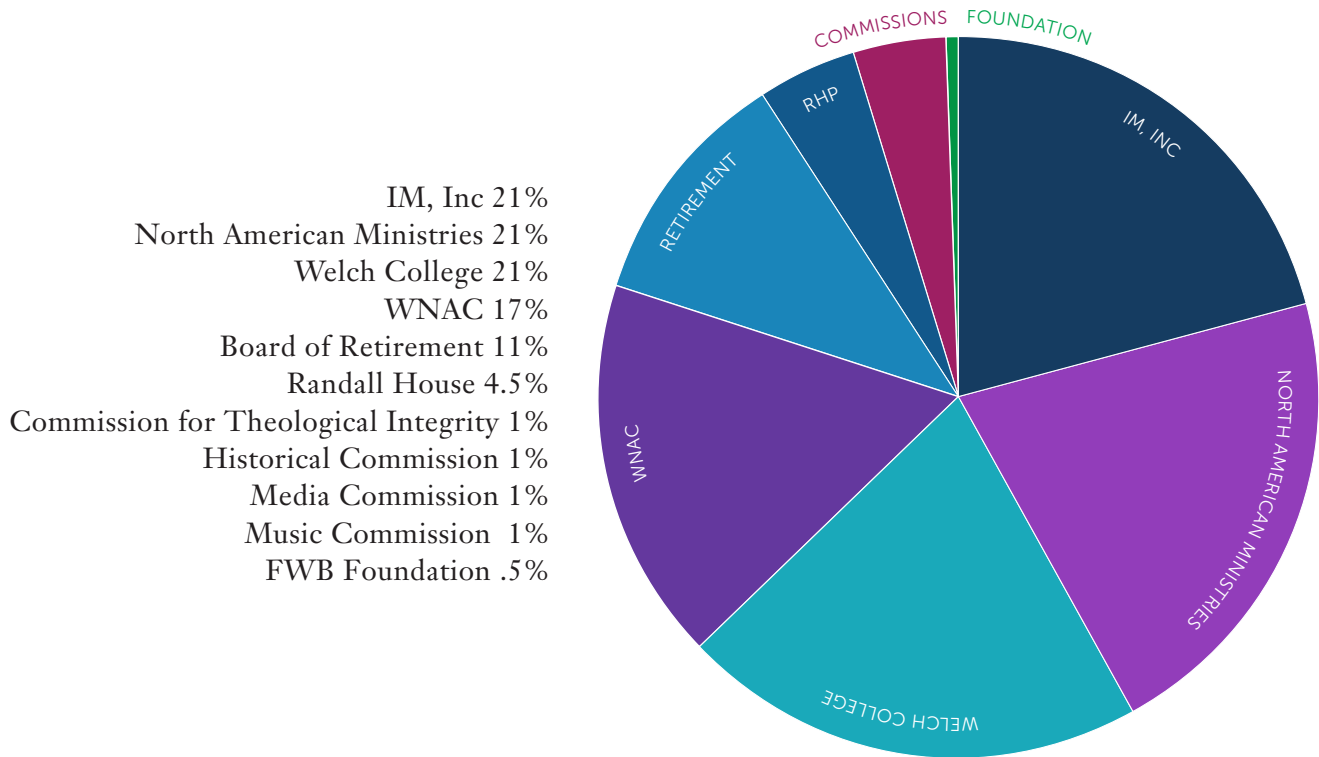
The last Sunday in September has been designated for churches across the denomination to receive a significant offering for IM. The offering goes to the IM general fund, strategic partnerships, and deficit missionary accounts.

November – North American Ministries

The annual offering received on the final Sunday in November supports church planting efforts throughout North American ministries.

Cooperative Funds

The Executive Office receives funding, not to exceed 45% of cooperative gifts. That 45% of cooperative funds provide 95% of operating expenses for the office, which coordinates the annual national convention and leadership conference; offers stewardship training and materials for pastors and local churches; oversees and helps underwrite *ONE Magazine*; and provides valuable ministry tools. Remaining funds are disbursed to other national ministries as follows:



For more information regarding The Together Way, call the Executive Office: **877-767-7659**.

To give to The Together Way, send checks to:

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To give to The Together Way online, click on the QR code below, or visit **www.nafwb.org/TogetherWay**

We would love to hear your questions or comments regarding how the Executive Office can serve you and your ministry. Email: **questions@nafwb.org**



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