

Funding the NAFWB Convention

Last year I reported to the General Board the difficulty the NAFWB is facing funding the National Convention (See [Convention Shortfalls and the Real Problem](#) from 2024). Below is a breakdown of the cost of conventions with funding sources and outcome. Funding for the convention is derived from four resources: church dues, state host contributions, convention offerings, and gifts. For example, North American Ministries has gifted the convention \$110,000 the last two years.

Year	City	Cost	Church Fees	State Contribution	Exhibitor Fees	Convention Offering	Other Income	Outcome
2019	Cincinnati	\$468,081	\$297,915	\$40,000	\$36,616	\$7,046	\$2,630	-\$84,324
2021	Memphis	\$435,278	\$336,442	\$40,000	\$34,000	\$5,952	\$8,400	-\$10,484
2022	Birmingham	\$500,572	\$340,900	\$40,000	\$41,700	\$8,204	\$2,334	-\$74,081
2023	Raleigh	\$517,338	\$331,100	\$40,000	\$41,450	\$18,408	\$3,993	-\$85,974
2024	Tampa	\$546,315	\$324,554	\$30,000	\$45,539	\$30,397	\$84,003	-\$31,822

Since 2019, we have run an average deficit of \$57,377 each year, which is unsustainable. Below is a projection of costs for conventions scheduled through 2028.

Year	City	Cost	Church Fees	State Contribution	Exhibitor Fees	Convention Offering	Other Income	Outcome
2025	Kansas City	\$574,239	\$385,000	\$40,000	\$47,850	\$17,502	\$60,000 (NAM)	-\$23,887
2026	Columbus	\$681,850	\$385,000	\$40,000	\$50,243	\$18,377	??	-\$188,230
2027	Grand Rapids	\$631,662	\$385,000	\$25,000	\$52,755	\$19,296	??	-\$149,612
2028	Little Rock	\$663,245	\$437,625	\$40,000	\$55,392	\$20,261	??	-\$109,967

It is important to make changes now so that we might continue to hold future National Conventions.