

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

What is **The Together Way?**

The Together Way was established in 1994 to fund the work of the denomination. It provides a comprehensive approach to stewardship based on simple biblical principles: 1) giving stems from whole life stewardship of possessions, time, talents, body, mind, ministry, and spiritual gifts; 2) ultimately, Christian giving builds the Body of Christ and takes the gospel to all people; 3) giving as God prospers is both the duty and privilege of every believer; and 4) each believer and congregation should have freedom to carry out stewardship as God leads.

Why is **The Together Way** important?

Stewardship starts at home, continues at church, and extends through the cooperation of local churches that fund ministries at the local, state, and denominational levels. The full-circle stewardship model of The Together Way give all Free Will Baptists an opportunity to accomplish more together.

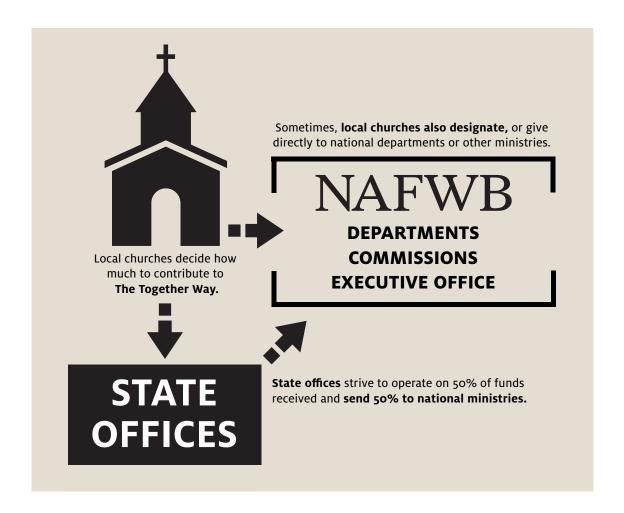


How does **The Together Way** work?

The Together Way finds its basis in the authority, support, and mission of the local church. In addition, it encourages every church to support unified efforts to support Kingdom work through regular giving, whether cooperative or designated to particular ministries, along with participation in four annual offerings.

The Together Way has four key elements:

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



Cooperative Funds

The Executive Office receives up to 45%* of cooperative gifts. **That 43% 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; offers coaching, and counseling for pastors and their families; oversees and helps underwrite *ONE Magazine*; and provides many other valuable ministry tools.

*The Executive Office gives 1% to WNAC and 1% to D6 Family Ministry.

The Together Way Offerings

The entire denomination gives to annual offerings to underwrite national departments and commissions:

February: Welch Fund Offering. On the last Sunday in February, invest in the future of Free Will Baptists through the Welch Fund Offering, which raises funds to help lower the cost for students attending Welch College.

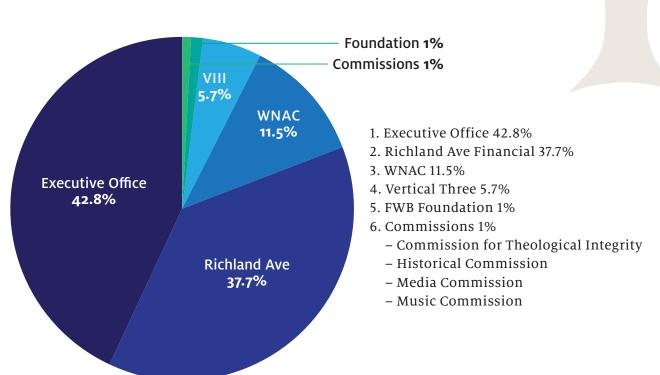
April: The Rest of the Family Offering. The final Sunday in April is set aside to support the work of nine national ministries: Executive Office, Commission for Theological Integrity, FWB Foundation, Historical Commission, Media Commission, Music Commission, Richland Ave Financial, Vertical Three, and WNAC. Each ministry listed above receives a percentage of The Rest of the Family offering.

August: World Missions Offering. The last Sunday in August, the denomination receives an offering for IM, Inc. to support the general fund and strategic partnerships.

November: Mission North America Offering.

This annual offering received each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving supports church planting efforts throughout North American Ministries.

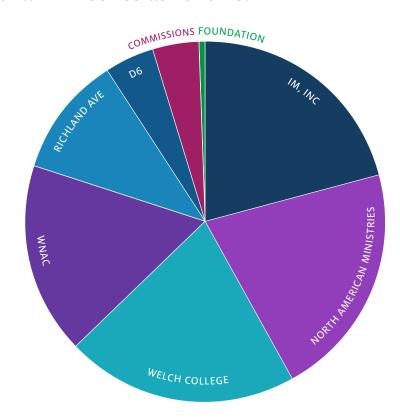
2024 Rest of the Family Offering Disbursements



Remaining cooperative funds are disbursed to other national ministries as follows:

North American Ministries 21%
Welch College 21%
IM, Inc 20%
*WNAC 17%
Richland Ave Financial 11%
*D6 Family Ministry 4.5%
Theological Commission 1%
Historical Commission 1%
Media Commission 1%
Music Commission 1%
FWB Foundation .5%

*The Executive Office contributes the equivalent of 1% each Co-op to WNAC and D6 Family Ministry.



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

To give to The Together Way, send checks to: The Together Way, PO Box 5002 Antioch, TN 37011-5002

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



We welcome your questions or comments regarding how the Executive Office can serve you and your ministry.

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