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Dear Pastor:


I would like on behalf of David Washburn, the Treasurer of the Baptist General Association of Virginia, and myself to thank you and your church for your generous support of Cooperative Missions Giving (CM) for the first six months of 2017. You will find your January 1 – June 30, 2017 report enclosed. Please share our gratitude with your entire congregation. We would love to have an opportunity to come to your church and personally express that appreciation. Please let us know of a convenient time to do so.

Our appreciation is deepened when I realize the rising cost of being church in today's economic realities. In spite of all the challenges we face I have been inspired by the number of churches who have indicated they are increasing their commitment to missions giving through CM. Virginia Baptists are a mission focused people. We have a rich heritage of taking the gospel to the far corners of our Commonwealth, our country, and the world while faithfully reaching our local communities.

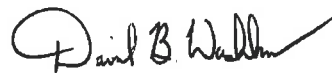
We want you to be assured that we are good and proper stewards of the funds you entrust to us. Kingdom Advance is the vision that God has laid on our hearts. We are diligently pursuing that vision in three key areas – Developing, Planting, and Sending. We are developing pastors and lay leaders. We are planting new churches and establishing fresh expressions of church, and we continue sending people on mission across the state and globe. We are seeing college students baptized, churches revitalized, pastors and lay leaders equipped, referral of candidates for church staff, and so much more.

All this to say, together, as the BGAV, we are advancing the Kingdom in faithful and bold ways. Thank you for connecting with 1,400 other churches in making all this possible. It is a privilege to work for and with you in serving our Lord. Please do not hesitate to call if we can be of any assistance in any way.

Always in His service,



John V. Upton, Jr., Executive Director



David B. Washburn, Treasurer

