



A Southern Baptist Association of Ministers to Adults 55 Plus

Membership

The Metro 55 Plus Association is composed of a network of church leaders in larger Southern Baptist churches who serve as church staff leaders in ministry to adults aged fifty-five years and greater. Other non-pastor and denominational leaders are also welcome to participate as associated non-voting members.

Purpose

The purpose of Metro 55 Plus is to promote professional growth, provide a network of friendship and support, and to experience an annual conference dedicated to the enrichment of ministry to and through adults age 55 Plus in our local churches.

Membership Requirements

- Must be a part or full-time staff member in a 55 Plus (Boomer/Senior Ministry) and/or Pastoral Care ministry of a qualifying Southern Baptist Church.
- Church must also meet 3 of the 4 criteria:
 - Have a ministry to Senior Adults
 - Have an annual budget of \$2 million or greater
 - Church attendance averages 1200 or greater in Sunday worship
 - Have a church staff of five full-time employees or greater

*Membership Requirements for non-Pastor and Denominational Leaders

- Those who are not pastors and not denominational leaders who want to be associate members must be recommended by a present member and approved by the past three presidents.
- The mission and faith statement of the organization should not conflict with the Metro 55 Plus organization.
- A denominational or associate member will be welcomed to be a full participant of the annual meeting except would not be allowed to vote.

Membership Dues

- Membership Dues: \$350 annually (Includes quarterly meetings, member access to website and annual conference (including facility rental (if applicable), most meals, and one activity (excludes hotel and travel costs)).
- First time members, joining after the annual conference, will pay membership dues of \$100. This will cover the remainder of the calendar year. Payment of dues in full would be required for the following calendar year.
- Dues are to be sent to the church of the current President of the Association in care of the President's church.
- Dues should be paid no later than February 15 of each year.

Maintaining Membership Requirements

- Failure to send membership dues will result in forfeiture of membership until all back dues are satisfied. Failure to pay dues is understood to mean the member wishes to be dropped from membership.
- Membership dues are applicable whether the member is attending the annual conference or not.
- A high priority is placed on each member's participation at the annual conference.
- Members who miss two consecutive annual conferences without advance notification to the President will be automatically dropped from membership.
- Members who no longer have priority responsibility for 55 Plus ministry will not be eligible for membership.
- Members who relocate to another church or place of service must reapply for membership. Members who move during the current year are eligible to attend that year's conference and may then reapply if the eligibility requirements are met for the new place of service.
- Members are expected to provide resource packets highlighting their ministry to be shared with other members at the annual conference.

Officers

Administration of the Association will be through an Executive Council consisting of the

President:	Kevin Burdette	Zoom Meetings:	Scott Schulik
1st Vice President:	Ronnie McCarson	Scribe:	Cliff Hardin
2nd Vice President:	Tommy Merritt	Treasurer:	Woods Watson
Website Admin:	Richard Sims		

The election of the vacated positions will be held at the annual conference. Only attending members may vote.

The Executive Council will have the ability to secure and utilize additional leadership assistance from members of the Association as they deem necessary.

Application for Membership



Annual Dues

- Membership Dues: \$350 (due by February 15)
- First time members joining after annual conference: \$100
- Dues cover period of January 1 - December 31

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Church must also meet 3 of the 4 criteria (check the criteria met):

- The church must have at least one full-time staff member whose primary responsibility focuses on Baby Boomers, Senior Adults, and/or Pastoral Care Ministries
- The church must have an average weekly church worship service attendance of 1200
- The church must have an annual church budget of \$2 million
- The church must have at least five full-time employees

Information

Name _____ Spouse _____

Title & Responsibility _____

Church Name _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____

Email _____

Signature: _____ Today's Date: ___/___/___

Return completed application with check to

First West
Attn: Woods Watson, Metro 55+
500 Pine Street
West Monroe, LA 71291
Or return by email to: Kevinb@gabc.org