

What is the Summer Legacy Offering?

This offering is designated for the purpose of associational missions. Just as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is given to the International Mission Board (IMB) for international missions, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is given to the North American Mission Board (NAMB) for North American missions, and the Ola Cox State Missions Offering is given to the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists (WVCSB) for state missions, the Summer Legacy Offering is given to the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association (UOVBA) for associational missions. This allows churches to set aside a special period of time each year to emphasize the importance of associational ministry.

Why do churches participate in the Summer Legacy Offering?

The 21 churches that comprise the Upper Ohio Valley Baptist Association believe in its mission to serve, supply, and strengthen local churches in cooperative fulfillment of the Great Commission. We are thankful that many of our churches contribute to the mission of the association on a monthly basis, and the Summer Legacy Offering provides an additional avenue to undergird our cooperative ministries.

Cooperative Program (CP) funds are not designated for associations, so every association must find autonomous ways to strengthen and sustain its unique mission. The UOVBA supports the Cooperative Program with 10% of our undesignated receipts, and we intend to remain faithful in Gospel partnership with our Southern Baptist family. By receiving a special offering each summer, UOVBA churches will fiscally strengthen the cooperative ministry of their association without interfering with existing offerings on the convention calendar.

How will the Summer Legacy Offering be used?

All undesignated contributions will go into the UOVBA general fund. For information about the UOVBA spending plan, speak to your pastor or executive board representative. The spending plan for the upcoming year is printed in the Book of Reports provided to each messenger at the UOVBA annual meeting in October. Should you desire a copy of the Book of Reports or the annual spending plan, please contact your associational staff.

Whose legacy will be honored through this offering?

The UOVBA considered naming this offering after an individual, and there are literally dozens of faithful people who could have served as the namesake of this offering. However, in light of our association's rich history, it was decided to name the offering in honor of all who have served the Lord sacrificially through our churches in this region. The Summer Legacy Offering honors the memory and ministry of these heroes.

Beginning in 2021, we plan on distributing a video each year honoring the various heroes who have made an impact in our association. Your associational staff will be conducting video interviews in the upcoming months and years with the members of our churches who are willing to share their memories of these beloved individuals. If you have a ministry hero - or perhaps more than one - that you would like to share with our associational family, please make arrangements for an interview with your associational staff. We would love to hear from you!

How will the Summer Legacy Offering enhance the ministry of the UOVBA?

On April 22, 2020, for the first time in its 60-year history, the UOVBA acquired ownership of an office building. This location will serve as our ministry headquarters and allow us to better serve, supply, and strengthen local churches. We have also made great strides in commissioning four prayer missionaries to the churches across our association, adding new churches to our associational family, making our existing more efficient, and clarifying the purposes for various committees. The Summer Legacy Offering will keep our cooperative Gospel ministry strong and vibrant! We are indeed better together.

How can churches promote the Summer Legacy Offering?

On each Sunday morning in June, we encourage the churches in our associational family to highlight the mission and ministry of the UOVBA using promotional tools sent by your associational staff. Special offering envelopes, graphics, and videos will be provided for your church. In addition to highlighting the Summer Legacy Offering on Sunday mornings, Vacation Bible School (VBS) can provide another platform for promotion. The VBS offering could be added to your church's Summer Legacy Offering contributions. We also encourage churches to use social media, email, and bulletin inserts in their promotional efforts.