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Gentlemen:

We received your August 12 letter addressed to Kevin Ezell, Dr. Floyd, the SBC Executive Committee, and our NAMB Board of Trustees. As an autonomous Southern Baptist entity, it is most appropriate for a response to come from us.

The NAMB Board of Trustees wholeheartedly supports President Ezell and our staff in the direction NAMB is taking in fulfilling our ministry assignments with churches, associations, and state conventions.

You have correctly identified that we are more focused (centralized) and directive in our strategies, personnel and funding. We're not sure you could make a more complimentary accusation of us! NAMB trustees expect our leaders to develop and implement strategies that accomplish our ministry assignments and to then fund those strategies specifically.

We take very seriously the task of being good stewards of the funds given to NAMB by SBC churches through the Cooperative Program and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We certainly do and will continue to assess and evaluate all the planters and all the personnel we fund. We have no intention of delegating these responsibilities to any ministry partner.

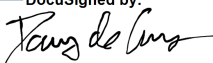
This is not a lack of cooperation or partnership; it is our way of stewarding the resources we invest in NAMB strategies. Many ministry partners, including our three churches, have found this to be incredibly helpful and effective in identifying and retaining the best candidates for the important roles that NAMB is funding. We believe if you will give it a chance you will find the same to be true.

You stated that we had no discussions with state conventions, but this is simply not true. In March of this year, Kevin and our board vice chairman, Eric Thomas, traveled to

Oregon to meet with the leadership of the Northwest Baptist Convention to do just that. Our leadership is always willing and open to meet and discuss ways we can better serve Southern Baptists together.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and to our future conversations as together we pursue the goal of taking the Gospel to every corner of North America and beyond.

Your Brothers in Christ,

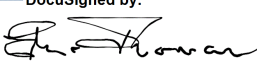
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