

**Testimonies from Churches that Have Affiliated
with the Baptist Convention of New England**

When we as a local congregation prayed about being part of the big picture of what the church is, the Lord specifically led us to partner with the SBC through the Baptist Convention of New England. We have never looked back. Many more lives than we could have imagined have been blessed through this partnership. The gospel has been proclaimed more broadly locally and our church's vision for ministry has been expanded through mission trips to other places. Networking with fellow pastors and congregations to trust God to meet the needs that only He can has an eternal price tag. I praise God we do not have to walk alone but together we can bring glory to God.

Pastor Jerry Frey
Faith Christian Fellowship
North Pownal, VT

Faith Christian Fellowship is dually aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Conservative Baptist Association.

The BCNE has been a substantial blessing for First Baptist Church of Haverhill. It allows us to be connected to a network of gospel-centered churches in the spiritually rocky soil of New England. We recently ordained a missionary, now recognized by the BCNE, and have enjoyed the ministry of the Executive Director Terry Dorsett at our Sunday morning service. Being recognized as part of a vibrant, missional, church-planting and Christ-centered network has been a real positive for our historic Baptist church!

Pastor Rick Harrington
First Baptist Church
Haverhill, MA

First Baptist Church is dually aligned with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the American Baptist Churches of the USA.

We enjoy the fellowship of diverse, yet likeminded, churches represented by the Baptist Convention of New England. Knowing that we are partners for the gospel with other New England churches is inspiring. Our church has been blessed by the knowledge, resources, and love of the BCNE and its staff. As a pastor I have personally benefited greatly from the fellowship and encouragement of fellow BCNE pastors at our monthly pastors' prayer breakfasts. I have developed several friendships within the BCNE that have been a source of support and joy. I thank God that Greenville Baptist Church partners with the BCNE in building the kingdom of God.

Pastor Stephen Derrick
Greenville Baptist Church
Rochdale, MA

Greenville Baptist Church was previously affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of the USA.

What a privilege it is to be partnered with such a caring, loving and inspirational group of God's people. With every card of prayer, e-mail of inspiration and note of encouragement, the BCNE staff encourages us to remain faithful and focused. It is great to expose our families to such a variety of worship, teaching and fellowship opportunities. Our fellowship with you has changed lives and caused those in the inner-city to embrace many that they would have never come into contact with.

Rev. Derrick C. Holloway Sr.
First Calvary Baptist Church
Hartford, CT

First Calvary Baptist Church is dually aligned with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention.

The North Pownal Church appreciates our affiliation with the Baptist Convention of New England and the SBC for several reasons. The most important being the Baptist Faith and Message, which sets a theological standard that focuses on the Lord and his Word. Our community is greatly blessed by the Northeastern Baptist College, an SBC affiliated school in Bennington, VT. Affiliation with the BCNE/SBC has also facilitated participation in ministries that our small church could not do alone, such as; Disaster Relief, Experiencing God Weekends, the Cooperative Program Mission Fund and taking mission trips. SBC volunteers from the south helped us build an addition to our church facility, and now we can bless other churches by allowing other mission teams to stay in that facility while ministering with our church and other churches in southern Vermont.

Pastor Gary Rogers
North Pownal Congregational Church
North Pownal, VT

North Pownal Congregational Church is dually aligned with both the Southern Baptist Convention and the Conservative Congregational Christian Conference.

What a privilege it has been to partner together with like-minded evangelical Baptist churches to support national and world missions, seminary education, an ethical voice in the public square, world hunger, disaster relief, church planting, and church strengthening. What a privilege it has been to network with pastors of one heart and one mind: to teach, encourage, and edify each other. What a privilege it has been to help pastors who have come to New England from Nepal, Moldova, South Korea, Brazil, and Ghana. What a privilege to network with national Baptist leaders, particularly the leadership of Baptist Global Response, when I go to the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting. Two practical examples of help I have received through our SBC connection include the annual Ministers' Tax Guide, distributed by GuideStone Financial Resources, and the Protecting Your Ministry booklet from the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. Following the principles outlined in the Ministers' Tax Guide, personally I have been able to save thousands of dollars. The Protecting Your Ministry booklet gave our church legal recommendations absolutely crucial for church bylaws in these challenging times. There is a profound sense of blessed assurance knowing that the Baptist Convention of New England and the Southern Baptist Convention have my back as I serve my church.

Rev. John Brownlee
Beulah Baptist Church
Chicopee, MA

Beulah Baptist Church was previously affiliated with the American Baptist Churches of the USA.