

Mission Clarification Results

Breakout Group Responses (October 17, 2024)



1. NABF AIMS

- a. **Primary Aim:** Member body leaders
- b. **Secondary Aim:** Member bodies (entire entities and persons within them)
 - i. Baptist denominational conventions and associations
 - ii. Baptist colleges, universities, and seminaries (academia)
 - iii. Baptist organizations (non-profits, missional organizations, etc.)

2. The Differences That NABF Can Make

- a. **Unity and Relationship Building:** NABF can play a crucial role in uniting Baptists across member bodies, cultivating trust, and modeling the unity of the Body of Christ through shared witness and collaboration.
- b. **Leadership and Next-Generation Development:** NABF can provide leadership development, education, and a leadership pipeline, aiming to cultivate younger leaders, expand the capacities of current leaders, and broaden horizons of leaders on relevant issues.
- c. **Resource and Network Support:** As a hub for relationship-building, NABF can connect member bodies for sharing best practices, sparking innovation, and supporting collective responses to challenges in the North American region, such as poverty, environmental issues, disaster relief, hunger, vulnerable children, injustice, etc.
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3. Ultimate Intrinsic Value

- a. **Building Trust and Unity:** The NABF can foster genuine trust, relationships, and unity among member body leaders and their organizations that is free from unnecessary bureaucracy, which will help member bodies to thrive and see NABF as a vital part of their mission.
- b. **Transformation and Resilience:** The responses highlighted NABF's role in supporting the transformation and flourishing of its member bodies, helping them navigate cultural shifts with resilience and relevance.
- c. **Increased Engagement and Investment:** By NABF establishing a strong value proposition, member bodies will be greatly encouraged and motivated to include NABF their budgets and foster greater leader and donor involvement, which will lead to sustained mutual support and greater Kingdom impact.
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