

Let me first express my thanks for your participation in the State Missions Offering. I have been considering the role of the State Convention and its strategic position to serve our churches.

Why Support the State Missions Offering?

Because these priorities are unique to our mission.

Through this offering, the churches of our state partnership serve in these five critical priorities:

1. Disaster Response Leadership

Ben Seamans and his team work to recruit, train, and deploy coordinated disaster response teams representing MWBC Churches in crisis witness, demonstrating Christ's love when communities need it most.

2. NextGen Empowerment

We equip churches with resources and training to reach, disciple, and develop the next generation of believers and leaders.

3. Strategic Mission Partnerships

We facilitate Acts 1:8 connections linking churches for missions impact from our region to the ends of the earth.

4. Leadership Development

Our statewide position enables us to host, facilitate, and connect people for leadership opportunities that strengthen pastoral and lay ministry across our region.

5. Missions Education

After decades of decline in nationwide mission education priority, we're strategically reinvesting in missions education. Much of this can come through WMU partnerships, reigniting passion for national and global missions in local churches.

6. Pastoral Emergencies

Pastors will often tell their churches that crises will happen. They also happen to the pastor's family. Providing just-in-time resources from our churches to respond has been a welcome relief.

These priorities require a coordinated response. Your state missions offering multiplies ministry impact for just the role the State Convention is poised to meet.

God bless our work in 2025-26.

Dr. Trey Turner



Advancing the Gospel

State Missions Offering 2025

"Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the advance of the gospel," (Philippians 1:12, HCSB)

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We have set our distribution of the money given to this offering in the following way.

25% Disaster Relief

- Director Stipend
- Response Resources
- Training and support

This year's offering will allow Ben Seamans to recruit and train new volunteers, those who have not been exposed to Disaster Relief and participated in its vital ministry. 2026 will be an engaging year for that work.

25% Next Gen initiatives

- Church Internships
- Youth and Children's camp assistance
- Next Gen Leadership events

25% Cross-cultural missions

- Southeast Asia Mission Trip and scholarships
- ESL initiatives
- Hmong, Hispanic, and Liberian initiatives
- Other Language group engagement

10% Leadership development

- Strategic leadership investments
- Leadership resources

10% WMU missions support and projects

5% Pastoral Emergencies

Please consider collecting a special offering this September/October to give your church the opportunity to support ministries that are making a difference here in Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Promotional material are in this packet and can also be accessed digitally at www.mwbc.org.

- Please use the **state missions video and prayer calendar posted on www.mwbc.org** in your worship service, Sunday School, or small group. This video can be easily downloaded to almost any computer.
- This year's prayer calendar will be posted on the **MWBC prayer Facebook page**. You can find the page by searching for ***mwbc pray*** and then "like" the page. You will receive a daily reminder to pray.
- Post the **posters** on your church bulletin boards and classrooms.

To be good stewards of resources, the enclosed materials highlight items available to promote the offering. Please feel free to print whatever materials you wish. Most of these are available on the web at www.mwbc.org. **If you should need any additional materials** (especially additional color posters or offering envelopes) let us know by calling our offices at 507-282-3636 or emailing herr@mwbc.org. If you would like an **MWBC staff member to speak to your congregation** about this offering, we would be glad to share in your worship services for as little as five minutes or as long as an entire sermon.

Thank you for your generous giving to the State Missions Offering.

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