

An aerial photograph of the Jacksonville skyline, featuring prominent skyscrapers like the TIAA Bank Tower and the Wells Fargo building. The image is overlaid with large, semi-transparent geometric shapes: a large yellow triangle on the left and a black triangle on the right. A small yellow triangle is also visible near the center.

# 2021 ANNUAL CELEBRATION

**Co**-Missioned  
For More

**ENGAGE**JAX

Jacksonville Baptist Association

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# **THE JACKSONVILLE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

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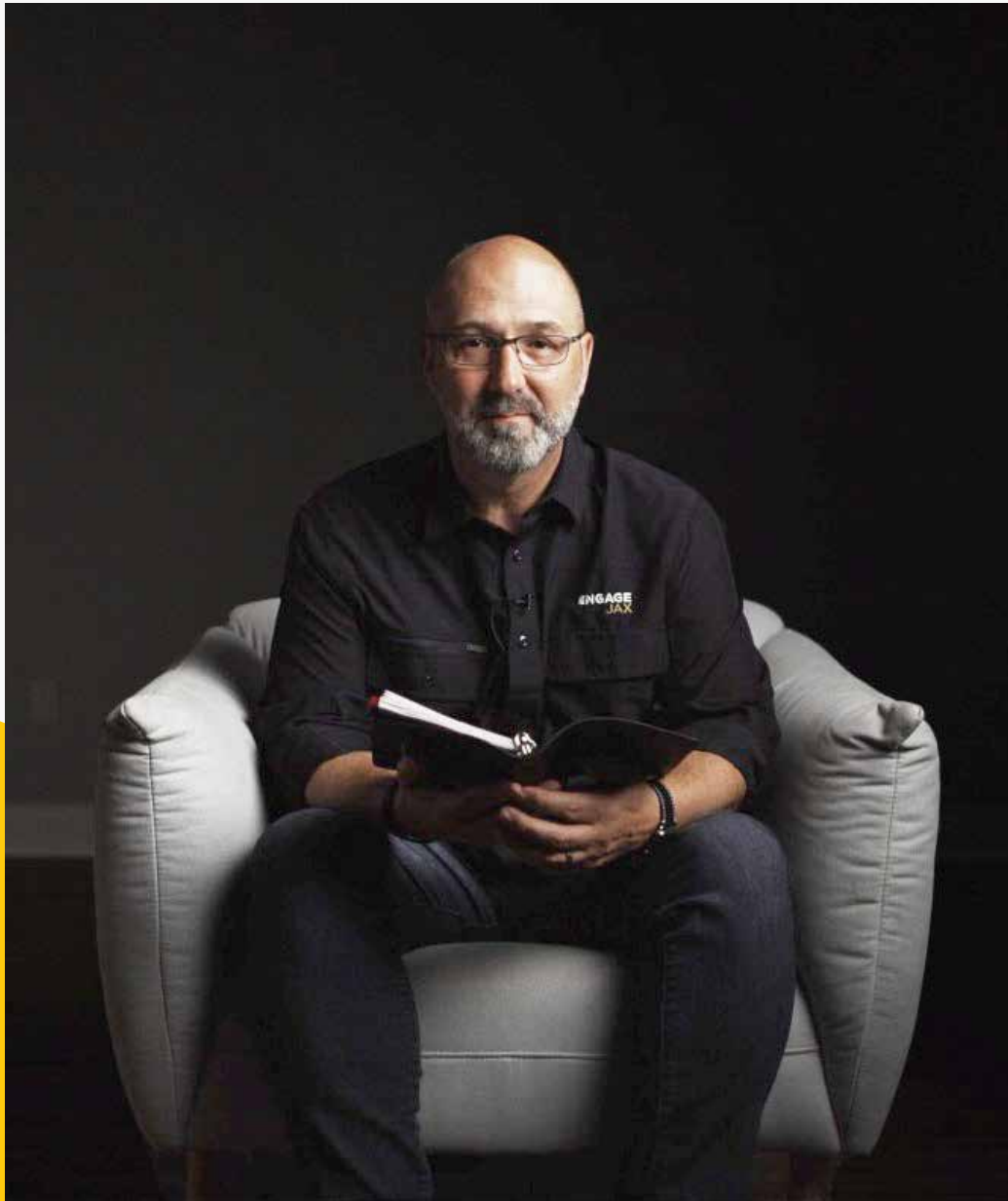
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# WELCOME!

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As we gather for our 2021 EngageJAX Celebration, we are still learning how to navigate faithfully through the results of a tumultuous national election, a global pandemic whose containment continues to cause confusion, and an emotionally charged national denominational conversation that has been unsettling at best.

In this season I have been reminded of the individual value of all the urban, suburban, beach, rural, small, large, new and legacy JBA churches that make up the body of Christ in this place we call home.

I also have seen in new ways the diversity and complexity of the mission field we are seeking to engage. Here are few of my observations:

- No one church has the ability to reach the whole city by itself
- Existing assumptions about healthy ministry must be challenged and clarified
- Pastors, regardless of age, ethnicity or church size, need soul care
- Many congregations need revitalization more than they may realize
- One-size-fits-all ministry solutions are not only ineffective, they are insulting
- We can never stop developing the resources and pastors that church planting requires

**Bob Bumgarner**  
Lead Missional Strategist

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We can navigate these realities together! Why? Because the bright spot in this day of unprecedented change and challenge is our JBA Pastors. These Kingdom First Responders are as committed as ever to taking the Gospel to all of our neighbors.

This year's theme, Co-Missioned for More, is designed to be an energizing and hope-filled reminder that while no church can reach our city alone, no one church needs to feel that burden. The Great Commission is a local Co-Mission. We are co-laborers on mission with God Himself.

In the days ahead as we move out in concert under the leadership of the Holy Spirit and in unity with one another, we can:

- Plant MORE healthy churches
- Strengthen MORE existing churches
- Encourage MORE pastors and ministry leaders
- Equip MORE missional disciples

Because of your generous participation in the JBA we will see God expand His territory:

- In our hearts
- In our homes
- In our churches
- In our communities
- And in our world!

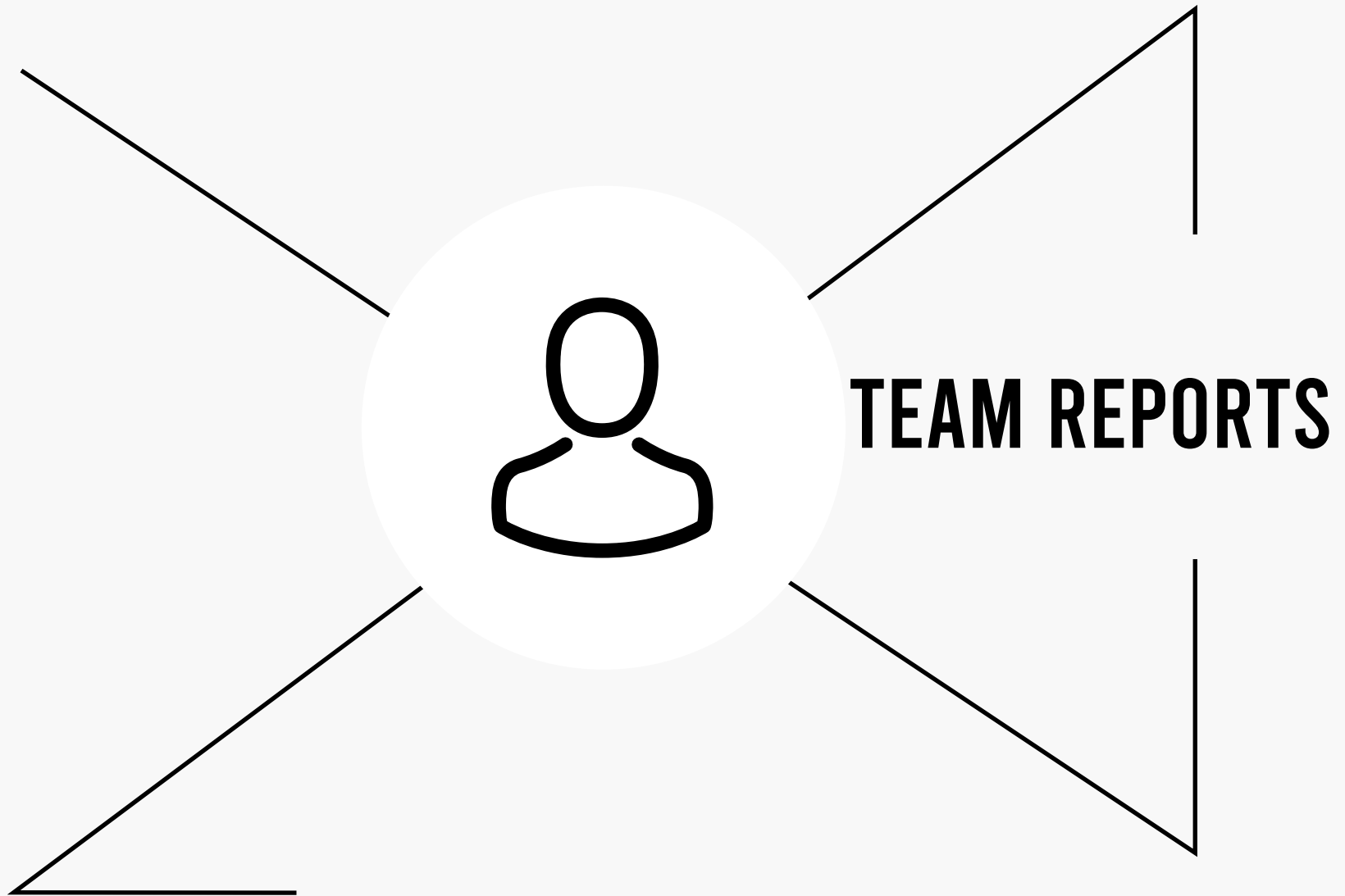
Co-Missioned: You, me and the Father in the world on His Mission!

# Co-Missioned For More

In this together,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Bumgarner". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Bob Bumgarner





**David Tarkington** —

Expand Team Champion

Just as every church has reworked schedules, revisited priorities, and shifted to do ministry well following the shutdown precipitated by the pandemic, so too has our Jacksonville Baptist Association and the Expand Team.

Our Expand Team continues to focus on the ongoing work of church planting in the Jacksonville area. Yet, more than just simply working to get more church planters in our city, we are focused on equipping and enabling legacy churches to become strategic partners and sending churches as well. In conjunction with Send Network Florida (NAMB and the Florida Baptist Convention) we have completed two 2021 church planting cohorts. The cohort includes eleven sessions of instruction and collaborative study over a period of twenty-two weeks. The expansive work of our association and team has led us to work with planters and sending churches throughout the state and not just in the Jacksonville area.

## EXPAND TEAM

Our cohorts included planters who have completed assessment with the Send Network and have sending churches focused on continued relationships for long-term health. New church plants in Yulee, Palm Coast, Palatka, and as far south as Tampa, Venice, and Bradenton have been through our JBA Expand Team cohorts. We also have new churches launching in our city and nearby counties. Some are launching in the fall while others are looking to spring 2022.

The blessing of our network allows us to connect relationally beyond the cohort training sessions. JBA planters who have completed assessment and cohort training are:

- Gam Maran (Burmese Church) – sending church Chets Creek Church
- Hector Rivera (Hispanic Church) – sending church Mandarin Baptist church
- Curtis Haynes (The Lord is My Shepherd Church) – sending church FBC Orange Park,
- Daniel Helms (The Branch Community Church in Palatka) – sending church FBC Plant City
- Ryan Jorgenson (Salvation Church in St Johns) – sending church Highpoint Church, Napierville, IL with numerous JBA churches as partners

Most recently, members of our church planting family and Expand Team have launched the **Jacksonville Church Planters Network**. The relationships built during cohorts are vital and yet, when the cohort ends, it is easy for these relationships to wane. Our planters network is a grass-roots effort launched by planters for planters and sending church pastors. Our desire is to fuel this group throughout the year, moving more toward relationship building and strengthening rather than programmatic events.



**Jimbo Stewart**  
Equip Team Champion

Your JBA Equip Team exists to make it easier to revitalize and replant churches in northeast Florida and harder to do it alone. Ministry leadership in this season requires a lot of adjustments and flexibility. 2021 has brought a clearer focus for the equip team on church renewal. We have been working hard to sharpen our strategies and create new resources and processes toward this focus.

*As we gain greater clarity on how the Equip team can best serve our network, we are excited to see how God continues to work in our churches through The Pastor's Advance Group, 904 PREP, ReFocus, Strategic Support Teams, and more.*

The Pastor's Advance Group, led by Albert Byrd, has continued to be a strong relational network for pastors to encourage and equip each other monthly. The Pastor's Advance Group has monthly lunch discussions utilizing resources that challenge and help pastors grow in their leadership. We have just begun going through Future Church by Will Mancini and Cory Hartman and we would love for you to join us.

## EQUIP TEAM

The Equip Team has developed a process for helping churches gain mission clarity on their next step for renewal called 904 PREP. This is a process where the Equip Team partners with the leadership team of a church in a series of 4 meetings over a period of 90 days. These meetings will include prayer, resourcing, exercises to survey the situation, and a process for discovering the best renewal pathway for the church. We have begun the process with several churches, and we are beginning to develop a regional cohort in Arlington. We would love to partner with you to help your church find its next step of renewal.

For more in-depth consultation and coaching we have pursued certification for some of our leadership in the **ReFocus**: A six-step process built on a biblical framework toward church renewal by Corpus Vitae. A 6-month process where a leader from the JBA will guide the church's leadership team through six monthly trainings. Participants will assess the current state of the ministry, consider how to position it for healthy movement, develop all of the directional aspects of ministry, create a custom plan for disciple-making, tailor a leadership development strategy, and build a custom plan for implementation.

With the needs of church revitalization increasing, we are constantly thinking through ways to make it easier to revitalize and replant churches and harder to do it alone. We are developing strategies for support teams to partner with churches in need of renewal. There are opportunities for churches to mentor, foster, adopt, merge, marry and more. We believe that **Strategic Support Teams** will be a crucial part of helping struggling churches see renewal. One of the greatest strengths of the JBA is the churches in our association display a spirit of cooperation not competition.

If you have a passion to equip churches and leaders, we would love to have you serve with this team.





**Mike Reed** —

Engage Team Champion

## ENGAGE TEAM

The mission of the Engage Team is to assist churches as they recruit, equip, and release their membership into the mission field. This process is defined in our Engage Path: Engage Process & Toolkit. This path is designed to mobilize the mission force through missional initiatives that provide churches with opportunities to love and serve in a variety of environments in order to share the gospel.

During 2021, we launched LOVEjax, an initiative designed to encourage churches as they engage the city over a sixty-day period (September- October). The LOVEjax engagement is on three levels: Churchwide initiatives, family projects designed to show and share the love of Jesus in neighborhoods, and individual acts of kindness.

We upgraded and expanded our Search & Rescue evangelism and discipleship tool by adding 321Training. This is a simple process for transitioning an everyday conversation by asking 3 questions, using 2 tools (15-second testimony and the gospel using the 3-Circles), and 1 message – the gospel.

Our annual E-Summit this year will feature author Damian Gerke sharing how church as we know it has the potential for becoming a disciple making movement again. The Summit is scheduled for October 27 and 28.

On November 11, our first Digital Shepherding Lab will provide training for churches who want to improve their connection to their online audience. This lab will address how we can assist our digital guests in their spiritual journey. Training and releasing Digital First Responders provide an instant connection to online seekers. This initial connection opens the door to the possibility of leading this audience through spiritual next steps.



## ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Mark Seagle, Mandarin Baptist Church
Vice-Moderator	Angel Santiago, Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church
Clerk	Darlene Papa, JBA Staff
Treasurer	Albert Byrd, Holiday Hill Baptist Church
Budget/Stewardship Chairman	Chris Coram, North Jacksonville Baptist Church

## LEADERSHIP TEAM

Moderator (Chairman)	Mark Seagle, Mandarin Baptist Church
Vice-Moderator	Angel Santiago, Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church
Treasurer	Albert Byrd, Holiday Hill Baptist Church
Budget/Stewardship Chairman	Clayton Waugh, Chets Creek Church
Engage Team Champion	Jonathan Wilson, Fruit Cove Baptist Church
Equip Team Champion	JimBo Stewart, Mandarin Baptist Church
Expand Team Champion	David Tarkington, First Baptist Church of Orange Park
At-large Member	Dan Santiago, Covenant Christian Church
At-large Member	Jackie Hatcher, Chets Creek Church
At-large Member	Todd Jones, First Baptist Church Middleburg

## NOMINATING TEAM

Boyd Betts 22	The District Church
Will Cooper 22	Coastal Baptist Church
Mike Ragland 22	Crown Point Baptist Church
Hwan Kim 23	Jacksonville Korean Central Baptist Church
Sithon Nuon 23	Cambodian Chets Creek Church S Campus
Kenny Roberts 23	MissionWay Church
<b>Michael Edwards 24</b>	<b>Tabernacle Baptist Institutional Church</b>
<b>Jerri Tribble 24</b>	<b>Deermeadows Baptist Church</b>
<b>George Powers 24</b>	<b>Palm Valley Baptist Church</b>

## BUDGET/STEWARDSHIP TEAM

Clayton Waugh, Chairman 23

**Jonathan Reavis 24**

**Bryan Samms 24**

**Ricky Powell 24**

**Andrew Wilkes 24**

Matt Dobson 22

Gary Poplin 22

Josh Glymph 23

Trey Kirwin 23

Tanya McAvoy 23

Chets Creek Church

**Schindler Drive Baptist Church**

**River City Baptist Church**

**Fort Caroline Baptist Church**

**Kernan Boulevard Baptist Church**

Mandarin Baptist Church

St. Augustine Road Baptist Church

Refuge Church

The District Church

Neptune Baptist Church

## CABARET HAITI MISSION, INC.

Tobitha Smith - Mercy Hill Church, Greensboro (non-JBA)

Dave Swartz - Trinity New Life Church, Trinity, FL (non-JBA)

Janell Swartz - Trinity New Life Church, Trinity, FL (non-JBA)

Greg Wren - Heckscher Drive Baptist Church

Cheryl Wren - Heckscher Drive Baptist Church

Mark Yarbrough - First Baptist Church Plant City (non-JBA)

Lori Yarbrough - First Baptist Church Plant City (non-JBA)

Jennifer Davis - Mandarin Baptist Church

Mary Jean Baker - Heckscher Drive Baptist Church

Ben Cannon - Mandarin Baptist Church

## CHURCHES PRESENTED FOR MEMBERSHIP

**First Baptist Missionary Church Oakleaf, Pastor Barry Wright**

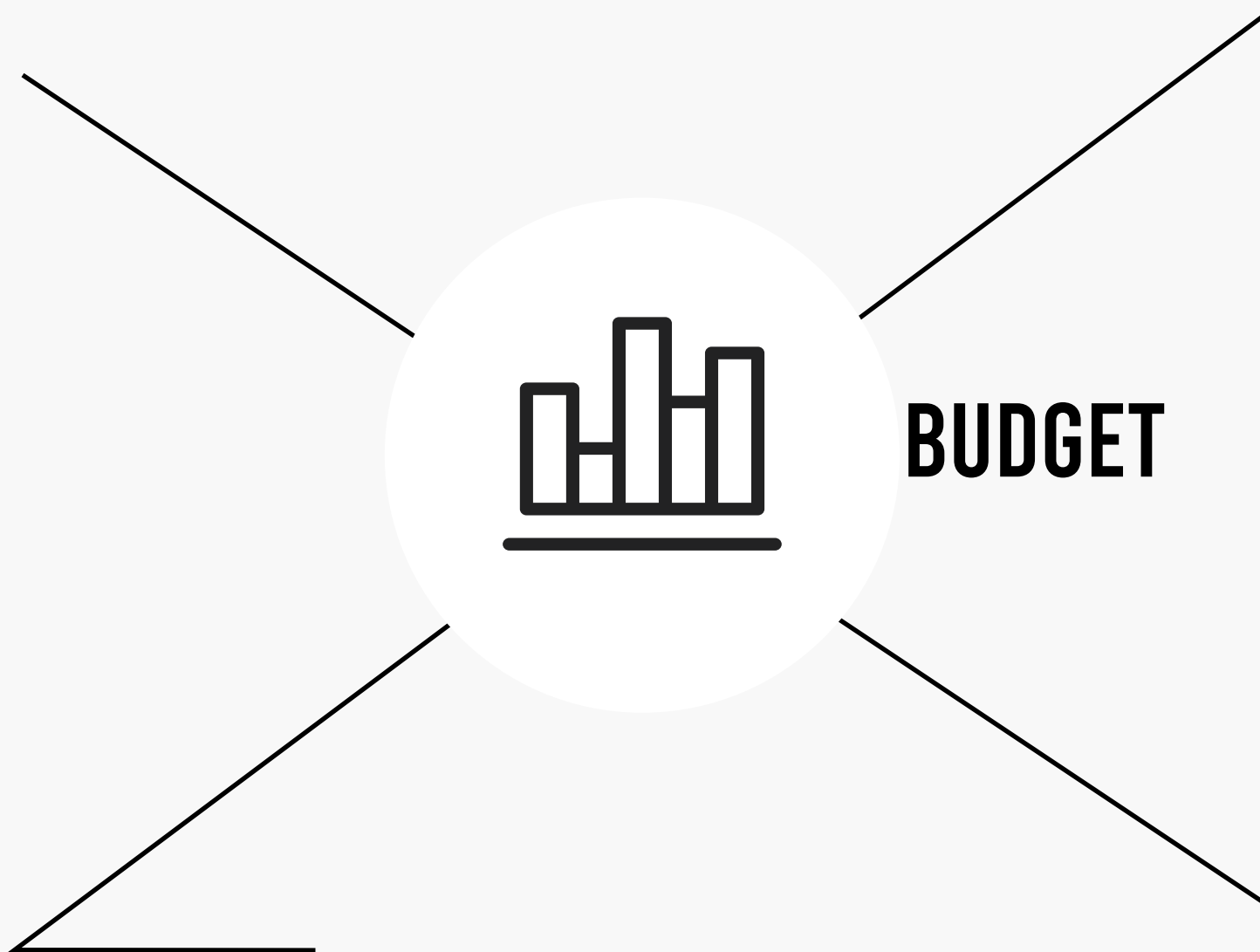
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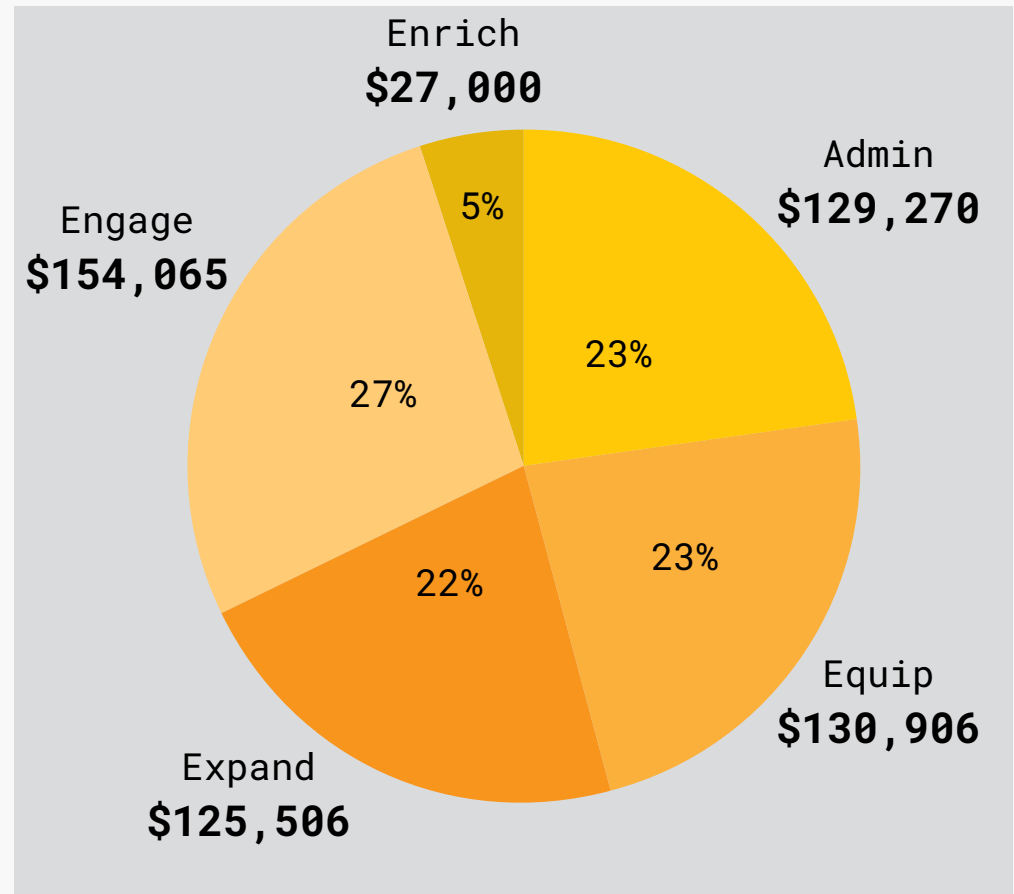


# BUDGET FOR 2022

Our JBA budget represents generous giving from associational member churches in addition to their gifts through the Cooperative Program.

**TOTAL:**  
**\$566,746**

2021 : \$542,048







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