Article III • Membership

Section 1—The membership of this Convention will consist of messengers who are members of Baptist churches which are in friendly cooperation with this Convention and sympathetic with its mission and work, affirm the Baptist Faith & Message 2000, and which have during the preceding 12 months (October 1 through September 30) been bona fide contributors to the work of this Convention. <u>In order to be affiliated with the BCMD</u>, a local church must seek to protect vulnerable adults and children from sexual abuse in concrete ways which reflect the spirit and theology of Scripture.

Membership will cease Disaffiliation of Membership will occur in the following: when Baptist churches are no longer either in friendly cooperation with this convention and sympathetic with its mission and work, no longer affirm the Baptist Faith & Message 2000, or which have not during the preceding 12 months (October 1 through September 30) been bona fide contributors to the work of this Convention, or Disaffiliation of a church will occur when a church is found to be in open and unrepentant beliefs or behaviors that are contrary to the BF&M 2000.