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Greetings BGCVA Family!

On behalf of President Bunting and the General Board of the Baptist General Convention of Virginia, we take this time to thank you for all that you have done in sharing your financial gifts with us over the years.

We appreciate your ongoing generosity in response to our calls and letters for financial support to both our ministries and mission. This is your beloved convention. How we care for it determines how much greater our ministry outreach can and will become.

As we approach our 125th Annual Session and Congress of Christian Faith Formation, we are encouraging churches and associations and individuals to bring your financial gifts to the Hilton Grand Mark Center on June 30 – July 3, 2024. Your gifts will be graciously received on Monday, July 1st, during the 6:45 PM Open Night Worship, which is our Night of Generosity!

Our goal this year is \$125,000. Although reaching this goal is not an individual endeavor, through much prayer and working together, we can achieve this milestone during this historic celebration and much more!

Because of your ongoing financial support and attendance at events, BGCVA continues to be the place to be for churches and associations across Virginia.

On Wednesday night, our Annual Session will conclude in the celebration of our beloved, 43rd President, the Reverend Milton Palmer Bunting. We jointly salute his stellar leadership, and we all have been amazed by his compassion and dedication to enhance the work of our great convention. Last year, our President's sermon was entitled, "The Business of BGC" of which he has marvelously stewarded it in words and in deeds across our Commonwealth and our nation. In appreciation of his triumphant tenure, we appeal to each of you to express your gratitude for his witness and labor of love for our dear BGCVA.

Each former president can testify of the high cost of denominational leadership. Every BGCVA member, minister, pastor, moderator, officer, woman, and man along with each church and association are encouraged to give at least \$100.00 on President's Night. Our youth will witness our generosity and be inspired to give as well. Please prepare to present your checks and gifts for the Annual Session. You are also free to send your gifts to the office ahead of the Annual Session. We only ask that you specify the amount that you are graciously giving on the Night of Generosity and the President's Night.

For The Kingdom Of GOD, We Are,

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Dr. James E. Coleman First Vice President

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Dr. Leo Whitaker Executive Minister

We are BGC...Bringing People Together, Growing Churches, and Changing Communities! ~ Act I:8; Matthew 9:35-38; Mark I0:I3-I6