

## Who We Are

Union Baptist Association is a collaborative network of churches strategically advancing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Together we ask questions, learn, hone strategies, and equip each other to advance the gospel of Jesus Christ. We do it together because it can't be done any other way.

## What We Do

UBA has three strategic initiatives to help us make decisions and focus our energy on becoming the association God is call us to be.

#### Sending Pathways



We want to see a city full of churches cooperatively producing their own sent-out-ones for an array of Great Commission tasks. This is how Houston and beyond reaches gospel saturation. Sending Pathways is a partnership between local churches to develop intentional systems that lead to multiplicative sending.

#### **Church Renewal**



We want to see a city full of vibrant, gospel-proclaiming, sending churches and believe that God can move afresh in declining and dying congregations. Church Renewal is an effort to work through consultations and church partnerships to rekindle flames in lighthouses across Houston.

#### **Collaborative Care**



We believe our association is both an organization and a living organism. It's a network of living, reciprocal relationships. If these relationships are not tended and cared for, it weakens the foundation and work of the association. Collaborative Care intentionally brings churches, their staff, and their members into deeper, more meaningful, kingdomexpanding relationships that strengthen the whole Body of Christ.

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# **Membership Process**

## **Phase 1: Preparation**

To become a member of the Union Baptist Association, churches will need to submit a covenant form, the church's governing documents, and an affirmation of a Baptist Faith and Message.

Churches will attend a new church orientation after which they will be voted on by the ALC. If approved, the church enters the watchcare phase.

### Phase 2: Watchcare

During the watchcare phase, a church will need to contribute to UBA financially and participate in the UBA Annual Celebration as well as other strategic cooperative activities. UBA staff will conduct an entrance assessment, an unannounced visit, and an exit interview to report to the ALC. Afterward, the ALC will vote again to recommend the church for full membership or to remove them from the membership process.

## **Phase 3: Full Membership**

At each Annual Celebration, attendants will vote to add new churches to full UBA membership. Those churches joining UBA will be celebrated and welcomed into full membership at that point. Once in full membership, a church is bound by regular membership requirements to maintain its association with UBA.

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