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Revs. Paul Hardwick, Rick Mixon, Greg Ledbetter, Vernola Williams and Jim Hopkins
PCBA Committee

Dear Paul, Jim, Rick, Greg, and Vernola:

In your recent email you restated you desire for a commitment from the Evergreen Association to support and facilitate more formally your Association's (PCBA) mission and activities among California churches. In response to that request, I make the following declarations on behalf of the Evergreen Association of American Baptist Churches:

We will provide support for the common life of Churches in California including, but not limited to:

1. Staff support and leadership.
2. Staff support for Evergreen member churches during the interim including supporting all search committees.
3. Pastoral care of congregation and pastors.
4. Oversight of ministerial standards working with a Ministerial Standards Committee established for Evergreen Churches.
5. Representation at key events, especially those within or related to Northern California.
6. Working with individuals and committees to support the common life of the current PCBA churches and individuals through, meetings and events such as the BLT program and an annual gathering in May.
7. Communication, publicity and public relations will be continued from the Evergreen headquarters office and all appropriate individuals, organizations and agencies will be added to the EBA data base in order to receive information sent by telephone, mail and email in a timely manner.
8. Regular regional budgeting and accounting will be accomplished at the Evergreen headquarters and that information will be distributed to member churches as required.

I hope this information responds to the concerns you expressed in your recent email. We look forward to a long and beneficial relationship with you in the upcoming years. Please let me know what else I can furnish that will help in your discussions.

Sincerely,

Bob Sittig