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To Baptist General Convention Churches and Associations:

We are delighted to announce that Dominion Energy has provided a significant grant to BGCVA to assist churches and associations in historical preservation.

We have included a brief survey for you to share information about your church and /or association. Here is the link: <https://forms.gle/F2Hr1TAHg3coRMyM6>

This is an opportunity for your church and/or association to join us in this endeavor. If interested, please fill out and return the survey.

Brief background: Many churches may be eligible based on their history of significant accomplishments to be designated as significant historical structures in Virginia and/or the United States (separate registries). The project will take your church historian or other designated persons through the process to determine if your church, other historic buildings, schools, cemeteries may be eligible to receive designations and recognitions.

This initiative funded by Dominion Energy will enable Baptist General Convention of Virginia (BGCVA) to provide training for new and current Church Historians. These historians would research; document and archive all data related to the assigned church and would attend BGCVA sponsored training and other applicable training needed to conduct the work.

The key component to the success of this initiative involves **documenting and archiving BGCVA church documents in an onsite (BGCVA) and digital archive for documents, books and digital records**. This archive would also include data and documents (special occasions, association meetings, etc.) from our churches over the years. A primary outcome for this initiative will be the creation of **digital archive of the history of BGCVA and the churches participating in the project**. This project also includes assisting churches with researching and documenting other properties including cemeteries and other structures that could possibly be recognized for their historical significance.

NOTE: Churches that currently maintain their archives and artifacts would continue to do so but participating churches would have the option of having a digital archive accessible online.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact:

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