

# Send Relief



## Statement from Send Relief leaders

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We are grateful for the work of the Southern Baptist Convention's (SBC) Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force (ARITF) and continue to be supportive of efforts to strengthen abuse prevention and response within the SBC.

While Send Relief has been privileged to make funds available to the ARITF to help care for survivors and assist churches in efforts to prevent abuse, those funds have never been committed to help form a separate organization outside the SBC, such as the proposed Abuse Response Commission (ARC).

While we share a desire to support abuse reforms, many details remain unclear about the proposed ARC's mission, legal structure, leadership, and accountability. Though Send Relief funds are not available for a non-SBC organization, they do remain available to the ARITF for its assigned work within the SBC.

When we say at Send Relief that our mission is to provide help and hope in Jesus' name, we absolutely include the help and hope needed to prevent abuse in the SBC, to respond to abuse in the SBC, and to care for survivors affected by abuse in the SBC.

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