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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a local assessment/investigation is not conducted, the SCSS will ensure the case is pursued by the CC, who may request the Administrative Entity to conduct a good faith investigation on behalf of the submitter and report back to the CC. • For information on CC disfellowship see Recommendation CC-12. |
| 7(b). | <p><u>Establish a Survivor Compensation Fund Program:</u> We recommend a Survivor Compensation Fund Program be created, to be overseen by the Commission and administered by the Administrative Entity (if created) with the assistance of an independent Fund Administrator or Special Master to direct the compensation of funds to SBC clergy sexual abuse and related misconduct survivors for abuse related medical and psychological services.</p> <p>Recommended principles for this fund include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The intent would be that survivors would not be required to use SBC recommended providers; • In determining the amount of payment, the Administrative Entity with the assistance of the Fund Administrator/Special Master will establish written criteria, including but not limited to factors such as severity of abuse, duration of abuse, age of the victim at time of abuse, prior efforts of the survivor to report the abuse, and prior harm-magnifying institutional responses to the survivor; and • We recommend that the compensation program be supported by a dedicated permanent fund established and replenished with Cooperative Program dollars and/or the selling of SBC assets and be prioritized by the SBC EC. |

Recommendation EC-8: Consider Prohibiting Confidentiality Agreements in Sexual Abuse Matters

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| 8(a). | <u>Prohibit Confidentiality Agreements:</u> The Convention and the SBC EC should not condone the use of nondisclosure agreements and civil settlements which bind survivors to confidentiality in sexual abuse matters unless requested by the survivor. The entities are encouraged to follow this position. |

Recommendation EC-9: Provide Adequate Funding for Reforms

Prevention and response to sexual abuse requires adequate funding. It is recommended that churches and entities demonstrate their commitment to fostering environments with safeguards for sexual abuse, through their commitment of funding towards reforms.