

Proceedings

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

PORTLAND, OREGON

June 12-14, 1973

Tuesday Morning, June 12

1. President Owen Cooper (Miss.) called to order the one hundred sixteenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred twenty-eighth year of its history, at 9:15 A.M., June 12, 1973, in the Memorial Coliseum, Portland, Oregon.

2. Presession music had been provided by the youth choir of the First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, directed by Charles R. Collins.

3. President Cooper presented William J. Reynolds (Tenn.) as the director of music for the Convention. He led the Convention in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." He presented Sharron Lyon (Tenn.) as organist and Max Lyall (Tenn.) as pianist to serve through the Convention, and announced that Phillip Hunter (Wash.) would assist during some of the sessions of the Convention.

4. Special music was presented by The Celebration, the youth choir of the First Baptist Church of Fort Smith, Arkansas, directed by Charles R. Collins.

5. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) was presented to lead a period of meditation based on the Convention theme, "Share the Word Now." He spoke on "The Different Book."

6. W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.), registration secretary, reported a registration of 6,638 messengers and moved that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have been enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the Constitution. The motion passed.

7. Russell H. Dilday, Jr. (Ga.), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, presented the report of the committee, and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Theme: "Share the Word Now"

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—"The Celebration," First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Charles R. Collins, minister of music
- 9:15 Call to Order
 - Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, secretary, church music department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
 - Special Music—"The Celebration"
 - Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:35 Report of Registration and Constitution of the Convention—W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; retired executive secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Brentwood, Tenn.
 - Committee on Order of Business—Russell H. Dilday, Jr., chairman; pastor, Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
- 9:40 Welcome

- 9:50 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers
- 9:55 Congregational Singing
- 10:00 Executive Committee Report (first section)
- 10:50 Miscellaneous Business
- 11:05 Introduction of Resolutions
- 11:25 Congregational Singing
- 11:30 Special Music—Rev. & Mrs. James F. Yates, pastor, First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Miss.
- 11:35 President's Address—Owen Cooper, Yazoo City, Miss.
- 12:15 Benediction—J. Neil Armstrong, pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Reidsville, N. C.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration, "The Messengers," Ken Brixey, director, Memphis, Tenn.
- 2:20 Introduction of Resolutions
- 2:40 Congregational Singing—Sam Fort, student work and church music director, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Ore.
Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2:55 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:10 Election of Officers
Recognition of Past Presidents
- 3:40 Executive Committee Report (final section)
- 4:10 Election of Officers
Ambassador Service National Award
Miscellaneous Business
- 4:30 Benediction—Glenn Sullivan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Russellville, Ky.

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—The Lower Columbia Singers, Longview, Wash., Ted Campbell, director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Duane Barrett, director, brotherhood and church music departments, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno, Calif.
Scripture—W. Lewis Nobles, president, Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss.
Prayer—W. L. Sewell, associate executive secretary, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, La.
- 7:15 Annuity Board Report
- 7:30 Committee on Public Affairs Report
- 7:45 Stewardship Commission Report
- 8:00 Foreign Mission Board Report
- 9:00 Benediction—Allan Fulmer, attorney, Columbia, S.C.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—The Revelation Singers, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, Littleton, Colo., Terry Low, director.
- 9:15 Congregational Singing—John Johnson, music faculty, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.
Special Music—Randall Veazey, concert soloist, Foley, Ala.
Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:35 Election of Officers
- 9:55 Sunday School Board Report
- 10:15 Committee on Resolutions Report (first)
- 10:35 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
- 10:40 Congregational Singing
- 10:45 Special Music
- 10:50 Convention Sermon—Dotson M. Nelson, Jr., pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala.
Alternate: Charles A. Trentham, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 11:20 Miscellaneous Business (consideration of constitution changes and other)
- 12:45 Benediction—Gilbert Barrow, pastor, First Baptist Church, Leesburg, Fla.

(NO AFTERNOON SESSION.)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 13

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—The Spring Street Singers, Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., Beryl Red, musical director
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
 Scripture—Douglas Watterson, pastor, Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex.
 Prayer—W. Perry Crouch, executive secretary, North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, N.C.
- 7:10 Christian Life Commission Report
- 7:45 Home Mission Board Report
- 9:00 Benediction—Bill Montgomery, pastor, St. Andrew Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla.

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 14

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—"The Free People," California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., Larry Longshore, director
- 9:15 Congregational Singing
 Special Music—"The Free People"
 Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
- 9:35 Resolutions Committee Report (final)
- 10:15 Denominational Calendar Committee Report
- 10:20 Committee on State Papers Report
- 10:25 American Bible Society Report
- 10:30 Special Music—Russell Newport, businessman, Springfield, Mo.
 Address—William M. Pinson, Jr., professor of Christian ethics, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex.
- 11:00 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 11:05 Baptist World Alliance Report
- 11:20 Radio and Television Commission Report
- 11:35 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction—M. P. Harrison, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 14

- 2:15 Music for Inspiration—"The Trouveres," California Baptist College, Riverside, Calif., Curtis Cheek, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing
 Theme Meditation—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.
- 2:45 Southern Baptist Foundation Report
- 3:00 American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission Report
- 3:05 Education Commission Report
- 3:20 "Ministry '73," John Phillip Landgrave, director, School of Church Music, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.
- 3:30 Historical Commission Report
- 3:45 Southern Baptist Convention Seminaries Report
- 4:05 Special Music—Eva Aultman, University of Mississippi, Oxford, Miss.
 Address—Frederick Sampson, pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich.
- 4:40 Benediction—Gerald Buckley, pastor, West Heights Baptist Church, Pontotoc, Miss.

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 14

- 6:45 Music for Inspiration—Chapel Choir, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., Tommy K. Mosley, minister of music
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tenn.
 Scripture—W. H. Killian, pastor, Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C.
 Prayer—Russell McIntire, director of development, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, La.
- 7:10 Presentation of Officers
- 7:15 Woman's Missionary Union Report
- 7:30 Brotherhood Report

7:45 Share-the-Word Celebration, coordinated by the Sunday School Board, Grady Nutt, Louisville, Ky., master of ceremonies

I. The Word We Share

James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tenn.

Mile. Annie Vallotton, Paris, France, illustrator, Today's English Version of the New Testament

Music by Youth Choir, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., Tommy K. Mosley, director

II. The Way We Share

Audience Sharing

Senator Mark O. Hatfield, Oregon

Cynthia Clawson, Little Rock, Ark.

Norm Evans, Hollywood, Fla.

Music by Youth Choir, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex.

III. Our Commitment to Share

Ralph H. Langley, pastor, Willow Meadows Baptist Church, Houston, Tex.

9:00 Benediction—Hoffman Harris, pastor, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

8. President Cooper presented Dan C. Stringer (Ore.), who welcomed the Convention in behalf of the Northwest Baptist Convention. He gave inspiring information as to the growth of Southern Baptist life and work in the Northwest. President Cooper responded, expressing the appreciation of the Convention.

9. The president announced the appointment of the Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Committees, Tellers Committee, and the Credentials Committee as these committees were listed in the Convention *Bulletin* for the day.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: John Parrott, *Chairman*, New Mexico; Preston Callison, *Vice Chairman*, South Carolina; James W. Abernathy, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Robert Fling, New York; Charles G. Fuller, Virginia; J. Thurman George, California; Mrs. Ned King, Jr., Texas; W. M. Shamburger, Texas; and Harold Shirley, North Carolina.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: R. J. Robinson, *Chairman*, Georgia; George Mitchell, Sam Granada, Alabama; James Carter, Charles L. McKay, Arizona, John H. McClanahan, Mrs. R. L. South, Arkansas; Dale Aycock, Mrs. Montella Freeland, California; Milo B. Arbuckle, Milt Collum, Colorado; Wade Freeman, Jr., Mrs. Worth Grant, District of Columbia; Hal Hunter, Barney Burks, Florida; Mrs. I. W. Bowen, III, Georgia; James M. Baldwin, David Smith, Illinois; James H. Currin, O. Thomas Woods, Indiana; T. L. McSwain, Henry B. Huff, Kentucky; Jim Martin, Nebraska; Lester Arvin, Kansas; Clifton R. Tennison, G. O. McGuffee, Louisiana; Thomas L. Painter, Delaware; John J. Smarge, Maryland; Roy G. Adams, Mrs. Freda Whitt, Michigan; John E. Barnes, Jr., R. A. McLemore, Mississippi; T. T. Crabtree, Milton Morales, Missouri; G. A. Magee, J. O. Robinson, New Mexico; Tom Freeman, Edwin Coates, North Carolina; Ed Byers, Idaho; W. E. Shannon, Jr., Washington; John T. Tollison, James Thomas McGregor, Ohio; Dan Cooper, R. Paul Henry, Oklahoma; R. W. Major, Ira Q. Craft, South Carolina; David Q. Byrd, Richard Filler, Tennessee; W. F. Swank, Tom Joseph, Texas; and Hiram L. Harrison, James E. Rayhorn, Virginia.

TELLERS COMMITTEE: K. G. West, *Chairman*, Washington; W. J. Hughes, North Dakota; N. J. Westmoreland, Kansas; Ronald D. Herrin, New Mexico; Charles B. Aiken, Colorado; E. Darrell Evenson, Nevada; J. Walker Campbell, California; Joe Coleman, Oklahoma; J. Carey Moore, Oregon; and Tom Martin, Jr., Texas.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Hubert G. Keefer, *Chairman*, Michigan; J. Ralph McIntyre, Tennessee; W. T. Holland, Missouri; J. Carey Miller, Colorado; Cecil Sims, Washington; Eldred M. Taylor, Kentucky; Loyed R. Simmons, California; Charles L. McKay, Arizona, John D. Ratliff, New Mexico; Fred S. Holloman, Kansas; Claude F. Gaddy, North Carolina;

A. C. Methvin, Tennessee; Barton R. Young, California; J. Douglas Green, Oklahoma; and Norvell G. Jones, Missouri.

10. Clifton J. Allen (N.C.), recording secretary, called attention to a footnote relating to Bylaw 20 (see *Book of Reports*, pp. 175-176, 183) as follows: "Unfortunately and regrettably, an error was made in the 1968 *Annual*, which has been repeated each year since, using an amended form of this Bylaw (Bylaw 19 in the 1968 *Annual*, also in 1969, 1970, and 1971, and Bylaw 20 in 1972) which was not approved by the Convention. Bylaw 20, as it now appears, is correct.—Recording Secretary." Secretary Allen suggested that messengers note the error in the *Annual* for the years 1968-72, and expressed regret that the error had not been discovered earlier.

11. President Cooper presented to the Convention the two vice-presidents, James H. Coggin (Tex.), first vice-president, and George W. Bullard (Pa.), second vice-president, expressing appreciation for their assistance and support.

12. President Cooper referred to a complimentary copy of the *Soul Winner's American Standard New Testament*, offered to all messengers as a gift by the First Baptist Church of Longview, Texas, which could be received by claiming it in the exhibit hall.

13. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "Blessed Assurance."

14. Porter Routh (Tenn.) was recognized to present the report of the Executive Committee. He recognized the members of the committee and expressed appreciation for their service to the Convention. Secretary Routh then called attention to encouraging aspects of growth and achievement in the work of the Convention as this reflected the loyalty of the churches. He emphasized some of the information in highlights of the work of the agencies and reported significant actions taken by the Executive Committee and specific actions related to matters referred to the committee by the Convention in 1972. He then explained that recommendations would be presented by members of the committee as the copy appeared in the *Book of Reports* or the *Convention Bulletin*.

15. David Smith (Ill.) presented Recommendation No. 1 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 1

In response to the Convention action in 1972 regarding greater lay participation in the sessions of the Convention and in order to encourage greater lay participation, we recommend that churches be encouraged to share the expenses of lay persons attending the annual sessions.

16. S. Louis Armstrong (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 2 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend, in keeping with previous action of the Convention, the fourth line of Section 9 on page 34 of the 1972 *Annual* be amended to make "Section 19" read "Section 20."

17. J. Robert Smith (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 3 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend the adoption of the 1973-74 Convention Operating Budget as follows:

PROPOSED SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET

Estimated Income

	1973-74	1972-73
Cooperative Program	\$310,000	\$250,000
Dividends and interest	36,000	30,000
Sunday School Board	320,000	318,000
	<u>\$666,000</u>	<u>\$598,000</u>

Expenditures

Convention expense	\$100,000	\$ 90,000
Special committees	20,000	20,000
Executive Committee	396,000	345,000
Baptist World Alliance	125,000	118,000
Legal and auditing	2,000	2,000
Building operations	17,500	17,500
	<u>\$660,500</u>	<u>\$592,500</u>

Rial and Reserve

	5,500	5,500
	<u>\$666,000</u>	<u>\$598,000</u>

18. Stewart B. Simms (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 4 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend adoption of a \$35,000,000 goal for Southern Baptist Convention causes for the 1973-74 fiscal year with the understanding that any overage over the \$35,000,000 current operating and capital budget be allocated on percentage basis of Operating Cooperative Program 1973-74 budget.

19. John H. Parrott (N. Mex.) presented Recommendation No. 5 and moved its adoption. Gordon James (Tex.) asked for information. The motion then passed.

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend that the \$35,000,000 be distributed as follows with the understanding that the operating funds be given first priority.

1973-1974 PROPOSED COOPERATIVE PROGRAM BUDGET

Agency	1972-1973	1973-74
Foreign Mission Board	\$16,319,959	\$17,387,284
Home Mission Board	5,824,963	6,225,915
Annulty Board	175,000	175,000
Golden Gate Seminary	609,822	649,564
Midwestern Seminary	551,672	590,134
New Orleans Seminary	1,184,120	1,244,843
Southeastern Seminary	958,591	1,019,303
Southern Seminary	1,461,089	1,563,764
Southwestern Seminary	1,810,079	1,957,794
TOTAL ALL SIX SEMINARIES	6,575,373	7,025,402
Foundation	81,600	85,000
American Baptist Seminary	95,000	95,000
Brotherhood Commission	295,200	314,298
Christian Life Commission	210,000	223,734
Education Commission	141,750	151,020
Historical Commission	121,000	128,913
Radio-Television Commission	1,472,839	1,581,098
Stewardship Commission	137,500	163,096
Public Affairs Committee	126,000	134,240
Convention Operating	250,000	310,000

Recapitulation

Total Operating	\$31,826,184	\$34,000,000
Due Previous Capital Needs	\$ 166,322	\$ 862,520
New Capital Needs	1,050,000	137,480
Total Capital Needs	<u>\$ 1,216,322</u>	<u>\$ 1,000,000</u>
Total Cooperative Program Goal	<u>\$33,042,506</u>	<u>\$35,000,000</u>

20. Guy Rutland, III (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 5 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that the Convention approve the following changes in the program statement of the Baptist Sunday School Board:

1. The statement of purpose of the Program of Sunday School Development to read (changes in boldface italic):

To develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, enlarging, and improving the church Bible teaching program of Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Weekday Bible Study, and *other special Bible teaching emphases, such as the bus ministry and other similar projects.*

2. That the name of the Baptist Sunday School Board's "Program of Assembly Operation" be changed to "Program of Conference Center Operation."

3. That the purpose of the Program of Church Music Development of the Baptist Sunday School Board be amended to read as follows (changes in boldface italic):

"The purpose of the Program of Church Music Development is to develop services and materials acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, conducting, enlarging, and improving *music experiences of congregation services*, church music performance groups, music activity groups, and music study groups."

21. Preston Callison (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 7 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that the Convention approve the revised program statement of the Brotherhood Commission as follows:

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION

Purpose

The purpose of the Brotherhood Commission is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Christ by fostering programs that will assist the churches in their task of leading men, young men, and boys to a deeper commitment to missions, to a more meaningful prayer life for missions, to a larger stewardship on behalf of missions, and to a personal involvement in missions.

1. The Program of Brotherhood Promotion

Purpose

To develop concepts, services, and materials for Royal Ambassadors' and Baptist Men's organizations which are acceptable for use by Southern Baptist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing, enlarging, and improving the mission education and promotion program for men, young men, and boys, focusing on such emphases as mission learning experiences, mission involvement, personal involvement, personal witnessing, evangelism, and financial and prayer support of world missions.

Functions

1. Conduct program and materials research.
2. Design program, materials, and field services.
3. Develop materials.
4. Perform field services to undergird the program and interpret and implement effective uses of the materials.

Relationships

The Program of Brotherhood Promotion relates directly to

1. Churches, associations, and state conventions in developing concepts, services, and materials and in promoting Brotherhood work.

2. The Foreign Mission Board
 - a. In providing channels for interpreting their work.
 - b. In providing age-group teaching methods for Foreign Mission Graded Series.
 - c. In enlisting lay persons for short-term projects.
 - d. In conducting mission tours.
 - e. In planning and promoting World Mission Conferences.
3. The Home Mission Board
 - a. In providing channels for interpreting their work
 - b. In providing age-group teaching methods for Home Mission Graded Series.
 - c. In enlisting lay persons for short-term projects.
 - d. In conducting mission tours.
 - e. In planning and promoting World Mission Conferences.
 - f. In the cooperative designing and developing of associational administrative services and materials.
 - g. In cooperative efforts in designing plans and materials and conducting meetings for evangelism, renewal, and mission action.
 - h. In placing summer missionaries on assignment.
4. Woman's Missionary Union in planning and producing materials, in conducting meetings, and in correlating curriculum and church program matters.
5. Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in areas of program correlation, sharing of information regarding program development, program evaluation, and for operating and capital funds.
6. The Sunday School Board in correlating curriculum and church program matters.
7. The Radio and Television Commission in cooperatively promoting mutually acceptable programs.
8. The Stewardship Commission in promoting the Cooperative Program.
9. The Christian Life Commission in designing plans and materials dealing with the moral demands of the gospel and the application of Christian principles to moral and social problems.
10. All other Southern Baptist Convention agencies in providing channels for interpreting their work.
11. Baptist World Alliance, especially through the Men's Department and Youth Department.
12. Other men's and boys' groups.

2. The Program of Supporting Services for Brotherhood Promotion

Purpose

To produce and distribute materials and merchandise needed by the Program of Brotherhood Promotion.

Functions

1. Conduct marketing research.
2. Produce and/or procure materials and merchandise.
3. Conduct such marketing services as forecasting, pricing, advertising, warehousing, materials distribution, and accounts receivable.

Relationships

The Program of Supporting Services for Brotherhood Promotion relates directly to the Sunday School Board (1) as a supplier of Brotherhood merchandise to Baptist Book Stores and (2) as a supplier of information for advertising Brotherhood products.

22. Rufus B. Spraberry (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that the Convention approve the revised program statement of the Home Mission Board as follows:

HOME MISSION BOARD

Purpose

The purpose of the Home Mission Board is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by developing and promoting a single uniform missions program to assist churches*, associations, and state conventions in crossing barriers to make disciples for Christ of all people in the homeland.

1. The Program of Evangelism Development

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in interpreting, promoting, and properly relating the message, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

Functions

1. Develop principles, techniques, methods, and procedures for conducting the Program of Evangelism Development, including lay witness training, revival evangelism, renewal evangelism, academic evangelism, youth evangelism, and other similar evangelistic emphases.
2. Develop evangelism promotional and guidance content for use in materials and publications.
3. Develop suggested plans for special emphases in evangelism.
4. Test and evaluate existing and proposed evangelism plans suggested for use by churches, associations, and state conventions.
5. Provide evangelism information to churches, associations, and state conventions through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, films and filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.
6. Provide Convention-wide leadership training in evangelism through pastors' conferences, lay conferences, other conferences, clinics, seminars, workshops, and assemblies.
7. Provide radio and television evangelistic programs in cooperation with the Radio and Television Commission.
8. Provide financial assistance to state conventions, upon request, toward the employment of state secretaries of evangelism.
9. Assist state conventions in conducting state evangelistic conferences and in promoting associational clinics on evangelism.
10. Assist the Brotherhood Commission in its ministry of involving men and boys in personal renewal and witnessing.
11. Provide staff assistance to church program organizations, upon request, in keeping evangelism central in all church programming.

Relationships

1. Work directly with churches, associations, and state conventions in promoting evangelism and in conducting evangelistic campaigns.
2. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in cooperative efforts in developing materials, and in channeling information and plans through church program organizations.
3. Work with the Radio and Television Commission in broadcasting evangelistic programs.
4. Work cooperatively with the Foreign Mission Board in leadership training, overseas crusades, and other evangelistic activities, as requested, and recognizing the Foreign Mission Board's leadership role in work with other countries.
5. Work with seminary, college, and Bible institute administration and faculty members in utilizing their resources for evangelism development.

*In working with churches, the Home Mission Board does not propose to foster general missions organizations for the churches other than the church missions committee. The Home Mission Board recognizes the place and importance of church program organizations and it channels through these organizations information for use in missionary education and techniques for the performance of many missions activities in the churches.

2. The Program of Chaplaincy Ministries

Purpose

To bring Southern Baptist ministers into contact with chaplaincy opportunities and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in providing a spiritual ministry to military personnel and their families and to persons in hospitals, institutions, and industry.

Functions

1. Develop suggested objectives, techniques, and procedures for providing a spiritual ministry to military personnel and their families; and to persons in hospitals, institutions, and industry.

2. Recruit qualified chaplaincy candidates and grant denominational endorsement or approval as required or requested by the military, hospitals, institutions, and industry.

3. Maintain contact with all chaplains and assist them in the accomplishment of their ministry.

4. Develop suggested plans for special chaplains emphases.

5. Test and evaluate existing and proposed chaplaincy plans for suggested use by churches, associations, state conventions, and/or hospitals, institutions, and industry.

6. Provide chaplaincy information to churches, associations, and state conventions through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, films and filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.

7. Provide Convention-wide leadership in promoting the work of the chaplaincy through pastors' conferences, other conferences, clinics, seminars, workshops, and assemblies.

8. Function as a liaison, when required or requested, for chaplains and the Convention with the military, hospitals, institutions, and industry employing Southern Baptist chaplains.

9. Provide assistance to military chaplains being separated from the service in locating places of service in the civilian ministry.

10. Consult with seminary, college, and Bible institute administration and faculty members and students with regard to the chaplaincy ministries.

Relationships

1. Work directly with Chiefs of Chaplains of the Army, Navy, and Air Force; the Director of Chaplain Service, Veterans Administration; and with hospitals, institutions, and industry regarding the employment of chaplains.

2. Work directly with churches, associations, and state conventions in matters related to chaplaincy ministries.

3. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.

4. Work with the Foreign Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist seminaries, colleges, and Bible institutes, the Radio and Television Commission, Christian Life Commission, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, and American Bible Society on matters pertaining to the chaplaincy.

5. Consult with professional organizations concerning pastoral care.

6. Consult with other denominational endorsing agencies.

3. The Program of Church Loans

Purpose

To assist churches, associations, and state conventions to secure financing for church buildings and church sites in keeping with their ability and opportunities.

Functions

1. Discover and evaluate the need for denominational assistance in the financing of church facilities.

2. Develop suggested techniques and procedures for providing financing for church facilities.

3. Develop suggested criteria for judging the fiscal soundness of church loan programs.

4. Develop guidance materials to assist churches, associations, and state conventions in securing financing through commercial channels.
5. Test and evaluate existing and proposed church loan plans suggested for use by churches, associations, and state conventions.
6. Provide information on acquiring church sites, securing church building loans, and purchase and resale of church bonds to churches, associations, and state conventions through such materials as pamphlets, publications, books, films and filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.
7. Provide assistance to churches, associations, and state conventions with regard to acquiring church sites, securing church building loans, and purchase and resale of church bonds through clinics, workshops, seminars, and conferences.
8. Purchase, after consultation with church, associational, and state convention leaders, approved church sites for resale, without profit, to churches or associations.
9. Make loans to churches for acquiring property and/or for construction of church buildings.
10. Purchase church bonds from churches and offer for resale in keeping with Convention authorization.
11. Assist state conventions in developing resources for church loans as requested.

Relationships

1. Work directly with church, associational, and state convention leadership in the making of church building loans, the acquiring and reselling church sites, and the purchase and resale of church bonds.
2. Work with church, association, state convention, and Southern Baptist convention leaders on developing the most effective means of providing assistance in financing church facilities.
3. Work directly with the Program of Church Architecture Service of the Sunday School Board in securing the best possible plans and specifications for church facilities.
4. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.
5. Work with the Stewardship Commission in evaluating the need for fund raising in church building projects.

4. The Program of Church Extension

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing and bringing to self-support new churches and missions that may become churches.

Functions

1. Discover and test principles, methods, strategies, and procedures for use by churches, associations, and state conventions in church extension.
2. Develop suggested techniques and procedures for bringing missions and churches to the point that they are self-supporting with regular church programs and established organizations.
3. Develop, in cooperation with leaders of related Southern Baptist Convention programs, suggested objectives, responsibilities, organization, and relationships of the church missions committee.
4. Develop policies for providing financial support for mission pastors in new churches and missions.
5. Provide information to churches, associations, and state conventions on church extension through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, films and filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.
6. Provide assistance in church extension to churches, associations, and state conventions through clinics, workshops, seminars, assemblies, pastors' conferences, other conferences, and long-range projects.
7. Consult with seminary, college, and Bible institute administration and faculty members on the needs, methods, and procedures for church extension.
8. Provide assistance to churches, associations, and state conventions, upon request, in recruiting, selecting, orienting, and sharing in the financial support of mission pastors and/or specialized mission workers in selected areas.

Relationships

1. Work directly with the missions committee in churches, associations, and state conventions in promoting church extension.
2. Work with leaders of associational, state convention, and Southern Baptist Convention programs on joint projects in church extension.
3. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.

5. The Program of Associational Administration Service

Purpose

To work with and assist associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies toward achieving effective administration in the association. Southern Baptist Convention agencies will design and communicate their respective associational programs.

Functions

1. Develop, in cooperation with appropriate associational, state convention, and Southern Baptist Convention program leaders, and communicate the following:
 - a. Common understandings on the purpose, nature, function, and importance of the association to churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies.
 - b. Suggested processes for determining purpose, needs, objectives, priorities, programs, organization, leadership, finances, and facilities for associations.
 - c. Suggested techniques for planning, coordinating, conducting, and evaluating the work of the association.
 - d. Suggested qualifications and duties of general officers of the association.
 - e. Suggested objectives, organization and duties of associational committees, including the associational missions committee.
 - f. Suggested position descriptions for associational staff persons.
2. Develop and conduct, in cooperation with appropriate state convention and Southern Baptist Convention program leaders, processes for training (1) associational staff persons, (2) associational general officers and committees, and (3) as requested, associational program leaders.
3. Sponsor national, area, state convention, and associational conferences on associational work.
4. Provide publications and materials for use by associations in the administration of their work.

Relationships

1. Work directly with associational and area superintendents of missions on matters of general interest to the associations.
2. Work with and assist associational, state convention, and Southern Baptist Convention program leaders in associational administration.
3. Work with leaders of state convention and Southern Baptist Convention programs on the most feasible and productive ways of communicating to associations their interests in associational work.
4. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.
5. Work with the Seminary Extension Department on resources needed for continuing education of pastors and other church vocational workers and on assisting associations and other local groups to establish and maintain continuing educational programs.

6. The Program of Pioneer Missions

Purpose

To focus attention on the priority needs that exist, the resources that are available by Southern Baptist Convention programs, and the work being done

to expand and strengthen indigenous Southern Baptist work in the newer and weaker geographical areas of the Convention.

Functions

1. Coordinate the services of all other Home Mission Board programs in keeping with the agency's procedures.
2. Gather data regarding the involvement of churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work in pioneer areas.
3. Provide information to churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, films, filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.
4. Report on a composite of accomplishments and Home Mission Board financial support of work in newer and weaker geographical areas served by Southern Baptists.

Relationships

1. Work with mission leaders in churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in gathering data regarding their involvement in pioneer areas.
2. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.

7. The Program of Rural-Urban Missions

Purpose

To work with churches, associations, and state conventions in identifying priority needs, discovering available resources and recommending the techniques of Southern Baptist Convention programs for expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work in associations related to rural-urban communities, including open country, mountain, town, and small city (under 50,000 population) areas.

8. The Program of Metropolitan Missions

Purpose

To work with churches, associations, and state conventions in identifying priority needs, discovering available resources and recommending the techniques of Southern Baptist Convention programs for expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work in associations related to metropolitan communities, including inner city, suburban, and metropolitan fringe areas.

Functions of Programs of Rural-Urban and Metropolitan Missions

1. Develop and communicate common understandings of the characteristics, problems, and advantages of various kinds of settings for Southern Baptist work.
2. Develop and communicate techniques by which associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention programs can assist churches to accomplish their mission in various kinds of settings.
3. Sponsor associational, state convention, area, and national conferences on rural-urban and metropolitan missions.
4. Provide publications and materials for use in mission work by various kinds and sizes of associations and churches.
5. Develop policies for and participate appropriately in providing and supporting superintendents of missions and/or specialized workers.
6. Consult with seminary, college, and Bible institute administration and faculty members on rural-urban and metropolitan missions.

Relationships of Programs of Rural-Urban and Metropolitan Missions

1. Work directly with the missions committee in churches, associations, and state conventions in promoting rural-urban and metropolitan missions.
2. Work with and assist state convention leaders in cooperative planning and implementation of mission work.

3. Work with state convention and Southern Baptist Convention academic programs and institutions in developing and communicating rural-urban and metropolitan missions and in conducting appropriate joint projects.

4. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church organizations.

9. The Program of Language Missions

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in their efforts to bring persons identified with ethnic groups, other than English, into a right relationship with God, to establish language-culture congregations, and to bring them to self support.

Functions

1. Develop and evaluate principles, techniques, methods, and procedures for promoting the Program of Language Missions.

2. Develop language missions promotional and guidance content for use in materials and publications.

3. Provide language missions information to churches, associations, and state conventions through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, films and filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.

4. Provide the assistance of language missions staff and missionaries to churches, associations, and state conventions, through such means as clinics, workshops, seminars, pastors' conferences, other conferences, assemblies, and long-range planning projects.

5. Provide assistance to churches, associations, and state conventions, upon request, in recruiting, selecting, orienting, and sharing in the financial support of language missionaries.

6. Provide language instruction as needed for personnel who are serving or will be serving in language missions.

7. Assist in acquiring, constructing, and maintaining facilities for language missions congregations.

8. Provide guidance for the development of church and denominational programs and organizations in Cuba and Panama.

9. Conduct a Convention-wide leadership training program in language missions through conferences, clinics, seminars, workshops, and assemblies.

10. Consult with seminary, college, and Bible institute administrations and faculty members on language missions.

11. Provide conference opportunities for other Southern Baptist Convention programs to interpret their work to language missionaries.

12. Provide guidance to churches, associations, and state conventions in the ministry to the deaf.

Relationships

1. Work directly with the missions committees in churches, associations, and state conventions in surveying missions opportunities and in promoting language missions.

2. Work with leaders of state convention and Southern Baptist Convention programs in discovering needs and developing suggested materials, patterns, and procedures for language missions.

3. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information on language missions to be channeled through church organizations.

4. Work with Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission in providing techniques and procedures for language missions to be incorporated in mission action guidance materials produced by these programs for use in churches.

5. Work with the Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board in ministering to Internationals.

6. Work with other agencies in discovering needs and developing plans for the relocation of refugees and immigrants.

7. Work with the Radio and Television Commission in broadcasting language programs.

8. Work with the American Bible Society in providing Scriptures and Scripture portions for use in language missions.

10. The Program of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists

Purpose

To work with and assist Southern and National Baptist* churches, associations, state conventions, and agencies in their efforts to effect cooperative and reconciling relationships designed toward the development of stronger churches and better ways of working together.

Functions

1. Develop suggested approaches for cooperative ministries with churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist and National Baptist conventions.
2. Develop suggested ministries and materials designed to give guidance in promoting understanding and harmony between National and Southern Baptist bodies.
3. Develop and encourage the use of materials and bibliographies that will provide guidance to National and Southern Baptists in understanding the heritage of each body.
4. Administer scholarship assistance for National Baptist students who are preparing for church related vocations.
5. Consult with appropriate Southern and National Baptist program leaders in designing plans and procedures for churches in transitional areas.
6. Provide information to churches, associations, and state conventions through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.
7. Provide assistance to associations and state conventions, upon request, in recruiting, selecting, orienting, training, and sharing in the financial support of workers in cooperative ministries with National Baptists.
8. Provide leadership training through pastors' conferences, clinics, seminars, workshops, and assemblies.
9. Assist in exploring at the national level areas of cooperation between National and Southern Baptists.
10. Assist the Radio and Television Commission in cooperative radio and television programming with National Baptists.

Relationships

1. Work directly with the appropriate persons and committees in churches, associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention in promoting cooperative ministries with National Baptists.
2. Work with the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Social Justice Commission of the National Baptist conventions and other like agencies in relating creatively to the thrust for reconciliation.
3. Work with black colleges and universities in providing for religion faculties, campus ministries, and scholarships for black students.
4. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.

11. The Program of Christian Social Ministries

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions to express Christian love and to provide a Christian witness through mission ministries, such as church-community weekday ministries, mission centers, rescue missions, homes for unwed mothers, homes for the aging, child care institutions and programs, adoption centers, youth and family services, day care, literacy ministries, migrant ministries, disaster relief, and rehabilitation work with alcoholics, drug addicts, and ex-prisoners.

*This includes work with National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.; National Baptist Convention of America; Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; and any other Negro Baptist general body.

Functions

1. Discover and test principles, methods, and procedures for use by churches, associations, and state conventions in promoting the Program of Christian Social Ministries.
2. Develop Christian social ministries promotional and guidance content for use in materials and publications.
3. Provide social ministries information to churches, associations, and state conventions through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, films and filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.
4. Provide the assistance of Christian social ministries staff and missionaries to churches, associations, and state conventions through such means as clinics, seminars, pastors' conferences, other conferences, assemblies, and long-range planning projects.
5. Provide assistance to churches, associations, and state conventions, upon request, in recruiting, selecting, orienting, and sharing in the financial support of workers in Christian social ministries.
6. Provide institutional services, such as the Sellers Baptist Home and Adoption Center, rescue missions, and Baptist centers.
7. Develop and administer procedures for administering relief in times of crises created by storms, earthquakes, war, and other tragic forces in areas served by the Home Mission Board.
8. Coordinate national relief assistance of Southern Baptist groups or individuals in times of crises.
9. Serve as the secretariat for the Southern Baptist Social Service Association and for the Baptist Association of Executives for Homes for the Aging.

Relationships

1. Work directly with the missions committees in churches, associations, and state conventions in planning and developing Christian social ministries.
2. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.
3. Work with the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission by providing techniques and procedures to be incorporated in mission action guidance materials produced by these programs for use by churches in developing a comprehensive program of Christian social ministries.
4. Consult with the Christian Life Commission in identifying areas of social concern.
5. Work with appropriate state convention leadership in matters pertaining to the care of children and of the aging, as requested.
6. Work with seminaries in providing field work opportunities for the training of prospective missionary personnel.
7. Work cooperatively with state convention leadership in administering relief in times of crises and, whenever feasible, correlate such efforts with the relief of others.
8. Work with the Southern Baptist Social Service Association and with secular social welfare organizations and other groups in an effort to bring about improved standards of practice in both church and secular programs of social welfare.

12. The Program of Interfaith Witness

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in witnessing to people of other religious groups.

Functions

1. Study the history, philosophy, and theology of nonevangelical religions.
2. Study the programs, procedures, and extent of the missionary outreach of nonevangelical religions.
3. Discover principles, methods, and procedures for promoting the Program of Interfaith Witness.

4. Develop, in consultation with leaders of associational, state convention, and Southern Baptist Convention programs, suggested techniques and procedures for use by churches, associations, and state conventions in witnessing to people of other religious persuasions.

5. Develop a Christian apologetic or polemic for use in meeting the challenge of people of other religious persuasions.

6. Test and evaluate existing and proposed mission action plans suggested for use by churches, associations, and state conventions.

7. Provide information on other religious groups to churches, associations, and state conventions through such materials as tracts, pamphlets, publications, books, films and filmstrips, recordings, news releases, and direct mail.

8. Make available Convention-wide leadership training in interfaith witness through pastors' conferences, other conferences, clinics, seminars, workshops, assemblies, and long-range planning projects.

9. Provide assistance to associations and state conventions, upon request, in recruiting, selecting, and orienting, and sharing in the financial support of workers with peoples of other religious persuasions.

Relationships

1. Work directly with churches, associations, and state conventions in promoting interfaith witness.

2. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission in providing information to be channeled through church program organizations.

3. Work with the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission program leaders in coordinating plans and developing materials for promoting interfaith witness.

4. Work cooperatively with the Foreign Mission Board and other Southern Baptist Convention related programs in promoting interfaith witness.

5. Work with the Radio and Television Commission in suggesting program materials concerning our witness to people of other religious persuasions.

23. Thomas Downing (Md.) presented Recommendation No. 9a and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 9a

We recommend adoption of the following promotional emphasis plan for 1975-1976: Title and Theme: *Let Christ's Freedom Ring**

Objectives 1975-1976

1. To lead church members to better understand and to be committed to Christian citizenship, religious freedom, and personal liberty.

2. To lead church members into new and more meaningful understanding of freedom in Christ, through proclaiming and singing the gospel of Christ.

3. To reach young families for Christ and Christian growth through involvement in church life.

4. To provide greater human and financial resources for proclaiming the gospel to all persons.

Promotional Emphases†

1. *"We Hold These Truths."* A church emphasis on Christian citizenship, religious freedom, personal liberty, and Baptist heritage. (Promotion responsibility: The programs of the Christian Life Commission and the Public Affairs Committee supported by the program of the Historical Commission.)‡

2. *Praising '76.* A church emphasis on congregational singing. (Promotion responsibility: The program of Church Music Development.)

3. *Proclamation '76.* A church emphasis on proclaiming freedom in Christ. (Promotion responsibility: The program of Evangelism Development supported by the program of Church Music Development.)

4. *Circle of Love: Young Family Emphasis.* A church emphasis on enlisting young adults and children in the work of the church. (Promotion responsibility: The programs of Sunday School Development, Church Training Development,

*In keeping with our nation's bicentennial celebration.

†Coordination of the 1975-76 promotional emphases will be done by the agencies of the programs assigned through the Inter-Agency Council in keeping with 1970 Convention action and Bylaw 13.

‡These programs do not have extensive organization in the states. They will accomplish much of their promotion by channeling through established programs.

Church Music Development, and Church Administration Services, and the programs of the Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union.)

5. *Decision '76.* A church emphasis on increasing financial resources for ministry and missions. (Promotion responsibility: The program of the Stewardship Commission.)

6. *Discovery: God's Call.* A church emphasis on providing opportunities for persons to consider God's call to church related vocations. (Promotion responsibility: The program of Church Administration Services† and the programs of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission.)

24. Brooks H. Wester (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 9b and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 9b

We recommend for adoption the following promotional emphasis plan for 1976-1979: Title: *Sharing Christ in Bold Mission in a Secular Society**

Objectives 1976-1979

1. To lead church members to better understand the place of material things and to a deeper commitment of their use for the glory of God.

2. To present Christ and his gospel to a secular society through stronger church program organizations.

3. To increase the church members' awareness of the crucial issues of today's secular society.

4. To strengthen the church as a fellowship of committed believers in Jesus Christ.

5. To search for persons in the secular society who need to be enlisted and won to Christ.

6. To train church leaders and members for the work of the church.

7. To reaffirm basic Christian doctrines as the framework of Baptist fellowship and action.

8. To strengthen and utilize the mission, evangelistic, and stewardship base for more effective witness to the secular society throughout the world.

Promotional Projects and Promotional Emphases†

1976-1977—Let the Church Stand Up

1. For biblical stewardship in a materialistic culture. (Promotion responsibility: The program of the Stewardship Commission supported by the programs of Sunday School and Church Training Development.)

2. By locating and enlisting unchurched persons. (Promotion responsibility: The program of Sunday School Development.)

3. By presenting Christ and his gospel to a modern secular society through stronger church program organizations. (Promotion responsibility: The program of the Church Programs and Organizations.)

4. By preparing members to confront the secular society by teaching them basic Baptist beliefs. (Promotion responsibility: The program of Church Training Development supported by the program of Sunday School Development.)

5. By deepening the spiritual life and fellowship of the members. (Promotion responsibility: The programs of Church Administration Services and Evangelism Development.)

6. By emphasizing the crucial issues of the modern secular society. (Promotion responsibility: The programs of Christian Social Ministries and Christian Life Development.)

1977-1979—Let the Church Reach Out

1. By reaching the homes of the secular society by extending the Bible teaching program. (Promotion responsibility: The programs of Sunday School Development and Church Extension.)

2. By witnessing to persons. (Promotion responsibility: The Program of Evangelism Development.)

3. Through mission action. (Promotion responsibility: The program of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission.)

4. By boldly confronting the secular world through bold missions (Matt.

*This plan in broad outline represents the combining of the themes adopted for 1967-77 and 1977-79 in 1970. It is for a three-year period instead of a one-year period as authorized. This is to give the agencies and state conventions sufficient time to develop their planning. It is anticipated that supplementary amendments may later be necessary in order to make this general plan more explicit.

†Coordination of the 1976-79 promotional emphases will be done by the agencies of the programs assigned through the Inter-Agency Council in keeping with 1970 Convention action and Bylaw 13.

28:18-20; Acts 1:8). (Promotion responsibility: The programs of the Home and Foreign Mission boards.)

25. Wallace Denton (Ind.) presented Recommendation No. 10 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 10

We recommend that the revised charter of the Christian Life Commission be approved as follows:

CHARTER OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

The undersigned natural persons, having capacity to contract and acting as incorporators of a corporation under the Tennessee General Corporation Act, adopt the following charter for such corporation:

1. The name of the corporation is The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

3. The address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be 460 James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, County of Davidson.

4. The corporation is not for profit.

5. The purpose for which the corporation is organized is conducting the affairs of The Christian Life Commission, which is an agency appointed and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious denomination; and more particularly, of assisting Southern Baptists in the propagation of the gospel by (1) helping Southern Baptists to become more aware of the ethical implications of the Christian gospel with regard to such aspects of daily living as family life, human relations, moral issues, economic life and daily work, citizenship, and related fields; and by (2) helping them create, with God's leadership and by His grace, the kind of moral and social climate in which the Southern Baptist witness for Christ will be most effective.

6. The corporation is to have no members.

7. The incorporators and the other duly elected members of The Christian Life Commission, an unincorporated agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, shall constitute the first Board of Directors. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 48-04(1), Tennessee Code Annotated, successors to the first Board of Directors of this corporation may be chosen by the Southern Baptist Convention or in the manner designated by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention, or its duly designated subordinate body or bodies, shall have the power to determine or change the number of directors of the corporation to be not more than one hundred (100) nor less than four (4) in number, the terms of office, and the manner of electing directors as their terms expire or vacancies may occur.

8. All directors of the corporation shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, with one representative from each qualified state in keeping with the bylaws of that Convention and with four (4) directors at large, for such periods of time as may be in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention.

9. This charter is subject to modification and amendment in the manner provided by law, provided, however, that no amendment or modification may be made without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. The corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity, that would invalidate its status (1) as a corporation which is exempt from Federal Income taxation as an organization described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or (2) as a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

11. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Item 5 hereof.

12. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of attempting to influence legislation, through propaganda or otherwise; nor shall the corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable Federal, state, or local laws.

13. The corporation shall not (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit, (2) engage in any "prohibited" transactions as described in Section 503 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or (3) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income in any manner endangering its exempt status by virtue of Section 504, or any other section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

14. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, or religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an organization or organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the Board of Directors, acting pursuant to the directions of the Southern Baptist Convention, shall determine.

15. The directors of the corporation may take any action which they are required or permitted to take under Chapters 1 through 14 of Title 48, Tennessee Code Annotated, or any other applicable law, without a meeting on written consent setting forth the action so taken, signed by all the directors entitled to vote thereon.

16. All references herein to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall be deemed to include statutes which succeed or amend such provisions (i.e., the corresponding provisions of future United States Internal Revenue laws).

Dated March 3, 1972.

26. Richard L. T. Beale, Jr. (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 11 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 11

We recommend that the following changes be approved for the Charter of the Radio and Television Commission.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT TO THE RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Article 4.03 of the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act, the undersigned Corporation adopts the following Articles of Amendment to its Restated Articles of Incorporation which:

- A. Amends Article IV to rephrase the purposes for which the Corporation is formed; and
- B. Amends Article VI to provide for the election and terms of the trustees.

1. The name of the Corporation is **THE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**.

2. Each of the following amendments to the Restated Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the Corporation on the 17th day of October, 1972.

Article IV is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Article IV

Purpose

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, Business and Financial Plan, and control and

instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious Corporation created and existing by Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia; and the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention shall operate under powers delegated to it by the said Southern Baptist Convention. This Corporation is formed for the following purposes:

- A. To provide programming materials of various kinds to the radio and television industry, consistent with its statement of Program Relationships, keeping in mind the spiritual goals of Southern Baptists of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ.
- B. To provide personnel, skills, equipment, and technology for television and radio production and distribution to all organized entities of Southern Baptist life as they may request and as budgetary limitations make possible. The content of these productions shall be determined by each agency, as it makes use of the Commission's staff and skills.

Article VI of the Restated Articles of Incorporation is hereby amended so as as to read as follows:

Article VI

Trustees

The trustees (which may be referred to as Commission members of said Corporation) shall be elected as follows:

- A. That the Radio and Television Commission be composed of one (1) representative from each state which qualifies (under Bylaw 20) for Convention representation, equally divided between ordained and lay persons to be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, in keeping with Article VI of the Convention's Constitution.
- B. That two (2) staff representatives named by each of the following agencies be placed on the Commission: the Foreign Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, and the Home Mission Board.
- C. That one (1) staff representative named by each of the following groups be placed on the Commission: the Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission, and one for all six seminaries.
- D. That representatives to the Radio and Television Commission who are named from the staffs of the agencies and auxiliaries shall have no voting privileges but shall act in an advisory capacity only.
- E. That the appointees from agencies and auxiliaries be subject to the same rotation standards observed by the Southern Baptist Convention under Article VI of the Constitution of the Convention.

27. James H. Semple (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 12 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 12

We recommend a change in the seminaries' program statement, which would delete the following paragraph:

Maintain a Seminary Extension Department which provides at approximate seminary academic levels correspondence courses and study in extension center classes for (1) assistance of men and women preparing for church vocations who otherwise may not have the opportunity for attendance upon a seminary, (2) similar study opportunity for other church leaders, subject to the objectives, programs, and relationships to be defined by the Convention, and (3) further in-service training for seminary graduates and former students in areas which will add to their effectiveness as instruments of the gospel.

And, insert in its place the following paragraph:

Maintain a Seminary Extension Department which provides through such means as Extension Centers and correspondence (home study) courses, off

campus theological education in all three seminary program areas to (1) men and women in church vocations who have not completed college or seminary training, (2) lay-men and women desiring theological training which is academically oriented, and (3) seminary trained men and women desiring opportunities for continuing education.

28. Norvell G. Jones (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 13 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend that Section III of the Business and Financial Plan read as follows:

"The financial affairs of the Convention and all its agencies, except that of the theological seminaries, the Annuity Board, and the mission boards, shall be operated on the fiscal year beginning October 1 and closing September 30. The seminaries owned and operated under the authority of the Convention shall use the fiscal year beginning August 1 and closing July 31. The Annuity Board and the mission boards shall use the fiscal year beginning January 1 and closing December 31."

29. Charles E. Harvey (La.) presented Recommendation No. 14 and moved its adoption. A question for information was raised from the floor. James Tisdell (Ga.) asked about facilities in Atlanta. Dale Aycock (Calif.) raised a question about the time set for Convention sessions. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 14

We recommend to the Convention that the 1978 Convention be held in Atlanta, Georgia, June 13-15, 1978, and the 1979 Convention be held in Houston, Texas, June 12-14, 1979.

30. Secretary Routh announced that the recommendations presented completed the report of the Executive Committee.

31. President Cooper asked approval by the Convention for requesting persons submitting resolutions to limit the presentation to one hundred words since all resolutions are referred to the Committee on Resolutions for consideration. No objection being raised, the Chair ruled that this procedure would prevail.

32. The order of miscellaneous business was called, and Milton Duke (Ohio) moved: "That the Convention authorize the Sunday School Board to grant to the pastors and other ordained servants of cooperating churches a 15 percent discount on Bibles and books through the Baptist Book Stores, as is granted to many denominational employees." The Chair ruled that according to Bylaw 17 the motion would be referred to the Baptist Sunday School Board for consideration and report to the Convention next year.

33. W. Ross Edwards (Mo.) moved: "In order that messengers attending the meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention might have as much information as possible concerning possible candidates for officers of the Convention, that this Convention encourage those who plan to place in nomination names of individuals for particular offices, to present in advance of the Convention for publicity in state papers a brief biographical sketch with a picture of each candidate." The motion was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 141.)

34. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) offered the following motion, prefacing it with a statement of explanation: "Under Convention Bylaw 15, I make the following motion which, in effect, will dissolve the Stewardship Commission and reassign stewardship planning and promotion

functions to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. Bylaw 15 requires that such a motion be adopted by two successive annual meetings of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is therefore my understanding that this motion must be adopted in Portland, Oregon, in 1973, and at the next annual Southern Baptist Convention, scheduled for Dallas, Texas, in 1974.

"I therefore move:

"(1.) That the programs of the Stewardship Commission be assigned to the Executive Committee, effective October 1, 1974.

"(2.) That the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee be reorganized to provide appropriate, elected representatives from the churches to work with the staff personnel in all areas of stewardship planning and promotion to the end that there shall be continuity in the execution of present plans and meaningful emphasis upon all facets of stewardship in the local churches and cooperation and correlation between all segments of the denomination, including specifically the Southern Baptist Convention and the state Baptist conventions. That the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee report to the 1974 session of the Southern Baptist Convention the organization proposed.

"(3.) That such portion of funds allocated to the Stewardship Commission, and required to do the work, be allocated to the Executive Committee. That all assets held by the Stewardship Commission be transferred to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee effective at the time of transfer. That the charter of the Stewardship Commission be surrendered on the completion of the transfer.

"(4.) That provisions be made by the Executive Committee to continue the present stewardship promotion and planning procedure in the implementation of these services.

"(5.) That steps be taken to strengthen the utilization of state convention staffs and Southern Baptist Convention agency staffs in stewardship and Cooperative Program planning and promotion.

"(6.) That assurance be given to the Stewardship Commission staff members that every consideration will be given to the continued utilization of each one in the transfer with as little change in relationships and benefits as possible, consistent with Executive Committee personnel policies in effect at the time of transfer."

The motion was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. Comments were made from the floor by Joseph Pyles (Ore.) regarding the motion. (See Items 81-83.)

35. Vice-president James H. Coggin was asked to take the chair. He called for the presentation of resolutions, explaining that all resolutions would be automatically referred to the Committee on Resolutions according to Convention procedure.

36. Bill Sherman (Tenn.) presented a resolution regarding an appeal for integrity and morality in the American political system. (See Item 165.)

37. R. H. Patterson, Sr. (S.C.) presented a resolution concerning alcohol. (See Item 162.)

38. Bruce H. Price (Va.) presented a resolution on observance of the Lord's Day. (See Item 163.)

39. Brooks Hays (N.C.) presented a resolution relative to more equitable representation and allocation of messengers to the Convention. (See Item 183.)

40. John S. Ashcraft (Calif.) presented a resolution regarding support of the Sunday School Board in the program of training outreach. (See Item 161.)

41. Larry Williams (Tex.) presented a resolution regarding involvement in Indochina. (See Item 126.)

42. R. Raymond Lloyd (Miss.) presented a resolution regarding alcohol and other drugs. (See Item 162.)

43. L. H. Moore (Ohio) presented a resolution concerning the American Bible Society. (See Item 127.)

44. Robert S. Markham (Tenn.) presented a resolution on division in the Southern Baptist Convention. (See Item 161.)

45. Leonard Sigle (Wash.) presented a resolution concerning an offering from churches to struggling churches in pioneer areas. (See Item 161.)

46. Chairman Dilday, for the Committee on Order of Business, announced that the motion offered by Duke K. McCall (Ky.) would be considered at 3:40 during the afternoon session. (See Items 34, 81, 82, 83.)

47. Dan Dipert (Tex.) presented a resolution regarding assistance to persons in need. (See Item 180.)

48. W. C. Fields (Tenn.) asked the Convention to stand while a group picture was being taken.

49. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "Amazing Grace."

50. Vice-president Coggin presented President Cooper for the presidential address. Prior to the address, special music was presented by Cooper's pastor, James Yates, and his wife from Yazoo City, Mississippi.

51. President Cooper, in his address, made a challenging appeal, based on the theme, "Share the Word Now," for faithful and zealous witnessing personally and cooperatively, in all phases of the Lord's work.

52. Neil Armstrong (N.C.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the morning session.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 12

53. President Cooper called the Convention to order at 2:15 P.M. Presession music had been presented by "The Messengers," Memphis, Tennessee, directed by Ken Brixey. William J. Reynolds led in singing "Jesus Shall Reign."

54. Robert D. Lewis (Calif.) presented a resolution expressing commendation of President Nixon's efforts to insure peace (See Item 126.)

55. Gary Cook (Ky.) presented a resolution related to ministry to senior adults. (See Item 164.)

56. Ray W. Benfield (N.C.) presented a resolution on "Key 73." (See Item 183.)

57. Sam Fort (Ore.) led the Convention in singing "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "How Firm a Foundation."

58. Vice-president Bullard was asked to take the chair, and James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) led in a period of meditation related to the Convention theme.

59. The order of miscellaneous business arrived, and Kenneth Barnett (Okla.) moved to amend the Constitution as follows:

"That Item (1) of Article VI, Section 1. be deleted, which is,
(1) Eighteen (18) members chosen from the city or vicinity of the state in which the board is located, but not more than five (5) local members appointed from the same church.

"And that Item (2) of Article VI, Section 1, be amended to read,
(2) One (1) member chosen from each cooperating state convention; and one additional member from each state convention for each two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) members.

"And that Item (2) of Article VI, Section 2, be amended to read,
(2) If the composition of the agencies trustees or commissioners is not determined by charter requirements, the body or trustees or commissioners shall be composed of one member from each cooperating state convention and ten (10) at-large members chosen from state conventions with five hundred thousand (500,000) members, but not more than two (2) members appointed from the same state."

The motion was referred for later consideration. (See Item 142.)

60. Porter Routh (Tenn.) called attention to the extension of the time approved for the campaign for funds by the Radio and Television Commission—to be completed by December, 1974.

61. Chairman Dilday, for the Committee on Order of Business, announced that the report by the Annuitant Study Committee and the motion by W. Ross Edwards (Mo.) would be considered at 11:20 Wednesday morning. (See Items 33, 140, 141.)

62. The time for the election of officers having come, Claud B. Bowen (N.C.) nominated Owen Cooper (Miss.). Joseph L. Pyles (Ore.) moved that nominations cease and that Cooper be elected by acclamation. The motion passed. At the request of the Chair, Secretary Allen cast the ballot of the Convention for Cooper.

63. Olan H. Runnells (Mo.) nominated James G. Harris (Tex.) for first vice-president.

64. Harold Coble (Calif.) nominated Clyde Skidmore (Calif.).

65. Charles W. Foley, Jr. (Calif.) nominated W. B. Timberlake (Calif.).

66. Donald C. Brown (La.) nominated Clifton Brannon (Tex.).

67. Secretary Kendall gave instructions relative to the ballot to be used, and the messengers voted for first vice-president.

68. Vice-president Bullard asked past presidents of the Convention to come to the platform.

69. C. E. McDaniel (Fla.) nominated Clifton J. Allen (N.C.) for recording secretary. A motion passed that nominations cease and that Allen be elected by acclamation. Russell H. Dilday (Ga.) was asked to cast the ballot of the Convention for Allen.

70. Guy Rutland, III (Ga.) nominated W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.) for registration secretary. A motion passed that nominations cease and that Kendall be elected by acclamation. Secretary Allen was asked to cast the ballot for the Convention for Kendall.

71. Raymond T. Boswell (La.) nominated Porter Routh for treasurer of the Convention. A motion passed that nominations cease and that Routh be elected by acclamation. Secretary Allen was asked to cast the ballot of the Convention for Routh.

72. President Cooper presented the Ambassador Service National Award to three Royal Ambassadors—John Bob Gilbert (Tenn.), Phillip Johnson (Tenn.), and Boyd Worthey (Wash.). Fourteen other Royal Ambassadors, not present, had earned the award.

73. Jay Chance (Tenn.) presented to President Cooper a certificate of appreciation for his interest in and support of Royal Ambassador work.

74. President Cooper recognized past presidents of the Convention. Those present were R. G. Lee (Tenn.), J. D. Grey (La.), Brooks Hays (N.C.), H. H. Hobbs (Okla.), K. O. White (Ariz.), Wayne Dehoney (Ky.), H. F. Paschall (Tenn.), and W. A. Criswell (Tex.). A brief greeting was given by each one.

75. Mrs. Richard Sappington (Tex.) presented a resolution on the Christian woman versus "woman's lib," which was referred to the Committee on Resolutions. (See Item 181.)

76. Cecil Chance (Fla.) presented a motion: "That the Convention Housing Bureau be limited to booking (tying up) a maximum of 75 percent of any hotel or motel, therefore leaving 25 percent of rooms for the individual to make his own reservation." The motion was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 143.)

77. Harry Stanley (Tex.) asked for an explanation relating to the program statement of the Home Mission Board approved at the morning session, to which Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) responded.

78. James F. Tisdell (Ga.) spoke about the need of messengers to have information in advance of the Convention about matters to be considered and moved: "That the Executive Committee be instructed to send copies of the *Book of Reports* at least two weeks before the annual Convention to those requesting the same." The motion was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 144.)

79. Vice-president Bullard called attention to the recent death of past president C. C. Warren and asked for common consent that the recording secretary send a message of sympathy to Mrs. C. C. Warren. He asked also that messages of greeting be sent to past presidents Louie D. Newton, Ramsey Pollard, and Carl Bates (who had been called home for a funeral).

80. Secretary Kendall reported the need for another ballot to elect the first vice-president—James G. Harris and Clifton Brannon having received the highest number of votes. The messengers then cast their ballots. (See Item 84.)

81. President Cooper called for consideration of the motion presented by Duke K. McCall (Ky.) relating to the Stewardship Commission. (See Item 34.) Chairman Dilday read the motion. A motion passed to limit discussion to six minutes in support of the motion and against the motion by the first ones to speak to it, and to limit subsequent speeches to four minutes each.

82. The motion was discussed by McCall. When the time expired, Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) moved an extension of time of ten minutes and the like amount of time for the first negative speaker. The motion passed. Discussion continued by McCall. A. Rudolph Fagan (Fla.) moved to divide the question, but the motion was defeated. Discussion continued by Fagan, Richard L. T. Beale, Jr. (Va.), E. C. McDaniel (Fla.), James L. Monroe (Fla.), and Roy F. Lewis (Ark.). Lynn Gardner (S.C.) moved to postpone consideration until messengers could have the motion in printed form. The motion lost.

83. D. A. Williams (Okla.) moved the previous question. The motion passed. The Chair called for the vote on the original motion, and the motion lost. A messenger requested a division of the question. Duke K. McCall then moved that the Convention sustain the ruling of the Chair that the original motion had been defeated, and the motion passed.

84. Secretary Kendall announced that James G. Harris (Tex.) had been elected first vice-president.

85. Chairman Dilday announced that motions previously offered by Barnett, Chance, and Tisdell would be considered at the Wednesday morning session following the consideration of other motions already scheduled for that time. (See Items 142, 143, and 144.)

86. Glenn Sullivan (Ky.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the afternoon session.

Tuesday Evening, June 12

87. Presession music was presented by the Lower Columbia Singers, Longview, Washington, directed by Ted Campbell (Wash.).

88. Vice-president Coggin called the Convention to order, and Duane Barrett (Calif.) led in singing "To God Be the Glory" and "I Love Thee."

89. Lewis Nobles (Miss.) read from the Scriptures, and W. L. Sewell (La.) led the Convention in prayer.

90. Darold H. Morgan (Tex.) was recognized to present the report of the Annuity Board. He moved that the report, appearing in the *Book of Reports*, be received, and then presented Bruce McIver (Tex.) to speak to the report. The motion passed.

91. Duane Barrett led the Convention in singing "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations."

92. James E. Wood, Jr. (D.C.) presented the report of the Public Affairs Committee and moved its adoption. Following his discussion of the report, the motion passed.

93. James B. Lackey (Tenn.) presented the report of the Stewardship Commission and moved its adoption. Following discussion by Lackey, staff members and others assisting in the presentation, the report was adopted.

94. Vice-president Coggin presented Mrs. Owen Cooper to the Convention and expressed appreciation for her inspiring support of President Cooper in his leadership of the Convention during the past year.

95. Baker James Cauthen (Va.) was recognized to present the report of the Foreign Mission Board. He called attention to the very recent death of L. Howard Jenkins and paid a tribute of appreciation for the long and outstanding contribution of Jenkins to foreign missions while he served as president of the Foreign Mission Board. Secretary Cauthen moved adoption of the report of the Board, and the motion passed.

96. Duane Barrett led in the singing of "Forward Through the Ages."

97. The overseas missionaries present were greeted by the Convention messengers with applause. Secretary Cauthen presented W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.), president of the Board, to preside over the remaining parts of the service. Hudgins then presented Nilson do Amaral Fanini, president of the Brazilian Baptist Convention, whose

address to the Convention magnified the power of the Word of God to bring salvation to human hearts.

98. Joseph B. Underwood (Va.) addressed the Convention, emphasizing that God's Word brings new life.

99. Following a solo, "Stir Me, O Lord," by Sidney C. Reber (Va.), Louis R. Cobbs (Va.) presented the new missionary appointees, who are soon to go to their fields of service, and Owen Cooper led in a prayer of dedication.

100. W. Douglas Hudgins presented Secretary Cauthen for the concluding address. His message was a ringing appeal for commitment of life and resources to our worldwide mission task.

101. Allan Fulmer (S.C.) led in prayer to conclude the evening session.

Wednesday Morning, June 13

102. Pre-session music was presented by The Revelation Singers, Arapahoe Road Baptist Church, Littleton, Colorado, directed by Terry Low.

103. John Johnson (Calif.) led the Convention in singing "The Solid Rock."

104. Randall Veazey (Ala.) sang "Victory in Jesus."

105. Vice-president Bullard presented James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) to lead the theme meditation. He spoke on "America's Way Up."

106. Secretary Allen called attention to corrections to be made in the record of the proceedings of the first day's sessions.

107. The Chair called for nominations for second vice-president.

108. Ted Boland (Ga.) nominated Charles Riggs (Ga.).

109. Audye Wiley (Ore.) nominated Bill Crews (Ore.).

110. Ted Sisk (Ky.) nominated Clifton W. Brannon (Tex.).

111. Charles W. Foley (Calif.) nominated W. B. Timberlake (Calif.).

112. Herbert Garrett (S.C.) nominated Mrs. Robert Fling (N.Y.).

113. Rudy Hernandez (Tex.) nominated Danny Sotello (Calif.).

114. Sidney Oxendine (N.C.) nominated W. E. Speed (Wash.).

115. Padgett Cope (Ark) nominated Vander Warner, Jr. (Va.)

116. Secretary Kendall gave instructions as to the ballot to be used in voting, and the messengers cast their ballots for second vice-president.

117. Vice-President Bullard recognized Scott L. Tatum (La.), chairman of the Baptist Sunday School Board, to present the report of the Board. He moved adoption of the report as found in the *Book of Reports*, and then explained that he was presenting the report in behalf of the elected trustees who are responsible to the Convention for the work of the Board. Tatum called attention to the recent twentieth anniversary of the service of James L. Sullivan as president of the Board and expressed appreciation for his leadership. Tatum then called upon W. Levon Moore (Miss.) to report on actions taken by the Board in response to actions of the Convention last year. (See page 160.) Moore then asked if any questions remained unanswered. Since no questions were raised from the floor, it was assumed that the report was acceptable as to actions of the Convention last year.

118. Tatum recognized Duke K. McCall (Ky.), who presented to James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) the E. Y. Mullins Denominational Service

Award in behalf of the trustees and faculty of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

119. Ernest White (Mo.) commended the trustees of the Sunday School Board for the way in which the report was presented to the Convention and expressed the hope that other agencies would follow something of a similar procedure.

120. Allen B. Comish (Tenn.) spoke further to the report of the Sunday School Board and asked A. V. Washburn (Tenn.) and Philip B. Harris (Tenn.) to give information about certain aspects of Sunday School Board programs.

121. The motion to receive the report of the Sunday School Board passed.

122. President Cooper took the chair and recognized John Parrott (N. Mex.) to present the first part of the report of the Committee on Resolutions.

123. Preston Callison (S.C.) presented Resolution No. 1 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 1—On Appreciation for the News Media

Recognizing the invaluable function of the press to report and interpret to the 12 million Southern Baptists and to the public-at-large that which transpires within the walls of this Convention auditorium, we are deeply grateful to the men and women of the Baptist state papers; the *Baptist Press*, the denomination's new service; other religious publications; daily newspapers; wire services; and radio and television stations and networks. Their ministry of information and interpretation is of great importance to their vast audiences, as well as to Southern Baptists.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the Convention express its gratitude to the 150 and more news media people covering this Convention, and that it include them and their ministry in their prayers.

124. Charles G. Fuller (Va.) presented Resolution No. 3 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 3—On Gratitude to Our Host City

We have found the people of Portland to be gracious and helpful, possessing a kind of civic pride which generates the second-mile approach to hospitality. We are grateful indeed for the manner in which we have been made welcome to the City of Roses.

Portland reflects the spirit of its frontier heritage as well as a spirit of refreshing progressiveness. We are grateful that Southern Baptists have in the great Pacific Northwest a challenging ministry which is characterized by a similar balance of the frontier spirit with a mind for the future. To visit Portland has made Southern Baptist messengers aware of the ever-broadening geography of our outreach to the nation and the world.

Though it is impossible to express appreciation to all persons to whom the Convention is indebted for the hospitality shown during the 1973 session, special gratitude is due the following chairmen of local arrangements committees: Dan Stringer, Jr., General Chairman; Bob Flegal, Registration; Howard Ramsey, Ushers; Roy L. Johnson, Information; Horace Burns, Publicity; Sam Fort, Transportation; Roland Hood, Home Reservations; Elmer Whiten, Nursery; Mrs. Timmes, First Aid; and Mr. and Mrs. Bearl Logan, Decorations.

We particularly thank the employees of Portland's hotels, restaurants, and transportation facilities who have served us well.

We trust the expressions and events of our Convention in Portland will leave a vital impact for Christ in a community where we have been so hospitably received.

125. Harold Shirley (N.C.) presented Resolution No. 4 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 4—Resolution Regarding Our Convention Officers

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have reached new peaks of attainment in evangelism, missions, stewardship, fellowship, and membership, and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists are being used of God through the processes of a spiritual democracy and a dedicated leadership, and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists are blessed of God in the caliber of leadership we have had and now have in the persons of our current officers: Owen Cooper, president; James E. Coggin, first vice-president; George W. Bullard, second vice-president; Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary; W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary; and Porter W. Routh, treasurer.

WHEREAS, Owen Cooper has rendered singularly outstanding service as our Convention president, continuing his life-long practice of winsomely, forthrightly, creatively representing our Lord Jesus Christ, not only in the affairs of our denomination but also in the halls of government and the power structures of industry, and

WHEREAS, Owen Cooper is representative of the dynamic laymen across the denomination who are ready to use their imagination, their resources, and their energy for the good of our churches and the glory of God.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that this 116th session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Portland, Oregon, June 12-14, 1973, (1) give thanks to God for the leaders He has given us, (2) encourage further involvement of the laity in the life and witness of our churches, and (3) convey to our Convention officers our gratitude for their noble service and our confidence in their Christian leadership.

126. Mrs. Ned King, Jr. (Tex.) presented Resolution No. 5 and moved its adoption. Robert D. Lewis (Calif.) moved to amend the resolution by adding the following paragraphs:

"Be it further *Resolved*, that we commend President Nixon for his efforts in bringing honorable peace to Vietnam and his continued efforts to insure peace in Southeast Asia, and

"Be it further *Resolved*, that we inform the President of our prayers for him during these crucial days of his administration."

The amendment to the resolution was discussed by Lewis, Beverly Tinnin (Miss.), James Burrell (Ga.), and Lester Arnold (N.Dak.). The motion to amend passed, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

Resolution No. 5—On Southeast Asia

WHEREAS, We have witnessed the recent safe return of many of our prisoners of war and servicemen from Vietnam and Southeast Asia with deep gratitude to God, and

WHEREAS, We join our fellow Americans in paying justifiable tribute to the thousands of Americans who have sacrificed their lives in service of their country, and

WHEREAS, We are grieved at the continuing conflict and suffering there.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we urge Southern Baptists to continue to pray for lasting peace in Southeast Asia,

"Be it further *Resolved*, that we commend President Nixon for his efforts in bringing honorable peace to Vietnam and his continued efforts to insure peace in Southeast Asia, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we inform the President of our prayers for him during these crucial days of his administration.

127. W. M. Shamburger (Tex.) presented Resolution No. 6 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 6—On the American Bible Society

WHEREAS, The 1973 Southern Baptist Convention recognizes, first, the urgent need for widespread distribution of the printed Word of God at home and around the world; and second, that the advance of the gospel depends upon a wider distribution of Bibles, New Testaments, portions (individual books of the Bible), and Scripture selections, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society renders an essential worldwide

service through translating and publishing the Scriptures without doctrinal note or comment, and distributing them at a price people can afford—or free, if need be—and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society in cooperation with 54 other national Bible societies, recognizing the rapid growth of literacy around the world, is presently preparing Scripture Literacy Selections at five progressive reading levels—these to be completed in over 100 languages by the end of the decade—and

WHEREAS, This worldwide program "Let the Word Speak," is designed to place the written Word in the hands of people whose reading ability is greatly limited and for whom there is little, if any, reading material available at present, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society provides Scriptures without charge to chaplains for distribution to personnel in the Armed Forces, and to patients in veterans' hospitals, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society continues its 138-year service to the blind by making the Scriptures available to the sightless, free of charge when the need arises, in Braille, and on records, tapes, and cassettes, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society is rendering an additional special service to the Southern Baptist Convention by providing Scriptures designed for the use of Southern Baptist churches in the area of Bible study and evangelism.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we fraternally urge all Southern Baptist churches and their members worthily to support the American Bible Society with generous financial contributions in order to provide the needed Scriptures to carry on our worldwide missions program, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage all state conventions, associations, and churches to emphasize through their own programs the need for a wider reading and sharing of God's Word, both at home and throughout the world, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we pray increasingly that our Lord's Great Commission be fulfilled so that ultimately the Living Lord of the Scriptures may become known and accepted by all peoples of the earth.

128. James Abernathy (Pa.) presented Resolution No. 7 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 7—On Use of Ethnic Groups on Agencies

WHEREAS, This Convention has recognized the vital importance of world evangelization and missionary advance by consecrating to its Lord men and women who have reached all people for the Christ, and

WHEREAS, The Lord has blessed the efforts of our fellowship in the redemption of a multitude representative of many groups and languages, and

WHEREAS, These groups of people and individuals in particular from these same brethren have assumed their rightful place of responsibility and missionary cooperation, and

WHEREAS, The same have been recognized for their leadership and contribution which they can make to the life of our beloved denomination, and

WHEREAS, The Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees have placed in nomination and this Convention has elected ethnic groups persons to serve on each of the following boards and/or commissions: Southern Seminary Board of Trustees, Annuity Board, and the Christian Life Commission.

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we commend such responsible nominations and further encourage that such practice be continued because of the multiplicity of benefits this brings to our beloved fellowship.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage such nominations and elections of persons who can make inestimable contributions to the work of the kingdom of God and its missionary advance to which we are committed.

129. Secretary Kendall reported the necessity for a ballot between Clifton W. Brannon and Mrs. Robert Fling for second vice-president. The messengers then cast their ballots for second vice-president.

130. R. J. Robinson (Ga.), chairman of the Committee on Committees, presented a motion that the Committee on Boards, as listed in the Convention *Bulletin*, be approved. The motion passed.

131. Arthur Mallory (Mo.) presented the report of the Committee on Boards, as found in the Convention *Bulletin*, and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

132. Secretary Routh announced an organizational meeting of the Executive Committee immediately upon the adjournment of the morning session.

133. John Johnson led the Convention in singing "Blessed Be the Name."

134. President Cooper introduced the next order, a period of worship: Scripture reading and prayer by Charles A. Trentham (Tenn.), a solo by Randall Veazey (Ala.), and the Convention sermon, "For God's Sake" (Matt. 6:18), by Dotson M. Nelson, Jr. (Ala.).

135. Secretary Routh called attention to an open meeting of the "Committee of Fifteen" at 4:00 P.M. in the Hilton Hotel to give opportunity for persons to present ideas and raise questions with the committee.

136. The Chair gave opportunity for presentation of new business. C. R. Daley (Ky) moved: "That in light of possible misunderstanding of the adopted resolution on Southeast Asia, the messengers of this Convention be recorded as not expressing approval of the bombing in Cambodia and other military actions in Southeast Asia since the ceasefire agreement." The motion was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Items 145, 175, 178, and 179.)

137. Gordon James (Tex.) moved: "To respectfully request the Executive Committee to study the possibility of funding a Southern Baptist motion picture and television information and advisory service with a view (1) to providing adequate information concerning the content of motion pictures and television programming for aiding families and individuals in selecting wholesome and suitable material for their personal use; (2) to seek cooperation from and give encouragement to the motion picture and television industries in producing material of high ethical and moral substance; and (3) to help relate to Southern Baptists in light of biblical teachings the ethical and moral content which may be found in motion pictures and television programming for the purpose of understanding and applying Christian principles in life situations." The motion was referred to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Items 145 and 176.)

138. Secretary Kendall reported that Clifton W. Brannon (Tex.) was elected second vice-president. Secretary Kendall also reported that the registration at the time was 8,868.

139. Secretary Routh presented on behalf of the Convention statements of appreciation to the two vice-presidents, James E. Coggin (Tex.) and George W. Bullard (Pa.).

140. Ira D. Hudgins (Va.) presented the report of the Annuitant Study Committee as found in the Convention *Bulletin* for the first day. He moved the adoption of the report and its recommendation. Following comments and explanations by Hudgins and Frank Breithaupt (Mo.), the motion passed. The report was as follows:

The SBC Annuitant Study Committee shares with the Convention its great concern for the financial distress of many of our retired ministers and widows of ministers. We need look no further than the relief roll to sympathize with them and the staff of the Annuity Board who, day in and day out since 1918, have been thinking, praying, and working to find funds to meet these financial needs.

Two sources of supplemental assistance are available to help these individuals. One is funds provided by the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program. The other is interest earnings on the Relief Reserve Fund held and administered by the Annuity Board.

The committee has worked hard to develop recommendations for the best use of these funds. The Annuity Board is meeting current and immediate emergency

problems through the relief funds. All other funds held and administered by the Annuity Board are designated as trusts to provide benefits for active participants of the Protection Program. These funds cannot be used for any other purpose.

On January 1, 1971, all annuitant benefits were increased four percent. On January 1, 1973, all annuitant benefits were increased six percent, making a guaranteed benefit of 110.24 percent. If the Annuity Board is able to continue crediting six percent interest to the annuitant reserve in 1973, it will be able to pay a 13th Check which could be 16.67 percent of the annuitant's annual benefit. This would make it possible for an annuitant on the roll January 1, 1971, to receive during 1973, 128.62 percent of the benefit established for him at retirement.

Two days before the last meeting of the committee, word was received from the Social Security Administration of a new program which will have a strong bearing on the committee's efforts. Social Security is developing a program of financial assistance for people with limited incomes. Details of the program are expected later this year.

It appears that the benefits from the new Social Security program will have to be coordinated with those the Convention and Annuity Board give.

During the year the committee met several times and conducted surveys to determine the extent of the problem under consideration. In preliminary findings, the committee found two key areas of concern. One pertains to retired ministers and widows; the other pertains to active ministers and church employees.

One of the surveys provided some interesting statistics which the committee believes deserve additional study. One important factor is determining who the needy retired ministers and widows are. The committee asks each and every messenger of this Convention who knows of a retired minister or widow in financial need to contact the committee members or the Annuity Board.

The second key concern, which the committee believes is the heart of the problem now and in the future, is that ministers and churches understand and accept that fact that adequate programs of retirement are available through the Annuity Board. The Board is considering increasing benefits even more than it has been able to do in recent years. This will mean little unless churches take a new look at what can be provided for the protection of their ministers and church employees, and accept the responsibility to use the Annuity Board programs for their salaried personnel.

The committee feels, before it can formulate adequate and meaningful recommendations to this body, it should:

1. Await the details of the Social Security program,
2. Study the proposals of the Annuity Board projections, and
3. Obtain additional information from the planned study survey of retired annuitants.

Because of these major factors, we request that the Convention ask the committee to continue the study for one additional year.

John S. Rasco, *Chairman*, Texas
 Ralph Bacon, Texas
 Ira D. Hudgins, Virginia
 W. Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi
 Norvell G. Jones, Missouri
 Rex Phillips, Washington
 Stewart B. Simms, South Carolina
 Harvey T. Whaley, South Carolina

141. Chairman Dilday called for consideration of the motion presented by W. Ross Edwards (Mo.)—see Item 33. Following discussion by Edwards, Roy E. Ladd (Tex.), and W. J. Ballard (Tex.), the motion lost.

142. Chairman Dilday presented the motion of Kenneth Barnett (Okla.)—see Item 59. Following discussion by Barnett and Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.), James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) moved to refer the motion to the Executive Committee for further study and consideration and report at the 1974 Convention. The motion to refer passed.

143. Chairman Dilday presented the motion of Cecil Chance (Fla.)—see Item 76. The motion was discussed by Chance, John Williams (Tenn.), Porter Routh (Tenn.), and John Carter (Va.). The motion passed.

144. Chairman Dilday presented the motion of James F. Tisdell (Ga.)—see Item 78. Tisdell agreed to the suggestion that the motion be amended to request that notice be given through *The Baptist Program* well in advance of the 1974 Convention and that it be noted that the *Book of Reports* would involve the regular payment. The motion then passed.

145. Chairman Dilday announced that the motions which had been presented by C. R. Daley (see Item 136) and Gordon James (see Item 137) would be considered at 11:35 at the Thursday morning session.

146. Padgett Cope (Ark.) recognized the presence of H. E. Williams and Mrs. Williams of Arkansas and expressed appreciation for them.

147. Gilbert Barrow (Fla.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the session.

Wednesday Night, June 13

148. Presession music was presented by the Spring Street Singers, Home Mission Board, directed by Buryl Red.

149. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "We're Marching to Zion."

150. Vice-president Bullard called the Convention to order. Douglas Watterson (Tex.) read from the Scriptures, and W. Perry Crouch (N.C.) led the Convention in prayer.

151. Cecil E. Sherman (N.C.), chairman of the Christian Life Commission, was recognized to present the report of the Commission. He moved the adoption of the report, and the motion passed. In speaking about the work of the Commission, Sherman related the Convention theme to areas of the Commission's objective and program. Sherman then presented Foy Valentine (Tenn.), who spoke on the moral concerns of the Christian gospel.

152. William J. Reynolds led the Convention in singing "At Calvary."

153. Vice-president Bullard recognized Jack P. Lowndes (Va.), president of the Home Mission Board. He moved the adoption of the report of the Board, and the motion passed. He then recognized Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) executive secretary of the Board, who stressed various aspects of the Board's ministry with special emphasis on evangelism. He presented C. B. Hogue (Okla.), the newly-elected director of the Division of Evangelism of the Board. Hogue spoke briefly of some of his dreams related to the program of evangelism.

154. Following music by the Spring Street Singers, Secretary Rutledge presented Court Shephard (Calif.) and Harold Heiney (S. Dak.), who spoke respectively of work with ethnic groups and of work with Indians in South Dakota.

155. "Joy," a musical on home missions, was presented by the youth choir of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, directed by Jim Van Hemert. Youth choirs of Mill Park Baptist Church and Holgate Baptist Church in Portland, directed by Mrs. Harold Hitt, assisted in the presentation.

156. William F. Montgomery, Jr. (Fla.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the evening session.

Thursday Morning, June 14

157. Pre-session music was presented by "The Free People," California Baptist College, directed by Larry Longshore.

158. Leon Westerhouse (Ala.) led the Convention in singing "He Keeps Me Singing."

159. "The Free People" presented special music, "The Church's One Foundation."

160. President Cooper presented James L. Sullivan to lead the theme meditation. He emphasized the relevance of the Bible for Christian growth.

161. The Chair recognized John Parrott (N. Mex.) for the final report of the Committee on Resolutions. Chairman Parrott reported that five resolutions were submitted to the committee prior to the Convention, but that, since no one had presented any one of these to the Convention or discussed them with the committee, they were not being reported to the Convention. He then reported that three resolutions, those by John S. Ashcraft (Calif.), Robert Markham (Tenn.), and Leonard Sigle (Wash.), were not being presented to the Convention for adoption and gave reasons for the action of the committee.

162. James Abernathy (Pa.) presented Resolution No. 2 and moved its adoption. Discussion followed by R. H. Patterson, Sr. (S.C.), who moved to amend the resolution by including the names of government agencies. A vote was taken on the amendment. The Chair was not certain as to the outcome of the vote. Several suggestions were made by messengers. By vote of the body and by common consent of the body, and by the agreement of Patterson, the matter was resolved by accepting an amendment by Tom Hawkins (Okla.) to insert the names of agencies of the Government and the Office of the President along with reference to the Congress, as follows:

"Food and Drug Administration; Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; Department of Environmental Control; Federal Communications Commission; Office of Consumer Affairs; Federal Trade Commission; Office of the Attorney General; and the Office of the President." The resolution as thus amended was adopted.

Resolution No. 2—On Alcohol and Other Drugs

WHEREAS, The drug problem is a complex and intricately interrelated phenomenon in our society, now including a widespread misuse of valuable prescription products, a broad spectrum of unscientific self-medication, a deeply implanted custom of cigarette smoking, deeply entrenched customs of drinking alcohol beverages, and an alarmingly developing culture involving marijuana and other illegal drugs, and

WHEREAS, This pervasive drug orientation of our culture is resulting in widespread social disruption and destruction of life by cancer, emphysema, coronary heart disease, accidents, alcoholism and other drug addiction, and is a factor in other serious social problems such as crime, family disruption, industrial waste, and automobile accidents, and

WHEREAS, Basic factors now recognized as perpetuating the drug approach to life are commercial promotion of alcohol, tobacco, and over-the-counter drugs; glamorization of the use of alcohol and tobacco; social pressures for smoking, drinking, and other drug usage; and widespread ignorance of accurate information pertinent to personal usage of these drugs, and

WHEREAS, Contemporary efforts of government, church, civic groups, and other independent agencies are failing to cope effectively with the drug orientation of our culture.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we encourage the Congress—also such agencies as Food and Drug Administration; Department of Health, Education, and Wel-

fare; Department of Environmental Control; Federal Communications Commission; Office of Consumer Affairs; Federal Trade Commission; Office of the Attorney General; and the Office of the President—to take action to control advertising of alcohol, tobacco, and other addictive drugs which perpetuate the drug orientation of the culture, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call for the broadest possible offensive to be mounted to restrain commercial promotion of all such products, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we pledge our cooperation with others to neutralize social pressures and minimize glamorization of drug usage, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that preventive education in the homes, the churches, and the schools be strongly encouraged, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that the Christian Life Commission be encouraged to work diligently with appropriate agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention to publicize this position and to encourage cooperation with others seeking these same objectives.

163. W. M. Shamburger (Tex.) presented Resolution No. 8 and moved its adoption. J. W. Howard (Ga.) moved to amend the resolution by adding the following paragraph: "Be it therefore further *Resolved*, that we instruct all agencies, boards, and committees to make due efforts to protect Sundays from scheduled activities, and employ on Sunday only those personnel needed to carry on only absolutely necessary activities." The amendment was approved. Discussion followed by Homer Massey (N. Mex.). The resolution as amended was approved.

Resolution No. 8—On the Lord's Day

WHEREAS, We are seeing an accelerated secularization of Sunday in America, we reaffirm our belief that, for Christians, Sunday should be the Lord's Day, a day for worship, spiritual renewal, and family life, and

WHEREAS, Many deacons, choir members, Sunday School teachers, and others of our people, including our youth, are facing, or may soon face, the need for choosing between their Sunday worship and Sunday work, we reaffirm our belief in each individual's right to a time for worship according to the dictates of his conscience, and

WHEREAS, As Christians, we celebrate our Lord's resurrection on this Day, and

WHEREAS, Sunday as a day of rest has made a unique contribution to our nation's strength and life.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we humbly petition the governing bodies of states and municipalities to take primary responsibility for preserving the unique character of Sunday as a day for rest and human welfare, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge all pastors, teachers, and leaders to provide instruction as to the true significance of this day, in its spiritual values, in its proper use, and in the abiding obligations we have under God's moral law, and

Be it therefore further *Resolved*, that we instruct all agencies, boards, and committees to make due efforts to protect Sundays from scheduled activities and employ on Sunday only those personnel needed to carry on only absolutely necessary activities.

164. Earl Kelly (Miss.) presented Resolution No. 9 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 9—On the Study of the Aging

WHEREAS, From 1900 to 1970 the population of citizens over 65 has risen from approximately 4% to 10% of the total population of the United States, and

WHEREAS, We feel a Christian responsibility to minister to this increasing number of senior adults and to help them find meaningful places of service and ministry.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we urge our churches to creatively seek to meet the needs of senior adults in our churches and communities, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention request the Executive Committee to do a feasibility study on the need for a major survey of present and future ministry to and with senior adults and to take appropriate action.

165. Harold Shirley (N.C.) presented Resolution No. 10 and moved its adoption. Richard Leubbert (La.) moved to amend the resolution by deleting the third and fourth paragraphs. Discussion followed by Forrest Franklin (Wash.) and Frank E. Breithaupt (Mo.). The previous question was moved and passed. The amendment lost. Bill Sherman (Tenn.) moved to amend the resolution by adding the following paragraph between the last two paragraphs: "Be it further *Resolved*, that we commend and support governmental leaders who fulfill their responsibilities in a moral posture while we call for the just prosecution of persons from any political party who are found guilty of maligning justice." The amendment was approved. Frank E. Breithaupt (Mo.) made a motion to amend by adding "and at the same time, we respectfully remind the press that the accused are innocent until proved guilty and that they be careful to treat all accused in such light." The motion to amend lost. The resolution as amended by the Sherman amendment was adopted.

Resolution No. 10—On Integrity and Morality in the American Political System

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that government is ordained by God, and

WHEREAS, The foundations of the American political system are reliance upon law, respect for freedom, and dedication to justice, and

WHEREAS, In the present American political arena personnel in the highest echelons of the various branches of our national government have recently been charged with abuses of power and irresponsible acts of lawlessness, and

WHEREAS, Christians in such an hour as this must speak and act forthrightly.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we affirm our commitment to the American constitutional principle of government with justice and integrity and to the biblical principle that "righteousness exalteth a nation but sin is a reproach to any people," and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we do not become a part of any growing pessimism regarding the American political process but persist in the hope that Christian citizens will demand integrity of all politicians who serve them, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we commend and support governmental leaders who fulfill their responsibilities in a moral posture while we call for the just prosecution of persons from any political party who are found guilty of maligning justice, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call upon all Christians to involve themselves more actively in the American political process to the end that God may be glorified and that the nation may be strengthened as a guarantor of liberty and justice for all.

166. Joe Watson (Mich.) presented the report of the Denominational Calendar Committee and moved its adoption, after giving necessary explanations about revisions from the previously printed form. The motion passed.

167. The Chair announced that remaining resolutions would be presented at the 11:45 miscellaneous business period.

168. H. H. Hobbs (Okla.) presented the report of the Committee on State Papers and moved its adoption. The motion passed. Hobbs reported that the editors of the papers had expressed the judgment that there was no need for the committee to be continued, in which judgment he concurred. Hence, no further action was taken.

169. Mrs. Robert Fling (N.Y.) presented the report of the American Bible Society and spoke to the report. She moved the adoption of the report, and the motion passed.

170. Russell Newport (Mo.) sang a medley of songs about Jesus.

171. Vice-president Coggin was asked to present William M. Pin-

son, Jr. (Tex.), who addressed the Convention on "Share the Whole Word Now!"

172. President Cooper welcomed fraternal messengers to the platform. He spoke of greetings received from Joseph H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; L Venchael Booth, president of the Progressive National Baptist Convention; Warren Magnuson, general secretary of the Baptist General Conference; and F. Bertram Griffin, president of the Greater Portland Council of Churches. President Cooper recognized the following persons on the platform: George Baxter, president of the Baptist Union of Western Canada; Frank Barker, of the Baptist Union of New Zealand; Hans J. Wilcke, Western area secretary of the North American General Conference; Robert C. Campbell, executive secretary of the American Baptist Convention; Marion G. Bradwell, executive director of the Lord's Day Alliance; and Humbertee Bautista, of the Baptist Convention of Chile. Robert C. Campbell brought greetings to the Convention and spoke in behalf of the fraternal messengers.

173. Robert S. Denny (Va.) was recognized to present the report of the Baptist World Alliance. He moved adoption of the report of the Alliance. Following brief comments about the Alliance, he presented persons in leadership responsibilities in the work of the Alliance who spoke briefly to the Convention stressing ways in which the Baptist World Alliance serves as a channel of fellowship and cooperation. The report of the Alliance was approved.

174. Paul Stevens (Tex.), president of the Radio and Television Commission, presented the report of the Commission and spoke to the report. He moved its adoption, and the motion passed.

175. The Chair called for the presentation of miscellaneous business, and Chairman Dilday for the Committee on Order of Business presented the motion previously offered by C. R. Daley (Ky.)—see Item 136. Robert D. Lewis (Calif.) moved to amend the motion by adding "or disapproval" after "approval." The vote was taken, but since the outcome appeared uncertain, a ballot was taken. The Chair expressed the judgment that discussion could continue on the main motion, to which there was no dissent by the body. Discussion followed by Jack Miller (Ore.), Lester Arnold (N. Dak.), and Cecil Irwin (Ky.). Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) raised a point of order as to whether the main motion was in order since it related to a resolution previously approved, and seemed to be out of harmony with it. The Chair ruled that the discussion was in order. Discussion continued by Charles S. Foley (Calif.), Daley, and Robert Lewis (Calif.). John Parrott (N. Mex.) moved the previous question. Since a point of order was raised again about discussing the main motion prior to a report on the ballot on the amendment, the Chair ruled to suspend consideration until the report of the ballot could be heard. (See Items 178-179.)

176. Chairman Dilday presented the motion of Gordon James (Tex.). Discussion followed by James and Larry Williams (Tex.). James Tisdell (Ga.) moved to refer the matter to the Christian Life Commission. Discussion followed by Foy Valentine (Tenn.). The motion to refer lost. Further discussion followed by Joe Howard (Tex.) and Charles Thrasher (Tex.). John Parrott moved the previous question, which passed. The original motion passed. (See Item 137.)

177. Chairman Dilday moved an extension of time for fifteen minutes. The motion passed.

178. Secretary Kendall reported that the amendment to the motion by Daley passed.

179. John Parrott moved the previous question (re the Daley motion as amended), and the motion lost. Discussion followed by Joe Price (Ind.). H. A. Hunderup, Jr. (Tenn.) moved to table the motion, and the motion carried.

180. Mrs. Robert Fling (N.Y.) presented Resolution No. 11 and moved its adoption. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 11—On Christian Responsibility Toward the Disadvantaged

WHEREAS, Scripture clearly emphasizes that Christians are to be concerned about the poor and less fortunate, and

WHEREAS, Many of the attempts to meet the needs of the disadvantaged are through federal and state welfare programs, and

WHEREAS, In spite of some regrettable abuses, these programs do in fact provide life-saving help to many who are too old, too sick, too young, or too disabled to care for themselves,

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we as Christians acknowledge our responsibility for helping those who are genuinely unable to supply their basic needs, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we will seek to understand and support national and state assistance programs that help those in genuine need, while insisting that vigilance be maintained to avoid misuse of the programs.

181. Charles Fuller (Va.) presented Resolution No. 12 and moved its adoption. Mrs. Richard Sappington (Tex.), who had presented the original resolution, presented a substitute for the resolution presented by the Committee on Resolutions. Time for discussion was extended for ten minutes. Discussion followed by Harold Coble (Calif.), Mrs. Worth Grant (D.C.), John Fuffel (Calif.), Mrs. A. J. Rosser (Va.), Don Touchton (Fla.), and Mrs. Adrian Rogers (Tenn.). C. R. Daley (Ky.) moved the previous question, and the motion passed. The substitute resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 12—On the Place of Women in Christian Service

WHEREAS, The Scriptures bear record to the distinctive roles of men and women in the church and in the home, and

WHEREAS, Christian women have made and are making a significant contribution to the cause of Christ, and

WHEREAS, Christian women have been exhorted to redig the old wells of mission promotion and education in our churches by Kenneth Chafin, and

WHEREAS, There is a great attack by the members of most women's liberation movements upon scriptural precepts of woman's place in society, and

WHEREAS, The theme of the Convention is "Share the Word Now" and this Word we share is explicitly clear on this subject.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we "redig" or reaffirm God's order of authority for his church and the Christian home: (1) Christ the head of every man; (2) man the head of the woman; (3) children in subjection to their parents—in the Lord.

Therefore, be it further *Resolved*, that we "redig" or reaffirm God's explicit Word that (1) man was not made for the woman, but the woman for the man; (2) that the woman is the glory of man; (3) that as woman would not have existed without man, henceforth, neither would man have existed without the woman, they are dependent one upon the other—to the glory of God.

182. Robert D. Lewis (Calif.) commended the Chair for unusual fairness and consideration of messengers in the consideration of business matters.

183. Chairman Parrott presented the recommendation that Resolution No. 13 "On Key 73" (see Item 56) be referred to the Home

Mission Board and moved approval of the recommendation. The motion passed. Parrott moved approval of the committee's recommendation that Resolution No. 14 "On Allocation of Messengers" (see Item 39) be referred to the Executive Committee. The motion passed.

184. Secretary Allen moved that the recording secretary be authorized to make necessary changes in the Proceedings as printed in the Convention *Bulletin* to insure clarity of meaning, accuracy in facts, and consistent form and that the Proceedings thus corrected become the official record of the actions of the Convention. The motion passed.

185. President Cooper recognized the pages—all Royal Ambassadors—that had served throughout the Convention and expressed hearty appreciation for their helpfulness and assistance.

186. Pat Harrison (Ala.) led the Convention in prayer to close the morning session.

Thursday Afternoon, June 14

187. Presession music was presented by "The Trouveres" of California Baptist College, directed by Curtis Cheek.

188. William J. Reynolds presented Ed Nelson (Tex.) of the staff of the Baptist Spanish Publishing House, El Paso, to lead the singing. He led the Convention in singing "Blessed Be the Name."

189. Vice-president Coggin presented James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) to lead the theme meditation, who spoke on "A Book Without Bounds."

190. Kendall Berry (Tenn.) presented the report of the Southern Baptist Foundation and moved its adoption. He then spoke to the report. The motion to approve the report passed. Berry recognized Mrs. E. W. Bess, Jr., the administrative assistant of the Foundation.

191. Ben Fisher (Tenn.) presented the report of the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission. He introduced J. Lewis Powell and Mrs. Powell of the faculty of the Seminary, and then presented Herman E. Jacobs (Tenn.) to speak to the report. Fisher moved the adoption of the report of the Commission, and the motion passed.

192. Special music was presented by "The Trouveres," California Baptist College, directed by Curtis Cheek.

193. Ben C. Fisher (Tenn.) presented the report of the Education Commission as found in the *Book of Reports*. He recognized two Baptist college presidents on the platform—James Staples of California Baptist College and William Hintze of Grand Canyon Baptist College. Two students, Tricia McCary and Bayard Forest, of California Baptist College and Grand Canyon Baptist College, respectively, gave testimonies about their college experience. Fisher then recognized W. Howard Bramlette, a member of the Education Commission staff. Fisher moved adoption of the report of the Education Commission. The motion passed.

194. Special music was presented by "Ministry '73" Southern Baptist Theological Seminary School of Church Music, directed by John Philip Landgrave.

195. Lynn E. May, Jr. (Tenn.) presented the report of the Historical Commission and moved its adoption. He then spoke to the report. A. Ronald Tonks was recognized to speak further about the Commission's work. The report was adopted.

196. President Cooper took the chair and recognized Harold K.

Graves (Calif.), who presented in behalf of the presidents the reports of the six seminaries—Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He moved adoption of the reports, and the motion passed. Following introductory comments by Graves, an audiovisual presentation featured the life and work of the seminaries to interpret and emphasize their ministry of sharing the unchanging Word in a changing world.

197. Ed Nelson led in singing "There Is a Name I Love to Hear."

198. Eva Aultman, a student at the University of Mississippi, sang "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus" and "There's No Disappointment in Jesus."

199. President Cooper welcomed Frederick Sampson, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in Detroit, who brought warm greetings of fellowship and then preached on "Measuring Up to the Challenge."

200. Gerald Buckley (Miss.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the afternoon session.

Thursday Evening, June 14

201. Presession music was presented by the Chapel Choir, First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, directed by Tommy K. Mosley.

202. William J. Reynolds expressed appreciation in behalf of the Convention for the service rendered by Sharron Lyon, the organist, Max Lyall, the pianist, and others who had assisted in the music, also special appreciation for the service of the auditorium sound control engineer. Reynolds then led the Convention in singing "To God Be the Glory" and "There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit."

203. W. H. Killian (S.C.) read from the Scriptures, and Russell McIntyre (La.) led the Convention in prayer.

204. Vice-president Coggin recognized the officers of the Convention for the coming year and presented them, with the wives present, to the Convention with remarks of appreciation: Owen Cooper, president, and Mrs. Cooper; James G. Harris, first vice-president; Clifton W. Brannon, second vice-president; Clifton J. Allen, recording secretary; W. Fred Kendall, registration secretary, and Mrs. Kendall; Porter Routh, treasurer, and Mrs. Routh.

205. H. Edwin Young (S.C.), for the Committee on Order of Business, nominated R. J. Robinson (Ga.) to preach the Convention sermon in 1974 and James L. Pleitz (Fla.) as the alternate. Young moved the adoption of the nomination, and the motion passed.

206. President Cooper recognized Alma Hunt (Ala.) to present the report of the Woman's Missionary Union. She moved adoption of the report and then presented Mrs. R. L. Mathis to speak to the report. The report was adopted.

207. John Smarge (Md.) presented the report of the Brotherhood Commission and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

208. Special music was presented by "The Messengers," Memphis, Tennessee, directed by Ken Brixley.

209. Glendon McCullough (Tenn.) spoke to the report of the Brotherhood Commission, calling Southern Baptists to a cooperative program of human resources for Christian ministry.

210. President Cooper expressed the thanks of the Convention to the Committee on Order of Business for their splendid service, to the many persons who had assisted with the program, and to the Convention messengers for their attendance and their spirit. He then explained that the remaining part of the program would be a feature, "Share-the-Word Celebration," coordinated by the Sunday School Board, and presented Grady Nutt to serve as master of ceremonies, the several parts as follows:

(1) James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) spoke on the theme of the Convention, emphasizing the "Now!" of sharing the Word.

(2) Anne Vallotton, of Paris, France, the illustrator of *Good News for Modern Man*, drew sketches, projected on the screen, to illustrate inspiring New Testament events and truths.

(3) The youth choir of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, presented special music.

(4) Senator Mark O. Hatfield, of Oregon, addressed the Convention, stressing the relevance of Christian Love in sharing the Word.

(5) Cynthia Clawson Courtney (Ark.) sang "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood," "It is Well with My Soul," and "I Shall Know Him."

(6) Norm Evans (Fla.) gave a testimony about his Christian experience.

(7) The youth choir of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, sang "Here Is My Life."

(8) Ralph H. Langley (Tex.), in a brief message, summed up the appeal of the service in a challenge to personal commitment to share the Word, urging messengers to sign and keep the commitment card given to them.

211. President Cooper spoke of a telegram of greeting just received from Billy Graham, expressing pride in being a Southern Baptist and pledging his loyalty to the Convention.

212. Hoffman Harris (Ga.) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the session, and the one hundred sixteenth session of the Southern Baptist Convention stood adjourned.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

REGISTRATION

PORTLAND, OREGON, 1973

Alabama	528
Alaska	29
Arizona (18 of these are from Nevada)	106
Arkansas	185
California	548
Colorado	84
D.C.	19
Florida	285
Georgia	445
Hawaii	17
Illinois	172
Indiana	85
Kansas—Nebraska (Kansas 70, Nebraska 9)	79
Kentucky	349
Louisiana	275
Maryland (Maryland 67, Del. 2, Mass. 1)	70
Michigan (Michigan 35, Wisconsin 4)	39
Mississippi	336
Missouri (Iowa 10, Missouri 389)	399
New Mexico	140
New York (N. Y. 5, Con. 2, Maine 1, N. Jersey 4)	12
North Carolina	1,042
Northern Plains Convention	
Wyoming	13
Montana	25
North Dakota	7
South Dakota	22
Ohio	78
Northwest	
Oregon	225
Washington	400
Oklahoma	355
Pennsylvania—South Jersey (Pa. 8)	8
South Carolina	516
Tennessee	514
Texas	940
Utah—Idaho (Utah 22, Idaho 46)	68
Virginia	447
West Virginia	11
TOTAL	8,871