

Proceedings

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

June 14-16, 1977

Tuesday Morning, June 14

1. President James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) called to order the one hundred and twentieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred and thirty-second year of its history at 9:00 A.M., June 14, 1977, in the Bartle Convention Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

2. Presession music had been presented by the Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, directed by Phillip C. Posey (Mo.).

3. President Sullivan read the following telegram of greetings from the President of the United States, and the applause of the messengers expressed warmest appreciation:

I send warmest greetings to the members of the Southern Baptist Convention as you hold your annual Convention. I welcome the opportunity to applaud your positive influence on family and community life and to commend your strong civic leadership and inspiring humanitarian action. May your work be further strengthened and expanded as a result of these sessions and may they be rewarding and satisfying for each of you. (Signed) Jimmy Carter

4. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.), music director for the Convention, led the messengers in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name." The following persons served as organists and pianists during the Convention: Mrs. Pauline Riddle (Mo.), Mrs. Clyde Harling (Ga.), Mrs. Susan Baker (Mo.), Mrs. Linda Kennedy (Mo.), Mrs. Robert Lester (Ga.), and Mrs. Tom Steele (Mo.).

5. Dan Ireland (Ala.) led the messengers in reading (in unison) the Scriptures, and Alvin W. Wood (Alaska) led in prayer.

6. W. Fred Kendall (Tenn.), registration secretary, reported a registration of 12,189 messengers at 9:00 A.M. and moved "that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from the churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the Constitution." The motion passed.

7. W. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, introduced members of the committee and moved adoption of the program as printed, with these changes: an extension of time for the election of officers at the Tuesday afternoon session and the adjustment of subsequent items accordingly; the Tuesday night session to begin at 6:40 and the item, "Let the Church Reach Out," to be a fixed order; other necessary changes as the Convention may approve. The motion passed. Chairman Dehoney made comments interpreting the premise and objective of the program.

*Theme: "Let The Church Reach Out"***TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 14**

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, Phillip C. Posey, director
- 9:00 Call to Order
Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee, director
Scripture—Dan Ireland, Huntsville, Alabama
Prayer—Alvin W. Wood, Alaska
- 9:15 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—W. Fred Kendall, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:20 Report of Committee on Order of Business—Wayne Dehoney, Louisville, Kentucky, chairman
- 9:30 Welcome—Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- 9:40 Response—Gaines S. Dobbins, Birmingham, Alabama
- 9:45 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers
- 9:55 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:00 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:25 Introduction of Resolutions
- 10:45 Executive Committee Report (First Section)—Porter Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:20 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds
- 11:25 Music—Dean Wilder, Liberty, Missouri
- 11:30 President's Address—James L. Sullivan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 12:00 Benediction—Wilbur Herring, Jonesboro, Arkansas

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 14

- 1:30 Music for Inspiration—Young Musicians Choir, First Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma, Jo Ann Butler, director
- 2:00 Congregational Singing—J. Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, Kentucky, director
Scripture—William R. Hann, Walnut Creek, California
Prayer—Otis Testerman, Grand Junction, Colorado
- 2:15 Election of Officers
- 2:25 Executive Committee Report (Final Section)—Porter Routh
- 3:05 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:15 Miscellaneous Business
- 3:35 Introduction of Resolutions
- 3:50 Historical Commission Report—"Our Roots and Heritage 'to elicit, combine and direct . . .'"—Lynn E. May, Jr., executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:00 Congregational Singing—J. Eugene Sutherland, Louisville, Kentucky
- 4:05 Music—Beverly Terrell, Concert Artist, Dallas, Texas
- 4:10 Message—"Our Reason for Being"—W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas
- 4:40 Benediction—Harold W. Sorrill, Jr., Clinton, Maryland

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 14

- 6:15 Music for Inspiration—Southern Baptist Singing Men, James D. Woodward, Shawnee, Oklahoma, director
- 6:40 Congregational Singing—Bob Woolley, Jefferson City, Missouri, director
Scripture—Ken McFarlane Smith, Arlington, Virginia
Prayer—Ron Dillon, Parkersburg, West Virginia
- 6:55 Election of Officers
Miscellaneous Business
- 7:35 "Let the Church Reach Out—By All Means—To All People—Everywhere!" (combined challenge of the Radio-Television Commission, Foreign and Home Mission Boards)
- 8:55 Music—Southern Baptist Singing Men, James D. Woodward, director
- 9:00 Message—"The World God Loves"—Frank Pollard, Jackson, Mississippi
- 9:30 Benediction—Bruce Gardner, Idaho

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 15

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Wieuca Road Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta, Georgia, Jack Gantt, director
- 9:00 Congregational Singing—Jack Gantt, director
Scripture—Lloyd E. Batson, Pickens, South Carolina
Prayer—Calvin M. Bailey, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
- 9:15 Election of Officers
Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 9:45 Committee on Committees Report
Committee on Boards Report
- 9:55 Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, president, Dallas, Texas
- 10:10 Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, executive director, Atlanta, Georgia
- 10:25 Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker J. Cauthen, executive director, Richmond, Virginia
- 10:40 Radio-TV Commission Report—Paul M. Stevens, president, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:55 Miscellaneous Business (consideration of any constitutional change and other matters)
Election of Officers
- 11:30 Congregational Singing—Jack Gantt, director
- 11:35 Music—Wieuca Road Baptist Church Choir, Jack Gantt, director
- 11:45 Scripture—Duke K. McCall, Louisville, Kentucky, Alternate, Convention Sermon
- 11:45 Convention Sermon—William L. Self, pastor, Wieuca Road Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia
- 12:15 Benediction—Robert Bateman, Columbus, Ohio

(No Afternoon Session)

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 15

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—Kansas City Massed Choirs, Duncan Couch, director, Bolivar, Missouri
- 7:00 Congregational Singing—Wesley L. Forbis, Liberty, Missouri, director
Scripture—Thomas Sherrill, Minot, North Dakota
Prayer—Milton Morales, Independence, Missouri
- 7:15 Recognition of Past Southern Baptist Convention Presidents
- 7:25 "The Challenge of Preaching, Teaching"—(combined presentation of the six seminaries and the Sunday School Board)
- 8:30 "... every believer a witness into the world"—(combined presentation of Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission)
- 8:50 Congregational Singing—Wesley L. Forbis, director
- 8:55 Music—Kansas City Massed Choirs, Duncan Couch, director
- 9:00 Message—"The Gospel, the Power of God Unto Salvation"—William E. Hull, Shreveport, Louisiana
- 9:30 Benediction—Richard Rogers, Lansing, Michigan

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 16

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration—Combined Handbell Choirs, Merrill Luman, Houston, Texas, director
- 9:00 Congregational Singing—Gene Bartlett, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, director
Scripture—William D. Hillis, Baltimore, Maryland
Prayer—Ted Sisk, Lexington, Kentucky
- 9:15 Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, president, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:30 Seminaries Report
- 9:40 American Baptist Seminary Commission Report
- 9:45 Education Commission Report—Ben C. Fisher, executive director, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:55 Southern Baptist Convention Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson, III, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:05 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:50 Congregational Singing—Gene Bartlett, director

- 10:55 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, Birmingham, Alabama
 11:05 Brotherhood Commission Report—Glendon McCullough, executive director, Memphis, Tennessee
 11:15 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
 11:35 Congregational Singing—Gene Bartlett, director
 11:40 Music—Forbes Woods, Phoenix, Arizona
 11:45 Message—"By His Spirit"—Richard Jackson, Phoenix, Arizona
 12:15 Benediction—Doy Jones, Wichita, Kansas

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 16

- 1:00 Music for Inspiration—Musicians in Evangelism
 2:00 Congregational Singing—Ken Bittiker, St. Joseph, Missouri, director
 Scripture—Don Moore, Evansville, Indiana
 Prayer—Keith Stanford, Illinois
 2:15 Miscellaneous Business
 2:45 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert Denny, general secretary, Washington, D.C.
 2:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James E. Wood, Jr., executive director, Washington, D.C.
 3:05 Committee on State Baptist Papers—H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, Tennessee, chairman
 3:15 Denominational Calendar
 3:20 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, executive secretary, Nashville, Tennessee
 3:30 Address—William Pinson, Wichita Falls, Texas
 3:55 Congregational Singing—Ken Bittiker, director
 4:00 Address—Andrew M. Young, Jr., United States Ambassador to the United Nations, Washington, D.C.
 4:30 Benediction—Raymond Lau, Honolulu, Hawaii

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 16

- 6:30 Music for Inspiration—Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, Phillip C. Posey, director
 7:00 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, director
 Scripture—Robert F. Woodward, Winchester, Virginia
 Prayer—Mrs. Leroy Parker, Greensboro, North Carolina
 7:15 Presentation of Officers for 1978
 7:20 Challenge, Commitment, and Consecration Service—planned by Jesse Fletcher, Knoxville, Tennessee. Combined Missouri Baptist College Choirs, Wesley L. Forbis, director
 Billy Graham, Montreat, North Carolina, will deliver the "charge" to the congregation
 9:00 Benediction—Jerry DeOliveria, San Jose, California

8. Milton Ferguson (Mo.), president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, welcomed the Convention in behalf of Kansas City Baptists and those in the surrounding area and, particularly, in behalf of Midwestern Seminary.

9. President Sullivan presented Gaines S. Dobbins (Ala.), pioneer in religious education and long-time and distinguished seminary professor, to respond to the welcome. Dobbins challenged the messengers to a sense of world mission in the present world situation.

10. The Chair recognized Robert S. Denny (D.C.), general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, and asked him to introduce fraternal messengers who were present, each of whom gave a brief word of greeting: Isaiah H. Henderson, Jr., National Baptist Convention of the U.S.A., Inc.; Charles Z. Smith, American Baptist Churches, U.S.A.; Joshua Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, Baptist Union of Ireland; Timothy Cho, Korean Baptist Convention; Jose

Borras, Spanish Baptist Convention. Denny extended greetings in behalf of the Baptist World Alliance.

11. The Chair announced the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: William L. Self (Georgia), *Chairman*; James A. Auchmuty, Jr., *Cecil Hamiter, Alabama; Chester Pillow, *Truet Thompson, Arizona; Paul W. Dodd, *Tucker Bennett, Arkansas; J. Thurman George, *Andrew Tucker, California; Davis L. Cooper, *Max Clifton, Colorado; Edward C. Briggs, *Mrs. James Blaylock, Maryland; Woodrow M. Pinson, *Calvin Koesey, Florida; *Mrs. Lindsey Barron, Georgia; Wendell Garrison, *Raymond Taylor, Illinois; Ferd Elfreich, *O. Thomas Woods, Indiana; Bruce Anthony, *Mrs. Gene Hawkins, Kansas; Bill Simmons, *Mrs. Duke K. McCall, Kentucky; Perry F. Webb, Jr., *W. O. McGuffie, Louisiana; John E. Roberts, *William D. Hillis, Maryland; Raymond Babb, *Mrs. Amy Wilkinson, Michigan; James Smith, *Mrs. Frances Smira, Mississippi; J. Edwin Hewlett, *Gerald Sprong, Missouri; J. W. Evans, *Travis Ferguson, New Mexico; Joe Burnette, *Mrs. Tom Womble, North Carolina; Roy Belcher, Washington, *Mrs. Don Buckley, Oregon; James Crumpler, *Mrs. Ruby Deskin, Ohio; Charles A. Tope, *Mrs. Robert Forrest, Oklahoma; Loyd Self, *R. E. Littlejohn, South Carolina; William J. Purdue, *Frank C. Ingraham, Tennessee; Malcolm O. Bane, *Earl Rose, Texas; and Raymond L. Spence, Jr., *Mrs. Peyton Thurman, Virginia.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Verlin Kruschwitz (Kentucky), *Chairman*; *Mrs. Edward L. Byrd, South Carolina; *Mrs. Earl W. Johnston, Texas; John Lee Taylor, Mississippi; Paul Mims, Virginia; *Milton Morales, Missouri; Albert W. Huyck, Jr., Georgia; Clarence Floyd, Kentucky; Dan Stringer, Oregon; Russell Newport, Missouri; *Rolin Boulware, Missouri; and Cecil Sims, Washington.

TELLERS COMMITTEE: Kenneth B. Combs (Kansas), *Chairman*; *Flynn T. Harrell, South Carolina; Harold Manahan, Nebraska; Kenneth Sparkman, Tennessee; William O. Crews, Oregon; *Mrs. Ruth Elmore, Missouri; *Mrs. Harold D. Jeter, Oklahoma; *Prince E. Claybrook, Illinois; Don Moore, Arkansas; and *Bob Anderson, Kansas.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Daniel R. Grant (Arkansas), *Chairman*; *Mrs. Texas; *J. Thomas Bryan, Tennessee; Alvin W. Wood, Alaska; Morgan Patter-Claude Kirkpatrick, Louisiana; Conrad R. Willard, Florida; *Hunter M. Jones, son, California; *Mrs. Leroy Parker, North Carolina; D. G. Crewse, Idaho; and Al Shackelford, Tennessee.

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12. President Sullivan suggested guidelines to expedite consideration of matters calling for action by the Convention. He also called attention to gavels being used by the presiding officer: one presented to him by the church in which he grew up and others presented to the Convention by John A. Broadus and M. E. Dodd.

13. The Chair announced the order of miscellaneous business. Four motions were presented, all referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be scheduled for later consideration. Edwin E. Burris (Mo.) moved that, due to extensive publicity and promotion given to the area of homosexuality by the media and legislative bodies, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention instruct the Christian Life Commission (or the Agency the Executive Committee feels best suited) to develop a program whereby the local churches can present a unified front showing their opposition to the media, legislative bodies, sponsors, and other organizations which present homosexuality as an acceptable life style; and that the messengers authorize the Committee on Order of Business to schedule this motion for discussion during the 1977 meeting according to Bylaw 12 of our Constitution and Bylaws. (See Item 154.)

14. R. G. Puckett (Md.) moved that the second sentence in Article V, Officers, Section 2, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention be changed to read:

"The term of office for the president is limited to one (1) year, and he shall not be eligible for reelection until as much as one (1)

year has elapsed from the time his successor is named." (See Item 106.)

15. Paul C. Lawson (Va.) moved that (1) our churches be invited to designate the Sunday immediately prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1978 and 1979 A Day of Prayer for Bold Mission Thrust; (2) that the Committee on Order of Business be requested to conduct a prayer meeting for Bold Mission Thrust at some time during the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1978 and 1979; (3) that the appropriate Southern Baptist Convention agencies develop guidelines for the day of prayer in the local churches. (See Item 61.)

16. Coy Privette (N.C.) moved that—with deep appreciation for the dedicated persons who lead our Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and the staff members who serve with them; and reaffirming the responsibility of the trustees of each agency to review and set salaries and benefits for employees; and as one means of declaring our belief that the commitment to mutual support upon which the Cooperative Program rests implies mutual accountability between brothers and sisters in Christ who seek to share the gospel with the whole world through the Southern Baptist Convention—we respectfully request the trustees of all boards, seminaries, commissions, and committees which receive support from Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program funds, or whose major sources of income are derived from purchases or investments by Southern Baptist churches and their members, and whose trustees are elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, to include in their annual report to the Convention, beginning in 1978, all relevant and specific information in dollars concerning the salary and each fringe benefit provided for the senior executive director, including the amounts for housing allowance, if any, or an indication that a house is furnished, if such is the case; and that full information be furnished upon request to any member of a cooperating Southern Baptist church concerning any specific staff position, according to the guidelines listed above, and that salary scales according to position be furnished upon request without reference to individuals holding particular jobs in the organization. (See Items 107, 109, 128, 129, 143, 147.)

17. Resolutions were presented and referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Hugh Wamble (Mo.) presented a resolution "On Religious Liberty and Employment Practices." (See Item 137.)

18. Robert D. Lewis (Calif.) presented a resolution "On the Equal Rights Amendment." (See Items 140 and 153.)

19. Carolyn Weatherford (Ala.) presented a resolution "On the American Bible Society." (See Item 94.)

20. Gary Gunderson (Ga.) presented a resolution "On a Call for Hunger Convocation." (See Item 134)

21. John Wilder (Mo.) presented a resolution "Concerning Abortion." (See Item 150.)

22. O. K. Armstrong (Mo.) presented a resolution "On the Separation of Church and State and Higher Education." (See Item 153.)

23. Allen W. Graves (Ky.) presented a resolution "On Fraternal Concern for Korean Christians." (See Item 153.)

24. Earl Potts (Ala.) presented a resolution "On Integrated Auxiliaries." (See Item 136.)

25. James P. Wesberry (Ga.) presented a resolution "On the Ob-

servance of Sunday as a Day of Worship and Spiritual and Physical Renewal." (See Item 153.)

26. Al Engelmann (Calif.) presented a resolution "On Family Planning and Birth Control to Minor Children Without Parental Knowledge or Consent." (See Item 142.)

27. Nell Shotwell (Tex.) presented a resolution "On Senior Adult Sunday." (See Item 153.)

28. Claud O'Shields (N.C.) presented a resolution "On a Ministry to the Blind." (See Item 153.)

29. Robert S. Magee (La.) and Don Wainwright (Mo.) presented a resolution "On Appreciation to Anita Bryant for Her Bold Stand on Biblical Morality." (See Item 189.)

30. Donald B. Lemmons (La.) presented a resolution "On the Proposed ERA Amendment to the Constitution of the United States." (See Item 153.)

31. John R. Claypool (Miss.) presented a resolution "On torture." (See Item 141.)

32. Dotson M. Nelson (Ala.), first vice-president, was asked to take the chair. He presented W. Ches Smith, III (Ga.) for the report of the Executive Committee. Following comments about the work of the Committee, he recognized Porter Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Committee, to give further information. He called attention to the actions taken by the Committee (see page 65). Routh reported specifically with reference to matters referred to the Committee for study and report (see *Convention Annual, 1976*, Items 23 and 103, pp. 32 and 52, re the motion by Ray K. Hodge; Items 106 and 148, pp. 52 and 61, re the motion by Frederick G. Schläfer). As to the first, Routh indicated that more time was needed to explore the use of some appropriate identifying symbol or logo and that a report would be given in 1978. As to the second, Routh stated that in the light of the many factors related to the representation of state conventions on the various boards, commissions, and committees, it was felt that the provisions of Bylaw 20 are truly democratic; hence, the Committee was not recommending that any change be made at this time. (See Nos. 14 and 15 of "Actions Taken by the Executive Committee," p. 65.) Routh reported also that Cooperative Program receipts to date were 9.5% ahead of receipts for the same time last year.

33. W. Ches Smith, III, chairman of the Executive Committee, reported the response of the Committee to the recommendations of the Committee of Seven (see *Annual, 1976*, Item 92, pp. 42-49). Smith stated that the Committee had received the recommendations with genuine appreciation for the obvious thoroughness of research and consideration that had marked the study by the Committee of Seven of the Executive Committee's function and work. The Executive Committee had also noted with appreciation the positive approach to and the objective evaluation of the Committee's relationships and functions. The Committee had given serious consideration to all suggestions made, had already effected changes to accomplish desirable improvements in procedures of operation, particularly in the process of developing recommendations for the allocation of Cooperative Program funds, and had taken steps to insure valid and harmonious relationships with all Convention agencies

and other units of Southern Baptist life and then to assist them in all feasible ways in the fulfillment of their programs of work.

34. Secretary Routh recognized various members of the Executive Committee to present the recommendations of the Committee to the Convention. W. Rufus Sprayberry (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 1, gave full explanation, and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendations

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that the total Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget be as follows:

	1976-77	1977-78
Total Basic Operating	\$49,000,000	\$54,000,000
Total Capital Needs	1,080,000	1,080,000
SUBTOTAL	\$50,080,000	\$55,080,000
Challenge Operating (Phase I & II)	4,920,000	8,320,000
Bold Advance Budget		
TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM		
ALLOCATION BUDGET	\$55,000,000	\$63,400,000

We further recommend that the 1977-78 Basic Cooperative Program Operating Budget goal of \$54,000,000 be distributed as follows:

Agency	1976-77 Basic CP Budget	1977-78 Basic CP Budget
Foreign Mission Board	\$23,625,918	\$26,000,000
Home Mission Board	9,200,000	10,252,965
Annuity Board	250,000	250,000
Golden Gate Seminary	1,037,352	1,120,584
Midwestern Seminary	1,115,744	1,169,124
New Orleans Seminary	1,821,476	1,938,163
Southeastern Seminary	1,642,581	1,856,910
Southern Seminary	2,343,180	2,616,704
Southwestern Seminary	3,077,349	3,427,050
Southern Baptist Foundation	125,000	147,500
American Seminary	125,000	197,500
Brotherhood Commission	475,000	522,500
Christian Life Commission	323,000	355,000
Education Commission	240,000	250,000
Historical Commission	185,000	200,000
Radio-Television Commission	2,500,000	2,750,000
Stewardship Commission	225,400	250,000
Public Affairs Commission	200,000	220,000
SBC (Operating Budget)	488,000	536,000
	\$49,000,000	\$54,000,000

We recommend that the \$1,080,000 Capital Needs Budget, as approved by the Southern Baptist Convention June 11, 1974, be distributed after distribution of the Basic Operating Budget as follows:

Golden Gate Seminary	\$ 100,000
Southwestern Seminary	673,300
Southern Seminary	250,000
Radio and Television Commission	56,700
TOTAL	\$1,080,000

We recommend that the \$8,320,000 BOLD ADVANCE BUDGET be distributed, after the Basic Operating Budget and the Capital Needs Budget have been met, to the agencies proportionately as follows:

Agency	1977-78
Foreign Mission Board	\$3,750,000
Home Mission Board	2,750,000

Annuity Board	50,000
Golden Gate Seminary	54,839
Midwestern Seminary	57,208
New Orleans Seminary	94,841
Southeastern Seminary	90,865
Southern Seminary	128,048
Southwestern Seminary	167,699
Southern Baptist Foundation	22,500
American Seminary	12,500
Brotherhood Commission	77,500
Christian Life Commission	35,000
Education Commission	30,000
Historical Commission	25,000
Radio and Television Commission	800,000
Stewardship Commission	100,000
Baptist Joint Committee	20,000
SBC (Operating Budget)	54,000
TOTAL	\$8,320,000

35. Doyle Carlton (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 2 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend adoption of the Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget for 1977-78 as follows:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET

	1977-78	1976-77
Income		
Cooperative Program	\$536,000	\$488,000
Dividends and interest	36,000	36,000
Sunday School Board	414,500	385,000
	<u>\$986,500</u>	<u>\$909,000</u>
Expenditures		
Convention expense	\$180,000	\$160,000
Special committees	25,000	27,500
Executive Committee	553,200	507,000
Baptist World Alliance	195,000	180,000
Legal and auditing	2,500	2,000
Building operations	21,200	19,700
RIAL	7,000	5,000
	<u>\$983,900</u>	<u>\$901,200</u>
Reserve	2,600	7,800
TOTAL	<u>\$986,500</u>	<u>\$909,000</u>

36. Mrs. Harrison Gregory (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 3 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention for 1981 be held in Los Angeles, California, the week of June 9-11.

37. Jimmy R. Allen (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 4 and moved its adoption. Following a question from the floor and the answer given for clarification, the motion passed.

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend the second approval of a constitutional change that Article VI, 1. (1) and (2), and 2. (2) of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

1. The general Boards of the Convention shall be composed as follows:

- (1) *Twelve (12)* members chosen from the city or vicinity of the state in which the board is located, but not more than *three (3)* local members elected from the same church.
 - (2) One (1) member chosen from each cooperating state; and one (1) additional member from each state having *two hundred and fifty thousand* (250,000) members, and another additional member for each additional two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) members in such state.
2. The trustees of institutions and commissioners shall be composed as follows:
- (1) no change
 - (2) If the composition of the trustees or commissioners is not determined by charter requirements, the body of trustees or commissioners shall be composed of one (1) member chosen from each cooperating state and *eight (8)* local members from the *city or vicinity in which the agency is located*, but not more than *two (2)* local members shall be chosen from the same church.

NOTE: It is understood that all local members affected by this change shall serve out their normal term or terms for which they are eligible.

NOTE: We further recommend that the Committee on Boards be prepared to implement this recommendation starting with the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City if the recommendation is approved by the Convention.

38. Charles Harvey (La.) presented Recommendations Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11 (all of a related nature) and moved their adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend that Article V, Section 2., lines 2, 3, and 4, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"The term of office for the president is limited to two (2) years, and a *president* shall not be eligible for a reelection until as much as one (1) year has elapsed from the time a successor is named.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that Article VI, Section 2. (4) of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed change is in boldface italics):

"(4) Regardless of charter provisions, no trustee or commissioner shall be eligible for reelection until as much as one (1) year has elapsed after *the trustee or commissioner* has served two (2) full terms.

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that Article VII, Section 1. of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"1. The executive head of each board, institution, and commission shall be responsible to *the* directors for all the work of the agency and shall carry on the work as *the* directors may direct."

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that Bylaw 2 of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"2. Notification of Committees: Within thirty (30) days after the Convention adjourns, the recording secretary shall notify the members of all committees of their appointment and all *chairpersons* of their *position* and furnish each one a list of *that* committee. *The recording secretary* shall also notify all board members, trustees of institutions, and commission members of their appointment."

Recommendation No. 9

We recommend that Bylaw 7 (next to the last paragraph on page 9, 1976 *Annual*) of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"The committee shall not nominate a person to serve as a trustee or director who receives any part of *his/her* salary, either directly or indirectly, from the agency *the person* would serve, or who would be responsible for the administration of funds received from the agency *the person* would serve. When such conditions become applicable to a board member, *that person* shall tender *his/her* resignation . . ."

Recommendation No. 11

We recommend that Bylaw 12, line 5, of the Southern Baptist Convention, be amended as follows (proposed change is in boldface italics):

"No member of the committee can succeed *himself or herself*."

39. The time for the next order having arrived, Chairman Dehoney announced that pending motions would be considered as follows: the Lawson motion at 2:35 P.M., Tuesday; the Puckett and Privette motions at 10:55 A.M., Wednesday; the Burris motion at 10:05 A.M., Thursday.

40. Dean Wilder (Mo.) sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness." Vice-president Nelson then presented President James L. Sullivan for the president's address: "Let the Church Reach Out." Wilbur Herring (Ark.) led the messengers in prayer to conclude the morning session.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 14

41. Pre-session music was presented by Young Musicians Choir, First Baptist Church, Ada, Oklahoma, directed by Jo Ann Butler.

42. President Sullivan called the Convention to order. J. Eugene Sutherland (Ky.) led the Convention in singing "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing." William R. Hann (Calif.) led the messengers in reading the Scripture. Otis Testerman (Colo.) led in prayer.

43. President Sullivan, having announced prior to the Convention that he would not be available for reelection for a second term as president, announced the order for the election of officers—first for president. H.E. Young (S.C.) nominated Jimmy R. Allen (Tex.); Kenneth Balthrop (N.M.) nominated Clifton W. Brannon (Tex.); Conrad Willard (Fla.) nominated Dotson M. Nelson (Ala.); Adrian Rogers (Tenn.) nominated Jerry Vines (Ala.); T. T. Crabtree (Mo.) nominated Warren C. Hultgren (Okla.); Jimmy Draper (Tex.) nominated Richard Jackson (Ariz.). Secretary Kendall gave instructions about balloting, and the messengers cast their ballots for president.

44. W. Ches Smith, III (Ga.) nominated Porter Routh (Tenn.) for treasurer. A motion was voted to elect Routh by acclamation. Clifton J. Allen (N.C.), recording secretary, was asked to cast the ballot of the Convention for Routh as treasurer.

45. The Executive Committee report was continued from the morning session. Martin B. Bradley (Tenn.) made a survey of the Convention messengers for matters of information. Results of the survey were as follows:

The following results are based on the 7,824 messengers who participated.

A. Age:

	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
18-29	9.1	9.7	9.3
30-34	9.7	10.9	10.1
35-39	12.3	11.9	12.2
40-44	15.6	14.4	15.0
45-49	14.6	13.4	14.2
50-54	13.5	12.4	13.0
55-59	10.1	9.8	10.0
60-up	11.8	14.1	12.7
Not Indicated	0.5	0.6	0.5
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

B. Sex:

59.2%	Male
40.2	Female
0.6	Not Indicated
100.0%	

C. Mode of travel to and from Kansas City:

22.1%	Plane
80.7	Car
0.1	Train
4.2	Bus
0.7	Not Indicated
*	

D. Vocational area:

	Male	Female	Total
Church staff	72.9%	11.5%	48.1%
Home-Foreign	1.7	1.3	1.6
Associational	5.0	2.6	4.0
State	3.4	1.9	2.8
Denominational	3.0	1.1	2.2
Evangelism	0.7	0.3	0.5
Wife of above	0.2	57.1	23.1
Homemaking	0.2	12.4	5.1
"Secular"—other	10.3	10.5	10.4
Not Indicated	2.6	1.3	2.2
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

E. Total membership of current church:

3.0%	Under 100
2.4	100-199
12.6	200-299
22.4	300-499
25.9	500-999
26.6	1,000-up
1.1	Not Indicated
100.0%	

F. Did you attend:

	Male	Female	Total
Pastors' Conference	69.4%	53.4%	62.8%
WMU Conference	19.1	40.0	27.5
Music Conference	4.3	5.3	4.7
R.E. Conference	2.8	1.9	2.5
Evang. Conference	14.7	9.9	12.8
Dir. of Miss. Conference	6.0	4.8	5.6
Not Indicated	19.0	21.8	20.2
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G. Type of accommodations in Kansas City:

27.6%	Hotel
50.0	Motel
15.1	Home
0.4	Dormitory
0.1	Church
6.5	Other
0.9	Not Indicated
*	

H. Estimated travel expense (to, in, and from Kansas City):

18.3%	Less than \$100
25.3	\$100-\$200
24.3	\$201-\$300
15.9	\$301-400
8.0	\$401-\$500
4.8	\$501-up
3.4	Not Indicated
100.0%	

*Percent add to more than 100.0 due to multiple answers.

46. C. Vinton Koons (D. C.) presented Recommendation No. 12 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 12

We recommend that Section I, first paragraph, of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed change is in boldface italics):

"Each agency of the Convention shall submit to the Executive Committee for its review (1) an itemized estimate of its receipts for the next fiscal year and (2) an itemized estimate of its expenditures for the next fiscal year according to the rule set forth below (See Section II-3) for making operating budgets."

47. George McCotter (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 13 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend that Section II-1. of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention, be amended as follows (proposed change is in boldface italics):

"1. *Convention Operating Budget*

The Executive Committee shall recommend to the Convention an operating budget which shall include all expenses of the *Convention, committees, and other items* included in the Convention Operating Budget. The Executive Committee shall also recommend to the Convention the source of these funds."

48. Secretary Routh presented Recommendation No. 14 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 14

We recommend that Section II-2. (1) and 2 (2) (c) of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"(1) Expenses of *Standing Committees*.—The Executive Committee shall *approve or* recommend to the Convention, after a personal conference or correspondence with *chairpersons* of standing committees, a sum of money to be appropriated to each of them for the Convention year."

"(2) (c) Itemized accounts of expenses of members of such committees shall be required and approved by the *chairperson* before the same shall be paid."

49. Olan H. Runnels (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 15 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 15

We recommend that Section IV of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"By agreement, all sums collected in the states for the causes fostered by this Convention will be forwarded *at least* monthly by each state office to the Executive Committee of this Convention, which shall act as the disbursing agent of this Convention. The Executive Committee shall remit *at least* weekly to each of the agencies of the Convention the funds, distributable and designated, belonging to each agency. The first distribution in each month shall be on the seventh day of the month, or the nearest working day thereafter. The Executive Committee shall make monthly reports of receipts by states, and of disbursements by agencies, and shall forward each month copies of these reports to the executives of the agencies of the Convention, to the state offices, and to the denominational papers."

50. Rodney R. Landes (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 16 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 16

We recommend that Section XII-1., second paragraph, of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"Each agency of the Convention shall forward a copy of its audit to the Executive Committee as soon as possible, certainly within three (3) months after the close of the fiscal year, and each agency shall appoint a committee *of the trustees to recommend the appointment of an independent auditor and to study the audit*. Each annual audit shall include a statement from the certified public accountant certifying that *the accountant* has handled and counted all securities held by the agency in the presence of two (2) bonded representatives of the agency."

51. Paul Craven (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 17 and moved its adoption. The motion carried.

Recommendation No. 17

We recommend that Section XIII, paragraph 3, of the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention be amended as follows (proposed change is in boldface italics):

"The securities of all Convention agencies shall be placed in a safety deposit vault or a bank or trust company for safe keeping, such securities to be deposited and withdrawn by two (2) bonded representatives of the agency in the manner prescribed by the bank or trust company. In lieu of this plan the agencies may deposit all securities with *the Southern Baptist Foundation* or a trust company which will receipt for and handle them and be responsible for the same."

52. H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 18 and moved its adoption. Kenneth C. Chafin (Tex.) moved to amend the recommendation by adding "and elections" after "all issues" and to omit the last sentence: "The tabulation of the vote on officers will be announced and recorded only on the request of a majority of the messengers voting." Discussion followed by Olen Nall (Ala.), Harold H. Coble (Calif.), Franklin Owen (Ky.), James Mathenia (Ill.), Richard Beale (Va.), Hugh Wamble (Mo.), and Max Green (Va.). John Dunaway (Ky.) moved the previous question, which passed. The amendment was voted. Recommendation No. 18, as amended, passed.

Recommendation No. 18

We recommend that the Convention Procedure be amended to read as follows (proposed changes are in boldface italics):

"Voting: Printed ballots shall be provided each messenger upon registering. The *chairperson* of the tellers shall report the vote to the secretaries. The tabulation of the vote *on all issues and elections* will be announced to the *Convention as soon as possible by the secretaries.*

53. Brooks Wester (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 19 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 19

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention moves that the Convention, meeting in regular session on June 14, 1977, following up its 1976 resolution on the subject of "Religious Liberty and Tax Regulations," and in the light of Internal Revenue Service regulations of January 4, 1977, defining "integrated auxiliaries" of churches, conventions, and associations of churches, (1) declares that, according to basic Baptist belief as expressed in doctrinal statements approved by this Convention in 1925 and 1963, all the agencies (i.e. boards, commissions, committees, and institutions) operated by the Southern Baptist Convention and described in § 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code are integral to the religious mission of the Southern Baptist Convention, that they are controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention, that all of their directors are elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, and that their principal activity is exclusively religious; (2) declares that, since Southern Baptist Convention agencies exist to serve the churches in keeping with their theological position, all Convention agencies are "integrated auxiliaries" of the churches; (3) recognizes that the Internal Revenue Service has not declared that any Southern Baptist Convention agency is not an "integrated auxiliary"; and (4) directs that this Convention's officers, Executive Committee, and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs take all necessary actions within the framework of assigned programs and budget to articulate and protect the Convention's position herein stated.

54. Walter G. Nunn (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 20 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 20

We recommend approval of the following on the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission: "The 1964-65 'agreement' concerning the American Baptist Theological Seminary has not been implemented and several problems and uncertainties exist. We therefore request that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention work with the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary and the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., to clarify the relationships the two conventions have with the American Baptist Theological Seminary."

55. Henry Horrell (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 21 and moved its adoption. The motion carried.

Recommendation No. 21

We recommend that the Executive Committee Southern Baptist Convention Building Workgroup be authorized to negotiate for the purchase of property at 604 4th Avenue North (immediately behind the Southern Baptist Convention Building) at a cost not to exceed \$250,000 with the funds to come from the Convention Operating Reserve.

56. James Graves (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 22 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 22

We recommend:

1. That in keeping with the general plan for 1979-86 adopted by the Convention in 1975, the following Convention emphasis promotion content be approved for the church year 1979-80.

THEME: Equipping for Church Advance*

"The churches were strengthened in the faith, and they increased in numbers daily" (Acts 16:5, RSV).

I. EQUIPPING LEADERS FOR SERVICE—

Scope: The church discovering, enlisting, and training its members for leadership.

Leadership responsibility: Church Council, Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and Evangelism, Stewardship, and Church Missions committees.

Outcomes:

- (1) For church members to become aware of their spiritual gifts and to experience joy in expressing their gifts in the life of the church.
- (2) For churches to have made a thorough assessment of leadership needs for the next one to three years and to have established (or improved) a plan to provide adequate training for these leaders.
- (3) For churches to have established their role in discovering and enlisting leadership for the total church program and trained the nominating committee and similar committees to function effectively.

II. PLANNING TOGETHER FOR GROWTH—

Scope: The church defining its growth areas, identifying its growth objectives, setting growth goals and developing growth plans.

Leadership responsibility: Church Council, Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Brotherhood, Woman's Missionary Union, and Evangelism and Church Missions committees.

Outcomes:

- (1) For church members to have been involved in studying the importance of church planning and the role of the membership in church planning.
- (2) For churches to have a functioning church council giving attention to priority planning.
- (3) For churches to have set goals for 1980-83 with special attention to 1980-81.
- (4) For churches to have developed plans for 1980-83 with special attention to 1980-81.

III. UNDERSTANDING VOCATIONAL MINISTRY—

Scope: The church understanding the calling, relationships, needs, and work of those in vocational ministries.

Leadership responsibility: Church Council, Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Brotherhood, and Woman's Missionary Union.

*A year of preparation for Impact 80's.

Outcomes:

- (1) For churches to be involved in a study of vocational Christian ministries and to support its ministers through appropriate financial support, personal encouragement, and resources for continuing education.
- (2) For vocational Christian ministers to have an improved understanding of the roles, relationships, skills, and participations that are essential to their effective life and work.
- (3) For churches to call out those whom God has called and to nurture them throughout their preparation for vocational ministry.
2. That the agencies whose promotional programs are named above be requested to faithfully conduct their work in keeping with this plan, and that they work together in the Inter-Agency Council for its accomplishment.
3. That in order to secure the greatest possible support for this year of preparation for Impact 80's, the program of the 1979 annual Convention be planned in keeping with the above 1979-80 emphasis theme and plan.
4. That any needed changes in this plan be reported to the Convention for approval not later than June 1978.

57. The Chair recognized A. R. Fagan (Tenn.), executive director of the Stewardship Commission, to present the report of the Commission. Fagan commented on the report, which was received. He then presented recommendations in behalf of the Commission, recommendations which had originated with the Bold Mission Task Force, as follows:

The Southern Baptist Convention has accepted the challenge of sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ with every person in the world by the year 2000. Providing resources to meet this exciting challenge will require boldness in prayer and sacrificial giving on the part of every Southern Baptist. The Cooperative Program must be the primary channel for providing the financial resources.

We therefore make the following recommendations:

1. That the Southern Baptist Convention set a goal of doubling the total Cooperative Program gifts, from \$150,000,000 to \$300,000,000, between now and 1982, and double at least two more times by the year 2000. (The Cooperative Program has doubled twice in the last twenty years—this would require doubling three times in the next twenty-two years.)
2. That every Southern Baptist be encouraged to reflect bold commitment to the financial support of Bold Mission through giving an increased percentage of his income to his church. That every church be encouraged to place the Cooperative Program in its budget on a percentage basis and that every church and state convention be encouraged to increase gifts by some percentage each year.
3. That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention work with the Stewardship Commission in formulating an annual reporting system for the Cooperative Program.
4. That the Southern Baptist Convention assign the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in keeping with Bylaw 9, the responsibility of giving strong administrative leadership in promoting and coordinating all facets of Bold Mission, to insure adequate promotion, coordination, and funding until the year 2000.
5. That the Southern Baptist Convention ask its Executive Committee to adopt a single, over-arching prominent theme to promote the Convention's world mission goals, and that each Southern Baptist Convention agency adapt its promotional plans to this common theme.

Each of the five recommendations was moved and accepted, and the recommendations as a whole was adopted.

58. Secretary Kendall reported a necessary second ballot for president between Jimmy R. Allen and Jerry Vines. Attention was called to the fact that the order of business included a period on Tuesday evening and on Wednesday morning for the election of officers. It was agreed to proceed with the election of the recording secretary and registration secretary immediately after the ballot for president. Secretary Kendall gave instructions, and the ballot was cast for president.

59. The Chair announced that Secretaries Allen and Kendall had requested that they not be considered for reelection. The floor was opened for nominations for recording secretary. Chauncy R. Daley (Ky.) nominated Martin B. Bradley (Tenn.). Ray E. Roberts (Ohio) nominated Searcy S. Garrison (Ga.). Ballots were cast for recording secretary.

60. The floor was opened for nominations for registration secretary. John Lee Taylor (Miss.) nominated Lee Porter (Tenn.). David Q. Byrd (Tenn.) nominated Raymond M. Rigdon (Tenn.). Don Wideman (Mo.) nominated Larry Maddox (Mo.). Ballots were cast for registration secretary.

61. The Paul Lawson motion (see Item 15) was called for consideration. He spoke to the motion. William L. Self (Ga.) moved to give tacit approval of the idea and to refer the motion to the Convention officers for implementation. The motion passed.

62. The order for resolutions was announced, all to be referred to the Committee on Resolutions. Charles Foley (Calif.) presented a resolution "On Pornography as Related to Children." (See Item 151.)

63. O. K. Armstrong (Mo.) presented a resolution "On Opposition to Gambling." (See Item 151.)

64. Bobbie H. Belcher (Va.) presented a resolution "On Profanity, Immorality, and Violence on Television." (See Item 151.)

65. Jon Grafton (La.) presented a resolution "On the Shortage of Energy." (See Item 138.)

66. Robert Blackburn (Ga.) presented a resolution "On Housing Regulations Applicable to Unmarried Couples and Homosexuals." (See Item 140.)

67. Secretary Routh suggested that President Sullivan be asked to respond in behalf of the Convention to the greeting received from President Jimmy Carter. Unanimous approval was given. Routh also suggested that President Sullivan send the greetings of the Convention to past presidents—Louie D. Newton and Robert G. Lee—who were not present for this session.

68. Richard D. Patton (Tenn.) presented the report of the Historical Commission. Lynn E. May (Tenn.), executive director, then spoke to the report.

69. Mrs. Richard Sappington (Tex.), in response to her request to speak as a matter of personal privilege, was recognized. She protested a reference to her in *Baptist History and Heritage*, XII, 1, page 24, as inaccurate in that her remarks in the 1974 Convention were not "speaking out against women speaking out." The Chair assured her that her protest would be communicated to the editor of the publication involved. (Note: The information given to the recording secretary has been sent to the editor.—C.J.A.)

70. President Sullivan presented W. A. Criswell (Tex.) for the closing address of the afternoon session. Following a solo by Beverly Terrell (Tex.), Criswell spoke on "Our Reason for Being." Harold W. Sorrill, Jr. (Md.) led the Convention in prayer.

Tuesday Evening, June 14

71. Pre-session music was presented by Southern Baptist Singing Men, directed by James Woodward (Okla.).

72. Bob Woolley (Mo.) led the Convention in singing "At Cal-

vary." Ken McFarlane Smith (Va.) led the messengers in Scripture reading. Ron Dillon (W. Va.) led in prayer.

73. President Sullivan read the following message, which had been sent to President Jimmy Carter, The White House, Washington, D.C., in response to the greeting received from him:

The Southern Baptist Convention, in its 120th session of its 132nd year, heard your telegram with gladness in the first moment of its opening session and voted unanimously authorizing and requesting me as its president to respond assuring you of our Christian love, deep appreciation, and ceaseless prayers.

James L. Sullivan, President
Southern Baptist Convention

74. President Sullivan read the following message to be sent to past presidents—Robert G. Lee and Louie D. Newton:

By unanimous vote, the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City in its 132nd year requested me to convey to you as former president its appreciation, best wishes, and ceaseless prayers.

James L. Sullivan, President
Southern Baptist Convention

75. The Chair asked for Convention reaction as to the time of the application of the action that had been taken about reporting the tabulation of the vote on all issues and elections. No reaction being expressed, the Chair ruled that it would apply only to votes subsequent to the approval of Recommendation No. 18 (see Item 52).

76. The tabulation of the vote for president was announced: For Jimmy R. Allen, 5,186; for Jerry Vines, 3,319. The Chair declared the election of Jimmy R. Allen as president.

77. The tabulation of the vote for registration secretary was announced: For Lee Porter, 3,355; for Raymond M. Rigdon, 1,508; for Larry Maddox, 3,018. A second ballot was cast for registration secretary for Porter or Maddox.

78. Secretary Routh suggested that the Committee on Resolutions be asked to prepare a resolution on the heroic act of two pastors in Kansas City for the Convention, who rescued a boy from being drowned in a motel swimming pool, the messengers of course approving. (See Item 135.)

79. Baker James Cauthen (Va.) explained that agreements had been reached by the executives of five agencies—Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, and Foreign Mission Board—agreements related to Missions Education Strategy. The agreements were then read by the five executives of these agencies, as follows:

(1) That a coordinated Missions Education Curriculum design be developed which would reach all the people in Southern Baptist churches.

(2) That a cooperative strategy be developed for communicating with pastors and church staff members.

(3) That a national merchandising plan be developed to inform Southern Baptists of the availability of Missions Education materials and to distribute effectively these materials.

(4) That a plan for developing and testing Missions Education approaches be projected.

(5) That a comprehensive Convention-wide plan be developed and implemented which would encourage every church to provide Missions Education for all its members.

(6) That the five agencies form a group to develop and coordinate a comprehensive Missions Education Strategy.

80. The floor was opened for nominations for first vice-president. Gene Watterson (N.C.) nominated Olan Runnels (Mo.). Ron Fisher (Mo.) nominated Milton Morales (Mo.). Ballots were cast for first vice-president.

81. Second Vice-President Mrs. Carl Bates (N.C.) was asked to take the chair. She explained the unique nature of the major feature of the evening program, a combined presentation by the Radio and Television Commission, the Foreign Mission Board, and the Home Mission Board on the theme, "Let the Church Reach Out—by All Means—to All People—Everywhere!"

82. Secretary Routh presented Fred Gregg (D.C.), the teacher of a Sunday School class in Washington of which President Jimmy Carter is an active member. Gregg spoke of the keen personal interest of President Carter in the Bold Mission Thrust of the Convention and, particularly, of recent conversations with the President resulting in a group of the Convention's leaders being invited to a conference with the President to discuss ways to enlist a large number of young people, also older people, as volunteers for a period of missionary service. A historic feature of Gregg's presentation included a message by President Carter heard by the messengers by videotape: a challenge to commitment to our mission task.

In this connection, Owen Cooper (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 23 in behalf of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 23

(1) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention, working in cooperation with the state conventions, seek to enlist by 1982 5,000 persons, groups of churches, or churches who would agree to provide and fund 5,000 mission volunteers who would go for one or two years, either in the United States or overseas, in an effort to reach the objectives of the Bold Mission Thrust. It is hoped that the churches will also encourage an increase in Cooperative Program giving by some percentage each year and that the churches will seek as a goal to double their Cooperative Program gifts during this same period of time as projected by the Stewardship Commission.

(2) We would urge the state mission boards, the Home Mission Board, and the Foreign Mission Board, working with Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, and Sunday School Board, to join in the enlistment and utilization of these volunteers to the greatest degree possible during this five-year period.

(3) We suggest that a workgroup composed of five (5) state secretaries, to be named by that group's organization; five (5) persons representing the five agencies mentioned in Item 2 (2) above; and five (5) members of the Executive Committee, to be appointed by the Executive Committee chairman; plus other desired members as the workgroup may feel necessary; be named to bring to the September Executive Committee meeting methods, plans, and programs to activate, enlist, and finance this mission activity, and that the chairman of the Executive Committee be named as the chairman of the workgroup.

83. An effective audiovisual feature presented the challenge "that every person in the world shall have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ in the next twenty-five years, and that in the presentation of this message, the biblical faith be magnified so that all men, women, and children can understand the claim Jesus Christ has on their lives" (from the report of the Missions Challenge Committee of the Convention, 1976).

84. The Chair announced an offering to assist in defraying the expense of the program just presented.

85. Following special music by Southern Baptist Singing Men, singing "Glory to His Name," Frank Pollard (Miss.) spoke on the subject, "The World God Loves." Bruce Gardner (Idaho) led the Convention in prayer to conclude the evening session.

Wednesday Morning, June 15

86. Presession music was presented by the Weiucan Road Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta, Georgia, directed by Jack Gantt.

87. President Sullivan called the Convention to order. Jack Gantt (Ga.) led in singing "To God Be the Glory." Lloyd E. Batson (S.C.) led the messengers in reading selected Scriptures. Calvin M. Bailey (Penn.-N.J.) led in prayer.

88. Secretary Kendall reported the tabulation of ballots for officers: For recording secretary—Martin B. Bradley (Tenn.), 4,841; Searcy S. Garrison (Ga.), 3,100. For registration secretary—Lee Porter (Tenn.), 4,253; Larry Maddox (Mo.), 2,758. For first vice-president—Olan H. Runnels (Mo.), 3,556; Milton Morales (Mo.), 3,532. The Chair declared the election of Bradley, Porter, and Runnels for the respective offices.

89. Secretary Kendall reported that 15,505 messengers were enrolled as of the preceding night.

90. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for second vice-president. Philip H. Briggs (Tex.) nominated Ron Stone (Ky.). Gene Garrison (Okla.) nominated Richard Sutton (Kan.). Howard H. Aultman (Miss.) nominated John F. Gibson (Ga.). Ballots were cast for second vice-president.

91. The Chair recognized Daniel R. Grant (Ark.), chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, for the first report of the committee. By common consent, it was agreed to limit debate to three minutes for each person speaking, and to have alternate viewpoints presented in order. Grant commented on the work of the committee and the procedure to be followed in presenting resolutions for consideration.

92. Alvin W. Wood (Alaska) presented Resolution No. 1 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 1—On Appreciation of the Host City

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention is enjoying the gracious hospitality of Kansas City for the fifth time, and

WHEREAS, The facilities of Bartle Hall are of exceptional quality and have served well the needs of this Convention, and

WHEREAS, The city officials and other civic leaders, the Police Department, the bus and taxi operators, and the management of hotels and motels, all have spared no effort in assisting the messengers in the work of this Convention, and

WHEREAS, Baptists of the Kansas City region, working under the leadership of Olan Runnels, chairman of the Local Arrangements Committee, have served untiringly in providing the necessary supports for this meeting, and

WHEREAS, Midwestern Seminary faculty and students have graciously given so freely and untiringly of their time and energy to make this Convention a success, and

WHEREAS, The newspapers, radio, and television personnel have been exceptionally gracious in their coverage of the activities of this Convention.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we express our profound gratitude to all of these who have contributed so much to the enjoyment of our visit and the efficiency of our work.

93. W. Morgan Patterson (Calif.) presented Resolution No. 2 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 2—On Appreciation of the Convention Officers

Southern Baptists are blessed with many capable leaders. Some of the best have served the Convention this eventful year.

James L. Sullivan has brought honor to the office of president. Elected one year ago, he has chosen not to accept a second term. But this does not in any way detract from the work he has done for the Convention. Prudent, faithful, and prophetic, he has carried the Southern Baptist banner high and has provided sound interpretative and devoted leadership. Southern Baptists will always remember his services.

Dotson M. Nelson has brought dignity and distinction to the office of first vice-president. Mrs. Myra Bates, the second woman to be elected a vice-president of the Convention, has given us leadership with charm and vitality. The Convention expresses its deepest thanks for their services.

Clifton J. Allen has been the tireless and exacting recording secretary since 1965. He has provided immaculate records and has been faithful to the endless details of his office. Southern Baptists are grateful for his work and his loyalty.

Fred Kendall has been the registration secretary since 1964. His organization and management skills have served Southern Baptists well in the tedious and often thankless task of registering messengers. The Convention tenders to him its sincerest gratitude.

We wish for these five distinguished leaders—Sullivan, Bates, Nelson, Allen, and Kendall—great happiness and success in the years ahead.

94. Mrs. Leroy Parker (N.C.) presented Resolution No. 3 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 19.)

Resolution No. 3—On the American Bible Society

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention continues to make the Word of God central in its mission and ministry of leading men, women, and children to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society provides an essential worldwide service for all people through the translation, publication, and distribution of the Scriptures, especially for the Southern Baptist Convention's Bold Mission Thrust, in Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and Spanish as well as English, and

WHEREAS, We appreciate that thousands of members of Southern Baptist churches are American Bible Society volunteers serving in their community by promoting the use of American Bible Society produced Scriptures, and

WHEREAS, We recognize that the American Bible Society and the other members of the United Bible Societies continue to produce local language translations of the Scriptures similar to the *Good News Bible* to make the Word of God more accessible to people around the world.

Be it *Resolved*, that the messengers of this Convention encourage all state conventions, associations, and churches to be bold in their reading and sharing of the Word of God, and

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we encourage our churches to support the American Bible Society with their constant prayers and gifts to ensure that an ever-increasing supply of the printed Word will become available to all people in the language they speak and at a price they can afford.

95. Joe Burnette (N.C.), in behalf of William L. Self, chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Committees, naming the Committee on Boards for the 1978 session (see page 345), and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

96. Carl Duck (Tex.), chairman of the Committee on Boards, presented the report of the committee, noted a correction to be made in the printed list, and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

97. President Sullivan recognized a group of fourteen Royal Ambassadors, read their names, and commended them on having received the Service Aide National Award, based on at least 750 hours of service in one's church and community.

98. John Rasco (Tex.), chairman of the Annuity Board, was rec-

ognized for the presentation of the report of the Board. He spoke of the purpose, responsibility, and achievements of the Board and then presented Darold H. Morgan (Tex.), president of the Board, to speak to the report. Morgan introduced new staff members and directed attention to a visual presentation on the screen.

99. Secretary Kendall reported the tabulation of the ballot for second vice-president: Ron Stone, 721; Richard Sutton, 2,026; John F. Gibson, 1,763. A second ballot was cast for second vice-president.

100. The Chair recognized Tommy Jones (Ga.), chairman of the Home Mission Board. He presented William G. Tanner (Ga.), executive director of the Board, who was elected to his position during the past year. Tanner spoke to the report of the Board.

101. Vice-President Nelson recognized Baker James Cauthen (Va.), executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, to present the report of the Board. Cauthen spoke to the report, stressing the urgency of the world missions task. He then recognized James R. White (Ala.) to present the response of the Board to a matter referred to the Board by the 1976 Convention, namely, the provision of financial and other assistance to Southern Baptists working in Canada (see *Annual, 1976*, Items 24, 104, 110, and 129). White stated that the Board appointed a committee to explore the matter in depth. This committee involved representative Southern Baptist leaders for consultation in the formulation of the report, also Baptist leaders in Canada. White moved adoption of the recommendation of the Board, which had been printed in the Convention *Bulletin*. The motion passed.

The Foreign Mission Board recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention reaffirm its 1958 action, namely:

1. We recognize the freedom and the responsibility of Christians as individuals and as churches to seek the extension of their witness through fostering the establishment of new churches and other media of advance for the gospel.

2. We recognize and respect the autonomy of each church and each Baptist body in its witness and work for Christ.

The Foreign Mission Board further recommends:

1. That all appropriate Southern Baptist Convention agencies be permitted and encouraged to give assistance and resource help to all Baptist churches, associations, and organizations in Canada as requested in keeping with Southern Baptist Convention agency program statements and with appropriate consultation between agencies.

2. That no worker whose salary is paid wholly or in part by any Southern Baptist Convention agency shall encourage any Baptist church in Canada to affiliate with Southern Baptist work.

3. That in responding to requests for assistance of whatever nature, appropriate efforts be made to cultivate fraternal and cordial relations with all Canadian Baptists with a view to growth in Christian love and grace and effective witness in the name of Christ.

102. Paul M. Stevens (Tex.), president of the Radio and Television Commission, presented the report of the Commission. He recognized James W. Waters (Ga.), chairman of the trustees of the Commission. In speaking to the report, Stevens stressed the unique and almost unlimited means to go forward in making known the message of the gospel through radio and television. A motion passed to receive the report.

103. Secretary Routh, in behalf of the Convention, presented statements of appreciation to the retiring officers of the Convention: President James L. Sullivan, Vice-Presidents Dotson M. Nelson and

Mrs. Carl Bates, and Secretaries Clifton J. Allen and W. Fred Kendall.

104. Secretary Routh called attention to Recommendation No. 24 of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 24

W. Douglas Hudgins, former president of the Foreign Mission Board and former chairman of the Executive Committee, has been asked by the Foreign Mission Board to represent them in a special presentation of appreciation to be made by the Japan Baptist Convention in Tokyo, the latter part of July.

We rejoice in this representation by the Foreign Mission Board and ask that Hudgins not only be authorized to accept the presentation on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention as well as the Foreign Mission Board, but that he also be asked to extend warmest Christian greetings from the Southern Baptist Convention to the Japan Baptist Convention.

105. Secretary Kendall reported the tabulation of the ballot for second vice-president: Richard Sutton, 2,266; John F. Gibson, 1,814. The Chair declared the election of Sutton.

106. The pending motion of R. G. Puckett (Md.) was called for consideration (see Item 14). Discussion followed by Puckett, H. H. Hobbs (Okla.), and T. T. Crabtree (Mo.). The previous question was moved and voted. The motion to amend Article V of the Constitution lost.

107. The Chair called for consideration of the pending motion by Coy C. Privette (N.C.). (See Item 16.) Discussion by Privette and Presnall H. Wood (Tex.) followed. A point of order was made, to which Arthur L. Walker, Jr. (Ky.), parliamentarian, was asked to respond. Robert D. Lewis (Calif.) raised a point of order, that the motion was redundant as involving a policy now in effect. The Chair ruled the motion in order in that it contained the element of public intention, hence a difference. Ray Allen (Va.) and Kenneth Chafin (Tex.) spoke to the motion. Franklin Owen (Ky.) moved to refer the motion to the Executive Committee to study the matter and bring a report next year fully explaining the policy now in force and recommend any changes toward possible further openness which the Committee's judgment dictates. James Mathenia (Ill.) raised a question. There was a call for the order of the day. The Chair allowed a motion for the previous question, which was voted. The motion to refer lost. The Chair ruled that the fixed order must prevail and that debate on the pending motion would resume following the Convention sermon.

108. The Convention joined in a period of worship. The Wieuca Road Baptist Church Choir, directed by Jack Gantt, sang an arrangement of "Amazing Grace." Duke K. McCall (Ky.) read from the Scriptures, Hebrews 11:32ff. William L. Self (Ga.) preached the Convention sermon on the subject, "For Such a Time as This."

109. Following the Convention sermon, Carl Bates (N.C.) moved that, in view of the impact of the sermon on the messengers and the fixed schedule for seminary luncheons, the consideration of the pending motion be the first order at 10:05 A.M., Thursday. The motion passed.

110. Robert Bateman (Ohio) led in prayer, concluding the morning session.

Wednesday Evening, June 15

111. Pre-session music was presented by Kansas City Massed Choirs, directed by Duncan Couch (Mo.).

112. Wesley L. Forbis (Mo.) led the messengers in singing "We Praise Thee, O God."

113. Vice-President Nelson called the Convention to order. Thomas Sherrill (N.D.) led in the reading of the Scriptures. Milton Morales (Mo.) led in prayer.

114. President Sullivan presented past presidents of the Convention. The following were present: J. D. Grey (La.), Brooks Hays (D.C.), Ramsey Pollard (Tenn.), Herschel Hobbs (Okla.), K. Owen White (Ariz.), W. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.), H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.), W. A. Criswell (Tex.), Carl E. Bates (N.C.), Owen Cooper (Miss.), and Jaroy Weber (Tex.).

115. The theme of the evening program was, "Let the Church Reach Out . . . by Preaching, Teaching, and Witnessing!" The major feature, "The Challenge of Preaching and Teaching," was presented by the six seminaries and the Sunday School Board. The many facets of the work and ministry of these institutions was presented by the following persons: Wilbur W. Schwartz (La.), Jeanette Clift George (Tex.), Duke K. McCall (Ky.), A. V. Washburn (Tenn.), Fred M. Gregg, Jr. (D.C.), Grady C. Cothen (Tenn.), and Andy Anderson (Tenn.). The format and content of the program resulted from the skills and participation of many other persons. To preach the good news and to teach the way of Christian discipleship are the heart of the church's mission. The program presentation focused on some of the ways by which the seminaries and the Sunday School Board undergird the churches in their effort to carry out their mission.

116. Vice-President Nelson recognized Carolyn Weatherford (Ala.), executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, and Glendon McCullough (Tenn.), executive director of the Brotherhood Commission, for a combined presentation of "Every Believer a Witness into the World." Stress was placed on Bold Mission Thrust in education for missions, which will demand bold giving, bold teaching and training, bold mission action, bold commitment to career mission service, and bold church loyalty. A special feature, illustrative of volunteer service, was the report of Don Wennerberg, an optometrist of DeFuniak Springs, Florida, and Mrs. Wennerberg, who described a recent trip to Honduras to deliver 800 pairs of glasses to needy people there. Wennerberg, a ham radio operator who makes daily contacts with missionaries around the world, made contact with missionaries in Honduras and Chile, so that the Convention messengers heard prayer requests from these countries. The presentation of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission ended with a solo, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

117. An offering was received to assist in defraying the expenses of the program.

118. William E. Hull (La.) was presented for a message on "The Gospel, the Power of God unto Salvation." Hull spoke following special music by Kansas City Massed Choirs, directed by Duncan Couch. Prayer, closing the session, was led by Richard Rogers (Mich.).

Thursday Morning, June 16

119. Presession music was presented by Combined Handell Choirs, Houston, Texas, directed by Merrill Luman.

120. Gene Bartlett (Okla.) led the messengers in singing "At the Cross" and "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

121. President Sullivan called the Convention to order. William D. Hillis (Md.) led in the reading of the Scriptures. Ted Sisk (Ky.) led in prayer.

122. Presnall H. Wood (Tex.), chairman of the Sunday School Board, was recognized to present the report of the Board. It was received as information, having no recommendations. Wood recognized Grady C. Cothen (Tenn.), president of the Board, who introduced staff personnel: James Clark, Robert Fulbright, Lloyd Householder, Dessel Aderholt, Howard Foshee, J. Ralph McIntyre, and Elaine Dickson. Cothen then discussed financial and other aspects of the Board's work and ministry. He also answered questions from the floor, giving specific information in response to questions raised.

123. The Chair called for the reports of the theological seminaries: Southern, Southwestern, New Orleans, Southeastern, Golden Gate, and Midwestern. Duke K. McCall (Ky.), representing the six seminaries, presented the reports. He called special attention to the approaching retirement of Harold K. Graves (Calif.), president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary for the past twenty-five years. Graves was greeted by each of the other presidents with a word of commendation to which he responded with appreciation. McCall commented that the greatest risk confronting Southern Baptists is a spirit of independancy on the part of people who want to use the name of Southern Baptists when expedient apart from a commitment to be obedient to the demands of the mission of Southern Baptists.

124. Ben C. Fisher (Tenn.) presented the report of the American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission. Mrs. Constance W. Elliott, bursar for the Seminary, spoke to the report.

125. George E. Bagley (Ala.), chairman of the Education Commission, was recognized to present the report of the Commission. He moved adoption of the report, and the motion passed. Ben C. Fisher (Tenn.), executive director of the Commission, spoke to the report. Comments were added by George E. Capps, Jr. (Tenn.) of the Commission staff, emphasizing the stress on missions and the training of vocational church workers in the program of the work of the Commission.

126. President Sullivan recognized Hollis E. Johnson, III (Tenn.), elected during the past year as the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, to present the report of the Foundation. Johnson spoke to the report, giving information about the work of the Foundation and stressing especially the investment services of the Foundation.

127. The order for miscellaneous business arrived. The Chair read a telegram from the Youth Church Training Section at the Ridgecrest Conference Center: "A record attendance of 3,450 is praying for our messengers as they elect a new president for the Southern Baptist Convention and conduct other business as it relates to the kingdom's work."

128. The consideration of the pending Privette motion (see Items

16, 39, 107) was the first order. President Sullivan reviewed the matter as now before the body. He suggested a possible simplification: the division of the motion and the elimination of the last paragraph as essentially redundant due to the policy already in effect. The mover of the motion objected but moved a division of the question. The motion passed to divide the question. The pending motion before the body related to the first section. Vernon Treat (Tex.) moved the previous question. The motion passed. The vote on the motion, by messengers standing, was not certain, so that the vote on the first paragraph was taken by ballot. A point of order was raised by Vernon St. John (Ala.) as to whether a matter involving a change in the Business and Financial Plan and requiring a two-thirds vote for approval was in order on the last day of the Convention. The parliamentarian advised that the matter was in order in that it had been introduced the day before and was carried over as a special order; also that it would require a two-thirds vote for approval. The Chair so ruled.

129. The second part of the motion, the approval of the last section, became the order. Amos Greer (Ark.) offered a substitute motion: "That the various agencies and institutions of the Convention make the information in question available to the executive secretary of the Executive Committee and that churches and individual Baptists be furnished this information upon request." H. H. Hobbs (Okla.) asked if the second part of the Privette motion contradicted the first part. The Chair declared the substitute motion in order. Secretary Routh questioned whether the amendment, involving the Executive Committee, would violate Bylaw 9 (i). The Chair declared the motion in order from the standpoint of the Executive Committee serving the agencies. Harold Proctor (Ga.) moved to amend the substitute motion, to read "That full information be furnished to any cooperating Southern Baptist church submitting a written request duly signed by the church's clerk concerning . . ." Discussion followed by Lamar Wadsworth (Ga.) and Gerald Williamson (Tex.). A messenger on the floor (from Opp, Ala.) moved to table the matter until next year. The motion lost. The Chair ruled that the motion to amend the substitute motion was out of order since the Business and Financial Plan provides that information be available to "cooperating Baptists" (individuals) instead of "churches." Charles Harvey (La.) opposed the substitute motion. The vote was taken on the substitute motion, and it lost. The parliamentarian advised that a simple majority, not a two-thirds majority, would apply to the main motion since it involved no major change but confirmed an existing policy. The motion to approve the last part of the Privette motion passed: "That full information be furnished upon request to any member of a cooperating Southern Baptist church concerning any specific staff position, according to the guidelines listed above, and that salary scales according to position be furnished upon request without reference to individuals holding particular jobs in the organization." (Item 16—last part.)

130. The time for the order was extended by three minutes. Dick Onarecker (Tex.) moved "that, by the voice of the larger body of Southern Baptist messengers, the Education Commission be requested to encourage schools and colleges which bear the name of Southern Baptist to adopt a statement of purpose which will reflect

the following criteria: (1) That the Bible be respected as the inspired Word of God, and that its teachings be accepted as the criteria and defining lines by which educational policy, conduct codes, and administrative decisions affecting the institution and its witness will be formed. (2) That the arts and sciences will be taught in light of the Word of God, and that the Word will be professed to be without error or the influence of outside philosophy. (3) That the faculty and administrative staff will be sought from among evangelical professing born-again Christians who support and are in sympathy with the Baptist Faith and Message as adopted in 1963." The Chair ruled that the motion would be referred to the Education Commission for consideration and report on the basis of Bylaw 17.

131. Carolyn Weatherford (Ala.), executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, was recognized to present the report of the Union. She spoke to the report and presented Mrs. Harrison Gregory (Va.), president of Woman's Missionary Union, who commended Woman's Missionary Union leaders from several states for the superior quality of work in those states and presented plaques to them in appropriate recognition.

132. William E. Handy (Miss.), chairman of the Brotherhood Commission, presented the report of the Commission. He then recognized Glendon McCullough (Tenn.), executive director, who spoke to the report. He introduced Hideri Immaru (N.C.), who spoke of the contribution of Royal Ambassadors to his life and his commitment to that work. The Chair declared the reception of the report.

133. Daniel R. Grant (Ark.) was recognized for the second report of the Committee on Resolutions. He expressed appreciation for the work of the members of the committee and the staff assistance of Albert McClellan (Tenn.).

134. Conrad R. Willard (Fla.) presented Resolution No. 4 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 20.)

Resolution No. 4—On World Hunger

WHEREAS, Hunger and malnutrition are a fact of daily life for millions of people in this world; and

WHEREAS, Many Southern Baptist churches have historically responded to the hungry and needy of our world; and

WHEREAS, Many Southern Baptist agencies are working in various forms of education and mission action concerning hunger.

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we refer to the Executive Committee the need for a current report on present world hunger conditions.

Be it further *Resolved*, that the Executive Committee be responsible for a study of how the Southern Baptist Convention may help meet this rising crisis, giving consideration to a convocation of related agency representatives and other interested persons in Southern Baptist Convention churches.

135. B. G. Crewse (Idaho) presented Resolution No. 5 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 78.)

Resolution No. 5—On Commendation of the Saving of a Life

WHEREAS, Duane White and Raymond Whetstone, two pastors who were messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, exemplified the Christian spirit in the rescue of Bobby D. Smith, Jr. from certain drowning in a local motel swimming pool.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that this Convention express its appreciation and commendation for their efforts in saving the youth's life.

136. W. Morgan Patterson (Calif.) presented Resolution No. 6 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 24.)

Resolution No. 6—On the IRS Definition of an "Integrated Auxiliary" of a Church
 WHEREAS, The Internal Revenue Service on January 4, 1977, issued rules amending § 1.6033-2 of the Income Tax Regulations in order to define an "integrated auxiliary" of a church, convention, or association of churches, and

WHEREAS, in so doing the Federal Government has attempted, in part, to define the mission and role of a church and has assumed for itself the function of determining that which is not an agency integral to the religious mission of the church, and

WHEREAS, The First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States forbids Government from making any laws respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, and

WHEREAS, The Supreme Court of the United States has held in numerous cases that government may neither aid nor inhibit religion and may not become excessively entangled with religion, and

WHEREAS, The amendments to § 1.6033-2 of the Income Tax Regulations have a chilling effect on religion, serve to inhibit religion, and lead to excessive government entanglement with religion.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in its 1977 annual session in Kansas City, Missouri, express its grave concern over this violation of the Constitution's guarantee of separation of church and state, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that it finds the amendments to § 1.6033-2 of the Income Tax Regulations defining an "integrated auxiliary" to be unacceptable both scripturally and legally, and

That it request the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to make this Convention's opposition known to the President, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue, the Congress, and, as appropriate, the judiciary.

137. W. Morgan Patterson (Calif.) presented Resolution No. 7 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 17.)

Resolution No. 7—On Religious Liberty and Employment Practices

WHEREAS, The Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) filed, on May 24, 1977, a suit in the United States District Court in Fort Worth, Texas, against Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for failure to execute and file EEOC Form 6, according to EEOC regulations, which requires specific data on Seminary employees, with particular reference to sex and racial composition of Seminary personnel; and

WHEREAS, The United States Congress amended the Federal Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U. S. C. Sec. 20003-1) in 1972 (P. L. 92-261, 92nd Cong.) to provide that the Equal Employment Opportunity Act of 1964

"shall not apply to . . . a religious corporation, association, educational institution, or society with respect to the employment of individuals of a particular religion to perform work connected with the carrying on by such corporation, association, educational institution, or society of its activities," and

WHEREAS, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary is an educational institution with a distinctively religious purpose, is a duly incorporated body, is, according to its charter currently in force, "under the patronage, general direction and control of the Baptist denomination of the South as represented by the Southern Baptist Convention, which Convention may establish articles of faith and permanent laws for said Seminary" and shall elect trustees who are "members of regular Baptist churches in cooperation with" the Convention, and, as stated in Seminary Bylaws, "is owned, operated, and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention," and

WHEREAS, The United States Supreme Court has ruled that one of the "evils" against which the No Establishment Clause of the First Amendment was designed to afford protection is Government's active involvement with religion or religious institutions, such involvement being an entanglement in which either Church or State intrudes into the other's precincts; and

WHEREAS, The Court has ruled that the Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment withdraws from Government, Federal or State, the exertion of any restraint on the free exercise of religion, and prohibits any invasion of religious liberty by civil authority; and

WHEREAS, The right of a religious institution to discriminate on religious grounds is essential to the institution's protection of its religious purpose and the preservation of its religious character; and

WHEREAS, EEOC cannot demand, verify, or utilize data on the sex, race, or other characteristics of employees of church-related institutions without entering into a continuing, intimate, and excessive entanglement with such institutions, tending to infringe or actually invading religious liberty.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in annual session on June 16, 1977, express our alarm at what seems to us to be EEOC's unwarranted and unconstitutional intrusion into religious institutions and organizations.

That we pledge our support of Southwestern Seminary as it protects both the Seminary's religious rights and the rights of all who believe that religion-related education, financed from private funds, has a constitutionally-protected place in our country.

That we urge our pastors and lay members to be alert to the threats to religious liberty dramatized by EEOC's suit and to express themselves to public officials who serve in the legislative and executive branches of Government.

That we request the officers and staff of this Convention and, especially, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to represent our interests and concerns in this matter.

138. Hunter Jones (Tex.) presented Resolution No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 65.)

Resolution No. 8—On Energy and Natural Resources

We acknowledge that God created all that has been created, which includes all natural resources he provides for our use.

God also charges us to be good stewards with all he places at our disposal.

We support our national leaders in their research and development of domestic energy including wise distribution of all natural resources.

It is also our prayer that our leaders will be endowed with wisdom to develop a national policy which will be equitable to all citizens.

139. B. G. Crewse (Idaho) presented Resolution No. 9 and moved its adoption. (See Item 29.) Discussion followed by Robert Randolph (S.C.), Ron Vert (Mo.), Gary Holder (Mo.), T. M. Duke (La.), Robert D. Lewis (Calif.), Jack House (Ala.), and Jim Anderson (La.), who moved to amend the resolution to include: "To instruct the Executive Committee to send a message of support and congratulations to Anita Bryant because of her stand and signal victory over the homosexual element of Dade County, Florida." The Chair ruled the amendment out of order on the ground that it called for action (the nature of a motion) instead of stating a position (the nature of a resolution). Daniel Grant moved the previous question. The motion passed. Resolution No. 9 was adopted.

Resolution No. 9—On Homosexuality

WHEREAS, The precipitous decline of moral integrity in American society continues at an alarming pace, and

WHEREAS, A campaign is being waged to secure legal, social, and religious acceptance for homosexuality and deviant moral behavior at the expense of personal dignity, and

WHEREAS, The success of those advocating such deviant moral behavior would necessarily have devastating consequences for family life in general and our children in particular, and

WHEREAS, The radical scheme to subvert the sacred pattern of marriage in America has gained formidable momentum by portraying homosexuality as normal behavior.

Now therefore be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, June 14-16, 1977, reaffirm the firm biblical resolution on homosexuality passed in Norfolk, Virginia in 1976 and commend Anita Bryant and other Christians during the recent referendum in Miami, Florida for their courageous stand against the evils inherent in homosexuality.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we show compassion for every person in our society regardless of lifestyle, and earnestly pray for the redemption of all persons.

140. Alvin C. Shackelford (Tenn.) presented Resolution No. 10 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 66.)

Resolution No. 10—On Human Rights and Certain Misapplications

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have historically held a biblical view of the sanctity of life and have placed a relentless emphasis upon freedom of conscience for all, and

WHEREAS, In many places of our world today our brothers and sisters in Christ suffer religious persecution or other abridgements of the free exercise of their faith and the dictates of their conscience.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we reaffirm our belief in the free exercise of religion as determined by a free conscience, and that we oppose any discrimination, legal or otherwise, against any individual based upon race, age, gender, or nationality, and that in reaffirming our opposition to such discrimination, we also express our opposition to all governmental efforts to define discrimination in such a way that ridiculous extremes, repugnant to the Christian faith and life, become the law of the land, such as the legalization of homosexual marriages, permitting homosexual couples to adopt children, prohibiting father-son banquets or single-sex choirs, requiring sexually integrated housing and restroom facilities, requiring governmentally financed housing to be made available to persons living in adultery or fornication, prohibiting a draft law that applies to men only, and we urge all citizens to be active in opposing the adoption of such public policies.

141. Mrs. Leroy Parker (N.C.) presented Resolution No. 11 and moved its adoption. The motion passed. (See Item 31.)

Resolution No. 11—On Torture

WHEREAS, Evidence of the reality of torture and its proliferation is undeniable even in our contemporary world, and

WHEREAS, Torture is a sign of spiritual death and leads to increased moral blindness, producing fear, hatred, violence, and war, and dehumanizes both the torturer and the person tortured.

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that we the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Kansas City, Missouri on June 16, 1977, do hereby condemn any use of torture as a sin against God and a crime against humanity. We affirm that torture demonstrates the very opposite of love and violates the will of God revealed in Jesus Christ.

142. Mrs. Claude Kirkpatrick (La.) presented Resolution No. 12 (see Item 26) and moved its adoption. Al Englemann (Calif.) moved to amend the resolution by adding to the third paragraph: "we oppose any governmental agency withholding or threatening to withhold funds from public-funded agencies that require parental consent or parental knowledge before dispensing medication or devices, and"; also changing "sale" to "distribution" in the fourth paragraph. Chairman Dehoney called for the order of the day. A messenger moved to suspend the order of the day. The motion lost. The Chair stated that consideration of the resolution would be resumed at 2:15 P.M.

143. Secretary Kendall reported the tabulation of the vote on the first part of the Privette motion (see Items 16, 39, 107, 128): Yes, 3,447; No, 2,061. The majority being less than two-thirds, the motion lost. (See Items 16, 107, 109, 128, 129, 147.)

144. Gene Bartlett (Okla.) led the messengers in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." President Sullivan introduced the period of worship. Following a solo by Forbes Woods (Ariz.), Richard Jackson (Ariz.) spoke on the subject, "By His Spirit." Doy Jones (Kan.) led in prayer to conclude the session.

Thursday Afternoon, June 16

145. Pre-session music was presented by a group of musicians in the field of evangelism: Margaret Allen (Okla.); Connie and Allison Ware (Tex.); Beverly Terrell (Tex.); Sam Craig, Jr. (Tex.); Jack Buice (Ga.); Jean Hiott (S.C.); Bill Coen (Mo.); Leon Westerhouse (Ala.); Pat Roper (S.C.); Chuck Kennedy (Mo.); Bob and Joanne Burnett (Okla.); Herb Holton (Va.); Gordon D. Watson (Mo.); Shirley Taunton (Tex.); and Sam Allen (Tex.).

146. Ken Bittiker (Mo.) led the Convention in singing "On Jordan's Stormy Banks." Don Moore (Ind.) led in the reading of the Scriptures. Keith Stanford (Ill.) led in prayer. A solo by Rosemary Hoover followed.

147. President Sullivan explained the reason for the two-thirds majority vote applying to the first part of the Privette motion (it involved a change in the Business and Financial Plan) and a simple majority applying to the second part (it was essentially a confirmation of a present requirement).

148. President Sullivan recognized the pages who had served at the Convention and commended them on their outstanding service.

149. Consideration of Resolution No. 12 was resumed. Daniel Grant stated that the Committee on Resolutions had accepted an amendment by Al Englemann and incorporated it into the resolution. The committee also accepted other suggested changes by messengers and incorporated them into the resolution: to change "has begun to permeate" to "has permeated"; to insert "unmarried" before "minor-aged children." An amendment was ruled out of order by the Chair. A substitute resolution was moved by Howard Keel (Ky.) but lost. Resolution No. 12, incorporating the changes indicated, was adopted.

Resolution No. 12—On Permissiveness and Family Planning

WHEREAS, The permissiveness of the so called new morality has permeated our society and has affected even our churches, and

WHEREAS, We believe that the rights of the family are being infringed upon when information, medication, and supplies are being furnished the unmarried minor-aged children without parental consent.

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we call upon elected and employed government officials to work toward the return of parental or guardian control of minors in the matter of sexual information and devices, and we oppose any governmental agency withholding or threatening to withhold funds from public-funded agencies that require parental consent or parental knowledge before dispensing medication or devices, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we oppose the distribution of birth control devices to minors except with parental or guardian consent.

Furthermore, be it *Resolved*, that we ask our churches to speak out against this permissiveness of the new morality and, under the leadership of pastors and parents, supplement and reinforce the sex education taught in the home in order to strengthen the biblical teachings of chastity before marriage and fidelity to marriage vows.

150. J. Thomas Bryan (Tenn.) presented Resolution No. 13 and moved its adoption. John Wilder (Mo.) moved to amend the resolution by omitting the last paragraph and adding the "summary" paragraph "On Abortion" in column three, page five, of the *Bulletin* for the day. The amendment was ruled out of order since it involved a change in a resolution adopted by the 1976 Convention. The ruling was opposed, and a motion passed to sustain the ruling of the Chair. Wilder then moved a substitute resolution. The previous question was

moved and voted. The substitute motion lost. Resolution No. 13 was adopted. (See Item 21.)

Resolution No. 13—On Abortion

Resolved that this Convention reaffirm the strong stand against abortion adopted by the 1976 Convention, and, in view of some confusion in interpreting part of this resolution we confirm our strong opposition to abortion on demand and all governmental policies and actions which permit this.

(The 1976 resolution on abortion is as follows:

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have historically held a biblical view of the sanctity of human life, and

WHEREAS, Abortion is a very serious moral and spiritual problem of continuing concern to the American people, and

WHEREAS, Christians have a responsibility to deal with all moral and spiritual issues which affect society, including the problems of abortion, and

WHEREAS, The practice of abortion for selfish non-therapeutic reasons wantonly destroys fetal life, dulls our society's moral sensitivity, and leads to a cheapening of all human life.

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Norfolk in June, 1976 reaffirm the biblical sacredness and dignity of all human life, including fetal life, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on Southern Baptists and all citizens of the nation to work to change those attitudes and conditions which encourage many people to turn to abortion as a means of birth control, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that in the best interest of our society, we reject any indiscriminate attitude toward abortion, as contrary to the biblical view, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we also affirm our conviction about the limited role of government in dealing with matters relating to abortion, and support the right of expectant mothers to the full range of medical services and personal counseling for the preservation of life and health.)

151. Daniel Grant presented Resolution No. 14 (see Item 63) and moved its adoption. O. K. Armstrong (Mo.) moved to amend by striking "gambling in all forms" at the end and substituting "that we express vigorous opposition to gambling in all its forms, and especially to the efforts of the gambling industry to legalize gambling by state and national laws; and that we commend members of our legislatures and of Congress who take a stand against the evils of legalized gambling and support them in their defense of public morality." The amendment passed. Resolution No. 14 as amended was adopted.

Resolution No. 14—On Christian Morality

WHEREAS, We are surrounded by many indications of declining moral, ethical, and spiritual standards in our nation, and,

WHEREAS, This lowering of such standards has resulted in the portrayal in mass media of immoral and questionable practices as normal lifestyles, and,

WHEREAS, There is an urgent need for Baptists and other concerned citizens to stand for high moral principles.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City in June 1977 urge our churches and their members to give strong support to our Christian Life Commission's leadership in protesting television's use of illicit sex, casual violence, alcoholic promotion, materialism, vulgarity, and profanity.

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we reaffirm our continuing opposition to such immoral practices as pornography, obscenity, child abuse, and the exploitation of children in pornography, and that we express vigorous opposition to gambling in all its forms, and especially to the efforts of the gambling industry to legalize gambling by state and national laws; and that we commend members of our legislatures and of Congress who take a stand against the evils of legalized gambling and support them in their defense of public morality.

152. Chairman Dehoney moved an extension of time by five minutes. The motion passed.

153. Daniel Grant moved approval with respect to three resolutions as follows: (1) That the Claud O'Shields resolution on a Ministry to the Blind (see Item 28) be referred to the Sunday School Board and the Home Mission Board. (2) Concerning the James Wesberry resolution on Sabbath worship (see Item 25) that we reaffirm the 1976 resolution on Observance of Sunday as a Day of Worship and Physical Renewal. (3) That the Nell Shotwell resolution (see Item 27) on Senior Adult Sunday be referred to the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Denominational Calendar. The motion passed. Grant then reported on resolutions not covered by the resolutions submitted to the Convention for consideration, as follows:

(1) With reference to O. K. Armstrong's resolution on Baptist colleges, we make no recommendation as the author requested. It does seem to the committee that the resolution is more appropriate to the state conventions that own colleges, than to the Southern Baptist Convention. (See Item 22.) (2) With reference to the Allen W. Graves resolution on Korean Christians, the committee has no recommendation at this time (see Item 23). (3) The other resolutions offered to the Convention are covered in the resolutions submitted by the Committee.

154. Edwin E. Burris (Mo.) moved that the motion he had offered (see Item 13) and still pending be referred to the Christian Life Commission. The motion passed.

155. Chairman Dehoney, for the Committee on Order of Business, moved that Jesse Fletcher (Tenn.) be the preacher for the Convention Sermon in 1978, with Gene Garrison (Okla.) as the alternate. The motion passed. Dehoney later reported to the secretary that the committee had named W. J. Reynolds (Tenn.) music director, though, through oversight, his name was not announced to the Convention.

156. Secretary Allen moved that the recording secretary be authorized to incorporate in the Proceedings, in addition to matters printed in abbreviated form in the daily *Bulletin*, the record of the other essential matters which were a part of the program and order of business, making necessary changes to insure clarity, accuracy, and consistent form, and that these Proceedings thus corrected become the official record of the actions of the Convention. The motion passed.

157. Robert S. Denny (D.C.), general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, was recognized to present the report of the Alliance. He presented Betty Smith (D.C.), who spoke of the Ninth Baptist World Youth Congress in Manila in July, 1978. Mrs. Harrison Gregory (Va.) emphasized the Fourteenth Baptist World Congress in Toronto in 1980. Ronald Goulding (D.C.) and James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) spoke of the work of the Division of Evangelism and Education, emphasizing both Bible teaching and evangelism.

158. James E. Wood, Jr. (D.C.), executive director of the Public Affairs Committee, presented the report and spoke to it, stressing the involvement of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in dealing with urgently critical issues affecting religious liberty and the separation of church and state.

159. The fixed order having arrived, President Sullivan introduced Andrew J. Young, Jr., United States Ambassador to the United Nations, who had been invited to address the Convention. He read passages from Ephesians 2 and Romans 8. He stressed that the world in its need and conflict and desperation is a part of our stewardship

of responsibility as Christians. The messengers expressed appreciation by standing and hearty applause.

160. Jack Harwell (Ga.) presented the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers, in behalf of Chairman H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.), and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST STATE PAPERS

Some of the most illustrious names in Southern Baptist history are directly and significantly related to the promotion of Baptist state papers. Who can forget the ringing call of George W. Truett, L. R. Scarborough, E. C. Routh, and Louie D. Newton to Southern Baptists to support Baptist state papers with increasing fervor and deepening devotion? Your Committee on Baptist State Papers considers it an honor and privilege as well as an awesome responsibility to follow in their train. They believed, and so do we, that the work of Southern Baptists will prosper to that extent it is articulated and supported by these papers. It is still true that no other publication among us can do what Baptist state papers have done, are doing, and, pray God, will always do.

Whatever vital issue confronts our Convention, it is clarified and expounded in the Baptist state papers. Beloved, let no one be mistaken, the influence of these papers is far reaching and constructive.

From its beginning, the Committee on Baptist State Papers has been concerned with circulation. The combined circulation of the nineteen Baptist state papers in 1940 was 190,683; in 1945 it had increased to 547,254; by 1955 to 1,157,444; and by 1965 to 1,540,260. In 1976 the total circulation was 1,852,826. The goal of two million readers by 1980 gives us a challenge which we must face in this Convention. The best response we can make to this challenging goal is to get Baptist state papers into more church budgets. Every church which includes its Baptist state paper in the budget prospers from it. Louie D. Newton has said to Baptists of Georgia that if a church will include *The Christian Index* in its budget for one year, and if at the end of that year the pastor and the people feel that it has not been worthwhile, if they will send him the bill, he will pay what it has cost the church. His testimony is that he has never been asked to pay a bill.

Your Committee on Baptist State Papers, therefore, recommends that:

- (1) We hold before us the goal of two million in circulation by 1980;
- (2) we profit from the readership survey which is now underway by the Research Services Department of the Sunday School Board;
- (3) this committee be continued to study the results of the survey and to make further recommendations for the improvement and enhancement of the ministry of Baptist state papers.

H. Franklin Paschall, *Chairman*
Glen Braswell
Richard Jackson
Julian Pentecost
Andrew W. Tampling
James L. Sullivan, *ex officio*

161. Forrest H. Siler (Okla.), chairman of the Christian Life Commission, presented the report of the Commission and recognized Foy Valentine (Tenn.), executive secretary, to present recommendations (which had been printed in the Convention *Bulletin*) of the Commission. Valentine read the recommendations and moved their adoption. George Kelly (W. Va.) moved an amendment, to add a final paragraph. This was agreed to by Valentine. The motion to approve the recommendations passed.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS ON TELEVISION AND MORALITY

Television possesses tremendous potential. Like the printing press and the automobile, television can be used for either good or bad. Southern Baptists rejoice at the contributions television has made to American life while we lament the damage that television has done. Southern Baptists have a responsibility to help harness television's potential for moral good and to help check its potential

for moral evil. The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, in accordance with its program responsibility for Christian morality development, presents five recommendations.

(1) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention now courageously confront television's moral challenge. This moral challenge is being flung at us by socially irresponsible television policy makers, profiteering advertisers, duty-shirking public officials, and most of all by apathetic television viewers. Christians fail God and fall short of his purposes for us when we tolerate television's trash. Moreover, television fails us and it fails itself when it dumps into our homes a steady stream of illicit sex, casual violence, alcohol promotion, materialism, vulgarity, blasphemy, cursing, and the dead-end notion that everyone should "eat, drink, and be merry" (Luke 12:19) for "tomorrow we die" (1 Cor. 15:32). Let Southern Baptists courageously confront television's moral challenge.

(2) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention encourage our churches to begin in August carefully to utilize the Christian Life Commission's special study materials being mailed to every pastor, along with other trustworthy resources, to evaluate the impact of television on our lives, our families, our churches, and our society. Let Southern Baptists evaluate television's impact.

(3) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention give its support to a special effort in all Southern Baptist churches throughout the month of September to encourage our members to exercise careful moral judgment regarding television, determining in advance which programs to watch and which programs not to watch in the knowledge that if we do not control television, television will control us. Christians cannot indiscriminately give television our eyes, our minds, and our time because our God is a jealous God who will have no other gods before Him (Ex. 20:3), and believers have "one Master, even Christ" (Matt. 23:8). Let Southern Baptists use moral discernment regarding television.

(4) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention encourage our people to use the month of October for special communication with those who are responsible for television programming. (A) Communicate with the advertisers who will pay attention when Christians buy products whose makers sponsor good programs and refuse to buy products whose makers sponsor bad programs. (B) Communicate with network officials: pray for them; write them; call them; reason with them; plead with them; commend them for the good; hold them responsible for the bad; and remember that ancient Rome at first had no earthly intention of paying any real attention to the early Christians. (C) Communicate with the local television station officials; write them; call them; visit them; share both your moral support and your moral outrage with them; and remind them of their moral obligation to the community. (D) Communicate with your Senators and Congressman, the chairman of the Federal Communications Commission, and the chairman of the Federal Trade Commission to plead for their support on behalf of the rising tide of public concern for morality in television programming. Let Southern Baptists communicate our convictions about television.

(5) We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention, especially during the year immediately ahead, encourage our churches and our people to act together and in cooperation with others who share our deep moral concern about current television programming to bring about needed changes in television. Southern Baptists possess awesome moral power but we can accomplish the objective of substantially improved television programming much more quickly and fully through a strongly united witness. Let Southern Baptists unite with each other and with others in a concerted effort to support the good and to eradicate the evil in television.

Television represents an immensely important aspect of modern life desperately needing Southern Baptists' moral salt and moral light. Let Southern Baptists act. Let Southern Baptists act now. Let Southern Baptists make a great, aggressive, positive, united, visible, optimistic effort to affect television for God and for good.

"That the Southern Baptist Convention, through the Christian Life Commission, commends the producers of the 'Wonderful World of Disney' aired over NBC (and/or ABC and CBS), but suggests that since Southern Baptists believe in Church Training and Sunday evening worship services this excellent, wholesome family program be aired on Friday or Saturday evenings" (Kelly).

162. Ginger Chandler (Neb.) chairperson of the Committee on Denominational Calendar, presented the report and moved adoption, with changes to be made. The motion passed.

163. The Convention sang "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." The Chair presented William W. Pinson (Tex.) to speak on "Our World and the Gospel." He stressed that the Bible says, reach out to everyone with concern for the whole of life; he then suggested ways to accomplish the task. Raymond Lau (Hawaii) led in prayer to conclude the afternoon session.

Thursday Evening, June 16

164. Presession music was presented by the Kansas City Metro Baptist Band, directed by Phillip C. Rosey (Mo.)

165. President Sullivan called the Convention to order for the final session. William J. Reynolds led in singing "Lead On, O King Eternal." Robert F. Woodward (Va.) led in the reading of the Scriptures. Mrs. Leroy Parker (N.C.) led in prayer.

166. The Chair allowed A. Dennis Duncan (Mo.) to give notice that he will introduce a motion at the 1978 Convention to change the Convention Procedure to allow more time for the discussion of matters of business, including resolutions and motions.

167. President Sullivan presented to the Convention the officers elected to serve for the coming year, also the members of their families present with them: Jimmy R. Allen, president; Olan H. Runnels, first vice-president; Richard Sutton, second vice-president; Martin B. Bradley, recording secretary; Lee Porter, registration secretary; Porter Routh, treasurer.

168. President Sullivan recognized Warren C. Hultgren (Okla.) to present Recommendation No. 25 of the Executive Committee. He moved its adoption, and the motion passed.

Recommendation No. 25

We recommend that the Convention receive the following report on Missions Challenge:

One year ago the Southern Baptist Convention approved fifteen recommendations of the Missions Challenge Committee. Recommendation Ten said:

10. That the Executive Committee work with the two mission boards, the two missionary educational organizations, the Stewardship Commission, the Sunday School Board, and the seminaries to secure full implementation of these recommendations, to coordinate denominational missions goals and action plans looking toward the 21st century; and that the Executive Committee report for the group periodically for the next five years on progress made in achievements in missions.

Following is a summary of actions taken during the first year. This is a condensation of a 50-page report prepared by the agencies and available in limited number from the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee. The report presented here covers all of the recommendations approved by the Convention. The numbers in parentheses refers to the recommendations adopted last year. They are not in sequence, but are grouped to facilitate easier understanding.

Recommendations of a General Nature:

To give every person in the world opportunity to hear the gospel in the next 25 years (1). The Foreign Mission Board is developing a plan to do its part country by country in presenting the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000 A.D. The Home Mission Board has made detailed "Bold Mission Thrust" plans as far ahead as 1985 and general plans to the year 1999. The concerns of all the agencies toward missions challenge is reflected in a summary statement by the Sunday School Board: "Every plan, activity, purchase, sale, product, field engagement, periodical, or computer must be seen as part of the Board's effort to bring men to God through Christ."

To reaffirm the place of the local church in missions(2). World missions succeeds or fails in keeping with local church commitments. Without interest in missions, prayer for missions, and a deep involvement in local missions, the kingdom of God will not flourish. In the years immediately ahead we can expect to see vital new programs in missions education, a revival in starting new Sunday schools and churches, and involving lay persons in world mission ministries. Moreover, this year and next, emphasis will be placed on preaching on missions.

To call upon all the churches to teach the biblical revelation of Christian stewardship, and to press toward the ideal of a 50/50 division for the Cooperative Program(6). Baptists believe that missions is not an option. To be complete a church must commit itself to missions, learn about missions, send its sons and daughters as missionaries, pray for the missions fields, and give to missions. In support of these convictions Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission are increasing stewardship emphasis with respect to missions in their curricula, the Sunday School Board is devoting a major part of its 1980-1986 curriculum to stewardship and missions, and the seminaries are incorporating Stewardship Commission materials into courses offered to future church leaders. The Stewardship Commission is also working steadily toward securing wide recognition of the 50/50 ideal.

To call upon all the agencies, churches, and state conventions to unite in a viable and dynamic program for calling out the called(15). The Convention itself is stressing this idea in the great Thursday night commitment service. The Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union are working in the local churches and summer camps with state conventions and associations to secure emphasis on calling of the called. Renewed emphasis on the called in the World Missions Conferences is being promoted by the Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, and the mission boards. The mission boards are also placing heavy stress on short-term commitment and the use of special skills in mission work on the mission fields.

To reaffirm the years of Bold Missions (77-79)—Let the Church Reach Out (13). For two years the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention are emphasizing Bold Missions. The program is as follows:

- A. *Through Bold Witnessing.* Each church
 - with a proclaiming event in the church and in one other community beyond the church
 - with one new mission action (witnessing-ministering) activity
 - with a new congregational extension
 - boldly enlisting adults in Bible study (Sunday schools).
- B. *Through Bold Committing.* Each church
 - with a day of commitment to bold mission on the first Sunday in October, 1977
 - seeking at least one mission volunteer
 - conducting a churchwide missions prayer retreat which emphasizes prayer partners, volunteer and career missions activity
 - enlarging the giving base by increasing the number of committed stewards
 - increasing Cooperative Program contribution each year
 - identifying for missions involvement persons expecting to travel and live abroad
 - setting bold goals for Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offering.
- C. *Through Bold Teaching.* Each church
 - providing church missions Night Out activity
 - having at least one churchwide study of foreign missions and another of home missions, using the graded series
 - have a number equivalent to total church-elected leaders receive the Christian Development Diploma
 - cooperating with the association in a world mission or Bible conference
 - developing a mission information center in the church library, and
 - each pastor preaching a mission sermon once a month and issuing invitation to missions service.

To the Two Mission Boards:

To clarify missions objectives(8). Both mission boards have developed long-range plans setting forth their priorities. The "Total Missions Thrusts" of the Foreign Mission Board stipulates goals of the year 2000. Among these: 5000 missionaries, work in 125 countries, 10,000 lay volunteers, tenfold multiplication

of churches, major thrusts in urban areas, theological training by extension, vastly increased use of radio and television, and accentuated attention to human needs and world hunger. The Home Mission Board has set bold missions goals to the year 1999. These center in "evangelizing" and "congregationalizing" and will be communicated to the churches through sophisticated audiovisuals and publications of the Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, and Woman's Missionary Union.

To discover and apply new creative patterns for mission work(3). Both boards are involved in numerous new projects. Typical of the Home Mission Board's are: a new approach to the central city in Baltimore, Maryland, new procedures for training mission interns in the seminaries, a population penetration plan for work in ethnic groups, and use of the computer in coordinating lay activities. The Foreign Mission Board is stressing new methods in church development, a new emphasis on research, and continued cooperation with others in the wide use of laymen in missions activities.

To develop opportunities for long and short term involvement of laypersons in missions ministry(7). Hundreds of persons are already involved in volunteer lay missions. These include Journeymen, US II, summer missionaries and retired persons. The two boards, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission are working together to establish a computerized personnel data base for instant accessibility of names of persons to meet specialized needs. This emphasis will be greatly accelerated in the years ahead. The Brotherhood Commission is planning to train volunteers for disaster relief projects in effective ways to witness and minister.

To work with other agencies to use their specialists in missions projects(11). The cooperation of the agencies includes wide use of the Stewardship Commission specialists, Sunday School Board church educational specialists, Education Commission higher education specialists, and seminary, missions, and theological specialists by the Foreign Mission Board. Both boards make wide use of the Brotherhood and Woman's Missionary Union personnel in direct mission involvement.

To secure a better cooperative witness to internationals in America, including students and seamen in temporary residence(12). The Foreign Mission Board is working with National Student Ministries to find new patterns for lay involvement of students in foreign missions. The two mission boards together are seeking to establish communication and cooperation between home and foreign fields. An example is the publishing house in El Paso that supplies Spanish literature for both foreign and home fields. The Home Mission Board is searching for further ways to use Foreign Mission Board resources in Home Mission work. One example is consultation in Spanish-American work. The Home Mission Board is seeking ways to strengthen its mission ministries in 30 major ports of the United States and is developing a stronger ministry to internationals in Washington, D.C. A communication system is being developed between the port ministries, foreign missionaries, and foreign national conventions to secure follow-up on contacts made in the United States. During the last year the Home Mission Board has engaged in a resettlement of refugee Vietnamese in the United States. (The Brotherhood Commission and Woman's Missionary Union are also engaged in international mission projects.)

To the Two Mission Boards, Women's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, and the Sunday School Board:

To discover and implement a broader based missions education program in the churches(5); and *to strengthen biblical understanding of missions*(4).^{*} The five agencies mentioned in recommendations 4 and 5 of the Missions Challenge Committee Report heartily accept the challenge to reach all Southern Baptists with missions education. These agencies are committed to close coordination and mutual planning in order to get maximum use of our resources in effective communication with Southern Baptists about missions. Representatives of these agencies agreed in a meeting in September, 1976, on a process for developing plans for increased emphasis for missions education. This plan, briefly is as follows:

- a. Conduct a Missions Education Think Tank to glean ideas (done in February, 1977).
- b. Develop a strategy for missions education (February-July, 1977).
- c. Secure review and approval by the respective Boards of the five agencies (July, 1977-January, 1978).

^{*}Reporting here meets requirements for reporting set forth in Recommendation (4) and (5).

- d. Present the strategy to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee (February, 1978).
- e. Present strategy to Southern Baptist Convention (June, 1978).
- f. Begin implementation of strategy (June, 1978 with full implementation as quickly as schedules permit).
- g. Review strategy and incorporate into next planning cycle 1983-86 (September 1980-June 1982).

The process is running ahead of schedule. A steering committee has held four meetings to monitor progress on the planning process and to outline the strategy. A Missions Education Think Tank was held February 23-24. The fifty persons representing every phase of Southern Baptist Convention life provided a rich repository of ideas for better missions education. In addition, the separate staffs of the agencies are at work on ways to develop and implement the strategy. We expect to present the overall plan for missions education to the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in June, 1978, and we think the Convention will be thrilled at the innovations proposed.

Meanwhile, each of the agencies is deeply grateful for the mood of missions excitement abroad in the Convention, and is doing its best to match this zeal with helpful plans for missions education and involvement. We call the churches' attention to several exciting new educational and involvement projects that are part of our coordinated proposals for Bold Missions, 1977-79.

To the Two Mission Boards and Seminaries:

To work together to strengthen the academic and clinical programs for training those dedicated to mission service (9). Southeastern Seminary is reviewing its curriculum to secure a stronger missions emphasis for the next 25 years. Golden Gate Seminary is cooperating with the Home Mission Board in establishing new churches and to develop experimental church programs in Christian social ministries in the urban setting. Southern Seminary has established a task force to explore new missions curriculum possibilities with the two mission boards. New Orleans Seminary has used Home Mission Board personnel in teaching missions and evangelism courses in the seminary. Both mission boards have conducted correspondence with the seminaries on this recommendation.

To the Committee on Order of Business:

*To give major portion of time in 1977 and 1978 to BOLD MISSIONS—Let the Church Reach Out—*The Kansas City Convention, with its emphasis on missions is an effort of the Committee to respond to this recommendation.

To the Stewardship Commission:

To work with the churches and state conventions to achieve the ideal of 50/50 distribution to the Cooperative Program. The Commission has (1) established a Bold Missions Task Force on the Cooperative Program to secure better understanding, (2) called a conference of staff members and state secretaries to discuss the question of Cooperative Program division, and (3) stepped up Cooperative Program promotion in an effort to secure better support for missions.

169. The entire evening program was aimed at challenge, commitment, and consecration. It was planned under the leadership of Jesse Fletcher (Tenn.), assisting the Committee on Order of Business. Around the theme, "Bold Mission," the program consisted of music by a choir of students from Missouri Baptist colleges, narration, pantomime, missionary testimonies, Scripture quotation, and responsive affirmation and praise by a worship leader and the entire assembly, all combining into a service of meaningful worship, inspiration, and commitment. Billy Graham (N.C.) preached and concluded his message by leading the congregation to join him in a responsive affirmation of a "Covenant of Salt," a commitment to be the salt of the earth as the people of God.

170. President Sullivan delivered to President Jimmy R. Allen the gavels of the Convention to symbolize the transfer of responsi-

bility of leadership, commending him to the grace of God and the guidance and strength of the Holy Spirit. President Allen accepted the tokens of leadership as the congregation stood to register approval and support.

171. The one hundred and twentieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention closed with prayer, led by Jerry DeOliveria (Calif.).

172. The final number of messengers registered was 16,271.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

REGISTRATION

KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, JUNE 14-16, 1977

Alabama	1,045
Alaska	11
Arizona	80
Arkansas	516
California	251
Colorado	102
Connecticut	5
Delaware	4
D. C.	23
Florida	594
Georgia	1,160
Hawaii	5
Idaho	11
Illinois	418
Indiana	142
Iowa	73
Kansas	448
Kentucky	832
Louisiana	547
Maryland	106
Massachusetts	1
Michigan	61
Minnesota	5
Mississippi	768
Missouri	2,314
Montana	9
Nebraska	60
Nevada	10
New Jersey	6
New Mexico	95
New York	14
North Carolina	1,279
North Dakota	11
Ohio	257
Oklahoma	661
Oregon	26
Pennsylvania	21
Rhode Island	1
South Carolina	934
South Dakota	28
Tennessee	1,153
Texas	1,344
Utah	18
Virginia	698
Washington	36
West Virginia	45
Wisconsin	15
Wyoming	28
Total	16,271