

Proceedings

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

June 13-15, 1978

Tuesday Morning, June 13

1. Music for inspiration was presented by the Sons of Jubal and Jubalheirs under the direction of Paul McCommon (Ga.) and Wade Davis (Ga.).

2. President Jimmy R. Allen (Tex.) called to order the one hundred and twenty-first session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred and thirty-third year of its history at 9:30 A.M., June 13, 1978, in the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia. Reference was made to the 1845 organization of the Convention in Georgia.

3. Paul McCommon (Ga.) led messengers in singing "All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name." Organists and pianists to serve during the Convention: Richard Cook (Ga.), Kenneth Moyers (Ga.), James Richardson (Ga.), Wade Davis (Ga.), Mrs. Tom Wickes (Ga.), and James Davidson (Ga.).

4. J. Robert McMicken (Ala.) led in Scripture reading, and Guy Morton (Ohio) led in prayer.

5. Lee Porter (Tenn.), registration secretary, reported a registration of 17,823 at 9:40 A.M. and moved "that these messengers constitute the Convention and that duly accredited messengers from churches in cooperation with the Convention who arrive later be recognized as messengers of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the Constitution." The motion passed.

6. Marian (Mrs. J. Marse) Grant (N.C.), chairwoman of the Committee on Order of Business, introduced members of the committee and acknowledged the assistance of many others in developing the agenda. She moved that the Convention program be adopted as printed, with these changes: Winston Crawley and R. Keith Parks to replace Baker James Cauthen on Wednesday evening; Coretta King to replace Martin Luther King, Sr. on Thursday afternoon at 8:15; and the addition of an order of business on Thursday, 7:50 P.M., to recognize the new Convention officers. The motion passed.

Theme: "Let the Church Be Bold in Mission Thrust!"

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

- 9:00 Music For Inspiration—Sons of Jubal and Jubalheirs, Paul McCommon and Wade Davis, Atlanta, Georgia, directors
- 9:30 Call to Order
 Congregational Singing—Paul McCommon, Atlanta, Georgia, director
 Scripture—J. Robert McMicken, Billingsley, Alabama
 Prayer—Guy Morton, Wooster, Ohio
- 9:45 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—Lee Porter, Nashville, Tennessee

- Report of Committee on Order of Business—Marian Grant, Raleigh, North Carolina, chairwoman
- 9:55 Welcome—George Busbee, Governor of Georgia
- 10:05 Response—Duke K. McCall, Louisville, Kentucky
- 10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from Other Baptist Bodies
- 10:20 Convention Photograph
- 10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Tellers
- 10:30 Congregational Singing
- 10:35 Music—Lanny Allen, San Antonio, Texas
- 10:40 President's Address—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, Texas
- 11:10 Report of Executive Committee (First Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:40 Business:
- Introduction of Resolutions
- Miscellaneous Business
- 12:30 Benediction—Charles E. Stevens, Raleigh, North Carolina

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13

- 2:00 Music For Inspiration—Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Georgia, Hildegard Stanley, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Charles Muller, Columbia, South Carolina, director
- Scripture—Lauren Locke, Darden, Tennessee
- Prayer—Pat Heriford, Kansas City, Kansas
- 2:45 Election of Officers
- 2:55 Reports:
- Executive Committee (Final Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:35 Home Mission Board—William G. Tanner, Atlanta, Georgia
- 3:55 Sunday School Board—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:15 Education Commission—Ben C. Fisher, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:25 Congregational Singing
- 4:30 Business:
- Introduction of Resolutions
- Miscellaneous Business
- 4:45 Benediction—Hoyt Hunnicutt, China Spring, Texas

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 13

- 7:00 Music For Inspiration—The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York, New York, director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee, director
- 7:35 Scripture—Chizuyo Y. Templeman, Falls Church, Virginia
- Prayer—Lee Greer, Aberdeen, South Dakota
- 7:45 Business:
- Introduction of Resolutions
- Election of Officers
- Miscellaneous Business
- 8:05 "My Church in Bold Mission Thrust"
- The Centurymen, Buryl Red, New York, New York, director
- William Jewell College Drama Group, Liberty, Missouri, Mrs. Jan Glover, director
- Jeannette Clift George, Houston, Texas
- "Our Nation: Challenge to the Churches," William G. Tanner, Atlanta, Georgia
- "The Bible: Resource for the Challenge," Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, Tennessee
- "If it is to be, it's up to me!"
- 9:30 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 14

- 9:00 Music For Inspiration—Singing Churchmen and Women of South Carolina, Thomas H. Westmoreland, Columbia, South Carolina, director

- 9:30 Congregational Singing—James C. McKinney, Fort Worth, Texas, director
 Scripture—Donald W. Young, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
 Prayer—David McKenzie, Cuba, New Mexico
- 9:45 Election of Officers
 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 10:15 Reports:
 Committee on Committees
- 10:20 Committee on Boards
- 10:25 Foreign Mission Board—Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Virginia
- 10:45 Annuity Board—Darold Morgan, Dallas, Texas
- 10:55 Christian Life Commission—Foy Valentine, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:05 Womans Missionary Union—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama
- 11:15 Congregational Singing
- 11:20 Music—William R. O'Brien, Richmond, Virginia
- 11:25 Annual Convention Sermon—Jesse C. Fletcher, Abilene, Texas
 Alternate—Gene Garrison, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- 11:55 Miscellaneous Business
- 12:15 Benediction—Rynell S. Novak, Denton, Texas

NO AFTERNOON SESSION

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 14

- 6:30 Music For Inspiration—Union Baptist Church Choir, Atlanta, Georgia,
 Carl Munday, director
- 6:55 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee, direc-
 tor
- 7:05 Scripture—Lorene Murphy, Kansas City, Missouri
 Prayer—Benjamin Ortiz, Sr., Overland Park, Kansas
- 7:15 Presentation of Past SBC Presidents
- 7:30 "My Life in Bold Mission Thrust"
 —Ken Medema, Upper Montclair, New York
 —Glendon McCullough, Memphis, Tennessee
 —Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama
 —Robert and Sally Strayer, Williamsport, Pennsylvania
 —Ethel Price, Florida
 —Robert Dorr, Baltimore, Maryland
 —Shelby Smith, Antigua
 —Jim and Betty McKinley, Bangladesh
 —Sarah Frances Anders, Pineville, Louisiana
 —Winston Crawley and R. Keith Parks, Richmond, Virginia
 "If it is to be, It's up to me!"
- 9:00 Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 15

- 9:00 Music For Inspiration—Louisiana College Choir, Pineville, Louisiana,
 Arnold Epley, director
- 9:30 Congregational Singing—John V. Glover, Jr., Atlanta, Georgia, director
 Scripture—Jack Comer, Atoka, Oklahoma
 Prayer—Dawn Robertson, Ruston, Louisiana
- 9:45 Reports:
 Radio and Television Commission—Paul M. Stevens, Fort Worth, Texas
- 10:00 Six SBC Seminaries—Landrum Leavell II, New Orleans, Louisiana
- 10:15 Stewardship Commission—A. R. Fagan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:25 Music—Joseph Blanton, Raleigh, North Carolina
- 10:30 "Morality in Television—A Plan for Action"—Harry N. Hollis, Jr., Nash-
 ville, Tennessee
- 11:00 Reports:
 Historical Commission—Lynn E. May, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:10 Southern Baptist Foundation—Hollis E. Johnson, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:20 American Baptist Seminary Commission—Ben C. Fisher, Nashville, Ten-
 nessee
- 11:25 Brotherhood Commission—Glendon McCullough, Memphis, Tennessee
- 11:35 Committee on Baptist State Papers—H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville,
 Tennessee, chairman
- 11:45 Congregational Singing

- 11:50 **Business:**
 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
 Miscellaneous Business
 12:15 **Benediction—Calvin J. Isaac, Philadelphia, Mississippi**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 15

- 1:30 **Music For Inspiration—Parade of Evangelistic Singers**
 2:30 **Congregational Singing—Richard Barrett, Bremen, Georgia, director**
 Scripture—Genet Barron, Newnan, Georgia
 Prayer—David H. Kim, Silver Spring, Maryland
 2:45 **Reports:**
 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs—James E. Wood, Jr., Washington, D.C.
 Baptist World Alliance—Robert E. Denny, Washington, D.C.
 3:05 Denominational Calendar—William T. Branon, Glendale, Arizona
 3:10 Music—Cynthia Clawson, Nashville, Tennessee
 3:15 "America's Need for Spiritual Awakening"—Coretta Scott King, Atlanta, Georgia
 3:45 Prayer Service for Spiritual Awakening—Forrest Feezor, Shelby, North Carolina

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 15

- 7:00 **Music For Inspiration—"Revelation," Second-Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, John Condra, director**
 7:25 **Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee, director**
 Scripture—Leslie and Leland Allen, Birmingham, Alabama
 Prayer—John B. Upchurch, Denver, Colorado
 7:45 **Recognition of new Officers**
 7:50 **"My Family in Bold Mission Thrust"**
 —Roy and Anita Bass, Lubbock, Texas
 —"The Family in Crisis," D. Elton Trueblood, Richmond, Indiana
 —Don and Lynn Gurney, Colorado Springs, Colorado
 —Rev. and Mrs. Levi W. Price, Torrence, California,
 —Barbara Burkett, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada
 —Angela Cofer, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
 —"The Family in Mission," Ruth (Mrs. Billy) Graham, Black Mountain, North Carolina
 —Jimmy Allen, San Antonio, Texas
 "If it is to be, it's up to me!"
 9:30 **Adjourn**

7. President Allen stated that he would send greetings to Baker James Cauthen (Va.), Foreign Mission Board, and Ben Fisher (Tenn.), Education Commission, who were unable to attend the Convention due to illness.

8. George Busbee, Governor of Georgia, following an introduction by Russell Dilday (Tex.), his former pastor, welcomed the Convention in behalf of Baptists and other residents of Georgia.

9. Duke K. McCall (Ky.) responded to the welcome on behalf of Convention messengers. McCall recounted certain Baptist distinctives and practices.

10. The president referred to the illness of former Convention President R. G. Lee, indicating that he would send greetings to him from the Convention.

11. President Allen recognized these fraternal messengers present: Craig Skinner, Baptist Union of Australia; Robert C. Campbell, American Baptist Churches, USA; Leoncio Veguilla and Obed Millan, Cuban Baptists; John Merritt, European Baptist Convention.

12. A photograph was made of the messengers in session.

13. The Chair announced members of the following Committees:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Richard Maples (Texas), *Chairman*; Al Finch, *Marvin Prude, Alabama; Wayne L. North, *Wendell F. Freeze, Arizona; Jon Stubblefield, *Mrs. Charles H. Ashcraft, Arkansas; Glen Paden, *Mrs. William H. Bell, California; D. G. McCoury, *Lloyd Crawford, Colorado; W. Robert May, *Mrs. Landon Fallin, Maryland; Dan Yeary, *Roy T. Rhodes, Florida; Edwin L. Cliburn, *Albert Evans, Georgia; Dale Clemens, *Betty Walker, Illinois; Daniel G. Bagby, *Mrs. Albert Moore, Indiana; Howard Lyons, Nebraska; *Oman Thompson, Kansas; Ted Sisk, *Mrs. John Wood, Kentucky; John Sullivan, *Sara Frances Anders, Louisiana; James V. Hamblen, *William D. Hillis, Maryland; James Jones, *Mrs. Donna Burnett, Michigan; Carl Savell, *Larry K. Otis, Mississippi; Don Wideman, *Barney Brown, Missouri; Guy Greenfield, *David King, New Mexico; Alton H. McEachern, *Mrs. Alva Marchman, North Carolina; Cecil Sims, Washington; *Mrs. Wm. D. Walker, Oregon; Arthur L. Patterson, *Walter C. Reed, Ohio; Lavonn D. Brown, *Gladys S. Lewis, Oklahoma; James Craine, *Charles R. Sloan, South Carolina; Robert L. Orr, *Alan K. Jones, Tennessee; *Bob Bruce, Texas; and Neal Jones, *Mrs. W. Peyton Thurman, Virginia.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: G. H. Surette (Missouri), *Chairman*; Larry Maddox, Missouri; Roy W. Owens, South Dakota; R. J. Robinson, Connecticut; Julius M. Stagner, Wisconsin; Eliseo Aldape, Texas; J. Howard Cobble, Georgia; Doral G. Atkins, Georgia; Nelson Price, Georgia; Otis Testerman, Colorado; Andrew Hall, Florida; Donald C. Brown, California; Mrs. J. R. White, Alabama; and Johnny Jackson, Arkansas.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Larry Baker (Arkansas), *Chairman*; Gene Watterson, North Carolina; Mrs. Anita Bass, Texas; Conrad Willard, Florida; Wayne Barnes, Louisiana; Harold Branch, Texas; James Bearden, North Carolina; Gene Garrison, Oklahoma; James Dunn, Texas; and Robert Jackson, Georgia.

TELLERS COMMITTEE: John Lee Taylor (Mississippi), *Chairman*; Burlie W. Taylor, Alabama; Kenneth Wayne Fields, Alabama; Lonnie E. Quillen, Jr., Virginia; Stanley O. White, California; John McGuire, Florida; Mrs. Ernest Campbell, Florida; Lee Walker, Texas; Hermon S. Ray, Hawaii; and E. Stanley Branch, Texas.

*Layperson

14. Paul McCommon (Ga.) led messengers in singing "Amazing Grace."

15. Vice-President Runnels (Mo.) assumed the Chair and introduced Lanny Allen (Tex.) who sang a special arrangement of "Amazing Grace." Allen serves as minister of music and fellow staff member with President Allen in the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas.

16. The Chair then presented Jimmy R. Allen for the president's address: "Where There Is a Vision, the People Flourish."

17. The Chair introduced W. Ches Smith, III, chairman of the Executive Committee, for the report of the Committee. Smith made introductory remarks concerning the challenge to Southern Baptists of Bold Mission Thrust and presented Porter Routh (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Executive Committee. Routh reported that Cooperative Program receipts for Convention-wide causes in 1978 were running ahead of gifts for 1977 and called attention to various aspects of Convention financial reports.

18. Preston Callison (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 1 of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 1

We recommend that the total Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for 1978-79 be as follows (1977-78 also shown for comparative purposes):

	1977-78	1978-79
Total Basic Operating Budget	\$54,000,000	\$62,000,000
Total Capital Needs	1,080,000	2,000,000
SUBTOTAL	\$55,080,000	\$64,000,000
Bold Mission Thrust Challenge	8,320,000	11,000,000
TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET	<u>\$63,400,000</u>	<u>\$75,000,000</u>

We further recommend that the 1978-79 Cooperative Program Basic Operating Budget be distributed as follows (1977-78 also shown for comparative purposes):

Foreign Mission Board	\$26,000,000	\$29,760,000
Home Mission Board	10,252,965	12,500,000
Annuity Board	250,000	300,000
Golden Gate Seminary	1,120,584	1,195,854
Midwestern Seminary	1,169,124	1,232,266
New Orleans Seminary	1,938,163	2,109,362
Southeastern Seminary	1,856,910	2,086,709
Southern Seminary	2,616,704	3,005,235
Southwestern Seminary	3,427,050	3,779,574
Southern Baptist Foundation	147,500	170,000
American Seminary	137,500	150,000
Brotherhood Commission	522,500	575,000
Christian Life Commission	355,000	420,000
Education Commission	250,000	290,000
Historical Commission	200,000	220,000
Radio-Television Commission	2,750,000	3,000,000
Stewardship Commission	250,000	275,000
Public Affairs Commission	220,000	255,000
SBC Operating Budget	536,000	602,000
Special (Endowment Matching) *	-0-	74,000
TOTAL	<u>\$54,000,000</u>	<u>\$82,000,000</u>

*To match Golden Gate endowment per agreement with Seminary Allocation and Distribution Formula.

We further recommend that the Capital Needs Budget of \$2,000,000 be distributed after the Basic Operating Budget has been met as follows:

Golden Gate Seminary library and faculty offices	\$1,671,000
Midwestern Seminary Child Care Building	329,000
	<u>\$2,000,000</u>

We further recommend that the \$11,000,000 Bold Mission Thrust budget be distributed (after the Basic Operating and Capital Needs budgets have been met) as follows:

Foreign Mission Board	54 percent
Home Mission Board	30 percent
Radio and Television Commission	9 percent
Seminaries	6 percent
Brotherhood Commission	1 percent
	<u>100 percent</u>

19. J. Howard Cobble (Ga.) moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 2. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend a capital needs program for 1978-1984 to be distributed after annual operating budgets have been met as follows:

PROPOSED SBC CAPITAL NEEDS DISTRIBUTION 1978--1984

	1978-79	1979-80	1980-81	1981-82	1982-83	1983-84	Agency Subtotals	Agency Totals
GOLDEN GATE								
Library and faculty offices	\$1,671,000	\$1,314,000			\$ 201,400		\$2,985,000	
Child care facilities							201,400	
Housing			\$1,110,646				1,110,646	\$ 4,297,046
MIDWESTERN								
Child care building	329,000						329,000	
Library, administration building and aud. modification			\$ 465,000				465,000	
Multi-purpose building			113,310			\$ 786,690	900,000	
Student Center					55,000		55,000	
Energy package					251,000		251,000	
NEW ORLEANS								
Student center & cafeteria			1,034,502		1,000,000	201,295	2,235,797	
Renovation Leavell Chapel, Seifers Bldg. & Library			465,498				465,498	
SOUTHEASTERN								
Housing								
Faculty offices		582,444					582,444	
Student center		17,556					600,000	
Mackie Hall renovation			562,444		1,000,000		1,000,000	
SOUTHERN								
WMIJ renovation		528,000		137,000			528,000	
Norton Hall renovation						1,335,000	1,335,000	
Student center							137,000	
SOUTHWESTERN								
Resources and Research Center			405,310		20,000		1,100,000	
Flaming & Cowden renovation				674,690	201,000	609,000	900,000	
BROTHERHOOD								
Training Center		58,000					140,200	
Conference rooms, etc.		20,000					20,000	
RADIO-TV COMMISSION								
Radio-TV building space			300,000				300,000	
Warehouse				110,000			110,000	
Tape duplication					123,000		123,000	
TV equipment					148,600	201,460	350,000	
TV & radio equipment						117,000	117,000	
TOTALS	\$2,000,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,365,000	\$3,340,385	17,000,000	\$16,705,985

The Convention is not funding the total amounts needed for these projects. For Golden Gate housing, the allocation is for "seed money" for funds to be borrowed and repaid from rents. For Southeastern housing the allocation is for "seed money". For Southwestern Research and Resources Center the allocation is half the amount needed. For Southern Student Center the allocation is half the amount needed. For New Orleans the Student Center and Cafeteria allocation is for 60 percent of the amount needed.

20. Doyle E. Carlton, Jr. (Fla.) moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 3. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend the adoption of the Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget for 1978-79 as follows (1977-78 also shown for comparison purposes):

	1977-78	1978-79
Income		
Cooperative Program	\$536,000	\$ 602,000
Dividends and interest	36,000	40,000
Sunday School Board	414,500	420,000
TOTAL	\$986,500	\$1,062,000
Expenditures		
Convention expenses	\$180,000	\$ 205,000
Special Committees	25,000	25,000
Executive Committee	553,200	586,350
Baptist World Alliance	195,000	212,000
Legal and Auditing	2,500	2,500
Building Operations	21,200	22,000
Region in American Life	7,000	7,500
	\$983,900	\$1,060,350
RESERVE	2,600	1,650
TOTAL	\$986,500	\$1,062,000

21. Walter G. Nunn (Ala.) moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 4. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend the adoption of the following revised Program Statement of the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary:

A Program of Service with National Baptists, U.S.A., Inc. in Ministerial Education

PURPOSE:

The objective of the Southern Baptist Convention Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary is to act as liaison between the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. and the Southern Baptist Convention in matters relating to the American Baptist Theological Seminary and through the Seminary to assist generally in developing a strong program of ministerial education for National Baptists.

FUNCTIONS:

1. Transmit and account for all funds that pass from the Southern Baptist Convention to the American Baptist Theological Seminary.
2. Work with leaders in National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. and the Southern Baptist Convention in promoting mutually the interests of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.
3. Provide, as needed, consultative services to the seminary administration and board of trustees in matters of accreditation, management, faculty development, student recruitment, long range planning, and fund raising.
4. Review with the Commission members who are also members of the Holding Board plans regarding the maintenance, insurance, sale, and/or use of properties held by the Holding Board and/or the investment or distribution of funds derived from the use or sale of Holding Board properties.

RELATIONSHIPS:

The Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary is related to the American Baptist Theological Seminary, the American Baptist Theological Seminary Holding Board, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and the Southern Baptist Convention.

22. B. Conrad Johnston (Va.) moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 5. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend the adoption of the following proposed consolidation of Bylaws and Convention Procedure. (Changes are in boldface italics.)

In order to carry out the provisions of the Constitution, the following Bylaws are adopted for the government of the Convention:

1. **Convention Session:** (1) The Convention shall open with the Tuesday morning session and continue through Thursday, holding such sessions as the Committee on Order of Business finds necessary for the conduct of business, except that Wednesday afternoon shall be reserved for seminary luncheons and other necessary meetings; (2) the Convention sermon and the president's message shall be considered as fixed orders at the time designated by the Committee on Order of Business. (Convention Procedure)
2. **Presentation of Outside Causes:** Causes other than those provided for in the regular work of the Convention may be presented to the Convention upon authority of officers of the Convention in conference with the Committee on Order of Business in such ways and at such times as may be dictated by the courtesies of the case and the necessities of the program. (Convention Procedure)
3. **Convention Site:** (1) No city shall be considered as a meeting place for the Southern Baptist Convention in which there is a considerable distance between the available hotels and the Convention hall. (Convention Procedure)
(2) No meetings other than the Convention services shall be held in the Convention hall during the sessions of the Convention. Every service held in the Convention auditorium shall be under the direction of the Committee on Order of Business. (Convention Procedure)
4. **Exhibits:** All exhibits of every description shall be rigidly excluded from those parts of the place of meeting where the people visiting the exhibits will disturb the proceedings of the Convention, their locations to be determined by the Executive Committee or its agent. The Executive Committee of the Convention shall have exclusive control of all exhibit space. (Convention Procedure)
5. **Book of Reports:** (1) Copy for reports and recommendations to the Convention shall be submitted to the recording secretary by March 1, unless circumstances beyond the control of the reporting agency or committee make it impossible.
(2) Recommendations of agencies and committees of the Convention may not be voted upon until the recommendations have been printed in the *Book of Reports* or the *Convention Bulletin*. The recording secretary is authorized to provide the Baptist press and other interested parties, upon their request, copies of recommendations requiring Convention action. (Convention Procedure)
6. **Convention Annual:** The *Convention Annual* containing reports and actions of the Convention and other pertinent material shall be published as soon as possible after the meeting of the Convention and shall be made available without charge to all active pastors and denominational agents. (Convention Procedure)
7. **Bulletin:** (1) The Executive Committee of the Convention shall have printed each day a *sufficient number* of brief reports, or bulletins, of the Journal of Proceedings, reporting specifically matters of business proposed and acted upon, including the names of committees appointed, reports of the committees, and such business as may be transacted and carried over to the following day, also including a list of the titles or subjects of the resolutions presented and the names of the persons presenting them.
(2) Such report, or bulletin, shall not include speeches or addresses or any comment thereon, a photograph, or any personal reference to any messenger of the Convention, but shall be only a resume of the business transacted during that day. (Convention Procedure)
8. **Enrollment of Messengers:** (1) The secretaries of the Convention shall be at the place of meeting one (1) day before each annual session convenes to enroll messengers who present proper credentials from the churches.

These messengers with others who may be enrolled upon presentation of approved credentials during the session shall constitute the Convention.

(2) The president of the Convention in consultation with the vice-presidents, shall appoint, at least thirty (30) days before the annual session, a Credentials Committee to serve at the forthcoming sessions. This committee shall assist the registration secretary in problems regarding registration and seating of messengers. Any contention arising on the floor concerning seating of messengers shall be referred to the committee for consideration and the committee shall report back to the Convention.

9. **Address of Welcome:** There may be one (1) address of welcome limited to ten (10) minutes and one (1) response thereto limited to ten (10) minutes. (Convention Procedure)
10. **Election of Officers:** (1) The president, the first and second vice-presidents, and the secretaries shall be elected not later than the second full day of the Convention, their terms of office to begin at the final adjournment.
 - (2) Election of officers shall be by ballot, provided however that if there is only one (1) nomination, and no other person desires to nominate, the secretary or anyone designated for the purpose may cast the ballot of the Convention.
 - (3) Nominating speeches for officers of the Convention shall be limited to one (1) address of not more than three (3) minutes for each nominee. (Bylaws 4 and 5 combined)
 - (4) The president, in consultation with the registration secretary, shall appoint the tellers. The tabulation of any vote by the tellers shall be under the supervision of the registration secretary. (Convention Procedure)
 - (5) 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. (Convention Procedure)
11. **Parliamentary Authority:** The Parliamentary authority of the Convention shall be *Robert's Rules of Order* (latest revised edition).
12. **Program Leaders:** Program leaders of all Southern Baptist Convention programs shall be admitted to the Convention sessions and shall be authorized to serve as resource persons for discussion of those matters which affect their areas of program responsibility. (Convention Procedure)
13. **Memorial Services:** The Committee on Order of Business is instructed to arrange for any memorial service to be held during the Convention. (Convention Procedure)
14. **Denominational Press:** The Denominational Press shall be given a permanent place on the annual program of the Southern Baptist Convention. (Convention Procedure)
15. **Agencies and Auxiliary of the Convention:**
 - (1) The agencies of the Convention are as follows:
 - (a) **General Boards:** Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia; Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia; The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas.
 - (b) **Institutions:** The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky; The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana; Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California; The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc., Wake Forest, North Carolina; Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Inc., Kansas City, Missouri; Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, Tennessee. Institutions not owned but fostered by the Convention: The American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee.
 - (c) **Commissions:** Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; The Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee; The Christian Life Commission of the

Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Fort Worth, Texas; Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, Tennessee; and The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

(2) Auxiliary: Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama, is an auxiliary of the Convention.

16. Election of Board Members, Trustees, Commissioners, or members of Standing Committees:

(1) The Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees shall be composed of two (2) members from each *qualified* state, who shall be nominated to the Convention by the Committee on Committees. One (1) person named to the committee from each state shall be a lay person.

(2) The Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Standing Committees thus chosen shall carefully prepare its report through the year, guarding the provisions of the Constitution and Bylaws, and shall nominate to the next Convention the following:

- (a) Members of the general boards in accordance with Article VI, Section 1, of the Constitution.
- (b) The trustees, directors, or boards of the institutions of the Convention in accordance with Article VI, Section 2 of the Constitution.
- (c) All standing committees.
- (d) The members of the Christian Life Commission, the Education Commission, the Radio and Television Commission, the Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, the Historical Commission, the Brotherhood Commission, and the Stewardship Commission.
- (e) The Executive Committee.

(3) In making the selections and nominating the members of the boards, commissions, and standing committees of the Convention, the committee shall not nominate any one (1) person on more than one (1) of the boards or commissions of the Convention. This, however, shall not apply to the Southern Baptist Foundation. The committee shall recognize the principle that the boards, commissions, and trustees named should represent the constituency of the Convention, rather than the staff of the agency.

(4) 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 and such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with established Convention procedure.

(5) All Convention committees, boards, and commissions shall include both pastors or other full-time church or denominational employees and those who are not pastors or full-time church or denominational employees. Not more than two-thirds of the members of any group shall be drawn from either category. The terms "ordained" and "lay person" shall be so understood in other Bylaws.

(6) Where representation is by qualifying states, any person who is a member of a committee, commission, or board of trustees shall be considered as having resigned when the person moves church membership from the state where he/she had been elected as a representative.

(7) The committee shall not name a person to serve on an agency as a trustee or director who has resigned from service as a trustee or director of any other agency during the current Convention year, unless the person shall have resigned because of moving to another state. Neither shall the committee name a person who is a trustee or director of an agency or the Executive Committee until one year has elapsed after having served the term or terms authorized by the Constitution and Bylaws.

(8) The report of the committee shall be published in the first day's *Bulletin* and may be amended on the floor of the Convention by a majority vote of those voting.

17. **Vacancies on Boards:** All agencies shall report all vacancies on the agencies to the Committee on Boards immediately on the occurrence of such vacancies. An agency may make interim appointments only when authorized by its charter. (Convention Procedure)
18. **Standing Committees:** (1) The standing committees of the Convention shall be (a) Public Affairs, (b) Order of Business, and (c) Denominational Calendar.

(2) The Public Affairs Committee shall have fifteen (15) members, including the president of the Convention, the executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee, the executive officers or staff representatives of the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Christian Life Commission, Sunday School Board, Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary Union, and the executive officers or presidents of not more than two (2) of the other agencies or auxiliaries of the Convention. The membership shall include at least five (5) ordained and five (5) lay persons. The five (5) at-large members and the two (2) general agency representatives shall be elected one-fourth each year for a term of four (4) years and shall not be eligible for reelection until one (1) year has elapsed. Insofar as possible, the members of the Committee shall be selected on a basis that will provide representation of the various geographic areas of the United States.

(3) The Order of Business Committee representation is outlined in *Bylaw 23*.

(4) The Denominational Calendar Committee shall consist of four (4) pastors and/or educational directors and two (2) laypersons and shall work with the Calendar Committee of the Inter-Agency Council in the preparation of the denominational calendar. The members of the Denominational Calendar Committee shall be elected one-third each year and shall not be eligible for more than one (1) three-year term.

19. **Representation:**

(1) **Fraternal Messengers:** (a) The Convention shall send a fraternal messenger to the annual sessions of the American Baptist Churches and the National Baptist conventions. The expenses of the fraternal messengers incurred while in attendance upon the conventions herein named shall be included in the items of Convention expenses. (b) The fraternal messenger to the American Baptist Churches shall be the president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the time of the meeting of the American Baptist Churches, and he shall also be the fraternal messenger to the other national Baptist conventions named. If the president is unable to attend, he shall be authorized to name another officer as a substitute. (c) The fraternal messengers to other Baptist bodies or other religious bodies may be elected by the Convention as occasion may require. The expenses of such messengers shall be borne by the messengers themselves unless specifically provided for by the Convention. (Convention Procedure)

(2) **Baptist World Alliance General Council:** The representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention on the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance shall include the following: the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board and the executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The remaining nine (9) shall be *nominated* by the Committee on Boards to serve for the Baptist World Alliance Congress period. They will be divided between *persons employed full time by a church or denominational agency* and *persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency* in keeping with the Convention bylaw provisions.

In the event the Southern Baptist Convention or the Executive Committee does not have the opportunity to approve proxies for those named by the Southern Baptist Convention as members of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, the members of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance representing the Southern Baptist Convention, answering the roll call at the regular meeting of the General Council of

the Alliance, shall be authorized to certify someone attending the meeting as a proxy. The expenses of proxies to the meeting shall not be paid out of the Convention Operating Budget. (Convention Procedure)

(3) North American Baptist Fellowship: The representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention to the North American Baptist Fellowship shall be the current president of the Southern Baptist Convention and the executive secretaries of the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood Commission, and Executive Committee. The remaining eight (8) shall be named by the Committee on Boards and shall be evenly divided between persons employed full time by a church or denominational agency and persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency. Their terms shall be concurrent with the Baptist World Alliance, except for the president.

The expenses of proxies to the meeting shall not be paid out of the Convention Operating Budget. (Convention Procedure)

20. The Executive Committee:

(1) The Executive Committee shall consist of the president and the recording secretary of the Convention, the president of the Woman's Missionary Union, and one (1) member from each cooperating state of the Convention subject to the provisions of Section 31 of the Bylaws. When the membership of cooperating Baptist churches in a given state shall have reached two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000), there shall be elected an additional member of the Executive Committee, one (1) of whom shall be a lay person; and, further, there shall be an additional member for each two hundred and fifty thousand (250,000) members providing that the number of members from each cooperating state shall be limited to five (5); and, further, that not more than two-thirds shall be drawn from either ordained or lay persons. No salaried official of the Convention or of any of its agencies or any member of any board or board of trustees or commission of the Convention or any salaried official of any state convention or of any agency of a state convention may be a member of the Executive Committee, but these restrictions shall not apply in case of the president, the president of Woman's Missionary Union, and the recording secretary of the Convention.

(2) The members shall be divided into four (4) groups as nearly equal as possible and shall hold office for four (4) years, one-fourth going out of office each year.

(3) A majority of the Committee shall constitute a quorum.

(4) The Executive Committee shall elect an executive secretary (who may also be treasurer), and other officers and helpers who may be needed. All the main executive officers and all the office employees who handle funds shall be bonded, and no salaried officer or employee shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

(5) The Executive Committee shall be the fiduciary, the fiscal, and the executive agency of the Convention in all its affairs not specifically committed to some other board or agency.

The Executive Committee is specifically authorized, instructed, and commissioned to perform the following functions:

(a) To act for the Convention ad interim in all matters not otherwise provided for.

(b) To be named in transfers of real and personal property for the use and benefit of the Convention either by deed, conveyance, will, or otherwise and to affix the seal of the Convention to all approved transactions; and to take title to and hold or to convey title to all properties, real or personal, and all funds, monies, and securities that are donated or transferred or left by will to or for the use of the Convention. As to such properties, funds, monies, and securities as the Executive Committee shall hold and not convey title to, the Executive Committee shall be custodian of such, holding them in trust for the Convention to be managed, controlled, and administered by the Executive Committee in accordance with the direction, general or specific, of the Convention.

Rules governing the handling of securities set out in Article VII, Section 3, of the Constitution shall be observed by the Executive Committee.

(c) To receive and receipt for all current funds of the Convention including all undesignated cooperative missionary, educational, and benevolent funds and all current special or designated funds for missionary, educational, and benevolent purposes which may be contributed by individuals, churches, societies, corporations, associations, or state conventions; and to disburse all undesignated funds according to the percentages fixed by the Convention and all the designated funds according to the stipulations of the donors. The Executive Committee shall keep the accounts of all interagency groups and shall disburse their funds on requisition of the properly constituted officers of the interagency organization.

(d) To recommend to the Convention a time and place and to have oversight of the arrangements for the meetings of the Convention, with authority to change both the time and place of the meetings in accordance with the provisions of Article XI, Section 3, of the Constitution.

(e) To act in an advisory capacity on all questions of cooperation among the different agencies of the Convention, and among the agencies of the Convention and those of other conventions, whether state or national.

(f) To present to the Convention each year a consolidated and comprehensive financial statement of the Convention and all its agencies, which statement shall show the assets and liabilities of the Convention and all its agencies, and all the cash and other receipts of the year.

(g) To present to the Convention a comprehensive budget for the Convention and for all its agencies, which budget shall include the budgets of all the agencies of the Convention whether or not they receive Cooperative Program funds, as reviewed by the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall recommend the amount of Convention funds which may be allocated to each cause. It shall not recommend any direct allocation of funds for any agency or institution for which the Convention does not elect trustees or directors.

(h) To conduct the general work of promotion and the general work of publicity for the Convention in cooperation with the agencies of the Convention. The Executive Committee shall appoint a small public relations advisory committee comprised of representatives from the principal Southern Baptist agencies, state conventions, and state papers. The public relations advisory committee shall advise the public relations committee of the Executive Committee and the public relations secretary on all aspects of the public relations service provided by the Executive Committee.

(i) To maintain open channels of communication between the Executive Committee and the trustees of the agencies of the Convention, to study and make recommendations to agencies concerning adjustments required by program assignments or by established Convention policies and practices, and, whenever deemed advisable, to make recommendations to the Convention. The Executive Committee shall not have authority to control or direct the several boards, agencies, and institutions of the Convention. This is the responsibility of trustees elected by the Convention and accountable directly to the Convention.

(j) To make its own bylaws in keeping with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Convention in carrying out these instructions to the Executive Committee; to hold meetings whenever deemed necessary; to make reports of all meetings to the Convention; to notify all the boards, agencies, and institutions of the actions of the Convention and to advise with them as to the best way of promoting all the interests of the Convention.

(k) To derive, in accordance with the action of the Convention in Atlanta in 1944, the expenses of the Executive Committee from the Operating Budget of the Convention specifically established for this purpose and formerly approved by the Convention.

(l) To utilize an appropriate report format which will enable the Executive Committee to obtain from the agencies adequate and

comparable information about program plans, accomplishments, and financial data.

(m) To maintain an official organization manual defining the responsibilities of each agency of the Convention for conducting specific programs and for performing other functions. The manual shall cite the actions of the Convention that assigned the programs and other functions to the agency. The Executive Committee shall present to the Convention recommendations required to clarify the responsibilities of the agencies for programs and other functions, to eliminate overlapping assignments of responsibility, and to authorize the assignment of new responsibilities for programs or functions to agencies.

(n) To send copies of the minutes of the Executive Committee to the heads of all Southern Baptist Convention agencies, and copies of the minutes of all agencies shall be sent to the office of the Executive Committee.

21. **Committee on Committees:** A Committee on Committees, composed of two (2) members from each *qualified* state and the District of Columbia, shall be appointed by the president, in conference with the vice-presidents, of whom one (1) shall be designated as chairperson. Members so named shall be notified in writing, at least one (1) month before the meeting of the Convention, and their names shall be published in the first issue of the *Convention Bulletin*. The president may fill vacancies on the committee when those originally named do not attend the Convention. This committee shall nominate all special committees authorized during the sessions of the Convention not otherwise provided for. All special Convention committees shall transfer, upon their discharge, all official files to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.
22. **Committee on Resolutions:** At least sixty (60) days in advance of the Convention, the president, in conference with the vice-presidents, shall appoint a Committee on Resolutions to consist of ten (10) members, three (3) of whom shall be members of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee at each session of the Convention to prepare and submit to the Convention all resolutions which it deems appropriate for adoption, and to report on all matters submitted to it by the Convention, with or without recommendation or amendments. It is requested that copies of proposed resolutions be submitted to the committee chairperson thirty (30) days before the Convention in order to make possible more thorough consideration and to expedite the committee's work.
23. **Committee on Order of Business:** The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of seven (7) members—the president of the Convention and six (6) other members, two (2) of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years and one-third of whom shall be lay persons. No member of the committee can succeed himself or herself. The committee shall suggest an order of business for the next meeting of the Convention. It shall provide periods of time during the early days of the Convention for the introduction of all matters requiring a vote not scheduled on the agenda, and, when introduced (unless the Convention then gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) shall fix times for the consideration of the same. When practicable it shall give notice in the *Convention Bulletin* of the substance of the motion or resolution and the time for its consideration. If unable to give notice in the *Bulletin*, it shall cause announcement to be made from the floor of the Convention of the same, action thereon to be taken at a subsequent session of that Convention. The committee shall recommend to the Convention a preacher for the succeeding Convention sermon and the director of music.
24. **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.
25. **The Inter-Agency Council:** The Inter-Agency Council shall serve as the organization through which the various agencies of the Convention will correlate their work.
 - (1) The work of the Council shall be in keeping with its prescribed

functions. It will neither launch nor execute programs; it will formulate no policies, except those which govern its own activities. Its chief purpose is that of consultation, communication, and cooperation. The scope of its work will be that of (a) finding ways of mutual reenforcement in assigned responsibilities and distinctive ministries; (b) considering and seeking to resolve tensions resulting from overlapping endeavors and competitive programs; (c) considering the means for helping the churches fulfil their divine mission in Bible teaching, evangelism, world missions, stewardship, Christian training, education, and Christian social service; (d) finding ways for effective cooperation in promoting the total work of the Southern Baptist Convention; (e) considering the significant factors affecting the work and witness of the denomination and seeking to find the means through which the power of the Christian gospel may be brought to bear on the total life of our time.

(2) In the matter of relationships, (a) the Council is not, itself, an agency of the Convention; (b) it has no authority over the several agencies; (c) its decisions are not binding on the agencies, since the boards and commissions must retain the authority to reach the decisions required to carry out their own responsibilities; (d) its relationship to the agencies is purely advisory; (e) the Council does not report formally either to the Convention or the Executive Committee, nor does the Convention refer matters directly to the Inter-agency Council; (f) it may receive from and refer to the Executive Committee problems for consideration; (g) it is not required to take formal action with regard to matters referred to it by the Executive Committee in serving as a channel of cooperation and correlation relative to the work of the Convention; (h) the Council sustains no direct relationship with state conventions or local churches, but it will strive to be mindful of the needs of the churches as well as the functions and ministries of the several conventions.

26. **Program Statements:** The program statements of the agencies as approved by the Southern Baptist Convention and published in the 1967 *Annual* and subsequently amended express the policy of the Convention with respect to the programs of the agencies of the Convention.
27. **New Enterprises and Abolishing of Agencies:** No new enterprise, involving expenditure of money, shall be authorized by the Convention except upon favorable action by the Convention in two (2) succeeding annual meetings; provided, however, that this restriction shall not apply to a recommendation of an agency of the Convention concerning its own work. No agency shall be discontinued without a majority vote at two (2) successive annual sessions of the Convention.

28. **Procedures:**

(1) *Method of Procedure for Agencies:* To facilitate consideration and discussion of the interests of the Convention, the following method of procedure is hereby adopted: (a) Printed reports of the boards, institutions, commissions, and standing committees shall be consolidated into the *Book of Reports* for distribution to messengers on their enrollment. (b) Reports of all special commissions and standing committees, containing recommendations for the Convention's action, shall be included in the *Book of Reports*. (c) All recommendations of each board, institution, commission, special committee, and standing committee shall be printed together at the end of its report before they may be considered by the Convention. In case any agency or committee shall be unable to comply with this requirement, its recommendation shall be printed in the *Convention Bulletin* before consideration and action by the Convention. Recommendations by an agency which are not published in the *Book of Reports* or the *Convention Bulletin* shall, when presented to the Convention, be referred to the Executive Committee or to such other committee as the Convention may direct.

(2) *Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Agencies:* Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or programs of an agency shall be referred to the elected board of the agency for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual session of the Convention for action with the exception that the Committee on Order of Business may be instructed by a two-thirds vote to arrange for

consideration at a subsequent meeting of the same Convention, subject to provision of *Bylaw 23*.

(3) *Limitations*: One-third of the time for consideration of all reports before the Convention shall be reserved for discussion from the floor. (Combination of Bylaws 16, 17, and 22)

29. **Publicity and Press Representative**: (1) The boards, institutions, and special committees dealing with matters of general importance and interest shall have in the hands of the press representative of the Convention, at least one (1) week in advance, copies of digests of their reports to be submitted to the approaching Convention.
- (2) The press representative shall cooperate with the representatives of the secular press in furnishing intelligent, accurate, and creditable reports of this Convention while in session.
30. **Closing of Books**: (1) The agencies of the Convention shall close their books and accounts and have them audited as of midnight September 30, or in the case of the seminaries, July 31, or in the case of the mission boards, December 31. Supplemental reports for the period between the closing of the books of the agencies and the Convention session should be included in the reports to the Convention.
- (2) The seminaries and the mission boards shall submit a financial statement showing assets and liabilities as of September 30, and total receipts for the twelve-month period closing September 30.
31. **Representation from New States and Territories**: When the cooperating Baptist churches in a state or territory have twenty-five thousand (25,000) members, they may file application for representation on the Executive Committee, boards, commissions, standing committees, and special committees as provided by the Bylaws of the Convention. This application shall be filed with the secretary before the annual meeting of the Convention, stating the number of members in the churches, the amount of money given to the work of the Convention during the preceding year, and other relevant information. The application shall be referred to the Executive Committee, who shall investigate all matters pertaining to the request and make a report to the next annual session of the Convention for its action.
32. **Adoption of Reports**: The adoption of recommendations contained in reports to the Convention shall not bind the Convention on any other matters in the body of the reports; but the Convention reserves the right to consider and amend the body of all reports.
33. **As to Violation of State Laws**: All incorporated agencies of the Convention shall be required to comply with the letter and spirit of the Constitution insofar as it is not in conflict with the statute law of the state in which an agency is incorporated, and nothing herein contained shall be construed to require any such incorporated agency to act and carry on its affairs in conflict with the law of the state of its incorporation. In case any action of any agency of the Convention is found to be a violation of the law of the state of its incorporation, said action shall be reported by that agency to the Convention for appropriate action.
34. **Charters of Agencies**: The charters of all agencies shall provide that the trustees or directors of such agencies be elected by the Convention, and that their charters may not be further amended without the prior consent of the Convention. Any subsidiary corporation established by any agency of the Convention shall first be authorized by the Convention or its Executive Committee and its proposed charter approved by the same. All such corporations are subject to the Business and Financial Plan of the Convention.
35. **Amendments**: The Bylaws may be altered pursuant to *Bylaw 23* by a two-thirds majority vote at any time except on the last day of the Convention. *Bylaw 15*, which lists the agencies and auxiliary of the Convention, may be amended by a majority vote of two (2) successive annual sessions.

23. Charles Harvey (La.) moved the adoption of Recommendations 6 and 7. The motions passed.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that Bylaw 7 (Revised Bylaw 16) be amended to add the following paragraph:

"Where a pastor or church/denominational employee was serving as pastor or church/denominational employee at the time of retirement, then he or she should be counted as a church/denominational employee after retirement as far as the work of the Committee on Boards is concerned."

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that the following bylaws be approved to bring them into conformity with previous Convention action (changes in boldface italics):

(1) Bylaws—Section 7(1) line 3—(Revised Bylaw 16[1])

"One (1) person named to the committee from each state shall be a *person not employed full time by a church or denominational agency.*"

(2) Bylaw 7—first paragraph, top of page 9, '77 Annual—(Revised Bylaw 16 [5])

Delete the following sentence: "The terms 'ordained' and 'lay persons' shall be so understood in other bylaws."

(3) Bylaw 8—(Revised Bylaw 18[2])

"The membership shall include at least five (5) *persons employed full time by a church or denominational agency* and five (5) *persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency.*"

(4) Bylaw 8—referring to Denominational Calendar Committee—(Revised Bylaw 18[4])

"... shall consist of four (4) pastors and/or educational directors and two (2) *persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency.*"

(5) Bylaw 9—first paragraph, line 7—(Revised Bylaw 20—first paragraph, line 7)

"... one (1) of whom shall be a *person not employed full time by a church or denominational agency.*"

(6) Bylaw 9—first paragraph, line 11—(Revised Bylaw 20—first paragraph, line 11)

"... be drawn from either *persons employed full time by a church or denominational agency* or *persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency.*"

(7) Bylaw 12—line 4—(Revised Bylaw 23, line 4)

"... one-third of whom shall be *persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency.*"

24. H. Franklin Paschall (Tenn.) moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 8. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend second approval of the following changes in the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution (changes in boldface italics):

(1) Second approval of the Article V, Section 2., lines 2, 3, and 4, of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention—amended as follows:

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

(2) Second approval of amendment to Article VI, Section 2. (4) of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

"(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."

(3) Second approval of amendment to Article VII, Section 1. of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

"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."

25. Allen A. Bailey (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 9 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 9

We recommend that Article VI, Section 1, of the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution, be amended to read as follows (changes in boldface italics):

"1. The general boards of the Convention shall be composed as follows, *unless otherwise provided in their charter.*"

NOTE: Article VI, Section 1, now reads:

"Article VI. The Boards, Institutions, and Commissions—their Constitution and Powers:

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

26. James F. Graves (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 10 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 10

We recommend the adoption of the following amendment to Section 10 (2) of the Revised Bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention (changes in boldface italics):

"(2) Election of officers shall be by ballot, provided however that if there is only one (1) nomination, and no other person desires to nominate, the secretary, or anyone designated for the purpose, may cast the ballot of the Convention. *If an officer does not receive a majority of votes cast on the first ballot, subsequent ballots should carry the names of those who are included in the top 50 percent of the total votes cast on the previous ballot.*"

27. Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory (Va.) moved the adoption of Recommendations 11A and 11B. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 11A

We recommend that the 1982 Southern Baptist Convention session be held in the Superdome, New Orleans, Louisiana, June 15-17.

Recommendation No. 11B

We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention in 1983 be held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, June 12-16.

28. President Allen again took the chair. Gary Gunderson (Ga.) raised a question concerning the Executive Committee's response to a 1977 resolution on World Hunger that was referred to the Committee. (See Item 53.)

29. The Chair recognized Andrew Leigh Gunn, Americans United for the Separation of Church and State, and Ralph W. Canty, Progressive Baptist Convention, fraternal messengers, for brief statements.

30. Marvin Glenn (Tex.) presented a resolution concerning temperance lessons in Sunday School Board church literature. (See Item 190.)

31. David Sapp (Tenn.) presented a resolution on world hunger. (See Item 116.)

32. Robert Parham (Ky.) presented a resolution on multilateral nuclear arms control. (See Item 115.)

33. Alvin West (D.C.) presented a resolution on inflation in the United States. (See Item 190.)

34. Billie Pendley (W. Va.) presented a resolution on the proposed Twenty-seventh Amendment to the United States Constitution. (See Item 190.)

35. Harold Bennett (Fla.) presented a resolution on the American Bible Society. (See Item 113.)

36. Clifford Johnston (Tex.) presented a resolution on conditions in Uganda. (See Item 190.)

37. Stenhen Krysalca (Ga.) presented a resolution on the desired release of Georgi Petrovich Vins. (See Item 190).

38. Robert W. Bailey (N.C.) presented a resolution on Social Security. (See Item 190.)

39. Roy H. Jones (Ind.) presented a resolution on the handicapped. (See Item 117.)

40. Quentin Lockwood (N.J.) presented a resolution on handicapped persons and the church. (See Item 117.)

41. James C. Peck (Ga.) presented a resolution on the J. P. Stevens Manufacturing Company. (See Item 190.)

42. J. Emmett Henderson (Ga.) presented a resolution on soil conservation. (See Item 190.)

43. David Matthews (S.C.) presented a resolution on national security. (See Item 190.)

44. Hugh Wamble (Mo.) presented a resolution on lobbying legislation. (See Item 118.)

45. Joe Crichton (Tenn.) presented a resolution on mentally ill persons. (See Item 121.)

46. Gary D. Tebbetts (Mo.) and John F. Wilder (Mo.) presented a resolution on abortion. (See Item 182.)

47. Ray L. Lundy (S.C.) presented a resolution on child abuse. (See Item 114.)

48. Dick Onarecker (Tex.) presented a resolution on convictions and ideals of the Convention. (See Item 190.)

49. Michael Hester (S.C.) presented a resolution on White House Conference on Families. (See Item 119.)

50. Ben E. Loring (Tex.) presented a resolution on the new racism. (See Item 176.)

51. Herbert S. Whitten (Wyo.) presented a resolution on the establishment of new churches and other units of work. (See Item 190.)

52. M. Clay Warf (N.C.) presented a resolution on world hunger relief. (See Item 190.)

53. W. Ches Smith (Ga.) reported on action taken by the Executive Committee in response to the 1977 resolution on world hunger which made reference to a study to be made by the Executive Committee. (See Item 28.)

54. George E. Bagley (Ala.) moved "that the 1981 Convention meet in Los Angeles as planned for one day only on Monday of the Convention week, and that we tend to all the business of the Convention and have a commissioning service that evening; that on Tuesday of the Convention week to give as much time as possible to assist the state conventions and churches to share the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with every person of that area; and that we request the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention working with the various state conventions to coordinate this bold effort." The motion and others to follow were referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 144.)

55. Mrs. Richard Sappington (Tex.) called attention to opinion polls and surveys dealing with the ordaining of women to the ministry which have been taken by denominational agencies and printed in Convention/denominational publications and other news media. She then moved "that an 'Opinionnaire Ballot' be taken and respectfully

requested that it be done when the largest number of messengers are expected to be present." (See Item 145.)

56. Randolph Gregory (N.C.) moved "that this Convention request the State of Israel to remove restrictions on Christian churches and Christian missionaries in Israel." (See Item 146.)

57. Paul Gritz (Okla.) moved "that Bylaw 17 (28 (2)) be amended by adding a new sentence as follows: 'A written report with recommended action shall be made by the elected board of the agency concerning every motion referred to that board for study and shall be printed as provided in Bylaw 16 (28 (1)) following a standard format. The format shall state the motion, the study process and findings of the board with regard to the content of the motion, and the recommended action for the Convention;' and that the Committee on Order of Business schedule this motion for discussion during this 1978 session according to the provisions of Bylaw 12 (23)." (See Item 147.)

58. Jack Gritz (Okla.) moved "that the Southern Baptist Convention request its Executive Committee to study the feasibility of establishing a seventh theological seminary and report to the next annual meeting of the Convention, with the understanding that due consideration will be given to establishing such a proposed seminary in some northern area of the United States and with the further understanding that such an institution would maintain the same high academic standards as the six present seminaries owned and operated by Southern Baptists." (See Item 148.)

59. John G. (Jack) Green (Fla.) moved "that this Convention request the Executive Committee to study the practice of Cooperative Program agencies and commissions receiving funds for their services from local churches; that this Convention request the Stewardship Commission to consider developing an alternate method of financing for the 'Together We Build' program so that this new program may be available to all cooperating churches without extraordinary fees above basic costs." (See Item 175.)

60. Rudy Duett (Nev.) requested prayer support for the impending organization of the Nevada Baptist Convention on October 16-17, 1978 in Las Vegas.

61. The Chair recognized Royal Ambassadors who had received the Service Aide National Award which was based on at least 750 hours of service in one's church and community.

62. Secretary Porter reported a registration of 20,254 that surpasses the total of any previous Convention.

63. Marian (Mrs. J. Marse) Grant (N.C.) announced that motions presented in the morning session would be scheduled for consideration during the Wednesday morning business session.

64. Charles E. Stevens (N.C.) led the messengers in prayer at the close of the morning session.

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65. Music for inspiration was presented by the Brewton-Parker College Choir, Mt. Vernon, Georgia, Hildegard Stanley, director.

66. Charles Muller (S.C.) led the messengers in singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

67. Lauren Locke (Tenn.) led the messengers in reading from the Scriptures in unison, and Pat Heriford (Kan.) led in prayer.

68. Vice-President Runnels announced the time for the election

of officers, beginning with president. J. R. White (Ala.) nominated Jimmy Allen to serve a second term as Convention president. Clift W. Brannon (Tex.) moved that nominations cease and that the Convention elect Jimmy R. Allen by acclamation. Secretary Bradley cast the ballot on behalf of the Convention for Jimmy Allen as president.

69. President Allen opened the floor for nominations for first vice-president. Gene Russell (Tex.) nominated Anita Bryant Green (Fla.). W. M. (Bill) Hinson (La.) nominated Douglas Watterson (Tenn.). Ballots were cast for first vice-president.

70. Charles Harvey (La.) nominated Porter Routh as treasurer of the Convention, and moved that nominations cease and that he be elected by acclamation. Secretary Bradley cast the ballot on behalf of the Convention for Porter Routh as treasurer.

71. Harvey moved that Martin Bradley be elected as recording secretary by acclamation. Secretary Lee Porter cast the ballot on behalf of the Convention for Bradley as recording secretary.

72. Harvey moved that Lee Porter be elected as registration secretary by acclamation. Secretary Bradley cast the ballot on behalf of the Convention for Porter as registration secretary.

73. President Allen recognized Porter Routh (Tenn.) for the completion of the report of the Executive Committee, and then turned the chair over to Vice-President Sutton.

74. Richard Beale (Va.) presented Recommendation No. 12 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 12

We recommend the approval of the following resolution on the American Baptist Theological Seminary:

WHEREAS, It has been impossible to fully consummate the "agreement" on the American Baptist Theological Seminary adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1964, and amended in 1965, and

WHEREAS, A clarification in the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. relationships to the American Baptist Theological Seminary is needed, the following is proposed:

1. There shall be one governing body to conduct the affairs of the Seminary. This body, to be known as the American Baptist Theological Seminary Board of Directors, shall consist of 32 members, equally divided between the two conventions. The Southern Baptist Convention shall, prior to July 1 each year, certify in writing to the president of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc. the names of the Southern Baptist Convention directors. The National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. shall, prior to July 1 each year, certify in writing to the executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention the names of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. directors. Twelve of the directors, also equally divided between the two conventions and elected from the Nashville area, or within a reasonable traveling distance, shall comprise the local board or executive committee of the Seminary. The Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (in keeping with Convention procedure) shall have the option of appointing an officer or staff representative who shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board but without vote.
2. The Holding Board of the American Baptist Theological Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. will continue to hold title to Holding Board funds and real property held by the Holding Board. The affairs of the Holding Board shall be managed by its Board of Directors. The number of directors shall be twelve. Eight of the directors shall be appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention and the remaining four shall be appointed by the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. The Southern Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (in keeping with Convention procedure)

shall have the option of appointing an officer or a staff representative who shall serve as an ex officio member of the Board but without vote. Each convention will, prior to July 1 each year, certify to the secretary-treasurer of the Holding Board by writing, addressed to James Robertson Parkway, Nashville, Tennessee 37219, the names and addresses of the directors named by that convention.

3. The charter of the American Baptist Theological Seminary shall be amended to indicate that:

(a) The president of the American Baptist Theological Seminary shall be any qualified Baptist elected by the directors.

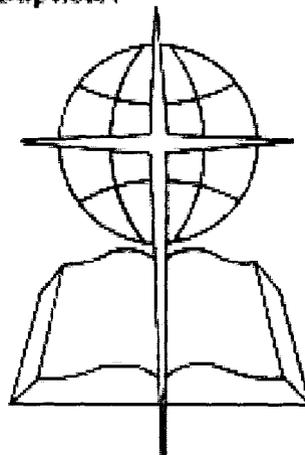
(b.) The charter of the American Baptist Theological Seminary may not be changed henceforth without the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention (or the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention) and the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (or the Executive Committee of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc.).

4. This agreement supersedes all previous agreements and shall become effective July 1, 1978, or when approved by both conventions.

75. John T. Dunaway (Ky.) presented Recommendation No. 13 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend the adoption of the following art—depicting the cross, the Bible, and the world—as a symbol for the Southern Baptist Convention for voluntary use by Southern Baptists:



76. Owen Cooper (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 14 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 14

We recommend that the Committee on the Mission Service Corps be continued for another year.

77. Brooks Wester (Miss.), chairman of the search committee to recommend a successor to Porter Routh as executive secretary of the Executive Committee, asked for the interest and prayers of Southern Baptists as the committee seeks God's will in the matter. Wester then presented Recommendation No. 15 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 15

We recommend a revised Statement of Purpose in the Charter of the Home Mission Board as follows:

"3. The Home Mission Board serves as the channel through which the Southern Baptist Convention expresses missions and evangelism concerns in the United States and assigned territories by developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to enable churches, associations, and state conventions to move into new frontiers in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to make disciples, and in establishing congregations for witnessing and ministering."

78. Norvell Jones (Mo.) moved that Recommendation No. 16 be adopted. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 16

We recommend the following proposed Home Mission Board change in "purpose" as printed in its program statement.

"The Home Mission Board serves as the channel through which the Southern Baptist Convention expresses missions and evangelism concerns in the United States and assigned territories by developing and implementing a comprehensive strategy to enable churches, associations, and state conventions to move into new frontiers in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to make disciples, and in establishing congregations for witnessing and ministering."

79. Albert McClellan (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 17 and moved its adoption. The motion carried.

Recommendation No. 17

(1) We recommend that the Convention enter into a major denominational emphasis on Bold Mission Thrust for 1979-1982 to be faithfully supported by all the agencies of the Convention with the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Brotherhood Commission, the Woman's Missionary Union, the Stewardship Commission, the Radio and Television Commission, and the Sunday School Board as sponsoring agencies.

(2) We recommend that other agencies of the Convention be recognized as emphasis supporting agencies, especially those agencies that directly touch the churches.

(3) We further recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention Objectives and Goals for the period 1979-1982 be as follows:

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION BOLD MISSION THRUST

Purpose: That Southern Baptists understand, accept, and become involved in the mission to enable every person in the world to have opportunity to hear and to respond to the gospel of Christ by the year 2000.

In order for this purpose to be fully realized, the churches must make spiritual preparation. This preparation must include praying, strengthening the church membership in Christian growth and discipleship, and applying the gospel in the community and in society at large.

Objectives and Goals (1979-1982)

- I. **Bold Growing . . .** by providing New Testament based churches and missions for all people . . .
 - (1) Through increasing Bible study enrollment in existing churches by 12 percent by 1982.
 - (2) Through providing opportunities for all persons in their localities to hear the gospel resulting in an increase in baptisms of at least 10 percent per year through 1982.
 - (3) Through establishing 5,800 church-type missions and churches.
 - (4) Through every church establishing at least one point of witness in new geographical and/or cultural areas.
- II. **Bold Going . . .** by seeking out and equipping the called and cooperating in the support of persons participating in the activities of Bold Mission Thrust . . .
 - (1) Through churches seeking out the called and supporting 1,000 additional career missionaries.
 - (2) Through the churches seeking out the called and cooperating in the support of 5,000 Mission Service Corps and 100,000 other short-term mission volunteers.
 - (3) Through churches enlisting and equipping church members for presenting the gospel in their own localities.
- III. **Bold Giving . . .** by providing adequate financial resources to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust.
 - (1) Through enlarging the financial base in each church by at least 15 percent annually.
 - (2) Through doubling gifts through the Cooperative Program by 1982 (from 1977).

- (3) Through enlarging gifts for work through the associations by at least 10 percent each year.
- (4) Through increasing the special mission offerings; foreign, home, and state, by at least 10 percent each year.
- (5) Through securing adequate gifts over and above regular gifts to send 5,000 Mission Service Corps volunteers.

(4) We further recommend that a suggested Local Church Bold Mission Thrust Planning Process (1979-1982) be commended to the churches as follows:

Bold Mission Thrust 1979-1982 is a special Southern Baptist Convention emphasis which suggests priority objectives and goals for growth and missions.

These include three major objectives: (1) Growth in Bible study, baptisms, and the establishment of new missions, churches, points of witness; (2) growth in the number of career missionaries and volunteers serving at home and abroad; and (3) growth in individual and church stewardship in the support of missions. It involves the local church learning, proclaiming, and applying the gospel. It calls for the churches to be faithful in their communities and in the whole world.

To achieve these objectives, the churches should define their growth and missions opportunities, set growth and missions goals, and develop growth and missions plans of action.

- The churches will make spiritual preparation by praying for commitment and involvement of members in keeping with the overall purpose and preamble of Bold Mission Thrust. Bold praying should provide consistent undergirding for the project.
- The pastor will assume the leadership for Bold Mission Thrust.
- An appropriate group will plan and carry out the program in keeping with the church policy. The planning may be done by a committee with the pastor or other church staff member leading. This committee should include at least representatives of any of the following groups that the church has: Sunday School, Church Training, Church Music, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, deacons, missions committee, and stewardship committee. Where they exist, active church councils may be used as the planning group. In most churches the pastor should take the lead, and in all churches he should be actively involved in the planning process.
- A special "Pastor/Church Council Planner" will be available in the spring of 1979 as a church resource in planning for Bold Mission Thrust.
- Planning should be done for the three-year period.
- Planning should be open-ended to allow for other emphases to be added in 1980-81 and 1981-82, if such are needed.

Using the background material provided by your state convention office or found in the *Baptist Program* for fall 1978 and spring 1979, complete the following suggested planning steps: (a) Commit the church, (b) Survey the Needs, (c) Set the Goals, (d) Plan the Actions, (e) Train the Workers, (f) Provide the Finances, (g) Develop the Members.

(5) We further recommend that the Executive Committee continue to work with the agencies and the state conventions to secure coordination of the Bold Mission Thrust emphases.

(6) We further recommend that the sponsoring agencies, together with the Executive Committee working with the state conventions, present each year updating and highlighting additions to the Bold Mission Thrust as needed.

(7) We further recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention Committee on Order of Business be requested to include Bold Mission Thrust as a major part of the 1979 Convention order of business in Houston and that the committees for 1980 and 1981 include appropriate aspects of the emphasis in the Convention's orders of business for those years.

(8) That the Woman's Missionary Union, the Pastors' Conference, and other auxiliaries be requested to give major emphasis to Bold Mission Thrust in their 1979, 1980, and 1981 sessions.

(9) That this report be recognized as fulfilling the requirement that the Executive Committee report on the progress being made in accomplishing the directives of the Missions Challenge Committee report (Recommendation 10) in 1976.

80. Porter Routh, concluding the report of the Executive Committee, recognized the members of the Executive Committee present, introduced Tim Hedquist, assistant to the treasurer and director of financial planning for the Executive Committee, and referred to Hedquist's vital role as manager of Convention operations.

81. Martin Bradley (Tenn.), on behalf of the Executive Committee, led in a survey of messengers concerning Convention information for planning purposes. The results were as follows:

The following summaries are based on 7,408 messengers participating. A check shows that the state distribution of these persons closely matches the state distribution of the 22,872 registered messengers. Therefore, the survey participants likely mirror the characteristics of all messengers quite acceptably.

A. Age:

	Male	Female	Total
Under 18	2.4%	2.5%	2.4%
18-29	7.9	8.4	8.1
30-34	8.7	8.6	8.6
35-39	10.0	10.1	10.1
40-44	12.7	11.5	12.2
45-49	14.1	12.4	13.4
50-54	14.1	11.9	13.1
55-59	11.1	11.1	11.1
60-up	14.9	19.3	16.8
Not Indicated	4.1	4.2	4.2
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

B. Sex:

55.9%	Male
42.1	Female
2.0	Not Indicated
100.0%	

C. Mode of travel to and from Atlanta:

9.1%	Plane
88.8	Car
0.1	Train
4.4	Bus
1.2	Not Indicated

D. Total membership of current church:

2.4%	Under 100
8.8	100-199
12.4	200-299
22.4	300-499
26.2	500-999
25.2	1,000-up
2.6	Not Indicated
100.0%	

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

I. Previous (last six) conventions attended:

MALE

	Kansas City 1977	Norfolk 1976	Miami Beach 1975	Dallas 1974	Portland 1973	Philadelphia 1972	Not Indicated
Church staff	46.2%	46.3%	46.2%	43.1%	20.5%	32.8%	23.9%
Home-Foreign Missions	46.3	44.8	47.6	31.3	30.0	38.8	13.4
Associational Missions	70.6	57.8	60.4	57.2	40.1	50.3	11.8
State Convention Agency/Institution	72.9	64.4	66.1	66.9	50.8	60.2	5.1
Denominational (not included above)	65.3	59.7	45.8	58.3	48.6	43.1	23.6
Evangelism	23.8	28.6	26.2	28.6	14.3	14.3	52.4
Homemaking	27.3	15.2	18.2	24.2	15.2	9.1	63.6
All other	18.3	20.9	18.0	12.8	7.9	11.4	64.1
Not Indicated	35.8	39.6	38.8	35.8	17.2	29.1	38.1
Total	43.8	43.3	42.8	39.7	20.9	31.2	29.3

FEMALE

	Kansas City 1977	Norfolk 1976	Miami Beach 1975	Dallas 1974	Portland 1973	Philadelphia 1972	Not Indicated
Church staff	28.6%	30.5%	33.8%	28.1%	12.9%	18.6%	45.2%
Home-Foreign Missions	15.8	26.3	31.6	26.3	21.1	15.8	34.2
Associational Missions	49.2	37.3	39.0	37.3	16.9	28.8	30.5

E. Vocational area:

	Male	Female	Total
Church staff	70.3%	6.8%	43.0%
Home-Foreign Missions	1.6	1.2	1.4
Associational Missions	4.5	1.9	3.4
State Convention Agency/Institution	2.9	1.6	2.3
Denominational (not included above)	1.7	1.3	1.6
Evangelism	1.0	0.1	0.7
Homemaking	0.8	62.2	17.2
All other	14.0	18.4	15.8
Not Indicated	2.2	6.5	4.6
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

F. Spouse's vocational area:

	Male	Female	Total
Don't have spouse	5.1%	13.8%	8.8%
Church staff	4.8	51.5	24.9
Home-Foreign Missions	1.0	1.2	1.1
Associational Missions	1.4	3.2	2.2
State Convention Agency/Institution	0.5	1.8	1.1
Denominational (not included above)	0.5	1.0	0.7
Evangelism	0.2	0.6	0.4
Homemaking	61.6	4.9	37.2
All other	17.9	15.1	16.7
Not Indicated	7.0	6.9	6.9
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

G. Estimated expenses while in Atlanta:

7.9%	Under \$25
7.6	\$25-\$49
8.1	\$50-\$74
9.3	\$75-\$99
12.4	\$100-\$124
10.1	\$125-\$149
41.4	\$150-over
3.2	Not Indicated
100.0%	

H. Did you attend:

	Male	Female	Total
Pastor's Conference	68.7%	56.3%	63.4%
WMU Conference	8.1	26.6	16.1
Music Conference	4.1	4.4	4.2
R.E. Conference	2.9	2.2	2.6
Evang. Conference	8.9	5.6	7.5
Dir. of Miss. Conference	3.6	2.3	3.2
Not Indicated	22.2	23.3	22.7

State Convention Agency/ Institution	38.0	40.0	36.0	26.0	18.0	32.0	46.0
Denominational (not included above)	61.0	65.9	56.1	61.0	43.9	32.2	17.1
Evangelism	33.3	50.0	33.3	33.3	16.7	16.7	33.3
Homemaking	35.0	37.1	35.1	30.1	12.4	20.8	36.1
All other	26.6	32.9	27.4	22.9	13.1	19.1	47.6
Not Indicated	28.1	32.5	31.0	30.5	12.3	15.3	40.9
Total	33.0	35.9	33.7	29.1	13.2	20.6	38.9

NOTE: Read the above tables as follows: Of the males in church staff positions, 46.2 percent attended the Kansas City session; 46.3 percent attended at Norfolk; . . . and 23.9 percent did not report attendance at any of the six conventions.

I. State (location of messenger's church):

9.3%	Alabama	0.4%	Kansas	1.4%	Ohio
0.1	Alaska	4.6	Kentucky	2.1	Oklahoma
0.1	Arizona	3.0	Louisiana	0.1	Oregon
2.1	Arkansas	—	Maine	0.2	Pennsylvania
0.7	California	1.1	Maryland	—	Rhode Island
0.3	Colorado	0.1	Massachusetts	8.0	South Carolina
*	Connecticut	0.4	Michigan	0.1	South Dakota
*	Delaware	*	Minnesota	8.2	Tennessee
0.2	Dis. of Col.	4.4	Mississippi	6.2	Texas
6.3	Florida	3.1	Missouri	—	Utah
16.5	Georgia	*	Montana	—	Vermont
*	Hawaii	0.1	Nebraska	5.6	Virginia
0.1	Idaho	0.1	Nevada	0.1	Washington
1.7	Illinois	*	New Hampshire	0.3	West Virginia
0.8	Indiana	0.1	New Jersey	0.1	Wisconsin
*	Iowa	0.2	New Mexico	0.1	Wyoming
		0.1	New York	*	Puerto Rico
		9.9	North Carolina	1.7	Not Indicated

100.0%

*Less than 0.1%

82. William Tanner (Ga.), executive secretary-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, introduced Robert L. Deneen (S.C.), president of the Board, who moved the adoption of the report of the Board as printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. An audiovisual program concerning Home Mission Board emphasis on the Mission Service Corps and Bold Mission Thrust was then presented.

83. Presnall H. Wood (Tex.), chairman of the trustees of the Sunday School Board, moved the adoption of the report of the Board as printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. Wood then introduced Grady C. Cothen (Tenn.), Board president, who called attention to the matter of reference included in the printed report and in the first day's *Bulletin*, Part II. Cothen introduced new staff members and their wives: Mr. and Mrs. Robert Turner, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Piland, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Edgemon. Piland and Edgemon briefly addressed the Convention. Cothen continued the report by referring to efforts being made in the areas of Home Correspondence Bible Study and the starting of new Sunday Schools. He then presented, on behalf of Broadman Press, an official copy of "Meet Southern Baptists" to the author, Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary and director of program planning of the Executive Committee.

84. George E. Capps, Jr. (Tenn.), associate executive director of the Education Commission, presented George E. Bagley (Ala.), Commission chairman, who moved the adoption of the Commission's report as printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. Bagley and Capps then spoke to the report and expressed regret that Ben C. Fisher, executive secretary-treasurer, could not be present to participate in the report. Bagley called attention to a matter of reference from the 1977 Convention asking the Commission to encourage Southern Baptist schools and colleges to adopt statements of purpose reflecting (1) the authority of the Scriptures, (2) teaching of subjects in light of the Word of God, and (3) selection of Christian faculty and staff members in sympathy with the Baptist Faith and Message statement as adopted in 1963. He referred to a report released by the Commission through Baptist Press in which it was stated that the Com-

mission had no authority, direct or indirect, over Baptist colleges but that the concerns of the 1977 motion continue to be a primary objective of the Commission as it exerts Christian leadership in Southern Baptist higher education. In concluding his remarks concerning evidences of Commission ongoing commitment to concerns of the motion, Bagley stated that although Article 4 of the Constitution says, "while independent and sovereign in its own sphere, the Convention does not claim and will never attempt to exercise any authority over any other Baptist body whether church, auxiliary organizations, association, or convention," the Education Commission accepts the spirit of the motion and will continue to function according to guidelines established by the program statement for the Education Commission approved by the Southern Baptist Convention.

85. The chair recognized Mike Rasberry (Miss.) who raised a question concerning the relationship of the Convention to its institutions, and whether restrictions are imposed consistent with the Baptist Faith and Message statement. Bagley responded that the Southern Baptist Convention does have responsibility with reference to its six seminaries in the election of trustees and allocation of funds for operational purposes. The Southern Baptist Convention owns no colleges or schools other than the six seminaries. The state conventions operate these schools and the Southern Baptist Convention has no jurisdiction over them whatsoever. The Education Commission has no jurisdiction over the Southern Baptist seminaries, and their involvement with the Baptist Faith and Message statement is a matter for them (seminaries) to address.

86. Charles Muller (S.C.) led the messengers in singing, "He Keeps Me Singing."

87. President Allen announced the time for miscellaneous business. Resolutions presented were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

88. Jerry D. Johnson (Ga.) presented a resolution on abortion and separation of church and state. (See Item 190.)

89. Harold C. Hosler (Mo.) presented a resolution on federal bypass in education. (See Item 190.)

90. Secretary Porter announced the results of the ballot for first vice-president: Anita Bryant Green, 3,273; Douglas Watterson, 6,807; 234 ballots were rejected due to improper submission. Watterson was declared elected.

91. Larry E. Elliott (Fla.) presented a resolution on pornography. (See Item 190.)

92. H. Don Yancey (N.C.) and Daniel P. Stiles (N.C.) presented a resolution on the working poor and the minimum wage. (See Item 190.)

93. R. H. Patterson (S.C.) presented a resolution on identifying criminals in our society as a bold mission. (See Item 190.)

94. Roberta J. Kittrell (Fla.) presented a resolution on churches recognizing and utilizing valuable resources of senior adult members during Bold Mission Thrust. (See Item 190.)

95. Larry E. Lorenz (Calif.) presented a resolution on pornography and its effects. (See Item 190.)

96. Dick Onarecker (Tex.) moved "that the Committee on Order of Business be requested to increase in following years, by a significant length of time, the amount of time allocated to the presentation and discussion of miscellaneous business so that messengers who have come to present issues that are vital to the witness of our de-

nomination will have adequate time for proper discussion." The motion was referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be scheduled for later consideration. (See Item 191.)

97. Hoyt Hunnicutt (Tex.) led in the closing prayer of the afternoon session.

Tuesday Evening, June 13

98. Music for inspiration was presented by The Centurymen, directed by Buryl Red (N.Y.).

99. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.), music director for the Convention, led the messengers in singing "Because He Lives" and "Victory in Jesus," and introduced the song, "It's Up to Me," the refrain of which would be used to conclude each evening session of the Convention.

100. Chizuyo Y. Templeman (Va.) read from the Scriptures, and Lee Greer (S.D.) led in prayer.

101. President Allen, after calling attention to the Wednesday evening opportunity of making an offering to help alleviate world hunger, announced the time for election of a second vice-president.

102. Clift Brannon (Tex.) nominated Charles L. Holland (Tex.); Homer G. Lindsay, Jr. (Fla.) nominated Sam T. Cathey (Okla.); and Evan A. Abbott (Ga.) nominated Bill Self (Ga.). Ballots were cast for second vice-president.

103. The Chair, after expressing appreciation for the heritage associated with the Broadus gavel being used by the presiding officers, opened the floor for miscellaneous business matters. There was no response.

104. A feature of the evening session was the program, "My Church in Bold Mission Thrust." Evidences and implications of God's call throughout history to his people were presented through dramatic sketches and challenging messages. Jeanette Clift George (Tex.) and students from William Jewell College (Mo.) stirringly portrayed the faithfulness and costly witnessing of early Christians. William Tanner, executive director-treasurer of the Home Mission Board, and Grady C. Cothen, president of the Sunday School Board, presented the imperatives of God and The Book that Southern Baptists claim new frontiers in America by reaching out and proclaiming the gospel in our Judea and our world. This program, and the ones to close the Wednesday and Thursday evening sessions, was planned and produced by a special committee of Convention agency representatives: Catherine Allen, Woman's Missionary Union; Rosser McDonald, Radio and Television Commission; Bill O'Brien, Foreign Mission Board; Ed Seabough, Home Mission Board; Norman Godfrey, Brotherhood Commission; and Lloyd Householder, Sunday School Board, who served as chairman. Musical support was offered by The Centurymen, conducted by Buryl Red. Scripts for the performance were written by Ed Seabough, and stage sets were by Peter Wolf, Dallas.

105. The session closed with the messengers singing the refrain of "It's Up to Me," followed by prayer led by President Allen.

Wednesday Morning, June 14

106. Music for inspiration was presented by the Singing Churchmen and Women of South Carolina, directed by Thomas H. Westmoreland (S.C.), assisted by James and Sandra Gill (S.C.).

107. James C. McKinney (Tex.) led the messengers in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

108. J. Marse Grant (N.C.) led in the reading of the Scriptures, and David McKenzie (N.M.) led in prayer.

109. President Allen recognized Marian (Mrs. J. Marse) Grant, chairwoman of the Committee on Order of Business, who moved that the time for miscellaneous business scheduled for 11:55 A.M. be extended 30 minutes. The motion passed.

110. Secretary Porter reported the tabulation of the ballot for second vice-president: Charles Holland, 1,236; Sam T. Cathey, 3,242; Bill Self, 4,053; and rejected ballots, 108. A second ballot was cast involving Cathey and Self. Porter also announced a registration of 22,000 by 9:40 A.M.

111. Harold Branch (Tex.), on behalf of the Committee on Resolutions, moved the adoption of Resolution No. 1. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 1—On Appreciation for Host City

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in record numbers in this the 121st session in the city of Atlanta, and

WHEREAS, Baptists of the Atlanta region and the state of Georgia, working under the leadership of William L. Self, chairman of the Convention Arrangements Committee, have served untiringly in providing the adequate World Congress Center and all the other necessary supports for this meeting, and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta city officials and other civic leaders, the police department, the bus and taxi operators, and the management of hotels and motels all have acted in true warm southern hospitality, 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 success of this, our 121st annual session.

112. Anita Bass (Tex.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 2—On Appreciation for Convention Officers

WHEREAS, The number of Southern Baptists and their diverse nature present unusual and sometimes perplexing problems of logistics and programs in the year's work as well as in the annual convention, but also present tremendous opportunities for Christian witness and stewardship, and

WHEREAS, These problems and opportunities demand the finest and most statesmanlike energies of the Convention officers, and those who have served their fellow Southern Baptists this year have done so with zeal, dignity, and effectiveness.

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the messengers assembled at Atlanta this June 1978 express their sturdy thanks to

President Jimmy R. Allen,
Vice-presidents Olan Runnel and Richard Sutton,
Recording Secretary Martin Bradley,
Registration Secretary Lee Porter,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer Porter Routh,

and commend them for work well done as good and faithful servants.

113. Larry Baker (Ark.), chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, moved the adoption of Resolution No. 3. The motion passed.

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 persons to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, and

WHEREAS, We recognize that ready availability and widespread distribution of the printed Word of God are basic needs for missionary advance through the Bold Mission Thrust, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society and the other members of the United Bible Societies are providing the Scriptures, as funds are available, for the global

ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention in every country and language in which Southern Baptists are ministering,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the messengers of the Convention encourage all state conventions, associations, agencies, and churches to make easy access to the Scripture an integral part of Bold Mission Thrust, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage our churches to undergird the American Bible Society with prayer and gifts so that the worldwide subsidy for Scripture distribution will be doubled by 1980.

114. James Dunn (Tex.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 4. R. H. Patterson (S.C.) spoke to the motion, expressing the desire that Southern Baptists go further and identify beverage alcohol as a major contributor to child abuse. The motion to adopt the resolution passed.

Resolution No. 4—On Child Abuse

WHEREAS, Children are our most valuable asset but cannot defend themselves from adults, and

WHEREAS, Each year in the United States almost one million children are maltreated by their parents and other adults, and

WHEREAS, More than 2,000 children die annually in circumstances attributable to abuse or neglect, and

WHEREAS, Approximately four years after the passage of the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act of 1974, Public Law 93-247, state laws and practices are such that only twenty-eight states are eligible to receive state grants under the terms of the Federal act, and child abuse still occurs in our society, and

WHEREAS, Any attempt to deal adequately with child pornography requires strong and enforceable child abuse legislation at the national level,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in its one hundred twenty-first session, June 13-15, 1978, in Atlanta, Georgia, request its Christian Life Commission to research the latest information on child abuse and provide materials dealing with the problems of child abuse, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention encourage all state and national legislators and other leaders to do everything possible to support strong child abuse legislation designed to end the horrors of child pornography and protect children from child abuse.

115. Gene Garrison (Okla.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 5. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 5—On Multilateral Arms Control

WHEREAS, Southern Baptist Conventions have historically passed numerous resolutions calling for peace, and

WHEREAS, That we confess we have not pursued peace with full Christian commitment, and we commit ourselves to pray for peace in our churches and to seek to become more committed to peacemaking in varieties of ways,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we support the continued efforts of our national leaders to achieve strategic arms limitations, and that we acknowledge the complexities of maintaining adequate military strength in a divided world and at the same time pressing for peace and freedom from the threat of nuclear holocaust, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge our representatives in Washington to move in imaginative and reconciling ways to seek mutual agreements with other nations to slow the nuclear arms race; and that we individually seek to communicate our commitment on this issue to our representatives.

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we urge our own nation and the other nations of the world to shift funds from nuclear weapons systems to basic human needs, such as education, medicine, and relief from hunger.

116. Robert Jackson (Ga.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 6. Clay Warf (N.C.) spoke favorably for the motion. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 6—On World Hunger

WHEREAS, Hunger and malnutrition kill or maim hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children every year, and

WHEREAS, the biblical mandate to feed the hungry is clear, and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists historically have responded to the needs of hungry people at home and abroad,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we strongly encourage Southern Baptist churches to observe World Hunger Day on Wednesday, August 2, 1978, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we strongly encourage Southern Baptists to participate in the World Hunger Conference at Ridgecrest, November 20-22, 1978, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge Southern Baptists to critically evaluate their life-styles in light of the teachings of the Bible, to contribute generously and regularly through the Foreign Mission Board's Hunger Relief Fund, and to exercise responsible and vigorous Christian citizenship on behalf of the hungry people of the world.

117. James Bearden (N.C.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 7. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 7—On the Handicapped

WHEREAS, We believe that God's love and the ministry of his church reaches to all people, and

WHEREAS, The handicapped members of our society are often prevented by physical and attitudinal barriers from participation in the life and ministry of our faith,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we commend those churches, associations, state conventions, and agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention who have made the appropriate architectural changes in their buildings and expressed a positive attitude to facilitate the involvement of the handicapped in the total program of their particular institution.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage the local congregations, associations, state conventions, as well as the Executive Committee and Baptist Sunday School Board and other agencies of our denomination to utilize available resources and information of public and voluntary agencies to determine how best to motivate the caring concern necessary to minister with and to persons who are handicapped. As we seek to involve the handicapped and their families in the ongoing life of the church, work may be needed in helping persons with handicaps to grow socially, emotionally, and spiritually. In this manner the Christian community acknowledges that both their struggles and gifts are important in the family of God.

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we believe the handicapped are useful and employable both for voluntary and salaried jobs. We, therefore, encourage the various bodies of the Southern Baptist Convention to make use of their talents.

118. Wayne Barnes (La.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 8. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 8—Lobbying Legislation

WHEREAS, The United States Congress has considered legislation designed to bring churches and not-for-profit groups under tighter controls relating to lobbying efforts (for example, H.R. 8494, S. 1785, and S. 2026 in 1978), and

WHEREAS, Such legislation will almost certainly involve registering with and reporting to Government as a condition of expressing views on public policy or of dealing with governmental officials about public policy, and

WHEREAS, Proposed legislation on lobbying carries the potential of governmental sanctions against churches, under the guise of enforcing lobbying laws, and

WHEREAS, The Free Exercise Clause of the First Amendment to the United States Constitution, as construed by the courts, has placed religion in a privileged position, beyond the reach of governmental control, and

WHEREAS, Each religious group in this country has the constitutional right to determine for itself what is integral to its religious mission and ministry and cannot afford to sacrifice a constitutional right in order to exercise a statutory privilege, and

WHEREAS, National organizations of numerous religious persuasions, including the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, are in agreement that proposed lobbying legislation would restrict religionists' exercise of religion and would also tend to silence religionists' expressions on public policy related to moral and ethical matters, and

WHEREAS, Religious faith is inextricably united with morality,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 14, 1978, express alarm over the poten-

tial threat to religious freedom inherent in proposed lobbying legislation calling for tighter governmental control over churches and not-for-profit groups; commend the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs for opposing such legislation in the past and urge it to continue its steadfast opposition to such legislation; and urge persons affiliated with this Convention to let public officials know of our opposition to any legislative experiment on religious liberty, such as posed by lobbying legislation now pending in the United States Congress or in any state legislature.

119. Gene Watterson (N.C.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 9. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 9—On White House Conference on Family Life

WHEREAS, The nation and church are only as strong as the family, and
WHEREAS, We face a critical time in the United States as to the future of the family, and

WHEREAS, The attention of the nation is now focused on the status of the family,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we applaud the President's concern for the family as expressed in his support of a White House Conference on Families, December 9-13, 1979, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge the President to see that needed direction is given to this Conference to insure that the Conference focuses on the strengths of the family rather than so-called alternatives to the family, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we suggest that the Conference notes carefully the impact on families of proposed federal legislation, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call on the Conference to give attention to the importance of economic security to all families, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that this Convention requests the White House Conference to issue a call to the private sector to re-order its priorities in light of the needs of the family.

120. Tom Wright (Ga.) and Charles Kindred (Va.) were recognized to raise questions which, it was explained by Chairman Baker, were pertinent to resolutions for later consideration by the Convention.

121. Conrad Willard (Fla.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 10 with the addition of three words "developmentally disabled and" to be inserted before the words "mentally ill persons" in three places in the resolution. The resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Resolution No. 10—On Ministry to the Developmentally Disabled and Mentally Ill

Be it *Resolved*, that the Convention encourage (1) members of the Southern Baptist Convention to pray for an attitude of acceptance toward developmentally disabled and mentally ill persons, (2) churches to look for opportunities of involvement in mental health services such as offering facilities for after-care of formerly institutionalized persons, and training workers for developmentally disabled and mentally handicapped, and (3) the Sunday School Board, Christian Life Commission, and Home Mission Board to take special note of this resolution.

122. Chairman Baker explained that additional resolutions would be presented for consideration by the Convention during the Thursday morning session.

123. President Allen announced that tickets were available for the breakfast meetings on Friday, June 16, 9:30 A.M. and that messengers were invited to the Baptist Men's rally to be held afterward with President Jimmy Carter as speaker. This is sponsored by the Brotherhood Commission.

124. Vice-President Runnells assumed the chair and recognized Dick Maples (Tex.) for the report of the Committee on Committees. He moved the adoption of the report as printed and corrected, and

that Kenneth Chafin (Tex.) be elected chairman of the Committee on Boards. He further moved that the Committee on Baptist State papers be extended through 1979. Both motions passed.

125. Frank Marks (N.C.) presented the report of the Committee on Boards, indicated several corrections to the list of persons carried in the *First Day's Bulletin*, Part II, and moved its adoption. The motion carried.

126. Rogers M. Smith (Va.), administrative associate to the executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, presented Bill Self (Ga.), trustee chairman, who moved that the Foreign Mission Board's report as printed in the *Book of Reports* be adopted. The motion passed. Smith shared greetings from Baker James Cauthen, executive director, who was unable to be present because of illness. He spoke briefly to the Board's report and then introduced Glendon Grober, missionary, and Herman Hayes, former missionary and a current staff member at the Board, who gave missions challenges to the Convention. Self closed the report period with prayer.

127. John Rasco (Tex.), trustee chairman of the Annuity Board, moved the adoption of the Board's report as printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. Rasco introduced Darold Morgan (Tex.), Board president, who in turn presented Landrum Leavell II (La.), president of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, to speak concerning specific ministries of the Board.

128. President Allen recognized Jim Reimer (Okla.) who moved that balloting for second vice-president, accomplished earlier in the morning session, be re-opened because it occurred ahead of schedule on the printed agenda. Bill Wallace (N.C.) spoke against the motion. Secretary Porter cited evidence that the balloting had occurred within the scheduled time period. The motion failed.

129. Foy Valentine (Tenn.), executive secretary of the Christian Life Commission, was recognized to present the report of the Commission. He referred to the report as printed in the *Book of Reports* including a matter of reference regarding homosexuality. Forrest Siler (Okla.), on behalf of the Commission, presented a Declaration of Human Rights and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded. Steve Mortenson (Ill.) and Joe Crichton (Tenn.) asked questions for clarification from the floor, and Daniel Vestal (Tex.) spoke in favor of the motion. W. Ches Smith (Ga.) moved to extend the time for discussion by five minutes. The motion lost. The Chair called for the vote on the adoption of the motion, and it passed.

DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Preamble: Human rights is a major moral issue of our time. It has captured the attention of the world. Introduced into the political equation, it has threatened world peace on the one hand and engendered new hope for the oppressed on the other. Widespread abuses of human rights have helped create a rising tide of concern for the poor, for minorities, for dissenters, and for political prisoners. Baptist churches have a stake in the issue of human rights, for our own Baptist history and heritage have been formed in a crucible which has both demanded and produced human rights.

Definition: Southern Baptists believe that humanity is created by God in God's own image (Genesis 1:26-27). We believe that in Jesus Christ, God "so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). We believe, as our nation's founders said in the Declaration of Independence, that all persons "are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness." And we believe

with the framers of the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights that human rights include freedom from involuntary servitude, arbitrary arrest and imprisonment, torture, unfair trial, cruel and unusual punishment, and invasion of privacy; rights to family life, property, work, and equal pay for equal work as well as food, shelter, health care, and education; and freedom of thought, speech, assembly, religion, movement, and participation in government.

Biblical Basis: Southern Baptists stand for the worth of the individual, the priesthood of the believer, freedom of conscience, and the sanctity of life. We hold that these human rights are the gift of God. We believe that they spring from the Bible's revelation that all persons are made in "the likeness of God" (James 3:9, RSV). We believe that they are vitally related to Christ's life and work and death and resurrection whereby, "having slain the enmity" (Ephesians 2:16) by bringing alienation and hostility to an end, He brought into being a new humanity oriented toward "new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness" (2 Peter 3:13). We believe that they coincide with the Bible's teachings in support of justice, mercy, peace, and righteousness. We believe that every human being has basic human rights which may not rightly be relinquished, abridged, or denied. Moreover, we believe that Jesus Christ revealed His own support for human rights when He declared, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord" (Luke 4:18-19, RSV).

Scope: Today we are confronted with abuses of human rights at home and abroad. As in the days of the prophets, God has looked for justice among the people of the earth and too often has found exploitation; He has looked for peace and too often has found bloodshed; He has looked for righteousness and too often has found the cry of the poor, the hungry, the orphaned, the widowed, and the oppressed (Psalm 10:18; Isaiah 1:23, 3:14-15; Amos 2:6-7; James 1:27-2:1-9). We are gravely concerned about the widespread denial of human rights at the hands of our political allies as well as our political adversaries. Our concern for tortured, unjustly imprisoned, and politically oppressed persons abroad is matched by our concern for the rights of women, blacks, ethnic minorities, the poor, the aging, the sick, and abused children in our midst. Christians are obligated not only to provide in Jesus' name cups of cold water for individuals whose human rights have been violated, but also to deal in a forthright and corrective way with social structures which abuse and violate human rights. We are determined not to take our own rights and freedoms so lightly that we ignore the rights and freedoms of others no matter how far away or how small or weak they are; and we are determined to be courageous defenders of human rights who will not be deterred in the fight to make all people free.

Call to Action: We therefore issue this call to action on behalf of human rights.

Let Southern Baptist *citizens* be committed to political action on behalf of human rights at home and abroad, responsibly involving ourselves as God's salt, God's light, and God's leaven in the whole political process.

Let Southern Baptist *pastors*, knowing that "where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty" (Corinthians 3:17), preach the Word of God without fear or favor as it highlights human rights.

Let Southern Baptist *churches* be boldly involved in championing justice for the oppressed, providing food for the hungry, supporting changes in those laws and systems which abuse the poor while providing loopholes for the rich, doing the things that make for peace, and effecting change where change is needed to support basic human rights.

Let Southern Baptist *agencies* demonstrate by words and deeds an unswerving loyalty to Christ issuing in uncompromised and uncompromising commitment to human rights.

Let Southern Baptists not be weighed and found wanting in commitment to God-given and Bible-based human rights. Let us heed Jesus who said, "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, and I was naked and you clothed me. I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me . . . As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me" (Matthew 25:35-36, 40, RSV).

Recommendations: The Christian Life Commission recommends the adoption of this Declaration.

130. Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory (Va.), president of Woman's Missionary Union, was recognized to introduce the report of Woman's Missionary Union. Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, spoke to the report, assisted by a number of Woman's Missionary Union representatives.

131. James McKinney (Tex.) led the messengers in singing "The Solid Rock."

132. President Allen presented an official copy of "Waiting in the Wings," a book presenting a compilation of sermons not delivered by alternate preachers of Convention sermons, to Porter Routh, author.

133. The annual Convention sermon, "The City of God—The Hope of His Calling," was preached by Jesse C. Fletcher (Tex.) following Scripture reading by Gene Garrison (Okla.), alternate preacher, and the singing of "The Holy City" by William R. O'Brien (Va.).

134. The Chair read fraternal greetings from Ukranian Baptists and from a regional conference of United Methodists meeting in Atlanta.

135. Secretary Porter reported the tabulation of ballots for second vice-president: Sam Cathv, 2,083; Bill Self, 3,341; and 47 rejected ballots. Self was declared elected.

136. Porter Routh (Tenn.) presented certificates of appreciation for service to the Southern Baptist Convention to retiring officers Olan Runnels, first vice-president, and Richard Sutton, second vice-president. Frank Marks (N.C.) called attention to a correction on the printed report of the Committee on Boards in the Bulletin.

137. President Allen opened the floor for miscellaneous business, calling attention to this being the last session in which new business could be introduced.

138. W. Allen Sanders (Va.) presented a resolution concerning Panama Canal legislation and provision for religious workers. (See Item 190.)

139. A. L. Palmer (Mo.) presented a resolution on tuition tax credit legislation. (See Item 185.)

140. A. L. Kendrick (Ga.) presented a resolution on commendation for Anita Bryant. (See Item 188.)

141. Jack Fryer (Ga.) presented a resolution on the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. (See Item 190.)

142. Charles Stanley (Ga.) presented a resolution on the amending process relating to the United States Constitution. (See Item 180.)

143. Phil Messinger (Fla.) moved "that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention consider adding to the objectives for 1979-82 a fourth objective, Bold Praying, and appropriate goals." (See Item 192.)

144. The Chair announced the time for consideration of motions previously introduced. George E. Bagley (Ala.) moved to amend his previous motion (Item 54) relating to the 1981 Convention to read: "We recommend that the Home Mission Board be asked to work with the appropriate state conventions and the Committee on Order of Business for 1981 to work out major periods of time for Christian witness in connection with the 1981 Convention in Los Angeles." Bagley spoke to the amendment. Gerald Steffy (Ill.) raised a point of order as to whether this was an amendment or a substitute motion. The chair ruled it to be an amendment. The amendment passed. The motion, as amended, was passed.

145. Mrs. Richard Sappington (Tex.) spoke to her previous mo-

tion (Item 55) relating to the ordination of women to the ministry. Fred Wilson (Ala.) spoke against the motion. Mrs. Boots Shaver (Va.) spoke in relation to the issue but was ruled out of order. Dotson Nelson (Ala.) moved that the motion be tabled. The motion to table passed.

146. The Chair ruled that a motion (Item 56) earlier presented by Randolph Gregory (N.C.) is considered to be a resolution and shall be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

147. Paul Gritz (Okla.) spoke to his motion (Item 57) previously presented relating to agency reports on matters of reference from the Convention. Porter Routh (Tenn.) moved that the motion be referred to the Executive Committee with instructions to report in 1979 concerning a more adequate basis for an agency to report matters of reference. Dick Onarecker (Tex.) spoke against the motion to refer. The motion to refer passed.

148. Jack Gritz (Okla.) spoke to his previous motion (Item 58) concerning the establishment of a seventh Southern Baptist Convention seminary. Tom Freeman (N.C.) offered an amendment to the motion that the words "its Executive Committee" be deleted and that these words be inserted: "the president of the Convention appoint a Convention committee of eleven persons widely representative of Southern Baptists." Porter Routh spoke against the amendment in light of Convention procedure and financial commitments. The motion to amend failed. Joy Lubbert (Ky.) spoke in favor of the original motion. Kenneth Mauldin (Ga.) moved to amend the motion by substituting "Northeastern" for "Northern." John Wilder (Mo.) spoke against the amendment. The amendment lost. Vice-president Runnels moved that the time be extended for five minutes; the motion passed. Terry Harper (N.C.) moved to amend the original motion by adding "due to crowded conditions in our seminaries, the Executive Committee is requested to study the enrollments of our seminaries, in particular the number of non-Baptist students enrolled, as to whether the present admission policies should be altered." Jack Gritz spoke against the amendment. The vote on the amendment lost. Franklin Owen (Ky.) spoke against the original motion. John Green (Fla.) moved the previous question. The motion carried, and the original motion was passed.

149. Richard D. Price (Ga.) presented a resolution on homosexuality (See Item 188.)

150. Rynell S. Novak (Tex.) led the prayer of benediction.

Wednesday Evening, June 14

151. Music for inspiration was presented by the Union Baptist Church choir of Atlanta, Carl Munday (Ga.), organist-director, and Mrs. Emma McCall (Ga.), pianist.

152. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.) led the Convention in singing "It's Up to Me," "Blessed Assurance," "God of Grace and God of Glory," and "Amazing Grace."

153. The reading of the Scriptures was led by Lorene Murphy (Mo.), and Benjamin Ortiz (Kan.) led in prayer.

154. Past presidents of the Convention were presented by President Allen as follows: Louie D. Newton, J. D. Gray, Ramsey Pollard, Herschel H. Hobbs, Wayne Dehoney, H. F. Paschall, W. A. Criswell, Carl E. Bates, Owen Cooper, Jaroy Weber, and James L. Sullivan.

155. President Allen read a telegram received from Baker James Cauthen (Va.), executive director of the Foreign Mission Board, in response to greetings sent him on behalf of the Convention. He then introduced David and Gloria Smith (Tex.) who have been officially approved as Mission Service Corps volunteers. Smith has offered his services as pilot and the use of his plane to transport the president of the Southern Baptist Convention in carrying out his Convention duties and others on mission assignments.

156. "My Life in Bold Mission Thrust" was the theme of the special feature of the evening session. Serving as hostess and host of the session were Carolyn Weatherford (Ala.), executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, and Glendon McCullough (Tenn.), executive director of the Brotherhood Commission. Music was provided by Ken Medema. Others appearing on the program were: Sarah Frances Anders (La.), Sally Strayer (Pa.), Ethel Price (Fla.), Shelby Smith (Antigua), and Jim and Betty McKinley (Bangladesh). Recounting their work by film were: Robert Dorr (Md.), Edith Vaughn (Brazil), Fern Powers (Washington), Jim Porter, (Md.), Gary Shepherd and Frank Thomas (N.M.), and Senator Mark Hatfield (Oregon). The script was written by Bob Thrift (Tex.).

157. The evening session was concluded with prayer by President Allen and the singing of "It's Up to Me." with messengers making a special offering [later reported to be \$14,250] for world hunger as they left the meeting area.

Thursday Morning, June 15

158. Music for inspiration was presented by the Louisiana College Choir, directed by Arnold Epley (La.).

159. Messengers sang "Revive Us Again" which was led by John V. Glover (Ga.).

160. Jack Comer (Okla.) led the reading of the Scriptures, and Dawn Robertson (La.) led in prayer.

161. Vice-President Sutton recognized Paul M. Stevens (Tex.), president of the Radio and Television Commission, for the Commission's report. After introductory remarks by Stevens, messengers viewed an audiovisual presentation of Commission ministry. Stevens moved that the report as printed in the *Book of Reports* be adopted. The motion passed.

162. Landrum Leavell II (La.) led in the presentation of the report from the six Convention seminaries. Robert E. Naylor (Tex.), retiring president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, was presented and warmly greeted in appreciation by the messengers. Russell Dilday (Tex.), president-elect of Southwestern, was introduced, followed by William Pinson (Calif.), Milton Ferguson (Mo.), Randall Lolley (N.C.), Leavell (La.), Duke K. McCall (Ky.), and by Naylor who briefly addressed the Convention. Leavell moved, in behalf of his colleagues, that the reports of the six seminaries as printed in the *Book of Reports* be adopted. The motion passed.

163. The Chair recognized A. R. Fagan (Tenn.), executive director-treasurer of the Stewardship Commission, to bring the report of the Commission. He called attention to the Convention's vote to double Cooperative Program giving by 1982 which would necessitate a 15 percent annual increase, and reported that to date giving has increased 9.6 percent over last year. Fagan shared a letter from a church member

concerning his pastor's leading his church to "independent status" by encouraging designating offerings to the Cooperative Program, associational missions, support of a missionary family, etc., and then read his response to him. He moved the adoption of the report of the Commission as printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed.

164. Randall Lolley (N.C.) was recognized by the Chair to introduce a musician and messenger, Joseph Blanton (N.C.), who sang "The Lord is My Light and My Salvation."

165. President Allen assumed the Chair and introduced pages who had served during the Convention.

166. Harry N. Hollis (Tenn.) presented an address, "Morality in Television—A Plan for Action," augmented by video-taped statements by Malcolm Muggeridge and Fred Rogers.

167. Vice-President Runnels recognized Hugh Wamble (Mo.) from the floor who requested that the vigorous spontaneous applause of the messengers to Hollis' address be duly noted in the official proceedings.

168. The Chair introduced Lynn E. May (Tenn.), executive director of the Historical Commission, for the Commission's report. May presented a duplicate bound copy of "Oral Memoirs of Herschel H. Hobbs" to Hobbs. Messengers expressed appreciation to Hobbs for this sharing of memories with the Convention. May moved that the report printed in the *Book of Reports* be received. The motion was passed. The report period closed with video-taped highlights of Commission work.

169. Hollis E. Johnson (Tenn.), executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation, moved the adoption of the Foundation's report shown in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. Johnson then summarized results of Foundation stewardship and efforts on behalf of Southern Baptist agencies and individuals.

170. George E. Capps, Jr. (Tenn.) moved the adoption of the report of the American Baptist Seminary Commission included in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. Capps spoke to the report and enumerated significant developments and progress in connection with the Seminary.

171. William E. Hardy (Miss.), chairman of the Brotherhood Commission, moved the adoption of the Commission's report as printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. Glendon McCullough (Tenn.), executive director of the Commission, encouraged messengers to participate in the special meetings on Friday sponsored by the Commission. Two laymen, Dudley Isom (Miss.) and U. O. Watson (Tex.), were recognized for brief testimonies concerning Brotherhood work. Isom presented a copy of "Baptist Brotherhood Manual," a book he authored in 1929, to McCullough for Commission archives.

172. H. F. Paschall (Tenn.), as chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON BAPTIST STATE PAPERS

Someone defined Thanksgiving as the way a person would feel if he lost everything and then received it back. It might serve us well to think of the tremendous loss Southern Baptists would sustain if suddenly all of our Baptist state papers were eliminated. They are not eliminated; they are very much with us; they are alive and well. But, they need our help.

The readership survey conducted by the Research Services Department of the Sunday School Board has been completed. The editors of the papers have the findings in hand, are responding in creative and progressive ways, and have expressed appreciation for it.

One of the greatest needs of the Baptist state papers is increased circulation. It is imperative that we move from the 1,833,517 for 1977 to two million by 1980, a goal set by Southern Baptists several years ago. This goal cannot be reached unless all of us pray earnestly and work hard to that end. Every Southern Baptist can help, but especially the leaders in our churches and denominational agencies.

The most effective way to increase the circulation of Baptist state papers is for the local church to include it's state paper in the church budget. The Committee on Baptist State Papers is urgently calling upon every pastor to lead his church to put the Baptist state paper in the budget. Church officers and leaders must support the pastor in reaching this goal.

The Committee on Baptist State Papers therefore recommends that: (1) we keep before us the goal of two million in circulation by 1980, (2) that this committee be continued to study the results of the readership survey and to assist the editorial and administrative staffs of Baptist state papers to increase circulation and to enhance their ministries.

H. Franklin Paschall, *Chairman*
 Glen E. Braswell
 Andrew Tampling
 Julian Pentecost
 Richard A. Jackson

173. Messengers were led in singing "There Is a Name I Love to Hear" by John V. Glover (Ga.).

174. President Allen recognized Marian (Mrs. J. Marse) Grant for a recommendation from the Committee on Order of Business: Preacher for the 1979 Convention sermon, William H. Hinson (La.); alternate, Randall Lolley (N.C.); and music director, William J. Reynolds (Tenn.). The motion passed.

175. The Chair opened the floor for miscellaneous business and stated that the motion by John (Jack) Green (Fla.) should be divided into two motions, with the second part, "that this Convention request the Stewardship Commission to consider developing an alternate method of financing the "Together We Build" program so that this new program may be available to all cooperating churches without extraordinary fees above basic costs" being ruled as appropriate for referral to the Stewardship Commission. By common consent, referral was made consistent with the Bylaws. Green spoke to the first part of his original motion (Item 59). The motion passed.

176. Robert Jackson (Ga.), on behalf of the Committee on Resolutions, presented Resolution No. 11 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 11—On Racism

WHEREAS, Harmony between the races and justice for all persons remain a goal for American society, and

WHEREAS, The quest for racial justice and peace is a Christian concern, and

WHEREAS, The civil rights progress of the 1960's has given way to new expressions of racism in the 1970's, which exist in both individuals and the structure of society, and

WHEREAS, New racism continues to deprive minority persons of practical means of advancement, and

WHEREAS, Over 40 percent of black teenagers are unemployed in some urban areas of this nation, and

WHEREAS, According to a recent government study black persons experience discrimination three out of four times when seeking to rent housing,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we seek to purge ourselves and our society of all forms of racism, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we pledge ourselves to a renewed commitment in applying the teachings of Jesus to the practical concerns of all minority persons.

177. Gene Garrison (Okla.) read Resolution No. 12 and moved its adoption. Don Touchton (Fla.) moved to amend the resolution by deleting the words "we feel" following the first, second, and fourth "Whereas." The motion to amend passed. Ken Sodergren (Va.) spoke for the resolution. The resolution, as amended, passed.

Resolution No. 12—On Pornography

WHEREAS, We are created in the image of God and our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and

WHEREAS, The body is to be used in every way to bring glory to God, and

WHEREAS, Pornography seeks to exploit the body and desecrate the mind of both young and old, and

WHEREAS, Pornography is a tool of Satan and a growing detriment to the moral climate of our nation and world,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in regular session in Atlanta, Georgia, go on record as being diametrically opposed to pornography in any form, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we support and commend citizen's group and law enforcement agencies who openly and courageously oppose pornography, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage our churches to become involved in the fight against pornography.

178. Harold Branch (Tex.) read Resolution No. 13 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 13—On Spiritual Welfare

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists experienced losses in number of baptisms, and enrollment of our Sunday School, Church Training, Baptist Men, and Woman's Missionary Union last year,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the messengers of this Convention go on record expressing our concern over what is happening to us as a denomination and resolve to give ourselves to prayer for revival in our midst.

Be it further *Resolved*, that Convention messengers participate in the prayer service for spiritual awakening at 3:45 on Thursday, June 15, in the World Congress Center.

179. Gary Hardin (N.C.) was recognized for a brief word in relation to the previous resolution.

180. James Dunn (Tex.) read Resolution No. 14 and moved its adoption. Charles Stanley (Ga.) moved an "amendment in the whole" of the resolution. Robert Simms (S.C.) moved to amend the Stanley motion by adding "Be it further *Resolved*, that we denounce any governmental pressure, such as that levied in the form of withheld services or privileges, against states which have not ratified the proposed amendment." The amendment to the amendment was adopted. Rebecca Randolph (S.C.) spoke against the amendment in the whole as amended. Sue Stumm (Ga.) spoke for the amendment. The previous question was called for and voted. The amendment was adopted. The resolution, as amended in the whole, was thus adopted.

Resolution No. 14.—On Preserving the United States Constitution and the Amending Process

WHEREAS, If Congress changes the time period for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, millions of Americans will consider this an illegal attempt to tamper with our sacred United States Constitution, and

WHEREAS, If Congress extends the time once, then why not twice or indefinitely, thereby in effect destroying the amendment process, and

WHEREAS, If any part of the ERA resolution is subject to amendment, all of it should be subject to amendment and the whole subject considered "de novo" (begin again), and

WHEREAS, The ERA Extension Bill amounts to a misuse of the democratic process and violates the fundamental principles of contract law, and

WHEREAS, Seven years is the traditional period allowed for ratification of constitutional amendments and none has ever taken more than four years, and

WHEREAS, The right of states to rescind ERA should be part of any ERA Extension Bill (there is nothing in the United States Constitution, any Federal Statute, or any United States Supreme Court holding that denies a state the right to rescind its ratification of a constitutional amendment), now

Therefore, be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention in conference in Atlanta, Georgia, June 13-15, 1978, be on record as opposing the ERA Extension Bills now pending in the Congress of the United States and any amendment or any substitute bills which would provide for extension of the time for states to ratify the ERA.

Be it further *Resolved*, that the clearly stated right of states to rescind the ERA prior to ratification by three-fourths of the states must be part of any ERA time extension bill.

Be it further *Resolved*, that we denounce any governmental pressure, such as that levied in the form of withheld services or privileges, against states which have not ratified the proposed amendment.

181. Chairwoman Grant moved that the time be extended by fifteen minutes, and the motion passed.

182. Larry Baker (Ark.) presented corrections to Resolution No. 15 as printed in the *Bulletin*. Edwin Burris (Mo.) moved that the text of resolutions not be read. The Chair ruled it necessary. Steve Barton (N.C.) moved to amend by adding, "Be it further *Resolved*, that this Convention condones abortion only in cases of rape and incest and in cases which involve the endangerment of the mother's life." Paul Callahan (Mo.) spoke against the amendment. The amendment failed. John Wilder (Mo.) moved to amend the resolution by deleting the last two paragraphs and adding, "Be it further *Resolved*, that we call upon our spiritual brothers and sisters to work in all levels of government as individual citizens to insure the unborn children of God their unalienable God-given rights of life and liberty, and be it further resolved that we insure these rights by going on record as being in favor of legislation and/or a constitutional amendment banning abortion except to save the life of the mother." Ed Schmeltekopf (Tex.) spoke against the amendment. Chairwoman Grant moved to extend the time by fifteen minutes. The motion passed. Gary Tebbetts (Mo.) spoke for the amendment. Ted Sisk (Ky.) raised a point of order. Welton Gaddy (Tex.) moved the previous question on that and all pending motions on the subject. Paul Callahan (Mo.) and Dotson Nelson (Ala.) raised points of order for clarification. The vote on the amendment failed. The original resolution passed.

Resolution No. 15—On Abortion

WHEREAS, Abortion is a matter of continuing moral concern to the American people, and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention in annual session in 1977 spoke clearly and forthrightly to this issue,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta in June 1978, reaffirm the resolution passed by the 1977 Kansas City Southern Baptist Convention.

183. Conrad Willard (Fla.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 16. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 16—On Terrorism

WHEREAS, Hundreds of thousands of people have died in a reign of terror in Uganda, institutionalized tyranny marks the record of governments in certain

other African nations, mass extermination characterizes Cambodia and much of Southeast Asia, dictatorial regimes in South Africa depend upon a rule of fear, and

WHEREAS, Terrorist raids hold hostage entire nations in the Mideast, wanton acts of violence by organized terrorist groups paralyze major nations in Europe, and

WHEREAS, We recognize the dangers of becoming insensitive to the statistics of mass murder, and

WHEREAS, We dare not sit idly by during modern purges that parallel Hitler's holocaust,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we act upon our deep concern for the victims of terrorism, and that we attempt to alarm fellow Christians and citizens to the threat of terrorism in the world today, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we exercise our options as citizens, consumers, and churchmen to bring to bear the full force of government, the marketplace, and the moral suasion of the churches to bring an end to terrorism.

184. Larry Baker (Ark.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution No. 17. Alvin O. West (D.C.) moved to amend by adding, "Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge our people in this election year to support only those candidates for the Senate and the House of Representatives who agree that their right to continue in office shall be forfeited immediately if the Federal Government spends more money in any fiscal year than it collects in tax revenues, and who agree to sponsor and work for the adoption of an amendment to the Constitution to provide for forfeiture in such circumstances of every seat in the Senate and the House of Representatives, except for those fiscal years during a time of war in which the people authorize deficit spending in a national referendum." The amendment failed. Chairwoman Grant moved to extend the time by fifteen minutes. The motion passed. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) moved that remaining resolutions not be read, but simply referred to by topic. The motion passed. Robert W. Bailey (N.C.) moved to amend by adding, "Be it further *Resolved*, that we call upon the Christian Life Commission to help make our members aware of needed economic changes in numerous areas such as inflation, inequitable Social Security, and the plight of the working poor, and Be it further *Resolved*, that we call upon the Christian Life Commission and the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to assist in exerting influence to bring about crucial economic change." Bryan Robinson (Fla.) spoke against the amendment. Jack Roddy (Tenn.) raised a question for clarification. The amendment failed. Dotson Nelson (Ala.) moved to amend by adding after paragraph four, "WHEREAS, The system of free enterprise has been successful and should be kept and refined." The amendment passed. The resolution, as amended, passed.

Resolution No. 17—On Economic Responsibility

WHEREAS, Statements have been proposed to the Committee on Resolutions on a wide range of economics-oriented issues dealing with such matters as achieving adequate income levels, labor-management controversy, uniformity in social security participation, deficit spending by the Federal Government, and inflation, and

WHEREAS, This Convention in previous years has addressed similar issues and others that have called attention to the desirability and, in some cases, the necessity for economic improvement in the lives of citizens of this country, and

WHEREAS, The number and nature of such statements provide good evidence that contemporary economic conditions are more and more on the mind of the messengers to this Convention both as problems and opportunities, and

WHEREAS, We recognize particularly the dreadful consequences of many current economic ills, and

WHEREAS, The system of free enterprise has been successful and should be kept and refined,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we communicate our concern through every appropriate means to the Congress and the President of the United States to be diligent in an effort to bring spending into a responsible and reasonable relationship to tax revenues so that all citizens may reap the benefits of a wise stewardship of resources, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that the Convention continue to provide positive leadership and Christian encouragement to those efforts designed to bring about a satisfactory economic livelihood among all people.

185. Anita Bass (Tex.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 18. Larry Smith (Tex.) and Mike Holdredge (N.C.) spoke against the resolution and Tom Burgdorf (Mo.) and Daniel King (Ga.) spoke for the resolution, alternately. The previous question was moved. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 18—On Tuition Tax Credit

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States is considering legislation to give taxpayers a tax credit (that is, a direct subtraction from one's tax bill) for tuition payments, and

WHEREAS, The effect of such legislation would be of most benefit to those who can afford to finance their children's attendance at private schools, including elite schools, and

WHEREAS, Most private elementary and secondary schools are related to churches and exist to serve the religious mission of sponsoring churches, and

WHEREAS, Tuition tax credit legislation carries the potential of financing private education at the expense of public education, and

WHEREAS, The attorney general of the United States has issued an advisory opinion that such legislation is of doubtful constitutionality under the First Amendment, especially with regard to tuition paid to elementary and secondary schools, and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has opposed such legislation because of its threat to the principle of separation of church and state,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we call upon President Jimmy Carter to veto any tax credit legislation now under consideration by Congress, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we, messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on June 15, 1978, register our opposition to all tuition tax credit legislation pending in Congress; urge the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs to continue to oppose such legislation; and express our concern over such legislation's threat to the First Amendment guarantees of non-establishment of religion and the free exercise of religion.

186. Gene Watterson (N.C.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 19. Chairwoman Grant moved that the time be extended by fifteen minutes. The motion passed. Gene Chatfield (N.C.) spoke against the resolution. The motion to adopt passed.

Resolution No. 19—On Religious Liberty in Israel

WHEREAS, We have confidence in the commitment of the state of Israel to religious liberty, and

WHEREAS, A law passed by the government of that nation in December of 1977 may inhibit religious freedom,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we call upon the State Department, the Congress of the United States and the President of the United States to communicate the concern of this Convention to authorities in that nation, and

Be it therefore further *Resolved*, that we call upon the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the Baptist World Alliance to assist in the implementation of this resolution.

187. James Dunn (Tex.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 20. R. H. Patterson (S.C.) spoke to the resolution. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 20—On Alcohol

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention adopted resolutions in 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1976 calling attention to the problems involved in the use of alcohol as a beverage, such as its effect on the body, advertisement, and its drug-like effect,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we, the messengers of the 1978 session of the Southern Baptist Convention, reaffirm our historic position as opposing any use of alcohol as a beverage, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge the Congress of the United States to pass laws prohibiting the advertising of any kind of alcoholic beverage on television and radio, and

Be it *Resolved*, that we urge the surgeon-general of the United States to declare that alcoholic beverages are a hazard to health, and

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we request our recording secretary to send copies of this resolution to all state Baptist conventions of the Southern Baptist Convention, to all members of the United States Congress, to the surgeon-general of the United States, to the Food and Drug Administration of the United States and to the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

188. Gene Watterson (N.C.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 21. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 21—On Commendation of Anita Bryant

Be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, reaffirm the commendation of Anita Bryant made during the 1976 and 1977 Southern Baptist Convention for her firm stand on the issue of homosexuality.

189. Wayne Barnes (La.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 22. Broadus Moody (S.C.) moved to amend by adding "Be it further *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, June 15, 1978, go on record as clarifying our belief that the Bible is infallible, inerrant, verbally inspired Word of God as recorded in its original manuscripts." Richard Archibald (Ala.) spoke against the amendment. The previous question was moved. The amendment failed. Gary Hardin (N.C.) moved to amend by adding "that the vote be affirmed by balloting." The Chair ruled the motion not to be an amendment. Dick Onarecker (Tex.) spoke briefly to the resolution. The previous question was moved. The resolution was adopted in its original form.

Resolution No. 22—On the Bible

WHEREAS, Baptists have traditionally been "people of the Book," and

WHEREAS, Baptists have accepted the Bible as the sole authority for matters of faith and practice, and

WHEREAS, The "Baptist Faith and Message" statement adopted in 1963 expresses our belief in the Bible as the Word of God, and

WHEREAS, The statement has been adopted as a guideline for agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we reaffirm our belief in the Bible as expressed in the "Baptist Faith and Message":

"The Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is the record of God's revelation of Himself to man. It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter. It reveals the principles by which God judges us; and therefore is, and will remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and religious opinions should be tried. The criterion by which the Bible is to be interpreted is Jesus Christ."

190. Larry Baker moved that the resolutions specified in the *Bulletin* be referred to the appropriate agencies: On Soil Conservation (Emmett Henderson, Ga.) to the Convention's Denominational Calendar Committee; on Christian Social Ministries and the Churches (Herbert S. Whitten, Wyo.) to the Home Mission Board; On Temperance (Marvin W. Glenn, Tex.) to the Sunday School Board; On Federal Bypass in Education (Harold Hosler, Mo.) to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; On Religious Workers in the

Canal Zone (W. Allen Sanders, Va.) to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs; and On Senior Adults and Bold Mission Thrust (Roberta J. Kittrell, Fla.) to the Home Mission Board. He explained that resolutions submitted by the following were incorporated in ones presented to the Convention: Alvin West, D.C.; Billie Pendley, Va.; Jack Fryer, Ga.; Clifford Johnston, Tex.; Robert Bailey, N.C.; David Matthews, S.C.; Gary D. Tebbetts, Mo.; Jerry D. Johnson, Ga.; Dick Onarecker, Tex.; M. Clay Warf, N.C.; James C. Peck, Jr., Ga.; Larry Elliott, Fla.; Larry Lorenz, Calif.; H. Don Yancey and Daniel P. Stiles, N.C. Other explanation was given regarding resolutions presented by Stephen Krysalka, Ga., and R. H. Patterson, S.C., but not referred for action by the Committee. Chairwoman Grant moved to extend the time thirteen minutes. The motion passed.

191. Dick Onarecker (Tex.) spoke to his previous motion (Item 96) scheduled for consideration during this period. The motion passed.

192. Phil Messinger (Fla.) spoke to his previous motion (Item 143). Albert McClellan (Tenn.) spoke against the motion, explaining the rationale for the objectives as originally presented (Item 79). The motion failed.

193. Jimmy Barnett (Ga.) moved that the opinionnaire ballot on ordination of women (Item 55) be taken from the table and the motion be reopened for discussion (Item 145). The motion failed.

194. Calvin J. Isaac (Miss.) led in prayer to close the session.

Thursday Afternoon, June 15

195. Music for inspiration was presented by a group of musicians in the field of evangelism: Margaret Allen (Okla.); Sam Allen (Tex.); Alisa Ayers (S.C.); Dick Barrett (Ga.); Jerry Wayne Bernard, Robyn, and Crystal (Tex.); Alina Brychova (N.J.); The Bob Burnett Family (Okla.); Jackson D. Cox (Ga.); Hal Curtis (Mo.); Jean Hiott (S.C.); David McArthur (Ala.); Ray Richardson (Tenn.); and Leon Westerhouse (Ala.).

196. Richard Barrett (Ga.) led the messengers in singing a medley of hymns and gospel songs.

197. Genet Barron (Ga.) led in Scripture reading, and David H. Kim (Md.) led in prayer.

198. Vice-President Runnels presented James Wood (D.C.), executive director of the Public Affairs Committee, who moved adoption of the report of the Committee as printed in the *Book of Reports*. The motion passed. Wood spoke to the report, emphasizing the role and effectiveness of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, especially in the area of human rights.

199. James L. Sullivan (Tenn.) moved that the report of the Baptist World Alliance as printed in the *Book of Reports* be adopted. The motion passed. Sullivan introduced fellow Baptists, Ambassador and Mrs. Francis Dennis of Liberia, and Stephen Steeves, Canada, chairman of the Men's Department of the Alliance, and presented highlights of encouraging developments in the worldwide witness of Baptists. Robert E. Denney, general secretary, was unable to attend the Convention due to illness.

200. William T. Branon (Ariz.) chairman of the Denominational Calendar Committee, noted necessary revisions in the report of the Committee appearing in the *Book of Reports*, and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

201. Cynthia Clawson (Tenn.) accompanied by pianist Patti Clawson (Tenn.), sang "No Man Condemns You."

202. President Allen presented Maynard Jackson, Mayor of Atlanta, who welcomed the messengers to Atlanta and briefly addressed the Convention. Coretta Scott King, widow of the late Martin Luther King, Jr., was introduced by Mayor Jackson and spoke on the subject, "America's Need for Spiritual Awakening."

203. Cynthia Clawson, again accompanied by Patti Clawson, sang "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" and "Out of My Bondage, Sorrow, and Night."

204. Forrest Feezor (N.C.) led in a prayer service for spiritual awakening. Special prayers were led by messengers in the interest of families, cities, Baptist schools and seminaries, governmental leaders, internationals, and youth of the world. Messengers sang a benediction hymn, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Thursday Evening, June 15

205. Music for inspiration was presented by "Revelation" from the Second Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, directed by John Condra. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.) led the messengers in singing "At the Cross." Scripture reading was led by Leslie and Leland Allen (Ala.), and John B. Upchurch (Colo.) led in prayer.

206. President Allen recognized the two retiring vice-presidents of the Convention—Olan H. Runnels, first vice-president, and Richard O. Sutton, second vice-president—and expressed appreciation for their services. He also recognized the two secretaries who had been reelected—Martin Bradley, recording secretary, and Lee Porter, registration secretary. Porter reported a final unofficial registration of 22,903, the largest in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention. President Allen then recognized William Self, chairman of the local arrangements committee. Self presented Bernard King, coordinator of arrangements, who recognized chairmen of the various committees. Marian (Mrs. J. Marse) Grant, chairwoman of the Committee on Order of Business, was recognized along with other committee members.

207. The two new vice-presidents of the Convention—Douglas Watterson (Tenn.) and William Self (Ga.)—were introduced along with their wives. The treasurer of the Convention, Porter Routh, and Mrs. Routh were also recognized.

208. The feature of the concluding session was entitled "My Family in Bold Mission Thrust" which emphasized the family and responses family groups can make to Bold Mission Thrust. The script was written by Bob Thrift (Tex.) and serving as host and hostess were Roy and Anita Bass (Tex.). Assisting them were a choir of multi-age family groups directed by John Glover (Ga.) and Angela Cofer (La.), soloist. Ellen (Mrs. John) McCall (Tenn.), national "Mother of the Year," was introduced and she spoke briefly concerning the importance of a Christian home. Elton Trueblood, author and lecturer, spoke on the condition of today's family in America. Mrs. Billy Graham gave testimony to the pilgrimage and unique ministry of her family. Linking these messages were filmed and live testimonies by the following: Don and Lynn Gurney (Colo.), Earl Martin (Rwanda), Oliver and Donna Lusk (Vermont), Barbara Burkett (Canada), Doug and Evelyn

Knapp (Tanzania), Lynn and Suzanne Groce (Ethiopia), and Pastor and Mrs. Levi Price, Sr. (Calif.).

209. President Allen led in a period of personal commitment, and messengers sang "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go."

210. Vice-President Runnels expressed appreciation for the leadership of President Jimmy Allen. Messengers stood to signify their support during the coming year. President Allen then led in prayer to close the one hundred and twenty-first session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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REGISTRATION
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Alabama	2,044
Alaska	12
Arizona	52
Arkansas	476
California	174
Colorado	60
Connecticut	10
Delaware	8
D.C.	69
Florida	1,478
Georgia	3,895
Hawaii	11
Idaho	7
Illinois	327
Indiana	188
Iowa	8
Kansas	67
Kentucky	1,086
Louisiana	672
Maine	2
Maryland	207
Massachusetts	8
Michigan	80
Minnesota	9
Mississippi	1,027
Missouri	721
Montana	8
Nebraska	9
Nevada	10
New Hampshire	2
New Jersey	18
New Mexico	104
New York	34
North Carolina	2,934
North Dakota	3
Ohio	311
Oklahoma	440
Oregon	18
Pennsylvania	50
Rhode Island	4
South Carolina	2,076
South Dakota	19
Tennessee	1,913
Texas	1,539
Utah	8
Virginia	1,169
Washington	20
West Virginia	60
Wisconsin	12
Wyoming	12
Puerto Rico	6
Total	22,872