

Proceedings

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

HOUSTON, TEXAS

June 12-14, 1979

Tuesday Morning, June 12

1. Music for inspiration was presented by the Sanctuary Choir of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, under the direction of Lanny Allen.

2. President Jimmy R. Allen (Tex.) called to order the one hundred and twenty-second session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred and thirty-fourth year of its history at 9:30 A.M., in the Summit, Houston, Texas.

3. Sam Prestidge (Tex.) led messengers in singing "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing." Organists and pianists serving during the Convention: Charles Lively, Gerald Ray, Lewis Zailer, Michael Smith, Mrs. Joan Brunson, and Tom Mosley, all from Texas.

4. Charles J. Scalise (Conn.) led in Scripture reading, and T. B. Maston (Tex.) led in prayer. In recognition of Maston's service among Southern Baptists, Johnnie C. Godwin (Tenn.), of Broadman Press, presented copies of "An Approach to Christian Ethics" to him and to William Pinson (Calif.), editor of the book.

5. Lee Porter (Tenn.), registration secretary, reported a registration of 12,514 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 members of the Convention when they have enrolled on the basis of membership set forth in Article III of the Constitution." The motion passed.

6. President Allen presented other officers to serve during the Convention: A. Douglas Watterson, Jr. (Tenn.), first vice-president; William L. Self (Ga.), second vice-president; Martin Bradley (Tenn.), recording secretary; Lee Porter (Tenn.), registration secretary; Porter W. Routh (Tenn.), treasurer of the Convention and executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee; W. C. Fields (Tenn.), press representative; William J. Reynolds (Tenn.), music director, and William J. Cumbie (Va.), parliamentarian.

7. James L. Pleitz (Tex.), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, introduced members of the committee and acknowledged the assistance of others in developing the agenda. He moved that the Convention program be adopted as printed with the following changes: Sam Harrell (Calif.), benediction, Tuesday evening; presentation of former Convention presidents at 10:25 Wednesday morning; Rudy Pulido (Mo.), benediction, Thursday morning; and the presentation of new officers following the address by Jerry Clower (Miss.) on Thursday evening. The motion passed.

Theme: "Bold Mission While it is Yet Day!"**TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 12**

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, Lanny Allen, director
- 9:30 Call to Order
 Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, Dallas, Texas, director
 Scripture—Charles J. Scalise, New Haven, Connecticut
 Prayer—T. B. Maston, Fort Worth, Texas
- 9:45 Report of Registration and Constituting of Convention—Lee Porter, Nashville, Tennessee
 Report on Committee on Order of Business—James L. Pleitz, Dallas, Texas, chairman
- 9:55 Welcome—Milton Cunningham, Houston, Texas
- 10:00 Response—Dan C. Stringer, Portland, Oregon
- 10:10 Recognition of Fraternal Messengers from Other Baptist Bodies
- 10:20 Convention Photograph
- 10:25 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, and Committee on Tellers
- 10:30 Executive Committee Report (First Section)—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 11:10 Miscellaneous Business
 Introduction of Resolutions
- 11:25 Congregational Singing—Sam Prestidge, director
- 11:30 Music—Sanctuary Choir, First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas
- 11:35 President's Address—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, Texas
- 12:10 Benediction—Mrs. Marion (Sally) Aldridge, Batesburg, South Carolina
 Adjourn

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 12

- 2:00 Music for Inspiration—Alabama Singing Men, Paul M. Hall, director
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Paul H. Stewart, Montgomery, Alabama, director
 Scripture—John T. Simmons, Brushton, New York
 Prayer—Mrs. Betty Greenwood, Tulsa, Oklahoma
- 2:45 Miscellaneous Business
 Introduction of Resolutions
- 3:00 Election of Officers
- 3:20 Executive Committee Report (Final Section)—Porter W. Routh
- 4:00 Southern Baptist Foundation Report—Hollis E. Johnson, III, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:10 Congregational Singing
- 4:15 Miscellaneous Business
 Election of Officers
- 5:00 Benediction—Paul Y. Wong, Memphis,
 Adjourn

TUESDAY EVENING, JUNE 12

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—The Singing Men of Texas, Robert Burton, guest director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—William J. Reynolds, Nashville, Tennessee, director
- 7:35 Scripture—James L. Bunch, Mansfield, Ohio
 Prayer—Miss Annie L. Ivey, Burlington, North Carolina
- 7:45 Miscellaneous Business
 Election of Officers
- 8:00 Report of Six SBC Seminaries—William M. Pinson, Jr., Mill Valley, California
- 8:20 Sunday School Board Report—Grady C. Cothen, Nashville, Tennessee
- 8:40 Christian Life Commission Report—Foy Valentine, Nashville, Tennessee
- 8:50 Congregational Singing
- 8:55 Music—The Singing Men of Texas
- 9:00 Address—Charles W. Colson, McLean, Virginia

- 9:30 Benediction—Sam Harrell, Saratoga, California
Adjourn

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 13

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—Choir, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, Harry Cowan, director
9:30 Congregational Singing—Al Washburn, Mill Valley, California, director
Scripture—Mrs. J. W. (Nell T.) Bowen, III, Forsyth, Georgia
Prayer—Byron Mathis, Pascagoula, Mississippi
9:45 Committee on Committees Report
9:50 Committee on Boards Report
9:55 Miscellaneous Business
10:25 Presentation of former Convention presidents
10:35 Brotherhood Commission Report—
10:45 Historical Commission Report—Lynn E. May, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee
10:55 Congregational Singing
11:00 Music—Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana
11:05 Convention Sermon—William M. Hinson, New Orleans, Louisiana
11:35 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
Miscellaneous Business
12:40 Benediction—Billy Whitt, Pontiac, Michigan
Adjourn

NO SESSION WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 13

- 6:30 Pre-service Music—Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Band, Lloyd Hawthorne and Greg Berry, directors
7:00 Bold Mission Thrust Rally
Music—8,000 Voice Choir, Cliff Barrows, Greenville, South Carolina, director
Procession of Flags of Nations and States
Scripture
Prayer
Home Mission Board Report—William G. Tanner, Atlanta Georgia, and testimonies from home missions personnel, Scott Appleton, San Antonio, Texas, and Cherry Chang, Los Angeles, California
Congregational Singing—Cliff Barrow, director
Foreign Mission Board Report—Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Virginia, and testimonies on evangelism and world hunger from Ronnie Boswell, Brazil, and John Cheyne, Richmond, Virginia
Missionary Dedication Service—Jimmy R. Allen, San Antonio, Texas, and Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama
Message on Bold Mission Thrust—Billy Graham, Montreat, North Carolina
Special Music—8,000 Voice Choir
9:00 Invitation to Missionary Service—Billy Graham
Adjourn

THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 14

- 9:00 Music for Inspiration—First Baptist Church Choir, Bowling Green, Kentucky, Carl Moman, director
9:30 Congregational Singing—Frank Gonzalez, Houston, Texas, director
Scripture—Jose Sanchez, Las Cruces, New Mexico
Prayer—Mrs. Aurelia R. Downey, Washington, D.C.
9:45 Radio and Television Commission Report—Harold E. Martin, Fort Worth, Texas
10:00 Annuity Board Report—Darold H. Morgan, Dallas, Texas
10:10 Woman's Missionary Union Report—Carolyn Weatherford, Birmingham, Alabama
10:20 Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Seminary Report—Arthur L. Walker, Jr., Nashville, Tennessee

- 10:25 Education Commission Report—Arthur L. Walker, Jr.
- 10:35 Stewardship Commission Report—A. R. Fagan, Nashville, Tennessee
- 10:45 Congregational Singing
- 10:50 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
Miscellaneous Business
- 11:45 Address—Baker James Cauthen, Richmond, Virginia
- 12:15 Benediction—Rudy Pulido, Jefferson City, Missouri
Adjourn

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 14

- 1:30 Music for Inspiration—Evangelistic Singers
- 2:30 Congregational Singing—Leon Westerhouse, Birmingham, Alabama, director
Scripture—Jerry Ritchie, Monroe, Louisiana
Prayer—B. B. McGee, Ackerman, Mississippi
- 2:45 Baptist World Alliance Report—Robert S. Denny, Washington, D.C.
- 2:55 Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs Report—James E. Woods, Jr., Washington, D.C.
- 3:05 Address—Porter W. Routh, Nashville, Tennessee
- 3:30 Miscellaneous Business
Committee on Baptist State Papers Report, H. Franklin Paschall, Nashville, Tennessee
Denominational Calendar Committee Report, Henry B. Huff, Louisville, Kentucky, chairman
- 4:30 Benediction—John H. Chafin, Sr., Dothan, Alabama
Adjourn

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 14

- 7:00 Music for Inspiration—Baylor University Choir, Euell Porter, director
- 7:25 Congregational Singing—Lanny Allen, San Antonio, Texas, director
- 7:35 Address—Jerry Clower, Yazoo City, Mississippi
- 8:00 Presentation of new officers
- 8:05 Congregational Singing
- 8:15 Music—Baylor University Choir
- 8:25 Address—Georgi Vins, Soviet Union
- 8:55 Congregational Singing
- 9:00 Address—Manuel Scott, Los Angeles, California
- 9:30 Benediction
Adjourn

8. Milton Cunningham (Tex.) welcomed the Convention on behalf of Baptist and other residents of Texas.

9. Dan Stringer (Ore.) responded to the welcome on behalf of Convention messengers.

10. President Allen recognized the following fraternal messengers: Mrs. John Sparrock, president, American Baptist Churches, USA; Tim Terry, Home Mission Board, on behalf of the Polish Baptist Association of the United States and Canada; Robert Denny (D.C.), Baptist World Alliance, presented Zau Yaw and Clifford Kyandwe, Baptist leaders of Burma, and David Wong, Hong Kong, president of the Alliance.

11. Director Prestidge led in the singing of "Blessed Assurance" and "Have Faith in God."

12. The Chair recognized Yong Soon Nam, president of the Korean Baptist Convention, as an additional fraternal messenger. His greeting was translated by his son-in-law, Young Hwan Kihl, a student at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and pastor in Concord, California.

13. The Chair announced the following committees:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Luke E. Williams, Jr. (Texas) *Chairman*; James Walters, *Mrs. Frances Stevenson, Alabama; Richard Jackson, *Truet Thompson, Arizona; Don Harbuck, *Roger Harrod, Arkansas; Bill Crews, *Mrs. Thurmond George, California; Davis Cooper, *Harold Blackwell, Colorado; Hubert Keefer, *Mrs. Ellen Teague, District of Columbia; Philip Lykes, *Mrs. Joyce Ponder, Florida; James Strickland, *Bill Green, Georgia; John L. Hessel, *Miss Helen Sinclair, Illinois; Don Moore, *O. Thomas Woods, Indiana; John Click, *Mrs. Anne Conley, Kansas-Nebraska; G. Allen West, *John DeBord, Kentucky; John Alley, *Mrs. Adrian L. Decker, Louisiana; Gene Puckett, *Larry High, Maryland; Christ Techmier, *Mrs. Fern Dannelley, Michigan; Clark Hensley, *Mrs. Martha Nelson, Mississippi; Ernie White, *Glen Blair, Missouri; W. H. Bryant, *Jack Ratliff, New Mexico; Cecil Sherman, *Joe B. Craig, North Carolina; Roy P. Belcher, *Hugh Boring, Northwest; Garland Wilkerson, *Mrs. Dorothy Thorpe, Ohio; Dan Cooper, *Ted Coldiron, Oklahoma; Eddie Rickenbaker, *Mrs. Mollie Cuttino, South Carolina; Earl Davis, *Andrew Edmondson, Tennessee; *Mrs. Carolyn Strickland, Texas; and John Patterson, *Bradley W. Hall, Virginia.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Charles Myers (Mississippi), *Chairman*; Daniel Rivera, Welton Gaddy, Mrs. Charlotte (Weston) Ware, and E. Stanley Branch, Texas; Marguerite Woodruff, Georgia; Edgar Cooper, Florida; John Lewis, North Carolina; Paul Craven, South Carolina; and Bill Hillis, Maryland.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: James Cooper (Texas), *Chairman*; James Adams, Gene Petty, Arkansas; Wayne Barnes, Louisiana; W. I. Barnett, New Mexico; Ron Fellemeade, Oklahoma; J. B. Fowler, Mississippi; Herbert Garratt, South Carolina; Mrs. Mildred Gatlin, Clifford Johnson, Texas; and Roger Williams, Georgia.

TELLERS COMMITTEE: Olan H. Runnels (Missouri), *Chairman*; Max Caldwell, Wade Darby, and John Lee Taylor, Tennessee; Doyle E. Carlton, Jr., Florida; John R. Claypool, Mississippi; C. W. Scudder, Missouri; Robert L. Smith, Florida; Burlie Taylor, Alabama; and Joe F. Vaughan, Virginia.

*Indicates Non-Church/Denominational Related Vocation

14. President Allen introduced Brooks Wester (Miss.), chairman of the Executive Committee, for the report of the Committee. After recognizing members of the Committee, Wester presented Porter W. Routh, retiring executive secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Routh, in recognition of their extended, faithful service on behalf of Southern Baptists. Routh reviewed highlights of Committee actions taken during the past year and called attention to certain aspects of financial reports printed in the Convention *Bulletin*. Chairman Wester introduced Harold C. Bennett, executive secretary-treasurer-elect, and Mrs. Bennett; brief greetings and a statement of commitment were expressed by Bennett.

15. Howard Cobble (Ga.) presented through audiovisuals 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 1979-80 be as follows (1978-79 also shown for comparison):

	1978-79	1979-80
Total Basic Operating Budget	\$62,000,000	\$68,500,000
Total Capital Needs	2,000,000	2,500,000
SUBTOTAL	<u>\$64,000,000</u>	<u>\$71,000,000</u>
Bold Mission Thrust Challenge	<u>11,000,000</u>	<u>12,000,000</u>
TOTAL COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET	<u>\$75,000,000</u>	<u>\$83,000,000</u>

We further recommend that the 1979-80 Cooperative Program Basic Operating Budget be distributed as follows (1978-79 also shown for comparison):

	1978-79	1979-80
Foreign Mission Board	\$29,760,000	\$33,352,658
Home Mission Board	12,500,000	13,375,000
Annuity Board	300,000	325,000
Golden Gate Seminary	1,195,854	1,279,564
Midwestern Seminary	1,232,266	1,324,514
New Orleans Seminary	2,109,362	2,342,835
Southeastern Seminary	2,086,709	2,317,319
Southern Seminary	3,005,235	3,440,372
Southwestern Seminary	3,779,574	4,182,888
Southern Baptist Foundation	170,000	181,900
American Seminary	150,000	160,500
Brotherhood Commission	575,000	615,250
Christian Life Commission	420,000	449,400
Education Commission	290,000	310,300
Historical Commission	220,000	235,400
Radio-TV Commission	3,000,000	3,210,000
Stewardship Commission	275,000	294,250
Public Affairs Committee	255,000	272,850
SBC Operating Budget	602,000	704,000
Seminary Endowment*	74,000	126,000
TOTAL	<u>\$62,000,000</u>	<u>\$68,500,000</u>

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

We further recommend that the Capital Needs Budget of \$2,500,000 as allocated in 1978 be distributed as follows after the basic Operating Budget has been met:

Golden Gate Seminary (library & faculty offices)	\$1,314,000
Southeastern Seminary (housing & faculty offices)	600,000
Southern Seminary (WMU Hall renovation)	528,000
Brotherhood Commission (training center)	58,000
TOTAL	<u>\$2,500,000</u>

We further recommend that the \$12,000,000 Bold Mission Thrust budget be distributed as follows:

Foreign Mission Board	40 percent
Home Mission Board	40 percent
Radio and Television Commission	12 percent
Seminaries	8 percent
	<u>100 percent</u>

16. Allen Bailey (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 2 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 2

We recommend the adoption of the Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget for 1979-80 as follows: (1978-79 shown for comparison purposes)

	1979-80	1978-79
Income		
Cooperative Program	\$ 704,000	\$ 602,000
Dividends and Interest	40,000	40,000
Baptist Sunday School Board	420,000	420,000
	<u>\$1,164,000</u>	<u>\$1,062,000</u>

Expenditures

Convention Expenses	\$ 244,640	\$ 205,000
Special Committees	25,000	25,000
Executive Committee	627,020	586,000
Baptist World Alliance	226,840	212,000
Legal and Auditing	2,500	2,500
Building Operations	30,000	22,000
Religion in American Life	8,000	7,500
	<u>\$1,164,000</u>	<u>\$1,060,000</u>
Reserve	-0-	2,000
TOTAL	\$1,164,000	\$1,062,000

17. Norvell G. Jones (Mo.) presented Recommendation No. 3 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 3

We recommend the adoption of a total Cooperative Program goal of \$226,001,938 for 1979-80 in accordance with Convention action to double Cooperative Program receipts in five years and that the states be respectfully requested to consider increasing their percentage of gifts to the Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program in support of this Convention's goal.

18. Truett Thompson (Ariz.) presented Recommendations No. 4 and 5 and moved their adoption. The separate motions passed.

Recommendation No. 4

We recommend that the 1984 session of the Southern Baptist Convention be held in Kansas City, Missouri, June 12-14, 1984.

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend that the 1985 session of the Southern Baptist Convention be held in Dallas, Texas, June 11-13, 1985.

19. W. Ches Smith III (Ga.) presented Recommendation No. 6 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 6

We recommend that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the following, as a policy:

In the event in the future, undesignated funds should come to the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, or the Southern Baptist Foundation, which are indicated for the "Cooperative Program," the following policy should be followed where it is impossible to obtain from the donor exactly how the funds are to be used:

"It is hereby agreed that undesignated funds, listed as 'Cooperative Program,' received by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, or the Southern Baptist Foundation, and in the absence of specific instruction by the donor, be divided with the convention of the state in which the donor, grantor, or testator maintains/maintained legal residence. Further, the division will be made in the same ratio as the particular state shares Cooperative Program receipts with the Southern Baptist Convention, with the share going to the state for work in that state."

It is understood that "The Cooperative Program is a financial channel of cooperation between the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention which makes it possible for all persons making undesignated gifts through their church to support the missionary, education, and benevolent work in their own state convention and also the work of the Southern Baptist Convention." Normally, Cooperative Program funds would go from the church to the state convention, where the division would be made between the state and the Southern Baptist Convention, although it is recognized that individuals or organizations may give in other ways if they desire.

20. James Graves (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 7 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 7

We recommend that Bylaw 28 (2) be amended by adding the following paragraph:

"On all matters referred by the Convention, agencies shall respond in writing at the close of their report in the *Book of Reports* and *Annual* giving specific information on (1) how the matter referred was considered; (2) how it was reported to the constituency; and (3) any actions on the matter taken by the agency or action proposed to the Convention."

21. Walter Nunn (Ala.) presented Recommendation No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that Bylaw 26 be amended as follows: (changes in bold-face italics)

"The program statements of the agencies as approved by the Southern Baptist Convention and published in the 1967 *Annual* and subsequently amended *or rewritten, and approved by the Convention*, express the policy of the Convention with respect to the programs of the agencies of the Convention."

22. President Allen opened the floor for introduction of miscellaneous business and resolutions.

23. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) moved that this Convention reaffirm the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement on the Scriptures which was overwhelmingly adopted to "serve as information to the churches, and which may serve as guidelines to the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention" and which reads as follows: "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." This and subsequent motions were scheduled for consideration at later sessions by the Committee on Order of Business. (See Item 126).

24. Gene Anglin (Tex.) moved to amend the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention. Article IX, under the title "Missionaries' Qualifications" by adding: "All appointments, endorsements, etc., which come from the Convention boards will not recognize the ordination of women as being scriptural truth held by Baptists." The Chair ruled that since the motion dealt with the internal affairs of Convention agencies, a two-thirds majority vote would be necessary to place the motion on the agenda for later consideration during this session. After a standing vote, the Chair called for a division by ballot. President Allen stated that in the event the motion failed, the sense of the motion would be referred to the two mission boards for consideration. A messenger raised a point of order; the Chair gave explanation of the parliamentary procedures in question. (See Item 57.)

25. Jerry Don Abernathy (Okla.) moved that the Convention

request that the board of trustees of every Convention board, commission, committee, and agency make a study of their retirement policies in consultation with the Annuity Board for the purpose of moving into a uniform and adequate retirement program for all Southern Baptist Convention board, commission, committee, and agency employees, and that a report of the study be made to the 1980 Convention meeting. (See Item 127.)

26. Owen Cooper (Miss.) moved that the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention be requested to seek to establish a consortium of religious bodies to establish a broadly based national committee for the purpose of developing an evaluation and labeling system for use by Christians and other concerned citizens for television programs and possibly other entertainment media programs related to such matters as violence, crime, sexual aberrations, vulgarity, and such personally and socially harmful practices as the consumption of beverage alcohol, smoking, and drug use with the understanding that the Christian Life Commission will bring a progress report to the 1980 Southern Baptist Convention; and further, that this Convention commit itself to providing reasonable pro rata funds for the expenses incurred in such a program. (See Item 128.)

27. Chairman Pleitz moved that the time be extended ten minutes. The motion passed.

28. W. Wayne Allen (Tenn.) presented a resolution on tax-exempt status of church-related schools. (See Item 178.) This and subsequent resolutions were referred to the Committee on Resolutions.

29. W. Everette Martin (Miss.) presented a resolution on doctrinal stands of the Convention president and vice-presidents to be elected in this session. (See Item 182.)

30. Maurice Smith (Tex.) presented a resolution on the crisis in education and support of public schools in America. (See Item 143.)

31. Larry Smith (Tex.) presented a resolution on separation of church and state. (See Item 182.)

32. Gary Tebbets (Mo.) presented a resolution on abortion. (See Item 148.)

33. Carl Barrington (Okla.) presented a resolution on family day in Southern Baptist churches. (See Item 182.)

34. Billy T. Nimmons (Ga.) presented a resolution on television broadcasting. (See Item 145.)

35. Ralph Langley (Tex.) presented a resolution on the world hunger crisis. (See Item 146.)

36. Larry Lewis (Mo.) presented a resolution on doctrinal integrity as it relates to Convention seminaries. (See Item 177.)

37. Earl J. Calvert (Va.) presented a resolution on peacemaking. (See Item 150.)

38. Chevis Horne (Va.) presented a resolution on energy. (See Item 147.)

39. James P. Wesberry (Ga.) presented a resolution on observance of the Lord's Day. (See Item 182.)

40. Dotson Nelson (Ala.) presented a resolution on local church mission teams. (See Item 182.)

41. R. A. Patterson, Sr. (S.C.) presented a resolution on exposure

by Federal agencies of the consequences of beverage alcohol consumption. (See Item 182.)

42. Ernest White (Mo.) presented a resolution on disavowing overt political activity and organization as a method of selecting Convention officers. (See Item 182.)

43. Glen H. Stassen (Ky.) presented a resolution on the Internal Revenue Service in relation to the support of separation of church and state. (See Item 178.)

44. O. Wyndell Jones (Ala.) presented a resolution on child abuse. (See Item 182.)

45. A. Douglas Watterson (Tenn.), first vice-president, assumed the Chair.

46. Messengers sang "To God Be the Glory" under the direction of Sam Prestidge (Tex.).

47. The Chair acknowledged the effective, untiring leadership of President Allen during his tenure, and messengers responded by standing and applauding in appreciation.

48. The Sanctuary Choir of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, Lanny Allen, director, presented special music, "I Have Chosen You."

49. The Chair then presented Jimmy R. Allen (Tex.) for the president's address: "Bold Mission Thrust: While It is Yet Day . . ."

50. Mrs. Marian (Sally) Aldridge (S.C.) led in prayer to close the morning session.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 12

51. Music for inspiration was presented by the Alabama Singing Men, Paul M. Hall, director.

52. Paul H. Stewart (Ala.) led the messengers in singing "Come Thou Fount."

53. John T. Simmons (N.Y.) led in the reading of the Scriptures, and Mrs. Betty Greenwood (Okla.) led in prayer.

54. President Allen, referring to the election of officers later in the session, was sustained in his ruling that no nominations be presented unless the person nominated had given consent.

55. Porter Routh requested that the secretary send messages of greeting to K. O. White, Louie D. Newton, and Ramsey Pollard, former Convention presidents who were unable to attend the sessions in Houston. This was authorized by common consent of the body.

56. Eli Sheldon (Okla.) presented a motion in three parts, as follows:

(1) That beginning with the 1980 Southern Baptist Convention, every person nominated to the offices of the president, first vice-president, and second vice-president of all future Conventions be asked to sign the following statement prior to balloting for election by the messengers: "I affirm by belief and commitment to the following: (A) I believe in the principles and practices of the Baptist Faith and Message Statement of 1963. (B) As an elected officer of the Southern Baptist Convention, I promise to teach and preach in accordance with and not contrary to the above statement of Baptist Faith and Message,

1963. (C) I believe in the historical and factual biblical accounts of the Creation as stated in Genesis, chapters 1-11, the virgin birth of Jesus Christ as given in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, and the miracles as recorded in both the Old and New Testaments, and in no way consider them as myth, allegory, or to be explained away as natural rather than supernatural events allowed to be recorded by God in order to satisfy mankind's finite mind."

(2) That no person nominated to these aforementioned offices be compelled to sign such a statement, but that the messengers be informed prior to election balloting as to the signing or lack of signing regarding this matter by each nominated person.

(3) That parts 1 and 2 of this motion be entered in as Item Number 6 of Bylaw 10, Election of Officers, if this body deems that action necessary for the passage of this total motion, and that the effective date in that case, be changed from 1980 to 1982. (See Items 129 and 187.)

57. Registration Secretary Porter reported the results of the balloting on the Gene Anglin motion (see Item 24) concerning a Constitutional amendment: 4,822 (58.5%) for and 3,412 (41.5%) against. The motion lost due to the lack of a two-thirds majority.

58. Marvin Glenn (Tex.) offered a motion concerning the increase of temperance lessons in Sunday School Board literature, as follows: "We, the messengers to this Convention, do hereby offer to amend Article XV of our Constitution concerning all our Sunday School and training materials that are produced by our Sunday School Board. This will supercede any and all other articles of our Bylaws, giving the messengers to this Convention (a) the power and authority by a majority vote of those present in one session (b) to authorize our Sunday School Board to make changes in our materials as specified, to add to, subtract, or reinstate materials that have been deleted, giving three to nine months to make the changes in the materials, due to materials already printed." Grady C. Cothen (Tenn.), president of the Sunday School Board, presented information regarding Board response (See p. 134) on the Glenn resolution referred to last year. The present motion to have the matter placed on the agenda for later consideration lost.

59. Charles Clary (Tex.) presented a resolution on abuse of beverage alcohol. (See Item 144.)

60. J. Earl Dunn (Tex.) presented a resolution on the poverty of migrant farm workers. (See Item 179.)

61. Robert Mulkey (S.C.) presented a resolution on abortion. (See Item 148.)

62. William L. Stockton (Tex.) presented a resolution on the protection of "the family farm." (See Item 142.)

63. Charles S. Inman (Tex.) presented a resolution on appreciation for Convention seminary staff and faculty. (See Item 176.)

64. Chairman Pleitz of the Committee on Order of Business moved that the time for business be extended ten minutes. The motion passed.

65. Robert Wilson (W. Va.) moved "that Southern Baptists purchase commercial television time during the broadcast of the 1980 Super Bowl football game for a 30-second witness for Christ, to be

produced by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention." The Chair ruled that this motion be referred to the Radio and Television Commission.

66. W. J. Cox (Tex.) presented a resolution concerning daily family worship in homes. (See Item 182.)

67. Richard A. Ivy (Tex.) presented a resolution on pornography. (See Item 175.)

68. Wayne W. Oeffler (Fla.) presented a resolution on Christian day schools and taxation. (See Item 178.)

69. Mrs. Mary Allred (Tenn.) presented a resolution on the American Bible Society. (See Item 139.)

70. Theo Sommerkamp (Ohio) presented a resolution on second class postage rates. (See Item 181.)

71. Bill H. Smith (Tenn.) presented a resolution concerning the Convention Arrangements Committee. (See Item 182.)

72. David Medley (Ark.) presented a resolution on commendation of Southern Baptist college and seminary faculty. (See Item 176.)

73. Glen Puckett (Ala.) presented a resolution on commendation of the Radio and Television Commission. (See Item 182.)

74. Bill Bruster (Tenn.) presented a resolution on domestic violence. (See Item 141.)

75. John Gilbert (Ark.) presented a resolution on the Student Conference on World Missions, 1979. (See Item 140.)

76. Richard Creech (Tex.) presented a resolution on world hunger. (See Item 182.)

77. Jim Fortson (Calif.) moved that the Christian Life Commission be directed by the Southern Baptist Convention to conduct a study of the physical, psychological, and spiritual effects of pornography and abortion on the individual and the community, and make recommendations to the 1980 Convention concerning the best solutions to these problems. The Chair ruled that the motion be referred to the Christian Life Commission.

78. President Allen opened the floor for nominations for president. Ray Roberts (Ohio) nominated C. E. Price (Pa.). Welton Gaddy (Tex.) nominated A. Douglas Watterson (Tenn.). Homer Lindsay, Sr. (Fla.) nominated Adrian Rogers (Tenn.). John Sullivan (La.) nominated Robert E. Naylor (Tex.). Frank Pollard (Miss.) nominated William Self (Ga.). Chairman Pleitz moved that the time for nominations be extended ten minutes; motion passed. William M. Hinson (La.) nominated Abner V. McCall (Tex.). Ballots were cast for president.

79. The Chair presented Brooks Wester (Miss.) and Porter Routh (Tenn.) for the continuation of the Executive Committee's report. Dick McCartney (Tex.) introduced Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cartee, Mission Service Corps missionaries in Colorado, Robert Wideman (Tex.), Lolly Gage (Tex.), and Dean and Karr La Dickens, missionaries to the Philippine Islands, for brief testimonies of their involvement in Bold Mission Thrust efforts.

80. Charles Harvey (La.) presented Recommendation No. 9 of the Executive Committee and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 9

We recommend second approval of a change in Article VI, Section 1, of the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution as follows (changes in boldface italics):
 "Article VI. The Boards, Institutions, and Commissions—their Constitution and Powers:

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

81. Preston Callison (S.C.) presented Recommendation No. 10 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 10

We recommend that the Baptist Sunday School Board be allowed to revise its charter as follows:

**RESTATED CHARTER
OF
THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

Under §48-304 of the Tennessee General Corporation Act

WHEREAS, A. B. Hill, G. C. Savage, F. P. Provost, H. E. Frost, J. T. Altman, Wm. Gupton, R. M. Dudley, Geo. J. Burnett, Chas. H. Eastman, Ryland Knight, W. C. Bilbro, W. T. Hale, Jr., H. B. Alexander, W. F. Powell, Hiram A. Davis, Jas. W. Winn, W. C. Barrett, J. B. Lawrence, C. W. Stumph, C. N. Williams, Jr., A. U. Boone, Lawrence M. Proctor, S. P. Hair, H. B. Wilhoite, O. J. Wade, H. Boyce Taylor, were, by Charter filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Tennessee on June 23, 1921, constituted a body politic and corporate by the name and style of THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION: and

WHEREAS, the purposes, corporate powers and other matters relative to the corporation were set forth in said Charter; and

WHEREAS, said Charter was subsequently amended by Charter amendments filed May 8, 1950, and September 6, 1963;

WHEREAS, by action of the Board of Trustees of the Corporation taken at a meeting on _____, 1979, the Charter of Incorporation was amended by deleting the entire text of the original Charter of Incorporation and amendments, and substituting therefor the Restated Charter as set forth below, such action having been taken by such Trustees with the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention at a meeting on _____, 1979;

NOW, THEREFORE, by action of the Trustees of the corporation acting pursuant to the prior consent of The Southern Baptist Convention as set forth above, the following is adopted as the Restated Charter of the corporation.

PART I

1. The name of the corporation is THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

2. The duration of the corporation is perpetual.

3. The address of the principal office of the corporation in the State of Tennessee shall be 127 Ninth Avenue, North, Nashville, County of Davidson.

4. The corporation is not for profit.

5. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

To support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by making available Bibles, lesson courses and materials, books, audiovisuals, music and recordings, and church supplies and by fostering Christian education, Sunday Schools, and service programs which will help the churches to establish, conduct, enlarge, and improve their ministries of Bible teaching and Christian training.

The corporation shall also carry on, perform and do any other act or thing necessary or germane to the carrying out of the foregoing purposes.

6. The corporation is to have no members.

7. The general welfare of society, not individual profit, is the object for which this Charter is granted, and hence there are no stockholders in the legal sense of

the term, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 5, hereof. The Board of Trustees may at any time voluntarily dissolve the corporation by a conveyance of its assets and property to the Southern Baptist Convention, a Georgia not for profit corporation, first providing for corporate debt.

8. The means, assets, income or other property of the corporation shall not be employed directly or indirectly for any other purpose whatever than to accomplish the legitimate objects of its creation.

9. The corporation shall be governed by a Board of Trustees who shall be elected by The Southern Baptist Convention as prescribed in the Constitution and Bylaws of The Southern Baptist Convention. The business affairs of this corporation will be conducted in accordance with and shall be subject to the Business and Financial Plan of The Southern Baptist Convention;

FURTHERMORE, this organization shall be controlled and governed by the rules and regulations prescribed by the Southern Baptist Convention.

10. This Charter may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the Tennessee General Corporation Act, but no such amendment shall be made without the prior consent of The Southern Baptist Convention.

PART II

1. This Restated Charter amends the original Charter of this corporation, as previously amended, by amending the body of the original Charter and its amendments in their entirety.

2. The original Charter was filed with the Secretary of State on June 23, 1921.

3. This Restated Charter restates the text of the Charter, as heretofore amended, and as further amended hereby in its entirety.

4. This Restated Charter was duly adopted by the Board of Trustees of the corporation at a meeting of the corporation held in Nashville, Tennessee, on _____, 1979, the prior approval of The Southern Baptist Convention therefore having been obtained at the meeting of The Southern Baptist Convention on _____, 1979.

DATED _____, 1979.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD OF THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

By: _____

82. Gene Watterson (N.C.) presented Recommendation No. 11 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 11

We recommend adoption of the following program statement for the six seminaries as a substitute for the one now appearing in the *Organization Manual of the Southern Baptist Convention*.

I. OBJECTIVE:

The objective of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries is to provide theological education, with the Bible as the center of the curriculum, for God-called men and women to meet the needs for trained leadership in the work of the churches. The seminaries utilize scholarship with reverent concern and dependence upon the guidance of the Holy Spirit. They are Baptist institutions witnessing to the truth revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They help the Convention by study of the life of the Convention and by involvement in Convention programs.

II. PROGRAMS

The six seminaries conduct programs for men and women recommended by the churches in an environment designed to encourage spiritual growth for the development of Christian leaders, including lay leaders, for the various ministries of the churches and the denomination. These programs provide comprehensive

theological education at specific academic levels, with a focus on the development of ministerial competencies.

1. **The Program of Pre-baccalaureate Theological Education**
Objective: To provide for students who have at least the equivalent of high school education biblical, theological, historical, and practical studies, designed to develop ministerial competencies in such roles as pastor, minister of education, or minister of church music, leading to certificates, diplomas, or degrees.
2. **The Program of Basic Theological Education**
Objective: To provide at the post-baccalaureate level theological education leading to a Masters Degree for those whom the churches recommend as called for God for a lifetime of leadership in the various ministries of the churches and other areas of Christian service.
 - (1) The program of professional theological education leading to the Master of Divinity Degree requires three years of post-baccalaureate professional studies in biblical, historical, theological, and practical areas of ministries, with supervised field experience designed to enhance and test the professional competence of the individual.
 - (2) The program leading to the Master of Religious Education Degree requires a minimum of two years of post-baccalaureate professional studies in biblical, historical, theological, and practical areas of ministry, including supervised field experience to develop competency for ministry in the areas of religious education.
 - (3) The program leading to the Master of Church Music Degree/Master of Music Degree requires a minimum of two years of post-baccalaureate study in music and biblical, theological, historical, and practical studies, to develop competency for the ministries of the churches in the field of church music.
3. **The Program of Advanced Professional Theological Education**
Objective: To provide advanced theological education for persons in ministry who have earned a basic theological degree and who have given evidence of capacity for superior performance in their role within the ministries of the churches.
 - (1) The program leading to the Doctor of Ministry Degree requires advanced courses and professional supervision for a minimum of one year beyond the basic theological degree.
4. **The Program of Advanced Research Theological Education**
Objective: To provide graduate theological education for those who have completed their basic theological studies and have given evidence of superior academic ability and capacity for research and writing; to equip such persons for leadership roles in such areas as teaching and research.
 - (1) The Program leading to the Master of Theology Degree requires a minimum of one year beyond the basic theological degree, focused upon a specific discipline within biblical, theological, historical, and practical studies.
 - (2) The Program leading to the Doctor of Philosophy/Doctor of Theology Degrees requires a minimum of two years of advanced study and scholarly research beyond the basic theological degree to develop superior leadership in the ministries of the churches in the areas of teaching, research, and writing.
 - (3) The Program leading to the Doctor of Musical Arts Degree requires a minimum of two years advanced study beyond the basic church music degree to develop superior leadership abilities in the music ministries of the churches, including teaching.
 - (4) The Program leading to the Doctor of Education Degree requires a minimum of two years of advanced study beyond a basic seminary degree to develop superior leadership qualities within the ministries of the churches, including teaching.
5. **The Program of Continuing Education for Ministry**
Objective: To enable pastors, church staff members, and denominational leaders to maintain and enhance ministerial competencies through conferences, workshops, seminars, guided study plans, and other forms of continuing education.

III. STRUCTURE

1. Education

- (1) Provide the personnel and facilities in order to conduct classes and seminars in the program areas and also conduct supervised field and clinical training.
- (2) Conduct these programs in whole or part on a central campus and in off-campus locations.
- (3) The six seminaries maintain a Seminary Extension Department which provides through such means as extension centers and correspondence (home study) courses, off-campus theological education for: (a) men and women in church vocations who have not completed college or seminary training; (b) laymen and women desiring theological training which is academically oriented; and (3) seminary-trained men and women desiring opportunities for continuing education.
- (4) Provide special lectures to make available to students and faculty members insights which will assist them in understanding and communicating the gospel.
- (5) Provide housing, food service, book and supply stores, health facilities, and similar auxiliary enterprises for the students so that they may participate in the common life of the learning community and thus enlarge their educational experience.

2. Consultation and Counsel

- (1) Provide (within budget limitation and seminary policy) through faculty and staff members, personnel with technical information and skills to assist the pastors, the staff members, other church leaders, denominational organizations, and agencies through occasional conferences and participation in programs through off-campus conferences.
- (2) Make available (within budget limitation and seminary policy) facilities and personnel to assist other agencies having need for specialized training sessions and conference programs.

IV. RELATIONSHIPS

The Southern Baptist seminaries are related:

1. **To One Another.** Through the Presidents Workshop and the Inter-Seminary Council, they share information and develop policies to strengthen their programs, individually and collectively.
They may develop procedures such as formula for Cooperative Program allocation and distribution by which to present cooperatively their needs to the Southern Baptist Convention. They may report individually or collectively to the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. **To Other Agencies.** The seminaries enter into the fellowship of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies, participating freely in the Inter-Agency Council. Because of their responsibility for training personnel, they should provide the mission boards with opportunities to present the need for personnel and also to consult with the mission boards about the training needed for missionary personnel. Because of their role in training church leaders, they should maintain close consultative and cooperative relations with other denominational agencies.
3. **To Accrediting Agencies.** The seminaries are expected to maintain high academic standards in all their programs and may verify the quality of their work through participation in appropriate accrediting agencies such as regional accrediting agencies for higher education, the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada, and the National Association of Schools of Music, provided there is no compromise of doctrinal position or Baptist polity.

83. Mrs. Anita Bass (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 12 and moved its adoption. John G. (Jack) Green (Fla.) moved an amendment of the whole (recommendation) as follows: "That a special committee, to be known as the 'Special Study Committee for Agency Financial Plans, Pricing, and Fees,' be appointed by the Committee on Committees; that the Committee be comprised of eight

laymen and seven ministers, none of whom will have served in any elected or employee relationship on the Southern Baptist Convention level in the last five years; that the committee will study the financial plans of the agencies, their pricing of materials, and charges of any nature levied on the local church; that the ultimate purpose of this committee will be to bring recommendations to the Convention which will enable our local churches to increase their capacity and desire to support the Cooperative Program with the goal to double such giving by 1987; and to accomplish such, the Convention agencies are requested to cooperate fully with this committee which will bring reports to the Convention in 1980 and 1981 and have a final report in 1982." Autry Waters (Ala.) moved that consideration of the recommendation be postponed until the amendment could be printed in the Convention *Bulletin* and scheduled for consideration at a specific time. The motion failed. The previous motion (amendment of the whole) failed. Recommendation No. 12 was adopted.

Recommendation No. 12

We recommend the adoption of the following statement on Southern Baptist Convention agencies charging for services rendered:

1. The Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies exist primarily to assist the individual churches in their all important task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ.
2. One of the objectives of the agencies is to enable the churches to do their work more efficiently and to make greater use of their limited resources.
3. The agencies receive the resources to carry on their work through Cooperative Program contributions from the churches; through designated gifts from individuals or churches; through income from endowment or trust funds; and through the compensation received for goods and/or services.
4. The Sunday School Board does not receive any funds through the Cooperative Program. From its organization in 1891, it has depended on the income from the sale of goods and/or services for financing the programs assigned by the Convention.
5. All agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention are recognized as not-for-profit by the Internal Revenue Service and no income received accrues to individuals, except in salaries and normal benefits as fixed by their boards, or to stockholders. There are no stockholders of any Southern Baptist Convention agencies.
6. With the exception of the Baptist Sunday School Board, most of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies receive their funds through the Cooperative Program or designated gifts and make no charges to any churches for their services.
7. With Convention approval, there have been some exceptions to this general rule, and these exceptions have been guided by the following principles:
 - (1) Agencies receiving Cooperative Program monies who provide a service and/or materials to a limited number of churches where the service or materials are for fund-raising for the individual church may charge the church for the recovery of reasonable costs.
 - (2) Agencies receiving Cooperative Program funds providing curriculum materials, special materials or services to be used in a teaching or training program, or in a study of the particular problems of an individual church, may charge for the recovery of reasonable costs.
 - (3) Agencies may recover costs from individuals for conferences, seminars, or training sessions conducted by the agency.

84. Barton Young (Calif.) presented Recommendation No. 13 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 13

We recommend that the following paragraph be added to Section XII of the Business and Financial Plan (the new paragraph is in boldface italics) :

Each agency of the Convention shall forward a copy of its audit to the Executive Committee as soon as possible, certainly within three (3) months after the close of the fiscal year, and each agency shall appoint a committee of the trustees to recommend the appointment of an independent auditor and to study the audit.

As part of the audit, the auditor shall prepare for the agency's audit committee a letter in which the auditor makes any recommendations for changes in the procedures followed by the agency with regards to internal financial controls. If the auditor has no recommendations, he should so state in writing to the agency's audit committee. After the agency's audit committee has reviewed any recommendation made by the auditor, the agency shall forward a copy of the auditor's letter along with any comments that the administration might deem desirable to the Executive Committee. These letters from all the agencies shall be available to the Executive Committee for the sole purpose of recommending any changes deemed necessary to the Business and Financial Plan.

Each annual audit shall include a statement from the certified public accountant certifying that the accountant has handled and counted all securities held by the agency in the presence of two (2) bonded representatives of the agency. If the securities are placed for handling with a trustee (i.e., bank, trust company, foundation, etc.), a certified statement from such trustee should be made to the accountant and be made a part of the annual audit report or submitted as a supplement to the report. The seminaries and mission boards shall also submit to the Executive Committee a balance sheet as of September 30 to be used in reporting the Aggregate Assets and Liabilities of the Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention.

85. H. F. Paschall (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 14 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 14

After hearing representatives of the areas named in the Gritz motion, and after review of the study of seminary enrollment needs by the Research Services Department of the Sunday School Board, it does not appear now that a seventh seminary is feasible.

We recommend that the six seminaries be requested together to outline for the Executive Committee possibilities of extending their ministries for meeting the needs for theological education in the state conventions in the Northeast, the North Central, the West, and the Northwest, and that they involve representatives of the areas named in their studies. It is understood that this study is in keeping with another study currently underway.

86. Harold C. Bennett (Fla.) presented Recommendation No. 15 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 15

(1) We recommend that the Convention enter into a major denominational emphasis continuing Bold Mission Thrust for 1982-1985 to be faithfully supported by all the agencies of the Convention with the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, Woman's Missionary Union, the Brotherhood Commission, the Stewardship Commission, the Christian Life Commission, the Radio and Television Commission, and the seminaries as sponsoring agencies.

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

(3) We understand that Career Missionaries, Cooperative Program Support,

Mission Service Corps, Mission Education Council, and Volunteer Involvement in Missions are as components related to Bold Mission Thrust.

(4) We further recommend that the content of the emphasis be ordered as follows:

Bold Mission Thrust—Matthew 28: 18-20

Southern Baptist efforts are focused on involvement in the mission to enable every person in the world to have the opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel of Christ by the year 2000. Such involvement in a Bold Mission Thrust requires responsible action through the church in order to reach people, develop believers and strengthen families.

REACHING PEOPLE: An organized, intensive, and coordinated global (world-wide) growth effort of missions and evangelism to enlist new people into the Kingdom of God and church membership, and to establish new fellowships of believers.

DEVELOPING BELIEVERS: Responsible Christian growth resulting in witnessing to lost people, ministering to people in need, especially the economically, socially, and physically deprived, and committing life and financial resources to God's Kingdom through the churches.

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES: Affirm the biblical concept of the family and respond creatively to problems of deteriorating marriage and changing patterns of family life.

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

(6) We further recommend that the Committee on Order of Business for 1982, 1983, and 1984 be asked to relate the annual themes to Bold Mission Thrust and to emphasize the content areas in the programs insofar as appropriate.

87. Porter W. Routh (Tenn.) presented Recommendation No. 16 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 16

We recommend (1) that the Mission Service Corps Committee be discontinued as a separate committee and that the Implementation Workgroup continue to function as part of the Bold Mission Thrust, and (2) that the Mission Service Corps Implementation Workgroup report regularly to the Bold Mission Thrust Leadership Group and Steering Committee.

88. Chairman Wester, on behalf of the Committee, presented plaques denoting appreciation for devoted denominational service to Paul M. Stevens, Baker James Cauthen, and Porter W. Routh, all retiring from agency leadership positions as executive officers in 1979.

89. Hollis E. Johnson III (Tenn.), executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Foundation, referred to the Foundation's printed report and summarized Foundation efforts to serve the needs of Southern Baptist individuals and institutions. Special mention was made of new services and strategies.

90. Messengers sang "At The Cross" under the leadership of Paul Stewart.

91. President Allen again opened the floor for introduction of miscellaneous business matters.

92. Gary Gunderson (Ga.) presented a resolution on inflation. (See Item 174.)

93. Woodrow Robbins (N.C.) asked the Resolutions Committee to consider presenting resolutions to Congress regarding warning labels on alcoholic beverages and restricting advertisements of them especially during athletic events. (See Item 182.)

94. Charles Harvey (La.) nominated Harold C. Bennett (Fla.) as treasurer of the Convention; Martin Bradley (Tenn.) as recording secretary; and Lee Porter (Tenn.) as registration secretary. These officers were elected serially by acclamation.

95. Director Stewart led those present in singing "We're Marching to Zion."

96. Mike Mercer (Tex.) presented a resolution on messengers remaining throughout a Convention session. (See Item 182.)

97. Prentis McGee (Tex.) presented a resolution on the S.A.L.T. Treaty. (See Item 182.)

98. The Chair, at the recommendation of the chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, recognized A. R. Fagan, executive director, for the report of the Stewardship Commission rather than as scheduled on Thursday morning. Fagan discussed action taken by the Commission in response to matters referred to the Commission by the 1978 Convention. (See page 191.)

99. Secretary Porter reported on the ballot for president, as follows: Ed Price — 223 (1.87%); Douglas Watterson — 474 (3.97%); Abner McCall — 643 (5.39%); William Self — 1,673 (14.02%); Robert E. Naylor — 2,791 (23.39%); and Adrian Rogers — 6,129 (51.36%). Rogers was declared elected as president of the Convention.

100. The Chair opened the floor for nominations for first vice-president. William M. Hinson (La.) nominated Abner V. McCall (Tex.). John Morgan (Tex.) nominated T. A. Patterson (Tex.). John Dunaway (Ky.) nominated Charles Harvey (La.). Ballots were cast for first vice-president.

101. Paul Y. Wong (Tenn.) led in prayer to close the afternoon session.

Tuesday Evening, June 12

102. Music for inspiration was presented by the Singing Men of Texas, Robert Burton (Tex.), guest director.

103. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.), Convention music director, led the messengers in singing "My Savior's Love" and "At Calvary."

104. James L. Bunch (Ohio) led in the reading of the Scriptures, and Miss Annie L. Ivey (N.C.) led in prayer.

105. President Allen opened the floor for business and the election of officers. He noted the concern of past Conventions for television content and stated that Christian Life Commission staff member Harry Hollis would be testifying about television programming on the following day before a Senate subcommittee in Washington. Allen asked approval of the body to send the following telegram to Hollis: "Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention now in Houston have expressed their strong commitment to the view that the television air waves belong to the people and that legislation to regulate television must uphold the public interest." The messengers gave enthusiastic assent.

106. Secretary Porter announced results of balloting for first vice-president: Charles Harvey — 1,098 (14.18%); T. A. Patterson — 3,317 (42.8%); and Abner V. McCall — 3,331 (43.0%). A runoff ballot was cast involving McCall and Patterson.

107. Secretary Porter announced registration of 15,248 messengers at 7:30 p.m.

108. Committee on Order of Business Chairman Pleitz announced the time of 9:55 A.M. on Wednesday for consideration of specific motions.

109. Chairman Pleitz moved that H. Edwin Young (Tex.) preach the Convention Sermon in 1980, with James Graves (Fla.) to serve as alternate. The motion passed.

110. Robert Phillips (Tex.) presented a resolution on abortion. (See Item 148.)

111. Vice-president Self assumed the chair and presented William M. Pinson, Jr. (Calif.) to introduce the report of the six Southern Baptist seminaries. Pinson, president of Golden Gate, spoke briefly, followed by the other presidents: Landrum P. Leavell, New Orleans; Duke K. McCall, Southern; W. Randall Lolley, Southeastern; Milton Ferguson, Midwestern; and Russell H. Dilday, Southwestern. Messengers expressed appreciation for the report by applause and standing.

112. The Chair recognized Norman Wiggins (N.C.), chairman of trustees, to introduce the report of the Sunday School Board. Grady C. Cothen, president, then shared highlights of Board ministries and achievements during the past year, many directly supporting the Convention's Bold Mission Thrust. Special explanation of the purchase of the Holman Bible Company, and its potential for Bible distribution, was given. Harold C. Bennett (Tenn.), executive secretary-elect of the Executive Committee, presented to Cothen an official copy of the new Broadman book, "Unto All the World: Bold Mission," authored by Cothen.

113. John Claypool (Miss.), chairman of the Christian Life Commission, introduced Foy Valentine (Tenn.), executive secretary, for the Commission's report. A new brochure dealing with social principles was commended by Valentine to the Convention. Questions by messengers from the floor were addressed by Valentine.

114. Secretary Porter reported these results in the runoff ballot for first vice-president: T. A. Patterson — 2,431 (45.56%); Abner McCall — 2,905 (54.44%). McCall was declared elected first vice-president.

115. President Allen resumed the chair and announced the time for nomination of second vice-president. Jerv Vines (Ala.) nominated Homer Lindsay, Jr. (Fla.). Grayson Glass (Tex.) nominated Roy E. Ladd (Tex.). Paul Rose (Ga.) nominated Don Touchton (Fla.). Neal T. Jones (Va.) nominated Milton Cunningham (Tex.). Ballots were cast for second vice-president.

116. James Pleitz, chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, requested that the order for the reports of the Committee on Committees and the Committee on Boards, scheduled for 9:45 A.M. and 9:50 A.M. respectively on Wednesday, be reversed. The body approved by common consent.

117. Vice-president Self assumed the chair. The Singing Men of Texas, under the direction of Robert Burton, sang "All Hail the Power."

118. The Chair recognized Neal T. Jones (Va.) who introduced Charles W. Colson (Va.), a member of the church he serves as pastor.

Colson brought the inspirational message of the session. Messengers responded with prolonged applause of appreciation while standing.

119. Sam Harrell (Calif.) led in the prayer of benediction.

Wednesday Morning, June 13

120. Music for inspiration was presented by the choir of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, directed by Harry Cowan.

121. Al Washburn (Calif.) led messengers in singing "I Know Whom I Have Believed."

122. Mrs. I. W. (Nell T.) Bowen III (Ga.) led in the reading of the Scriptures, and Byron Mathis (Miss.) led in prayer.

123. President Allen recognized Kenneth Chafin (Tex.), chairman of the Committee on Boards, for the report of the committee. Chafin moved the adoption of the report as printed in the *Convention Bulletin*. The motion passed.

124. Luke Williams (Tex.), chairman of the Committee on Committees, moved the adoption of the Committee report as printed in the *Convention Bulletin*. The motion passed.

125. Secretary Porter reported these results of the balloting for second vice-president: Roy Ladd — 816 (12.37%); Milton Cunningham — 1,513 (22.93%); Don Touchton — 1,742 (26.41%); and Homer Lindsay, Jr. — 2,526 (38.29%). A run-off ballot involving Lindsay and Touchton was cast.

126. The Chair opened the floor for consideration of motions previously scheduled for this time. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) spoke to his motion concerning reaffirmation of the section on the Scriptures in the 1963 Baptist Faith and Message Statement. (See Item 23.) Those discussing the motion were: Larry Lewis (Mo.), for; Bill Brock (Fla.), against; Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.), for. The motion was passed.

127. Jerry Don Abernathy (Okla.) spoke to his previously offered motion concerning Convention agency retirement programs. The motion passed. (See Item 25.)

128. Owen Cooper (Miss.) requested common consent for a slight revision (in boldface type) in his previous motion relating to television broadcasting; the body gave consent and the last paragraph then read, "and further, that this Convention ask the Executive Committee to study needs for providing reasonable pro rata funds for the expenses incurred in such a program." William Whitfield (Ala.) moved to amend by inserting the words "and cooperate with other concerned organizations" after the words "religious bodies." The amendment carried. The entire motion, as amended, passed. (See Item 26.)

129. Eli Sheldon (Okla.) moved that discussion of his previous motion be scheduled for the miscellaneous business session on Thursday morning so that the printed motion could be available to the messengers. (See Items 56 and 187.) The motion to postpone consideration passed.

130. Former Convention presidents brought greetings and were warmly received. Those participating: J. D. Grey (1952-53), Brooks Hays (1958-59), Herschel H. Hobbs (1962-63), W. Wayne Dehoney (1965-66), H. F. Paschall (1967-68), W. A. Criswell (1969-70), Carl E. Bates (1971-72), Owen Cooper (1973-74), Jaroy Weber (1975-76), and James L. Sullivan (1977).

131. The Chair recognized Jack Deligans (Calif.), chairman, for introducing the Brotherhood Commission report. Norman Godfrey (Tenn.), Commission staff member, and Robert Dixon (Tex.), Brotherhood secretary for Texas, assisted in presenting the report.

132. Vice-president Watterson assumed the chair. Lynn E. May, Jr. (Tenn.), executive director, introduced the report of the Historical Commission and presented a set of autographed copies of The Baptist Heritage Series (pamphlets) to President Allen. Commission Chairman Walter B. Shurden (Ky.) spoke to the challenge and value of both recording and remembering Baptist history.

133. Al Washburn led messengers in singing "My Jesus, I Love Thee."

134. Randall Lolley (N.C.), alternate preacher of the Convention Sermon, read from the Scriptures and led in prayer.

135. Special music, "A Mighty Fortress," was presented by the choir and orchestra of the First Baptist Church, New Orleans, Louisiana, under the direction of Harry Cowan, the church's minister of music.

136. The Chair introduced William Hinson (La.) to preach the annual Convention Sermon, "God's Great, Glad Day." At the conclusion of the message and of special music by the choir and orchestra, messengers joined with them in singing "The Church's One Foundation."

137. President Allen resumed the chair. Secretary Porter announced results of the run-off ballot for second vice-president, as follows: Homer Lindsay, Jr. — 2,182 (43.11%); Don Touchton — 2,879 (56.89%). Touchton was declared elected as second vice-president.

138. The Chair recognized Charles Myers (Miss.), chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, for the introduction of resolutions.

139. Marguerite Woodruff (Ga.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 1. (See Item 69.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 1—On the American Bible Society

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention believes that every Christian should share the gospel message with their fellowman, and

WHEREAS, The Word of God in printed form is one of the principal ways to make the gospel known, and

WHEREAS, The American Bible Society as a service organization to the Southern Baptist churches endeavors to provide the Scriptures that the churches need at a price they can afford,

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that the messengers of the Convention urge all Southern Baptists to make certain that the Word of God is available to everyone in a form they can read and understand, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage all our churches to name an American Bible Society church representative for each local congregation to assist in this vital outreach ministry, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge Southern Baptists everywhere to uphold and support the work of the American Bible Society.

140. Miss Woodruff moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2. (See Item 75.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 2—On Students and Missions

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has committed itself to an ambitious Bold Mission campaign which calls for us to help every person in the world to hear the gospel by the year 2000, and

WHEREAS, The Convention has requested its churches to seek out the called and support 1,000 additional career missionaries by 1982, and

WHEREAS, Many of those who will respond to God's call to mission service in the next few years are now students in colleges, universities, and seminaries across the United States, and

WHEREAS, Several agencies of the Convention are concerned about keeping these students informed about the needs and opportunities in Southern Baptist mission work,

Therefore, be it *Resolved* that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Houston June 12-14, 1979, commend to our college and seminary students the Student Conference on World Missions meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, at the Opryland Hotel December 27-31, 1979, and urge them to attend this nation-wide meeting being sponsored by National Student Ministries supported strongly by the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the Brotherhood Commission.

141. Welton Gaddy (Tex.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 3. (See Item 74.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 3—On Domestic Violence

WHEREAS, In this country it is now estimated that as many as 2,000 children die each year as a result of domestic violence and as many as two million suffer from abuse and neglect, and

WHEREAS, Children in one of ten American families hit, beat, stab, or shoot their parents, and

WHEREAS, Spouse battering, violent acts by either husband or wife, occur in more than 20 percent of American homes, and

WHEREAS, More police die as a result of answering domestic violence calls than any other aspect of their work, and

WHEREAS, Studies indicate that once domestic violence occurs, there is a higher chance of its occurring again and then continuing through several generations,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we recognize domestic violence as one of the serious moral issues of our time, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage local churches to be involved in local programs of ministry for those involved in domestic violence, and that we encourage pastors to utilize available resources such as public and voluntary organizations which can aid them in ministering to families touched by domestic violence, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage the establishment of clear and responsible public policy related to domestic violence, which policy should be effective at the local, state, and national levels.

142. Gaddy moved the adoption of Resolution No. 4 (See Item 62.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 4—On Family Farms

WHEREAS, 63 percent of Southern Baptist churches are in the country or in towns of under 2,500 in population, and

WHEREAS, This accounts for 36 percent of Southern Baptist total membership, and

WHEREAS, The United States has lost over 50 percent of its family farms in the last thirty years, and

WHEREAS, The loss of these farms directly affects rural communities, schools, businesses, and churches, and

WHEREAS, The continued loss of family farms is a threat to rural communities, traditional values, a family-based food production system, and ultimately food security in this nation and around the world,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we support current efforts to preserve the family farm as a vital part of the food production system in this country, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge individual Southern Baptists to communicate with their elected congressional representatives in support of political policies which will preserve the family farm and thereby help preserve the life and well-being of thousands of churches.

143. Charles Myers (Miss.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 5. (See Item 30.) Wayne Allen (Tenn.) moved that the resolution be amended as follows: In the third "WHEREAS," delete the phrase

"the proliferation of private schools"; add to the second *Resolved*, "Be it further *Resolved*, that while recognizing the validity of the ministry of church-related private schools, Southern Baptists be urged to become more involved in shaping and supporting public schools, participating responsibly wherever possible in the local schools and in the decision-making bodies which determine the course of public education, and." Bob Winsted (Ky.) spoke in favor of the amendment. The amendment carried. Larry Smith (Tex.) spoke against the resolution as amended. Orion Bell (Ky.) spoke in favor of the resolution. Larry Lorenz (Calif.) spoke against; Ray Spears (Miss.) spoke for; L. C. Tripp (Tex.) spoke against. The question was called; the resolution was adopted as amended.

Resolution No. 5—The Crisis in Education

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists historically have been strong supporters of public education, and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have been deeply committed to the right of all children to achieve their God-given potential, and

WHEREAS, The American public school system is now facing its most serious crisis in history, due to the complex issues of communicating moral values, financing, family breakdown, discipline, the "back to basics movement," racial desegregation, and church-state problems, and

WHEREAS, Many Baptists occupy administrative and teaching positions in the public school system,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that Southern Baptists be urged to pray regularly for those teachers and administrators who work faithfully in the public school system, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that while recognizing the validity of the ministry of church-related private schools, Southern Baptists be urged to become more involved in shaping and supporting public schools, participating responsibly wherever possible in the local school and in the decision-making bodies which determine the course of public education, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we hereby commit ourselves to help achieve quality education for every child in this nation.

144. Daniel Rivera (Tex.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 6. (See Item 59.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 6—On Alcohol

WHEREAS, Alcohol is the number one killer of young people from age eighteen to twenty-one, and

WHEREAS, Over 25,000 people die each year on the nation's highways as a direct cause of drinking drivers, and

WHEREAS, Alcoholics number approximately twelve million in the United States, with enormous human cost and an annual loss of approximately \$25 billion dollars to our nation's economy, and

WHEREAS, The increasing number of problem drinks among young people and females is special cause for serious alarm,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that Southern Baptists continue to adhere to and promote vigorously and positively their commitment to abstinence from alcohol, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that Southern Baptists renew their commitment to minister compassionately to those who develop drinking problems and to relate to their families in redemptive ways.

145. Rivera moved the adoption of Resolution No. 7. (See Item 34.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 7—On Television Broadcasting

WHEREAS, Television is a valuable invention which, if properly used, can offer helpful information, a significant means of communicating the gospel, and enjoyable entertainment, and

WHEREAS, The television airwaves belong to the American people and must be responsibly used to reflect the public interest, and

WHEREAS, Networks and local stations offer some morally useful programming, they continue also to offer much programming which undermines social morality, and

WHEREAS, The Communications Committees in the United States House and Senate are now considering legislation seriously affecting regulation of broadcasting in this country,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston in June, 1979 commend those people within the television industry who are working to provide morally responsible programming, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we express our strong support to Congress for legislation to uphold the public interest together with our opposition to any and all proposed legislation which would remove even what few public-interest provisions now offer some restraint to the television and radio industry, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage Southern Baptists throughout the nation to write their United States Senators and Representatives to oppose legislation that removes all restraints from an industry that has proven its unwillingness to restrain itself and to support legislation that will protect the public interests in broadcasting.

146. William Hillis (Md.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 8. (See Item 35.) Preston Callison (S.C.) moved to amend by deleting from the next to the last paragraph the words "and not merely line the coffers of the already privileged elite." The amendment failed. R. H. Patterson (S.C.) moved to amend by adding "Whereas, alcohol is the greatest cause of world hunger." The amendment failed. Billy Hickman (Okla.) moved to amend by deleting the second paragraph. The amendment failed. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 8—On Hunger

WHEREAS, In obedience to the teachings of the Bible, Southern Baptists have demonstrated their concern for the hungry through resolutions, offerings, mission action, and citizenship activities, and

WHEREAS, Hunger continues every year to destroy more lives than died in Hiroshima, Nagasaki, and all of Hitler's death camps combined, and

WHEREAS, The earth is actually producing enough food now to provide an adequate diet for every person now on earth,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we reaffirm our belief that every human being has a right to freedom from hunger, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we encourage Southern Baptists with special skills in nutrition, health, agriculture, economics, or other food-related fields, to seek out Mission Service Corps opportunities to fight hunger at home and abroad, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we express to the United States Congress our strong support for an overseas development assistance program which will help those who are hungry and not merely line the coffers of the already privileged elite, and

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we encourage Southern Baptists to engage in strong and active Christian citizenship efforts to alleviate hunger.

147. Edgar Cooper (Fla.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 9. (See Item 38.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 9—On Energy

WHEREAS, God is the creator and owner of all energy resources and we are responsible as his stewards to use them conservatively and safely, and

WHEREAS, Much of the world is now experiencing critical fuel shortages and recently has been terrified by a serious accident at Metropolitan Edison's Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we call on all Southern Baptists to practice stringent conservation efforts as an important part of Christian stewardship and witness, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urgently request utility companies, the federal government, and state governments to proceed with the construction of any new

nuclear power plants only when the safety of their operation and waste disposal processes can be assured, and

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we pledge our cooperation with both government and industry as they seek to devise major new initiatives in the development of safe, clean, and renewable energy forms.

148. William Hillis (Md.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 10 and presented the committee's rationale for the resolution. (See Items 32, 61, and 110.) Gary Tebbets (Mo.) moved an amendment of the whole, as follows:

WHEREAS, The Holy Scriptures clearly affirm the sanctity of all human life, and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have historically affirmed the Holy Bible as the supreme standard by which all human conduct should be judged, and

WHEREAS, All medical and other evidence indicates that any abortion necessarily involves a wilful decision to terminate the life of an innocent human being, and

WHEREAS, Abortion on demand has been completely "legalized" by the Supreme Court in its 1973 and 1976 decisions on the issue;

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that we as Southern Baptists reaffirm our belief that "Man was created by the special act of God, in His own image, and is the crowning work of His creation" (Baptist Faith and Message, Section (III)), and

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

Be it further *Resolved*, that we call upon our spiritual brothers and sisters to work on all levels of government, as individual citizens, to bring about passage of legislation and/or Constitutional Amendment which would protect the personhood of all human life at all stages of development, whether born or unborn, and ensure every conceived human being of his inalienable right of life and liberty.

Hillis spoke against the proposed amendment; Morris Sheats (Tex.), for; Robert Posey (Tex.), against. The question was called for and was sustained by the body. The amendment of the whole (above) failed. Vincent H. Gaugler (Ala.) moved that the resolution be amended following the last "WHEREAS." The president ruled the amendment out of order since it dealt with subject matter of a previous Convention action. James Schope (Kan.) moved to cut off debate and vote on the resolution; sustained. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 10—On Abortion

WHEREAS, Abortion is a matter of serious concern to the American people in general and to Christians in particular, and

WHEREAS, Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention have spoken clearly to this issue in 1976 as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, This resolution was reaffirmed in 1978,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we affirm the positions taken by these Conventions, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge all Southern Baptists to pray earnestly and work faithfully in dealing with this issue.

149. John Carty (Va.) moved that the session be adjourned. The motion failed.

150. John Lewis (N.C.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 11. (See Item 37.) Dillard Wilbanks (Ga.) moved to amend by deleting all references to the Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty. Lewis spoke against the amendment; Bob Canuette (Ga.), for; Glen Stassen (Ky.), against. Chairman Pleitz moved the extension of time by five minutes, and the motion passed. Stewart Simms (S.C.) moved to postpone action until time for the report of the Committee on Resolutions on Thursday morning. Ronald Jackson (Ala.) spoke against the postponement; the motion to postpone failed. The previous question was moved and the motion passed. The vote on the amendment (deletion of S.A.L.T. references) failed. Richmond Graham (Tex.) questioned the ruling and moved to vote by ballot; the motion lost. The body sustained the Chair in ruling that the amendment lost. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 11—On Peacemaking

WHEREAS, In the great Judeo-Christian tradition there is the ancient prophet's vision of world peace, of beating swords into plowshares and spears into pruninghooks, and

WHEREAS, Our Savior Jesus Christ is called the Prince of Peace and is the key to the prophetic vision of peace, and

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that Christians are to be peacemakers and are to "follow after the things which make for peace" (Romans 14:19), and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention in 1978 voted its conviction that multilateral nuclear arms control is an essential ingredient in peacemaking, and

WHEREAS, The current Strategic Arms Limitation Treaty appears to be a responsible step in the direction of checking nuclear arms proliferation without which an arms race of unparalleled dimensions would seem certain to occur, thus bringing our world closer to the brink of nuclear holocaust,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we communicate with the members of the United States Senate our strong support for responsible multilateral nuclear arms control and urge ratification of the current treaty as basically a step in the direction of multilateral arms control, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we communicate to our elected representatives our concern that in the future greater strides in multilateral nuclear arms reduction be taken, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we commit ourselves to support nuclear arms control with prayer and with an educational emphasis among Southern Baptists which will seek to clarify the moral dimensions of this important world issue and to support the vital Christian ministry of peacemaking.

151. Billy Whitt (Mich.) led in a prayer of benediction to close the session.

Wednesday Evening, June 13

152. A program of music by the Texas Baptist All-State Youth Choir and Band, Lloyd Hawthorne and Greg Berry, directors, intro-

duced the Bold Mission Thrust Rally at the Astrodome in Houston. Attendance was estimated at 50,000.

153. Messengers viewed a colorful procession of flags of nations and states.

154. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.), Convention music director, led the congregation in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

155. President Jimmy Allen introduced vice-presidents A. Douglas Watterson (Tenn.) and William L. Self (Ga.) who, respectively, led in reading from the Scriptures and in prayer.

156. Cliff Barrows (S.C.) directed a choir of eight thousand Baptists in singing "The Lord's Prayer."

157. President Allen, after introducing and referring to selected Convention leaders, recognized William G. Tanner (Ga.), executive director-treasurer, for the Home Mission Board report. Home Missions personnel, Scott Appleton (Tex.) and Cherry Chang (Calif.), shared their testimonies, followed by a medley on the theme of Jesus sung by Russell Newport (Mo.). Tanner closed the report period with a message on the challenge before Southern Baptists of evangelizing our land.

158. The President announced that the offering to be received during the session would go to cover expenses of the Astrodome session, with any overage going to Bold Mission causes.

159. After the congregation sang "Amazing Grace," Barrows directed the choir in singing "I Believe."

160. Baker J. Cauthen (Va.), executive director, was recognized to introduce the report of the Foreign Mission Board. John Cheyne (Va.) and Ronnie Boswell, Brazil, Board staff and field representatives, respectively, shared testimonies. Cauthen concluded the report session with a message presenting the mandate facing the current generation of reaching the world for Christ.

161. The choir, under Barrows' direction, sang "Ye Shall Be My Witnesses" as recently-appointed home and foreign missionaries, accompanied by fellow Southern Baptists, presented themselves for dedication. President Allen offered encouragement, promised the prayer and financial support of Southern Baptists, and issued a challenge of sacrificial service to the missionaries. The dedicatory prayer was led by Carolyn Weatherford (Ala.), executive director, Woman's Missionary Union.

162. Cliff Barrows led in the singing of "To God Be the Glory." President Allen then introduced Billy Graham, Southern Baptist world evangelist, who used Acts 4 as a text in confronting Southern Baptists with the imperative in this day of "turning the world upside down" for Christ. He stressed the constraining love of Christ as our needed dynamic and obsession. Upon Graham's invitation to "go where he wants you to go, and be what he wants you to be," slightly over twelve hundred persons responded and registered decisions. The rally ended with praise as the congregation sang "To God Be the Glory."

Thursday Morning, June 14

163. Music for inspiration was presented by the choirs of the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Kentucky, Carl Moman, minister of music.

164. Frank Gonzalez (Tex.) led messengers in singing "Jesus Saves."

165. Jose Sanchez (N.M.) led in the reading of the Scriptures, and Mrs. Aurelia R. Downey (D.C.) led in prayer.

166. Vice-president Self recognized Harold E. Martin (Tex.) for the report of the Radio and Television Commission. Martin, executive vice-president and currently chief executive officer of the Commission, introduced a video tape presentation which noted with appreciation the effective leadership of Paul M. Stevens, retiring president, and highlighted ministries and operations of the Commission.

167. The Chair recognized D. William Dodson, Jr. (Tenn.), chairman of the Annuity Board, to introduce the Board's report. Darold H. Morgan (Tex.), president, spoke to the report printed in the *Book of Reports*.

168. Carolyn Weatherford (Ala.) executive director of Woman's Missionary Union, and Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory (Va.), president, led in presenting the Auxiliary's report. Other ladies who are mission leaders participated in the period utilizing floor microphones.

169. Arthur L. Walker, Jr. (Tenn.), executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission, presented reports of the work of the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary and of the Education Commission.

170. President Allen assumed the chair and led in recognizing seven Royal Ambassadors who had received the Service Aide National Awards based on at least 800 hours of service in one's church and community.

171. Director Gonzales led in the singing of "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus."

172. President Allen introduced Charles Myers (Miss.), chairman, for the conclusion of the report of the Committee on Resolutions. Myers presented Resolution No. 12 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 12—On Appreciation

The Southern Baptist Convention in its 122nd session expresses heartfelt appreciation to the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the Union Association, and the citizens of Houston for their fine Christian hospitality.

We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the local committees for many courtesies, services, and accommodations that have made our stay a pleasant one.

We extend a special thanks to the press, radio and television for the interesting and adequate coverage of the sessions and the other pertinent activities of the Convention.

We commend the officers of the Convention, President Jimmy R. Allen, Vice-President A. Douglas Watterson Jr. and William L. Self for their fair, knowledgeable, and patient presiding.

The Committee on Order of Business is especially thanked for arranging and conducting a stimulating, informative, and challenging program.

The messengers of this Convention cannot easily forget the gracious spirit of all our friends in Christ who sought so diligently to provide every need.

173. Paul Craven (S.C.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 13. The motion passed.

Resolution No. 13—Appreciation for Porter Wroe Routh

The retirement of Porter Wroe Routh on July 31, 1979 marks the climax of almost 28 years of distinguished service as executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Born in Lockhart, Texas on July 14, 1911 into a renowned Baptist family, he

has gathered an abundance of denominational experience. His father was himself an eminent Baptist pastor, editor, and denominational leader. In his home the names and faces of learned and accomplished Baptist statesmen were commonplace. This was God's way of preparing Porter for the lofty service he was to perform for Southern Baptists.

He attended the Southern Baptist Convention in 1939 and has not missed a single one since that date. His service to the denomination includes:

Instructor in Journalism, Oklahoma Baptist University, 1939

Secretary of Brotherhood and Promotion, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, 1941-1942

Editor, *Baptist Messenger*, Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma, 1942-1945

Secretary of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Sunday School Board, 1945-1951

Senior Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention, 1945-1951

Treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention, 1951-1979

Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, 1951-1979

During his years of service with the Executive Committee, the number of churches has increased from 28,289 in 1951 to more than 35,000 in 1979. Total membership has increased from 7,373,498 to more than 13 million.

Mission giving through the churches has also significantly increased:

Total mission gifts from \$37.2 million to \$318.3 million

Total Cooperative Program from \$21.5 million to \$150 million

Southern Baptist Convention portion of the Cooperative Program from \$8.1 million to \$57.4 million

WHEREAS, Porter Wroe Routh has proved his personal dedication to Jesus Christ, his personal discipline as an accomplished administrator and leader, and his personal loyalty to Baptist ideas and causes; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Routh has worked and served as a Christian layman and is a worthy exemplar for other devoted churchmen; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Routh has been supremely faithful to the mission and ministry of the local Baptist churches in which he has held membership, and in every respect has been an ideal servant of these churches;

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention in session in Houston, Texas, June 12, 1979 express gratitude to God for the life and leadership of Porter Wroe Routh; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that this resolution stand as a tribute to the life's work of our colleague in Kingdom service, and as an acknowledgement that Southern Baptists are better people because of his work among them.

174. Charles Myers moved the adoption of Resolution No. 14. (See Item 92.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 14—On Inflation

WHEREAS, A new wave of inflation has gripped the world, stealing from everyone with especially tragic consequences for the poor, and

WHEREAS, Inflation is robbing Bold Mission Thrust in particular and our missionary enterprise in general of greatly needed funds, and

WHEREAS, Among the underlying causes of inflation are human greed and irresponsible spending, and

WHEREAS, The Bible commends responsible stewardship of all human resources,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we encourage Southern Baptist churches to give renewed emphasis to Christian stewardship as a powerful anti-inflationary force in the world, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we plead with both business and labor to lower their demands for unreasonable price and wage increases and that we plead with churches, governments, and charitable organizations to increase their efforts to help the poor who suffer most acutely from inflation, and

Be it finally *Resolved*, that we pledge our personal commitment to shun a life style of conspicuous consumption and to pursue a life style of responsible Christian stewardship and self-sacrifice.

175. Myers moved the adoption of Resolution No. 15. (See Item 67.) The motion carried.

Resolution No. 15—On Pornography

WHEREAS, Pornography is a moral cancer that continues to threaten the social health of our society, and

WHEREAS, Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta in 1978 spoke clearly against pornography,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we hereby reaffirm that resolution. The 1978 resolution as approved by the Convention:

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.

176. Welton Gaddy (Tex.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 16. (See Items 63 and 72.) Kenneth Barnett (N.M.) spoke against the resolution and moved to table the motion. The Chair ruled that the motion to table was premature and would be entertained later if offered. Charles Inman (Tex.) spoke in favor of the resolution. Malone Cochran (Ga.) asked for clarification of the resolution. Herschel H. Hobbs (Okla.) responded to the request for clarification. Larry Lewis (Mo.) raised a parliamentary question. Gaddy spoke further in support of the resolution. Lewis moved to table the motion to adopt the resolution. The motion to table failed. Robert S. Magee (La.) spoke in favor of the resolution. Roy E. DeBrand (Ga.) moved the previous question and was sustained by the body. The resolution was adopted.

Resolution No. 16—On Gratitude for our Seminaries

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has established and supported six seminaries for the purpose of providing Christian education and preparation for Christian ministry, and

WHEREAS, Members of the staff and faculties in these institutions have consistently demonstrated an exemplary commitment to this noble purpose—individually signing a statement of fundamental Christian beliefs and corporately making an immeasurable contribution to the lives of persons preparing for Christian service, and

WHEREAS, Recent accusations have brought into question the doctrinal integrity of some seminary staff and faculty members in relation to the "Baptist Faith and Message" statement adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1963,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention encourage anyone who questions the doctrinal integrity of seminary staff and faculty members to follow the procedures of historic Baptist polity and the guidelines of the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution (Article VII) and register specific charges or complaints with the boards of trustees of the respective seminaries, and

Therefore be it further *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention express its profound appreciation to the staff and faculty members of our seminaries who have persistently and sacrificially taught the truth with love—enriching our appreciation for the Bible as God's Holy Word and enhancing our ministry in Christ's name.

177. The Chair ruled Resolution No. 17, on Doctrinal Integrity (see Item 36), out of order since the issue had been dealt with in

connection with the motion (see Items 23 and 126) reaffirming the Baptist Faith and Message Statement and notice of the present ruling was given at that time.

178. John Lewis (N.C.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 18 (see Items 43 and 68) and explained the committee's rationale for it. W. Wayne Allen (Tenn.) offered an amendment of the whole and spoke briefly to his proposed amendment. (See Item 28.) James E. Wood, Jr. (D.C.), reflecting the views and position of the Committee on Public Affairs, spoke in favor of the amendment. Richard Groves (Tex.) spoke against the amendment; John Baker (Md.) spoke in favor of it. Don Wainwright (Mo.) moved to table the motion to adopt the resolution. The move to table failed. Cecil Chance (Fla.) called for the question; sustained by the body. The amendment of the whole was adopted. Myers moved that the amendment of the whole be amended by substituting "one of this Convention's spokesmen" for the wording "as this Convention's spokesman" in the second section under the resolve. Wood spoke against this amendment. The amendment lost. Ray Lloyd (Miss.) moved to amend the amendment of the whole by adding "Be it further *resolved*, that we also call on the Christian Life Commission to continue its efforts to deal with the issue of racism in schools and in all areas of society." Walter Shurden (Ky.) moved to postpone further discussion on the subject until 3:30 Thursday afternoon. The motion lost. Bryan Robinson (Fla.) spoke against the Lloyd amendment. John Claypool (Miss.) spoke for the amendment. Welton Gaddy (Tex.) moved to refer the entire matter of IRS to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs and the racism statement be referred to the Christian Life Commission. The Chair ruled the motion out of order. He then ruled that the second section dealing with program statements, including the amendment by Lloyd, be referred to the two agencies, let them work out problems, and that they report back to the Convention next year. He also ruled that the phrase in that section, "as this Convention's spokesman to government," be deleted. The amendment of the whole, as amended, was adopted.

Resolution No 18—On IRS

WHEREAS, Revenue procedures have been proposed by the Internal Revenue Service which deny tax-exempt status to private schools—including those owned and operated by churches—unless they can prove that they do not discriminate on the basis of race in their admissions policies, and

WHEREAS, These procedures affecting the enrollment of church schools rest on broad grounds of public policy rather than on specific statutory authorization, and

WHEREAS, Many schools operated by a particular church or association of churches form an integral part of the total religious mission of the church or association, and

WHEREAS, Many of these schools were created by churches primarily to serve the religious as well as the educational needs of their own membership, and

WHEREAS, The actions of the Internal Revenue Service in this instance violate the constitutional guarantees of separation of church and state and the free exercise of religion,

Be it therefore *Resolved* by the Southern Baptist Convention in its 1979 annual meeting in Houston, Texas that:

1. We reaffirm our historic position in support of the separation of church and state, the right of the church alone to define its own religious mission, and the right of a church to establish schools as a part of that mission without the aid of the state, hindrance by the state, and threats of loss of tax-exempt status for following that religious mission, and

2. We request that the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, while being sensitive to our position on racism, work vigorously to maintain the separation of church and state, to protect the free exercise of religion, and to oppose specifically the Internal Revenue Service's proposed intrusions into church owned and operated schools.

179. William Hillis (Md.) moved the adoption of Resolution No. 19. (See Item 60.) The motion passed.

Resolution No. 19—On Migrant Farm Workers

WHEREAS, Migrant farm worker families ordinarily have annual incomes which are substantially below the national poverty level; and

WHEREAS, Migrant farm workers frequently live in homes devoid of sewerage, running water, and other standard necessities; and

WHEREAS, Numerous highly communicable diseases and serious states of malnutrition occur among such farm workers with frequencies greatly in excess of national average rates;

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that we commend efforts by those among our number who, having recognized the special and desperate needs of these workers, are attempting to minister to them in ways that reflect the love and concern of our compassionate Lord; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we commit ourselves as individuals, to enhance these efforts by seeking and providing additional creative ministries that meet the total human needs of migrant farm workers, and

Be it further *Resolved*, that we urge all appropriate Baptist agencies and commissions to explore further effective ways of presenting to these brethren the Good News of abundant life in Christ Jesus.

180. Al Englemann (Calif.) moved that copies of Resolution No. 18 be printed and distributed in the afternoon session. The motion failed.

181. Edgar Cooper (Fla.) read and moved the adoption of Resolution 20. (See Item 70). The motion passed.

Resolution No. 20—On Second Class Mailing Costs

WHEREAS, The United States Postal Service provides a vital and unique function in the communications field, one that can not legally or practically be competed with or substituted for, and

WHEREAS, The distribution of newspapers, magazines, and other periodicals is heavily, if not totally, reliant on the Postal Service, and

WHEREAS, There is a scheduled increase every year in second class postal rates under which these publications are mailed, increases which are dramatic, approximating a total of 45 percent during 1978 alone, and

WHEREAS, An increase of considerable size is anticipated within the next month, and also other substantial increases are expected in the years ahead, and

WHEREAS, This directly affects denominational publications, especially the Baptist state papers, bringing special hardships on them as non-profit periodicals, and

WHEREAS, There is no substitute for the Baptist state papers in inspiring, informing, and enlightening Southern Baptist church members, and

WHEREAS, The substantial and dramatic annual increases in second class postage are running multiple times ahead of the President's suggested guidelines for annual cost of living increases,

Therefore be it *Resolved*, that the Southern Baptist Convention, in annual session in Houston, Texas, June 12-14, 1979, respectfully ask President Carter and members of Congress to request the Postal Service Rate Commission to hold all second class postal rate increases within the cost of living guideline figure announced by the President.

182. Chairman Myers reported on committee actions concerning resolutions not recommended to the Convention as follows: "On Electing Officers" (Item 29)—referred to the Executive Committee; "On Separation of Church and State" (Item 31)—dealt with in other resolutions; "On Observance of Family Day" (Item 33)—referred to the Denominational Calendar Committee; "On the Lord's Day" (Item

39)—similar action taken in 1976; “On Local Church and Mission Teams” (Item 40)—referred to the Executive Committee; “Bold Mission Thrust and Alcohol” (Item 41)—dealt with in another resolution; “On Disavowing Political Activity” (Item 42)—no action; “On Child Abuse” (Item 44)—dealt with in another resolution; “On Family Devotions” (Item 66)—referred to the Sunday School Board; “On Censuring the Arrangements Committee” (Item 71)—referred to the Executive Committee; “On Commending the Radio and Television Commission” (Item 73)—no action; “On Emphasizing and Promoting Recognition of World Hunger through Publications” (Item 76)—dealt with in another resolution; “On Requesting Congress for Warning Labels on Alcohol and Restriction of Advertisement on Alcohol” (Item 93)—dealt with in another resolution; “On Staying Seated” (Item 96)—no action; and “On S.A.L.T. Treaty” (Item 97)—dealt with in another resolution.

183. Myers moved that the entire report of the Committee on Resolutions be adopted. Ernest White (Mo.) moved to amend the report by including the resolution he had previously submitted relating to disavowance of political activity in the selection of officers. Chairman Myers explained the rationale of the committee for not bringing the resolution. Wayne Dehoney (Ky.) spoke in favor of the proposed added resolution. Sid Peterson (Calif.) spoke against the resolution and moved the previous question; sustained by the body. The resolution was adopted. The report of the Committee on Resolutions, as amended, was adopted.

Resolution No. 21—On Disavowing Political Activity in Selecting Officers

WHEREAS, This is a Convention of Christians serving as messengers from Christ’s churches under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, and

WHEREAS, There have been numerous public reports of political-type meetings and materials for the purpose of predetermining the election of the officers of this Convention;

Be it therefore *Resolved*, that this Convention go on record as disavowing overt political activity and organization as a method of selection of its officers; and

Be it further *Resolved*, that this Convention urge its messengers and churches to pray for guidance in the priesthood of the believer in all matters of decision and to exercise distinctly Christian actions in all deliberations.

184. Paul Pressler (Tex.) was granted, on the basis of personal privilege, time to respond to comments made [allegedly] concerning him during discussion on the immediately preceding resolution.

185. Woodrow Robbins (N.C.) was recognized from the floor and led the messengers in strong applause and standing in recognition of President Allen’s exceptionally effective presiding during sessions of this Convention.

186. Chairman Pleitz, of the Committee on Order of Business, moved that the time be extended for ten minutes. The motion passed.

187. The Chair entertained consideration of Eli Sheldon’s motion (see Item 56 and 129) as previously offered and ruled part three (3) of the motion as not pertaining to Bylaw 10, and that parts one (1) and two (2) containing the sense of the motion would be subject to consideration. Sheldon, after speaking briefly, withdrew the motion.

188. James K. Varner (Tex.) moved “that the registration secretary, Lee Porter, be instructed by this Convention to study and report to the next Executive Committee meeting any registration irregularities and that the Executive Committee report or recommend to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention next year

necessary Bylaw changes and/or registration procedure to prevent irregularities and to maintain the integrity of the balloting system." The motion passed.

189. President Allen recognized the signal Christian and Convention service of Baker James Cauthen (Va.) and presented him for the scheduled address of the morning. Messengers warmly applauded and stood in appreciation of Cauthen as he began and at the conclusion of his message.

190. Rudy Pulido (Mo.) led in prayer to close the session.

Thursday Afternoon, June 14

191. Music for Inspiration was presented by a group of musicians in the field of evangelism. William J. Reynolds (Tenn.) coordinated participation by the following: Drew and Mark Davis (Tex.); Rick and Melody Williams (Fla.); Connie and Allison Ware (Tex.); Wayne McClain (Mo.); Sam Allen (Tex.); L. Pat Roper (S.C.); Douglas Horner (Ill.); Al Celoria (Miss.); Sam Craig, Jr. (Tex.); Chuck Kennedy (Mo.); Leon Westerhouse (Ala.); Bill and Jean Claborn (Okla.); Margaret Allen (Okla.); and Waneva Allen (Ariz.). Tom Mosley and Lewis Zailer served as accompanists.

192. Leon Westerhouse (Ala.) led messengers in singing "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations." Jerry Ritchie (La.) led in the reading of the Scriptures and B. B. McGee (Miss.) led in prayer.

193. Vice-president Watterson introduced Robert S. Denny (D.C.), general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, for the report of the Alliance. After referring to the report printed in the *Book of Reports*, Denny summarized purposes and recent activities of the worldwide fellowship of Baptists, especially in the interest of religious liberty, Bible distribution, evangelism, and relief.

194. James E. Wood (D.C.) was recognized by the Chair to present the report of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs. After acknowledging senior staff members present, John W. Baker and Stan L. Haste, Wood recounted the advocacy role of the Committee and its recent efforts in the interest of civil rights and the free exercise of religion.

195. The Chair presented Porter Routh (Tenn.) for the scheduled afternoon address. Routh, after sharing a penetrating analysis of Southern Baptist victories and shortcomings, called for a faithful, joyous new life in a new day.

196. Director Westerhouse led the congregation in singing "Down at the Cross."

197. President Allen assumed the chair, announced the time for miscellaneous business, and recognized H. F. Paschall (Tenn.). On behalf of cooperating Boy Scout organizations, Paschall read a citation of achievement in scouting and presented a commemorative medal to Porter Routh.

198. Paschall, as chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Baptist State Papers and moved the adoption of recommendations included. (See report on page 192). The motion passed.

199. D. E. Hillyer (N.C.) expressed a motion relating to Convention arrangements, but was ruled out of order due to Constitutional requirements for time of presenting motions.

200. Porter Routh (Tenn.) presented certificates of appreciation to

President Allen and Vice-presidents Watterson and Self for service to the Convention. Routh then presented certificates of appreciation for long tenures of service to Albert McClellan, editor of the *Convention Bulletin*, and W. C. Fields, Convention press representative.

201. Brooks Wester (Miss.) presented a certificate of recognition to Porter Routh for his extended period of service as treasurer of the Convention.

202. John H. Chafin, Sr. (Ala.) led in a closing prayer.

Thursday Evening, June 14

203. Music for inspiration was presented by the Baylor University Choir, directed by Euell Porter (Tex.).

204. Lanny Allen (Tex.) led messengers in singing "Revive Us Again," "The Solid Rock," "There Is a Name I Love to Hear," and "I Love to Tell the Story." All subsequent congregational singing was led by Allen.

205. President Allen introduced Jerry Clower (Miss.), Southern Baptist entertainer, for the first address of the evening session. Clower emphasized the supreme role of the local church for Southern Baptists in their Christian life and influence.

206. The Convention sang "How Firm a Foundation." The Chair shared information about the gratifying results and decisions in the Wednesday evening Astrodome session, giving glory to God and his Spirit.

207. The president and messengers recognized the contribution of Convention officers serving during the sessions, greeted the new president and vice-presidents, noted greetings from the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, concerning their pastor, incoming President Adrian Rogers.

208. Euell Porter (Tex.) directed the Baylor University Choir in singing "My Eternal King" and "A Mighty Fortress."

209. Georgi Vins, reform Baptist and religious prisoner recently of the Soviet Union, was introduced by President Allen—in a vivid historical moment—for a fraternal address. Peter Deyneka, Jr., Slavic Gospel Association, Wheaton, Illinois, served as interpreter. Vins asserted the power of Jesus Christ and the triumph of his gospel as proclaimed by faithful witnesses in the past 2000 years. He also gave an account of Baptist activity, some underground, in the Soviet Union. Those present, at the conclusion of Vin's message, expressed prolonged applause while standing.

210. President Allen recognized Olan Robinson, president of Middlebury College, Middlebury, Connecticut, who shared the news that the life and ministry of Georgi Vins would be televised via the *Bill Moyers Journal* on July 9, 1979.

211. The congregation sang "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross."

212. Manuel Scott, Los Angeles, California, upon introduction by the president, presented the concluding message of the Convention. Scott preached on "Mandate to Togetherness." Sustained applause followed.

213. Jimmy Allen presented the gavel to incoming President Adrian Rogers with a pledge of support and prayer. Rogers expressed appreciation to the Convention, stated the intention to serve all Southern Baptists, asked for prayers of all in his behalf, and led in prayer to close the Convention.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
REGISTRATION
HOUSTON, TEXAS, JUNE 12-14, 1979

Alabama	1,172
Alaska	19
Arizona	78
Arkansas	455
California	220
Colorado	92
Connecticut	9
Delaware	4
District of Columbia	30
Florida	680
Georgia	928
Hawaii	13
Idaho	0
Illinois	262
Indiana	135
Iowa	21
Kansas	183
Kentucky	684
Louisiana	834
Maine	0
Maryland	113
Massachusetts	11
Michigan	50
Minnesota	7
Mississippi	747
Missouri	576
Montana	13
Nebraska	13
Nevada	7
New Hampshire	2
New Jersey	10
New Mexico	112
New York	35
North Carolina	955
North Dakota	3
Ohio	178
Oklahoma	615
Oregon	30
Pennsylvania	30
Puerto Rico	2
Rhode Island	0
South Carolina	742
South Dakota	15
Tennessee	1,053
Texas	4,155
Utah	11
Vermont	0
Virginia	566
Washington	23
West Virginia	37
Wisconsin	6
Wyoming	11
	15,947