

PROCEEDINGS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 11-13, 1996

Tuesday Morning, June 11

1. Music was presented by the Southern Baptist Convention Adult Choir and Orchestra, John A. Walker Sr., director, interim minister of music, Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.
2. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer, Executive Committee, presented the Broadus gavel to President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL.). Henry called to order the one hundred thirty-ninth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred fifty-first year of its history at 8:26 a.m. in the Louisiana Superdome, New Orleans, Louisiana.
3. Congregational Singing was led by John V. Glover Jr. (GA), convention music director, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Atlanta.
4. Bobby D. Brewer (MS), layman, First Baptist Church, Quitman, led in prayer.
5. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, reported that as of 8:33 a.m., June 11, 1996, 10,398 messengers had been certified by churches to the Convention. He moved that these messengers constitute the Convention and that other duly certified 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 carried.
6. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, moved the adoption of the order of business as printed in the *SBC Bulletin*. Chairman Richards moved that debate on all questions during the sessions be limited to three minutes per speaker. The motion carried.

During the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, June 20-22, 1995, the Convention referred the following motion to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for consideration, action, and report:

Motion - Robert Kelley, NC

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Items 137 and 169, Proceedings of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 20-22, 1995, 1995 *SBC Annual*, pp. 85, 94

In its meeting on September 18-20, 1995, the Executive Committee referred the Robert Kelley motion to the Committee on Order of Business for consideration and response.

Committee on Order of Business Action: The Committee on Order of Business reviewed the motion by Robert Kelley, SBC Bylaw 23, and SBC Bylaw 28 in the process of preparing a Proposed Order of Business for the 1996 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Guided by the SBC Bylaws and *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised*, the conduct of business sessions and report sessions will allow messengers opportunity to ask questions and receive answers about entity reports. (Reported in *SBC Bulletin, First Day, Part 1*)

Theme: "If My People ... "
Scripture: 2 Chronicles 7:14

*"If my people who are called by my name
humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and
turn from their wicked ways, then I will forgive their
sin and heal their land."*

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- 8:15 Music for Inspiration - Adult Choir and Orchestra, John A. Walker Sr., *director, interim minister of music*, Summer Grove Baptist Church, Shreveport, LA
- 8:30 Call to Order
 Congregational Singing - John V. Glover Jr., *convention music director, minister of music*, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, GA; Becky Lombard, *convention organist*, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, AL; Teresa Thomason, *convention pianist, church music department*, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, LA;
 Prayer - Bobby D. Brewer, *layman*, First Baptist Church, Quitman, MS
- 8:35 Registration Report and Constitution of Convention - Lee Porter, *SBC registration secretary, retired*, Lawrenceville, GA
- 8:40 Committee on Order of Business (First Report) - James W. (Jim) Richards, *chairman, director of missions*, Northwest Baptist Association, Rogers, AR
- 8:45 Welcome - Leon Hyatt, *retired*, Pineville, LA
- 8:50 Response - Tony Rengifo, *foreign missionary*, Costa Rica
- 8:55 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers
- 9:00 Theme Interpretation - "If My People ... Called by My Name" - Larry D. Nail, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs, MO
- 9:10 Prayer for Revival - Tim Lafleur, *BSU director*, Nichols State University, Thibodaux, LA
- 9:15 Crossover New Orleans - Darrell W. Robinson, *vice president, evangelism*, Home Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 9:20 Introduction of Motions and Resolutions
- 9:35 Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary Report - Stephen P. Carleton, *secretary/treasurer*, Nashville, TN
- 9:45 Executive Committee Report (Part 1) - Morris H. Chapman, *president and chief executive officer*, Nashville, TN
- 10:40 Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group Report - Larry L. Lewis, *president*, Home Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 10:45 Denominational Press Report - Herb Hollinger, *vice president for convention news*, Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 10:55 Woman's Missionary Union Report - Dellanna W. O'Brien, *executive director*, Birmingham, AL
- 11:05 Congregational Singing - Ragan M. Vandegriff III, *minister of music*, First Baptist Church, Orlando, FL
- 11:10 Music - Lightshine. Ragan M. Vandegriff III, *director*, First Baptist Church, Orlando, FL
 Kate (Kitty) Henry Campbell, *soloist, songwriter*, Nashville, TN
- 11:20 President's Address - James B. (Jim) Henry, *SBC president, pastor*, First Baptist Church, Orlando, FL
- 12:00 Benediction - Joe Gebhardt, *layman*, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville, TN

Tuesday Afternoon, June 11

- 1:00 Music for Inspiration - The Centurymen. Buryl Red, *director*, ministers of music of the Southern Baptist Convention
- 1:20 Congregational Singing - Price Harris, *music evangelist*, Shreveport, LA
- 1:25 Theme Interpretation - "If My People ... Humble Themselves" - Ron Dunn, *evangelist*, Irving, TX
- 1:35 Prayer for Revival - Daniel Gage, *evangelist*, Houston, TX
- 1:40 Business
Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) - James W. (Jim) Richards
Introduction of Motions and Resolutions
- 1:50 Annuity Board Report - Paul W. Powell, *president*, Dallas, TX
- 2:00 Christian Life Commission Report - Richard D. Land, *president*, Nashville, TN
- 2:10 Congregational Singing - Danny Martinez, *minister of music*, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland, CA
- 2:15 Committee on Nominations Report - Ronnie W. Rogers, *chairman, pastor*, Lakeside Baptist Church, Hot Springs, AR
- 2:25 Messenger Information Survey - David W. Atchison, *SBC recording secretary, director*, Turning Point Ministries, Franklin, TN
- 2:35 Election of Officers (First)
- 2:50 Executive Committee Report (Part 2) - Morris H. Chapman
- 3:50 Bold Mission Thrust Report - Ernest E. Mosley, *executive vice president*, Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 4:00 Congregational Singing - Dick Thomassian, *minister of music and missions*, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL
- 4:05 Committee on Committees Report
- 4:15 Introduction of Motions and Resolutions
- 4:30 Election of Officers (Second)
- 4:45 Benediction - Larry D. Reagan, *pastor*, Hill Station Baptist Church, Goshen, OH

Tuesday Evening, June 11

- 6:00 Music for Inspiration - Marshall Kellam, *music evangelist*, Louisville, KY
Friends IV, *gospel quartet*, Nashville, TN
- 6:20 Congregational Singing - Mark Blankenship, *director, music department*, Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN
- 6:25 Theme Interpretation - "If My People ... Pray" - Donald Whitney, *assistant professor of spiritual formation*, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
- 6:35 Prayer for Revival - David Clark, *layman*, South Oaks Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, LA
- 6:40 Brotherhood Commission Report - James D. Williams, *president*, Memphis, TN
- 6:50 Election of Officers (Third)
- 7:00 Sunday School Board Report - James T. Draper, Jr., *president*, Nashville, TN
- 7:10 Sunday School Board Presentation
- 7:50 Congregational Singing - Rob Hewell, *director, church music ministries*, Arkansas Baptist Convention, Little Rock, AR
- 7:55 Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) - James W. (Jim) Richards
- 8:00 Theme Interpretation - "If My People ... Seek" - Don McMinn, *professional associate*, Intimate Life Ministries, Irving, TX
- 8:10 Previously Scheduled Business and Introduction of Motions and Resolutions

- 8:15 Denominational Calendar Committee Report - Wade Burleson, *chairman, pastor*, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Enid, OK
 8:25 Benediction - Richard Vera, *pastor*, Emmanuel Baptist Church at Riverside, Denver, CO

Wednesday Morning, June 12

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration - New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Chorus, H. Leroy Yarbrough, *director, professor of choral conducting*, New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, LA
 8:40 Congregational Singing - Byron R. Johnson, *music director*, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA
 8:45 Introduction of Local Arrangements Committee - John R. (Jack) Wilkerson, *vice president for business and finance*, Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
 8:50 Theme Interpretation - "If My People ... Turn" - H. Paul Pressler, *layman*, First Baptist Church, Houston, TX
 9:00 Prayer for Revival - Joe Strahan, *pastor*, Northside Baptist Church, Vicksburg, MS
 9:05 Election of Officers (Fourth)
 9:10 Radio and Television Commission Report - Jack B. Johnson, *president*, Fort Worth, TX
 9:20 Congregational Singing - H. Leroy Yarbrough
 9:25 Seminary Presentation and Reports - William O. Crews, *president*, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, CA; Mark T. Coppenger, *president*, Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, MO; Charles S. Kelley, *president*, New Orleans Seminary, New Orleans, LA; Paige Patterson, *president*, Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, NC; R. Albert Mohler, Jr., *president*, Southern Seminary, Louisville, KY; Kenneth S. Hemphill, *president*, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
 10:25 Congregational Singing - William J. Reynolds, *distinguished professor of church music*, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
 10:30 Business
 Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) - James W. (Jim) Richards
 Introduction of Motions (Last Time)
 10:40 Previously Scheduled Business
 11:00 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
 11:05 Election of Officers (Fifth)
 11:10 Music - Awaken America Singers and Band, Buster Pray, *director, associate pastor of worship ministries*, First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR
 11:20 Convention Sermon - Ronnie W. Floyd, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, Springdale, AR
 12:00 Benediction - Barbara O'Chester, *director*, Great Hills Ladies Retreat Ministry, Austin, TX

No Wednesday Afternoon Session

Wednesday Evening, June 12

- 6:00 Music for Inspiration - Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, Larry Black, *director, minister of music*, First Baptist Church, Jackson, MS
 6:25 Congregational Singing - Bill Cox, *coordinator of volunteers in evangelism*, Home Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
 6:30 Business
 Committee on Order of Business (Fifth Report) - James W. (Jim) Richards
 Election of 1997 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, and Music Director
 6:35 Home Mission Board Report - Larry L. Lewis, *president*, Alpharetta, GA

- 6:45 Home Mission Board Presentation
 7:05 Congregational Singing - John S. Conrad, Foreign Mission Board, *music ministry*, Korea
 7:10 Baptist World Alliance Report - Nilson Fanini, *president*, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
 7:20 Foreign Mission Board Report - Jerry A. Rankin, *president*, Richmond, VA
 7:30 Zambian Acapella, *singing ensemble*, Zambia
 7:40 Foreign Mission Board Presentation
 8:55 Commitment Invitation
 9:00 Benediction - June Cosby, *layperson*, Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN

Thursday Morning, June 13

- 8:30 Music for Inspiration - Tim Kaufman, *music evangelist*, Winter Springs, FL
 Gwen "Ms. Chocolate" Williams, *soloist*, New Orleans, LA
 8:50 Congregational Singing - Carlo Sciara Jr., *bivocational music director*, Faith Baptist Church, Clayton, LA
 8:55 Theme Interpretation - "If My People ... Then I Will" - John P. Avant III, *pastor*, Coggins Avenue Baptist Church, Brownwood, TX
 9:05 Prayer for Revival - Clark Foushee, *bivocational pastor*, Sweet Spirit Baptist Church, San Antonio, TX
 9:10 Historical Commission Report - Slayden Yarbrough, *interim executive director*, Nashville, TN
 9:20 Memorial Service - W. A. Criswell, *senior pastor emeritus*, First Baptist Church, Dallas, TX
 9:25 Education Commission Report - Stephen P. Carleton, *executive director*, Nashville, TN
 9:35 Southern Baptist Foundation Report - Hollis E. Johnson III, *president*, Nashville, TN
 9:45 Stewardship Commission Report - Ronald E. Chandler, *president*, Nashville, TN
 9:55 American Bible Society Report - Eugene Habecker, *president*, New York, NY
 10:05 Congregational Singing - Jim Watson, *minister of music*, Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown, TN
 10:10 Introduction of Past Presidents - James B. (Jim) Henry
 10:15 Presentation of Outgoing SBC Officers - Morris H. Chapman
 10:20 Presentation of Newly Elected SBC Officers - James B. (Jim) Henry
 10:25 Previously Scheduled Business
 10:35 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
 10:50 Congregational Singing - John V. Glover Jr.
 10:55 Music - Greater Vision, *gospel trio*, Morristown, TN
 11:05 Testimony - Rick Scarborough, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, Pearland, TX
 11:20 Message - Bill McCartney, *founder*, Promise Keepers, Denver, CO
 12:00 Prayer for Revival and Benediction - Joseph H. (Joe) Guthrie, *pastor*, Fairhaven Baptist Church, Demopolis, AL

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7. Leon Hyatt (LA), retired, Pineville, welcomed the messengers.
 8. Tony Rengifo (Costa Rica), foreign missionary, responded to the welcome on behalf of the messengers.
 9. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the following committees as listed in the *SBC Bulletin*: Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Committee on Resolutions, Tellers Committee, and Parliamentarians

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Anthony Jordan, (Oklahoma), Chairman

*Ellie Ficken (Alabama), Edwin Jenkins (Alabama), Marvin Owen (Alaska), *Judy Zach (Alaska), *Tom Allen (Arizona), Mitchell McDonald (Arizona), Stan Parris (Arkansas), *Mike Pierce (Arkansas), Ron Shepard (California), A. Merrill Smoak, Jr. (California), Doug Lohrey (Colorado), *Dennis Zaiger (Colorado), Gerald DeOliveira (District of Columbia), *Charla Holst (District of Columbia), Stan Hannan (Florida), *Byron Safstrom (Florida), Steve Johnson (Georgia), Mike Minnix (Georgia), *Terry Martin (Hawaii), *Itsuko (Sue) Nishikawa (Hawaii), David Burleson (Illinois), *Marvin Scott (Illinois), Stan Chaney (Indiana), *John Jeter (Indiana), Bill Melton (Kansas-Nebraska), Louis Sloger (Kansas-Nebraska), Gary Frizzell (Kentucky), Mike Watts (Kentucky), Waylon Bailey (Louisiana), Billy Pierce (Louisiana), *Helen Corrothers (Maryland-Delaware), William Warren (Maryland-Delaware), *Phyllis Harbaugh (Michigan), Carlos Quinones (Michigan), Barry Corbett (Mississippi), Paul Koonce (Mississippi), *Gene Loftis (Missouri), Gary Longenecker (Missouri), Richard Johnson (Nevada), Joe Taylor (Nevada), *Mary Beth Caffey (New England), David Gilleland (New England), *Gail Hawkins (New Mexico), Mark Robinson (New Mexico), *John Edwards (New York), Steve Hollaway (New York), Chris Conner (North Carolina), Leon Hawks (North Carolina), *Herb Konkle (Northwest), Chang Moon (Northwest), Larry Allen (Ohio), *Ted Oatts (Ohio), Dan Fisher (Oklahoma), *Ruth Fiore (Pennsylvania-S. Jersey), Jimmie Knox (Pennsylvania-S. Jersey), *Randy Cooper (South Carolina), Tim Head (South Carolina), Lamar Moore (Tennessee), Thomas Vinson (Tennessee), Ernest Easley (Texas), Gilbert Lain (Texas), *Mary McFarling (Utah-Idaho), Lavoid Robertson (Utah-Idaho), *Don Boone (Virginia), Gene Fant (Virginia), Rick Sadler (West Virginia), Allen Shouse (West Virginia), *Myrtie Peterson (Wyoming), David Schroeder (Wyoming)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Allan Blume, (North Carolina), Chairman

Billy Harris (Alabama), George O'Neel (Arkansas), Jorge Acevedo (Florida), Lee Sheppard (Florida), *Ken Hartley (Georgia), *Mickey Henderson (Georgia), John Whaley (Georgia), *Stephen Simko (Indiana), Ronny Sivells (Kentucky), Doyle Cooper (Louisiana), Richard Powell (Mississippi), Clark Stewart (Mississippi), Mark Anderson (Missouri), David Eaton (Nevada), Dale Morell (New England), Conley (C.J.) Bordeaux (North Carolina), Sam Hendry (Oklahoma), Chester Holmes (South Carolina), Thomas Knotts (South Carolina), Buddy Boston (Tennessee), *Merle Cross (Texas), *Susan McGuire (Texas), Gregory Pierce (Virginia)

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: *Nancy Victory, (Louisiana), Chairman

Jay Wolf (Alabama), Jack Kwok (Arkansas), *Faith Kim (California), Harry W. Lewis (California), Joe Coats (Florida), John Click (Kansas-Nebraska), *Linda Donnell (Mississippi), Mark Acuff (New England), Karen Bullock (Texas)

TELLERS COMMITTEE: James Epting, (South Carolina), Chairman

Timothy Lovett (Alabama), Bobby Dusek (Arkansas), Othoniel Valdes (Florida), John S. Connell (Georgia), *Scott Smith (Georgia), *Howard Lovell (Kentucky), *Bonnie Elliott (Louisiana), John Faris (Maryland-Delaware), *B. J. Jenkins (Mississippi), Clyde Elder (Missouri), Lavern Inzer (Nevada), David Shackelford (New York), Shannon Scott (North Carolina), Darrell Deer (Ohio), Bill Barnett (Oklahoma), Fletcher Allen (Tennessee), Robert Campbell (Tennessee), William Horner (Tennessee), Bill Jones (Texas), Floyd Petersen (Texas), Todd Estes (Virginia)

* Indicates a non-church related vocation

PARLIAMENTARIANS: Lester L. Cooper Jr. (Georgia), Chief Parliamentarian

Jimmy E. Jackson (Alabama), John L. Sullivan (Florida), David N. Matlock (Louisiana), Sanford W. Peterson (New York), Joe H. Reynolds (Texas)

10. A Theme Devotion entitled "*If My People ... Called by My Name*" was given by Larry D. Nail (MO), pastor, First Baptist Church, El Dorado Springs.
11. After messengers prayed in small groups, Tim Lafleur (LA), Baptist Student Union director, Nichols State University, Thibodaux, led in prayer for revival.
12. Darrell W. Robinson (GA), vice president, evangelism, Home Mission Board, reported on the Crossover New Orleans project. Robinson reported 2,180 professions of faith at the time of this report.
13. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the time for introduction of motions and resolutions, noting that motions would be referred to the Committee on Order of Business to be scheduled for later consideration. Resolutions would be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.
14. Wyndham Cook (AR) presented a motion: **On Bylaw 16(5)**

"I move that this Convention instruct the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to revise Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 16(5) to prohibit Southern Baptist Convention agency heads and their elected staffs from suggesting specific individuals for service on their own boards of directors."

15. Randy A. Woods Sr. (SC) presented a motion: **On the Representation of Leaders of Small Churches in the Convention**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention, as it moves toward the Covenant for a New Century, remember and recognize who and what it is by employing the God-given talents of a more representative panel of preachers, readers, speakers, singers, and other leaders during future conventions, and that the Executive Committee, and those it directs, assign program personnel in future conventions, to select personnel to reflect, proportionally, the church sizes and demographics as recognized by our Annual Church Profiles." (Item 55)

16. Kenneth R. Barnett (CO) presented a motion: **On the Broadman Commentaries**

"I move that the Sunday School Board discontinue publishing all 12 volumes of the 'old' Broadman Commentaries."

17. Chester A. Ward Sr. (OK) presented a motion: **On Lifeway**

"I move that the trustees of our Baptist Sunday School Board rescind the current policy of using the name 'Lifeway Press' on any materials published by our Baptist Sunday School Board and sold to other denominations or non-Baptist entities, and use instead the name 'Baptist Sunday School Board' or 'Convention Press'" (Item 55)

18. Thomas Houston (VA) presented a motion: **On Lay Representation**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution, **Article V, Officers**, 2, be amended to read as follows:

Note: Bold represents addition to text.

2. The officers shall be elected annually and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified. The term of office for the president is limited to two (2) years, and a president shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one (1) year has elapsed from the time a successor is named. The first vice president shall be voted upon and elected after the election of the president has taken place; and the second vice president shall be voted upon and elected after the election of the first vice president has taken place. **At least one of the three named positions shall be a layman.**" (Item 55)

19. Larry T. Blackmon (TX) presented a motion: **On the amendment of Bylaw 28**

"I move that Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 28. **Procedures** be amended to read as follows:

Note: Bold represents addition to text.

(2) *Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Agencies:* Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or programs of an agency shall be referred to the elected board of the agency for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual session of the Convention for action **and that those motions be voted on individually by the Convention whether or not the agency or committee chose to act upon them** with the exception that the Committee on Order of Business may be instructed by a two-thirds vote to arrange for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the same Convention, subject to provision of Bylaw 23." (Item 55)

20. Bill R. Bissell (OK) moved that the vote on Bylaw 15 be moved to the 2:50 p.m. Executive Committee Report. (See Item 23.)
21. The Commission on The American Baptist Seminary Report was given by Stephen P. Carleton (TN), secretary-treasurer. Harold Eden raised a question concerning students of African descent. Carleton responded.
22. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, introduced the Committee's report shown in the *SBC Book of Reports*.
23. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) recognized Bill R. Bissell (OK) who spoke to his motion to delay the vote on Bylaw 15. (See item 20.) Ronnie W. Floyd (AR) spoke against the motion. Motion failed.
24. Bob Sorrell (TN) moved the adoption of Recommendation 1 and spoke to the recommendation. Recommendation 1 was adopted.

Recommendation 1: Amendment to SBC Bylaw 16. Committee on Nominations

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention amend Bylaw 16. Committee on Nominations as follows:

1. Add a new subparagraph (2)(f) which reads.
 - f. Nominees for election to the board of any investment company established by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention
2. Renumber existing subparagraph (2)(f) by making it (2)(g).

3. Add a new subparagraph (10) which reads:
 - (10) The Committee on Nominations shall recommend to the Convention at least fourteen (14) persons who are qualified to serve as trustees of the investment companies established by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Convention shall, in turn, nominate at least fourteen (14) persons for election by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to serve as trustees of the investment companies. Subparagraphs (7) and (8) of this bylaw shall not apply to trustees of the investment companies.
 4. Renumber existing subparagraphs (10) and (11) accordingly.
25. Ronnie W. Floyd (AR), chairman of the Executive Committee, moved the adoption of Recommendation 2. Recommendation 2 was adopted.

Recommendation 2: Amendment to SBC Bylaw 15, Agencies and Auxiliary of the Convention (Three Motions of 1995 Southern Baptist Convention)

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention act for the second of two consecutive years (pursuant to Southern Baptist Convention Bylaws 27 and 39) to amend Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 15, effective upon the adjournment of the 1997 Southern Baptist Convention

- (1) By deleting and by substituting therefor the caption, and paragraphs (1)(a), and (1)(c), the following:

15. Entities and Auxiliary of the Convention:

(1) The entities of the Convention are as follows:

(a) General Boards: The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Virginia; The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., Alpharetta, Georgia; The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee; Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, Texas.

(c) Commission: The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee.

and:

- (2) By deleting from paragraph (1)(b) the words "Southern Baptist Foundation, Nashville, Tennessee" and "Institutions not owned but fostered by the Convention; The American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee."

26. Ronnie W. Floyd (AR), chairman of the Executive Committee, introduced Robert Record (VA), chairman of the Implementation Task Force, who gave highlights of the Implementation Task Force report.

27. Robert Reccord (VA), chairman of the Implementation Task Force, moved the adoption of Recommendation 3.
28. Bill Prince (GA) moved to affirm the interpretation of the ministry assignments to the Baptist Sunday School Board and North American Mission Board in the official record. He spoke to the motion. The motion carried.
29. Recommendation 3 was adopted.

Recommendation 3. Implementation of Covenant for a New Century: Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and Southern Baptist Foundation

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the adoption of the following action to be effective June 19, 1997:

In affirmation and fulfillment of the Convention mandated Covenant for a New Century, the Southern Baptist Convention

- a. Approves the amended and restated charter of Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention (Exhibit A), to cause this corporation to be dissolved as an entity of the Convention, and removes the Convention-elected trustees to allow the presidents of the Convention's six seminaries to assume management of this corporation utilizing the name of Council of Seminary Presidents.
- b. Approves the amended and restated charter of Southern Baptist Foundation (Exhibit B), to cause this corporation to be dissolved as an entity of the Convention, and removes the Convention-elected trustees to allow the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to select the trustees of this corporation.

EXHIBIT A

Amended and Restated Charter of
COUNCIL OF SEMINARY PRESIDENTS

Heretofore named

Historical Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation hereby submits its Amended and Restated Charter, amending its present charter by deleting it in its entirety. This Amended and Restated Charter supersedes the corporation's original charter and all prior amendments thereto and changes the name of the corporation to Council of Seminary Presidents.

1. The name of the corporation is Council of Seminary Presidents.
2. The address of the principal office of the corporation is 901 Commerce Street, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee 37203-3620. The address of the registered office is 860 Vanderbilt Plaza, 2100 West End Avenue, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee 37203. The registered agent at that office is James P. Guenther.

3. The corporation is a public benefit corporation.
4. The corporation is a religious corporation.
5. The corporation is not for profit.
6. The corporation shall have six members, those members being:
 1. Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary
 2. Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
 3. New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
 4. The Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
 5. The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
 6. The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
7. The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors (trustees) consisting of the six presidents of the member seminaries. A member may appoint a person as director in place of the member's president.
8. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are: to operate exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; to conduct the work of the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives, Seminary Extension, and to engage in other religious and educational activities.
9. 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 individuals or persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for goods and services rendered and to make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the paragraph just above. Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
10. Upon dissolution, after all creditors of the corporation have been paid, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed equally among the members, if all the members then qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If a member does not qualify, then the assets shall be distributed equally among those members who do qualify, and if none shall then qualify, to one or more organizations which do qualify.

EXHIBIT B

Amended and Restated Charter of Southern Baptist Foundation

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, the undersigned corporation hereby submits its Amended and Restated Charter, amending its present charter by deleting it in its entirety and substituting this Amended and Restated Charter in its place. This Amended and Restated Charter supersedes the corporation's original charter and all prior amendments thereto.

1. The name of the corporation is Southern Baptist Foundation.
2. The address of the principal office and registered office of the corporation is 901 Commerce Street, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee 37203-3620. The registered agent at that office is Hollis E. Johnson III.
3. The corporation is a public benefit corporation.
4. The corporation is a religious corporation.
5. The corporation is not for profit.
6. The corporation shall have one member, The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, a Tennessee nonprofit religious public benefit corporation.¹
7.
 - a. The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors (trustees) consisting of seven persons, to wit, the president of The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention who shall serve as chair of the board of trustees, and six persons elected by the member.
 - b. Trustees shall be persons who are in the judgment of the member competent to discharge the fiduciary duties of the office and who in the judgment of the member possess fiscal skills appropriate for membership on this board.
 - c. The six elected trustees shall be divided into three equal groups. In order that a staggered expiration of terms will occur, those trustees elected by the member in June 1997 shall be elected so that one group will be elected to a term of one year, one to a term of two years, and one to a term of three years. If a vacancy occurs in a trustee position before the expiration of the term, the member shall elect a person to complete that term. Otherwise, trustees shall be elected to terms of three years.
8. Neither a trustee of this corporation nor a member of the board of trustees of the member of this corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation or its member for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty, except for: any breach of the trustee's duty of loyalty to the corporation or to its member; for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law; or for an unlawful distribution.
9. The member shall adopt the corporation's charter and bylaws and any amendment thereto, except amendments to designate the name of the corporation's current registered agent and the address of that agent may be adopted by the corporation's board of trustees.
10. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are: to operate exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code; to discharge those functions delineated by a ministry statement approved by the Southern Baptist Convention and designated by the member as the ministry of this corporation.
11. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be

¹ The Executive Committee, as the member, is not liable for the acts, debts, liabilities or obligations of the Foundation. T.C.A. §48-56-203.

distributable to, its trustees, officers, or other private individuals or persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for goods and services rendered and to make payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the paragraph just above. Notwithstanding any other provision of this charter, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(e)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

12. Upon dissolution, after all creditors of the corporation have been paid, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed to the Southern Baptist Convention if the Southern Baptist Convention then qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. If the Southern Baptist Convention does not qualify, then the assets shall be distributed to one or more organizations which do qualify.

This amended and restated charter shall be effective June 19, 1997.

30. Robert Reccord (VA), chairman of the Implementation Task Force, moved the adoption of Recommendation 4. Recommendation 4 was adopted.

Recommendation 4. Implementation of Covenant for a New Century: Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, The Southern Baptist Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary, and The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the adoption of the following action:

In affirmation and fulfillment of the Convention mandated Covenant for a New Century, the Southern Baptist Convention acts to accomplish the dissolution of

- a. Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention by approving the articles of merger (Exhibit C); and
- b. The Southern Baptist Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary by approving the articles of dissolution (Exhibit D); and
- c. The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention by approving the articles of merger (Exhibit E);

EXHIBIT C

ARTICLES OF MERGER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Non-Profit Corporation Act, **The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention**, the surviving corporation, hereby delivers to the Secretary of State for Tennessee these Articles of Merger:

The Plan of Merger is as follows:

- A. The name of each corporation planning to merge:
- Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention**
- The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention**
- B. The surviving corporation of this merger shall be **The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.**
- C. The terms and conditions of the merger are:
- Both corporations are Tennessee nonprofit public benefit religious corporations. No consideration shall be exchanged in connection with this merger. The only condition of the merger shall be the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention. Merger shall be effective June 19, 1997.
- D. Neither of these public benefit corporations has members.
- E. Both of these corporations are nonprofit corporations and there is no need for any manner and basis of converting securities into memberships or obligations of the surviving or any other corporation or into cash or other property in whole or in part.

Approval by members of this plan was not required, the corporations having no members. The plan was duly approved by a sufficient vote of the board of directors of each corporation, each acting in a properly called meeting held following notice all as required by §48-61-101, et seq of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act. The approval of this merger by the Southern Baptist Convention was required in accordance with §48-61-103(a)(3) and this approval was secured by action of the Southern Baptist Convention and is evidenced below by the signature of the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These public benefit corporations gave written notice to the attorney general and reporter at least twenty days before this merger was consummated, a copy of that notice being attached hereto.

EXHIBIT D

ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION

FOR THE

SOUTHERN BAPTIST COMMISSION ON THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, The Southern Baptist Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary hereby delivers to the Secretary of State for filing these Articles of Dissolution.

1. The name of the corporation is The Southern Baptist Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary.

2. The corporation was incorporated July 8, 1976.
3. This corporation has no members.
4. A majority of the directors of this corporation duly adopted the following resolution authorizing the dissolution of this corporation on the thirtieth day of September 1996:

Resolved, that The Southern Baptist Commission on The American Baptist Theological Seminary be dissolved on September 30, 1996. The plan of dissolution shall be for all assets owned or held by The Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary after all creditors have been paid to be distributed to the Southern Baptist Convention, a Georgia nonprofit corporation which qualifies as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

5. The approval of this dissolution by the Southern Baptist Convention is required and was obtained and that approval is evidenced by the signature of the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

6. This corporation is a public benefit corporation and notice to the attorney general and reporter required by §48-64-103(a) has been given.

EXHIBIT E

ARTICLES OF MERGER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Non-Profit Corporation Act, **The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention**, the surviving corporation, hereby delivers to the Secretary of State for Tennessee these Articles of Merger:

The Plan of Merger is as follows:

- A. The name of each corporation planning to merge.

The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention

- B. The surviving corporation of this merger shall be **The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention**.

- C. The terms and conditions of the merger are:

Both corporations are Tennessee nonprofit public benefit religious corporations. No consideration shall be exchanged in connection with this merger. The only condition of the merger shall be the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention. Merger shall be effective June 19, 1997.

- D. Neither of these public benefit corporations has members.
- E. Both of these corporations are nonprofit corporations and there is no need for any manner and basis of converting securities into memberships or obligations of the surviving or any other corporation or into cash or other property in whole or in part

Approval by members of this plan was not required, the corporations having no members. The plan was duly approved by a sufficient vote of the board of directors of each corporation, each acting in a properly called meeting held following notice all as required by §48-61-101, et seq of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act. The approval of this merger by the Southern Baptist Convention was required in accordance with §48-61-103(a)(3) and this approval was secured by action of the Southern Baptist Convention and is evidenced below by the signature of the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

These public benefit corporations gave written notice to the attorney general and reporter at least twenty days before this merger was consummated, a copy of that notice being attached hereto.

31. Robert Reccord (VA), chairman of the Implementation Task Force, moved the adoption of Recommendation 5. Recommendation 5 was adopted.

Recommendation 5: Implementation of Covenant for a New Century: The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the adoption of the following action:

In affirmation and fulfillment of the Convention mandated Covenant for a New Century, the Southern Baptist Convention approves the articles of incorporation for The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. (Exhibit F)

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the adoption of the following action:

In affirmation and fulfillment of the Convention mandated Covenant for a New Century, the Southern Baptist Convention approves the articles of merger of Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. (Exhibit G), the articles of merger of Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. (Exhibit H), and the articles of merger of The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. (Exhibit I).

EXHIBIT F

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR
THE NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD OF THE
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, INC.**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, the undersigned incorporators deliver these Articles of Incorporation to the Secretary of State for filing:

1. The name of this corporation shall be "The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc."

2. The street address of the corporation's initial registered office in Fulton County is 2300 Cain Tower, 229 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, GA 30303. The initial registered agent at that office is William H. Major.

3. A. The name and address of each incorporator is:

John P. Avant, Jr., 1815 Coggin Avenue, Brownwood, TX 76801; C. Donley Brown, 202 North Lincoln, Jefferson City, MO 65101-4322; Keith D. Corrick, 11304 Worchester Terrace, New Market, MD 21774; B. Carlisle Driggers, 190 Stoneridge Drive, Columbia, SC 29210-8239; Omer Ray Finch, Jr., 18333 East Admiral Place, Catoosa, OK 74015; Charles G. Fuller, P.O. Box 2799, Roanoke, VA 24001; Michael S. Hamlet, 8740 Asheville Highway, Spartanburg, SC 29303; C. B. Hogue, 41771 Auberry Road, Auberry, CA 93602; Fred L. Lowery, 2810 E. Texas Street, Bossier City, LA 71111; Alice W. Sanders, 500 U.S. 275, Frostproof, FL 33843; Robert L. Sorrell, 2000 Appling Road, Cordova, TN 38018; William G. Underwood, 601 Beech Street, Texarkana, AR 71854; John O. Yarbrough, P.O. Box 5, Perry, GA 31069.

B. The incorporators shall

- (1) Reserve the corporate name with the Secretary of State of Georgia;
- (2) Cause the timely publication of notice of intent to incorporate;
- (3) Sign and file with the Secretary of State these articles of incorporation;
- (4) Call an organizational meeting of those persons the 1997 Southern Baptist Convention elects to constitute the board of trustees of this corporation immediately upon the adjournment of the 1997 Southern Baptist Convention;
- (5) Offer to the board of trustees for the board's consideration a nomination for the office of president;
- (6) Offer to the board of trustees for the board's consideration corporate materials including bylaws and resolutions and motions proposed by the Implementation Task Force of The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention which are necessary and appropriate for commencement of operation, and
- (7) Convene a Nominating Committee consisting of those incorporators selected by Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, namely C. Donley Brown, Keith D. Corrick, John P. Avant, Jr., Charles G. Fuller, Omer Ray Finch, Jr., and William G. Underwood who, as potential trustees of The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., shall by majority vote offer to the

board of trustees for the board's consideration nominations for the first year for the offices of recording secretary of the corporation, treasurer of the corporation, and chair and vice-chair of the board of trustees.

4. The corporation shall have one member, the Southern Baptist Convention. The member, as such, shall not be liable for the acts, debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation.

5. The mailing address of the initial principal office of the corporation is 4200 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, Georgia 30202.

6. The corporation is organized pursuant to the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code.

7. The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized shall be to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start New Testament congregations, minister to persons in the name of Christ, and assist churches in the United States and Canada in effectively performing these functions, consistent with the corporation's ministry statement as it may be amended, and the transaction of any lawful activity in pursuit of the ministry statement.

8. The corporation's board of directors (trustees) shall be composed of the President of the Southern Baptist Convention and persons elected by the Southern Baptist Convention.

A. One trustee shall be chosen from each cooperating state as defined by the Convention which has twenty thousand members; and one additional trustee from each state having five hundred thousand members, and another additional trustee for each additional five hundred thousand members in such state.

B. (1) The initial trustees so chosen shall be divided into four groups as nearly equal as possible, and one group shall be elected to a term of one year, the second group to a term of two years, the third group to a term of three years, and the fourth group to a term of four years. Otherwise, trustees shall be elected to terms of four years.

(2) The board of trustees shall cause the Committee on Nominations of the Southern Baptist Convention to be immediately notified upon the occurrence of vacancies on the board.

(3) Neither an initial trustee, nor a subsequently elected trustee, having served consecutively two full terms of four years on this board of trustees, shall be eligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed.

C. (1) In addition to and separate and apart from the provisions for board composition set forth in Subsections A and B above, the Convention may elect to the initial board of trustees persons who were, at the time of their election, trustees serving, or eligible to be elected to serve, a second consecutive term on the boards of trustees of Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Home Mission

Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, or The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Such persons elected shall serve one term on this board, not to exceed four years in length, as specified by the Convention, and shall thereafter be ineligible for re-election until as much as one year has elapsed.

- (2) However, if a vacancy occurs in a position on the board as formulated in Subsection A, the Convention may elect one of the trustees originally elected under this Subsection C to fill that vacancy. If that occurs the trustee's term shall be fixed by the Convention when the trustee is elected to the Subsection A position.
- (3) If a position on the board occupied by a trustee elected under this Subsection C becomes vacant for any reason, including the expiration of the trustee's term of office, the vacancy shall not be filled and instead the total number of trustees of the corporation shall be reduced by one.
- (4) Any person who was elected to the board under this Subsection C and whose term of office has expired shall not be eligible for election under Subsection A until he or she has been out of office for at least one year.
- (5) Subsection C shall be deleted from this charter effective June 17, 2001.

D. A trustee shall be disqualified from further service on the board of trustees and his or her position shall be deemed vacant when:

- (1) the trustee ceases to be a resident member of a church either geographically within the state or affiliated with the Convention of the state from which the trustee has been elected as a representative; or
- (2) the trustee ceases to be a member of a Baptist church cooperating with this Convention; or
- (3) the trustee receives any part of his/her salary, directly or indirectly from the corporation; or
- (4) if the corporation provides funds for which he/she has a duty of administration; or
- (5) the trustee (other than the president of the Southern Baptist Convention) serves on any other board of directors elected by the Southern Baptist Convention.

9. The Southern Baptist Convention may remove, with or without cause, one or more directors elected by the Convention.

10. The trustees shall not be personally liable to the corporation or its member for monetary damages for breach of duty of care or other duty as a director, provided that this provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director.

- A. For any appropriation, in violation of his duties, of any business opportunity of the corporation;
- B. For acts or omissions which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- C. For the types of liability set forth in O.C.G.A. §14-3-860 through §14-3-864; or
- D. For any transaction from which the director received an improper personal benefit.

11. The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for religious purposes. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

12. The assets of the corporation shall be dedicated to the purposes of the corporation. Dissolution of the corporation shall occur only with the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention. Upon dissolution of the corporation and after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities, the assets shall be distributed to the Southern Baptist Convention, if the Convention shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding section of any future United States Internal Revenue law. If the Southern Baptist Convention is not then so exempt, the assets shall be distributed only to an organization or organizations exempt from taxation, pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, as amended.

13. The corporation shall act in conformity with the Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention. Any subsidiary corporation established by this corporation shall first be authorized by the Convention or its Executive Committee and its proposed charter approved by the same.

14. These Articles of Incorporation may not be amended without the approval in writing of the Southern Baptist Convention.

EXHIBIT G

ARTICLES OF MERGER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, and of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code, The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., the surviving corporation, hereby delivers to the Secretary of State of Tennessee and to the Secretary of State of Georgia these Articles of Merger:

The Plan of Merger is as follows:

- A. The name of each corporation planning to merge:

Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.

- B. The surviving corporation of this merger shall be **The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.**
- C. The terms and conditions of the merger are:

No consideration shall be exchanged in connection with this merger. The only condition of the merger shall be the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention. Merger shall be effective June 19, 1997.

- D. Neither of these corporations has members and there is no manner and basis of converting memberships into memberships of the surviving corporation.
- E. Both of these corporations are nonprofit corporations and there is no need for any manner and basis of converting securities into memberships or obligations of the surviving or any other corporation or into cash or other property in whole or in part.

The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., is a Georgia nonprofit corporation described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of O.C.G.A. §14-3-1302. This merger is permitted by the laws of the states of Tennessee and Georgia and each corporation has complied with the respective laws of these states. Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is a Tennessee nonprofit religious public benefit corporation. The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., would qualify under chapters 51-68 of Title 48 of the Tennessee code as a public benefit corporation.

Approval by members of the plan of merger was not required, neither corporation having members. The plan was duly approved by a sufficient vote of the board of directors of each corporation, each acting in a properly called meeting held following proper notice.

The approval of this merger by the Southern Baptist Convention was required in accordance with Tenn. Code Ann. §48-61-103(a)(3) and by O.C.G.A. §14-3-1103(a)(3). This approval was obtained by action of the Southern Baptist Convention and is evidenced below by the signature of the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Written notice of the merger was given to the Tennessee attorney general and reporter at least twenty days before this merger was consummated. Notice of merger was published as required by and in the form specified in O.C.G.A. §14-3-1104(a)(5), referencing §14-2-1105.1.

EXHIBIT H

ARTICLES OF MERGER

The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., the surviving corporation, hereby delivers to the Secretary of State of Georgia these Articles of Merger pursuant to the provisions of O.C.G.A. §14-3-1101 of the Nonprofit Corporation Code of the State of Georgia.

The Plan of Merger is as follows:

- A. The name of each Georgia nonprofit corporation planning to merge:

Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.

- B. The surviving corporation of this merger is **The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.**

- C. The terms and conditions of the merger are:

No consideration shall be exchanged in connection with this merger. The only condition of the merger shall be the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention, a Georgia nonprofit corporation. Merger shall be effective June 19, 1997.

- D. Neither of these corporations has members and there is no manner and basis of converting the memberships into memberships of the surviving corporation.

The Plan of Merger was approved by the board of directors of each corporation. In each instance approval was by a majority of the directors in office at the time the merger was approved. In each instance the corporations provided notice of the directors' meeting at which such approval was obtained in accordance with subsection (b) of O.C.G.A. §14-3-822. The notice also stated that the purpose, or one of the purposes, of the meeting was to consider the proposed merger. The approval of this merger in writing by the Southern Baptist Convention was required by provisions in the articles of each corporation as authorized by O.C.G.A. §14-3-1103. The approval of the Southern Baptist Convention was obtained and is evidenced below by the signature of the Treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Both Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., were corporations described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) in O.C.G.A. §14-3-1302 and the surviving corporation continues to be such a corporation after the merger.

Notice of merger was published as required by and in the form specified in O.C.G.A. §14-3-1104(a)(5), referencing O.C.G.A. §14-2-1105.1.

EXHIBIT I

ARTICLES OF MERGER

Pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Nonprofit Corporation Act, and of the Georgia Nonprofit Corporation Code. The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., the surviving corporation, hereby delivers to the Secretary of State of Texas and to the Secretary of State of Georgia these Articles of Merger:

The Plan of Merger is as follows:

- A. The name of each corporation planning to merge:

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention
The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.

- B. The surviving corporation of this merger shall be **The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.**, a corporation to be governed under the laws of the state of Georgia. The post office address of the registered or principal office of this surviving corporation in Georgia is 4200 North Point Parkway, Alpharetta, Georgia 30202.

- C. The terms and conditions of the merger are:

No consideration shall be exchanged in connection with this merger. The only condition of the merger shall be the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention. Merger shall be effective June 19, 1997.

- D. Neither of these corporations has members and there is no manner and basis of converting memberships into memberships of the surviving corporation.

- E. Both of these corporations are nonprofit corporations and there is no need for any manner and basis of converting securities into memberships or obligations of the surviving or any other corporation or into cash or other property in whole or in part.

The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. is a Georgia nonprofit corporation described in paragraph (2) of subsection (a) of O.C.G.A. §14-3-1302. This merger is permitted by the laws of the states of Texas and Georgia and each corporation has complied with the respective laws of these states.

Approval by members of the plan of merger was not required, neither corporation having members. The plan was duly approved by a vote of a majority of the directors in office of each corporation, each acting in a properly called meeting held following proper notice. The date of the meeting of the board of The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc. was _____. The date of the meeting of The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was _____.

The approval of this merger by the Southern Baptist Convention was required. This approval was obtained by action of the Southern Baptist Convention and is evidenced below by the signature of the treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Notice of merger was published as required by and in the form specified in O.C.G.A. §4-3-1104(a)(5), referencing §14-2-1105.1

32. Ronnie W. Floyd (AR) recognized the members of the Implementation Task Force: Robert E. Reccord, Chairman; Michael S. Hamlet, Rudy A. Hernandez, C. B. (Bill) Hogue, Sarah O. Maddox, T. C. Pinckney, Joe H. Reynolds, Theodore (Ted) R. Warren, Donald (Don) H. Wills, and John O. Yarbrough.

33. Patrick M. Pajak (II.) moved the adoption of Recommendation 6. Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer, Executive Committee, clarified Recommendation 6. Recommendation 6 was adopted

Recommendation 6: 1996-97 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 1996-97 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, in the amount of \$145,053,499, as follows (1995-96 budget shown for comparison), including the 1996-97 Capital Needs Budget and the 1996-97 Program Advance Budget.

I. 1996-97 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET

	Oct 1, 1996- June 30, 1997	% Of Total Request	Jul 1, 1997- Sep 30, 1997	% Of Total Request	1995-96 Basic Budget
SBC OPERATING					
Basic Allocation:	\$2,562,781	2.36%	\$854,266	2.36%	\$3,213,253
Covenant Transition	14,576	0.01%	685,424	1.89%	0
ABTS Scholarship Alloc	123,750	0.11%	41,250	0.11%	0
Foundation	0	---	75,354	0.21%	0
CP Promotion	0	---	91,750	0.25%	0
BWA (incl. in Basic)	<u>311,245</u>	<u>0.29%</u>	<u>103,748</u>	<u>0.29%</u>	<u>405,196</u>
Total SBC Operating:	<u>2,701,107</u>	<u>2.48%</u>	<u>1,748,044</u>	<u>4.82%</u>	<u>3,213,253</u>
BOARDS:					
Foreign Mission	54,395,528	50.00%	0	---	70,815,170
International Mission	0	---	18,131,843	50.00%	0
Home Mission	21,274,011	19.56%	0	---	27,695,709
North American Mission	0	---	8,266,079	22.79%	0
Annuity	<u>828,044</u>	<u>0.76%</u>	<u>276,015</u>	<u>0.76%</u>	<u>1,077,994</u>
Total Boards:	<u>76,497,583</u>	<u>70.32%</u>	<u>26,673,937</u>	<u>73.56%</u>	<u>99,588,873</u>
SEMINARIES:					
SWBTS	6,234,587	5.73%	2,078,196	5.73%	8,305,593
SBTS	4,718,264	4.34%	1,572,755	4.34%	6,268,675
NOBTS	4,062,136	3.73%	1,354,045	3.73%	5,092,496
SEBTS	3,016,175	2.77%	1,005,392	2.77%	3,713,494
GGBTS	1,958,318	1.80%	652,773	1.80%	2,501,185
Special Allocation	150,000	0.14%	50,000	0.14%	200,000
MWBTS	<u>2,048,608</u>	<u>1.88%</u>	<u>682,869</u>	<u>1.88%</u>	<u>2,804,262</u>
Total Seminaries:	<u>22,188,088</u>	<u>20.40%</u>	<u>7,396,030</u>	<u>20.40%</u>	<u>28,885,705</u>
Historical Library (COSP)	0	---	86,000	0.24%	---

	Oct 1, 1996- <u>June 30, 1997</u>	% Of Total <u>Request</u>	Jul 1, 1997- <u>Sep 30, 1997</u>	% Of Total <u>Request</u>	1995-96 Basic <u>Budget</u>
OTHER AGENCIES					
Foundation	220,724	0.20%	0	---	294,299
Am. Seminary Com.	0	---	0	---	261,267
Brotherhood	754,218	0.69%	0	---	981,884
Christian Life (Ethics)	1,078,091	0.99%	359,364	0.99%	1,403,520
Education	370,148	0.34%	0	---	493,530
Historical	375,296	0.34%	0	---	500,395
Radio & TV	4,238,861	3.90%	0	---	5,518,389
Stewardship	<u>366,008</u>	<u>0.34%</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>488,011</u>
Total Other Agencies	<u>7,403,346</u>	<u>6.81%</u>	<u>359,364</u>	<u>0.99%</u>	<u>9,941,296</u>
FINAL TOTALS:	<u>\$108,790,124</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$36,263,375</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$141,629,127</u>

Final Total for 9 months & 3 months combined - \$145,053,499

NOTE: This budget responds to the unique fiscal situation created by the Southern Baptist Convention revision of Bylaw 15, June 11, 1996. It is transitional in nature and should not be interpreted as establishing a pattern for CP allocations in future years.

II. 1996-97 CAPITAL NEEDS BUDGET

	1990-2000 <u>Balance</u>	<u>Percent</u>
North American Mission Board	\$ 3,302,543	19.31%
Golden Gate Seminary	1,970,621	11.52%
Midwestern Seminary	2,098,751	12.27%
New Orleans Seminary	2,375,011	13.89%
Southeastern Seminary	1,724,326	10.08%
Southern Seminary	2,573,628	15.04%
Southwestern Seminary	<u>3,060,061</u>	<u>17.89%</u>
Totals	\$17,104,941	100.00%

Notes:

1. All receipts over the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget shall be allocated equally to the Capital Needs Budget and Program Advance according to the percentages in the Budget for July - September 1997.
2. The Southern Baptist Convention Capital Needs Budget has been scheduled over a ten-year period, 1990-91 through 1999-2000, with capital needs funds distributed annually on a percentage basis. This represents an extension of the Capital Needs Budget first adopted for the period 1984-88.

III. 1996-97 PROGRAM ADVANCE

Notes:

1. All receipts over the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget shall be allocated equally to the Capital Needs Budget and Program Advance according to the percentages in the Budget for July - September 1997.

2. Program Advance funds will be distributed according to the same percentages as the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget for July - September 1997.
34. Claude L. Thomas (TX) moved the adoption of Recommendation 7. Recommendation 7 was adopted.

Recommendation 7: 1996-97 SBC Operating Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 1996-97 SBC Operating Budget, in the amount of \$5,477,151 as follows (1995-96 budget shown for comparison).

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET

	<u>INCOME</u>	
	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1995-96</u>
Cooperative Program	*\$4,449,151	\$3,213,254
Designations	75,000	60,000
Sunday School Board	470,000	470,000
Interest/Dividends	62,000	65,000
SBC LIFE	175,000	175,000
Other Income	<u>246,000</u>	<u>253,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,477,151	\$4,236,254

*Includes Covenant for a New Century Transition, Scholarship Fund for American Baptist Theological Seminary and 3 months Cooperative Program Allocation income of Southern Baptist Foundation and 3 months Cooperative Program Promotion expense.

	<u>EXPENSES</u>	
	<u>1996-97</u>	<u>1995-96</u>
Convention Administration Expenses		
Convention OPERATIONS		
General Operations	\$ 397,000	\$ 328,954
SBC Committees	95,000	95,000
SBC Building Management	310,000	310,000
Covenant Transition	700,000	0
ANNUAL MEETING		
General Operations	700,000	707,000
News Room Operation	67,000	65,500
OPERATING RESERVE	<u>92,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>
Total Convention Expenses	\$2,361,000	\$1,596,454
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE		
General Administration	1,163,354	1,053,489
Executive Committee Meetings	215,000	212,400
CONVENTION RELATIONS	675,200	655,215
CONVENTION NEWS	315,500	313,500
SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION	75,354	0
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM PROMOTION	<u>91,750</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Executive Committee Expenses	\$2,536,158	\$2,234,604
Convention Support		
RELATED ORGANIZATIONS		
Baptist World Alliance	414,993	405,196
American Bapt. Theo. Seminary	<u>165,000</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Convention Support	\$ 579,993	\$ 405,196
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$5,477,151	\$4,236,254

35. Paul R. House (IN) moved the adoption of Recommendation 8. Recommendation 8 was adopted.

Recommendation 8: SBC Referral: Motion to Amend SBC Bylaw 25 to Designate the Members of the Inter-Agency Council

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that SBC Bylaw 25 be amended so that the first paragraph reads as follows:

Note: Bold, except in title, represents addition to text.

25. **The Inter-Agency Council;** The Inter-Agency Council shall serve as the organization through which the various agencies of the Convention will correlate their work. **The membership of the Inter-Agency Council shall be composed of the chief executives of The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the entities named in Bylaw 15.**

36. Patrick M. Pajak (IL) moved the adoption of Recommendation 9. Recommendation 9 was adopted.

Recommendation 9: 1990-95 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year V

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention receive as information the 1990-95 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year V, as follows:

Directions 2000: 1994-95 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year V

This is the fifth of the final ten annual reports on Bold Mission Thrust. The 1994-95 church year ended with only five years left in the final decade of an emphasis planted in the hearts of Southern Baptists in 1976 when a Missions Challenge Committee completed three years of study with recommendations that challenged Southern Baptists to pray, give, and work so that "every person in the world shall have the opportunity to hear the gospel of Christ by the year 2000" (-- 1976 *SBC Annual*, p. 54).

The term "Bold Mission Thrust" became the theme of the emphasis in 1979 at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas.

In 1987, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in St. Louis, Missouri, adopted the 1990-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Denominational Emphasis Plan with the following statement of purpose:

The purpose of the 1990-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Emphasis Plan is to provide a way whereby Southern Baptists can pray, plan, and work together to carry out Christ's commission to go into all the world and make disciples.

Fourteen priority concerns were identified as requiring the most urgent attention of Southern Baptists as follows:

1. **Reaching Lost Persons With the Gospel of Christ**
2. **Accepting and Teaching the Bible as the Authority for Faith and Life**
3. **Engaging in Worship That Magnifies and Honors God**
4. **Helping Disciples Grow Toward Christian Maturity**
5. **Strengthening Love and Harmony Within the Fellowship of the Church**
6. **Demonstrating Commitment to Missions Through Personal Involvement**
7. **Ministering to Families, Including Singles and Senior Adults**
8. **Establishing and Growing New Congregations and other Forms of New-Work Among All People**
9. **Penetrating Diverse Urban Cultures and Attitudes with the Gospel**
10. **Following Christ's Servant Pattern in Christian Service**
11. **Understanding and Sharing Baptist Doctrine, Heritage, History, and Polity**
12. **Supporting the Church's Mission by Sacrificial, Joyful Giving**
13. **Ministering to Persons in Need, Such as the Alienated, Homeless, Hungry, Displaced, and Abused**
14. **Demonstrating Commitment to Intercessory Prayer through a Convention-wide Network of Intercessory Prayer**

Thirteen goals were approved, each in two five-year increments. The Year V report of accomplishments relates to goals for 1990-95.

	1990-95 GOALS	1994-95 Report	
1.	Baptisms: A total of 2.1 million baptisms reported by the churches during 1990-95	1994-95 5-yr. total	393,811 1,885,862
2.	New Congregations: A total of 45,000 churches and church-type missions by 1995	Churches Church-type missions Total	40,120 <u>4,026</u> 44,146
3.	Worship: Average morning worship attendance equal to 55 percent of resident church membership and an average evening worship attendance equal to 30 percent of resident church membership by 1995	morning evening	41.60% 4,562,639 16.34% 1,792,876
4.	Bible Study: Sunday School enrollment of 11 million by 1995		8,207,860
5.	Discipleship: Church Training enrollment of 2.5 million by 1995		2,171,993
6.	Missions Education: Combined WMU and Brotherhood church enrollment of two million by 1995	*WMU **Brotherhood	1,061,279 <u>749,310</u> 1,810,589
7.	Stewardship: Total of 12 billion dollars in annual undesignated church receipts by 1995	1994-95 5-yr. total	\$ 4,538,895,609 \$21,050,293,938
8.	Home Missionaries: A total of 4,500 missions personnel in 1995		4,857
9.	Foreign Missionaries: A total of 4,800 missionaries by 1995		4,139
10.	Missions Volunteers: Combined home and foreign mission volunteers of 350,000 during 1990-95	HMB FMB 1994-95 total 5-yr. total	81,355 <u>15,300</u> 96,655 435,154
11.	Missions Support: A total of one billion dollars through the Cooperative Program in 1995		\$393,133,460
12.	Associational Missions: Each church giving to associational missions on a percentage basis		68.2%
13.	Intercessory Prayer: Each association having a functioning network of intercessory prayer by 1995		33% of reporting associations

* Does not include information on Campus BYW and Baptist Nursing Fellowship or the 243,654 WMU members who participated in a mission's project outside the local church community

** Significant change in 1995 as to what constitutes this figure

37. Mark A. Brister (LA) moved the adoption of Recommendation 10. Recommendation 10 was adopted.

Recommendation 10: SBC Referral: Motion that the Mission Statement of the Southern Baptist Convention Begin with the Words "In Obedience to the Divine Will of Our Heavenly Father ..."

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-13, 1996, revise the mission statement in the Covenant for a New Century so that the mission statement include the phrase "to the glory of God the Father," and read as follows:

Note: Underline indicates addition to text.

MISSION STATEMENT

"The Southern Baptist Convention exists to facilitate, extend, and enlarge the Great Commission ministries of Southern Baptist churches, to the glory of God the Father, under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, upon the authority of Holy Scripture, and by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit."

38. Robert L. (Bob) Sorrell (TN) led a prayer of thanksgiving for the spirit of unanimity and trust among the messengers.
39. Morris H. Chapman, president and chief executive officer, Executive Committee, announced the completion of the Executive Committee Report and called the messengers to pray for the coming period of transition.
40. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved that all items in afternoon session after 2:50 p.m. will be moved up one hour. Motion carried.
41. Larry W. Wynn (GA), first vice president, assumed the chair.
42. Larry L. Lewis (GA), president, Home Mission Board, introduced Allen Schmidt, executive director-treasurer, Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, who presented The Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group Report.
43. Herb Hollinger (TN), vice president for convention news, Executive Committee, gave the Denominational Press report. Bill Webb, president of the Association of State Baptist Papers, introduced Fletcher Allen (TN) who presented President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) a copy of *Contending for the Right to Know*.
44. The Woman's Missionary Union Report was given by Dellanna W. O'Brien (AL), executive director, and Wanda S. Lee (GA), president-elect.
45. Congregational Singing was led by Ragan M. Vandergriff III (FL), minister of music, First Baptist Church, Orlando.
46. Larry W. Wynn (GA) introduced President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) who introduced family members to the Convention.
47. Music was presented by Lightshine, Ragan M. Vandergriff III (FL), director.
48. Larry W. Wynn (GA), first vice president, introduced President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) who gave the president's address.
49. John V. Glover Jr. (GA), minister of music, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, led the congregation in singing *The Lord's Prayer*, interpreted in sign language.

50. The benediction was given by Joe Gebhardt (TN), layman, Two Rivers Baptist Church, Nashville.

Tuesday Afternoon, June 11

51. Music was presented by The Centurymen, Beryl Red, director, ministers of music of the Southern Baptist Convention.
52. Congregational singing was led by Price Harris (LA), music evangelist, Shreveport.
53. A Theme Interpretation entitled *"If My People ... Humble Themselves"* was given by Ron Dunn (TX), evangelist, Houston.
54. Prayer for Revival was led by Daniel Gage (TX), evangelist, Houston.
55. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman, presented the second report of the Committee on Order of Business, and announced the motions to be referred as required by SBC Bylaw 28(2): to the Sunday School Board: Barnett (item 16) and Ward (item 17). Motions referred to the Executive Committee other than Bylaw 28(2): Cook (item 14) and Houston (item 18). Wyndham Cook (AR) moved to divide the question of referring motions 14 and 18 and spoke against the motion to refer item 14. Rick E. Ferguson (CO) spoke in favor of the motion. Motions to refer both items 14 and 18 passed. Tom Houston (VA) clarified that his motion related to the SBC president, first vice president, and second vice president. The following motion was withdrawn by the maker's request and by vote of the Convention: Blackmon (item 19). The following motion was referred to the Committee on Order of Business: Woods (item 15).
56. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman, moved to extend the time for business by five minutes. Motion carried.
57. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the period of motions and resolutions.
58. Dennis M. Surtain (SC) presented a motion: **On the Arson of African-American churches.**
- "I move that this Convention encourage prayer for both the victims and the perpetrators; yet condemn the acts of arson against the churches of our African-American brothers, and acts of violence and vandalism against all houses of worship, and, that we, as Southern Baptists, encourage our local churches and associations to make both human and material resources available for rebuilding those churches that have faithfully proclaimed the saving grace of Jesus Christ in our areas." (Items 98 and 133)
59. Albert Lee Smith (AL) presented a motion: **On dissemination of information on certain groups.**
- "I move that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention be directed to prepare and disseminate pamphlets and other material which clearly delineate the contrasting theological positions and program activities of the Southern Baptist Convention and its agencies with those of the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and any other groups which seek to undermine the Southern Baptist Convention." (Item 98)
60. Thomas A. Cacklereese (AK) presented a motion: **On the Rebuilding of African-American Churches Destroyed By Fire.**
- "I move that the Southern Baptist Convention seek to assist to rebuild the various black churches that have been damaged or destroyed by fire in recent years, either through

financial means, volunteer labor, Southern Baptist Convention associations and churches, and utilizing the most expedient and efficient means possible as determined by the Southern Baptist Convention leadership." (Item 98)

61. Eldridge V. Cullum (VA) presented a motion: **On the Scheduling of the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt a policy of scheduling its annual meetings during the third week of June. This is because the second week of June conflicts with the last week of school in some areas during final exams making it harder for messengers to bring their children with them to the Southern Baptist Convention." (Item 98)

62. William A. Miller (MD) presented a motion: **On Representation of the Northern States in the Convention Program.**

"I move that the Committee on Order of Business be encouraged to be sensitive to the representation of the New England states and that those north of the Mason-Dixon line be included in the proceedings as program participants." (Item 98)

63. Larry T. Blackmon (TX) presented a motion: **On the Amendment of Article 28 of the Constitution.**

"I move that Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 28. **Procedures** be amended to read as follows:

Note: Bold represents addition to text.

(2) Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Agencies: Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or programs of an agency shall be referred to the elected board of the agency for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual session of the Convention for action **and to the maker of the motion** with the exception that the Committee on Order of Business may be instructed by a two-thirds vote to arrange for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the same Convention, subject to provision of Bylaw 23." (Item 98)

64. The Annuity Board Report was presented by Paul W. Powell (TX), president, followed by a video presentation. Lindell (Lindy) Reed (MO) expressed a word of appreciation to the Annuity Board.
65. The Christian Life Commission Report was presented by Richard D. Land (TN), president.
66. Congregational singing was led by Danny Martinez (CA), minister of music, Immanuel Baptist Church, Highland.
67. After introducing the Committee on Nominations, Ronnie W. Rogers (AR), chairman, Committee on Nominations, recommended the adoption of the Committee on Nominations report. The report was adopted.

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
1995-1996**

Ronnie W. Rogers, Chairman

Members Rotating	Status	Nominees to be Elected
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
State Representation		
Term Expiring 1997		
Ronald L. Larson, WV Covenant, Shepherdstown	R	* Fred E. Morgan Sr., WA Fairlawn, Parkersburg
Term Expiring 1999		
Jewel R. Pruitt, KY Immanuel, Glasgow	R	Steven Douglas Boyd, KY Simpsonville, Simpsonville
Anthony L. Jordan, OK Northwest, Oklahoma City	R	Ted Kersh, OK Village, Oklahoma City
Term Expiring 2000		
* Joy Dorsett, AL Central Park, Birmingham	M	* Paul L. Jones Sr., AL Big Sandy, Tuscaloosa
* Clyde H. Freed Jr., DC Trinity, Germantown	E	Clyde H. Freed Jr., DC Trinity, Germantown
J. C. Mitchell, FL First, Winter Park	E	J. C. Mitchell, FL First, Winter Park
John O. Yarbrough, GA First, Perry	E	John O. Yarbrough, GA First, Perry
* David T. Gray, KY Sutton, Radcliff	I	* Preston Bailey, KY Severns Valley, Elizabethtown
* Clayden Jones, LA First, Baton Rouge	I	* Evodna R. Springer, LA First, Shidell
Michael L. Trammell, MD-DE Mt. Airy, Mt. Airy, MD	E	Michael L. Trammell, MD-DE Mt. Airy, Mt. Airy, MD
Blaine S. Barber, MI Agape, Petoskey	E	Blaine S. Barber, MI Agape, Petoskey
L. Russell Bush Jr., MS Main Street, Hattiesburg	I	James R. Futral, MS Broadmoor, Jackson
David J. Tolliver, MO Oak Hill, St. Louis	E	David J. Tolliver, MO Oak Hill, St. Louis
David C. Brown, NV Desert Hills, Las Vegas	I	* Keith Minty, NV Nellis, N. Las Vegas
Julian M. Motley, NC Gorman, Wake Forest	R	Bruce O. Martin, NC Village, Fayetteville
J. W. (Bill) Phillips, NW Mill Park, Portland, OR	E	J. W. (Bill) Phillips, NW Mill Park, Portland, OR
Gary L. Frost, OH Rising Star, Youngstown	E	Gary L. Frost, OH Rising Star, Youngstown
* Jerry D. Brown, OK Emmanuel Southern, Edmond	I	* Jerry L. Vaughan, OK First, Piedmont
* Forrest M. Whittington, SC Immanuel, Florence	I	* Harry S. Dent, SC First, Columbia
* John D. Wallace, TN First, Morristown	E	* John D. Wallace, TN First, Morristown
* E. C. Pinckney, VA Plymouth Haven, Alexandria	I	* William W. (Bill) Finley, VA Free Union, Free Union
Emory C. Luss, WY Morning Star, Alpine	E	Emory C. Luss, WY Morning Star, Alpine

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

State Representation
Term Expiring 1997

Emil W. Turner, LA
First, Lake Charles

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* Diane B. Reeder, LA
Trinity Heights, Shreveport

Term Expiring 1998

Adrian Burk, NE
Rice Memorial, Northboro, MA

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Paul K. S. Kim, NE
Berkland, Cambridge, MA

Term Expiring 2000

* N. Rob Martin, AL
Lakeview, Auburn

* O. David Taunton, AL
First, Birmingham

Alan J. Thompson, AZ
Valley Heights, Phoenix

Larry R. Weaver, FL
Parkwood, Jacksonville

* Phyllis E. Malcom, GA
First, Camilla

Glen D. Flowers, IN
Oakhill, Evansville

Roy S. Faulkner, KY
Corinth, London

Leon Hyatt Jr., LA
First, Pineville

Robert M. Williamson Jr., MS
Park Place, Brandon

Paul Lewis Brooks, MO
First, Raytown

Roger W. Knapton, NY
Lincoln Avenue, Endicott

Paul Steve Hardy, NC
Holly Hill, Burlington

Rod H. Masteller, OK
Putnam City, Oklahoma City

Donald C. Purvis, SC
Lakeview, Hartsville

Jack C. Parrott, TN
Sunnyside, Kingsport

* Paul Pressler, TX
First, Houston

Terry G. Fox, TX
Gardendale, Corpus Christi

William B. (Bill) Sutton, TX
First, McAllen

* Phyllis Randall, VA
Blacksburg, Blacksburg

Olen T. Phillips, WV
Temple, Moundsville

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Liberty, Hampton

Gary M. Burden, VA
Deer Park, Newport News

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* N. Rob Martin, AL
Lakeview, Auburn

* O. David Taunton, AL
First, Birmingham

Stephan M. McKown, AZ
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Parkwood, Jacksonville

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Park Place, Brandon

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First, Washington

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North Buffalo Community,
Buffalo

* Pamela W. Blume, NC
Mount Vernon, Boone

* R. G. Wilson, OK
First, Clinton

Tommy W. Huddleston, SC
Catawba, Rock Hill

A. Douglas Sager, TN
First Concord, Knoxville

* Paul Pressler, TX
First, Houston

Terry G. Fox, TX
Gardendale, Corpus Christi

William B. (Bill) Sutton, TX
First, McAllen

Jay D. Owens, VA
Lynn Haven, Vinton

Francis William (Frank)
Schaffer, WV
Heritage, Elkview

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HOME MISSION BOARD

State Representation
Term Expiring 1997* Carol R. Cozley, NC
Calvary, Clemmons

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Conley Jackson (C. J.)
Bordeaux, NC
West Monroe, Monroe

Term Expiring 2000

Randall L. Stoner, AL
Wayside, Alexander City

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Randall L. Stoner, AL
Wayside, Alexander CityEdwin J. Hayes, AL
First, Cullman

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* David L. Czuchurski, AL
Whitesburg, HuntsvilleMarlin L. Starnes, AK
First, Delta Junction

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* David M. Sterley, AK
Glacier Valley, JuneauEd Harrison Jr., AR
Dollarway, Pine Bluff

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Dollarway, Pine BluffWillie T. Gaines, CA
Emmanuel, San Jose

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Emmanuel, San Jose* Osal J. Evans, GA
First, Sylvania

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* Osal J. Evans, GA
First, SylvaniaMichael W. Everson, GA
Second, Warner Robins

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Second, Warner RobinsStewart B. Simms Jr., GA
Beech Haven, Athens

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Beech Haven, AthensRon C. Meyer, IL
First, Machesney Park

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Ron C. Meyer, IL
First, Machesney ParkJ. Mark Bond, KY
First, LaCenter

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First, LaCenterEverett G. Geis Sr., LA
First, Delhi

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Ainsworth Jr., LA
Ford Park, ShreveportGerald Davidson, MO
First, Arnold

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Gerald Davidson, MO
First, ArnoldJaffus L. Haley Jr., NV
Calvary Southern, Las Vegas

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Carmel, Charlotte

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Carmel, CharlotteWendell R. Estep, SC
First, Columbia

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First, Rockwall

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* Jean L. Thompson, VA
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Local Members

Gene T. Bowman, GA
Teamon, Griffin

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Ronald Gaynor, GA
First, Tucker

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William O. Priestler, GA
Flat Creek, Fayetteville

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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

State Representation
Term Expiring 1998

Roger Williams, KY Cottuch, Anrville	M	NOT TO BE REPLACED
* Jack L. Krender, LA Parkview, Alexandria	M	Fred Luter Jr., LA Franklin Avenue, New Orleans

Term Expiring 1999

Ken Carter, TX Alamo City, San Antonio	R	NOT TO BE REPLACED
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* Jane Wiggins, AL Carolina, Andalusia	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Jerry M. Grandstaff, AL Southside, Dothan	E	Jerry M. Grandstaff, AL Southside, Dothan
Daniel E. Strickland, FL Parkway, Orlando	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Ronald G. Hattie, GA White Oak Hills, Stone Mountain	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Len B. Turner, GA Calvary, Savannah	M	Tony R. Dickerson, GA Pinehurst, Columbus
* James W. Hume III, KY High View, Louisville	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
* Iris F. White, MD-DE South Columbia, Columbia	I	Cheryl L. Robinson, MD-DE Calvary, Bel Air, MD
Robert W. Payne, MO Sycamore Hills, Lee's Summit	I	* William F. (Bill) Shook, MO Second, Springfield
* Lu Linda Tucker, NE First, Sudbury, MA	F	* Lu Linda Tucker, NE First, Sudbury, MA
H. Onda Black, NY Hope, Flanders, NJ	I	David G. Pope, NY One Heart, Holland Patent
Gary D. Chapman, NC Calvary, Winston-Salem	E	Gary D. Chapman, NC Calvary, Winston-Salem
Barbara J. Finch, NW First, Bothell, WA	E	Barbara J. Finch, NW First, Bothell, WA
* Kirk Humphreys, OK Cherokee Hills, Oklahoma City	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Richard Kellum, SC Laurel, Greenville	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Philip R. Glisson, TN Leawood, Memphis	E	Philip R. Glisson, TN Leawood, Memphis
* Henry H. (Bud) Jones, TX First Woodway, Waco	E	* Henry H. (Bud) Jones, TX First Woodway, Waco
Robert M. Check, TX First, Jasper	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
James E. Carey III, TX Lackland, San Antonio	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
Tommy J. Taylor, VA London Bridge, Virginia Beach	I	Darryl G. Crim, VA North Roanoke, Roanoke

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* Jack Stewart, TN Manley, Morristown	E	* Jack Stewart, TN Manley, Morristown

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Highlands, Huntsville
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* Albert Lee Smith Jr., AL
First, Birmingham
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Life Line, Little Rock

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* Michael A. Meot, CO
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* James H. Shelton Jr., DC¹
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* E. Lee Wyatt, IL
First, O'Fallon
* Guy T. Williams, LA
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Forest, Forest
Jack F. Coffey, NC
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* Philip A. Bryant, NW
First Lakewood, Tacoma, WA
S. Glenn Weekley, TN
First, Hendersonville
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South Mann, Pasadena
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* Martin T. Kennedy Jr., TX
First, Willis
Eddie Lamar McClelland, FL
First, Jacksonville
* Robert J. Rauch, WA
First, Fenton
* Jan Loser, CO
Trinity, Aurora
* Bob G. Owsley, KY
Cecilia, Cecilia
* W. Roger Fitch, TN
Woodland Park, Chattanooga
* James Hong Loui, AZ
First Chinese, Phoenix
* Mark Lovvorn, TX
First, Dallas
James D. Cartin, NC
Western Avenue, Statesville,

New Member	N	Chester L. Reid, CA Trinity Southern, Fresno
New Member	N	* Donald W. Jones, VA First, Springfield
New Member	N	* Donald H. Jones, AR Lakeside, Hot Springs
New Member	N	* Louie A. Williams, AL First, Pleasant Grove
New Member	N	* Philip E. Ulmer, AK First, Eagle River

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1997**

* Wayne Gaunce, KY Immanuel, Glasgow	R	* Chun W. Ro, KY Olivet, Paducah
Term Expiring 1998		
Don W. Graham, AL First Center Point, Birmingham	M	* Harold Howell, AL Glywood, Prattville
John S. Allen, MS First, Richton	M	Thomas M. Atwood, MS First, Oxford
Lindell Reed, MO Birchwood, Independence	R	Gerald Scott Perry Jr., MO Temple, Sullivan

Term Expiring 2001

* Neal Gresham, AL Beda, Wing	I	James (Buddy) Gray, AL Hunter Street, Birmingham
William R. Hann, CA Mid-Cities, Westminster	E	William R. Hann, CA Mid-Cities, Westminster
* Freddy L. (Buddy) Crowder, GA Roswell Street, Marietta	E	* Freddy L. (Buddy) Crowder, GA Roswell Street, Marietta
* J. D. Cutrer, MS First, Baldwin	E	* J. D. Cutrer, MS First, Baldwin
J. S. Bud Parrish, NC Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden	E	J. S. Bud Parrish, NC Pleasant Garden, Pleasant Garden
Larry L. Adams, OK Putnam, Oklahoma City	I	Russell R. Cook, OK Clearview, Broken Arrow
* Warren D. Arthur, SC Lakeview, Hartsville	E	* Warren D. Arthur, SC Lakeview, Hartsville
* Dorothy Barker, TX First, Morton	I	* William Jewell Davis Sr., TX First, Lubbock
Timothy L. Piland, VA Nansemond River, Suffolk	E	Timothy L. Piland, VA Nansemond River, Suffolk

Local Members

Term Expiring 2001

E. Byron Boyer, KY Walnut Street, Louisville	E	E. Byron Boyer, KY Walnut Street, Louisville
* Melvin L. Elam, KY Rockford Lane, Louisville	E	* Melvin L. Elam, KY Rockford Lane, Louisville

At-Large Members

Term Expiring 2001

James M. Bullock, IN Colgate, Clarksville	I	John Rogers Jr., IN Eastlake, Crown Point
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SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

State Representation
Term Expiring 2001

Edward A. Saucier, AR Grand Avenue, Fort Worth	E	Edward A. Saucier, AR Grand Avenue, Fort Worth
* M. Lynn Cooper, KY First, Madisonville	M	Mark A. Payton, KY Gethsemane, Danville
John E. Babb, NV First, Ely	E	John E. Babb, NV First, Ely
* Theodore E. Russell, NM Aztec, Aztec	E	* Theodore E. Russell, NM Aztec, Aztec
John W. Patterson, VA Hampton, Hampton	J	Philip A. Walker, VA Stevensburg, Stevensburg
William W. Wyrick, WV Ceres, Princeton	E	William W. Wyrick, WV Ceres, Princeton

At-Large Members
Term Expiring 2001

* T. Bob Davis, TX Prestonwood, Dallas	T	Matthew E. McKellar, TX Sylvania, Tyler
William R. Cutrer, TX Wildwood, Mesquite	E	William R. Cutrer, TX Wildwood, Mesquite

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY

State Representation
Term Expiring 2001

James K. Pierce, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington	E	James K. Pierce, KY Porter Memorial, Lexington
Fred L. Herring, MD-DE Grassonsville, Queenstown	F	Fred L. Herring, MD-DE Grassonsville, Queenstown
W. Keith Huffman, MO First, Newsho	J	Thomas G. Johnson, MO First, Ellington
* Ronald F. Norman, NY Tonawanda, Tonawanda	DS	* Zully Maldonado, NY First Hispanic, Manhattan
James Stephen Sells, NC Pleasant Ridge, Glen Alpine	J	Travis (Eddie) Brackett Jr., NC Old Town, Winston-Salem
Daniel L. Ferguson, WV First, Hinton	E	Daniel L. Ferguson, WV First, Hinton

Local Members
Term Expiring 2001

Patrick C. Pfriemier, MS Toomsaba, Toomsaba	M	James W. Street, MS Calvary, Jackson
* William A. Hanberry, MS South 28th, Hattiesburg	E	* William A. Hanberry, MS South 28th, Hattiesburg
Albert H. McMullen, MS First, Stonewall	E	Albert H. McMullen, MS First, Stonewall

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY

State Representation
Term Expiring 1998

Clarence R. Brock, IN Coventry, Fort Wayne	M	Russell (Skip) C. Beal Jr., IN Grace, Indianapolis
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Term Expiring 2001

Roger W. Ellsworth, IL Immanuel, Benton	J	Timothy D. Lewis, IL Bethel Southern, Troy
Kenneth L. Stevens, MI Orchard Hills, Brighton	J	Roger L. Luther, MI North Prospect, Ypsilanti

Dwight L. Smith, MS
West Ellisville, Ellisville
Hal Buckner Boone, TX
Sagemont, Friendswood

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Hal Buckner Boone, TX
Sagemont, Friendswood

**Local Members
Term Expiring 2001**

W. Dade Sherman Jr., NC
Benton Heights, Monroe
Ned L. Mathews, NC
Parkwood, Gastonia

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* Jimmy R. Jacurmin, NC
First, Icard
Ned L. Mathews, NC
Parkwood, Gastonia

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Timothy D. Harvey, GA
Dayspring, Byron

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* Mary Gwendolyn (Gwen)
Newman, GA
North Metro First, Lawrenceville

Term Expiring 2001

Dennis G. Wood, AZ
First Southern, Tempe
* Donald J. Stuckey, IL
Mt. Pleasant, Medora
Anthony T. Mattia, KS-NE
Trinity Southern, Warrego
* Jean Crady, KY
Walnut Memorial, Owensboro
Roger S. Oldham, TN
First, Martin

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Dennis G. Wood, AZ
First Southern, Tempe
* Donald J. Stuckey, IL
Mt. Pleasant, Medora
Anthony T. Mattia, KS-NE
Trinity Southern, Warrego
* Jean Crady, KY
Memorial, Owensboro
Robert A. Mowrey, TN
Park Avenue, Nashville

**Local Members
Term Expiring 1999**

* Elaine Hardy, KS
Blue Valley, Overland Park

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Jeffrey A. Brocaille, NE
Westside, Omaha

Term Expiring 2001

* Lowell E. Socolofsky, NE
First, Bellevue
* Kent W. Cochran, MO
First, Raytown

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E

* Jack H. Hamilton, KS
Western Hills, Topeka
* Kent W. Cochran, MO
First, Raytown

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1997**

Melvin Felts, PA-SJ
North Park, Allison Park, PA

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* Joan T. Mimms, PA-SJ
Emmanuel, West Chester, PA

Term Expiring 2001

* Norman H. Taylor, DC
First, Silver Spring, MD
* Dennis B. Zeidler, IN
First Southern, Floyds Knobs
James A. McCullen, MO
First, Mountain View
* Roetta B. Hudson, NM
First, Artesia
* Mary Katherine Burch, TN
Calvary, Knoxville

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* Marie H. Aldridge, DC
Pennsylvania Ave., Washington
James L. Downey, IN
Calvary, Seymour
James A. McCullen, MO
First, Mountain View
* Roetta B. Hudson, NM
First, Artesia
* Gary R. Gober, TN
Judson, Nashville

**At-Large Members
Term Expiring 2001**

William Eugene Dodson, CA North Hills, Vallejo	E	William Eugene Dodson, CA North Hills, Vallejo
* Cactus J. Cagle, TX Grace North, Houston	E	* Cactus J. Cagle, TX Grace North, Houston
* John C. Funk, CA Calvary, Westlake Village	E	* John C. Funk, CA Calvary, Westlake Village

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION

**Agency Representation
(Expiration of Term Following Name)**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
* John D. Wallace, TN (1996) First, Morristown	E	* John D. Wallace, TN (2000) First, Morristown
HOME MISSION BOARD		HOME MISSION BOARD
Stephen Swafford, TX (1996) First, Rockwall	E	Tom Madden, TN (1997) First, Tullahoma
ANNUITY BOARD		ANNUITY BOARD
* Donald H. Wills, TX (1998) Park Cities, Dallas	E	* Donald H. Wills, TX (2000) Park Cities, Dallas
SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY		SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY
Edward A. Saucier, AR (1996) Grand Avenue, Fort Smith	E	Edward A. Saucier, AR (2001) Grand Avenue, Fort Smith
SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY		SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY
W. Dade Sherman Jr., NC (1996) Benton Heights, Monroe	E	Daniel E. Johnston, SC (1998) Jonesville, Jonesville
AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION		AMERICAN SEM. COMMISSION
* Huffman C. Harless, TN (1996) Cresewood, Nashville	E	Thomas J. McCoy, TN (1998) Thompson Station, Thompson Station
HISTORICAL COMMISSION		HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Roy T. Myers, MS (1986) Rocky Creek, Meadville	E	Elizabeth C. Wells, AL (1997) Vestavia Hills, Birmingham
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION		WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
* Virginia M. Caughman, SC (1996) First, Great Falls	E	* Virginia M. Caughman, SC (2000) First, Great Falls

**At-Large Members
Term Expiring 2000**

* John Nanney, TN Meridian, Jackson	E	* John Nanney, TN Meridian, Jackson
* Betty Petrey, TN First, Donelson	E	* Ronnie L. Boling, TN First, Nashville
* William C. Lovell Jr., TN Brentwood, Brentwood	E	* Clarene Robertson, TN Park Avenue, Nashville
* Richard A. Stone, MO First, Winfield	E	* Richard A. Stone, MO First, Winfield

AMERICAN SEMINARY COMMISSION

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Billy W. Murphy Sr., MS Wildwood, Saucier	E	James S. Phillips, MS North Greenwood, Greenwood
William M. Rorer, IL Alpha, Bollingbrook	E	William M. Rorer, IL Alpha, Bollingbrook

**Local Members
Term Expiring 2000**

* Lloyd Brown, TN College Heights, Gallatin	DS	* Frank Layne, TN West View, Cookeville
* Hoffman C. Harless, TN Creeewood, Nashville	I	* Horace Pennington, TN Stevens Street, Cookeville

EDUCATION COMMISSION

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Thomas A. Kinchen, FL First, Graceville	E	Thomas A. Kinchen, FL First, Graceville
* Charles Fred Donehoe, GA Calvary, Columbus	M	Terry E. Cothran, GA Bethany, Snellville
* L. Ray Mencrief, KY Central, Corbin	R	* Charles (Andy) Anderson, KY Walnut Memorial, Owensboro
* Betty Jo Conley, SC Arrowwood, Chesnee	I	* Wilbur H. Vaughan, SC Central, Darlington

**At-Large Members
Term Expiring 2000**

Willfred Chung, CA El Toro, El Toro	I	* Susan D. Preston, CA New Testament, North Highlands
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BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1997**

* Mark A. Lassiter, TN Germantown, Germantown	M	* Richard L. (Ric) Herrera, TN Two Rivers, Nashville
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Term Expiring 2000

* George A. White, DC Greenbelt, Greenbelt	E	* George A. White, DC Greenbelt, Greenbelt
* Don Valentine, LA Fellowship, Trout	E	* Don Valentine, LA Fellowship, Trout
* Wayne Vann, MI Merriman Road, Garden City	E	* Wayne Vann, MI Merriman Road, Garden City
* Charles L. Wilson, NM First, Carlsbad	E	* Charles L. Wilson, NM First, Carlsbad
* L. Joe Herndon Jr., OK Highland Park, Duncan	I	* Carl D. Davis, OK First, Mannford
* Russ Linger, PA-SJ Emmanuel, Voorhees, NJ	M	* William A. Fields, PA-SJ Crusade, Hazelton, PA
Kelly J. Burris, VA Kempsville, Virginia Beach	E	Kelly J. Burris, VA Kempsville, Virginia Beach

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1998**

* Fransen, Alfred J., KS-NE First, Bellevue, NE	M	Don L. Lacy, KS-NE Calvary Valley Center, KS
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Term Expiring 1999

Gary Ladbetter, IN Memorial, Brownsburg	M	Ron Fellows, IN Ridgecrest, Vincennes
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Term Expiring 2000

Earnest J. Cook, AZ Starlight Park, Phoenix	I	Ronald L. Hart, AZ First Southern, Tucson
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* Ken Ward, LA First, Baton Rouge	E	* Ken Ward, LA First, Baton Rouge
* Karen J. Crunkshank, MD-DE White Marsh, Perry Hall, MD	E	* Karen J. Crunkshank, MD-DE White Marsh, Perry Hall, MD
* Donna J. Wester, MI First, St. Clair Shores S. King Sanders, NM	I	* Deborah J. (Debbie) Lewis, MI Immanuel, Grand Rapids S. King Sanders, NM
* James A. Powell, NW Chestnut Street, Ellensburg Cladith V. Campbell Jr., WY	E	* James A. Powell, NW Chestnut Street, Ellensburg
Alizer, Huntington	I	Robert C. Wilson, WY Edgemont, Bluefield

**At-Large Members
Term Expiring 2000**

* Liz Munnick, TN Great Hills, Austin	I	* Robert C. Matthews, TX First, Eastland
* Robert Showers, VA First, Alexandria	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
William L. Stone, AZ El Mirage, Phoenix	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1997**

Slyden Yarbrough, OK First, Shawnee	R	Jack W. Robbins, OK Immanuel, Duncan
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Term Expiring 2000

Care G. Norman, AR First, Heber Springs	E	Care G. Norman, AR First, Heber Springs
* Ronald Martin, CA Orangewood Avenue, Garden Grove	I	* Ronald Martin, CA Orangewood Ave., Garden Grove
* Kathleen Prince, MD-DE Rolling Hills, Clarksville, MD	M	* Nancy J. Hatfield, MD-DE Heritage, Annapolis, MD
Roy T. Myers, MS Rocky Creek, Meadville	I	Robert M. Harvey, MS First, Hazlehurst
H. Max Daley, NW Valley, McMinnville, OR	I	* Donald J. Sorensen, NW First, Beaverton, OR
* Sarah Phillips, OH University, Middletown	I	* Roberta Byrd, OH Monroe, Morrow
* Emma P. Walker, PA-SI Greencastle, Greencastle, PA	L	Emma P. Walker, PA-SI Greencastle, Greencastle, PA

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION

**State Representation
Term Expiring 2000**

Nancy C. Berlin, CO Riverside, Denver	E	Nancy C. Berlin, CO Riverside, Denver
* Anthony D. Clevenger, FL First, Pensacola	E	* Anthony D. Clevenger, FL First, Pensacola
Stephen W. Diehl, IL First, Vandalia	E	Stephen W. Diehl, IL First, Vandalia
D. E. Betson, MS Salom Heights, Laurel	I	* O. Kendall Moore, MS Bysalston, Jackson
* Helen B. George, NC Providence, Raleigh	DS	* Maurice A. Templeton, NC Greenway, Bessemer
* Harold Curtis (Carl) Fry III, TN Germantown, Germantown	E	* Harold Curtis (Carl) Fry III, TN Germantown, Germantown
* Jack W. Dial, WY Highlawn, Huntington	E	* Jack W. Dial, WY Highlawn, Huntington

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1997**

* George M. Brillos, MD-DE Colonial, Randallstown, MD	D	Michael E. Cox, MD-DE Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD
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Term Expiring 1998

Larry A. Dailey, NV First, Gardnerville	M	* Mickey Ballew, NV Grass Valley, Winnetucca
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Term Expiring 2000

* James S. Ison, AL Crestway, Birmingham	E	* James S. Ison, AL Crestway, Birmingham
* Harvey F. McClellan, AR Immanuel, Rogers	E	* Harvey F. McClellan, AR Immanuel, Rogers
C. Gene Parratt, CO Alameda Hills, Lakewood	I	Delmar R. Hampton, CO Grand Mesa Southern, Cedaredge
Roy D. Moody Jr., KS-NE First Southern, Topeka, KS	I	Harold L. Conley, KS-NE First Southern, Topeka, KS
* Roy Sutherland, OH Reynoldsburg, Reynoldsburg	E	* Roy Sutherland, OH Reynoldsburg, Reynoldsburg
Stanley K. Smith, PA-SJ Red Land, New Cumberland, PA	E	Stanley K. Smith, PA-SJ Red Land, New Cumberland, PA
William M. Pison Jr., TX First Oak Cliff	I	Bobby L. Eklund, TX First, Euless

COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Term Expiring 1999

Gary Ledbetter, IN Memorial, Brownsburg	I	Kenneth C. Whitten, FL Idlewild, Tampa
L. Bert Miller, AR Springdale, Springdale	I	Michael L. Green, MO Calvary, Republic

The Committee on Nominations recommends that **James W. (Jim) Richards** (First, Bentonville, AR) be elected the chairman of the Committee on Order of Business.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Term Expiring 1999

Wade Bureson, OK Emmanuel, Enid	I	* Jo Ann Turner, CA Bryant Street, Yucaipa
* Russell H. Lewis Jr., CO Central, Grand Junction	D	John Philip (Phil) Largent, CO North Metro Southern, Eastlake

The Committee on Nominations recommends that **Edward I. Mattox Jr.** (Forest Park, Farmington Hills, MI) be elected the chairman of the Denominational Calendar Committee

** Definitions used in this report:

- Bold Face: New Term
- BVO: By Virtue of Office
- D: Deceased
- DS: Declined to Serve
- E: Eligible for Another Term
- I: Ineligible for Another Term
- M: Moved from the State
- N: New Member by Virtue of SBC Church Membership
- R: Resigned
- * Non-Church/Denominational-Related (Vocation)

68. David W. Atchison (TN) directed a messenger information survey for the Executive Committee.

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
Registered Voters	13,482	
Ballots Cast	8,675	64.35
A. Sex:		
Male	5,037	59.41
Female	3,442	40.59
Total	8,479	100.00
B. Your Age:		
Under 18	293	3.50
18-29	474	5.66
30-34	657	7.85
35-39	1,067	12.74
40-44	1,255	14.99
45-49	1,107	13.22
50-54	968	11.56
55-59	921	11.00
60-64	876	10.46
65 and UP	755	9.02
Total	8,373	100.00
C. Main Mode of Travel:		
Plane	2,230	26.51
Car	5,808	69.04
Bus	200	2.38
Other	175	2.08
Total	8,413	100.00
D. Current Church Total Membership:		
Under 100	248	2.98
100-199	744	8.93
200-299	1,014	12.18
300-499	1,787	21.46
500-999	2,302	27.65
1000-1999	1,371	16.46
2000 and UP	861	10.34
Total	8,327	100.00
D. Your Own Vocational Area:		
Church Staff	3,843	46.20
Home-Foreign Missions	132	1.59
Associational Missions	277	3.33
State Convention/Agency/Inst.	143	1.72
Denominational (Not Incl.)	63	0.76
Evangelism	61	0.73
Homemaking	1,663	19.99
All Others	2,137	25.69
Total	8,319	100.00

E. Spouse's Vocational Area:

Don't have spouse	-	685	8.35
Church Staff	-	2,242	27.34
Home-Foreign Missions	-	116	1.41
Associational Missions	-	193	2.35
State Convention/Agency/Inst.	-	84	1.02
Denominational (Not Incl.)	-	44	0.54
Evangelism	-	42	0.51
Homemaking	-	2,414	29.44
All others	-	2,380	29.02
Total	-	8,200	100.00

D. Expenses:

Under \$100	-	606	7.22
\$100-149	-	302	3.60
\$150-199	-	340	4.05
\$200-299	-	796	9.48
\$300-399	-	955	11.37
\$400-499	-	1,047	12.47
\$500-749	-	2,105	25.07
\$750-999	-	1,283	15.28
\$1,000-OVER	-	962	11.46
Total	-	8,396	100.00

G. Attendance by State:

Alabama	690	8.22	Nebraska	6	.07
Alaska	31	.37	Nevada	19	.23
Arizona	22	.26	New Hampshire	1	.01
Arkansas	281	3.35	New Jersey	2	.02
California	64	.76	New Mexico	49	.58
Colorado	31	.37	New York	22	.26
Connecticut	5	.06	North Carolina	775	9.23
Delaware	1	.01	North Dakota	8	.10
District of Columbia	1	.01	Ohio	121	1.44
Florida	559	6.66	Oklahoma	246	2.93
Georgia	818	9.74	Oregon	8	.10
Hawaii	9	.11	Pennsylvania	16	.19
Idaho	2	.02	Rhode Island	0	.00
Illinois	138	1.64	South Carolina	474	5.64
Indiana	84	1.00	South Dakota	5	.06
Iowa	10	.12	Tennessee	629	7.49
Kansas	49	.58	Texas	606	7.22
Kentucky	372	4.43	Utah	10	.12
Louisiana	727	8.66	Vermont	1	.01
Maine	1	.01	Virginia	280	3.33
Maryland	62	.74	Washington	12	.14
Massachusetts	3	.04	West Virginia	23	.27
Michigan	30	.36	Wisconsin	3	.04
Minnesota	2	.02	Wyoming	17	.20
Mississippi	756	9.00	Other	1	.01
Missouri	314	3.74	Total	8,397	100.00
Montana	1	.01			

69. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the time for election of officers, beginning with president. Fred H. Wolfe (AL) nominated Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK). There were no other nominations and **Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) was declared president elect.**
70. The Bold Mission Thrust Report was given by Ernest E. Mosley (TN), executive vice president, Executive Committee.
71. Congregational singing was led by Dick Thomassian (AL), minister of music and missions, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville.
72. Anthony L. Jordan (OK), chairman, presented the Committee on Committees Report and moved its adoption with one revision: Loide Maranhó (MD) replacing Shirley Brown (MD).

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS 1996-97

Alabama

Henry H. Cox
Bay Minette, AL
First Baptist Church
Bay Minette, AL

*Trish Carter
Birmingham, AL
Valleydale Baptist Church
Birmingham, AL

Alaska

Jeff S. Anderson
Anchorage, AK
University Baptist Church
Anchorage, AK

*Jim Whisenant
Fairbanks, AK
University Baptist Church
Fairbanks, AK

Arizona

Barry McClellan Jude
Tucson, AZ
Mountain View Baptist Church
Tucson, AZ

*Billy Van Camp, Jr.
Gilbert, AZ
First Baptist Church
Chandler, AZ

Arkansas

Larry Odus Pillow
Conway, AR
Second Baptist Church
Conway, AR

*Doyle S. Moore
Bryant, AR
Geyer Springs First Baptist Church
Little Rock, AR

California

David L. Daltorn
Hemet, CA
First Southern Baptist Church
Hemet, CA

*Michael A. Dixon
Lafayette, CA
Calvary Baptist Church
Lafayette, CA

Colorado

James Vaughn
Cortez, CO
First Southern Baptist Church
Cortez, CO

*Bob Davis
Lafayette, CO
Riverside Baptist Church
Denver, CO

District of Columbia

*Charles Lewandowski
Potomac, MD
Brazilian Baptist Church
Washington, DC

*Loide Maranhó
Gathersburg, MD
Nations United Baptist Church
Silver Spring, MD

Florida

Charles William Martin, Jr.
Seeminole, FL
First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks
Largo, FL

*James H. Brown
Ormond Beach, FL
First Baptist Church of Daytona
Beach
Daytona Beach, FL

Georgia

Kenneth E. Keene
Vadalia, GA
First Baptist Church
Vadalia, GA

*Ann M. MacLeod
Norcross, GA
First Baptist Church of
Lilburn, GA

Hawaii

James E. Parker, Sr.
Wahiawa, HI
First Baptist Church of Wahiawa
Wahiawa, HI

*Pearl Maeda
Pearl City, HI
Palisades Baptist Church
Pearl City, HI

Illinois

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Naperville, IL
Naperville Baptist Church
Naperville, IL

*Stephen Foster
Elkville, IL
Elkville First Baptist Church
Elkville, IL

Indiana

Bradley S. Butler
New Castle, IN
Memorial Baptist Church
New Castle, IN

*Daniel S. Hunter
Terre Haute, IN
First Southern Baptist Church
Terre Haute, IN

Kansas-Nebraska

Guy S. Sanders, III
Wichita, KS
Celebration Baptist Church
Wichita, KS

*AJ Fransen
Bellevue, NE
First Baptist Church
Bellevue, NE

Kentucky

Don Short
Feklyville, KY
Briensburg Baptist Church
Benton, KY

*Herbert R. Booth
Burlington, KY
Florence Baptist Church
Florence, KY

Louisiana

Calvin Phelps
Winnfield, LA
First Baptist Church
Winnfield, LA

*Marilyn Dickinson
Baton Rouge, LA
Florida Boulevard Baptist Church
Baton Rouge, LA

Maryland-Delaware

Wayne Kempsan
Waldorf, MD
First Baptist Church of Waldorf
Waldorf, MD

*Jacky Waller
Ellicott City, MD
First Baptist Church of Savage
Savage, MD

Michigan

Karl E. Chadrick
Clarkston, MI
Orion Oaks Baptist Chapel
Lake Orion, MI

*Karen Vidalpando
Sterling Heights, MI
Memorial Baptist Church
Sterling Heights, MI

Mississippi

Phil Walker
Madison, MS
Ridgecrest Baptist Church
Madison, MS

*Evans Whittle
Tupelo, MS
First Baptist Church
Tupelo, MS

Missouri

Perry Wolfe
Lebanon, MO
Lebanon First Baptist Church
Lebanon, MO

*Charles D. Fitzgerald
Middlebrook, MO
First Baptist Church
Lesterville, MO

Nevada

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Caliente, NV
First Baptist Church
Caliente, NV

*Valonne Harrison
Las Vegas, NV
First Baptist Church
Las Vegas, NV

New England

Randy Fearon
Hanover, MA
Fellowship Baptist Church
Hanover, MA

*Emma Freiberger
Mt. Vernon, ME
Farmington Baptist Church
Farmington, ME

New Mexico

Donald A. Seigler
Alamogordo, NM
First Baptist Church
Alamogordo, NM

*Bill Richard
Edgewood, NM
First Baptist Church of Moriarty
Moriarty, NM

New York

Wayne Dyer
Hartwick, NY
Maryland Baptist Church
Maryland, NY

*Zully Maldonado
New York, NY
First Spanish Baptist Church
Manhattan
New York, NY

North Carolina

Benjamin Shaw Gault, Jr.
Fayetteville, NC
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Fayetteville, NC

*Tam Cobb
Asheville, NC
West Asheville Baptist Church
Asheville, NC

Northwest

David B. Young
Tacoma, WA
Trinity Baptist Church of Lakewood
Tacoma, WA

*Ron O. Shelby
Richland, WA
Richland Baptist Church
Richland, WA

Ohio

Herbert Slaughter
Elyria, OH
Chestnut Ridge Baptist Church
Elyria, OH

*James Christian (Archie) DeBoard
Columbus, OH
Lane Avenue Baptist Church
Columbus, OH

Oklahoma

Steve Patterson
Lindsay, OK
First Baptist Church
Lindsay, OK

*Joan Butcher
Elk City, OK
First Baptist Church
Elk City, OK

Pennsylvania-South Jersey

William R. Dunning
Pittsburg, PA
North Park Baptist Church
Allison Park, PA

*Vera Blizzard
Pott, PA
Emmanuel Baptist Church
West Chester, PA

South Carolina

Charles David Gallimore
Easley, SC
Rock Springs Baptist Church
Easley, SC

*Raymond D. Brown
North Augusta, SC
Big Stevens Creek Baptist Church
North Augusta, SC

Tennessee

Randy D. Isbell
Savannah, TN
Hopewell Baptist Church
Savannah, TN

*Garl Yvonne Ferrell
Chattanooga, TN
Ridgedale Baptist Church
Chattanooga, TN

Texas

Christopher S. Osborne
College Station, TX
Central Baptist Church
Bryan, TX

*Lloyd D. Freeman, **Chairman**
Odessa, TX
First Baptist Church
Odessa, TX

Utah-Idaho
Lu Gilman
Pocatello, ID
Gate City Baptist Church
Pocatello, ID

*Georgia Herold
Brigham City, UT
First Baptist Church
Brigham City, UT

Virginia
Barry Chinn
Hampton, VA
West Hampton Baptist Church
Hampton, VA

*Sidney Ellis
Virginia Beach, VA
London Bridge Baptist Church
Virginia Beach, VA

West Virginia
Gerald Dewayne McKinney
Princeton, WV
Silver Springs Baptist Church
Princeton, WV

*Chuck Tommy
Parkersburg, WV
Grace Baptist Church
Parkersburg, WV

Wyoming

Edgar W. Bryan, III
Powell, WY
First Southern Baptist Church
Powell, WY

*Madonna Hayner
Cheyenne, WY
Northwest Community Baptist
Church
Cheyenne, WY

73. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the period of motions and resolutions.
74. Robert L. Gurringer (MO) presented a motion: **On Annuity Board investments.**

"I move that the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention be instructed to refrain from investing in any holding company or business which profits from the sale of tobacco, alcohol, or materials which undermine biblical morality or use profits to advocate immoral practices." (Items 98, 124, 131)

75. David Rice (FL) presented a motion: **On a study to establish a four-year liberal arts university.**

"I move that the Executive Committee be directed by this Convention to form a subcommittee to study the possibility of establishing a four year, liberal arts university, which would be fully accountable to the annually assembled messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention in much the same way that the six Southern Baptist seminaries are accountable." (Item 98)

76. David B. Roberts (MI) presented a motion: **On the development of TV and radio spots by the North American Mission Board.**

"I move that the newly formed North American Mission Board develop a series of television and radio spots for the purpose of reaching people for Christ, strengthening families, and enhancing the image of Southern Baptists across America, and that these spots be broadcast on national networks and super stations across the country and made available for use of churches and associations." (Item 98)

77. R. Zack Zhinden (GA) presented a motion: **On the arson of African-American churches.**

"I move that this Convention instruct the Executive Committee to publish a list of contacts and addresses of African-American churches which have been the targets of violence by arson and make this list available to all churches in the Southern Baptist Convention through *SBC LIFE*, *SBCNet*, *Baptist Press*, or any other possible means in order that all churches have the information necessary to be directly involved in prayer for, financial support for, and mission construction trips to these sister churches." (Item 98)

78. Robert A. (Bob) Lilly (MD) presented a motion: **On the location of the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"I move that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention study the feasibility of establishing some locations for the Southern Baptist Convention after the year 2002, in some northern and eastern states with special consideration to Washington, D.C., Cincinnati, OH, Detroit, MI, Minneapolis, MN, Philadelphia, PA, and Chicago, IL." (Item 98)

79. F. Leslie Kammerdiener, Jr. (KS) presented a motion: **On explanations about motions not approved.**

"I move that all motions referred to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention that are not approved, be explained by such committee not just noted as dealt with by such committee each year at the next Convention." (Items 98 and 173)

80. John Gilbert (WV) presented a motion: **On satellite or regional meetings of the pastors conference and the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"I make a motion that the Executive Committee be instructed to research the possibility of having satellite/regional meetings of the National Pastor's Conference and the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to provide an opportunity for smaller church pastors and messengers to be involved and have input in Convention policy and decisions; and that the Executive Committee be directed to report on this matter to the next annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, on June 17-19, 1997." (Item 98)

81. David B. Roberts (MI) presented a motion: **On the location of the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"I move that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention review the potential for and plan to hold the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention every third year beginning in 2003 in cities where Southern Baptist work is not well-established. Potential cities are as follows:

Boston, MA	Los Angeles, CA	Portland, OR
Chicago, IL	Minneapolis, MN	San Francisco, CA
Cleveland, OH	New York, NY	Seattle, WA
Denver, CO	Philadelphia, PA	Washington, DC." (Item 98)
Detroit, MI	Pittsburgh, PA	

82. Ans A. Shorosh (AL) presented a motion: **On Southern Baptists' response to persecution of Christians.**

"I make a motion that this 1996 Southern Baptist Convention and its individual members bombard the embassies of each of the countries where our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ are denied their human rights demanding freedom of religious expression, release from prisons, and cessation of persecution of Christians in the countries Dr. Land mentioned in his earlier speech. Furthermore, let them know of our disappointment in their insensitivity to these serious issues." (Item 98)

83. James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the time for election of officers (second). Jerry Johnson (CO) nominated Fred Powell (MO) for first vice president. Ron Herrod (TN) nominated Robert E. (Bob) Anderson (LA). A ballot was cast. (See item 92.)
84. John V. Glover Jr. (GA), minister of music, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, led the congregation in a closing hymn.
85. Larry D. Reagan (OH), pastor, Hill Station Baptist Church, Goshen, led in prayer to close the afternoon session.

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86. Music was presented by Marshall Kellam (KY), music evangelist, Louisville.
87. Music was presented by Friends IV (TN), gospel quartet, Nashville.
88. Congregational Singing was led by Mark Blankenship (TN), director, music department, Sunday School Board.
89. A Theme Interpretation entitled "*If My People ... Pray*" was given by Donald Whitney (MO), assistant professor of spiritual formation, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.
90. After a time of personal prayer, a prayer for revival was led by David Clark (LA), layman, South Oaks Baptist Church, Baton Rouge.
91. The Brotherhood Commission Report was presented by James D. Williams (TN), president.
92. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced the results of the election for first vice president. At the time of the vote, 47.71 percent of the 13,270 registered messengers voted. The results were: Fred Powell (MO) received 2,884 (45.73 percent) and Robert E. (Bob) Anderson (LA) received 3,423 (54.27 percent). **Robert E. (Bob) Anderson was declared first vice president elect.**
93. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the time for election of officers (third). Tom Nettles (IL) nominated Stephen Farish (IL) for second vice president; Mark A. Brister (LA) nominated Leon Hyatt (LA); Kiely Young (MS) nominated Bill Sluder (TX); Daniel O'Reagan (LA) nominated Fred Luter (LA). A ballot was cast. (See items 95 and 99.)
94. Nick Garland (OK), chairman of the Sunday School Board, introduced James T. Draper, Jr. (TN), president, who presented the Sunday School Board report. Special book presentations were made to President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) and Wellington Boone. The report was highlighted by testimonies, a video presentation entitled, "Bearing Abundant Fruit," and special messages from Richard D. (Rick) Warren (CA) and Josh McDowell (CA).
95. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced the results of the election for second vice president. At the time of the vote, 27.2 percent of the 13,464 registered messengers

- voted. The results were: Stephen Farish (IL) received 440 (12.04 percent); Bill Sluder (TX) received 698 (19.09 percent); Leon Hyatt (LA) 828 (22.65 percent); Fred Luter (LA) 1,690 (46.23 percent). **President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) (FL) declared a runoff between Leon Hyatt and Fred Luter.** A ballot was cast. (See items 93 and 99.)
96. Congregational Singing was led by Rob Hewell (AR), director, church music ministries, Arkansas Baptist Convention, Little Rock.
97. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman, moved to extend the time for business an additional 15 minutes.
98. Rick E. Ferguson (CO) began the presentation of the third report of the Committee on Order of Business by announcing the resolutions scheduled for debate at 10:40 a.m. Wednesday: On the Arson of African-American Churches, On Disney Company Policy, On the Partial-Birth Abortion Ban, and On Christian Persecution. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman, announced that the following motions were scheduled for discussion Thursday morning at 10:25 a.m.: Sartain (item 58 amended at Sartain's request) to read: "That this Convention encourage prayer for both the victims and the perpetrators of the acts of arson against the churches of our African-American brothers; That this Convention condemn these acts of arson and such acts of violence and vandalism against all houses of worship; and That we, as Southern Baptists, encourage our local churches and associations to make both human and material resources available for rebuilding those churches that have faithfully proclaimed the saving grace of Jesus Christ in our areas." (item 133); and Kammerdiener (items 79, 173). The following motions were referred pursuant to Bylaw 28(2) to the Brotherhood Commission: Cocklereese (item 60); to the Annuity Board: Garringer (items 74, 124, 131). Motions referred to the Executive Committee: Smith (item 59), Cullum (item 61); Blackmon (item 63); Rice (item 75); Roberts (item 76); Zhinden (item 77); Lilly (item 78); Gilbert (item 80); and Roberts (item 81). Robert Garringer (MO) raised a question regarding the referral of his motion to the Annuity Board. Attorney James P. (Jim) Guenther responded. Garringer amended the motion to read, that the Annuity Board be "strongly recommended" to refrain from investing in any holding company or business which profits from the sale of tobacco, alcohol, or materials which undermine biblical morality or use profits to advocate immoral practices. The chair ruled the amendment in order. Garringer moved to schedule and debate the amended motion. The motion was ruled out of order. Richard Luebbert (LA) raised a point of order which was ruled not well taken. Timothy Faber (MO) appealed the ruling of the chair. The chair was overruled. The motion to schedule the Garringer motion for debate carried. The Committee on Order of Business scheduled the debate on the Garringer motion for 10:25 a.m. Thursday. All other motions referred to the Executive Committee carried. The following motions were recommended for referral to the Committee on Order of Business: Miller (item 62); to the Christian Life Commission: Shorrosh (item 82).
99. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced the results of the runoff election for second vice president. At the time of the vote 24.94 percent of the 13,464 registered messengers voted. Fred Luter (LA) received 2,417 (72.08 percent) and Leon Hyatt (LA) received 936 (27.92 percent). **President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) declared Fred Luter second vice president elect.** (See items 93 and 95)
100. A Theme Interpretation entitled "*If My People ... Seek*" was presented by Don McMinn (TX), professional associate, Intimate Life Ministries, Irving.

101. David W. Atchison (TN) recording secretary, read resolutions into the record concerning: Daniels (AL) On Abortion/Political Platforms, Weeks (VA) On Homosexual Marriage, Mosley (LA) On Assisting the Rebuilding of Burned African-American Churches, Walker (TN) On Cyberporn, Poozer (MS) On Abortion, Sullivan (FL) On Walt Disney, Sutton (TX) On Appreciation of Judge Paul Pressler II and Paige Patterson, Bray (MO) On Abortion, Buckley (FL) On International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Christians, Jones (MS) On Supporting a National Commission on the Effects of Gambling, Hickman (OK) On the Holy Trinity, Rowe (VA) On the Partial Birth Abortion Ban, Walker (KY) On National Prayer Watch, Hill (SC) On Assisted Suicide, Powell (MS) On Partial Birth Abortion, O'Reagan (LA) On Close-Embrace Dancing, Baker (MO) For Action On Education, Lilly (MD) On Partial Birth Abortion, Cain (CA) On Arson of African-American Churches, Hilton (FL) On Open Membership and Racism, Davis (MS) On Church Burnings, Christovich (MS) On African-American Church Burnings, Land (TN) On the Arson of African-American Churches, Janz (LA) On Freemasonry, Bray (MO) On Same Sex Marriage, McCall (GA) On Burned African-American Houses of Worship, Burnette (KY) On Homosexuality, Johnson (TX) On the Canonization of the Holy Bible, Hall (AL) On Immoral Behavior.
102. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the period of motions and resolutions.
103. Martin T. Angell (TX) presented a motion: **On assistance of SBC Christian schools.**

"I move that each institution and agency in the Southern Baptist Convention study, investigate, and implement ways that they can assist existing primary and secondary Christian schools affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention to achieve a greater level of excellence academically, spiritually, and financially as well as to encourage and assist churches in forming primary and secondary schools in the unused church facilities the Lord has provided to them so that the churches can better utilize their empty facilities and better minister the truth of God to children and their families. I move further that each institution and agency report back their conclusions to this Convention in 1997." (Item 122)

104. Henry Alfred (Hy) McEnery III (LA) presented a motion. The motion was ruled out of order. (Items 107 and 122)
105. Steve Weir (MO) presented a motion: **On investigation of church teachings and practices.** The motion was ruled out of order.
106. Ron Wilson (GA) presented a motion: **On an additional track for Cooperative Program giving.**

"I move that the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention create an additional track of Cooperative Program giving whereby a local church may give money directly to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention which, unless otherwise designated, will be split 50 percent with the Southern Baptist Convention and 50 percent to the state entity the church designates." (Item 122)

107. Henry Alfred (Hy) McEnery III (LA) raised a point of order regarding the ruling on his motion (item 104) The chair ruled in his favor. He presented a motion: **On positive tolerance in the White House.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention petition Congress to formally rebuke the President and Vice President of the United States of America on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention and any other denomination or Christian organization that would follow us for the current executive branch's outrageous draconian attacks against Christ, His church, and the godly, biblical origins of the American legal and political systems that in the past have done so much to assure our liberties as a church and encourage the growth of our nation into higher Christian values." (Item 122)

108. Fred Smith (TX) presented a motion: **On Bylaw 28(2)**.

"I move that Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 28. **Procedures**, Section 2, second paragraph be amended as follows:

Note: Bold represents addition to text. Strike-through represents deletion of text.

(2) *Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Agencies:* Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or programs of an agency shall be referred to the elected board of the agency for consideration and report to the constituency and to the next annual session of the Convention for action with the exception that the Committee on Order of Business may be instructed by a two-thirds vote to arrange for consideration at a subsequent meeting of the same Convention, subject to provision of Bylaw 23.

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; **and (4) if no action is taken then a full explanation as to why shall be provided to the following Convention.**" (Item 122)

109. T. C. Pinckney (VA) raised a point of order regarding the Weir motion (item 105). The chair ruled the point not well taken.
110. The Denominational Calendar Committee Report was given by W. Wade Burleson (OK), chairman. The report was adopted.
111. Richard Vera (CO), pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church at Riverside, Denver, led in a closing prayer.

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112. Music was presented by the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary Chorus, H. Leroy Yarbrough (LA), director, professor of choral conducting, New Orleans Seminary.
113. Congregational Singing was led by Byron R. Johnson (LA), music director, Franklin Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans.
114. John R. (Jack) Wilkerson (TN), convention manager, recognized the work of Joe N. McKeever, chairman, Fred Luter, vice chairman, and the Local Arrangements Committee: Penny Villavaso, first aid; Richard Luebbert, information; Kim Craig and Rhonda Smith, preschool child care; John Occhipinti, registration; Dwight Munn, special housing; Frank Mathews, transportation; John Crowe, ushers; Mark Short, message/communications; Fred Dyess, ex officio; Paul Radke, consultant; Beth Chaney, day camp coordinator.

115. A Theme Interpretation entitled "*If My People...Turn*" was given by H. Paul Pressler (TX), layman, First Baptist Church, Houston.
116. A prayer for revival was led by Joe Strahan (MS), pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Vicksburg.
117. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the time for election of officers (fourth). Scott Patty (TN) nominated David W. Atchison (TN) for recording secretary. There were no other nominations, and Henry declared **David W. Atchison as recording secretary elect.**
118. The Radio and Television Commission Report was presented by Jack B. Johnson (TX), president. Wiley S. Drake Sr. (CA) raised a question regarding future communications with the Disney Corporation. Jack Johnson responded.
119. Congregational Singing was led by H. Leroy Yarbrough (LA).
120. After testimonies and musical presentations highlighted the work of all six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, William O. Crews (CA), president, presented the report of the Golden Gate Seminary. Mark T. Coppenger (MO), president, presented the report of the Midwestern Seminary. Charles S. Kelley (LA), president, presented the report of the New Orleans Seminary. Page Patterson (NC), president, presented the report of the Southeastern Seminary. Kevin W. Rogers (AR) raised a question regarding language requirements. Patterson responded. R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (KY), president, presented the report of the Southern Seminary. Lindell (Lindy) Reed (MO) expressed appreciation to Mohler and all seminary presidents. Kenneth S. Hemphill (TX), president, presented the report of the Southwestern Seminary.
121. Congregational Singing was led by William J. Reynolds (TX), distinguished professor of church music, Southwestern Seminary.
122. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman, presented the fourth report of the Committee on Order of Business. Motions referred as required by SBC Bylaw 28(2), to all convention agencies: Angell (item 103). The following motions were referred to the Executive Committee: Wilson (item 106), and Smith (item 108). The following motion was ruled out of order: McEnery (item 107).
123. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the last introduction of business.
124. Robert Garringer (MO) raised a point of order and moved to change the time of discussion on his motion (items 74, 98, 131). On the advice of parliamentarian John L. Sullivan (FL), the motion was ruled out of order. Tim Stevens (NC) raised a point of order. Garringer moved to consider his motion today and the Committee on Order of Business scheduled the motion to be discussed within 5 minutes.
125. John D. Jeffries (LA) raised a question regarding the appropriate way to express a motion ruled out of order. Lester L. Cooper, Jr. (GA), chief parliamentarian, responded.
126. Joe Strahan (MS) presented a motion: **On a proxy voting system.**

"I move that the Christian Life Committee establish a proxy-voting system to administer and exercise full ownership rights with investments which includes communicating with corporate managements and institutional investors, filing shareholder's resolutions, voting proxies, and if necessary, attending shareholder meetings. I further move that each institution and agency in the Southern Baptist Convention direct their investment managers to forward the proxy-voting privileges to the Christian Life Commission if they do not currently administer their own proxies so that Southern Baptists' moral views can positively impact corporate America. I further move that the Executive Committee

provide funding to enable the Christian Life Commission to undertake such an important stewardship responsibility." (Item 143)

127. T. C. Pinckney (VA) presented a motion: **On violation of Article III.**

"I move that the Executive Committee study and formulate a mechanism to determine when a church is in violation of **Article III. Membership** of the Southern Baptist Convention Constitution and report to the Southern Baptist Convention in June 1997." (Item 143)

128. Wes Bell (IL) presented a motion: **On the use of savings from restructuring.**

"I move that the total savings from the restructuring of the Southern Baptist Convention be directly spent on the mission field with none of the savings being spent on administrative expenses. The president and the board of the North American Mission Board, the president and the board of the International Mission Board, and the Executive Committee decide the division of the savings between the North American and the international mission fields. The savings and allocations to be presented to the Convention each year by the Executive Committee." (Item 143)

129. Marlene Boswell (VA) presented a motion: **On the name change for the Christian Life Commission.**

"I move that the name of the Christian Life Commission be changed to Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission." (Item 143)

130. Tom Belcher (VA) moved to extend the time for new business but was ruled out of order at this time.

131. The time for discussion on the Garringer motion as amended was announced. Robert Garringer (MO) moved to restore the original language of his motion (items 74, 98, 124) to read: "that the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention be instructed to refrain from investing in any company which profits from the sale of tobacco, alcohol, or materials inconsistent with biblical morality or uses profits to advocate immoral practices" and spoke for the motion. Tom Miller (TX), senior vice president, Annuity Board, spoke against the motion and clarified their policies. The motion failed.

132. Nancy Victory (LA), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, gave the first report.

133. Jack P. Kwok (AR) moved the adoption of Resolution 1. Dennis M. Sartain (SC) moved to withdraw his motion (items 58, 98). Resolution 1 was adopted

RESOLUTION NO. 1-

ON THE ARSON OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN CHURCHES

WHEREAS, In the past 18 months there have been at least 30 arson-blamed fires at African-American churches; and

WHEREAS, The desecration and destruction of churches is a particularly heinous form of hatred; and

WHEREAS, Violence against churches risks crippling one of society's most effective institutions for mediation and reconciliation; and

WHEREAS, Racial bigotry in all its forms is absolutely contrary to the tenets of biblical Christianity; and

WHEREAS, Attacks against any church constitute an attack against the entire believing community; and

WHEREAS, Christians are enjoined to bear one another's burdens (Galatians 6:2); and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention is on record for its vigorous opposition to racial injustice and is taking significant steps toward racial reconciliation.

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 11-13, 1996 in New Orleans, Louisiana, do hereby deplore these despicable and abominable acts of lawlessness and racism; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we pledge to pray for, support, encourage, stand with, and assist our sister churches and fellow believers in the African-American community who have been victims of these criminal acts; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we target our efforts toward racial reconciliation in those communities hardest hit by racial violence against churches; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we call upon local, state and federal governments to investigate promptly and vigorously these hate crimes, apprehend those who are responsible for these cowardly acts of bigotry, and prosecute perpetrators of church arson to the fullest extent of the law.

- 134.** Harry W. Lewis (CA) moved the adoption of Resolution 2. Wiley S. Drake Sr. (CA) moved to amend Resolution 2 to read (after the second Be it therefore **RESOLVED**) "and to boycott Disney Company stores and theme parks if they continue this anti-Christian and antifamily trend" and spoke to the amendment. The committee agreed to the amendment. Ben Cole (TX) raised a point of order regarding equal time for speakers. Resolution 2 was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-
ON DISNEY COMPANY POLICY**

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists and their children have for many decades enjoyed and trusted The Disney Company's television programming, feature-length films and theme parks which have reinforced basic American virtues and values; and

WHEREAS, The virtues promoted by Disney have contributed to the development of a generation of Americans who have come to expect and demand high levels of moral and virtuous leadership from The Disney Company; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, The Disney Company has given the appearance that the promotion of homosexuality is more important than its historic commitment to traditional family values and has taken a direction which is contrary to its previous commitment; and

WHEREAS, In recent years, we have watched the worlds largest family entertainment company with growing disappointment as Disney Company's moral leadership has been eroded by a variety of corporate decisions, which have included but are not limited to:

(1) Establishing of an employee policy which accepts and embraces homosexual relationships for the purpose of insurance benefits;

(2) Hosting of homosexual and lesbian theme nights at its parks;

(3) Choosing of a convicted child molester to direct the Disney movie *Ponder* through its subsidiary Miramax Productions;

(4) Publishing of a book aimed at teenage homosexuals entitled *Growing Up Gay: From Left Out to Coming Out* through its subsidiary Hyperion, connecting Disney to the promotion of the homosexual agenda;

(5) Producing, through its subsidiary corporations, of objectionable material such as the film *Priest* which disparages Christian values and depicts Christian leaders as morally defective;

WHEREAS, These and other corporate decisions and actions represent a significant departure from Disney's family-values image, and a gratuitous insult to Christians and others who have long supported Disney and contributed to its corporate profits; and

WHEREAS, Previous efforts to communicate these concerns to The Disney Company have been fruitless; and

WHEREAS, Boycotts are a legitimate method for communicating moral convictions,

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we as Southern Baptist messengers meeting in annual session on June 11-13, 1996, go on record expressing our deep disappointment for these corporate actions by The Disney Company; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we affirm the employees of The Disney Company who embrace and share our concerns; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we encourage Southern Baptists to give serious and prayerful reconsideration to their purchase and support of Disney products; and to boycott The Disney Company and theme parks if they continue this anti-Christian and antifamily trend; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we encourage the Christian Life Commission to monitor Disney's progress in returning to its previous philosophy of producing enriching family entertainment; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we encourage state Baptist papers and national Southern Baptist publications to assist in informing the Southern Baptist family of these issues; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that the Convention requests the Executive Committee to send a copy of this resolution to Michael Eisner, CEO of The Disney Company, and to encourage the Southern Baptist family to support this boycott with our purchasing power, letters, and influence.

135. Harry W. Lewis (CA) moved the adoption of Resolution 3. Paul S. Hicks (AL) moved to amend Resolution 3. The amendment failed. Mike Janz moved to amend Resolution 3. The amendment failed. The time for resolutions expired. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business, moved to add 15 minutes to complete the report after the convention sermon. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 3- ON THE PARTIAL-BIRTH ABORTION BAN

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has consistently and overwhelmingly adopted resolutions affirming the declarations of Scripture that all human life is a sacred gift from our sovereign God and therefore that all abortions, except in those very rare cases where the life of the mother is clearly in danger, are wrong; and

WHEREAS, A specific technique known as partial-birth abortion is a particularly grisly procedure wherein a doctor uses forceps and hands to deliver an intact baby, feet first, until only the head remains in the birth canal, whereafter the doctor pierces the base of the baby's skull with surgical scissors, whereafter he or she then inserts a canula into the incision and suctions out the brain of the baby so the head collapses; and

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has passed legislation which would make this inhumane procedure, which the American Catholic cardinals have correctly characterized as "more akin to infanticide than abortion," illegal except to save the life of the mother; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States vetoed this legislation and offered as justification for his action that he had prayed about the matter and determined that he could not sign the legislation unless it contained an exception for cases where there might be "serious health consequences to the mother;" and

WHEREAS, "The mother's health exception" has been completely discredited as a catch-all loophole which has been demonstrated to include any reason the mother so desires; and

WHEREAS, The Bible is the perfect revelation of God's will, including His perfect moral will for those whom He has created in His very own image; and

WHEREAS, It is impossible to conclude that God, who is perfect and unchanging in all His attributes, and whose laws are perfect and immutable, would reveal to any person, through prayer, that which is contrary to His Word; and

WHEREAS, Abortion in general, and partial-birth abortion in particular, continues as a blight upon our culture and surely deserves Gods judgment.

Be it therefore RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in session June 11-13, 1996, in New Orleans, Louisiana, do commend those members of Congress who voted to support legislation which would have abolished partial-birth abortions; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we express our strong disapproval of the votes of those members of Congress who stood in opposition to this legislation; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we express our strong disapproval of President Clinton's veto of this legislation; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we express our disapproval of the President's suggestion that God would reveal to him in prayer that any abortion method, particularly one so barbarous in technique and so cruel in effect, would ever have God's approval; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, in a genuine spirit of love do admonish and encourage President Clinton, himself a Southern Baptist, to reverse his shameful decision to veto this legislation and sign it into law; or in the alternative of such failure to reverse his action, we call upon every member of Congress to vote to override the Presidents veto; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we pray for our nation, upon whom the blight of abortion remains, that we might come to recognize the sanctity of innocent, unborn babies and that we might seek civil justice for these innocent victims of a cruelty so harsh that we are surely accountable for our failure to intervene on their behalf.

136. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the time for election of officers (fifth). Richard H. (Rich) Peoples (MD) nominated Lee Porter (GA) for registration secretary. There were no other nominations. David W. Atchison (TN), recording secretary, declared **Lee Porter (GA) registration secretary elect.**
137. Music was presented by Awaken America Singers and Band, Buster Pray (AR), director, associate pastor of worship ministries, First Baptist Church, Springdale.
138. The Convention Sermon was presented by Ronnie W. Floyd (AR), pastor, First Baptist Church, Springdale, followed by an invitation to messengers and a closing word by President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL).
139. John L. Sullivan (FL), parliamentarian, moved to reschedule the completion of the Resolutions Committee Report to Thursday morning. The motion carried.
140. The benediction was given by Barbara O'Chester (TX), director, Great Hills Ladies Retreat Ministry, Austin

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141. Music was presented by the Sanctuary Choir and Orchestra, Larry J. Black (MS), director, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jackson.

142. Congregational Singing was led by Bill Cox (GA), coordinator of volunteers in evangelism, Home Mission Board.
143. Chairman James W. (Jim) Richards (AR) presented the fifth report of the Committee on Order of Business. Motions referred as required by SBC Bylaw 28(2), to the Christian Life Commission: Boswell (item 129); to the Executive Committee: Strahan (item 126) and Pinckney (item 127). Motions ruled out of order: Bell (item 128).
144. Gary Ladbetter (MO), Committee on Order of Business, nominated the following to serve in the 1997 Convention: **Richard Land (TN), preacher of the Convention sermon; David W. Miller (AR), alternate preacher.** The motions carried. Rick E. Ferguson (CO) nominated **Jim Whitnire (TN), music director.** Motion carried.
145. The Home Mission Board Report was presented by Larry L. Lewis (GA), president. It was highlighted by a video presentation and a time of prayer for Celebrate Jesus 2000. Lewis introduced Paul Cedar, chairman, Missions America; Nilson Fanini, president, Baptist World Alliance; C. B. Hogue, vice president, Baptist World Alliance; John Corts, president, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association; Don Argue, president, National Association of Evangelicals; Steve Douglas, executive vice president, Campus Crusade for Christ; and Tom Elliff, president elect, the Southern Baptist Convention. Henry Blackaby (GA) led in a special prayer. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) challenged the messengers to become a part of presenting the gospel to our nation by the year 2000.
146. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL), in keeping with bylaw 2, announced that an offering will be taken for the African-American churches destroyed by arson. The offerings will be administered by the newly formed Committee on Racial Reconciliation. Richard D. Land, chairman, Ted Traylor (FL), president, Florida Baptist Convention, pledged \$50,000. J. Robert White (GA), executive director, Georgia Baptist Convention, pledged \$50,000. Troy L. Morrison (AL), executive secretary-treasurer, Alabama Baptist Convention, pledged \$50,000. John L. Sullivan (FL) announced that other state directors will be enlisted. Adrian P. Rogers (TN), pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, pledged \$10,000 on behalf of the church. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL), pastor, First Baptist Church, Orlando, pledged \$10,000 on behalf of the church. Thomas D. (Tom) Eliff (OK), pastor, First Southern Baptist, Del City, pledged \$15,000 on behalf of the church. The offering was taken.
147. Congregational Singing was led by John S. Conrad, Foreign Mission Board, music ministry, Korea.
148. Music was presented by the Sanctuary Choir, Children's Choir, and orchestra. Larry J. Black (MS), director, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Jackson.
149. The Baptist World Alliance Report was presented by Nilson Fanini, president, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
150. The Foreign Mission Board Report was presented by Jerry A. Rankin (VA), president.
151. Music was presented by Zambian Acapella, singing ensemble, Zambia.
152. A presentation entitled "If My People ..." was highlighted by a video, drama, and testimonies.
153. A Commitment Invitation was given by James B. (Jim) Henry (FL).
154. June Cosby (TN), layperson, Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, closed in prayer.

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155. Music was presented by Tim Kaufman (FL), music evangelist, Winter Springs.
156. Music was presented by Gwen "Ms. Chocolate" Williams (LA), soloist, New Orleans.
157. Congregational Singing was led by Carlo Sciara, Jr. (LA), bivocational music director, Faith Baptist Church, Clayton.
158. Gary L. Frost (OH), second vice president, assumed the chair.
159. A Theme Interpretation entitled "*If My People ... Then I Will*" was given by John P. Avant III (TX), pastor, Coggins Avenue Baptist Church, Brownwood.
160. After praying in small groups, Clark Fooshee (TX), bivocational pastor, Sweet Spirit Baptist Church, San Antonio, led in prayer for revival.
161. The Historical Commission Report was presented by Slayden Yarbrough (TN), interim executive director.
162. Gary L. Frost (OH), second vice president, recognized those who have died during the past year. A video was shown in which W.A. Criswell (TX), senior pastor emeritus, First Baptist Church, Dallas, led in a special tribute to Leo Eddelmann and Herschell H. Hobbs (OK). Frost (OH) offered a prayer of thanksgiving for the lives of those who have gone to be with the Lord.
163. The Education Commission Report was presented by Stephen P. Carleton (TN), executive director.
164. The Southern Baptist Foundation Report was presented by Hollis E. Johnson, III (TN), president.
165. The Stewardship Commission Report was presented by Ronald E. Chandler (TN), president.
166. The American Bible Society Report was presented by Eugene Habecker (NY), president, New York.
167. Congregational Singing was led by Jim Watson (TN), minister of music, Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown.
168. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) recognized all former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention present for brief greetings to the messengers. Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Dehoney (KY) 1965-66; Dr. and Mrs. James T. Draper, Jr. (TN) 1983-84; Dr. and Mrs. Adrian P. Rogers (TN) 1980, 1987-88; Dr. and Mrs. Morris H. Chapman (TN) 1991-92.
169. Morris H. Chapman (TN) honored James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) as the outgoing president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Larry W. Wynn (GA) as the outgoing first vice president, and Gary (L.) Frost (OH) as the outgoing second vice president and presented each of them with a plaque of appreciation.
170. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and their wives: Dr. and Mrs. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary; Mr. and Mrs. David W. Atchison (TN), recording secretary; Dr. and Mrs. Fred Luter (LA), second vice president; Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. (Bob) Anderson (LA), first vice president; and Dr. and Mrs. Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK), president.
171. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) expressed appreciation to his wife, Jeanette, the Executive Committee staff, parliamentarians, his assistant Sandy Mathis, the Committee on Order of Business, and messengers of the Convention. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) recognized John V. Glover Jr. (GA), convention music director, who expressed

- appreciation to Becky Lombard (AL), convention organist, and Teresa Thomason (LA), convention pianist.
172. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced the time for discussion of motions and consideration of resolutions.
173. The Kammerdiener motion (items 79 and 98) was presented, and Morris H. Chapman (TN) spoke for the motion. Kammerdiener (KS) spoke for the motion and affirmed the Executive Committee for their decision. The motion carried.
174. Chief Parliamentarian Lester L. Cooper Jr. (GA) confirmed the amendment and adoption of Resolution 3.
175. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) introduced Nancy Victory (LA), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, who moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Richard Brown (NC) moved the adoption of Resolutions 4-14. Victory noted the amendment to Resolution 8 which would read (add before Be it finally RESOLVED): "Be it further RESOLVED, that we pledge our prayerful support to Southern Baptists in Louisiana, Arkansas, and other states in their every effort to defeat or repeal laws that legalize gambling in this fall's elections; and." Bob Rogers (MS) spoke against adopting all resolutions together. The motion carried and Resolutions 4-14 were adopted as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 4- ON CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION

WHEREAS, Vast numbers of Christians have experienced persecution and martyrdom in the twentieth-century and because of their faith are now facing mounting reigns of terror throughout much of the world; and

WHEREAS, The Christian faith is restricted and, in some places, banned; and believers are imprisoned, killed, enslaved, or otherwise persecuted; and

WHEREAS, In many places throughout the world where the numbers of evangelicals are increasing or Christianity is newly spreading, Christian minorities face persecution and discrimination as scapegoats, often for the venting of popular hatred of the West and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The West is increasingly indifferent to the denial of religious freedom to millions of Christians worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Religious liberty is a God-given human right, not a privilege to be granted or denied by the state.

Be it therefore RESOLVED, that we the messengers to the SBC, assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-13, 1996, unwaveringly denounce the denial of fundamental human rights and all religious persecution anywhere in the world; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we urge President Bill Clinton, the State Department, and both houses of the United States Congress to uphold the fundamental freedom of religious liberty in the conduct of foreign policy by the United States of America; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we urge all Christian leadership to call Christians worldwide to fervent prayer for the constant protection and power of the Holy Spirit in the daily lives of all Christians everywhere who may be vulnerable to persecution; and

BE it finally RESOLVED, that we individually and collectively observe September 29, 1996 as International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Christians.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-

REQUESTING ALL POLITICAL PARTIES TO INCLUDE A PRO-LIFE PLATFORM

WHEREAS, The sanctity of human life is of primary importance to God and should be to humans; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has expressed this principle over the years; and

WHEREAS, The federal government for over two decades has denied the sanctity of life by court decision, congressional law, and executive order in violation of the constitutional affirmation of the inalienable, God-given right to life.

Be it therefore RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-13, 1996, call on the Republican National Convention to maintain its strong pro-life platform and the Democratic National Convention and all other national parties to adopt a strong pro-life platform.

RESOLUTION NO. 6-

ON HOMOSEXUAL MARRIAGE

WHEREAS, In May 1993, the Hawaiian Supreme Court ruled that the state's exclusion of same-sex couples from marital status may be contrary to the Hawaiian state constitution because it amounts to invidious discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The Hawaiian Supreme Court has instructed the state of Hawaii to prove "compelling state interests" for limiting marriage to heterosexual couples; and

WHEREAS, The instructions of the Hawaiian Supreme Court shift the burden of proof from persons seeking to change existing law and places it instead on officers of the government who support norms of conduct long established in the Western legal tradition; and

WHEREAS, The "compelling state interests" standard is extraordinarily difficult to prove before a court already disposed to regard the exclusion of same-sex relationships from the definition of marriage as a matter of invidious discrimination, and therefore the state of Hawaii is soon likely to grant full legal status to the marriage of homosexual couples; and

WHEREAS, Under the "full faith and credit" clause of the Constitution of the United States, any marriage performed in the state of Hawaii will, apart from the enactment of state-by-

state exceptions or the enactment of a new and comprehensive federal law, have to be legally recognized in every other state; and

WHEREAS, Homosexual couples from every state are preparing to obtain marriage licenses in Hawaii and then to challenge the courts, legislatures and institutions in their home states to treat their same-sex relationship as having identical status to the recognition of marriages between a man and a woman; and

WHEREAS, Challenging the exclusion of homosexual couples from the definition of marriage as sanctioned and protected by civil law is a strategy to appropriate the moral capital of marriage in order to enforce acceptance of homosexual conduct and homosexual desires in the public arenas of American life; and

WHEREAS, There is much scientific evidence showing that homosexual attractions are pathological, abnormal, and mostly if not entirely a matter of external influence, learned behavior, acquired taste and personal choice; and, although there have been speculations, no conclusive scientific evidence has been found to support claims that homosexual attractions are biologically fixed and irreversible; and

WHEREAS, Even should a biological link with homosexuality be discovered, it could not settle the morality of homosexual behavior, and could not serve to justify, much less require, any society to grant the status of marriage to homosexual couples; and

WHEREAS, God, who is both Moral Ruler of the Universe and the Creator of all that is, and who knows and understands the physical and psychological composition of all and every human life better than any human scientist will ever know it, has stated in Scripture that homosexual conduct is always a gross abomination for all human beings, both men and women, in all circumstances, without exception (Leviticus 18:22 and 20:13); and

WHEREAS, God makes it clear in Scripture that even desire to engage in a homosexual sexual relationship is always sinful, impure, degrading, shameful, unnatural, indecent and perverted (Romans 1:24-27), so any effort to extend the meaning of marriage in order to sanction the satisfaction of such desire must also be in every case sinful, impure, degrading, shameful, unnatural, indecent and perverted; and

WHEREAS, God by saying "their blood will be on their own heads" (Leviticus 20:13) has explicitly ruled out any effort by homosexual couples to justify their behavior, or to claim their homosexual relationship deserves protected legal status, by shifting blame or responsibility for their same-sex relationship to the Creator who made them; and

WHEREAS, Marriage is God's idea established in the order of creation to be a permanent union of one man with one woman (Genesis 1:28, and 2:24), and marriage is therefore first and foremost a divine institution (Matthew 19:6) and only secondarily a cultural and civil institution; and

WHEREAS, Jesus reaffirmed the origin of marriage in the order of creation and declared marriage to be a sacred, monogamous, and life-long institution joining one man with one woman (Matthew 19:4-6), and

WHEREAS, Any action by the government giving homosexual unions the legal status of marriage denies the fundamental immorality of homosexual behavior and causes the government of any nation so doing to jeopardize seriously the favor of Almighty God on whom the security, welfare, and stability of every nation, even Gentile nations (Leviticus 18:24-25, 28; Psalm 2; Amos 1:3,6, 9, 11, 13; Isaiah 13-21), ultimately depends; and

WHEREAS, Separating marriage from the complementary union of male and female trivializes the concept of marriage in the laws, public policies, educational systems, and other institutions of society; and

WHEREAS, Only the marriage of male and female serves to tame the impulses of self-centered individuals by inter-generational obligations and commitments; and

WHEREAS, Failure in the courts and institutions of civil law to recognize the unique importance of heterosexual family units, by granting moral equivalence to the idea of same-sex relationships, will surely and very seriously undercut the formation of stable heterosexual family units in future generations; and

WHEREAS, The future of the United States of America will be placed at risk because no society can survive that does not recognize, protect and defend the unique importance of heterosexual marriage to its own health and stability; and

WHEREAS, The legal recognition of homosexual marriage carries the potential use of force, a force that will likely be turned against those who do not or cannot accept the moral equivalence of homosexual marriages; and

WHEREAS, The enforcement of marriage laws, standards of educational instruction in schools, and the regulation of fair business practices will be adjusted to require public recognition of homosexual marriages, and this adjustment will certainly undermine, and may even restrain, the public communication, influence, and independence of individuals, groups, and institutions who believe and teach that homosexual marriage is immoral in both concept and practice; and

WHEREAS, Legalizing homosexual marriage will force public schools to teach the acceptability of homosexual marriage and will likely lead to laws requiring that businesses remove distinctions between homosexual and heterosexual relationships in the way they treat marriage benefits for their employees; and

WHEREAS, Legalizing homosexual marriage raises the specter of new laws and policies intended to marginalize, privatize, or silence the social and moral influence of parents and churches which teach that homosexual marriage is wrong or that heterosexual marriage is morally superior.

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers of the one hundred thirty-ninth meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-13, 1996, do clearly and steadfastly oppose the legalization of homosexual marriage by the state of Hawaii, or by any other state, or by the United States of America; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we affirm the Bible's teaching that promotion of homosexual conduct and relationships by any society, including action by the governments to sanction and legitimize homosexual relationships by the legalization of homosexual marriages,

is an abominable sin calling for God's swift judgment upon any such society (Leviticus 18:22, 28; Isaiah 3:9); and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we commit ourselves to pray faithfully against the legalization of homosexual marriages in American law; and to preach and teach the truth concerning what the Bible says about homosexuality, homosexual conduct and the institution of marriage, and against the foolishness, danger and moral wickedness of any government action to accept, sanction, approve, protect, or promote homosexual marriage; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we commit ourselves to pray for, affirm, and support legislative and legal efforts and all persons involved in efforts to oppose the legalization of homosexual marriages through judicial actions, through public policy decisions, and through legislation introduced at both the state and federal levels of government; and we call upon all judges, all persons in public office, and all candidates for public office, to do all they can to resist and oppose the legalization of homosexual marriages; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that because any law, or any policy or regulation supporting a law, that legalizes homosexual marriage is and must be completely and thoroughly wicked according to God's standards revealed in the Bible, we do most solemnly pledge our decision never to recognize the moral legitimacy of any such law, policy or regulation; and we affirm that, whatever the stakes (Daniel 3:17-18), we will never conform to or obey (Acts 4:19) anything required by any governing body to implement, impose, or act upon any such law. So help us God.

RESOLUTION NO. 7- ON ASSISTED SUICIDE

WHEREAS, Two U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeals have voted for the first time in American history to strike down laws prohibiting physician assisted suicide; and

WHEREAS, Michigan courts have consistently acquitted Dr. Jack Kevorkian of any criminal wrong-doing in assisting individuals to end their own lives by suicide; and

WHEREAS, A University of Pennsylvania survey recently found that 20 percent of nurses polled had performed euthanasia or assisted in the suicide of a patient; and

WHEREAS, Western medicine has heretofore followed both the Judeo-Christian tradition and the over 2,500 year-old Hippocratic tradition forbidding physicians to assist in the death of their patients; and

WHEREAS, The Bible teaches that God created all human life in His own image and declares human life to be sacred from conception until natural death (Genesis 1:29-6 and following); and

WHEREAS, The Bible likewise teaches that murder, including self-murder, is immoral (Exodus 20:13), and

WHEREAS, American society seems to be embracing of the "culture of death;"

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-13, 1996, affirm the biblical and Hippocratic prohibitions against assisted suicide; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we commend and encourage medical science in its efforts to improve pain management techniques, thus removing one major impetus toward assisted dying; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we call upon physicians, nurses, hospice workers, individual Christians and local churches to make emotional, psychological, and spiritual care of suffering patients a priority, thereby relieving the sense of isolation and abandonment some dying patients feel; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we vigorously denounce assisted suicide as an appropriate means of treating suffering; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we call upon federal, state, and local governments to prosecute under the law physicians or others who practice assisted suicide.

RESOLUTION NO. 8-

SUPPORTING A NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE EFFECTS OF GAMBLING

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has frequently stated its opposition to the gambling industry and the devastating effects of gambling upon the moral and economic life of our nation; and

WHEREAS, No national commission has studied the effects of gambling upon society since 1976; and

WHEREAS, Participation in gambling has grown at an alarming rate since 1976, when Americans legally wagered \$17 billion to 1994, when Americans legally wagered \$480 billion; and

WHEREAS, Legislation has been passed in the United States House of Representatives of the 104th Congress which would establish a commission to study the impact of gambling upon society and to make such recommendations as may be necessary to correct those problems which the study may reveal; and

WHEREAS, There is pending in the United States Senate of the Congress, legislation similar to that already passed in the House; and

WHEREAS, If Congress passes such legislation it will then be forwarded to the President of the United States for consideration; and

WHEREAS, As it is currently proposed, this legislation provides that the commission would be made up of individuals appointed by the President of the United States, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the Majority Leader of the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, The gambling industry is unashamed in its relentless pursuit of political advantage by monetary means.

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we support legislation which seeks to evaluate the effect of public policy with regard to gambling, and the impact of gambling upon society; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we commend those members of the United States House of Representatives who voted in favor of H.R. 497, known as the "National Gambling Impact and Policy Commission Act"; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we urge the United States Senate to pass legislation to the same effect; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we urge the President of the United States to sign any such legislation which is substantially similar to that already approved by the United States House of Representatives; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we urge those responsible for appointing members to the Commission to exercise their judgment with caution and to avoid appointing individuals whose primary interest in the outcome of the Commission may be motivated by protection of the pecuniary interests of the gambling industry; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we urge members of Congress to be undeterred in their efforts by representatives of the lucrative gambling industry who unashamedly seek to exert their influence in the political process with the proceeds of their nefarious profits; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we pledge our prayerful support to Southern Baptists in Louisiana, Arkansas, and other states in their every effort to defeat or repeal laws that legalize gambling in this fall's election; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we pray for and encourage our fellow Southern Baptists who are opposing the pernicious evil of gambling in their local communities and states.

RESOLUTION NO. 9-

ON PARENTAL CHOICE ON EDUCATION

WHEREAS, A well-educated populace is a matter of extreme importance to the future and stability of our nation and society; and

WHEREAS, Funds are collected and distributed by our government to promote and foster the education of our populace; and

WHEREAS, The education of children is a primary responsibility of parents; and

WHEREAS, Parents as the principle educators of their children, require the freedom and ability to elect the educational process best suited for their family needs,

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-13, 1996, recognize and affirm the God-given right of parents to direct the education of their children; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that the Southern Baptist Convention affirms and encourages the thousands of excellent Southern Baptist public, private, and home-oriented educators; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we encourage our legislators, at all levels of government throughout our nation, to develop the means and methods of returning educational and funding choices to parents.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-
ON JEWISH EVANGELISM**

WHEREAS, Jesus commanded that "repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem" (Luke 24:47); and

WHEREAS, Our evangelistic efforts have largely neglected the Jewish people, both at home and abroad; and

WHEREAS, We are indebted to the Jewish people, through whom we have received the Scriptures and our Savior, the Messiah of Israel, and "they are beloved for the sake of the fathers" (Romans 11:28); and

WHEREAS, There has been an organized effort on the part of some either to deny that Jewish people need to come to their Messiah, Jesus, to be saved; or to claim, for whatever reason, that Christians have neither right nor obligation to proclaim the gospel to the Jewish people; and

WHEREAS, There is evidence of a growing responsiveness among the Jewish people in some areas of our nation and our world.

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, June 11-13, 1996, reaffirm that we are not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek (Romans 1:16); and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that we recommit ourselves to prayer, especially for the salvation of the Jewish people as well as for the salvation of "every kindred and tongue and people and nation" (Revelations 5:9); and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, That we direct our energies and resources toward the proclamation of the gospel to the Jewish people.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-
ON THE NEED TO SUPPORT HUNGER AND RELIEF MINISTRIES**

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have demonstrated their concern for the lost at home and around the world by living out the commands of Christ in the Great Commission, and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists acknowledge the Lord's admonition and example to minister to the needs of the whole person; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists are a compassionate people, recognizing that from those who have received much, much is expected; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists recognize the vital role that meeting human needs plays in their effort to demonstrate Christ-like compassion in bringing the lost to saving faith in Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptist churches have been used as channels of blessing for the lost and needy around the world; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptist agencies, including the Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board and the Christian Life Commission, have initiated a new and historic hunger and

relief awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, Financial support for the work of the Convention's various hunger and relief ministries has dramatically declined in the past few years;

Be it therefore RESOLVED, that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in New Orleans on June 11-13, 1996, does hereby encourage all believers to pray for those around the world who hunger and thirst both spiritually and physically; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that we urge the Christian Life Commission, in collaboration with our other agencies, to increase efforts to keep before Southern Baptists an awareness of the global and domestic hunger and relief needs; and

Be it further RESOLVED, that those meeting in New Orleans call upon all Southern Baptist churches to set aside one Sunday each year as a time for considering the role that Baptists can and must play in meeting those needs; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that those meeting in New Orleans call upon all Southern Baptists to consider how each believer can - through praying, giving, and going - meet the challenge of spiritual darkness and physical discomfort in our world

RESOLUTION NO. 12-

ON NATIONAL PRAYER WATCH

WHEREAS, God has promised to move when His people call on Him in united extraordinary prayer (Jeremiah 33:3); and

WHEREAS, Our duty as Christian citizens is to pray for the authorities God has placed over us (1 Timothy 2:1-4), and for revival in America (2 Chronicles 7:14); and

WHEREAS, The prayers of God's people on behalf of this country have never been more crucial;

Be it therefore RESOLVED, that the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 11-13, 1996, in New Orleans, Louisiana, call upon God's people in the United States of America to pray and fast, as He might lead, for forty days, September 27, 1996, to November 5, 1996, in regard to the election of our serving officials and the future of our country; and

Be it finally RESOLVED, that we join other believers in observing Election Day, November 5, 1996, as a National Day of Prayer.

RESOLUTION NO. 13-

ON SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND ECUMENISM

WHEREAS, Historically, Southern Baptists have resisted ecumenism while embracing Christian brotherhood and cooperation with other evangelicals; and

WHEREAS, We have witnessed in recent years the portrayal of denominations as barriers to be overcome on the road to unity; and

WHEREAS, True Biblical unity can only be realized "in the bond of truth," and never at the expense of Biblical truth;

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting, June 11-13, 1996, in New Orleans, Louisiana, urges the Boards and Agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention to maintain the historic position of Southern Baptists as they cooperate with various other groups in appropriate evangelistic enterprises, and on issues of justice, morality, and religious liberty both at home and abroad; and

Be it further **RESOLVED**, that such efforts not commit Southern Baptists to any organizational or long-term relationship which would risk possible compromise of historic distinctives or the unique witness of Southern Baptists to the world; and

Be it finally **RESOLVED**, that we encourage Southern Baptists to maintain their commitment to **Bold Mission Thrust** by giving priority in time, talent and resources to the work of the local church and its wider work through the SBC and Cooperative Program.

**RESOLUTION NO 14-
ON APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, The messengers of the 139th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention have enjoyed the kind hospitality of the people of New Orleans; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptists of the New Orleans area have made thorough preparation and extended themselves generously in meeting the needs of our Convention; and

WHEREAS, The President, officers, committees, and platform personnel have guided the affairs of this Convention with dignity and a Christ-like spirit

Be it therefore **RESOLVED**, that we, the messengers to this the 139th annual session of the Southern Baptist Convention, express our profound gratitude to all those whose efforts have contributed to the gracious spirit, evangelistic impact, and effectiveness of this annual meeting.

176. James C. (Jim) Wideman (OK) raised a point of personal privilege regarding the burning First Missionary Baptist Church, Enid, Oklahoma, last night.
177. Barrett M. Lampp (FL) expressed appreciation to those employees of agencies being dissolved under the restructuring.
178. President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) announced that the time for all scheduled business had expired.
179. Congregational Singing was led by John V. Glover Jr. (GA).
180. Music was presented by Greater Vision (TN), gospel trio, Morristown.
181. Rick W. Scarborough (TX), pastor, First Baptist Church, Pearland, shared a brief testimony.
182. A message entitled "One Man's Perspective on Why Revival Tarries" was preached by Bill McCartney (CO), founder, Promise Keepers, Denver, after being introduced by President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL).
183. The benediction and prayer for revival was given by Joseph H. (Joe) Guthrie (AL), pastor, Fairhaven Baptist Church, Demopolis, after President James B. (Jim) Henry (FL) adjourned the one hundred thirty-ninth session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Messengers</u>	<u>Percent of Messengers</u>	<u>Rank (1-25)</u>	<u>Churches with Messengers</u>
Alabama	1,121	8.18	6	473
Alaska	33	.24		13
Arizona	40	.29	25	19
Arkansas	445	3.25	12	201
California	160	1.17	17	81
Colorado	43	.31	23	17
Connecticut	6	.04		3
Delaware	0	.00		0
District of Columbia	4	.03		2
Florida	1,018	7.43	8	392
Georgia	1,274	9.30	1	468
Hawaii	10	.07		6
Idaho	4	.03		3
Illinois	221	1.61	15	104
Indiana	130	.95	18	52
Iowa	12	.09		6
Kansas	59	.43	21	27
Kentucky	613	4.47	10	269
Louisiana	1,218	8.89	2	381
Maine	2	.01		2
Maryland	89	.65	19	46
Massachusetts	11	.08		7
Michigan	58	.42	22	28
Minnesota	5	.04		1
Mississippi	1,202	8.77	3	488
Missouri	449	3.28	11	184
Montana	4	.03		3
Nehraska	8	.06		4
Nevada	39	.28		16
New Hampshire	1	.01		1
New Jersey	13	.09		10
New Mexico	78	.57	20	29
New York	34	.25		19
North Carolina	1,154	8.42	5	498
North Dakota	2	.01		1
Ohio	188	1.37	16	70
Oklahoma	368	2.69	14	158
Oregon	11	.08		6
Pennsylvania	40	.29		21
Puerto Rico	5	.04		3
Rhode Island	0	.00		0
South Carolina	776	5.66	9	352
South Dakota	4	.03		2
Tennessee	1,159	8.46	4	470
Texas	1,064	7.76	7	428
Utah	16	.12		6
Vermont	0	.00		0
Virginia	430	3.14	13	194
Washington	13	.09		7
West Virginia	41	.30	24	19
Wisconsin	10	.07		5
Wyoming	21	.15		10
TOTAL	13,706	100.00		5,605