

PROCEEDINGS
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
Dallas, Texas
June 17-19, 1997

Tuesday Morning, June 17

1. Music was presented by the Celebration Choir and Orchestra, James Bradford, director, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Oklahoma.
2. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, presented the Broadus gavel to President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK). Elliff called to order the one hundred fortieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred fifty-second year of its history at 8:32 a.m. in the Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas. Elliff introduced the parliamentarians.

PARLIAMENTARIANS: C. Barry McCarty (Ohio), Chief Parliamentarian

Lester L. Cooper, Jr. (Georgia), Jimmy E. Jackson (Alabama), Fred Powell (Missouri), Fred H. Wolfe (Alabama), and Joe H. Reynolds (Texas)

3. Congregational singing was led by James D. (Jim) Whitmire (TN), convention music director, minister of music, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova. Ron and Patricia Owens (GA) introduced the theme song, "Back to the Cross," which they were commissioned to write for this convention.
4. C. T. McGuire (TX), evangelist, Karnack, led in prayer.
5. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, reported that as of 8:30 a.m., June 17, 1997, 8,991 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 motions carried.

Theme: "To The Cross!"

Scripture: I Corinthians 1:18

*"For the preaching of the Cross ...
is the power of God."*

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- 8:00 Music for Inspiration – Celebration Choir and Orchestra, James Bradford, *director*, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK
- 8:30 Call to Order
 Congregational Singing – James D. (Jim) Whitmire, *convention music director*, minister of music, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, TN
 Prayer – C. T. McGuire, *evangelist*, Karnack, TX
- 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 – Governor George W. Bush, *governor of Texas* (invited)
- 8:50 Response – O. Damon Shook, *pastor*, Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston, TX
- 8:55 Announcement of Committee on Committees, Credentials, Resolutions, and Tellers
- 9:00 Bible Study – David Ring, *evangelist*, Orlando, FL
Prayer – Edward C. (Ed) Gregory, *pastor*, Immanuel Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, IA
- 9:20 Crossover Dallas – Darrell W. Robinson, *vice president*, Evangelism, Home Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 9:25 Introduction of Motions and Resolutions
- 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 – Ernest J. Kelley, *interim president*, Home Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA
- 10:45 Voices from the Past - Recognition of Former SBC Presidents
- 10:55 Congregational Singing – James Bradford, *minister of music*, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK
- 11:00 Special Music – Celebration Choir and Orchestra, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK
- 11:10 President's Address – Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff, *SBC president, pastor*, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK
- 11:55 Benediction – Jon Elliff, *youth minister*, Union Hill Baptist Church, Purcell, OK

Tuesday Afternoon, June 17

- 1:00 Music for Inspiration – Heartsong, Darlene Oliver and Donna Harper, Richardson, TX; Jeff and Joy Earle Ministries, Acworth, GA
- 1:15 Congregational Singing – Gary Powell, *minister of music and education*, Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis, TN
Prayer – Michael R. (Mike) Spradlin, *president-elect*, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Germantown, TN
- 1:20 Memorial Service – J. Harold Smith, *evangelist*, Newport, TN
- 1:25 Woman's Missionary Union Report – Dellanna W. O'Brien, *executive director/treasurer*, Birmingham, AL
- 1:35 Business
Committee on Order of Business (Second Report) – James W. (Jim) Richards
Introduction of Motions; Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 1:55 Congregational Singing – Michael W. (Mike) Daniel, *associate pastor and minister of music*, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, AL
- 2:00 Committee on Nominations Report – Loyd O. Freeman, *chairman, layperson*, Odessa, TX
- 2:10 Messenger Information Survey – David W. Atchison, *SBC recording secretary, director*, Disciples Call, Franklin, TN
- 2:20 Election of Officers (First)
- 2:35 Executive Committee Report (Part 2)
- 3:05 Bold Mission Thrust Report – Ernest E. Mosley, *executive vice president*, Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 3:15 Congregational Singing – Len Kennedy, *minister of music*, Woodland Baptist Church, Jackson, TN
- 3:20 Sunday School Board Report – James T. Draper, Jr., *president*, Nashville, TN
- 3:30 Sunday School Board Presentation

- 4:00 YouthLink 2000 – Richard Ross, *church growth consultant-minister of youth*, Sunday School Board, Nashville, TN
- 4:10 Congregational Singing – Blake Krumalis, *minister of music*, Carriage Hills Baptist Church, Southaven, MS
- 4:15 Committee on Committees Report
- 4:25 Introduction of Motions; Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 4:40 Election of Officers (Second)
- 4:55 Benediction – Ben J. Rowell, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, Rogers, AR

Tuesday Evening, June 17

- 6:00 Music for Inspiration – NewSound, William Mac Davis, *director*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
- 6:15 Congregational Singing – Ron Upton, *minister of music*, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa, FL
Prayer – Laverne Butler, *retired president*, Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield, KY
- 6:20 Election of Officers (Third)
- 6:30 Committee on Order of Business (Third Report) – James W. (Jim) Richards
- 6:40 Previously Scheduled Business, Introduction of New Motions; Reporting Proposed Resolutions
- 6:55 Christian Life Commission Report – Richard D. Land, *president*, Nashville, TN
- 7:05 Seminary Report – R. Albert Mohler, Jr., *chairman*, Council of Seminary Presidents
- 7:15 Congregational Singing – Jamie Parker, *minister of youth music*, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, TN
- 7:20 Seminary Presentation –

The Cross and the Call

- R. Albert Mohler, Jr., *president*, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- Kenneth S. Hemphill, *president*, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, TX
- William O. (Bill) Crews, *president*, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, CA
- Music – Combined Seminaries Ensemble
- Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr., *president*, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, LA
- Paige Patterson, *president*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, NC
- Mark T. Coppenger, *president*, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, MO
- A Covenant of Commitment
- Music – Adult Choir and Banner Ministry, James D. (Jim) Whitmire, *director*, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, TN
- Message – Paige Patterson

- 8:40 Call to Commitment
- 8:45 Benediction – Shawn Merithew, *student*, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY

Wednesday Morning, June 18

- 8:15 Music for Inspiration – Burchfield Brothers, Nashville, TN
- 8:30 Congregational Singing – Tim Dunahoo, *associate pastor and minister of music*, Southside Baptist Church, Savannah, GA

- Prayer – George O. McCalep, Jr., *pastor*, Greenforest Baptist Church, Decatur, GA
- 8:35 Introduction of Local Arrangements Committee – John R. (Jack) Wilkerson, *vice president for business and finance*, Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 8:40 Annuity Board Report – Paul W. Powell, *president and chief executive officer*, Dallas, TX
- 8:50 Election of Officers (Fourth)
- 9:00 Business
Committee on Order of Business (Fourth Report) – James W. (Jim) Richards
Introduction of Motions (Last Time)
- 9:20 Congregational Singing – Greg Sims, *minister of music*, Spotswood Baptist Church, Fredericksburg, VA
- 9:25 Previously Scheduled Business
- 9:50 Committee on Resolutions (First Report)
- 10:10 Introduction of the North American Mission Board – John O. Yarbrough, *chairman*, Implementation Task Force, *pastor*, First Baptist Church, Perry, GA
- 10:40 Election of Officers (Fifth)
- 10:50 Congregational Singing – Tim Foland, *associate pastor of praise and worship*, Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN
- 10:55 Music – Adult Choir, Bellevue Baptist Church; Soloists: Bette Stalnecker, *music evangelist*; Jamie Parker, *minister of youth music*
- 11:05 Convention Sermon – Richard D. Land, *president*, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, TN
- 11:50 Benediction – David Miller, *evangelist*, Heber Springs, AR

No Wednesday Afternoon Session

Wednesday Evening, June 18

- 6:00 Music for Inspiration – Ray Jones, Radiance Ministries, San Antonio, TX
- 6:15 Congregational Singing – Chris Alsup, *minister of music*, First Baptist Church, Horn Lake, MS
Prayer – Jimmie Ruth Caughron, *layperson*, Laceys Spring, AL
- 6:25 Business
Committee on Order of Business (Fifth Report) – James W. (Jim) Richards
Election of 1998 Convention Sermon Preacher, Alternate, and Music Director
- 6:40 Home Mission Board Report – Ernest J. Kelley, *interim president*, Alpharetta, GA
- 6:50 Foreign Mission Board Report – Jerry A. Rankin, *president*, Richmond, VA
- 7:00 Congregational Singing – Donnie Stribble, *minister of music*, The Heights Baptist Church, Richardson, TX
- 7:05 Missions Emphasis – The Cross Over the World
Music – Combined Choirs of the Dallas/Fort Worth Area
Presentation of Testimonies – Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board
Message: The Cross Over the World – Adrian P. Rogers, *pastor*, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, TN
- 8:35 Call for Commitment
- 8:45 Benediction – M. Wade Coker, *missionary to Zambia*, West Monroe, LA

Thursday Morning, June 19

- 8:15 Music for Inspiration – Diana Seitz, *violinist*, Memphis, TN
One Voice, Ladies Ensemble, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, TN, with the Clint Greene Family, Memphis, TN
- 8:30 Congregational Singing – Roosevelt Brooks, *community missions volunteer*,

- Memphis, TN
- 8:35 Bible Study – Ledtkey R. McIntosh, *pastor*, Glorieta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK
Prayer – Satoa Faaitiiti, *residential supervisor*, Way Back House, Garland, TX
- 8:55 Previously Scheduled Business
- 9:05 Committee on Resolutions (Final Report)
- 9:20 American Bible Society Report – Fred A. Allen, *assistant to the president/ABS chaplain*, New York, NY
- 9:30 A Celebration: Reflecting on the Past, Rejoicing in the Future
- 9:50 Questions and Answers About Agency Ministries
Stewardship Commission – Ronald E. Chandler, *president*
Brotherhood Commission – James D. Williams, *president*
Radio and Television Commission – Jack B. Johnson, *president*
Education Commission – E. D. Hodo, *chairman*
Historical Commission – Slayden A. Yarbrough, *interim executive director-treasurer*
Southern Baptist Foundation – Hollis E. Johnson III, *president*
Special Recognition of Outgoing Directors
- 10:10 Congregational Singing – Mark Cook, *bi-vocational associate pastor*, First Southern Baptist Church, El Monte, CA
- 10:15 Baptist World Alliance Report – Denton Lotz, *general secretary*, McLean, VA
- 10:25 Denominational Calendar Committee Report – Edward I. Mattox, Jr., *chairman*, Farmington Hills, MI
- 10:35 Denominational Press Report – Herb V. Hollinger, *vice president for convention news*, Executive Committee, Nashville, TN
- 10:45 Presentation of Outgoing SBC Officers – Morris H. Chapman
- 10:50 Presentation of Newly Elected SBC Officers – Morris H. Chapman
- 10:55 Congregational Singing – Marty Goetz, *music evangelist*, Marty Goetz Ministries, Inc., Franklin, TN
- 11:00 Music – Marty Goetz
- 11:10 Speaker – Luis Palau, *evangelist*, Portland, OR
- 11:45 Prayer/Benediction – David Galvan, *pastor*, Primera Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Garland, TX

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7. George W. Bush, governor of Texas, welcomed the messengers.
 8. O. Damon Shook (TX) pastor, Champion Forest Baptist Church, Houston, responded to the welcome on behalf of the messengers.
 9. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the following committees as listed in the *SBC Bulletin*: Committee on Committees, Credentials Committee, Committee on Resolutions, and Tellers Committee.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Ted Traylor (Florida), **Chairman**

Fred Lackey (Alabama), Fannie Smith (Alabama), Royce Christmas (Alaska), Jean Pesnell (Alaska), George Barnes (Arizona), Jim Dixon (Arizona), Pat Robinson (Arkansas), Mark Sparks (Arkansas), Deryl Lackey (California), Alice Wilson (California), Peggy Oxford (Colorado), Tom Zones (Colorado), Thomas Hay (District of Columbia), David Wood (District of Columbia), Carl Nixon (Florida), Lee Mabry (Georgia), Paul Mason

(Georgia), O. W. Eford (Hawaii), Mike Komatsu (Hawaii), Ron MaHarrey (Illinois), Les Mason (Illinois), Tom Evitts (Indiana), Meg Palton (Indiana), Robert Hanson (Kansas-Nebraska), Blaine Lair (Kansas-Nebraska), Bill Bartleman (Kentucky), James Reynolds (Kentucky), Randy Harper (Louisiana), Carlton Vance (Louisiana), Carroll Camp (Maryland-Delaware), Jean Visy (Maryland-Delaware), Tom Fishell (Michigan), John Harrison (Michigan), Steve Bain (Mississippi), Louise Shannon (Mississippi), Barbara Forir (Missouri), Michael O'Guin (Missouri), Jerry Carver (Nevada), Bill Potts (Nevada), Paul Castillo (New York), Stan Gillcash (New York), Alan Chastine (New Mexico), Keeny Dickenson (New Mexico), Dick Risas (New England), John D. Kuesper (New England), Gerald Cowen (North Carolina), Mark Harris (North Carolina), Hank Ford III (Northwest), Rick Hahn (Northwest), Don Piercy (Ohio), David Cavanaugh (Ohio), Robert Griffin (Oklahoma), Jim Morgan (Oklahoma), Jimmy Aldridge (Pennsylvania-S. Jersey), Edward Ridge, Jr. (Pennsylvania-S. Jersey), Glen Rusher (South Carolina), J. Wendall Rhodes (South Carolina), Donald Dunavant (Tennessee), Fern Sutton (Tennessee), Rocky Weatherford (Texas), Don Workman (Texas), Sallie Dimitt (Utah-Idaho), Ronald Dean Smith (Utah-Idaho), Michael Adams (Virginia), Charles Wynn (Virginia), Jack Dial (West Virginia), David Jieka (West Virginia), Charles Crim (Wyoming), Danny Francis (Wyoming)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Edward C. (Ed) Gregory (Iowa), **Chairman**

Benny Reynolds (Alabama), John Brackin (Arizona), Bobby Biggers (Arkansas), Jimmie Sheffield (Arkansas), Greg Roper (California), Ron Thompson (Florida), Jerry Speer (Georgia), John Shaul (Iowa), Gregory Nimmo (Kentucky), Bobby Hines (Louisiana), Kevin Smith (Mississippi), Mark Inman (Missouri), Don Dowles (North Carolina), Richard Burson (Northwest), Tim Foster (Northwest), Ron Andrews (Ohio), Curtis Byrd (Ohio), John White (Oklahoma), Jerry Dixon (Penn.-S. Jersey), Tommy Knott (South Carolina), Raymond Boston (Tennessee), Floyd Paris (Tennessee), Shawn Brewer (Texas), Houston Roberson (Virginia), Brian Russell (Virginia)

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: John L. Sullivan (Florida), **Chairman**

William R. (Bill) Elliff (Arkansas), Bruce G. Coe (Arizona), Carmen Whitaker (California), Liz Traylor (Florida), Mike Whitehead (Missouri), Clark Stewart (Mississippi), W. Ted Kersh (Oklahoma), Forrest Claunch (Oklahoma), Fred Mimix (Virginia)

TELLERS COMMITTEE: Kenneth C. (Chuck) Allen (Georgia), **Chairman**

William (Willy) Rice (Alabama), Larry Deskins (Arizona), Gary Knighton (Arizona), Rick Pyron (Arkansas), Todd Pope (Florida), John Townsend (Georgia), Leo Endel (Iowa), Wyndell Jones (Iowa), Tom Martin (Maryland-Delaware), Lamar Morin (New Mexico), Stanley Hughes (Northwest), Travis Smalley (Ohio), Mark Brookhart (Penn.-S. Jersey), Todd Wilson (Tennessee), Michael Wright (Texas), James Stone (Virginia)

10. A Theme Devotion entitled "To the Cross!" was given by David Ring (FL), evangelist, Orlando.
11. Edward C. (Ed) Gregory (IA), pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids, led in prayer.
12. Darrell W. Robinson (GA), vice president, evangelism, Home Mission Board, reported on the Crossover Dallas project. Robinson reported 3,275 professions of faith at the time of this report.

13. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) 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 and that Resolutions would be referred to the Committee on Resolutions.
14. Charles Lawson (MD) presented a motion: **On Adding an Article on Family to the Baptist Faith and Message.**

"I move that the president of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, appoint a committee to review the Baptist Faith and Message of May 9, 1963, for the primary purpose of adding an Article on 'The Family' and to bring the amendment to the next convention for approval (which will be the 35th anniversary).

"I recommend the following structure be considered:

"Article XVIII. The Family

"God's intention of a family beginning with a man and woman, not excluding either a man or woman adopting a child.

"For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh" (Gen. 2:24)

"A. The Role of the Husband.

B. The Role of the Wife.

C. The Role of the Children." (Items 14, 38, and 82)

15. Kent Cochran (MO) presented a motion: **On Review of Accreditation Affiliations.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention ask the presidents of our six seminaries to evaluate our relationship with ATS, regional accreditors, and other accrediting agencies, and report back to the 1998 Southern Baptist Convention with a recommendation." (Items 15 and 38)

16. Timothy Wilkins (NC) presented a motion: **On Ministry to Homosexuals.**

"Believing that homosexuality is a sin, that healing for the homosexual is a reality, and that the church has an obligation to promote healing, I move that the newly formed North American Mission Board (NAMB) conduct a thorough study of homosexuality, that the NAMB contact the reputable ex-gay ministry Exodus International to learn what resources are available for ministering to those affected by homosexuality, and that the NAMB develop and aggressively promote ministry resources to all SBC agencies, state conventions, associational offices, and local churches. This would include exploring the feasibility of a national campaign to promote healing for the homosexual; and "that this convention devote three minutes of prayer, seeking the mind of Christ so that we would know how to be instruments of healing." (Items 16 and 38)

17. Jerry B. Stone (FL) presented a motion: **On Scheduling the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention, after the present schedule of convention dates has been satisfied, shall not be permitted to schedule a date for holding the convention during the week immediately following Father's Day." (Items 17 and 38)

18. David MacIsaac (MS) presented a motion: **On Scheduling the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"I move that all future dates of the convention not already set take Father's Day into consideration." (Item 18 was not recognized as a motion since the motion had already been made. MacIsaac withdrew his motion and it did not receive a second.)

19. Roger Perkins (AL) presented a motion: **On Adding Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"In accordance with Luke 21:3-4, I move that Article III, Section 2 be deleted and replaced with '2. one additional messenger from each such church for every one percent (1%) paid to the work of the Convention through the Cooperative Program during the fiscal year preceeding the annual meeting.'" (Items 19 and 38)

20. Ray O. Jones (VA) presented a motion: **On the Partial Birth Abortion Bill.**

"I move that we, the messengers at the 140th session of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17, 1997, (1) express our profound appreciation to Congress for passing the bill to ban partial birth abortion; and (2) we urge President Bill Clinton in the name of God and the name of all yet unborn children, to sign that bill banning partial birth abortion and do not veto it!!" (Items 20 and 38)

21. 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*. Chapman introduced Ronnie W. Floyd (AR), chairman of the Executive Committee. Floyd recognized John O. Yarbrough (GA), chairman, Implementation Task Force, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Perry, who brought the final report of the Implementation Task Force. Sarah Maddox (TN) and Mike Hamlett (SC) assisted with the report.
22. Bob Sorrell (TN) moved the adoption of Recommendation 8. Recommendation 8 was adopted.

Recommendation 8: SBC Request for Entity Compliance with Richie vs. SBC Discovery Requests

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has been named as one of approximately fifty defendants in the matter of Boyd L. Richie v. The American Council on Gift Annuities, Inc., *et al.*, filed in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Texas ("the Richie lawsuit"); and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is defending the Richie lawsuit on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention has not done anything illegal or injurious to the plaintiff, and has strongly denied the plaintiff's allegations of wrongdoing; and

WHEREAS, The plaintiff has taken the position that the Southern Baptist Convention must respond to legal demands for copies of documents and other information (known as "discovery") not only on behalf of itself, but also on behalf of each and every Southern Baptist Convention entity; and

WHEREAS, It is abhorrent to the polity of the Southern Baptist Convention to suggest that the Southern Baptist Convention, or the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Southern

Baptist Convention, has the authority to enter into the offices of any entity of the Southern Baptist Convention for the purpose of reviewing its files, removing or copying its documents, gathering information to respond to discovery requests, or for any other purpose; and

WHEREAS, The Executive Committee has made, and will continue to make, its best efforts to educate the court concerning the structure and governance of the Southern Baptist Convention and the nature of the authority to govern the Southern Baptist Convention entities which has been vested in the various boards of trustees elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, both under the governing instruments of the Southern Baptist Convention and the laws of the various states where Southern Baptist Convention entities are incorporated; and

WHEREAS, In spite of the Executive Committee's efforts, the trial court in the Richie lawsuit has effectively ordered that the Southern Baptist Convention must respond to discovery requests served on the Southern Baptist Convention by providing documents and information which are in the custody, possession, and control of any one of the entities of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, The court has the authority to order monetary penalties or other sanctions against the Southern Baptist Convention if the Executive Committee fails to provide documents and information which are controlled by other entities of the Southern Baptist Convention in response to plaintiff's discovery requests; and

WHEREAS, Although mindful of the need to protect and defend the principles of Baptist theology concerning the church and evangelism on which the structure of the Southern Baptist Convention is based, the Convention prefers conserving its resources for spreading the good news of Jesus Christ rather than spending its funds on litigation and appeals; now, therefore, the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, takes the following actions:

1. The Southern Baptist Convention affirms the integrity of the historical governance and structure of the Southern Baptist Convention, including the authority of the board of trustees of each Southern Baptist Convention entity and the officers elected by such board to govern the affairs of the entity, noting that this structure has served Southern Baptists well for over 150 years and must be preserved.
 2. The Executive Committee is authorized, on behalf of the Southern Baptist Convention, to request the several entities of the Southern Baptist Convention to provide documents and information which are in their custody, possession, and control in response to discovery requests served on the Southern Baptist Convention in the Richie lawsuit.
 3. The Southern Baptist Convention requests that all Southern Baptist Convention entities comply with any such request which may be made by the Executive Committee to the extent compliance would be lawful and would not inflict significant damage to the historical relationships within the Southern Baptist Convention or the polity of the Southern Baptist Convention.
23. Bob Sorrell (TN) moved the adoption of Recommendation 1. 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. Delete subparagraph (2)f. in its entirety. Subparagraph (2)f. currently reads:

- f. Nominees for election to the board of any investment company established by the Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.
2. Delete subparagraph (10) in its entirety. Subparagraph (10) currently 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.

24. Bob Sorrell (TN) moved the adoption of Recommendation 2. Recommendation 2 was adopted.

Recommendation 2: SBC Bylaw and Business and Financial Plan Amendments Prompted by Covenant for a New Century

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, amend, effective at the close of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 19, 1997, Bylaw 12: Program Leaders; Bylaw 16: Committee on Nominations, paragraph (3); Bylaw 19: Representation, paragraphs (2) and (3); Bylaw 20: The Executive Committee, paragraph (5), sections (h), (i), (l), and (m); Bylaw 23: Committee on Order of Business; Bylaw 25: The Inter-Agency Council, paragraph (1); Bylaw 26: Program Statements; Bylaw 28: Procedures, paragraph (2); and Bylaw 32: Representation From Qualified States and Territories, paragraph (2); and the Business and Financial Plan, Article XIX, paragraphs (2), (3), and (6) to read as follows:

NOTE: Bold represents addition to text; strikethrough represents deletion of text.

SBC Bylaw 12. ~~Program~~ **Ministry** Leaders:

~~Program~~ Leaders of Southern Baptist Convention ~~programs~~ **entities** shall be admitted to the Convention sessions and shall be authorized to serve as resource persons for discussion of those matters which affect their areas of ~~program~~ **ministry** responsibility.

SBC Bylaw 16. Committee on Nominations, paragraph (3):

(3) No person shall be eligible to serve on more than one of the boards, institutions, commissions, or the Executive Committee, at a time. This, however, shall not apply to the ~~Southern Baptist Foundation; nor shall it apply to the~~ president of the Convention, the president of Woman's Missionary Union, and the recording secretary, as is provided in Bylaw 20(1).

SBC Bylaw 19. Representation, paragraphs (2) and (3):

(2) *Baptist World Alliance General Council:* Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention on the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance shall include the following: the president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention; the presidents of the Foreign International Mission Board, the Home North American Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, the Annuity Board, ~~the Seminary Presidents' Council, The Radio and Television Commission, and the Brotherhood Commission;~~ the executive directors of the **Christian Life Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission**; **the designee of the Council of Seminary Presidents**; and **the executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union**; the incumbent president of the Southern Baptist Convention. The remaining eligible representatives shall be nominated by the Committee on Nominations to serve for the Baptist World Alliance Congress period. Such nominations shall be in keeping with the Constitution and Bylaws of the Baptist World Alliance. They may include persons employed full time by a church or denominational agency or persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency. The expenses of the executives of Convention entities will be the responsibility of the respective entities.

In the event the Southern Baptist Convention or the Executive Committee does not have the opportunity to approve proxies for those named by the Southern Baptist Convention as members of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance, the members of the General Council of the Baptist World Alliance representing the Southern Baptist Convention, answering the roll call at the regular meeting of the General Council of the Alliance, shall be authorized to certify someone attending the meeting as a proxy. The expenses of proxies to the meeting shall not be paid out of the Convention Operating Budget.

(3) *North American Baptist Fellowship:* Representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention to the North American Baptist Fellowship shall be the **current incumbent president** of the Southern Baptist Convention and the presidents of the Foreign International Mission Board, Home North American Mission Board, The Sunday School Board, ~~Brotherhood Commission~~ **designee of the Council of Seminary Presidents**, the president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, and the executive director of the Woman's Missionary Union. The remaining eight (8) shall be named by the Committee on Nominations to **terms concurrent with the Baptist World Alliance** and shall be evenly divided between persons employed full time by a church or denominational agency and persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency. ~~Their terms shall be concurrent with the Baptist World Alliance, except for the president.~~

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

SBC Bylaw 20. The Executive Committee, paragraph 5, sections (h), (i), (j), and (m):

- h. To conduct the general work of promotion and the general work of publicity for the Convention in cooperation with the agencies of the Convention. The Executive Committee shall provide a Convention relations service and a

Convention news service to interpret and publicize the overall Southern Baptist Program ministry. These services shall be available to support the work of all Convention agencies and programs ministries.

- i. To maintain open channels of communication between the Executive Committee and the trustees of the agencies of the Convention, to study and make recommendations to agencies concerning adjustments required by program assignments ministry statements or by established Convention policies and practices, and, whenever deemed advisable, to make recommendations to the Convention. The Executive Committee shall not have authority to control or direct the several boards, agencies, and institutions of the Convention. This is the responsibility of trustees elected by the Convention and accountable directly to the Convention.
- l. To utilize an appropriate report format which will enable the Executive Committee to obtain from the agencies adequate and comparable information about program ministry plans, accomplishments, and financial data.
- m. To maintain an official organization manual defining the responsibilities of each agency of the Convention for conducting specific programs ministries and for performing other functions. The manual shall cite the actions of the Convention that assigned the programs ministries and other functions to the agency. The Executive Committee shall present to the Convention recommendations required to clarify the responsibilities of the agencies for programs ministries and other functions, to eliminate overlapping assignments of responsibility, and to authorize the assignment of new responsibilities for programs ministries or functions to agencies.

SBC Bylaw 23. Committee on Order of Business:

The Committee on Order of Business shall consist of seven (7) members - the president of the Convention and six (6) other members, two (2) of whom shall be elected each year for a term of three (3) years and two (2) one-third of whom shall be persons not employed full time by a church or denominational agency. No member of the committee can succeed himself or herself. The committee shall suggest an order of business for the next meeting of the Convention. It shall provide periods of time during the Convention for the introduction of all matters requiring a vote not scheduled on the agenda, and, when introduced (unless the Convention then gives its unanimous consent for its immediate consideration) shall fix times for the consideration of the same. All such matters of business shall be introduced to the Convention by the end of the morning session of the second day of the annual meeting of the Convention. When practicable it shall give notice in the Convention *Bulletin* of the substance of the motion or resolution and the time for its consideration. If unable to give notice in the *Bulletin*, it shall cause announcement to be made from the floor of the Convention of the same, action thereon to be taken at the subsequent session of that Convention. The committee shall recommend to the Convention a preacher for the succeeding Convention sermon and the director of music. The director of music shall be elected annually and the term of office is limited to two (2) years. The director of music shall not be eligible for re-election until as much as one (1) year has elapsed from the time a successor is named.

SBC Bylaw 25. The Inter-Agency Council, paragraph (1):

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

SBC Bylaw 26. ~~Program Ministry Statements~~:

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

SBC Bylaw 28. Procedures, paragraph (2):

(2) *Procedure for Motions of Messengers Concerning Agencies*: Motions made by messengers dealing with internal operations or ~~programs ministries~~ 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.

SBC Bylaw 32. Representation From Qualified States and Territories paragraph (2):

(2) When the cooperating Baptist churches have twenty thousand (20,000) members, an updated application may be filed for representation on the ~~Foreign International Mission Board, Home North American Mission Board, and Sunday School Board~~ of the Convention, unless otherwise provided in the Board's charter.

Business and Financial Plan, Article XIX: Film, Publication, and Merchandising Policy

(2) The ~~Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ should be designated and recognized as the sole producer and distributor of films for television consistent with its statement of ~~Program Ministry Relationships~~. It is understood that the ~~Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ may use for television other films, at its own discretion, produced by other agencies.

(3) The Sunday School Board should make available any films which it produces for use by the churches to the ~~Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ for use in television without charge, except print cost, and the ~~Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ should provide for distribution by the Sunday School Board to the churches any films which it produces for radio and television without charge, except print cost. ~~The Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ may also use film produced by other agencies of the Convention for distribution to the churches without charge, except print cost, if such film is to be used in television.

(6) The ~~Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ shall offer records or tapes it has produced for radio and television use to the Sunday School Board on consignment, or some other basis mutually agreeable to both parties, for sale in the book stores or through record clubs. The ~~Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ shall be authorized to offer to listeners ~~through direct mail, for sale or by gift in its program of audience building,~~ recordings it has produced for radio and television use and which are not selected by the Sunday School Board. The ~~Radio and Television Commission North American Mission Board~~ shall be authorized to make use of records and tapes returned by the Sunday School Board ~~for its program of in audience building.~~

25. Jerry Spencer (AL) moved the adoption of Recommendation 5. Recommendation 5 was adopted. Chapman presented a resolution of appreciation to Larry L. Lewis (GA) for service as president of the Home Mission Board.

Recommendation 5: Resolution of Appreciation for Larry L. Lewis, president, Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the resolution of appreciation for Larry L. Lewis on the occasion of his retirement as president of the Home Mission Board and express gratitude to God for his commitment and dedicated ministry.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR LARRY L. LEWIS

WHEREAS, Larry L. Lewis retired December 31, 1996, after ten years as president of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, During his tenure as president, Dr. Lewis effectively sharpened the Home Mission Board's focus on evangelism, ministry, and church starting, which helped to spur a nationwide emphasis in the Southern Baptist Convention on starting new churches; and

WHEREAS, His leadership in sanctity of human life issues, in authoring early and influential pro-life literature and instituting Alternatives-to-Abortion ministries at the Home Mission Board, assisted Southern Baptists to become a bellwether in pro-life advocacy among the denominations; and

WHEREAS, He served with distinction as president of Hannibal-LaGrange College in Hannibal, Missouri, for six years; and

WHEREAS, His ministry as pastor in Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Ohio spanned two decades, during which time he distinguished himself as a personal soul-winner, a mentor of younger pastors, an effective leader of men, and a man of courage and vision; and

WHEREAS, The passion of Dr. Lewis' Christian and ministerial life has been the practice and teaching of personal soul-winning evangelism and the development of new churches, and

WHEREAS, He will continue to advance the cause of God's Kingdom through *Mission America* as national facilitator for "Celebrate Jesus 2000"; and

WHEREAS, He generously served beyond the local church in Baptist life in local associations, state conventions, the North American Baptist Fellowship, and the Baptist World Alliance; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis willingly worked in a broad variety of leadership roles in the Southern Baptist Convention, notably with the Education Commission, the Resolutions Committee, and the Pastors' Conference; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from outstanding and respected educational institutions; Hannibal-LaGrange College, the University of Missouri, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Luther Rice Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He, with his wife, the former Betty Jo Cockerell, established a sound Christian home in which they raised three children; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Lewis' contributions to Southern Baptist life have been numerous and distinguished, and he has conscientiously served the Lord and Southern Baptists; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, February 18, 1997, and the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, express gratitude to God for the life and ministry of Larry L. Lewis; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention express our best wishes to Larry and Betty Jo for the years ahead, and assure them of our prayers.

26. Claude Thomas (TX) moved the adoption of Recommendation 3. Recommendation 3 was adopted.

Recommendation 3: 1997-98 Southern Baptist Convention Operating Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 1997-98 SBC Operating Budget in the amount of \$6,092,674 as follows (1996-97 budget shown for comparison).

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION OPERATING BUDGET
STATEMENT OF INCOME**

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1996-97</u>
Cooperative Program	*\$4,916,144	**\$4,449,151
Designations	100,000	75,000
Sunday School Board	470,000	470,000
Interest/Dividends	65,000	62,000
<i>SBC LIFE</i>	170,000	175,000
Other Income	<u>371,530</u>	<u>246,000</u>
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$6,092,674</u>	<u>\$5,477,151</u>

- * Includes remaining Covenant for a New Century Transition, retirement benefits for SBC agency employees displaced by Covenant for a New Century, full-year operations for Southern Baptist Foundation and Cooperative Program Advancement, SBC Building upgrading, rebuilding operating reserve depleted by Implementation Task Force.
- ** 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 Advancement expense.

EXPENSES

	<u>1997-98</u>	<u>1996-97</u>
Convention Administration Expenses		
CONVENTION OPERATIONS		
General Operations	\$ 503,400	\$ 397,000
SBC Committees	97,000	95,000
SBC Building Management	640,700	310,000
Covenant Transition	125,000	700,000
ANNUAL MEETING		
General Operations	750,000	700,000
News Room Operation	69,000	67,000
OPERATING RESERVE	<u>200,000</u>	<u>92,000</u>
Total Convention Expenses	<u>\$2,385,100</u>	<u>\$2,361,000</u>
Executive Committee Operations Expenses		
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE		
General Administration	\$1,387,403	\$1,163,354
Executive Committee Meetings	225,000	215,000
CONVENTION RELATIONS	685,000	675,200
CONVENTION NEWS	325,500	315,500
COOPERATIVE PROG. ADVANCEMENT	<u>370,463</u>	<u>91,750</u>
Total Executive Committee Expenses	<u>\$2,993,366</u>	<u>\$2,536,158</u>
Convention Support		
RELATED ORGANIZATIONS		
Baptist World Alliance	417,838	414,993
American Bapt. Theo. Seminary	0	165,000
Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Convention Support	<u>\$ 417,838</u>	<u>\$ 579,993</u>
SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION	\$ 296,370	\$ 75,354
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	<u>\$6,092,674</u>	<u>\$5,477,151</u>

27. Ernest J. Kelley (GA), interim president, Home Mission Board, Alpharetta, introduced Allen Schmidt, executive director-treasurer, Canadian Convention of Southern Baptists, who presented The Southern Baptist Convention Canada Planning Group Report.
28. After a video presentation, "Settled Forever," President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) recognized all former presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention present for brief greetings to the messengers. Those present were: Dr. H. Franklin Paschall (TN) 1967-68, Dr. and Mrs. Bailey Smith (OK) 1981-82, Dr. and Mrs. James T. Draper, Jr. (TN) 1983-84, Dr. Charles Stanley (GA) 1985-86, Dr. and Mrs. Adrian P. Rogers (TN) 1980, 1987-88, Dr. and Mrs. Morris H. Chapman (TN) 1991-92, Dr. and Mrs. Edwin Young (TX) 1993-94, and Dr. and Mrs. James B. Henry (FL) 1995-96.
29. Fred Luter, Jr. (LA), second vice president, assumed the chair.
30. Congregational singing was led by James Bradford (OK), minister of music, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City.
31. Robert E. (Bob) Anderson (LA), first vice president, introduced President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) who gave the president's address after special music was presented by the Celebration Choir and Orchestra, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, OK.
32. The benediction was given by Jon Elliff (OK), youth minister, Union Hill Baptist Church, Purcell.

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33. Music was presented by Darlene Oliver and Donna Harper (TX) of Heartsong, Richardson, and Jeff and Joy Earle Ministries (GA), Acworth.
34. Congregational singing was led by Gary Powell (TN), minister of music and education, Cherokee Baptist Church, Memphis.
35. Michael R. (Mike) Spradlin (TN), president-elect, Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Germantown, led in prayer.
36. A videotaped memorial tribute was led by J. Harold Smith (TN), evangelist, Newport.
37. The Woman's Missionary Union Report was given by Dellanna W. O'Brien (AL), executive director/treasurer. Wanda Lee (GA) was introduced as the newly reelected president. The report was highlighted by a video presentation.
38. 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 23: for later consideration: Lawson (item 14), as required by SBC Bylaw 28(2): to each seminary: Cochran (item 15), to the North American Mission Board: Wilkins (item 16); to the Executive Committee: Stone (item 17); referred by other than SBC Bylaws 23 or 28(2): to the Executive Committee: Perkins (item 19). The following motion was considered to be in the nature of a resolution: Jones (item 20) and was referred to the Resolutions Committee. The motion to refer passed. Richards moved that the convention act on a portion of the Wilkins motion (item 16) to devote three minutes of prayer for ministry to homosexuals. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) led in this prayer.
39. Rick Ferguson (CO) read into the record the following resolutions to be considered: Gates (VA) On Issues of Morality; Drake (CA) On Liberty Amendment; On "Gender-Inclusive;" On Defending the N.E.A.; On Praying for Disney; and On Welfare Reform; Coleman (GA) On Ministry Helps; Sibley (MS) On Christian Persecution; Jones (MO) on (Divorce) Community Marriage Policy; Stone (NC) On Drug Abuse; Heinbach (NC) On Domestic Partner Benefits; On Women in Combat; Lipscomb (TN) On Local Church Autonomy; Smith (AL) On Supporting Judge Moore; Pennington (TN) On Hunger Ministry; Elowitz (TX) On Ethnic Identity; Bush (NC) On Memorial Statue; Whitehead (MO) On Genetic Cloning; Beals (OK) On Pastor Being Husband of One Wife, On Home

Schooling, *On Partial Birth Abortion and On Judge Roy Moore*; Waller (VA) *On WMLU*; Wilson (WV) *on Pro-Life*; Stevens (OK) *On Entities Paying Excessive Salaries*; Jones (TX) *On Ordination of Women*; Angel (TX) *On Christian Education*; Steelman (AL) *On Ten Commandments*; Jones (VA) *On Partial Birth Abortions*; and McNair (MS) *On Removal of Ethnic Terminology By SBC Agencies*.

40. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the period of motions and resolutions.

41. Joe Hewitt (TX) presented a motion: **On Crossover Salt Lake.**

"I move that we set as a goal 10,000 trained soldiers of the cross to participate in Crossover Salt Lake." (Items 41 and 82)

42. Robert Wensil (NC) raised a question of privilege regarding convention hall temperature. President Elliff requested that his comment be read into the record, "It's cold enough to cure hogs."

43. Jody Wyatt (NC) presented a motion: **On Convention Location.**

"I move that the Executive Committee consider a future convention in the New York City area." (Items 43 and 82)

44. Derek Staples (KY) presented a motion: **On Refraining from the Use of Evolutionary Language by any Agency of the Southern Baptist Convention.**

"In light of recent printed material by the Woman's Missionary Union using language that espouses evolutionary ideology (Aware magazine and Aware Resource Kit, April-May-June of 1997, Session 3), and in light of the fact we as a Southern Baptist Convention believe the Word of God 'is a perfect treasure of divine instruction and truth without any mixture of error' (Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the Convention on May 9, 1963), I, therefore, move that the Southern Baptist Convention request its agencies and auxiliaries to refrain from the use of evolutionary ideology in the distribution of all materials." (Items 44, 82, and 121)

45. Wiley S. Drake (CA) presented a motion: **On Opposition to Killing Babies Under Any Circumstances.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, go on record as being opposed to killing babies under any circumstance." (Items 45 and 82)

46. Gustave Elowitz (TX) presented a motion: **On Reasonable Evangelism.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention condemn wholeheartedly all coercive attempts to influence any person, including Jewish people, and to wholeheartedly support all reasonable attempts to evangelize, sensitively and lovingly, all persons." (Items 46 and 82)

47. Betty Rutledge (TX) presented a motion: **On Eligibility Guidelines for the Committee on Nominations.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention instruct the Committee on Nominations to apply no guidelines for eligibility for nominations other than the requirements mandated by the Southern Baptist Convention Bylaws." (Items 47 and 82)

48. James E. Shannon (IL) presented a motion: **On Participation of African Americans in the Pastors' Conference and Southern Baptist Convention Leadership.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention's African-American pastors be used more in the Pastors' Conference and the real leadership of the Southern Baptist Convention." (Items 48 and 82)

49. Congregational singing was led by Michael W. (Mike) Daniel (AL), associate pastor and minister of music, Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville.
50. After introducing the Committee on Nominations, Loyd O. Freeman (TX), chairman, Committee on Nominations, recommended the adoption of the Committee on Nominations Report with three revisions: Mark Patton (IN), replacing Paul House, Executive Committee, term expiring 2001; Kenneth Clement, (AL), replacing Thomas S. Strong, (AL), Sunday School Board, term expiring 2001, and Henry Smith, Jr., (LA), replacing Kenneth R. Clement, (AL), Denominational Calendar Committee, term expiring 2000. The report was adopted as revised.

**REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS
1996-1997**

Loyd O. Freeman, Chairman

Members Rotating	Status	Nominees to be Elected
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE		
State Representation		
Term Expiring 1998		
J. Kae Bowman, GA First, Canton	M	D. Franklin Cox, GA North Metro First, Lawrenceville
James R. Rivers, LA First, Moss Bluff	M	William T. Crosby, LA First, Mansfield
Term Expiring 1999		
Gibbie McMillan, LA Southminster, Baton Rouge	M	Nathan Luce, LA Broussard Grove, Prairieville
Term Expiring 2000		
*J. C. Mitchell, FL First, Winter Park New Member, FL	R N	* Carol D. Anderson, FL First Indian Rocks, Largo * Leslie S. Coggins, FL First, Daytona
J. W. (Bill) Phillips, NW Mill Park, Portland, OR	R	Mike Holleman, NW Orient Drive, Boring, OR
*Jerry L. Vaughan, OK First, Piedmont	M	* Mary Martha (Marty) Odom, OK Quail Springs, Oklahoma City
Term Expiring 2001		
Donald Cotten, AL First, Albertville	E	Donald Cotten, AL First, Albertville
John C. Robbins, CO Bookcliff, Grand Junction	E	John C. Robbins, CO Bookcliff, Grand Junction
*Miriam Kibelbek, FL First, Port Charlotte	J	William E. Anderson, FL Calvary, Clearwater
*John N. Bowman, GA Ingleside, Macon	J	* Ronald E. Williams, GA First, Vidalia
Patrick M. Pajak, IL Tabernacle, Decatur	E	Patrick M. Pajak, IL Tabernacle, Decatur
*Paul R. House, IN Sunnycrest, Hartford City	M	Mark Patton, IN New Heritage, Indianapolis

John C. Click, KS-NE Immanuel, Wichita, KS	E	John C. Click, KS-NE Immanuel, Wichita, KS
* Terry L. Norris, KY Pleasant Grove, Owensboro	I	* James C. Hales, KY First, Highland Heights
* Reuel May, Jr., MS First, Jackson	F	* Reuel May, Jr., MS First, Jackson
James H. Wells, MO Oakwood, Kansas City	E	James H. Wells, MO Oakwood, Kansas City
Mark D. Acuff, NE Grace, Marlboro	DS	Sandra J. (Sandy) Coelho, NE Faith, Curver, MA
Terry M. Robertson, NY Amherst, Amherst	E	Terry M. Robertson, NY Amherst, Amherst
* Bill B. Horton, NC West Asheville, Asheville	I	* Donald L. Bailey, NC Merrimon Avenue, Asheville
Michael K. Moore, NC Silver Lake, Wilmington	I	* Ann Frazier, NC Roanoke, Roanoke Rapids
* Johnnie L. Curtsinger, OK Canyon Road, Broken Arrow	I	Robert L. Wilson, OK First, Marlow
Doug Westmoreland, TN Tusculum Hills, Nashville	I	Abe F. Silliman, TN Turkey Creek, Savannah
* Douglas L. Dutton, TN Central, Bearden	E	* Douglas L. Dutton, TN Central, Bearden
Stan D. Coffey, TX San Jacinto, Amarillo	I	Gary A. Smith, TX Fielder Road, Arlington
Robert C. Jackson, VA First, Galax	R	Richard L. Elmore, VA Cave Spring, Roanoke
* Fred E. Morgan, WV Fairlawn, Parkersburg	E	* Fred E. Morgan, WV Fairlawn, Parkersburg

ANNUITY BOARD

**State Representation
Term Expiring 1998**

Ronald F. Sanders, AR
Life Line, Little Rock

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* Tim Walley, AR
Hot Springs, Hot Springs

Term Expiring 1999

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* Richard A. Cordle, VA
Ironbridge, Richmond

* Charles B. (Chuck) Brinkman, VA
Westwood, Virginia Beach

Term Expiring 2001

* J. Kirk Thompson, AR
First, Springdale

* Gerald E. Bowman, FL
First, Palm City

Pete Sharber, GA
First, Hazlehurst

Clark A. Brown, KY
Grapevine, Madisonville

* James W. Hixson, MI
Bethany, Lansing

David C. Sheppard, MO
First, St. Louis

* Ivey D. Massey, NM
Taylor Memorial, Hobbs

George J. Tous van Nijkerk, NC
Providence, Raleigh

Guy Morton, OH
Lakeview, Vermilion

* Richard D. Welch, PA-SJ
Wrightsedale, Peach Bottom

* Eric Andrew Collins, WV
SB Fellowship, Summersville

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First, Springdale

* Gerald E. Bowman, FL
First, Palm City

Pete Sharber, GA
First, Hazlehurst

Willis W. Henson, KY
Lone Oak First, Paducah

* James W. Hixson, MI
Bethany, Lansing

David C. Sheppard, MO
First, St. Louis

* Ivey D. Massey, NM
Taylor Memorial, Hobbs

George J. Tous van Nijkerk, NC
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Guy Morton, OH
Lakeview, Vermilion

* Richard D. Welch, PA-SJ
Wrightsedale, Peach Bottom

* Eric Andrew Collins, WV
SB Fellowship, Summersville

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2001

Alton L. Fannin First, Ardmore, OK	E	Alton L. Fannin First, Ardmore, OK
* Richard C. Scott First, Woodway, Waco, TX	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 1998

Patrick W. Bullock, TX Annville, Corpus Christi	M	John S. Powers, TX Calvary, Beaumont
Omar H. Pachecano, TX So. San Antonio Mexican, San Antonio	K	Robert (Bob) Pearle, TX First, Portland

Term Expiring 1999

Gene P. Smith, FL First, New Port Richey	M	Clytee Harness, FL First, Eilers
Michael C. Carr, GA Sherwood, Albany	R	Mark A. Baker, GA Central, Americus

Term Expiring 2000

New Member, FL	N	Wayne A. Earnest, FL First, Dunedin
Terry G. Fox, TX Gardendale, Corpus Christi	M	John A. Hatch, TX First, Lake Jackson

Term Expiring 2001

* Robert J. Oxford, CO Applewood, Wheat Ridge	I	* Roy B. Duke, CO Arapahoe Road, Littleton
William H. Faulkner, Jr., FL Westside, Winter Garden	I	Ralph C. Harris, FL First, Winter Haven
* W. L. (Buddy) Hulsey, Jr., GA First, Woodstock	E	* W. L. (Buddy) Hulsey, Jr., GA First, Woodstock
New Member, HI	N	Bill G. Duncan, HI Village Park, Waianae
* William D. Richardson, IL Bethel, Troy	I	Pat Stewart, IL First, St. Charles
Roger D. Roberts, KS-NE Metropolitan, Wichita	I	Phillip C. (Bo) Graves, KS-NE First, Haysville
Charles T. Gresham, KY Temple, Central City	E	Charles T. Gresham, KY Temple, Central City
* Diane B. Reeder, LA Trinity Heights, Shreveport	E	* Diane B. Reeder, LA Trinity Heights, Shreveport
* Anna Rowland, MI Antioch, Roseville	I	* Sharon Hessling, MI Memorial, Sterling Heights
* Nancy Callahan, MO First, Warrensburg	E	* Nancy Callahan, MO First, Warrensburg
Winston Gattis Perry, NC First, Garner	E	Winston Gattis Perry, NC First, Garner
* Michael D. Smith, NC Merrimon Avenue, Asheville	I	* Lee W. Waldron, NC West Asheville, Asheville
Sam Friend, NW First, Bothell, WA	E	Sam Friend, NW First, Bothell, WA
Robert Reed Lynn, OK Rock Creek, Shawnee	I	* J. Robert W. Lakey, OK First, Sayre
* Michael McGee, OK Northwest, Bethany	I	* H. Blair Monhollon, OK North Fork, Eufaula
Karol S. Wise, PA-SJ First, Hershey	I	* Lauren Law, PA-SJ Southside, Lumberton, NJ
* Katherine Fortner, TN Wallace Memorial, Knoxville	E	* Katherine Fortner, TN Wallace Memorial, Knoxville

* Bobbie Jackson, TN First, Millington	I	John D. Adams, TN First, Jackson
Cal Guy, TX Oak Grove, Burleson	E	Cal Guy, TX Oak Grove, Burleson
LeRoy S. Smith, TX Sugarmont, Houston	I	Hal Kinkeade, TX First, Springtown
* L. Grant Dimitt, UT-ID Mountain View, Idaho Falls, ID	E	* L. Grant Dimitt, UT-ID Mountain View, Idaho Falls, ID
* David P. Alexander, VA Stafford, Stafford	M	R. Wayne Collis, VA First, Dillwyn

Local Representation

Terry L. Harper Colonial Heights, Colonial Heights, VA	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED
J. Larry Holland Franklin Heights, Rocky Mount, VA	I	NOT TO BE REPLACED

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 1998

- Robert C. Humber, AL
Woodmont, Florence
- H. Kenneth Cheek, AL
Northridge, Northport
- * David M. Sterley, AK
Glacier Valley, Juneau
- * Ozzie Berryhill, AR
Park Hill, North Little Rock
- * June Tate, CA
First Southern, Fountain Valley
- Harold C. Epperson, FL
First, Kissimmee
- * William D. Cohea, Jr., GA
First, Lithia Springs
- * Cloma D. Odum, GA
Central, Warner Robins
- * Emma P. Day, KY
Severts Valley, Elizabethtown
- * Shirley E. Russell, LA
Columbia Heights, Columbia
- Keith D. Corrick, MD-DE
Liberty, Lisbon, MD
- R. David Raddia, MS
First, Yazoo City
- * O. Kendall Moore, MS
Broadmoor, Jackson
- * C. Donley Brown, MO
First, Linn
- * Jay S. Smith, NE
Screven Memorial, Ogunquit, ME
- * K. Wayne Pollard, NC
First, Glen Alpine
- * Alice E. Peters, NW
Greater Gresham, Gresham, OR
- * Charles Rhodes, OH
Rising Star, Youngstown
- * O. Ray Fitch, Jr., OK
Ranch Acres, Tulsa
- Troy M. Gregg, SC
First, Chesnee
- Guy M. Milam, TN
Springview, Maryville

- * J. Walter Carpenter, TX
Second, Houston
- * Karl K. Dietz, TX
Champion Forest, Spring
- * Manuel A. Galindo, TX
Olmito, Harlingen
- * Bass Redd, TX
Rosanky, Rosanky
- * Donald F. Ford, WV
Calvary, Grafton

Term Expiring 1999

- * Ann W. Cushing, AL
First, Montgomery
- * William G. (Gary) Underwood, AR
Church at Rock Creek, Little Rock
- Jack A. Marcom, Jr., DC
Ft. Washington, Ft. Washington, MD
- * Anthony D. Clevenger, FL
First, Pensacola
- * Rose A. Bear, IN
First Southern, Terre Haute
- Garland A. Morrison, IN
Sunnycrest, Marion
- William D. Treese, IN
Odon, Odon
- Newman N. (Andy) Antonson, KS-NE
Tyler Road, Wichita, KS
- J. Mark Bond, KY
First, LaCenter
- Gary L. Southard, KY
Rose Hill Missionary, Ashland
- Damon Patterson, MI
Monroe Missionary, Monroe
- Gerald Davidson, MO
First, Arnold
- * Charles L. Wilson, NM
First, Carlsbad
- Foyd Bennett, NC
Reepsville, Vale
- * David Halliburton, OH
Trinity, Mentor
- Billy R. Bissell, OK
Boston Avenue, Muskogee
- Edward R. Futrell, TN
Southside, Johnson City
- Roger L. Gorby, VA
Ladysmith, Ladysmith
- * Jack W. Dial, WV
Highlawn, Huntington

Term Expiring 2000

- Willie T. Gaines, CA
Emmanuel, San Jose
- * Nancy Berlin, CO
Riverside, Denver
- * George A. White, DC
Greenbelt, Greenbelt, MD
- * Osal J. Evans, GA
First, Sylvania
- Michael W. (Mike) Everson, GA
Second, Warner Robins

- Stewart B. Simms, Jr., GA
Beech Haven, Athens
- * John B. Thompson, GA
Southside, Savannah
- Stephen W. Diehl, IL
First, Vandalia
- Ron C. Meyer, IL
First, Machesney Park
- * Don W. Valentine, LA
Fellowship, Trout
- * Wayne Vann, MI
Merriman Road, Garden City
- Jaffus L. Haley, Jr., NV
Calvary Southern, Las Vegas
- * Ronald L. Tucker, NC
Carmel, Charlotte
- * Harold C. (Curt) Fry, TN
Germantown, Germantown
- A. Ray Newcomb, TN
First, Millington
- Kelly J. Burris, VA
Kempsville, Virginia Beach
- Charles G. Fuller, VA
First, Roanoke
- * Jean L. Thompson, VA
Cardinal, Ruther Glenn

Term Expiring 2001

- Mark S. Hickman, AZ
Coronado, Scottsdale
- * John C. (Charlie) Brown, CO
Mississippi Avenue, Aurora
- * Joyce M. Boatwright, FL
Aluma, Winter Park
- * Donna Farr, HI
Olivet, Honolulu
- Jerry A. Holbert, MO
Orchard Crest, Springfield
- James M. Guenther, NY
Trinity, Niskayuna
- * David M. Stone, OK
Emmanuel, Eald
- * William A. Fields, PA-SI
Crusade, Hazleton, PA
- M. Randall Jones, SC
Langston Memorial, Conway
- James W. (Skip) Owens, SC
Pinecrest, Charleston
- * George Edward (Ed) Rhodes, Jr., SC
Charleston, Charleston
- Ronald E. Stewart, TN
Grace, Knoxville
- Danny Souder, TX
Northlake, Dallas
- * William G. Streich, TX
First, Wichita Falls
- Mike Gray, UT-ID
Southeast, Salt Lake City, UT

Local Representation**Term Expiring 1999**

- * W. Ray Sarratt
First, Lilburn, GA

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

State Representation

Term Expiring 1998

Alva G. Parks, TX
Cliff Temple, Dallas

M

NOT TO BE REPLACED

Term Expiring 2000

New Member, HI

N

* George Iwahiro, HI
Nuuanu, Honolulu

Term Expiring 2001

Sidney W. Nichols, AL
Heritage, Dothan

I

* Kenneth Clement, AL
Mt. Hebron West, Elmore

Timothy J. Clark, AK
First, Palmer

M

* Richard C. Hundrup, AK
Morning Star, Healy

Mark W. Brooks, AR
Elmsdale, Springdale

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

Ed H. Peery, Jr., CA
Green Hills, La Habra

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

Joseph O. Chambers, CO
Lochwood, Lakewood

E

Joseph O. Chambers, CO
Lochwood, Lakewood

Rafael de Armas, FL
First, Port Charlotte

E

Rafael de Armas, FL
First, Port Charlotte

* Sheldon W. Benz, FL

I

Skip Haymans, FL
First, Fustis

First Sweetwater, Longwood

Talmadge S. Chandler, GA
First, Franklin

I

Tracy L. Brinson, GA
First, Hainesville

Larry W. Wynn, GA
Hebron, Dacula

J

David W. Stokes, GA
Norwich, Brunswick

* John R. Rice, KY

E

* John R. Rice, KY
Manchester, Manchester

* Bernie L. Brooks, Jr., MS
West Ellisville, Ellisville

E

* Bernie L. Brooks, Jr., MS
West Ellisville, Ellisville

* Lynda R. Barfield, MS
Main Street, Hattiesburg

E

* Lynda R. Barfield, MS
Main Street, Hattiesburg

John L. Gilbert, MO
First, Poplar Bluff

J

* John D. (Doug) Russell, MO
First, Lebanon

Joe B. Brown, NC
Hackory Grove, Charlotte

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

* Roy D. Mason, NC
Derita, Charlotte

E

* Roy D. Mason, NC
Derita, Charlotte

Gary A. MacManamy, OK
Country Estates, Midwest City

I

* Frank A. McPherson, OK
First, Moore

* Thomas R. Gullette, SC
First, Fort Mill

I

Jerry C. White, SC
Chiquola, Homea Path

* Kenneth R. Speakman, TN
Donelson First, Nashville

E

* Kenneth R. Speakman, TN
Donelson, First, Nashville

Leon L. Bolton, TN
Highland Heights, Memphis

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

* William J. Morris, Jr., TX
First, Denton

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

Bob R. Melvin, VA
Spotswood, Fredericksburg

E

Bob R. Melvin, VA
Spotswood, Fredericksburg

Local Representation

Dennis P. Lunsford
Rock Hill, Lexington, TN

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

Burgess F. Guinn
First, Pulaski, TN

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

* Roy E. Miller
First, Lexington, TN

I

NOT TO BE REPLACED

SOUTHERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 1998

Rodney F. Autry, GA
Macedonia, Jackson

M

Jerry W. Peele, GA
First, Eastman

Term Expiring 1999

Robert C. Foster, AR
Markham Street, Little Rock

M

* Kimberly A. (Kim) Wagner, AR
Pearcy, Pearcy

Term Expiring 2001

* Freddy L. Crowder, GA
Roswell Street, Marietta

D

* Otis B. Ingram, GA
Ingleside, Macon

Term Expiring 2002

Charles H. Gibson, AZ
Valley Heights, Phoenix
David Miller, AR
Southside, Heber Springs

E

Charles H. Gibson, AZ
Valley Heights, Phoenix
H. D. McCarty, AR
University, Fayetteville

I

* Orman W. Simmons, AR
First, Little Rock

E

* Orman W. Simmons, AR
First, Little Rock

Roger L. Spradlin, CA
Valley, Bakersfield

E

Roger L. Spradlin, CA
Valley, Bakersfield

Jim Wilson, FL
First, Orlando

E

Jim Wilson, FL
First, Orlando

* Chun W. Ro, KY
Olivet, Paducah

E

* Chun W. Ro, KY
Olivet, Paducah

* Virgil L. Dugan, NM
Hoffmantown, Albuquerque

E

* Virgil L. Dugan, NM
Hoffmantown, Albuquerque

* Jim W. Lee, OK
First, Edmond

E

* Jim W. Lee, OK
First, Edmond

Richard D. White, TN
First, Franklin

I

T. Gary Watkins, TN
First, Collierville

David L. Wilson, TX
Southerest, Lubbock

E

David L. Wilson, TX
Southerest, Lubbock

Local Representation

Term Expiring 2002

* Jerry L. Rexroat
Highview, Louisville, KY

E

* Jerry L. Rexroat
Highview, Louisville, KY

* P. A. Stevens
Wesport Road, Louisville, KY

I

* Lois Gray
Stithon, Radcliff, KY

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2002

Robert D. Beldingfield
First, South Lyon, MI

I

* Melba D. Boudreaux
Dallas, Dallas, PA

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 1999

Charles R. Lord, PA-SJ
Larchmont, Delair, NJ

M

* Bonny D. (Darlene) Elliott, PA-SJ
West Hills, Corapolis, PA

Term Expiring 2001

John E. Bubb, NV
First, Ely

M

Charles E. (Eddie) Miller, NV
South Reno, Reno

Term Expiring 2002

A. David McLendon, GA
County Line, Lithia Springs
L. Sid West, IN
Waynedale, Fort Wayne

E

A. David McLendon, GA
County Line, Lithia Springs
L. Sid West, IN
Waynedale, Fort Wayne

E

Robert E. Anderson, LA
Parkview, Baton Rouge

E

Robert E. Anderson, LA
Parkview, Baton Rouge

* Donald E. Taylor, NC Merrimon Avenue, Asheville	1	* Ted G. Stone, NC Grace, Durham
Paul Ronald Coppock, OH Dayton Avenue, Xenia	E	Paul Ronald Coppock, OH Dayton Avenue, Xenia
O. Damon Shook, TX Champion Forest, Houston	1	* E. Dean Gage, TX Central, Bryan
At-Large Representation		
Term Expiring 2002		
Ronnie H. Yarber Meadow Creek Community, Mesquite TX	E	Ronnie H. Yarber Meadow Creek Comm., Mesquite TX
* Ralph W. Pulley, Jr. First, Dallas, TX	E	* Ralph W. Pulley, Jr. First, Dallas, TX

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY**State Representation****Term Expiring 2002**

* Arnold A. Burk, AR First, Russellville	E	* Arnold A. Burk, AR First, Russellville
* Kyle M. Oliver, DC Temple Hills, Temple Hills, MD	E	* Kyle M. Oliver, DC Temple Hills, Temple Hills, MD
Edward D. Johnson, FL First, Ocala	1	Jerry B. Garrard, FL Celebration, Tallahassee
* Jerry D. Adkins, MS First, Biloxi	E	* Jerry D. Adkins, MS First, Biloxi
* Charles R. Reidlinger, NM First, Alamogordo	E	* Charles R. Reidlinger, NM First, Alamogordo
David M. Prother, OH First, Amelia	E	David M. Prother, OH First, Amelia

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2002**

* Charles G. Rhinehart Kenner First, River Ridge, LA	1	* C. Wesley Grant First, Fairhope, AL
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SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY**State Representation****Term Expiring 2000**

* Tim LaHaye, MD-DE Montrose, Rockville, MD	R	* Phillip Mercer, MD-DE Gethsemane, Glenwood, MD
* W. Gregory Horton, SC Raleigh Road, Wilson	D	* James E. (Jim) Merritt, SC Rock Springs, Easley

Term Expiring 2002

Cecil Ray Taylor, AL First, N. Mobile, Saraland	E	Cecil Ray Taylor, AL First, N. Mobile, Saraland
Dale E. Thompson, AR First, Fort Smith	E	Dale E. Thompson, AR First, Fort Smith
* Walter R. Lomis, CO South Wadsworth, Denver	1	Gerald G. Wessels, Jr., CO Front Range Community, Louisville
* Wesley A. Duns, LA Calvary, Shreveport	1	Jimmy Herring, LA Bonita Road, Bastrop

Local Representation**Term Expiring 2002**

* Cecil D. Rhodes, Jr. Raleigh Road, Wilson, NC	1	Roy P. Taylor Grove Park, Burlington, NC
* Stanley A. (Stan) Denham Liberty, Hampton, VA	E	* Stanley A. (Stan) Denham Liberty, Hampton, VA

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 2002

James Heard, IN First, Griffith	DS	Stephen D. Simko, IN North Valparaiso, Porter
Ralph E. Clark, LA South Lake Charles, Lake Charles	E	Ralph E. Clark, LA South Lake Charles, Lake Charles
* Reagan H. Bradford, OK Northwest, Oklahoma City	E	* Reagan H. Bradford, OK Northwest, Oklahoma City
Conrad M. (Buster) Brown, Jr., SC East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant	E	Conrad M. (Buster) Brown, Jr., SC East Cooper, Mt. Pleasant
* Charles S. Kelley, TX First, Beaumont	E	* Charles S. Kelley, TX First, Beaumont

Local Representation

Term Expiring 1998

Marvin T. Nobles Park View, DeSota, MO	R	Ronald D. Elliott First, Bellevue, NE
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Term Expiring 2002

* Richard L. Proctor Wynne, Wynne, AR	I	John E. Marshall Second, Springfield, MO
Stoney W. Shaw Parkway, St. Louis, MO	I	* Loretta L. Bringer South Union, Maywood, MO

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY

State Representation

Term Expiring 1996

Barrett Duke, CO First, Highlands Ranch	M	Mel R. McClellan, CO Rocky Mountain, Rifle
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Term Expiring 2002

Grant Ethridge, AR First, Lavaca	E	Grant Ethridge, AR First, Lavaca
Kenneth D. Hall, IL Maplewood Park, Vandalia	I	Michael W. Nolen, IL Friendship, Plainfield
R. Dale Gross, MI South Hill, Milford	M	Charles M. Adams, MI Packard Road, Ann Arbor
Samuel R. Porter, OK First, Sapulpa	E	Samuel R. Porter, OK First, Sapulpa
* Joan T. Mims, PA-SJ Emmanuel, West Chester, PA	E	* Joan T. Mims, PA-SJ Emmanuel, West Chester, PA
* Charles D. Anderson, SC Shandon, Columbia	E	* Charles D. Anderson, SC Shandon, Columbia

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2002

Robert L. Zinn Immanuel, San Bernardino, CA	I	Douglas P. Metzger Magnolia Avenue, Riverside, CA
William E. (Bill) East Valley, Bakersfield, CA	E	William E. (Bill) East Valley, Bakersfield, CA

ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION

State Representation

Term Expiring 1998

* Paul Moore, DC First, Washington	D	* Kert Harrison, DC Capitol Hill, Washington
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Term Expiring 1999

Charles D. Page, NC First, Charlotte	R	Jeffrey L. Isenhour, NC Arran Lake, Fayetteville
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Term Expiring 2001

William E. Whitfield, AL Cypress Shores, Mobile	I	* R. Dale Wallace, Jr., AL First, Trussville
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Barry King, AR Tumbling Shoals, Tumbling Shoals	E	Barry King, AR Tumbling Shoals Tumbling Shoals
* Joy McClung, CA First, Hemet	I	* Shirley J. Lewis, CA Immanuel Southern, Ridgecrest
* Richard A. Long, Jr., CO Bookcliff, Grand Junction	I	* Fred E. Beach, CO Hesperus, Hesperus
* Arthur Lee McGehee, FL First, Ocala	I	Bruce M. Crawford, FL Countryside, Clearwater
* Nancy Schaefer, GA First, Atlanta	I	* Ginger Bradshaw, GA Mount Vernon, Atlanta
Earl W. Morley, NV Temple Southern, Sparks	E	Earl W. Morley, NV Temple Southern, Sparks
Al Phillips, SC First, North Spartanburg	E	Al Phillips, SC First, North Spartanburg

At-Large Representation

Term Expiring 2001

* John L. Yeats Shawnee Heights, Grand Prairie, TX	I	* Deen Kaplan Capitol Hill, Washington, DC
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COMMITTEE ON ORDER OF BUSINESS

Term Expiring 2000

* Lillian L. Butler Northside, Mayfield, KY	I	* Arnold E. Caddell Erlanger, Erlanger, KY
* Perry L. Calvert Whitesburg, Huntsville, AL	I	* Marvin C. Clarke First, Bellevue

The Committee on Nominations recommends Rick E. Ferguson (Riverside, Denver, CO) be elected the chairman of Committee on Order of Business.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE

Elizabeth S. Peterson Clinton Road, New Hartford, NY	I	H. D. Smith Western Hills, Shreveport, LA
Edward I. Mattox, Jr Forest park, Farmington Hills, MI	I	Shirley A. O'Dell Twenty-Second, Tucson, AZ

The Committee on Nominations recommends Mitchell A. McDonald (Foothills Southern, Yuma, AZ) be elected the chairman of Denominational Calendar Committee

NOTE: The Executive Committee, in consultation with the Inter-Agency Council, will be responsible for making an annual report to the 1998 Southern Baptist Convention on the Denominational Calendar. (See Recommendation 7, p. 65.)

****Definitions used in this report:**

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

51. David W. Atchison (TN), SBC recording secretary, director, Disciple's Call, Franklin, directed a messenger information survey for the Executive Committee.

	<u>COUNT</u>	<u>PERCENT</u>
A. Sex:		
Male	3,859	60.70
Female	2,499	39.30
Total	6,358	100.00

B. Your Age:		
Under 18	196	3.11
18-29	386	6.13
30-34	441	7.01
35-39	721	11.45
40-44	917	14.57
45-49	845	13.42
50-54	782	12.42
55-59	698	11.09
60-64	729	11.58
65 and UP	580	9.21
Total	6,295	100.00
C. Main Mode of Travel:		
Plane	2,018	32.01
Car	4,089	64.86
Bus	113	1.79
Other	84	1.33
Total	6,304	100.00
D. Current Church Total Membership:		
Under 100	213	3.39
100-199	587	9.35
200-299	726	11.56
300-499	1,373	21.87
500-999	1,640	26.12
1000-1999	1,012	16.12
2000 and UP	728	11.59
Total	6,279	100.00
D. Your Own Vocational Area:		
Church Staff	2,952	47.59
Home-Foreign Missions	82	1.32
Associational Missions	251	4.05
State Convention/Agency/Inst.	80	1.29
Denominational (Not Incl.)	70	1.13
Evangelism	65	1.05
Homemaking	1,323	21.33
All Others	1,380	22.25
Total	6,203	100.00
E. Spouse's Vocational Area:		
Don't have spouse	517	8.32
Church Staff	1,695	27.27
Home-Foreign Missions	72	1.16
Associational Missions	178	2.86
State Convention/Agency/Inst.	52	0.84
Denominational (Not Incl.)	46	0.74
Evangelism	46	0.74
Homemaking	1,909	30.71
All others	1,701	27.36
Total	6,216	100.00

D. Expenses:

Under \$100	608	9.52
\$100-149	271	4.24
\$150-199	265	4.15
\$200-299	580	9.08
\$300-399	665	10.41
\$400-499	767	12.01
\$500-749	1,512	23.68
\$750-999	890	13.94
\$1,000-OVER	828	12.97
Total	6,386	100.00

G. Attendance by State:

Alabama	427	6.65	Nebraska	3	.05
Alaska	14	.22	Nevada	12	.19
Arizona	23	.36	New Hampshire	1	.02
Arkansas	262	4.08	New Jersey	4	.06
California	54	.84	New Mexico	47	.73
Colorado	36	.56	New York	13	.20
Connecticut	1	.02	North Carolina	616	9.59
Delaware	1	.02	North Dakota	7	.11
District of Columbia	8	.12	Ohio	107	1.67
Florida	332	5.17	Oklahoma	300	4.67
Georgia	485	7.55	Oregon	6	.09
Hawaii	4	.06	Pennsylvania	13	.20
Idaho	4	.06	Rhode Island	1	.02
Illinois	110	1.71	South Carolina	291	4.53
Indiana	36	.56	South Dakota	6	.09
Iowa	3	.05	Tennessee	475	7.40
Kansas	49	.76	Texas	1,150	17.91
Kentucky	288	4.48	Utah	7	.11
Louisiana	230	3.58	Vermont	0	.00
Maine	3	.05	Virginia	244	3.80
Maryland	44	.69	Washington	12	.19
Massachusetts	2	.03	West Virginia	28	.44
Michigan	19	.30	Wisconsin	12	.19
Minnesota	1	.02	Wyoming	6	.09
Mississippi	354	5.51	Other	1	.02
Missouri	265	4.13	Total	6,422	100.00
Montana	5	.08			

52. Robert E. (Bob) Anderson (LA), first vice president, assumed the chair and announced the time for election of officers, beginning with president. Ralph Smith (TX) nominated Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK). There were no other nominations and Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, declared **Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) president elect.**
53. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer of the Executive Committee, announced the presentation of the Executive Committee Report.
54. Ronnie W. Floyd (AR), chairman of the Executive Committee, recognized Patrick M. Pajak (IL) who moved the adoption of Recommendation 4. Recommendation 4 was adopted.

Recommendation 4: 1997-98 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the 1997-98 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$148,185,077 as follows including the 1997-98 Capital Needs Budget and the 1997-98 Program Advance Budget.

I. 1997-98 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET

	<u>1997-98 Allocation</u>	<u>1997-98 % of Total Allocation</u>
<u>WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES</u>		
INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD	\$ 74,092,539	50.00%
NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD	<u>33,771,379</u>	<u>22.79%</u>
TOTAL WORLD MISSION MINISTRIES	\$107,863,918	72.79%
<u>THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES</u>		
SEMINARIES:		
SWBTS	8,981,873	6.06%
SBTS	6,414,596	4.33%
NOBTS	5,939,579	4.01%
SEBTS	4,731,511	3.19%
GGBTS	2,914,433	1.97%
MWBTS	<u>2,729,615</u>	<u>1.84%</u>
TOTAL SEMINARIES	\$ 31,711,606	21.40%
HISTORICAL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES	<u>359,244</u>	<u>.24%</u>
TOTAL THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION MINISTRIES	\$ 32,070,850	21.64%
<u>CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MINISTRIES</u>		
ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY COMMISSION	<u>2,207,958</u>	<u>1.49%</u>
TOTAL CHRISTIAN ETHICS AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY MINISTRIES	\$ 2,207,958	1.49%
<u>FACILITATING MINISTRIES</u>		
ANNUITY BOARD	1,126,207	.76%
SBC OPERATING		
Basic	4,619,774	3.12%
CP Advancement (\$370,463) (.25%)		
BWA (\$417,838) (.29%)		
SBC Foundation	<u>296,370</u>	<u>.20%</u>
TOTAL SBC OPERATING BUDGET	<u>4,916,144</u>	<u>3.32%</u>
TOTAL FACILITATING MINISTRIES	\$ 6,042,351	4.08%
<u>CHURCH ENRICHMENT MINISTRIES</u>		
SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD	<u>0</u>	<u>0.00</u>
TOTAL BUDGET ALLOCATION	\$148,185,077	100.00%

II. 1997-98 CAPITAL NEEDS BUDGET

	1990-2000	
	Balance	Percent
North American Mission Board	\$ 2,669,566	19.31%
Golden Gate Seminary	1,592,998	11.52%
Midwestern Seminary	1,696,544	12.27%
New Orleans Seminary	1,919,700	13.89%
Southeastern Seminary	1,393,906	10.08%
Southern Seminary	2,080,621	15.04%
Southwestern Seminary	<u>2,473,631</u>	<u>17.89%</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL NEEDS BUDGET	\$13,826,966	100.00%

Notes:

1. All receipts over the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget shall be allocated equally to the Capital Needs Budget and Ministry Advance.
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. 1997-98 MINISTRY ADVANCE**Notes:**

1. All receipts over the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget shall be allocated equally to the Capital Needs Budget and Ministry Advance.
2. Ministry Advance funds will be distributed according to the same percentages as the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget.

55. Joe H. Reynolds (TX) moved the adoption of Recommendation 6. Recommendation 6 was adopted.

Recommendation 6: 1995-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year I

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention receive as information the 1995-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year I, as attached.

Directions 2000: 1995-2000 Bold Mission Thrust Report, Year I

This is the first of the final five annual reports on Bold Mission Thrust. The 1995-96 church year ended with only four 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. –

1987 SBC Annual, p. 40

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 I report of accomplishments relates to goals for 1995-2000.

Page 2 of this report shows 1995-96 achievements related to measurable goals set by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1987.

	1995-2000 GOALS	1995-96 Report	
1.	Baptisms: A total of 2.5 million baptisms reported by the churches during 1995-2000	1995-96	379,344
2.	New Congregations: A total of 50,000 churches and church-type missions by 2000	Churches	40,613
		Church-type missions	<u>3,592</u>
		Total	44,205
3.	Worship: Average morning worship attendance equal to 60 percent of resident church membership and an average evening worship attendance equal to 35 percent of resident church membership by 2000	morning*	45.74% 4,898,872
		evening*	17.76% 1,902,519
4.	Bible Study: Sunday School enrollment of 13 million by 2000		8,242,128
5.	Discipleship: Discipleship Training enrollment of 3 million by 2000		2,347,695
6.	Missions Education: Combined WMU and Brotherhood church enrollment of 2.3 million by 2000	WMU	1,071,240
		**Brotherhood	<u>769,248</u>
			1,840,488
7.	Stewardship: Total of 20 billion dollars in annual undesignated church receipts by 2000	1995-96***	\$ 5,040,070,313
8.	Home Missionaries: A total of 5,000 missions personnel in 2000		4,832
9.	Foreign Missionaries: A total of 5,600 missionaries by 2000		4,167
10.	Missions Volunteers: Combined home and foreign mission volunteers of 400,000 during 1995-2000	HMB	85,384
		FMB	<u>15,392</u>
		Total	100,776
11.	Missions Support: A total of 2.5 billion dollars through the Cooperative Program in 2000		****\$411,926,628
12.	Associational Missions: Each church giving to associational missions on a percentage basis		73.8% of churches in reporting associations
13.	Intercessory Prayer: Each church having an ongoing ministry of intercessory prayer by 2000		58.4% of reporting churches

* Only information available is attendance on the last Sunday of Associational Year.

** 1996 WMU enrollment included separate figures for coed mission education.

*** These financial figures were asked in a different way in 1996.

**** Includes miscellaneous CP receipts not channeled through states.

56. John O. Yarbrough (GA) moved the adoption of Recommendation 7. Recommendation 7 was adopted.

Recommendation 7: SBC Bylaw Revision Relating to the Denominational Calendar Committee - Bylaw 16(2)e, Bylaw 18, Bylaw 23

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

That the Executive Committee, in consultation with the Inter-Agency Council, be responsible for making an annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention on the Denominational Calendar; and

That the Southern Baptist Convention delete SBC Bylaw 18, which describes the work of the Denominational Calendar Committee; and

That the Southern Baptist Convention amend SBC Bylaw 16. (2)e. to read "Members of any standing committee"; and

That the Southern Baptist Convention amend SBC Bylaw 23, which describes the work of the Committee on Order of Business, by adding the phrase "a standing committee" after the phrase "The Committee on Order of Business" in the first sentence.

57. Michael L. Trammel (MD) moved the adoption of Recommendation 9. Recommendation 9 was adopted.

Recommendation 9: SBC Approval of the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Radio and Television 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:

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 11-13, 1996, in New Orleans, Louisiana, approved the merger of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention into The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to take effect June 19, 1997; and

WHEREAS, It is in the best interests of the Southern Baptist Convention for certain pending business matters of the Radio and Television Commission to be completed before that corporation merges into the North American Mission Board:

1. The Southern Baptist Convention approves the following Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention which cause the Radio and Television Commission to become a subsidiary corporation of the North American Mission Board effective June 19, 1997.
2. The Southern Baptist Convention approves a modification of 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., approved by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1996, to cause the effective date of the merger to be determined by the North American Mission Board.

**Articles of Amendment
to the Articles of Incorporation of
The Radio and Television Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention**

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention submits the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation, as the same have been previously amended, in accordance with the Texas Non-Profit Corporation Act.

1. The name of the corporation is **The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.**
2. **Article III, IRREVOCABLE DEDICATION-DISSOLUTION CLAUSE,** is amended by substituting the term "The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc." in place of the term "Southern Baptist Convention" each time that term appears in Article III.
3. **Article IV, PURPOSE,** is amended by deleting that article in its entirety and substituting the following in its place:

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSES

The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention is formed for the following purposes: To produce and present radio and television programming that extends the message of Southern Baptist churches; to provide counseling services to persons who respond to radio and television programs; to assist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention entities to effectively use radio and television in accomplishing their tasks; and to perform these tasks in cooperation and coordination with The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.

4. **Article VI, TRUSTEES,** is amended by deleting that article in its entirety and substituting the following article in its place:

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

- A. The Board of Trustees of the corporation shall be composed of not less than fifteen (15) nor more than twenty-nine (29) persons. The number of trustees may be changed from time to time by The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.
- B. Any vacancy on the Board of Trustees, whether caused by the death, resignation, or removal of a trustee; the natural expiration of a trustee's term of office; or an increase in the size of the Board of Trustees, shall be filled by The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc.
- C. The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., may remove a trustee from office at any time, with or without cause.

- 5. Article VIII is amended by deleting that article in its entirety and substituting the following article in its place:

ARTICLE VIII
NATURE OF CORPORATION

The corporation is a non-profit corporation. The corporation has no members.

- 6. Article XI is amended by deleting that article in its entirety and substituting the following article in its place:

ARTICLE XI
AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

These Articles of Incorporation may not be amended without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention or the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

- 7. These Articles of Amendment were adopted on May 22, 1997, by the majority vote of the trustees in office at that time. There were no members entitled to vote on these Articles of Amendment.

- 8. These Articles of Amendment shall be effective at 12:00 noon on June 19, 1997.

In witness whereof, these Articles of Amendment have been signed by a duly elected officer of The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention this 22nd day of May 1997.

By: _____

Name Title

Certificate of Approval by the Southern Baptist Convention

The foregoing Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention were approved by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 17-19, 1997, in Dallas, Texas.

Dated this 19th day of June 1997.

By: Morris H. Chapman, Treasurer

58. Michael L. Trammell (MD) moved the adoption of Recommendation 10. Recommendation 10 was adopted.

Recommendation 10: SBC Approval of the Articles of the Articles of Incorporation of FamilyNet, Inc., a Subsidiary of the Radio and Television Commission

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the following Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of FamilyNet, Inc., a subsidiary of the Radio and Television Commission Southern Baptist Convention, effective June 19, 1997.

ARTICLES OF AMENDMENT

TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FAMILYNET, INC.

FamilyNet, Inc., submits the following Articles of Amendment to its Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the Texas Business Corporation Act.

1. The name of the corporation is FamilyNet, Inc.
2. The first paragraph of Article Seven, "Board of Directors" is amended by deleting that paragraph in its entirety and substituting the following paragraph in its place:

The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be composed of not less than five nor more than fifteen persons, each of whom shall be elected to office by The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Georgia.

3. The last sentence of Article Seven, "Board of Directors" is amended by adding to it the words "or the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention" so that the complete sentence shall read as follows:

These Articles of Incorporation may not be amended without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention or the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

4. These Articles of Amendment were adopted by the shareholders of the corporation on May 22, 1997, and were approved by the Southern Baptist Convention meeting June 17-19, 1997, in Dallas, Texas.
5. At the time these Articles of Amendment were adopted, the corporation had one class of stock entitled to vote on the Articles of Amendment, with ten thousand (10,000) shares of that class of stock outstanding. All ten thousand (10,000) shares of stock entitled to vote were voted in favor of adopting the Articles of Amendment.

In witness whereof, these Articles of Amendment have been signed by a duly elected officer of FamilyNet, Inc., this ____ day of _____, 1997.

By: Wyman Copass, Chairman

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF FAMILYNET, INC.

Article One: Name

The name of the Corporation is FamilyNet, Inc.

Article Two: Term

The period of its duration is perpetual.

Article Three: Purpose

The purpose for which the Corporation is organized is the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Texas Business Corporation Act, including but not limited to program production and broadcasting.

The Corporation is subject to the Constitution, Bylaws, and Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious corporation created and existing by Act of the General Assembly of the State of Georgia.

Article Four: Capitalization

The aggregate number of shares which the Corporation shall have authority to issue is 50,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, and 50,000 shares of preferred stock, non-voting, of a par value of \$.01 per share. The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall have the authority to establish series and fix and determine the relative rights and preferences as between series of such shares of stock, whether common or preferred.

The preferred stock of the Corporation shall pay or accrue a cumulative preferred dividend of \$20 per quarter per share, and each share shall have a liquidation preference equal to the issue price of such share plus unpaid cumulative dividends thereon.

No shareholder of the Corporation shall have, because of his or her ownership of stock, any preemptive right or the right to purchase, subscribe for, or take any part of any stock or any part of any notes, debentures, bonds, or other securities convertible into or carrying options or warrants to purchase the stock of the corporation after its incorporation. Any part of the capital stock and any part of the notes, debentures, bonds, or other securities convertible into or carrying options or warrants to purchase stock of the Corporation, authorized by these Articles of Incorporation or by Articles of Amendment duly filed, may at any time be issued, optioned for sale, or sold or disposed of by the Corporation pursuant to resolution of its Board of Directors upon such terms as may seem proper to the Board without first offering such stock or securities or any part thereof to the existing shareholders.

Article Five: Commencement of Business

The Corporation will not commence business until it has received for the issuance of shares consideration of the value of One Thousand and No/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) consisting of money, labor done, or property actually received.

Article Six: Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the Corporation's initial registered office is 6350 West Freeway, Fort Worth, Tarrant County, Texas 76150, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Jack B. Johnson.

Article Seven: Board of Directors

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is one. The members of all successor Boards of Directors of the Corporation shall be composed of members of the then current Board of Trustees of The Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Every person who now is or hereafter shall be a Director of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against all costs and expenses (including counsel fees) actually and necessarily incurred by or imposed upon him or her in connection with or resulting from any action, suit, or proceeding of whatever nature to which he or she is or shall be made a party by reason of his or her being or having been a Director of the Corporation at the time he or she is

made a party to such action, suit, or proceeding, or at the time such costs or expenses are incurred by or imposed upon him or her, except in relation to matters to which he or she shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceeding to be liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his or her duties as such Director; provided, however, that in the case of an action or proceeding which is settled or compromised, such right of indemnification shall be applicable only (a) if such settlement or compromise is approved by the court having jurisdiction of such action, suit, or proceeding, and (b) to the extent provided in the terms of such compromise or settlement so approved. Every such Director shall be entitled, without demand by him or her upon the Corporation or any action by the Corporation, to enforce his or her right to such indemnity in an action at law against the Corporation.

The right of indemnification hereinabove provided shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which any such person may now or hereafter be otherwise entitled; and specifically, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, shall not be deemed exclusive of any rights, pursuant to statute or otherwise, of any such Director in any such action, suit, or proceeding to have assessed or allowed in his or her favor, against the Corporation or otherwise, his rights to his or her costs and expenses incurred therein or in connection therewith.

A Director of the Corporation shall not be liable to the Corporation or its members for monetary damages for an act or omission in the Director's capacity as a Director, except that the provisions of this paragraph do not eliminate or limit the liability of a Director for: (1) a breach of a Director's duty of loyalty to the Corporation or its members; (2) an act or omission not in good faith that constitutes a breach of duty of the Director to the Corporation or an act or omission that involves intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of the law; (3) a transaction from which a Director received an improper benefit, whether or not the benefit resulted from an action taken within the scope of the Director's office; (4) an act or omission for which the liability of a Director is expressly provided for by an applicable statute.

The name and address of the person who is to serve as Director until the first annual meeting of the shareholders or until her successor is elected and qualified is:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Lynette Guy Williamson	801 Cherry Street, Suite 2100 Fort Worth, Texas 76102

These Articles of Incorporation may not be amended without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Article Eight: Incorporation

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Michelle Marti
Cantey & Hanger
801 Cherry Street, Suite 2100
Fort Worth, Texas 76102

Michelle Marti
Incorporator

59. Forrest E. Lowry III (TX) moved the adoption of Recommendation 11. Recommendation 11 was adopted.

Recommendation 11: SBC Approval of the Articles of Amendment Restating the Articles of Incorporation of Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the following Articles of Amendment restating the Articles of Incorporation of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention effective June 19, 1997.

Note: Previous Articles of Incorporation are shown in ~~strike-out-text~~. All other material is new.

**Articles of Amendment
Restating the Articles of Incorporation
of Foreign Mission Board of the
Southern Baptist Convention**

I, Jerry Rankin, President of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, being duly sworn, state:

The name of the Corporation is Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The amendment adopted is to change the name of the Corporation and to restate the Articles of Incorporation to provide:

**Restated Articles of Incorporation
of The International Mission Board
of the Southern Baptist Convention**

1. The name of the Corporation is The International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Its principal office is in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

~~It is enacted by the general assembly of Virginia, That H. H. Harris, H. A. Fupper, J. C. Williams, A. B. Clarke, H. C. Burnett, H. K. Ellyson, J. B. Winston, C. H. Winston, W. E. Hatcher, John Pollard, S. C. Clopton, J. B. Hobson, W. D. Thomas, W. W. Landrum, W. J. Shipman, George Cooper, C. H. Ryland, T. P. Mathews, R. H. Pitt, and T. P. Bell, being the president, corresponding secretary, treasurer, recording secretary, auditor, and managers appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention, to constitute a board located in the city of Richmond, for the conduct of Christian missions in foreign countries, and their successors as the same may be, from time to time, appointed by the said convention, be and they are hereby constituted a body corporate, under the name and style of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and by that name shall have a perpetual succession and common seal; may contract and be contracted with, sue and be sued, may receive, hold, sell, convey, and otherwise manage or dispose of all lands, money, or other property, real or personal, which may be given or otherwise acquired by the said board. That no further amendment to said charter or act of incorporation shall be made without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.~~

2. The objects and purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to conduct Christian missions.

3. The Corporation shall have one Member, the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious nonprofit corporation chartered by act of the Senate and House of Representatives of

the State of Georgia. The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the Member. A special meeting of the Member may occur as provided in its governing instruments. The Southern Baptist Convention shall, in a meeting of the Convention, elect persons to and remove persons from the Board of Directors (Board of Trustees) hereinafter referred to as the "Board."

~~2.(a) The said Southern Baptist Convention is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe the terms of office of such members, the number that may constitute the Board, not exceeding one hundred nor less than fifteen, and appoint the successors of the members as their terms expire.~~

4. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board except to the extent the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act vests those powers in the Member and further to the extent these Articles or the Bylaws vest in the Member powers including powers which would otherwise be vested in the Board. In that regard, these Articles constitute an agreement authorized by Section 13.1-852.1 of the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act and have been approved by the Member and by all persons who are directors at the time of this restatement of the Articles.

A. The Southern Baptist Convention is hereby authorized and empowered to prescribe the terms of office of such trustees, the number that may constitute the Board, not less than thirty (30), and appoint successors of the members of the Board as their terms expire.

B. The Board shall be composed of persons elected as trustees by the Southern Baptist Convention as provided in its governing instruments. Presently the number of trustees is determined as follows: One person chosen from each cooperating state; and one additional person from each state having two hundred fifty thousand members, and another additional person for each additional two hundred fifty thousand members in such state.

~~(b) The Southern Baptist Convention has authorized and the Foreign Mission Board shall be composed of persons appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention as follows, and as defined by the Southern Baptist Convention: One member chosen from each cooperating state; and one additional member from each state having two hundred and fifty thousand members, and another additional member for each additional two hundred and fifty thousand members in such state.~~

C. Trustees shall be divided into four groups as nearly equal as possible, and one group shall be selected each year to serve four years. A trustee having served two terms as defined in the governing instruments of the Southern Baptist Convention shall not be eligible for reelection until as much as one year has elapsed.

~~(c) The members shall be divided into four groups as nearly equal as possible, and one group shall be selected each year to serve four years. Board members having served two full terms of four years shall not be eligible for reelection until as much as one year has elapsed.~~

D. The president of the International Mission Board shall serve as trustee *ex officio*, without the power to make motions or to vote. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention shall serve as a trustee *ex officio* with all rights and powers of a trustee.

~~(d) The president of the Foreign Mission Board shall serve as an ex officio member without the right to vote. The president of the Southern Baptist Convention shall serve as an ex officio member with all rights and powers of membership.~~

E. Each trustee serving on the Board as a local member of the Board, under Article VI(1) of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention, as of the beginning of the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention, may continue to serve as a trustee until such time as he or she has served two terms. If any such person is not elected by the Convention to a term to which the trustee is eligible, or if the trustee shall die, resign or become otherwise ineligible to serve, the position which that trustee then fills shall terminate. When no local trustee serving as of the beginning of the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention remains on the Board, the remaining trustees shall constitute the Board, and this subparagraph E shall automatically be deleted and subparagraph F shall be relettered subparagraph E.

~~(e) In addition, each member serving on the Board as a as a local member, under Article VI(1) of the Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention, as of the beginning of the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention, may serve as a member until such time as he or she has served two full terms of four years each. If any of these members is not elected by the Convention to a term to which the member is eligible, or if the member shall die, resign or become otherwise ineligible to serve, the position which that member now fills shall terminate. When no local member serving as of the beginning of the 1991 Southern Baptist Convention remains on the Board, the remaining members shall constitute the Board, and the members shall have the consent of the Southern Baptist Convention to amend this Charter to delete this subparagraph (e).~~

F. The Convention as Member of this corporation, in any annual meeting of the Member and without regard to the call of the meeting, may remove a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term for any reason deemed sufficient to the Convention, the election and removal of trustees by the Convention being religious acts within the scope of the free exercise of the Convention's religion under the Constitution of the United States. The removal of a trustee must be approved by the messengers to an annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in accordance with the following process:

(1) The Southern Baptist Convention cannot consider a motion to remove a trustee unless written notice of intent to remove the trustee was received by the President of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention ("the Executive Committee") on or before the preceding January 15. The notice may be given by the Board or by any member of a church cooperating with the Southern Baptist Convention. The President of the Executive Committee shall be responsible for informing the Board, the editor of *Baptist Press*, and the trustee in question that the trustee's removal has been proposed.

(2) If the President of the Executive Committee did not receive timely notice of intent to remove, then any motion at the annual Convention to remove a trustee must be referred to the Executive Committee for consideration and report to the next annual session of the Convention, which may consider and vote upon removal of the trustee.

(3) No single motion may undertake to remove more than one trustee. A motion to remove a trustee shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting. If the motion to remove a trustee is adopted, the removal shall be effective immediately upon delivery to the corporation's secretary of a written notice of removal signed by the president or recording secretary of the Convention. Any vote by the Member in favor of the removal of a trustee shall be deemed as having conclusively established the sufficiency of any reason for removal. There shall be no right of judicial review concerning the removal of a trustee at any point in the removal process.

5. Activities and Power

A. The Corporation shall not be operated for profit. It may engage only in activities that may be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under

Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and by a corporation to which contributions are deductible under Sections 170(c), 2055 and 2522 of the Code. To the extent consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, the Corporation may exercise any and all powers conferred upon non-stock corporations by Sections 13.1-826 and -827 of the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act.

B. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation (except as otherwise permitted by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code), 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 of any candidate for public office.

C. No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any trustee or officer of the Corporation, or any person having a personal or private interest in the activities of the Corporation, except that the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payments of distributions in furtherance of the proposes set forth in Article 2.

D. 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, and which share the theological convictions of the Convention as stated in the Baptist Faith and Message, 1963.

6. Indemnification. To the full extent allowed by the Virginia Nonstock Corporation Act in force on the date of these Articles, the Corporation shall indemnify against liability, and advance reasonable expenses to, any individual who was, is, or is threatened to be named a defendant or respondent in any threatened, pending, or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, or investigative, and whether formal or informal, because he is or was a trustee, or while a trustee, is or was serving at the Corporation's request as an officer, partner, trustee, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan, or other enterprise. The Corporation may (but shall not be required to) indemnify, and advance reasonable expenses to, an officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation who is not a trustee to the same extent as if he were a trustee.

7. The period of the duration of the Corporation is unlimited.

8. Merger, dissolution, or the sale, lease, exchange, or other disposition of all, or substantially all, of the assets of the Corporation, otherwise than in the usual and regular course of business, shall occur only after approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.

9. These Restated Articles of Incorporation may not be amended without the prior approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.

60. Forrest E. Lowry III (TX) moved the adoption of Recommendation 12. Recommendation 12 was adopted.

Recommendation 12: SBC Approval of the Amended and Restated Charter of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention Formerly The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention the following Amended and Restated Charter of The Ethics and

Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention formerly The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention effective June 19, 1997.

Note: Material to be deleted from the present charter is shown in ~~strike-out~~ text.
Material to be added to the present charter is **bold**.

**Amended and Restated Charter of
The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission
of the Southern Baptist Convention
Formerly
The Christian Life 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 the present charter by deleting it in its entirety and by substituting the following in its place. This Amended and Restated Charter supersedes the Corporation's original charter and all prior amendments thereto.

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

1. The name of the Corporation is: ~~The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Prior to the filing of this Amended and Restated Charter this Corporation was named The Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.~~
2. ~~The duration of the corporation is perpetual.~~
2. The address of the principal office and the registered office of the Corporation ~~in the State of Tennessee shall be~~ is 901 Commerce Street, Nashville, Davidson County, Tennessee 37203. The registered agent at that office is Richard D. Land.
3. The Corporation is a public benefit Corporation.
4. The Corporation is a religious Corporation.
45. The Corporation is not for profit.
5. ~~The purpose for which the corporation is organized is conducting the affairs of The Christian Life Commission, which is an agency appointed and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention, a religious denomination, and more particularly, of assisting Southern Baptists in the propagation of the gospel by (1) helping Southern Baptists to become more aware of the ethical implications of the Christian gospel with regard to such aspects of daily living as family life, human relations, moral issues, economic life and daily work, citizenship, and related fields, and by (2) helping them create, with God's leadership and by His grace, the kind of moral and social climate in which the Southern Baptist witness for Christ will be most effective.~~
6. ~~The corporation is to have no members.~~
The Corporation has one Member, which is the Southern Baptist Convention, incorporated by an act of the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of

Georgia. The annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention shall constitute the annual meeting of the Member. A special meeting of the Member may occur upon the call of the president of the Southern Baptist Convention with the concurrence of the other officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

7. ~~The incorporators and the other duly elected members of the Christian Life Commission, an unincorporated agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, shall constitute the first Board of Directors. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 48-04(1), Tennessee Code Annotated, successors to the first Board of Directors of this corporation may be chosen by the Southern Baptist Convention or in the manner designated by the Southern Baptist Convention. The Southern Baptist Convention, or its duly designated subordinate body or bodies, shall have the power to determine or change the number of directors of the corporation to be not more than one hundred (100) nor less than four (4) in number, the terms of office, and the manner of electing directors as their terms expire or vacancies may occur.~~
7. 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.
8. ~~All directors of the corporation shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention, with one representative from each qualified state in keeping with the bylaws of that Convention and with four (4) directors at large, for such periods of time as may be in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the Southern Baptist Convention.~~

The directors shall be designated "trustees." The trustees shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention in a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention.

9. The board of trustees shall be composed as follows: The number of trustees of the Corporation shall be four (4) plus the number, up to thirty (30), of the states and territories deemed by the Southern Baptist Convention to be qualified for representation on the commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention. The four (4) at-large trustees may be residents of any qualified state or territory. Of the thirty (30) other trustees, only one may be from a given state or territory.
- A. The number of trustees shall be temporarily increased to include a position for each person who, on June 1, 1991, was serving as an at-large member of the Public Affairs Committee, and was not an agency head (hereinafter, "former PAC member").
- B. Each former PAC member who is duly nominated and elected by the Southern Baptist Convention may serve as a ~~director~~ trustee of the Corporation until such time as he or she would have been ineligible to continue to serve as a member of the Public Affairs Committee.
- C. When the aforesaid period of eligibility expires for each former PAC member, or when such person for any other reason ceases to serve ~~on the CLE~~ as a trustee of the Corporation, then each temporary position of ~~CLE director~~ on the board of trustees shall terminate. By this process of attrition, the total number of ~~CLE directors~~ trustees shall ultimately be restored to the number originally provided for in paragraph 8-9 above.

- D. If any former PAC member is not nominated or elected by the **Southern Baptist Convention** to serve on the **Christian Life Commission board of the Corporation**, then each temporary position of ~~ELE~~ **director trustee** for each person shall terminate.
- E. ~~The Christian Life Commission shall, according to its bylaws, determine which, if any, of its directors shall represent the Southern Baptist Convention on the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.~~
9. ~~This charter is subject to modification and amendment in the manner provided by law; provided, however, that no amendment or modification may be made without the prior consent of the Southern Baptist Convention.~~
10. A. The **Southern Baptist Convention** as Member of this corporation, in any meeting of the Member and without regard to the call of the meeting, may remove a trustee prior to the expiration of the trustee's term for any reason deemed sufficient to the Convention, the election and removal of trustees by the Convention being religious acts within the scope of the free exercise of the Convention's religion under the Constitution of the United States. A motion in an annual meeting of the **Southern Baptist Convention** to remove a trustee may be made only after the following prerequisites have been accomplished:
1. Written notice shall have been given to the board of trustees, the Executive Committee of the **Southern Baptist Convention** (referred to hereafter as the "Executive Committee"), and to the person whose removal is sought (which person shall be referred to hereafter as "the Subject") at least 30 days prior to any vote by the Executive Committee or the board to recommend removal.
 2. Either the Executive Committee or the board shall have approved a motion recommending removal of a single Subject. If the board approves such a motion it shall notify the Executive Committee as soon as possible so that the removal can be considered during the next annual meeting of the **Southern Baptist Convention**.
 3. Written notice of the result of any vote by either the Executive Committee or board recommending removal shall have been sent to the Subject and released to Baptist Press at least 30 days prior to any vote by the Member to remove the Subject as a trustee. There shall be no requirement that such notices be sent simultaneously.
- B. The motion to remove a trustee shall be made to the messengers at an annual meeting of the **Southern Baptist Convention** by the Executive Committee or the Board, whichever has recommended the removal. The motion may be brought as a joint recommendation if both the Executive Committee and the Board have recommended removal. No single motion may undertake to remove more than one Subject. The motion to remove shall be adopted if it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the messengers present and voting.
- C. If the motion to remove a trustee is adopted, the removal shall be effective immediately upon delivery to the corporation's secretary of a written notice of removal signed by the president or recording secretary of the **Southern Baptist Convention**. Any vote by the Member in favor of the removal of a trustee shall be deemed as having conclusively established the sufficiency of any reason for

removal. There shall be no right of judicial review concerning the removal of a trustee before, during, or after consideration of the matter by any body referred to above.

- D. A trustee shall be considered as having resigned when he/she ceases to be a resident member of a church either geographically within the state or affiliated with the convention of the state from which he/she has been elected as a representative.
11. No person who receives a salary from the Corporation shall be a member of the board of trustees.
 12. If a vacancy occurs on the board of trustees, including a vacancy resulting from death, resignation, removal, or ineligibility of a trustee, the board of trustees may fill the vacancy until the Southern Baptist Convention elects a trustee to fill the unexpired term which such trustee is filling.
 - ~~10. The corporation shall neither have nor exercise any power, nor shall it engage directly or indirectly in any activity, that would invalidate its status (1) as a corporation which is exempt from Federal income taxation as an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or (2) as a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.~~
 13. 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 assist Southern Baptists to become more aware of the ethical implications of the Christian gospel with regard to such aspects of daily living as family life, human relations, moral issues, economic life and daily work, citizenship, and related fields; and by helping them create, with God's leadership and by His grace, the kind of moral and social climate in which the Southern Baptist witness for Christ will be most effective.
 - ~~14.~~ **14.** No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its ~~directors~~ 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 and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in ~~Item 5~~ hereof 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.
 - ~~12.~~ No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of attempting to influence legislation, through propaganda or otherwise; nor shall the corporation participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; nor shall the corporation engage in any activities that are unlawful under applicable Federal, State or local laws.
 - ~~13.~~ The corporation shall not (1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit, (2) engage in any "prohibited" transactions as described in Section 507 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or (3) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income in any manner endangering its exempt status by virtue of Section 504, or any other section of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

- ~~14. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, distribute all assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations, organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or religious purposes as shall at the time qualify as an organization or organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as the Board of Directors, acting pursuant to the directions of the Southern Baptist Convention, shall determine.~~
- ~~15. The directors of the corporation may take any action which they are required or permitted to take under Chapters 1 through 14 of Title 48, Tennessee Code Annotated, or any other applicable law, without a meeting or written consent, setting forth the action so taken, signed by all the directors entitled to vote thereon.~~
15. An amendment to this charter shall require the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.
- ~~16. All references herein to provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 shall be deemed to include statutes which succeed or amend such provision (i.e., the corresponding provisions of future United States Internal Revenue laws).~~

This Amended and Restated Charter of The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was duly adopted by the board of trustees of the corporation on March 6, 1997, to take effect June 19, 1997, subject to the approval of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Richard D. Land, President

61. Jim Wells (MO) moved the adoption of Recommendation 13. Recommendation 13 was adopted.

Recommendation 13: SBC Annual Meeting: Future Convention Site, 2003

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends to the Southern Baptist Convention that Phoenix, Arizona, be selected as the Convention site for the 2003 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention pending satisfactory contract negotiations with the convention center and area hotels. The Convention date would be June 17-19, 2003.

62. Jerry L. Spencer (AL) moved the adoption of Recommendation 14. Recommendation 14 was adopted. Morris H. Chapman (TN) presented a resolution of appreciation to Ronald E. Chandler (TN) for service as president of the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Recommendation 14: Resolution of Appreciation for Ronald E. Chandler, President of The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the resolution of appreciation for Ronald E. Chandler on the occasion of his retirement as president of The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and express gratitude to God for his commitment and dedicated ministry.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION OF RONALD E. CHANDLER

WHEREAS, Ronald E. Chandler will retire June 19, 1997, after three years as president of The Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, He provided exemplary leadership during his tenure with the Stewardship Commission; and

WHEREAS, He distinguished himself by effectively and faithfully leading the Stewardship Commission through the *Covenant For A New Century* transition period; and

WHEREAS, He helped sharpen Southern Baptist's focus on the biblical principles of stewardship of time, talents, and possessions by leading the Stewardship Commission, by preaching God's Word, by leading hundreds of personal finance conferences and consultations, and by writing numerous articles, lessons, and tracts on the topic; and

WHEREAS, He also served the California Southern Baptist Convention faithfully as director of the Office of Stewardship for twenty years; and

WHEREAS, He served as director of missions for the Mid-Valley Southern Baptist Convention in California for six years; and

WHEREAS, He served the Lord fifteen years as pastor of churches in Texas and California; and

WHEREAS, He served Southern Baptists as a voluntary leader in associational, state, and national positions; and

WHEREAS, He graduated from two outstanding and respected Baptist educational institutions: Hardin-Simmons University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, He and his wife, the former Joyce Overstreet, established a sound Christian home in which they raised three children: Ronald Jr., Jenice, and Richard; and

WHEREAS, His contributions to Southern Baptist life have been numerous and distinguished, and he fervently and conscientiously served the Lord and Southern Baptists; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the members of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 16, 1997, and the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, express gratitude to God for the life and ministry of Ronald E. Chandler; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Executive Committee and the Southern Baptist Convention express best wishes to Ron and Joyce for the years ahead, and assure them of our prayers.

63. Jim Richards (AR), chairman, Committee on Order of Business, moved to advance the schedule 20 minutes. The motion passed.
64. The Bold Mission Thrust Report was given by Ernest E. Mosley (TN), executive vice president, Executive Committee, Richard Harris (GA), vice president, Church Planting Group, Home Mission Board; Avery Willis (VA), senior vice president, Overseas Operations, Foreign Mission Board; and Roy Edgemon (TN), Director, Discipleship and Family Development Division, Sunday School Board, assisted with the report.
65. Congregational singing was led by Len Kennedy (TN), minister of music, Woodland Baptist Church, Jackson.
66. W. C. (Nick) Garland, Jr. (OK), chairman of the Sunday School Board, introduced James T. (Jimmy) Draper, Jr. (TN), president, who presented the Sunday School Board Report.

The Sunday School Board report was highlighted by a video presentation and music by Rebecca St. James (TN). A special book presentation was made to Nina Shea, author of *In the Lion's Den*.

67. James D. (Jim) Whitnire (TN), convention music director, minister of music, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, led the congregation in singing.
68. Richard Ross (TN), church growth consultant-minister of youth, Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Dean Finley, associate director, student evangelism, North American Mission Board, presented YouthLink 2000, highlighted by choreography, fireworks, and a video presentation.
69. Congregational singing was led by Blake Krumalis (MS), minister of music, Carriage Hills Baptist Church, Southaven.
70. Anthony L. Jordan (OK), chairman, presented the Committee on Committees Report and moved its adoption. The report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS 1997-98

Alabama

Larry Wayne Felkins
Maytown, AL
Maytown Baptist Church
Maytown, AL

*Kem Jackson
Auburn, AL
Lakeview Baptist Church
Auburn, AL

Alaska

James D. Hamilton
Anchorage, AK
Mukdoon Road Baptist Church
Anchorage, AK

*Mary Nichols
Kenai, AK
First Baptist Church
Kenai, AK

Arizona

Wesley D. Strickland
Sierra Vista, AZ
First Baptist Church
Sierra Vista, AZ

*Robin Yap
Phoenix, AZ
First Chinese Baptist Church
Phoenix, AZ

Arkansas

Larry Thomas
Atkins, AR
First Baptist Church
Atkins, AR

*J. N. Williams
Hot Springs, AR
Balboa Baptist Church
Hot Springs, AR

California

Larry Lee Dotson
Bakersfield, CA
Panama Baptist Church
Bakersfield, CA

*Robert Wallace Drake
Alameda, CA
Central Baptist Church
Alameda, CA

Colorado

Kenneth Barnett
Lakewood, CO
Christ Baptist Church
Denver, CO

*Shala E. Deardorff
Highlands Ranch, CO
Applewood Baptist Church
Wheat Ridge, CO

District of Columbia

Joseph W. Lyles
Accokeek, MD
Fort Foote Baptist Church
Fort Washington, MD

*Linda Norman

Gaithersburg, MD
Wisconsin Ave. Baptist Church
Washington, DC

Florida

Lee M. Sheppard
Jacksonville, FL
Arlington Baptist Church
Jacksonville, FL

*Sam Leach
Cape Coral, FL
Grace Baptist Church
Cape Coral, FL

Georgia

Danny E. Waters, Chairman
Douglasville, GA
Beulah Baptist Church
Douglasville, GA

*Jerry Hobbs
Lilburn, GA
First Baptist Church
Snellville, GA

Hawaii

Craig A. Webb
Lahaina, HI
Lahaina Baptist Church
Lahaina, HI

*Deanna Chee Anki
Kailua, HI
Pali View Baptist Church
Kaneohe, HI

Illinois

Kenneth R. Wilson
Makanda, IL
United Missionary Baptist Church
Buncombe, IL

*Sylvia Ellsworth
Benton, IL
Immanuel Baptist Church
Benton, IL

Indiana

Larry Spear
Terre Haute, IN
First Southern Baptist Church
Terre Haute, IN

*Jnnis H. Glover
Zionsville, IN
New Heritage Baptist Church
Indianapolis, IN

Kansas-Nebraska

Robby Bolden
McPherson, KS
Calvary Baptist Church
McPherson, KS

*James D. Holdaway
Valley Center, KS
Celebration Baptist Church
Wichita, KS

Kentucky

Paul Badgett
Ashland, KY
Oakland Ave. Baptist Church
Callettsburg, KY

*Tom Butler
Paducah, KY
East Baptist Church
Paducah, KY

Louisiana

Rick Hanson
Lecompte, LA
First Baptist Church
Lecompte, LA

*John N. Davis, Jr.
Bossier City, LA
Bellaire Baptist Church
Bossier City, LA

Maryland-Delaware

Ray Hope
Silver Spring, MD
Montrose Baptist Church
Rockville, MD

*Boyce G. Flora
Glen Burnie, MD
Glen Burnie Baptist Church
Glen Burnie, MD

Michigan

Robert W. Carpenter
Eaton Rapids, MI
Cedar St. Baptist Church
Holt, MI

*James L. Fuller
Roscommon, MI
Roscommon Baptist Church
Roscommon, MI

Mississippi

Thomas Otto Brill, Jr.
Escatawpa, MS
Four Mile Creek
Escatawpa, MS

*John Simmons
Plantersville, MS
East Heights Baptist Church
Tupelo, MS

Missouri

Chuck Williams
Washington, MO
First Baptist Church
Washington, MO

*Robert Cook
Hallsville, MO
Hallsville Baptist Church
Hallsville, MO

Nevada

Russell E. Daines
North Las Vegas, NV
El Camano Baptist Church
North Las Vegas, NV

*Ron Wagster
Las Vegas, NV
Sunrise Southern Baptist Church
Las Vegas, NV

New England

Timothy K. Christian
Danville, NH
Island Pond Baptist Church
Hampstead, NH

*Charles Brake
Dover, NH
Garrison Baptist Church
Dover, NH

New Mexico

James L. Wilson
Albuquerque, NM
First Baptist Church
Alameda, NM

*Gerald Farley
Albuquerque, NM
Hoffmantown Baptist Church
Albuquerque, NM

New York

David G. Pope
Holland Patent, NY
One Heart Church
Rome, NY

*Ken Schurter
Evans Mills, NY
New Hope Baptist Church
Watertown, NY

North Carolina

Bill Sanderson
Knightdale, NC
Hephzibah Baptist Church
Wendell, NC

*Jeffrey Scott Livengood
Asheville, NC
Woodland Hills Baptist Church
Asheville, NC

Northwest

Sam Morgan
Creswell, OR
New Hope Baptist Church
Creswell, OR

*Lareth Eugene (Larry) Pope
Corvallis, OR
Grant Avenue Baptist Church
Corvallis, OR

Ohio

Larry Reagan
Goshen, OH
Hillsation Missionary
Baptist Church
Goshen, OH

*John N. Marshall
Reynoldsburg, OH
Reynoldsburg Baptist Church
Reynoldsburg, OH

Oklahoma

Max Don Barnett
Norman, OK
Trinity Baptist Church
Norman, OK

*William R. Gwartney
Tulsa, OK
Parkview Baptist Church
Tulsa, OK

Pennsylvania-South Jersey

Douglas M. Pilot
Duncansville, PA
Bread of Life Baptist Church
Altoona, PA

*Robin L. Russell
Bradford, PA
Bolivar Drive Baptist Church
Bradford, PA

South Carolina

Harry A. (Hal) Lane
Greenwood, SC
Westside Baptist Church
Greenwood, SC

*Charles R. Williams, Sr.
Abbeville, SC
Friendship Baptist Church
Abbeville, SC

Tennessee

Thomas M. Vinson
Cordova, TN
Leewood Baptist Church
Memphis, TN

*Steven E. Little
Mount Juliet, TN
Two Rivers Baptist Church
Nashville, TN

Texas

Dee Stocum
Amarillo, TX
Highland Baptist Church
Amarillo, TX

*Brant O'Hair
Lubbock, TX
Southeast Baptist Church
Lubbock, TX

Utah-Idaho

Eric Frye
Bountiful, UT
First Southern Baptist Church
Salt Lake City, UT

*Reba F. Lockman
Idaho Falls, ID
Calvary Baptist Church
Idaho Falls, ID

Virginia

Gregory Pierce
Jonesville, VA
First Baptist Church Rose Hill
Rose Hill, VA

*Thomas C. Pinckney
Alexandria, VA
Good News Baptist Church
Alexandria, VA

West Virginia

H. Kenneth Statham, Jr.
Scott Depot, WV
Good Shepherd Baptist Church
Scott Depot, WV

*James P. Hutchinson
Huntington, WV
Westmoreland Baptist Church
Huntington, WV

Wyoming

Michael E. Scott
Green River, WY
Hilltop Baptist Church
Green River, WY

*Wayne Peterson
Casper, WY
College Heights Baptist Church
Casper, WY

71. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) reported registration nearing 12,000 and announced the period of motions and resolutions.
72. Millicent Elliott (FL) presented a motion: **On Acquisition of Property for Church Buildings.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention, through the appropriate entity or entities, acquire property in developing areas of North America where Southern Baptist churches are being planted, and make these properties available through long-term lease or sale for the purpose of erecting church buildings." (Items 72 and 82)

73. Wiley S. Drake (CA) presented a motion: **On Leniency in Zoning Ordinances for Churches.**

"Since President Clinton has asked all churches to help in light of welfare reform, I move that the Southern Baptist Convention go on record as asking President Clinton to issue an executive directive to encourage local municipalities to be as lenient as possible as they work with zoning and ordinances, especially in regard to churches doing social ministry to the poor, homeless, and spiritually hurting; and

"That we also ask President Clinton to ask cities to honor church property as defined by English Common Law and the American Constitution in order to greatly help churches to help persons physically, as well as win them to Jesus." (Items 73 and 82)

74. Don Allred (IL) presented a motion: **On the Use of Television for Bold Mission Thrust.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention instruct its appropriate agencies or committees to aggressively pursue beginning a television ad campaign on the networks and cable television with the true gospel as soon as possible." (Items 74 and 82)

75. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the time for election of officers (second). Stan Coffey (TX) nominated Miles Seaborn (TX) for first vice president. Tim Schraeder (WI) nominated Dennis Hansen (WI). A ballot was cast.
76. Ben J. Rowell (AR), pastor, First Baptist Church, Rogers, led in prayer to close the afternoon session.

Tuesday Evening, June 17

77. Music was presented by NewSound, instrumental ensemble. William Mac Davis, (TX), director.
78. Congregational singing was led by Ron Upton (FL), minister of music, Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa.

79. Prayer was led by Laverne Butler (KY), retired president, Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College, Mayfield.
80. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced the results of the election for first vice president. Of the 11,927 messengers registered at the time of the vote, 32.41 percent voted. The results were: Dennis Hansen (WI) received 1,631 (42.55 percent) and Miles Seaborn (TX) received 2,202 (57.45 percent). **Miles Seaborn (TX) was declared first vice president elect.**
81. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the time for election of officers (third) for second vice president. Cal Guy (TX) nominated William L. (Bill) Wagner (CA). Max Barnett (OK) nominated Bob Birch (TN). Steve Cloud (SC) nominated J. C. Mitchell (FL), and Rudy Hernandez (TX) nominated David Galvan (TX). A ballot was cast.
82. Chairman James W. (Jim) Richards (AR) began the presentation of the third report of the Committee on Order of Business by announcing the motions referred as required by SBC Bylaw 28(2) to the North American Mission Board: Hewitt (item 41), Elliott (item 72), and Allred (item 74) and to the Executive Committee: Wyatt (item 43). Chairman Richards moved to refer the following motion to the Executive Committee for its recommendation and report: Rutledge (item 47). The motion passed. Richards moved that the following motion be considered by this convention: Staples (item 44). The motion passed and was scheduled for discussion on Wednesday at 9:25 a.m. The following motions were determined to be in the nature of resolutions: Jones (item 20), Drake (item 45), Elowitz (item 46), Shannon (item 48), and Drake (item 73). Lawson (item 14) was considered according to Bylaw 23. The motion passed.
83. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK), announced the period for introducing new business.
84. Debbie Everett (LA) presented a motion: **On Discussing Health Insurance on the Floor of the Convention**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board reconsider open enrollment to its Group Health Insurance Plan and that this issue be brought to the floor for discussion since it touches the personal lives of many church leaders." (Items 84, 105, and 150)

85. Paul Lambach (MS) presented a motion: **On Providing Better Information to Messengers.**

"I move that the Executive Committee be instructed to direct the appropriate entity or committee to provide for all registered messengers an 8 1/2" x 11" single-sheet map that centers the Convention site for the year within a ten-block square area and includes all hotels, eating facilities, parking areas, parks, and other areas that are deemed to be helpful to messengers within this ten-block region and is available to be given to a messenger at the time of registration beginning with the 1998 Southern Baptist Convention and for all succeeding conventions." (Items 85 and 105)

86. Billy L. Hickman (OK) presented a motion: **On Downsizing Convention Meeting Halls.**

"I move that the Executive Committee review and study the possibility of restructuring the requirements regarding the size of meeting halls and exhibit space for future Southern Baptist Convention annual meetings." (Items 86 and 105)

87. A. L. (Abe) Hudson (TX) presented a motion: **On the Response of the Southern Baptist Convention to Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Churches.**

"I move that this body immediately exclude the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship ministries from receiving any and all funds from the Southern Baptist Convention or any of its agencies; and

"encourage those churches which contribute directly to the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship ministries to more fully support the outstanding successful ministries of their Convention." (Items 87 and 105)

88. Victor Ray Vaughn (MA) presented a motion: **On Opposing Bill 174C in Israels Knesset.**

"I move that this body encourage those churches which contribute directly to the CBF ministries to more fully support the outstanding successful ministries of their Convention." (Items 88 and 105)

89. David W. Atchison (TN), recording secretary, read the following resolutions into the record: Rowe (VA) **On the Impact of Christianity on Politics**, Bush (NC) **On the Memorial Statue of Roger Williams**, Sweet (TX) **On Prayer in School**, Philbeck (NC) **On Stress and Fatigue of SBC Ministers**, Hart (TX) **On Boycott of ABC Television and On Partial Boycott of Walmart**, Shults (OK) **On Salaries of Denominational Workers**, Erskine (GA) **On Cooperative Program Loyalty**, Whitehead (MO) **On Public Broadcasting Attacks on Religion**, Burrell (MO) **On Calendar Dates**, Wisdom (TX) **On Promise Keepers National Day of Solemn Assembly**, Lake (CA) **On Use of Expression "God Is Love"**, Hall (TN) **on Baptist Campus Ministry**, Pinckney (VA) **On Politically Correct Language**, Brill (VA) **On Boycott of Chevron**, Maness (TX) **On Support of Religious Freedom Restoration Act**, Drake (CA) **On Opposition to Killing Babies and On Governmental Leniency In Zoning Ordinances Affecting Church Ministries**, Elowitz (TX) **On Reasonable Evangelism**, Shannon (IL) **On African American Pastors Leadership in Pastors' Conference and Convention**, and Jones (VA) **On Partial Birth Abortions.**
90. The final Christian Life Commission Report was presented by Richard D. Land (TN), president. This Commission will become the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission. Jim Morgan (OK) raised a question regarding the Christian Life Commission's position on separation of church and state. Land responded.
91. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced the results of the election for second vice president. Of the 12,007 messengers registered at the time of the vote, 25.86 percent voted. The results were: Bob Birch (TN) received 639 (20.69 percent); Mitchell (FL) received 663 (21.46 percent); Wagner received 838 (27.13 percent); Galvan (TX) received 949 (30.72 percent). **Porter declared a run-off between Galvan and Wagner on Wednesday morning.**
92. Kenneth Hemphill (TX), president, Southwestern Seminary, in place of R. Albert Mohler, Jr. (TX), chairman, Council of Seminary Presidents, gave the report for all seminaries after leading in prayer for Mohler who was seriously ill.
93. Congregational singing was led by Jamie Parker (TN), minister of youth music, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova.
94. A special presentation on the theme, "The Cross and the Call," followed which included testimonies by Daniel Akin (KY), dean, School of Theology and vice president for

academic administration, in place of R. Albert Mohler, Jr., (KY) president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville; Kenneth S. Hemphill (TX), president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth; William O. (Bill) Crews (CA), president, Golden Gate Theological Seminary, Mill Valley; Charles S. (Chuck) Kelley, Jr. (LA), president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans; Paige Patterson (NC), president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest; Mark T. Coppenger (MO), president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City; and students from each of the seminaries; music from the Combined Seminaries Ensemble and the Adult Choir and Banner Ministry, James D. (Jim) Whitmire (TN), director, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova; the historical signing of A Covenant of Commitment; a message by Paige Patterson; and a call to commitment.

95. The benediction was given by Shawn Merithew (KY), student, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Wednesday Morning, June 18

96. Music was presented by the Burchfield Brothers (TN), Nashville.
97. Congregational singing was led by Tim Dunahoo (GA), associate pastor and minister of music, Southside Baptist Church, Savannah.
98. George O. McCalep, Jr. (GA), pastor, Greenforest Baptist Church, Decatur, led in prayer.
99. John R. (Jack) Wilkerson (TN), convention manager, recognized the work of Bruce Grubbs (TN), Wilton Davis, chairman, George Crews, co-chairman, and the Local Arrangements Committee: Bob Mann, first aid; Janet Crews, information; Pat Gilbert, preschool child care; Ide Trotter, registration; David and Carolyn Wicker, special housing; Dewitt Easterling and A. J. Turn, transportation; Joe Lenamon and Joe France, ushers; Tom Shelby, message/communications; Monica Austin, day camp coordinator.
100. The Annuity Board Report was presented by Paul W. Powell (TX), president, followed by a video presentation. Tom Dowler (NM) raised a question. Powell responded. Jim Barton (IL) expressed appreciation to the Annuity Board. John May (CA) raised a question. Powell responded.
101. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced that the Southern Baptist Convention has raised almost \$724,000 since the offering was established to help churches burned by arson. President Elliff recommended that remaining funds be placed in the seminaries to be used for African American students. The recommendation was affirmed.
102. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced that there would be a run-off election between David Galvan (TX) and Bill Wagner (CA) for second vice president. A ballot was cast.
103. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the time for election of officers (fourth) for recording secretary. Larry Wynn (GA) nominated Mark Brooks (AR) and Gary Miller (TX) nominated John Yeats (IN). A ballot was cast.
104. David Atchison (TN), recording secretary, read the following resolutions into the record. McEnery (LA) On Political Correctness in the White House. Schaefer (GA) On Persecuted Christians, Tripp (VA) On Solemn Assembly in Washington D.C., October 1997, and On Opposition to Gambling.
105. 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 the Executive Committee: Lambach (item 85) and Hickman (item 86); to all SBC entities. Hudson (item 87, part 1). Richards moved to schedule Everett (item 84) for debate by the convention pursuant to SBC Bylaw 28(2). The motion passed. Discussion was scheduled for

Thursday at 8:55 a.m. The following motions were ruled out of order because they were in the nature of resolutions and the time for resolutions had expired: Hudson part 2 (item 87, part 2) and Vaughn (item 88).

106. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the time for introduction of new business.
107. Steve Lipscomb (TN) presented a motion: **On Requirements for Consideration of Every Resolution Submitted.**

"I move that the Resolutions Committee be required to give, in its report, a rationale for why it does not recommend each resolution that it does not recommend, and that the messenger who submitted each resolution be given the opportunity to defend his/her resolution for two minutes before the assembled body of messengers, and finally, that a vote be taken after this defense whether to add this resolution to those resolutions the assembled body will debate at this Convention." (Items 107 and 139)

108. Ron Wilson (CA) 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 (50%) with the Southern Baptist Convention and 50 percent (50%) to the state entity the church designates." (Items 108 and 139)

109. Alvin J. Rowe III (VA) presented a motion: **On Development of Alternative Programming for Children.**

"I move that in light of the fact that Southern Baptists have rightly taken a stand for morality by resisting the slide of our country's moral and ethical standards through the corruption of the Disney conglomerate, the convention instruct the Radio and Television Commission of The North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention to make an aggressive and comprehensive attempt to provide alternative programming in sufficient quantity and quality, and in a manner which can be accessed from any geographic location where Southern Baptists have a presence, to replace that programming our children must sacrifice for our convictions and principles." (Items 109 and 139)

110. Glen Golden (MO) presented a motion: **On Immediate Consideration of Stone Motion.**

"I move that Brother Jerry Stone's important motion regarding not scheduling conventions on the week following Father's Day (printed on page 5 of the Second Day bulletin as referred to the Executive Committee), not be referred to the Executive Committee, but be considered by this Convention meeting in Dallas." (Items 110, 17, and 139)

111. Terry Beals (OK) presented a motion: **On Writers of the Family Bible Series Produced by the Sunday School Board.**

"I move that the Sunday School Board print on all its *Family Bible Series* literature that it is published by The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and that its writers be identified by their churches and denominational affiliation." (Items 111 and 139)

112. Wiley S. Drake (CA) presented a motion: **On the "Not in My Backyard" Syndrome.**

"I move that the convention instruct our new Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission to conduct a study on the "NIMBY" (Not In My Backyard) Syndrome and how it restricts local church congregations as they seek to establish churches and to expand their ability to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ, and report to the 1998 Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah." (Items 112 and 139)

113. Charles Omar Hart (TX) presented a motion: **On McDonald's Contract to Feature Disney Toys.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention boycott McDonald Corporation as they have signed a seven-year contract to feature Disney Company toys and other Disney products." (Items 113 and 139)

114. David Martin (NC) presented a motion: **On Messenger Name Tags.**

"I move that Southern Baptist Convention messenger name tags be improved and be made clearly readable for a distance of 10 feet by eliminating background design clutter and using a large print format for names." (Items 114 and 139)

115. Nancy Schaefer (GA) presented a motion: **On Standing Up for Persecuted Christians.**

"I move that Southern Baptists be challenged to speak up for persecuted Christians, to boycott "Made in China" products, and to support the anti- "Most Favored Nation Status" (MFN) bestowed upon China by the United States." (Items 115 and 139)

116. Ted Tedder (TX) presented a motion: **On Sunday School Board Discounts for Laymen.**

"I move that the Southern Baptist Convention ask the trustees of the Sunday School Board to provide the same discount to laymen of Southern Baptist churches that they provide to pastors and staff personnel effective August 1997." (Items 116 and 139)

117. Mark A. Rawlins (TX) presented a motion: **On North American Mission Board Proposed Salaries.**

"I move that the North American Mission Board meet and reconsider their present staff salary and present a new scale that seems reasonable to the Southern Baptist Convention in the 1998 national meeting." (Items 117 and 139)

118. Rogers Jackson (IL) presented a motion: **On Strategies for Higher Education of Ethnic Students in Seminaries.**

"I move that the six seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention committed to the development of men and women for ministry and mission, include in their tasks, within the next 1,000 days, a strategy to educate a class of African American, Hispanic, and Asian students with the expressed purpose of developing them in Ph.D programs to join the faculty of these seminaries and serve as authors and curriculum writers for the 21st century." (Items 118 and 139)

119. Dino Senesi (LA) presented a motion: **On Communication of Resolutions to Corporations and Congregations.**

"I move that this Convention commission the appropriate agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention to promptly invest time, money, and resources to communicate the concerns and resolutions of this Convention about corporate America's support of homosexual and immoral heterosexual relationships through domestic partner benefits policies to local Southern Baptist congregations, and that the concerns and resolutions of this Convention be communicated to the 375+ corporations that support homosexual and heterosexual relationships through domestic partner benefits policies in an appropriate and Christlike manner." (Items 119 and 139)

120. Congregational singing was led by Greg Sims (VA), minister of music, Spotswood Baptist Church, Fredericksburg.
121. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the time of discussion of previously scheduled business. James W. (Jim) Richards (AR) introduced Rick Ferguson (CO) who read Staples' motion (item 44). Derek Staples (KY) and Tom Woodson (OK) spoke for the motion. Motion carried.
122. John L. Sullivan (FL), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, gave the first report. The Jones' resolution on partial birth abortion will not be considered because a related resolution is already in place (Resolution 3, 1996).
123. John L. Sullivan (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 1. Resolution 1 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-
ON RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION**

WHEREAS, *The principle of religious liberty is rooted in Scripture, demonstrated in the gospel, and foundational to the nature of the human spirit as created by God; and*

WHEREAS, *As Southern Baptists we believe that all people should have the God-given freedom to form and hold opinions and religious beliefs and prorogate them without interference from or coercion by any government, religion, or person, and*

WHEREAS, *American individuals, businesses, and government officials experience ever-increasing pressure to value economic gain over religious liberties; and*

WHEREAS, *There is evidence in many nations of escalating imprisonment, torture, killing, and other forms of persecution which demands much greater response by the United States government and the Christian community;*

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, *That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, express our opposition to religious persecution and encourage our government officials to elevate religious liberty concerns to the highest priority in foreign policy, invoking sanctions against those nations which tolerate persecution of those with differing religious beliefs; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *That we urge Americans to refrain from international trade, even at the risk of financial loss, with or in nations that practice religious persecution; and*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, *That we respectfully encourage the media to bring these issues to the attention of the American public; and*

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we urge believers to pray fervently for persecuted Christians worldwide and to pray for and urge government officials to eliminate such practices in countries where religious persecution exists.

124. John L. Sullivan (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 2. Rick Markham (GA) spoke against the resolution. Sullivan spoke for the resolution. Wiley Drake (CA) spoke for the resolution. Fred Winters (TX) moved to table the resolution. The motion was ruled out of order. David Martin (NC) raised a question. Sullivan responded. Lisa Kinney (FL) spoke for the resolution. Martin Knox (WI) spoke against the resolution. Sullivan responded. Walter Price (CA) moved to amend the resolution. Sullivan spoke against the amendment. Stephanie Teel (TX) raised a point of order. Sullivan responded. David Howell (MS) spoke for the amendment. David Chandler (AL) moved the previous question. The motion carried. The amendment failed. Resolution 2 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2-
ON MORAL STEWARDSHIP AND THE DISNEY COMPANY**

WHEREAS, Everything Christians possess of time, money, and resources is given to them by God as a stewardship for which they will give an account before a holy God; and

WHEREAS, Those who serve the public in any manner also have a stewardship before God regarding their service, and those who have greater influence have greater responsibility for their stewardship and must give a greater accounting; and

WHEREAS, Many entertainment providers including, but not limited to, The Disney Company are increasingly promoting immoral ideologies such as homosexuality, infidelity, and adultery, which are biblically reprehensible and abhorrent to God and His plan for the world that He loves; and

WHEREAS, The 1996 Southern Baptist Convention passed a resolution regarding these issues with a specific appeal to The Disney Company, which had long been a respected leader of family entertainment in keeping with traditional moral values; and

WHEREAS, The aforementioned resolution called for our Christian Life Commission to monitor Disney's progress in returning to its previous philosophy of producing enriching family entertainment and the Christian Life Commission has now reported that The Disney Company has not only ignored our concerns, but flagrantly furthered this moral digression in its product and policies; and

WHEREAS, We realize that we cannot do everything to stop the moral decline in our nation, but we must do what lies before us when it is right through a proper use of our influence, energies, and prayers, particularly when it affects our nation's children;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, urge every Southern Baptist to take the stewardship of their time, money, and resources so seriously that they refrain from patronizing The Disney Company and any of its related entities, understanding that this is not an attempt to bring The Disney Company down, but to bring Southern Baptists up to the moral standard of God; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage Southern Baptists to refrain from patronizing any company that promotes immoral ideologies and practices, realizing that The Disney Company is not the only such provider; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we ask our pastors and church leaders to become informed regarding these issues and teach their people accordingly, and that we urge all Southern

Baptists to graciously communicate the reasons for their individual actions to The Disney Company and other companies; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED. That we pray that God would use these actions to help the employees of such companies to respect the enormous stewardship they have before God, and we affirm those employees who embrace and share our concerns.

125. John L. Sullivan (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 3. Resolution 3 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 3-
ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST WORLD HUNGER FUND**

WHEREAS, Hunger ministry opens countless doors for sharing the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists sponsor over 200 hunger ministries worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Though hunger ministries are promoted through Cooperative Program funds through the state conventions; they do not receive direct Cooperative Program support; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptist hunger ministries are dependent upon the Southern Baptist world hunger fund for support; and

WHEREAS, Gifts to the Southern Baptist world hunger fund support hunger ministry, both foreign and domestic; and

WHEREAS, Consistent giving for the poor is part of the believer's lifestyle as demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ; and through the Old Testament record; and

WHEREAS, we are seeking spiritual awakening which must include the demonstrated lifestyle of Christ by the believer;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED. That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, encourage all church leaders to educate congregations about world hunger and lead churches to support World Hunger Day, October 12, 1997; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage all Southern Baptist churches to actively promote and support the Southern Baptist world hunger fund through innovative means resulting in gifts given regularly and systematically throughout the year; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That the appropriate agencies and auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist Convention be encouraged to continue working aggressively to raise awareness of the hunger issue, and promote support for the Southern Baptist world hunger fund.

126. John L. Sullivan (FL) moved to extend the time to consider Resolution 4. Motion passed.

127. John L. Sullivan (FL) moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Resolution 4 was adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4-
ON RICHIE v. SBC, et al.**

WHEREAS, Religious and other charitable organizations across the nation, including the Southern Baptist Convention, are the target of a massive class action lawsuit now pending in federal court in Wichita Falls, Texas, styled *Richie v. Southern Baptist Convention, et al.*, seeking a claimed \$1 billion in damages because of alleged illegalities in issuing charitable gift annuities; and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist entities have done nothing illegal or injurious to the plaintiff, and have strongly denied the plaintiff's allegations of wrongdoing; and

WHEREAS, Both the United States Congress and the Texas Legislature, realizing that the lawsuit was, at best, based on unintended interpretations of federal and state statutes and is causing the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars to worthwhile religious and other charitable causes, unanimously passed legislation intended to end the lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, The Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on April 8, 1997, found that the legislation as passed was inadequate to end the lawsuit at this time; and

WHEREAS, Additional legislation is now pending in the United States Congress to address conclusively the issues raised by the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals as to questions of federal law, which legislation is expected to be enacted soon; and

WHEREAS, Two bills were introduced in the recently concluded session of the Texas Legislature addressing the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals' opinion, with one being unanimously enacted into law, and the second, Senate Bill 1948, which also apparently enjoyed unanimous bipartisan support, nonetheless failing on Memorial Day along with dozens of other bills for reasons unrelated to the merits of the bill; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1948 as introduced is essential to give full force and effect to the previously expressed intention of the Texas Legislature that this lawsuit be brought swiftly to a conclusion in favor of the religious and charitable defendants, including the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, Only Governor George W. Bush is empowered to call a special session of the Texas Legislature in order to enact this legislation, thus ending this lawsuit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, finds that it is critical to all charitable and religious organizations such legislation be enacted in Texas, and that this Convention, with the greatest urgency, calls on Governor George W. Bush to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to enact such legislation.

128. The North American Mission Board was introduced by John O. Yarbrough (GA), chairman, Implementation Task Force, and pastor, First Baptist Church, Perry. The report was highlighted by a video presentation, music, and messages from Adrian Rogers (TN), Carlisle Driggers (SC), H. Edwin Young (TX), and Robert R. (Bob) Record (VA).
129. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced the results of the election of recording secretary. Mark Brooks (AR) received 1,362 (41.26 percent) and John Yeats (IN) received 1,939 (58.74 percent). **John Yeats was declared recording secretary elect.**
130. Lee Porter (GA), registration secretary, announced the results of the run-off for second vice president. David Galvan (TX) received 1,586 (57.53 percent) and William L. (Bill) Wagner (CA) received 1,171 (42.47 percent). **David Galvan (TX) was declared second vice president elect.**
131. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced the time for election of officers (fifth). Ed Gregory (IA) 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.**
132. Bob Anderson (LA), first vice president, assumed the chair and congregational singing was led by Tim Foland (TN), associate pastor of praise and worship, Woodland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga.
133. Music was presented by the Adult Choir (TN), Bellevue Baptist Church, soloists: Bette Stalneckner, music evangelist, and Jamie Parker, minister of music, Cordova

134. The Convention Sermon was presented by Richard D. Land (TN), president, Christian Life Commission, Nashville, after being introduced by President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK).
135. David Miller (AR), evangelist, Heber Springs, led in a closing prayer.

Wednesday Evening, June 18

136. Music was presented by Ray Jones (TX), Radiance Ministries, San Antonio.
137. Congregational singing was led by Chris Alsop (MS), minister of music, First Baptist Church, Horn Lake.
138. Jimmie Ruth Caughron (AL), layperson, Laceys Spring, led in prayer after President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) announced that 3,626 have been saved in Crossover Dallas. Elliff requested prayer for those witnessing on the streets of Dallas.
139. 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 Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission: Drake (item 112) and Senesi (item 119); to the North American Mission Board: Rowe (item 109) and Rawlins (item 117); to the Sunday School Board: Beals (item 111) and Tedder (item 116); to the Executive Committee: Wilson (item 108) and Martin (item 114); and to all seminaries: Jackson (item 118). Motions recommended for referral other than SBC Bylaw 28 to the Executive Committee: Lipscomb (item 107). Motions ruled out of order: Golden (item 110) in violation of SBC Bylaw 20(5) was referred to the Executive Committee; Hart (item 113) and Schaefer (item 119) were considered to be in the nature of resolutions and the deadline for introducing resolutions had passed at the time the motions were presented.
140. Members of the Committee on Order of Business nominated the following to serve in the 1998 convention: Kenneth C. Whitten (FL) nominated James G. Merritt (GA), preacher of the convention sermon; Rick E. Ferguson (CO) nominated Robert Gee Witty (FL), alternate preacher; and Michael L. Green (MO) nominated James Bradford, (OK) music director. The motion carried.
141. The final Home Mission Board Report was presented by Ernest J. Kelley (GA), interim president, Alpharetta, after being introduced by J. Greg Martin (AL), chairman of the board.
142. The Foreign Mission Board Report was presented by Jerry A. Rankin (VA), president. Kenneth Barnett (CO) raised a question. Rankin (VA) responded.
143. Congregational singing was led by Donnie Stribble (TX), minister of music, The Heights Baptist Church, Richardson.
144. An emphasis on missions, entitled "The Cross Over the World" included music by the combined choirs of the Dallas/Fort Worth area, testimonies from the Foreign and Home Mission Boards, and a message from Adrian P. Rogers (TN), pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova and a call for commitment was issued.
145. M. Wade Coker (LA), missionary to Zambia, West Monroe, closed in prayer.

Thursday Morning, June 19

146. Music was presented by Diana Seitz (TN), violinist, Memphis; One Voice (TN), Ladies Ensemble, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova with the Clint Greene Family (TN), Memphis.
147. Fred Luter (LA) assumed the chair and congregational singing was led by Roosevelt Brooks (TN), community missions volunteer, Memphis.
148. A study of Gal. 6:14 was led by Ledtkey R. McIntosh (OK), pastor, Glorieta Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

149. Satoa Faaititi (TX), residential supervisor, Way Back House, Garland, led in prayer.
150. President Elliff introduced the period of discussion of previously scheduled business. The Everett motion (item 84) was brought to the floor for consideration. The chair recommended the motion be amended to insert the phrase, "that the 1997 SBC request." The amendment passed. Debbie Everett (LA) spoke for the motion. Tom Miller, Annuity Board, responded. Al Rowe (VA) gave a word of instruction regarding pending legislation. The motion passed as amended.

"I move that the 1997 Southern Baptist Convention request that the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Board reconsider open enrollment to its Group Health Insurance Plan and that this issue be brought to the floor for discussion since it touches the personal lives of many church leaders." (Items 84, 105, and 150)

151. John L. Sullivan (FL), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, gave the final report.
152. John L. Sullivan (FL), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of Resolution 5. Tommy Frankovich (TX) spoke for the resolution. Resolution 5 was adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 5-

ON THE DISPLAY OF THE TEN COMMANDMENTS IN GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS

WHEREAS, The Ten Commandments have been foundational to the development of the moral and legal code of western civilization; and

WHEREAS, The Ten Commandments have made a critical contribution to the development of the principles upon which the American society as a whole, and our legal and judicial institutions in particular, were established; and

WHEREAS, The Ten Commandments have been publicly displayed in our American halls of justice and other public places for generations; and

WHEREAS, There is current litigation concerning the lawfulness of displaying the Ten Commandments on government property; and

WHEREAS, Prohibiting the display of documents of historical significance which are religious in nature or which contain expressions of a religious nature, solely on the basis of their religious content, is clearly discrimination against religious expression; and

WHEREAS, Romans 13:1 says: "Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God" (NASB).

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we, the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, declare that the public display, including display in government offices and courthouses, of the Ten Commandments should be permitted;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we urge the Christian Life Commission to continue to work for a Religious Freedom Amendment to the U.S. Constitution which would prohibit this and other types of discrimination against persons based on their religious expression or belief.

153. John L. Sullivan (FL), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of Resolution 6. John R. McGuire (TX) moved to amend the resolution and spoke for the amendment. The amendment passed. Resolution 6 was adopted as amended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 6-
ON BIBLE TRANSLATION**

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists believe that the Bible is truth without any mixture of error and are deeply committed to the preservation of the Scriptures; and

WHEREAS, There is an ever-increasing proliferation of Bible translations with the intent of translating the Scriptures into the current language of the people; and

WHEREAS, Bible publishers and translators are consistently faced with the tension of accuracy and readability along with the pressure from those who do not hold a high view of Scripture to take license with the use of particular terms, including, but not limited to, the use of so-called gender inclusive language;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, urge every Bible publisher and translation group to continue to use time-honored, historic principles of biblical translation and refrain from any deviation to seek to accommodate contemporary cultural pressures, understanding that we are anxious to support the most accurate translations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we respectfully request that the agencies, boards, and publishing arms of the Southern Baptist Convention refrain from using any such translations in our various publications, and from using them in printing copies, or portions of copies, of the Bible.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we urge Southern Baptists to be continually vigilant regarding this matter and prayerful for the Bible publishers and translators in the monumental task that they undertake.

154. John L. Sullivan (FL), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of Resolution 7. Daniel Heimbach (NC) moved the adoption of all remaining resolutions and spoke for the motion. Toby Everett (TN) spoke against the motion and moved to add a final paragraph to Resolution 9 to read, "Be it finally resolved that we affirm the godly teachers in public schools who stand on the front lines to teach and train children who cannot or whose parents cannot choose to home school." The Resolutions Committee agreed with the amendment. The amendment passed. The motion passed. Resolutions 7-12 were adopted.

**RESOLUTION NO. 7-
ON GENETIC TECHNOLOGY AND CLONING**

WHEREAS, We have entered the age of genetic diagnosis, manipulation, and therapy; and

WHEREAS, One's genetic code is unique to each individual member of our species; and

WHEREAS, Our unique genetic code is part of the nature of our embodiment as human beings made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27); and

WHEREAS, God's revelation makes it clear that there are important distinctions between animals and human beings (*Gen. 9:1-6*); and

WHEREAS, Genetic technology holds both the wonderful potential for the treatment of disease as well as the hideous potential of increasing the numbers of abortions through the use of prenatal genetic screening, the creation of human embryos for the purpose of experimental research, the cloning of whole human beings, and discrimination against individuals based upon their genetic information; and

WHEREAS, In February 1997, Dr. Ian Wilmut and colleagues at the Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland, announced the first successful cloning of a mammalian species; and

WHEREAS, The National Bioethics Advisory Commission of the United States has been charged with the task of reviewing the ethical and legal implications of cloning technology; and

WHEREAS, A number of states, including New Jersey, have passed legislation prohibiting the use of genetic information by employers, labor organizations, employment agencies, and health insurance agencies to discriminate against persons because of their personal genetic information; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists are on record for their consistent and vigorous opposition to the devaluation of human life and the encroachment of the culture of death;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, on June 17-19, 1997, hereby recognize the importance of genetic research which has as its goal the treatment or cure of genetic illnesses and debilitating genetic conditions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we voice our emphatic opposition to the use of prenatal genetic testing for the purpose of abortion decisions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we call on Congress to enact federal legislation against producing human embryos for the purpose of experimentation, whether by tax-funded or privately-funded researchers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we urge Congress to pass a legal ban on cloning human beings in the United States and work toward international policy to make cloning human beings illegal around the world; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we solicit lawmakers to pass federal legislation protecting genetic privacy and prohibiting the use of information gathered through genetic testing to stigmatize and discriminate against individuals on the basis of their genetic information.

RESOLUTION NO. 8- ON DOMESTIC PARTNER BENEFITS

WHEREAS, An increasing number of businesses, including corporate leaders such as IBM, AT&T, Sprint, Hewlett-Packard, Xerox, Time-Warner, Microsoft, Eastman Kodak, and Walt Disney, have established employee policies that recognize and extend employee benefits to a category of personal relationship called "domestic partner"; and

WHEREAS, The category called "domestic partner" is a strategy to promote acceptance of the idea that homosexual relationships are morally equivalent to heterosexual relationships involving a man and a woman bound together by the institution of marriage; and

WHEREAS, The provision of domestic partnership benefits is a way to promote the moral equivalence of homosexual relationships outside the political and legal system in states where

established marriage and family laws do not recognize the legitimacy of homosexual marriage; and

WHEREAS, Providing domestic partnership benefits not only promotes the idea that homosexual relationships are morally legitimate but, at the same time, trivializes the meaning and sanctity of marriage; and

WHEREAS, God at creation made marriage a permanent union of one man with one woman (Gen. 1:28 and 2:24), and Jesus reaffirmed the origin of marriage in the order of creation and declared marriage to be a sacred, monogamous and life-long institution joining two persons of the opposite gender (Matt. 19:4-6); and

WHEREAS, God, the Creator and Judge of all, has ruled that homosexual conduct is always a gross moral and spiritual abomination for any person, whether male or female, under any circumstance, without exception (Lev. 18:22 and 20:13); and

WHEREAS, Businesses that recognize the moral legitimacy of homosexual relationships by extending benefits to domestic partners are, at the same time and by the same action, rejecting Gods true revelation regarding the sinfulness of homosexual conduct and the unique sanctity of heterosexual marriage;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, oppose steadfastly the practice of extending employee benefits to domestic partnerships; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we prayerfully affirm those individual business leaders and businesses that either resist pressures to recognize the moral equivalence of domestic partnerships, or that work to reverse policies that erase fundamental and morally critical distinctions between homosexual relationships and heterosexual marriage; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we call upon business leaders to treat employees living in homosexual relationships in a manner commensurate with the love of Jesus Christ who, though He recognized the value and dignity of individual sinners (Matt. 9:13), neither condoned nor excused the abnormality and immorality of their sin (John 8:11); rather He called them to repent, change and be restored (Luke 15:7,10,32) through the life-changing power of the indwelling Holy Spirit (Gal. 2:20; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).

RESOLUTION NO. 9- ON HOME-SCHOOLING

WHEREAS, Scripture consistently establishes parents as the principal educators of their children; and

WHEREAS, Many parents choose home-schooling as the means of fulfilling this obligation;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, affirm the right of all parents who have such convictions to teach their children at home; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we encourage government officials to recognize and support the right of parents to home-school.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we affirm the godly teachers in public schools who stand on the front lines to teach and train children who cannot be, or whose parents choose not to home-school.

**RESOLUTION NO. 10-
ON DRUG ABUSE**

WHEREAS, Our nation's drug problem has reached alarming proportions, causing overwhelming pain and grief; and

WHEREAS, This deadly enemy recognizes no limits, claiming victims in both urban and rural communities regardless of racial, economic, or religious background; and

WHEREAS, Drug abuse continues to erode the physical, moral, and spiritual well-being of our nation; and

WHEREAS, Every faithful Christian should bear a definite responsibility to achieve a successful solution to this growing problem:

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, That we, messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, at our annual meeting in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, dedicate ourselves to active involvement in the effort to rid our country of drug abuse; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That because of our desire to provide good examples for those whom we love, particularly our young people, we promise total abstinence from all alcoholic beverages and all illegal drugs, and furthermore we promise to never abuse medications prescribed by doctors or sold over the counter; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That we will seek to enhance public awareness of the problem and its consequences and encourage our Christian leaders and the entities of the Southern Baptist Convention to minister to those harmed by drug abuse.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-
ON OPPOSING GAMBLING AND ITS ADVERTISEMENT**

WHEREAS, The tidal wave of gambling in our country has left in its wake pain and destruction in the lives of countless people, especially the children, poor, and elderly; and

WHEREAS, Many state governments have believed the lie that state-sponsored gambling will improve their local economy and provide funds for education, despite evidence to the contrary; and

WHEREAS, State governments by tacit approval of the so-called benefits of gambling become a predator rather than a protector of its constituents; and

WHEREAS, The commercial advertising of gambling further increases the negative effects; and

WHEREAS, Often the tide of gambling has been turned in American history by God's people who knelt in confession and stood in conviction;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED. That we, the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Dallas, Texas, June 17-19, 1997, call on all Christians to exercise their influence by refusing to participate in any form of gambling or its promotion; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED. That we urge our political leaders to enact laws restricting and eventually eliminating all forms of gambling and its advertisement.

**RESOLUTION NO. 12-
ON APPRECIATION**

WHEREAS, The messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention are again enjoying the hospitality of the gracious people of Dallas, Texas; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the local committees for the many courtesies, services, and accommodations which have made our stay a pleasant one; 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 of the 140th 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 overall effectiveness of this annual meeting.

155. John L. Sullivan (FL), chairman of the Resolutions Committee, moved the adoption of the Disposition of Resolutions Submitted from the Floor of the Convention.
156. The American Bible Society Report was presented by Fred A. Allen (NY), assistant to the president/ABS chaplain. New York. Robert Hanson, director of program development, assisted in the report.
157. A video presentation titled, "A celebration - Reflecting on the Past, Rejoicing in the Future."
158. President Thomas D. (Tom) Elliff (OK) gave special recognition to the outgoing directors of the following entities: Ronald E. Chandler, president, Stewardship Commission; James D. Williams, president, Brotherhood Commission; Jack B. Johnson, president, Radio & Television Commission; E. D. Hoto, chairman, Education Commission; Slayden A. Yarbrough, interim executive director-treasurer, Historical Commission; and Hollis E. Johnson III, president, Southern Baptist Foundation.
159. Congregational singing was led by Mark Cook (CA), bi-vocational associate pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, El Monte.
160. The Baptist World Alliance Report was presented by Denton Lotz (VA), general secretary, McLean.
161. The Denominational Calendar Committee Report was given by Edward I. Mattox, Jr. (MI), chairman, Farmington. Betty Rutledge (TX) raised a question. Ernest E. Mosley (TN), executive vice president, Executive Committee, responded. Bryan Jeffcoat (SC) raised a question. Mattox responded.
162. Herb Hollinger (TN), vice president for convention news, Executive Committee, gave the Denominational Press Report. Michael McCullough (NV), president, Association of State Paper Editors, and Jon Walker (TN), editor, Home Life, assisted.
163. Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer, Executive Committee, honored Bob Anderson (LA) as the outgoing first vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, Fred Luter (LA) as the outgoing second vice president, and David Atchison (TN) as the outgoing recording secretary and presented each of them with a plaque of

appreciation.

- 164.** Morris H. Chapman (TN), president and chief executive officer, Executive Committee, introduced the newly elected officers of the Southern Baptist Convention and their wives: Dr. and Mrs. Lee Porter (FL), registration secretary; Mr. and Mrs. John Yeats (IN), recording secretary; Mr. and Mrs. David Galvan (TX), second vice president; Mr. and Mrs. Miles Seaborn, first vice president, and Dr. and Mrs. Tom Eliff (OK), president.
- 165.** Congregational singing was led by Marty Goetz (TN), music evangelist, Marty Goetz Ministries, Inc., Franklin.
- 166.** Music was presented by Marty Goetz.
- 167.** Luis Palau (OR), evangelist, spoke after being introduced by President Thomas D. (Tom) Eliff (OK).
- 168.** The benediction was given by David Galvan (TX), pastor, Primera Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida, Garland, after President Thomas D. (Tom) Eliff (OK) adjourned the one hundred fortieth session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

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REGISTRATION
DALLAS, TEXAS – JUNE 17-19, 1997**

<u>State</u>	<u>Number of Messengers</u>	<u>Percent of Messengers</u>	<u>Rank (1-25)</u>	<u>Churches with Messengers</u>
Alabama	765	6.16	5	357
Alaska	22	.18		11
Arizona	74	.60	22	35
Arkansas	482	3.88	12	210
California	160	1.29	17	79
Colorado	71	.57	23	26
Connecticut	1	.01		1
Delaware	1	.01		1
District of Columbia	6	.05		2
Florida	693	5.58	7	291
Georgia	932	7.50	3	364
Hawaii	13	.10		5
Idaho	13	.10		5
Illinois	216	1.74	15	106
Indiana	94	.76	18	44
Iowa	14	.11		7
Kansas	91	.73	20	43
Kentucky	534	4.30	10	233
Louisiana	501	4.03	11	220
Maine	4	.03		3
Maryland	92	.74	19	50
Massachusetts	8	.06		6
Michigan	30	.24		16
Minnesota	5	.04		2
Mississippi	701	5.64	6	327
Missouri	461	3.71	13	205
Montana	6	.05		3
Nebraska	7	.06		4
Nevada	32	.26	25	12
New Hampshire	4	.03		3
New Jersey	12	.10		9
New Mexico	84	.68	21	38
New York	27	.22		16
North Carolina	978	7.87	2	459
North Dakota	7	.06		4
Ohio	190	1.53	16	81
Oklahoma	586	4.72	8	242
Oregon	13	.10		9
Pennsylvania	18	.14		10
Puerto Rico	2	.02		1
Rhode Island	0	.00		0
South Carolina	584	4.70	9	269
South Dakota	4	.03		2
Tennessee	917	7.38	4	403
Texas	2,419	19.48	1	835
Utah	27	.22		8
Vermont	0	.00		0
Virginia	416	3.35	14	182
Washington	26	.21		14
West Virginia	41	.33	24	17
Wisconsin	18	.14		9
Wyoming	18	.14		8
TOTAL	12,420	99.98		5,287