

COMMENTS ON HOME MISSION BOARD AT SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTIONS

1944

III. Certain Suggestions and Recommendations for the Immediate Future with Reference to Evangelistic Efforts in our Southern Baptist Zion.

We recommend,

3. That this Convention appoint a special committee on Evangelism representing all the cooperating states, to work with the Evangelistic Department of the Home Mission Board and leaders of our Sunday School Board in planning a great Southwide Evangelistic campaign for our Centennial year of 1945. Machinery should be organized, covering the entire Convention that would sponsor the ideal of at least one revival in every church throughout the South in 1945.

1951

13. T.C. Gardner, Texas, brought the report of the Committee on Relations with Other Religious Bodies, with the following recommendations which were adopted, after the report was amended, on motion of L. E. Solomon, Florida, to continue this same committee:

4. We recommend that: Whereas the Southern Baptist Convention has defined its territorial position in reports to the Convention in 1944 and in 1949 by removing territorial limitations, and whereas the Northern Baptist Convention has changed its name so that it is continental in scope, the Home Mission Board and all other Southern Baptist boards and agencies be free to serve as a source of blessing to any community or any people anywhere in the United States.

119. J. W. Middleton, Georgia, presented the report of the Committee on Alaskan Petition, which was adopted with the following recommendation:

And we further recommend that the Convention state that it interprets By-law 13 as providing that the Home Mission Board or any other agency desiring instruction from the Convention with reference to enlarging the territory in which it works may request such instruction in any session of the Convention upon the recommendation of the board of the agency.

1958

165. L. D. Ball (N.M.) presented Recommendation No. 10. Following an unsuccessful attempt to refer this recommendation back to the Committee, a motion by J.D. Grey (La.) to refer the entire section, including all recommendations, relating to the Home Mission Board was passed.

Recommendation 10

The Home Mission Board and the State Conventions should continue to explore means of increasing co-operative effort and financial support in order that the best possible plan may be found to direct our mission resources where they are most needed and to utilize our media of missionary education and enlistment in the most effective way. It is further recommended that the Home Mission Board and the State Conventions seek to develop a uniform Southern Baptist Convention-wide pattern of mission work.

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State Conventions should be encouraged to assume administrative and financial responsibility for direct mission work now conducted by the Home Mission Board as rapidly as is feasible. It is recommended that a plan be developed cooperatively by the Home Mission Board and each state convention to provide for the orderly assumption of responsibility for direct mission activity by the state conventions. The Home Mission Board should take the initiative in developing these plans. While it is recognized that conditions will differ from state to state, it is suggested that the following general guidelines be observed in preparing the plans.

(1) Well-established state conventions should assume full administrative and financial responsibility within five years.

(2) States with fairly strong conventions should assume administrative responsibility within five years by converting the program to co-operative missions.

The Home Mission Board should include in its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention each year a special report on progress made by the state conventions in assuming responsibility for direct mission activities now sponsored by the Home Mission Board. Wherever special circumstances prevent states from complying with the suggested schedule, the Home Mission Board should include in its report comments on those circumstances.

Recommendation 12

Where new direct mission work is undertaken by the Home Mission Board, it should, at the outset, obtain the concurrence of the state convention and jointly with the state convention develop a plan for the orderly assumption of administrative and financial responsibility for the work by the state convention. When the work is established in an area where no state convention yet exists, the Home Mission Board should develop a plan by itself and obtain acceptance of the plan or a revision of the plan from the state convention when the state convention is organized.

The Home Mission Board should continue to establish direct mission activities of an experimental nature wherever such activities seem to offer prospect for success. When such experimental activities are to be undertaken in an area served by a state convention, the Home Mission Board should obtain the concurrence of the state convention and jointly with the state convention develop a plan for the orderly assumption of the administrative and financial responsibility by the state convention if the experimental activity proves to be a success and should be continued as a permanent activity.

Recommendation 13

State Conventions should also be encouraged to assume financial responsibility for all work in the areas which are now financed wholly or in part by the Home Mission Board.

It is recommended that a plan be developed co-operatively by the Home Mission Board and each state convention to provide for the orderly assumption of full financial responsibility for all mission activities by the state conventions. The Home Mission Board should take the initiative in developing these plans. While it is again recognized that conditions will differ from state to state, it is suggested that the following general guidelines be observed in preparing these plans.

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The Home Mission Board should include in its annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention each year a special report on changes it has made in its policies and in procedures to encourage local initiative in Cuba, Panama, and the Canal Zone. This special report should also indicate the progress made in each country by the local convention in assuming increased responsibility for mission work as it related to the planned program for transfer of full responsibility to the local conventions.

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III. The Home Mission Board

Since the establishment of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1845, the Home Mission Board has consistently contributed to the growth of the Southern Baptist denomination. Virtually all states in which there is a strong Southern Baptist movement today have been helped by the Home Mission Board over the years in their expansion.

The fact that many states which were once pioneer states now have well-established and strong conventions does not mean that the task of the Home Mission Board is complete. There are still many areas of the United States where potential for future expansion of Baptist strength exists. In large part, this potential is in areas where relatively new state conventions or no state conventions are in existence. In part, it is in areas served by well-established state conventions.

The growth in state convention strength over the year and the changes in the location in the areas more in need of missions do, however, argue for changes in the nature and scope of the home mission program conducted by the Southern Baptist Convention. Your committee makes the following specific recommendations:

1. The Home Mission Board should continue to exist as a separate agency of the Convention.

The Home Mission Board will continue indefinitely as one of the higher priority activities of the Southern Baptist denomination. As state conventions grow in number and in strength, the role of the Southern Baptist Convention in aiding in the establishment and operation of missions should change in character and magnitude. However, there will be a continuing need for the Home Mission Board to conduct those home mission activities which the Convention finds it essential to sponsor.

The Home Mission Board is sufficiently unique to require that it be carried on by a specialized agency of the Convention. The constantly changing character of the Convention's home mission effort also creates a need for a separate agency with maximum flexibility.

2. The Home Mission Board should continue to increase its emphasis on work in areas where there is no state convention or where the state convention is not well established.

Countless areas not served by state conventions or served by new state conventions offer opportunities for expansion of Baptist work. In recent

years, the Home Mission Board has placed growing emphasis on work in those areas. The Board is to be commended for this and should be encouraged in every way to devote an increasing share of its budget each year to work in such areas. For more concentrated attention to these newer areas of service, major assistance will be required from the states where Baptist work is better established. The older states should encourage ever-increasing giving to missions. The well-established states should also assist by assuming increasing responsibility for financing the continuing mission work within their own areas.

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152. W. Douglas Hudgins (Miss.) presented the recommendations concerning the Home Mission Board, reading only those recommendations which differed from the ones presented in 1958, which procedure was adopted by the Convention on motion of Dr. Hudgins.

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Cooperation in mission work by the Home Mission Board and state conventions should be continued and accelerated and a single uniform mission program should be developed.

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The Home Mission Board and the state conventions should continue to explore means of increasing cooperative effort in order that the best possible plan may be found to direct our mission resources where they are most needed and to utilize our media of missionary education and enlistment in the most effective way.

The Home Mission Board has in recent months been working with the state convention to develop a uniform Southern Baptist Convention-wide pattern of mission work. This effort to develop a single uniform mission program should be commended. Such a missions program, identified as "The Southern Baptist mission program" rather than as "The state missions program" or "The Home Mission Board's program," should be developed and put into effect as rapidly as feasible.

To accelerate this program of cooperation, and to enable the Home Mission Board to use its total resources where they will count for most, we further recommend that the Home Mission Board confer with the respective state mission boards with a view to implementing this policy, and that the Home Mission Board make a progress report each year to the Southern Baptist Convention as a part of its annual report.

To provide needed support for the single uniform mission program, the Home Mission Board should continue to be responsible for:

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2. Developing and experimenting with new type of mission activities.
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4. Sponsoring conferences and training sessions for mission workers.
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Through such activities, the Home Mission Board can provide services of inestimable value to mission programs administered and financed by state conventions as part of the total Southern Baptist mission program. In providing these essential services the Home Mission Board should exercise care not to abridge the authority or responsibility of the state conventions for the administration of specific missions program. While the Home Mission Board should, for example, provide assistance to the state conventions in obtaining qualified mission workers, the Board should not be required to approve formally the appointment of the workers selected. Such actions appear to limit the authority of autonomous Baptist organizations and impose upon the Home Mission Board a responsibility which should be carried by the state conventions.

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state, it is suggested that the plans should provide for transfer within a period of five years except in those instances where particularly severe problems would be encountered if administrative responsibility were transferred within this period of time. (Such as work traditionally conducted by the Home Mission Board, for example, ,work among language groups and Negroes, good will centers, and so forth.)

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Your committee believes that financial payments to well-established states to support mission programs are no longer necessary or desirable. Our cooperation in the mission field, as in other fields of work, is the result of a desire to work effectively toward our common goals and is not in any way contingent upon financial payment. Hence, transfer of funds from the Home Mission Board to the state conventions should be eliminated as promptly as this is feasible.

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As new work becomes well established it, too, should be transferred to the local conventions as rapidly as this is possible.

Plans for transfer of established work to the local conventions should be developed at the initiative of the Home Mission Board and in cooperation with the local conventions. The local conventions should be assured that the purpose of these plans is to aid in the strengthening of the local conventions and to encourage their existence as fully autonomous organizations.

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153. Courts Redford (Ga.), executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, moved to adopt the eight recommendations concerning the Home Mission Board. Motion adopted.

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Home Mission Board

Objective

The objective of the Home Mission Board is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by developing and promoting, in cooperation with churches,* associations, and state conventions, a single uniform Southern Baptist mission program for the United States and assigned territories

*The Home Mission Board does its work largely in cooperation with associations and state conventions, but it also works with churches. In working with churches, it does not propose to foster general missions organizations for the churches other than the church missions committee. The Home Mission Board recognizes the place and importance of church program organizations, and it channels through these organizations information for use in missionary education and techniques for the performance of many missions activities in the churches.

The Program of Evangelism Development

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The Objective of the Program of Evangelism Development is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in interpreting, promoting, and properly relating the message, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

The Program of Chaplaincy Ministries

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Objective

The objective of the Program of Church Loans is to assist churches, associations, and state conventions to provide financing for purchase of church sites and for construction of church buildings.

The Program of Establishing New Churches and Church-type Missions

Objective

The objective of the Program of Establishing New Churches and Church-type Missions is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing and bringing to self-support new churches and missions (that may become churches).

The Program of Associational Administration Service

Objective

The objective of the Program of Associational Administration Service is to work with and assist associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies toward achieving effective administration in the association.

The Program of Pioneer Missions

Objective

The objective of the Program of Pioneer Missions is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in surveying missions opportunities, analyzing trends, developing growth studies, discovering new cooperative ventures, and coordinating home mission interest in the newer and weaker areas of the Convention. Some special areas of concern are simultaneous evangelism projects, chaplaincy ministries, church loans, establishment of new churches, associational administration, language missions, work with National Baptists, Christian social ministries, and work related to non-evangelicals.

The Program of Rural-Urban Missions

Objective

The objective of the Program of Rural-Urban Missions is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in surveying missions opportunities, analyzing trends, developing growth studies, discovering new cooperative ventures, and coordinating home missions interest in rural, mountain, town and small city areas. Some special areas of concern are simultaneous evangelism projects, chaplaincy ministries, church loans, establishment of new churches, associational administration, field guidance ministry, language missions, work with National Baptists, Christian social ministries, and work related to non-evangelicals.

The Program of Metropolitan Missions

Objective

The objective of the Program of Metropolitan Missions is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in surveying missions opportunities, analyzing trends, developing growth studies, discovering new cooperative ventures, and coordinating home missions interest in metropolitan areas. Some special areas of concern are simultaneous evangelism projects, chaplaincy ministries, church loans, establishment of new churches, associational administration, language missions, work with National Baptists, Christian social ministries, and work related to non-evangelicals.

The Program of Language Missions

Objective

The objective of the Program of Language Missions is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in their efforts to bring people identified with a language-culture group, other than English, into right relationship to God.

The Program of Work With National Baptists

Objective

The objective of the Program of Work with National Baptists* is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in their efforts to strengthen National Baptist churches, associations, and conventions.

*This includes work with National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.; National Baptist Convention of America; Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc., and any other Negro Baptist general body.

The Program of Christian Social Ministries

Objective

The objective of the Program of Christian Social Ministries is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions to express Christian love and to provide a Christian witness through special missions actions; such as in mission centers, rescue mission homes, homes for unwed mothers, adoption centers, juvenile rehabilitation, literacy ministries, migrant ministries, disaster relief, rehabilitation work with alcoholics, drug addicts, and ex-prisoners.

The Program of Work Related to Non-Evangelicals

Objective

The objective of the Program of Work Related to Non-Evangelicals is to work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in witnessing to people of non-Christian world religions and to all other non-evangelicals.

1968

50. C. H. Hockensmith (Ohio) presented Recommendation No. 23 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 23

That the Convention participate in a worldwide evangelistic crusade in 1972-73, if such is projected, and that the Foreign Mission Board and

Home Mission Board represent Southern Baptists in the planning for such a crusade, that these agencies be responsible for the promotion, and that their planning and promotion be done in full cooperation with the Inter-Agency Council; and that this be added as an objective to the 1972-73 Faith and Conquest—a year of evangelistic emphasis.

A STATEMENT CONCERNING THE CRISIS IN OUR NATION

We recognize that no individual or organization can speak for all Baptists. The following represents the concern, confession, commitment, and appeal by the majority of the messengers meeting in Houston, Texas, June 5, 1968.

We Make An Appeal

3. We request the Home Mission Board to take the leadership in working with the Convention agencies concerned with the problems related to this crisis in the most effective manner possible and in keeping with their program assignments.

1973

22. Rufus B. Spraberry (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that the Convention approve the revised program statement of the Home Mission Board as follows:

HOME MISSION BOARD

Purpose

The purpose of the Home Mission Board is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by developing and promoting a single uniform missions program to assist churches*, associations, and state conventions in crossing barriers to make disciples for Christ of all people in the homeland.

*In working with churches, the Home Mission Board does not propose to foster general missions organizations for the churches other than the church missions committee. The Home Mission Board recognizes the place

and importance of church program organizations and its channels through these organizations information for use in missionary education and techniques for the performance of many missions activities in the churches.

1. The Program of Evangelism Development

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in interpreting, promoting, and properly relating the message, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

2. The Program of Chaplaincy Ministries

Purpose

To bring Southern Baptist ministers into contact with chaplaincy opportunities and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in providing a spiritual ministry to military personnel and their families and to persons in hospitals, institutions, and industry.

3. The Program of Church Loans

Purpose

To assist churches, associations, and state conventions to secure financing for church buildings and church sites in keeping with their ability and opportunities.

4. The Program of Church Extension

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing and bringing to self-support new churches and missions that may become churches.

5. The Program of Associational Administration Service

Purpose

To work with and assist associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies toward achieving effective administration in the association. Southern Baptist Convention agencies will design and communicate their respective associational programs.

6. The Program of Pioneer Missions

Purpose

To focus attention on the priority needs that exist, the resources that are available by Southern Baptist Convention programs, and the work being done to expand and strengthen indigenous Southern Baptist work in the newer and weaker geographical areas of the Convention.

7. The Program of Rural-Urban Missions

Purpose

To work with churches, associations, and state conventions in identifying priority needs, discovering available resources and recommending the techniques of Southern Baptist Convention programs for expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work in associations related to rural-urban communities, including open country, mountain, town, and small city (under 50,000 population) areas.

8. The Program of Metropolitan Missions

Purpose

To work with churches, associations, and state conventions in identifying priority needs, discovering available resources and recommending the techniques of Southern Baptist Convention programs for expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work in associations related to metropolitan communities, including inner city, suburban, and metropolitan fringe areas.

9. The Program of Language Missions

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in their efforts to bring persons identified with ethnic groups, other than English, into a right relationship with God, to establish language-culture congregations, and to bring them to self support.

10. The Program of Cooperative Ministries with National Baptists

Purpose

To work with and assist Southern and National Baptist* churches, associations, state conventions, and agencies in their efforts to effect cooperative and reconciling relationships designed toward the development of stronger churches and better ways of working together.

*This includes work with National Baptist Convention ,U.S.A., Inc.; National Baptist Convention of America; Progressive National Baptist Convention, Inc.; and any other Negro Baptist general body.

11. The Program of Christian Social Ministries

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions to express Christian love and to provide a Christian witness through mission ministries, such as church-community weekday ministries, mission centers, rescue missions, homes for unwed mothers, homes for the aging, child care institutions and programs, adoption centers, youth and family services, day care, literacy ministries, migrant ministries, disaster relief, and rehabilitation work with alcoholics, drug addicts, and ex-prisoners.

12. The Program of Interfaith Witness

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in witnessing to people of other religious groups.

1974

24. John G. McCall (Miss.) presented Recommendation No. 8 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 8

We recommend that the Home Mission Board be authorized to adopt a new charter on articles of incorporation as follows:

**RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
HOME MISSION BOARD
OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

1.

The name of the corporation is:

“HOME MISSION BOARD OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST
CONVENTION.”

2.

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

3.

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is to support the Southern Baptist Convention in its task of bringing men to God through Jesus Christ by developing and promoting a single uniform missions program to assist churches, associations, and state conventions in crossing barriers to make disciples for Christ of all people in the homeland.

4.

The corporation shall have the power and the right to take any and all actions permitted nonprofit corporations under the laws of the State of Georgia as now or hereafter existing including the right to receive and hold property in trust by will or gift.

5.

The corporation shall have no members.

6.

The corporation shall be an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and shall act in compliance with its Constitution, Bylaws, and Business and

Financial Plan. The members of the Board of Directors of the corporation shall be elected by the Southern Baptist Convention in such manner and for such term of office as may be provided for by the Constitution, Bylaws, and Business and Financial Plan of the Southern Baptist Convention.

7.

These Articles of Incorporation are 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.

8.

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, including statutes which succeed or amend such Code, or (2) as a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, including statutes which succeed or amend such Code.

9.

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 503 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, including any statutes which may succeed or amend such Code, 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, including any statutes which succeed or amend such Code.

10.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors, shall, after paying or making provision 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 that time qualify as an organization or organizations described in Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, including any statutes which succeed or amend such Code, as the Board of Directors, acting pursuant to the directions of the Southern Baptist Convention, shall determine.

11.

The address of the principal office of the corporation in the state of Georgia and its registered agency is as follows:

Address: 1350 Spring St. NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

Registered Dan C. McQueen, Director
Agent: Division of Business Services

25. Rheubin L. South (Ark.) presented Recommendation No. 9 and moved its adoption, noting errors to be corrected. Arthur B. Rutledge (Ga.) explained paragraphs relating to the work of the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 9

We recommend that the following program statement changes be made:

HOME MISSION BOARD:

“That the words ‘and Panama’ be deleted from the Home Mission Board program statement in 9. Program of Language Missions under ‘Function’ which now reads ‘Provide guidance for the development of church and denominational programs and organizations in Cuba and Panama.’”

71. Mrs. Marie Mathis (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 14 and moved its adoption. Secretary Routh explained that the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board concurred in the recommendation, also that it was understood that President Cooper would appoint the committee. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 14

We recommend:

1. That the two mission boards review thoroughly their present mission plans, and consider the implementation of bold new plans where needed, presenting their plans to the Executive Committee in February, 1976, and to the Convention with such recommendations as they deem advisable in June, 1976.

2. That the Convention authorize a committee of twenty-one persons, seven pastors and lay persons appointed by the president in consultation

with the vice-presidents, and seven appointed by each of the mission boards. The president shall select the chairman and serve as *ex officio* member of the committee.

The committee shall do the following:

(a) Study areas where the plans of the two mission boards might be inter-related.

(b) Measure Southern Baptists' human and financial resources and potential for mission advance.

(c) Involve all appropriate agencies, state conventions, and interested individuals in developing a challenge to Southern Baptists to help meet world needs in the final quarter of this century.

(d) Call the Convention to sacrificial commitment and to dedicated prayer for guidance and power in this compelling task.

The committee shall present its report to the Executive Committee in February, 1976, and to the Convention with such recommendations as it deems advisable in June 1976.

3. The Convention Operating Budget and the two mission boards shall pay the expenses of their respective members.

1975

58. Rufus Sprayberry (Tex.) presented Recommendation No. 10 and moved its adoption. Arthur Rutledge (Ga.) was asked to give helpful background information. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 10

We recommend that the first program of the Home Mission Board program statement be substituted with the following three programs:

1. The Program of Evangelism Development

Purpose

To work with and assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and agencies in interpreting, promoting, and properly relating the message, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

2. The Program of Personal Evangelism

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in motivating, equipping, and involving lay persons, groups of lay persons, pastors, and lay evangelism leaders for a lifestyle of personal witnessing and the ability to train others for such a lifestyle.

3. The Program of Mass Evangelism

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions with all types of mass evangelism ministries and projects including local church revivals, ethnic crusades, area crusades, simultaneous revivals, and other specialized types of mass evangelism.

1976

17. Truet B. Thompson (Ariz.) presented Recommendation No. 5 and moved its adoption. The motion passed.

Recommendation No. 5

We recommend that the Home Mission Board be authorized to amend its charter to add:

“The Corporation shall have the power to enter into any contract of guaranty, suretyship, or endorsement even though the Corporation has no direct interest in the subject matter of the contract guaranteed, and shall further have the power to make a purely accommodation guaranty, endorsement, or contract of suretyship.”

156. A. R. Fagan (Tenn.), executive director of the Stewardship Commission, was recognized for the report of the Commission. Lyle Garbow (Okla.), chairman of the Commission, moved that the report be adopted, and the motion passed. Fagan commented on the report and then moved adoption of a resolution relative to developing a plan aimed at adequate support for the Missions Challenge undertaking of Southern Baptists. The motion passed.

RESOLUTIONS ON MISSIONS CHALLENGE

WHEREAS, The Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board have projected Bold Mission challenges through the years to 2000 A.D., and

WHEREAS, The National Seminar on Support of Missions made in-depth finding and recommendations for Bold Mission support in Baptist life, and

WHEREAS, The Mission Challenge Committee, basing its detailed study, stated: "Southern Baptist giving according to current projections will not fund projected needs based upon current strategies without significant alterations in the proportion of allocations at the individual, church, state, and Convention levels."

In anticipation of a joint endeavor encompassing all of Baptist life that shall not only change our vision of boldness and challenge our understanding of expectancy, but also anticipate an adjustment in life-style in individuals, churches, and conventions, which would be sufficient to sustain our Bold Mission advance called for in our Lord's commission and by the staggering spiritual and physical needs of our world,

I therefore move that, in order to plan full implementation and thrust for the missions challenge being undertaken by Southern Baptists, which involves the Stewardship Commission because of its program assignment and because the request that the Stewardship Commission work with the state conventions to develop "bold promotional programs" designed to reach the objective, a task force comprised of local church leaders, both ministers and lay persons, state executive secretaries and other state staff, Woman's Missionary Union personnel, Southern Baptist Convention agency leaders, and members of the Executive Committee be appointed by the executive director of the Stewardship Commission, after full consultation, to assist in developing "aggressive, sacrificial, and bold promotional programs indispensable to this undertaking."

1978

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

Recommendation No. 15

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

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

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

Recommendation No. 16

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

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

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

Recommendation No. 17

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

1980

84. Marion Hare (S.C.) moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 9, and the motion passed.

Recommendation 9: Home Mission Board Program Statement: Program of Black Church Relations

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the Program of Black Church Relations of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

Purpose:

To provide correlation for cooperative ministries between churches, associations, and state conventions of National* and Southern Baptists; to assist Southern Baptists in their ministries with black persons.

Function:

1. Develop approaches for cooperative ministries with churches, associations, and state convention of National and Southern Baptists.
2. Assist other programs of the Home Mission Board in their ministries with black Southern Baptist churches.
3. Develop procedures for Southern Baptists in ministering with black persons.
4. Administer scholarship resources with black persons preparing for full-time Christian vocations. (Southern Baptist concerns for the American Baptist Theological Seminary are channeled through the Southern Baptist Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary.)
5. Provide consultative services for all SBC agencies and auxiliaries desiring help in their witness and ministries with black persons.

Relationships:

1. Work directly with the appropriate persons on committees in churches, associations, and state conventions of National and Southern Baptists in promoting cooperative ministries.
2. Refer the concerns of black Southern Baptists to the appropriate Southern Baptist Convention agency or program.
3. Consult with Southern Baptist Convention agencies and auxiliaries desiring help in their witness and ministries with black persons.

4. Cooperate with Southern Baptist Convention agencies and auxiliaries in the development of programs and resources specifically designed to assist black churches.

*"National" includes National Baptist Convention, Inc., National Baptist Convention of America, Uninc., and Progressive National Baptist Convention.

85. Conrad R. Willard (Fla.) moved the adoption of Recommendation No. 10, and the motion passed.

Recommendation 10: Home Mission Board Church Loans Request.

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the requests of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

(1) To enlarge the borrowing authority of the Home Mission Board for the benefit of its Division of Church Loans from the present ratio of 1:1 to a ratio of 3:1 with the understanding that when the borrowing reaches a ratio of 2:1 the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention will review the liabilities incurred and in its judgment authorize the expansion from 2:1 to 3:1 as it deems wise.

(2) That the Home Mission Board activate the H.M.B. Service Corporation as a registered Broker/Dealer to assist churches, associations, and state conventions in handling church bonds.

The Home Mission Board will report annually to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention the total liability of the division.

1983

19. Thomas A Hinson (AR) moved the adoption of Recommendation 15, and the motion passed.

Recommendation 15: Home Mission Board Contingency Reserve Fund

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve an amount equal to ninety (90) days of the operating budget requirement of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as the maximum amount of the contingency reserve fund of the Home Mission Board.

**Recommendation 8: Southern Baptist Convention Bylaw 19,
Representation: (2) Baptist World Alliance General Council**

19. Representation

(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 executive secretary-treasurer of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and the *presidents* of the Foreign Mission Board, *the Home Mission Board and the Sunday School Board, and the incumbent president of the Southern Baptist Convention*. The remaining six (6) shall be nominated by the Committee on Boards to serve for the Baptist World Alliance Congress period. 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.

1985

20. James Baucom (VA) moved the adoption of Recommendation 11. Gerald Palmer (GA), staff member of the Home Mission Board, gave explanation for the proposed change covered in the recommendation. The motion passed.

Recommendation 11: Home Mission Board: The Program of Chaplaincy Ministries (Revision)

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the revised program statement relating to the Home Mission Board's Program of Chaplaincy Ministries as follows:

THE PROGRAM OF CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

Proposed Statement

Purpose—To bring Southern Baptist ministers into contact with chaplaincy opportunities and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in providing through chaplaincy, a spiritual ministry to persons and their families in the military services, hospitals, institutions, business-industries, and other related settings.

Existing Statement

Purpose—To bring Southern Baptist ministers into contact with chaplaincy opportunities and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in providing a spiritual ministry to military personnel and their families and to persons in hospitals, institutions, and industry.

1988

Home Mission Board Program Statement Revisions

The Program of Church Evangelism Development

Purpose: To work with and assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in developing church strategies and processes that interpret, promote, and properly relate the message, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

The Program of Associational Evangelism Development

Purpose: To work with and assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in developing associational strategies and processes that interpret, promote, and properly relate the message, materials, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

The Program of Personal Evangelism

Purpose: To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in motivating, equipping, and involving pastors and laypersons in a lifestyle of personal witnessing and enabling them to train others for such a lifestyle.

The Program of Mass Evangelism

Purpose: To work with and assist churches, associations, state conventions, and other Southern Baptist Convention agencies with all types of mass evangelism projects and activities including local church revivals, ethnic crusades, area crusades, simultaneous revivals, media evangelism, prospect discovery, and other special events in mass evangelism.

1989

17. C. Ray Fuller (IL) moved the adoption of Recommendation 8. Walter Laseter (VA) requested that the existing purpose statement of the Home Mission Board be read; Larry L. Lewis (GA), president of the Home Mission Board, following the reading of the statement by Fuller, spoke in support of the proposed revision. Dale Blackman (MO) offered a motion to postpone action on the recommendation until the original purpose statement can be printed in the *SBC Bulletin* for use by messengers in considering the matter. James C. Wideman (NH) spoke against the motion to postpone; Wayne Harrison (VA) spoke in favor. The motion to postpone failed. Recommendation 8 was adopted.

Recommendation 8: Home Mission Board: Program Statement Revision

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the revised Purpose Statement of the Program Statement of the Home Mission Board as follows:

Purpose:

The Home Mission Board serves Southern Baptists by assisting churches to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start and grow New Testament congregations, and minister to persons in need in the name of Christ. The Home Mission Board cooperates with churches, associations, state conventions, and other Southern Baptist Convention agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy of missions and evangelism in the United States and assigned territories.

1993

67. Paul R. House (IN) moved the adoption of Recommendation 9., Recommendation 9 was adopted.

Recommendation 9: Home Mission Board: Program Statement Revision

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention approve the revised Program Statement of the Home Mission Board, 10. The Program of

Christian Social Ministries, Purpose as follows (underline indicates new material):

10. The Program of Christian Social Ministries

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions to express Christian love and to provide a Christian witness through mission ministries, such as church-community weekday ministries, mission centers, rescue missions, homes for unwed mothers, homes for the aging, child care institutions and programs, adoption centers, youth and family services, day care, literacy ministries, migrant ministries, disaster relief, ministries with disabled persons, and rehabilitation work with alcoholics, drug addicts, and ex-prisoners.

1994

28. Craig L. Kendall (CO) presented a motion: On Funds Received from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship or any Deliberative Body in Competition with the Convention.

“I move that the Southern Baptist Convention instruct its agencies to maintain fidelity to the Convention and to avoid compromising the integrity of the Cooperative Program by declining to cooperate with, or to receive funds from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship or any other organization, alternative funding mechanism, or deliberative body in competition with the convention and its Cooperative Program.” (Item 103)

40. Walter E. Davidson (AK) moved the adoption of Recommendation 9. Eric Raddatz (NC) moved to amend the recommendation and spoke for the amendment to add “ministries to those suffering with HIV/AIDS” to the purpose statement of the Program of Christian Social Ministries. The amendment carried. Recommendation 9 was adopted as amended.

Recommendation 9: Home Mission Board: Program Statement Revision

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention recommends that the Southern Baptist Convention adopt the revised Program Statement of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention as follows:

PROPOSED READING
HOME MISSION BOARD
of the
Southern Baptist Convention

Purpose

The Home Mission Board serves Southern Baptists by assisting churches to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, start and grow New Testament congregations, and minister to persons in need in the name of Christ. The Home Mission Board cooperates with churches, associations, state conventions, and other Southern Baptist Convention agencies to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy of missions and evangelism in the United States and assigned territories.

1. THE PROGRAM OF CHURCH EVANGELISM DEVELOPMENT

Purpose

To work with and assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in developing church strategies and processes that interpret, promote, and properly relate the message, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

2. THE PROGRAM OF ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISM DEVELOPMENT

Purpose

To work with and assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in developing associational strategies and processes that interpret, promote, and properly relate the message, materials, methods, motivation, and spirit of New Testament evangelism.

3. THE PROGRAM OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in motivating, equipping, and involving pastors and lay persons in a lifestyle of personal witnessing and in enabling them to train others for such a lifestyle.

4. THE PROGRAM OF MASS EVANGELISM

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies with all types of mass evangelism projects and activities including local church revivals, ethnic crusades, area crusades, simultaneous revivals, media evangelism, and other special evangelistic events.

5. THE PROGRAM OF CHAPLAINCY MINISTRIES

Purpose

To bring Southern Baptist ministers into contact with chaplaincy opportunities and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in providing through chaplaincy, a spiritual ministry to persons and their families in the military service, hospitals, institutions, business-industries, and other related settings.

6. THE PROGRAM OF CHURCH LOANS

The Program of Church Loans assists churches, associations, and state conventions by providing loans to churches for church building and church sites in keeping with their ability and opportunities.

7. THE PROGRAM OF ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICE

Purpose

To work with and assist associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies toward achieving effective administration in the association. Southern Baptist Convention agencies will design and communicate their respective associational programs.

8. THE PROGRAM OF METROPOLITAN MISSIONS

Purpose

To work with churches, associations, and state conventions in identifying priority needs, discovering available resources, and recommending the techniques of Southern Baptist Convention programs for expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work in associations related to metropolitan communities, including inner city, suburban, and metropolitan fringe areas.

9. THE PROGRAM OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MISSIONS

Purpose

To work with churches, associations, and state conventions in identifying priority needs, discovering available resources, and recommending the techniques of Southern Baptist Convention agencies for expanding and strengthening Southern Baptist work in associations related to town and country communities, including open country, mountain, town, and small city (under 50,000 population) areas.

10. THE PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions to express Christian love and to provide a Christian witness through mission ministries such as church-community weekday ministries, mission centers, rescue missions, homes for unwed mothers, homes for the aging, child care institutions and programs adoption centers, youth and family services, day care, literacy ministries, migrant ministries, disaster relief, ministries with

disabled persons, ministries to those suffering with HIV/AIDS, and rehabilitation work with alcoholics, drug addicts, and ex-prisoners.

Replaces Old Program Statement

11. THE PROGRAM OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Purpose

To provide national leadership in cooperation with churches associations, and state conventions to start and develop indigenous congregations with all unreached people who identify themselves as Anglo American.

Old Program Statement

11. THE PROGRAM OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in establishing and bringing to self-support new churches and missions that may become churches.

12. THE PROGRAM OF AFRICAN AMERICAN MISSIONS

Purpose

The Program of African American Missions works with and assists churches, associations, and state conventions in their efforts to establish and bring to self-support churches in African-American communities; assist Southern Baptist Convention agencies in their ministries with African-Americans; and maintain a cooperative relationship with the National Baptist Conventions.

13. THE PROGRAM OF INTERFAITH WITNESS

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in witnessing to people of other religious groups.

14. THE PROGRAM OF LANGUAGE MISSIONS

Purpose

To work with and assist churches, associations, and state conventions in their effort to bring persons identified with ethnic groups, other than English, into a right relationship with God, to establish language-culture congregations, and to bring them to self support.

15. THE PROGRAM OF VOLUNTEERS IN MISSIONS

Purpose

To work with and assist Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies in meeting missions personnel needs through the strategic involvement of volunteers in missions responsibilities and projects in the United States, its territories, and Canada.