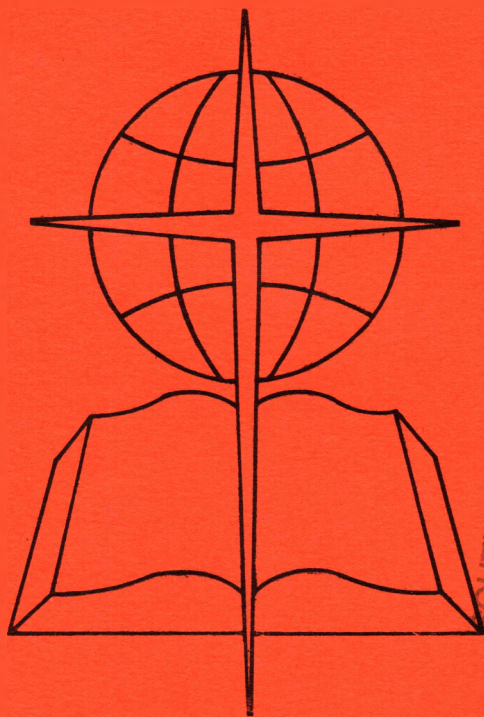


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SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION DATES

1979 Houston, Texas June 12-14
 1980 St. Louis, Missouri June 10-12
 1981 Los Angeles, California June 9-11
 1982 New Orleans, Louisiana June 15-17
 1983 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania June 12-16

SECTION II

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday, November 2, 1978

First Session

1. The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey was called to order by President C. Albert Ambrose at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held in the Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2. Mr. Harold R. Price, Director of Training and Music, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey led in singing of "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name" and "How Great Thou Art."

3. The opening prayer was led by Dr. Donald B. Moore, pastor of Monroeville Baptist Church.

4. Rev. S. Clelland Gash, pastor of Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa. extended greetings and welcomed us to Pittsburgh.

5. Dr. William M. Pinson, Jr., President of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, California was introduced as our Bible Study Leader. He announced that his study would concentrate on "Jesus" and that our purpose is to share the Good News. He then read his favorite Christmas Story from the Gospel of John, Chapter 1.

6. Rev. Norman W. Clapp, Chairman of the Credentials Committee reported that 147 messengers and 34 visitors had registered and he moved that those messengers registered and those who would register later constitute the voting body of the convention. The motion was seconded and carried.

7. Dr. Calvin M. Bailey, Chairman of the Program Committee moved that the printed program would constitute the program of the convention.

8. The president called on Rev. David Sheppard, Chairman of the previously appointed Committee on Committees for a report. He reported as follows:

Resolutions Committee, David H. Perkins, Chairman
James F. Garber
Richard Peifer
Alvin Huff
James Crowder

Time, Place and Preacher, Cornelius Bright, Chairman
Archie Washington
Ronald Chase
Bobby Fitzgerald
Mrs. Rex Hatley

9. President, Albert Ambrose recognized and welcomed Dr. Ellis M. Bush as the new Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the convention. Dr. Bush had assumed his responsibilities on April 1.

10. Rev. A. Wilson Parker, Director of the Division of Missions, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey was presented and he spoke to us on the topic, "Bold Missions: Our Commitment". He called on Rev. Robert E. Garber, pastor of Lebanon Valley Baptist Church, Lebanon, Pa., Rev. James W. Abernathy, Director of Missions for Delaware Valley Baptist Association and Rev. Tommy L. Curtis, pastor of School House Road Baptist Church, Lancaster, Pa. to share Bold Mission projects that they and their people were involved in. Mr. Parker then told us if Bold Mission Thrust was to be a reality we must have:

A Bold Commitment to Prayer

A Bold Commitment to Growing

A Bold Commitment to Going

A Bold Commitment to Giving

11. Harold Price led in singing "Ring the Bells of Heaven".

12. Rev. Boris Rock, pastor of our Slavic Mission work in Pittsburgh, read the scripture, Revelations 3:1-6.

13. The Pittsburgh Baptist Church Choir stirred our hearts as they sang "The Great Commission" and "Tell the World That I'm a Christian."

14. Rev. Jack R. Smith, Director of Missions for Northeast Baptist Association brought the annual message. He read Revelations 3:1, the letter addressed to the Church at Sardis telling them that they had a name that was alive but they were dead. He challenged us to check and see if our individual lives are alive as well as our churches.

15. The first session was closed with prayer by Rev. Mark Johnson, pastor of West Hills Baptist Church, Coraopolis, Pa.

Friday Morning, November 3, 1978

Second Session

1. Rev. Marshall E. Crawley, First Vice President called the second session to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Rev. Emory Sell, pastor of Bethel Chapel, Manheim, Pa. led us in singing "To God Be the Glory" and "He Lives".

3. Rev. Bobby Fitzgerald, pastor of First Baptist Church, Somerset, Pa. led in prayer.

4. Dr. William M. Pinson, Jr. continued his Bible Study using Romans 7:14, I Cor. 2, Colossians 1:12 and 2:13-15. He told us that God can do great things through us when we are open to the Holy Spirit. Jesus is no ordinary person. He is God with Flesh on His face. The Cross shows God's expression of love for us. Jesus is the answer to all of our needs.

5. President Albert Ambrose gave the Executive Board report. He reported that the report of the auditor had been received and approved by our auditing committee. He announced that after consideration by the Administrative Committee of the possible change in the timing of our Youth Convention, it would remain on the calendar for Easter weekend. He gave the first reading of the proposed By-law change regarding the Long Range Planning Committee. He read the Florida Baptist Convention Partnership recommendation adopted by the Executive Board. Dr. Ellis Bush spoke briefly concerning the background relating to the Florida partnership agreement. Brother Ambrose moved the adoption of this report and the motion was properly seconded and adopted.

6. Rev. Emory Sell led in singing "That Will Be Glory."

7. President Albert Ambrose again presiding presented Rev. A. Wilson Parker, Director of the Division of Missions of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey for the state missions report. He called attention to the Mission Service Corp and Brotherhood displays. The report was adopted after proper second and vote.

8. Albert Ambrose introduced David T. Bunch, Coordinator of the Mission Service Corps, Home Mission Board, SBC, Atlanta, Georgia. He used Judges 6:33-34 as his scripture reading. These scriptures tell us two things (1) God takes the initiative to give Victory, (2) God gives methods of Victory even when the odds are against us. He told us that the Home Mission Board has assigned 79 Mission Service Corp volunteers to 26 states. He asked prayer for these and for financial support for those that want to serve but do not have financial backing.

9. President Ambrose presented Carolyn M. Bishop from the Baptist Book Store in Maryland who did an excellent job in telling what was available.

10. President Ambrose asked James T. Cravens, Director of Missions for the Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association for the work he and the association had done to make ready for our convention meeting. Mr. Cravens presented Mr. Ambrose with a can of Pittsburgh Air (the Air of Hospitality). Then he shared something about the work there in the area.

11. Our president recognized visitors present: Mary Miller and Denise Wright representing Blue Ridge Baptist College; C. R. Van-Natter, American Bible Society. He read greetings from other state conventions and a letter from Dr. G. W. Bullard, retired Executive Secretary-Treasurer of our convention.

12. Rev. Norman W. Clapp reported that we had 227 registered messengers and visitors.

13. Rev. Earl Martin, Missionary with the Foreign Mission Board was recognized and asked to share a few words with us. Mr. Martin is a native Pennsylvanian. He said he came with two emotions (1) A sense of joy for what God is doing through our convention and (2) One of anxiety that Pennsylvania remember that it is not the only mission field. Missions are needed all over the world.

14. Rev. Emory Sell led us in singing "We've a Story to Tell To the Nations."

15. Rev. Stanley K. Smith, Second Vice President, presiding, introduced Harold S. Bailey of the Annuity Board, SBC, Dallas, Texas. Mr. Bailey shared with us ways that the Annuity Board was participating in the Bold Mission Thrust.

16. Rev. Dan A. Ray, Director, Division of Evangelism and Stewardship was presented for the stewardship report. He reported that our Cooperative Program receipts were running 15.7% ahead of 1977 gifts. To meet the SBC goal to double Cooperative Program gifts by 1982 we will have to maintain a 15% net gain each year. He also told us that his goal was to enlist every church in the Great Challenge Stewardship Program in 1979. He then asked Rev. David H. Perkins, pastor of East Shore Baptist Church and Rev. D. William Reese, pastor of Valley Baptist Church, Middletown, to share what the Great Challenge Program had done for their churches. East Shore Church had a 31% increase in their giving within 8 months following the program. Valley Church also had a good increase. Mr. Ray moved adoption of the stewardship report, motion seconded and adopted.

17. Rev. Marshall Crawley, pastor of Shannon Creek Baptist Church brought a message in music by singing "Ten Thousand Years and We Just Begun".

18. Dr. A. R. Fagan, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Stewardship Commission was introduced and he brought the message for the morning session. He noted that there is no stewardship unless worship is involved. God is getting us ready for a big push and we call it Bold Mission Thrust.

19. Rev. Richard McKinney, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Chapel, Westfield, N. Y. led in the closing prayer for the morning session.

Friday Afternoon, November 3, 1978**Third Session**

1. The afternoon session was called to order by Rev. Marshall Crawley, First Vice-President.

2. Rev. Clyde Risen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Wrightstown, N. J. led in singing "It's So Wonderful", "Share His Love", and "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross."

3. Rev. Fred Merkert, Jr., pastor of the Chambersburg Baptist Church led in prayer.

4. Dr. William M. Pinson, Jr. continued his Bible Studies on "Jesus" using Genesis—Creation of Man. Adam sinned. Sin breaks relationship with God and restoration is made only through Jesus.

5. Dr. Ellis M. Bush, Executive Secretary-Treasurer was asked to give the state convention report, the nine month financial report and the 1979 Budget presentation. Dr. Bush moved the adoption of these reports, motion seconded, voted and carried.

6. The time having come for the election of officers the floor was opened for nominations for president.

7. Rev. Norman Clapp nominated C. Albert Ambrose, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Cherry Hill, N. J.

8. Rev. Samuel E. Byler moved that the nominations cease and that Mr. Ambrose be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded, voted on and carried.

9. Rev. John W. Stair nominated Rev. Marshall Crawley, pastor of Shannon Creek Baptist Church to serve a second term as First Vice-President.

10. Rev. James Lankford moved that the nominations cease and Mr. Crawley be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded, voted on and carried.

11. Rev. Ronald L. Windle, pastor of the Berwick Baptist Chapel nominated Rev. Stanley K. Smith to serve a second term as Second Vice-President.

12. Rev. Samuel Byler moved that the nominations cease and Mr. Smith be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded and carried.

13. Rev. James E. Ward, pastor of the Temple Baptist Church, York, Pa. was asked to give the Nominating Committee report as reported on Page 17 of the Book of Reports. He moved that the report be received. It was seconded, voted on and carried.

14. President Ambrose asked for miscellaneous business.

15. He recognized Charles Gordon, our historian, who presented a Booklet of the History of the associations and the convention.

16. Our president gave the second reading to the By-law changes regarding the Long Range Planning Committee as follows:

To achieve this change, we recommend...

(1) That By-law Article II, Section 3 (e) be deleted from the By-laws. By-law Article II, Section 3 (e) reads as follows: Long Range Planning Committee, consisting of the officers of the convention, the promotional staff members, the directors of associational missions and one other person from each associational area. The committee shall make a continuous study of objectives and goals, bringing to the convention recommendations that will keep the objectives and goals projected for five years.

(2) That Article III, Section 4, Item 2, be amended to read as follows:

2. Standing Committees

(1) Evangelism and Stewardship. This committee shall be composed of approximately one-third of the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with the personnel of the Division of Evangelism and Stewardship. It shall review the work of the divisions and bring reports and recommendations as needed to the Executive Board.

(2) Missions Committee. This committee shall be composed of approximately one-third of the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with the personnel of the Division of Missions. It shall review the work of the division and bring reports and recommendations, as needed, to the Executive Board.

(3) Religious Education. This committee shall be composed of approximately one-third of the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with the personnel of the Division of Religious Education. It shall review the work of the division and bring reports and recommendations, as needed, to the Executive Board.

(4) Long Range Planning. This committee shall have on its membership the president of the convention, who shall serve as committee chairman, and at least one representative from the administrative committee and each of the standing committees as set forth in items 1, 2, and 3 above. The committee shall counsel, plan, and work with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer in reviewing and evaluating the status of the convention long range planning processes and relationships; it shall make an annual review of objectives and goals for the convention, evaluate plans for reaching these goals, especially as plans are reflected in the annual calendar of activities; it shall study the objectives and priorities of the promotion goals of the Southern Baptist Convention and the associations with a view to determining how these long range plans shall be related to the long range plans of the Baptist Convention

of Pennsylvania-South Jersey; and it shall bring reports and recommendations, as needed, to the Executive Board, and through the Executive Board to the convention.

17. Rev. David Sheppard moved the adoption of the proposed By-law change as read. Motion was seconded, voted on and carried.

18. Carolyn M. Bishop, Baptist Book Store, Lutherville, Md., gave another presentation of materials available in the Book Store.

19. Dr. Ellis Bush was asked to present the new pastors and missionaries. The following were presented to the body:

Rev. and Mrs. Harold "Dee" DeBold, North Side Chapel, Fombell, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Emory Sell, Bethel Baptist Chapel, Manheim, Pa.

Rev. Charles Bigner, Dallas Baptist Church, Dallas, Pa.

Rev. R. Dudley Penton, Hometown Baptist Chapel, Tamaqua, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Vernon Sparrow, First Baptist Church, Hershey, Pa.

Rev. John McIntyre, North Penn Baptist Church, Hatfield, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Dennis Back, South Hills Baptist Church, State College, Pa.

Rev. Clelland Gash, Pittsburgh Baptist Church, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Rev. Richard McKinney, Trinity Baptist Chapel, Westfield, N. Y.

Rev. Ray Wise, Strasburg Baptist Chapel, Strasburg, Pa.

Rev. James G. Harwood, Millcreek Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.

Rev. and Mrs. Ronald Chase, North Park Baptist Church, Allison Park, Pa.

Rev. David Waltz, First Southern Baptist Church of Lycoming County, S. Williamsport, Pa.

Rev. Lee Bolton, Associate Pastor, Lakeside Baptist Church, McMurray, Pa.

Rev. Mark Johnson, West Hills Baptist Church, Coraopolis, Pa.

Rev. Chris Johnson, Minister of Youth, West Hills Baptist Church, Coraopolis, Pa.

Dr. Donald Moore, Monroeville Baptist Church, Monroeville, Pa.

Miss Sandy McNair, Volunteer Mission Service Corps serving with the New Hope Baptist Chapel was introduced by Rev. James Osgood.

20. Rev. Clyde Risen led in singing "Send Me O Lord Send Me."

21. Rev. Walter E. Browning, Director of the Division of Religious Education was asked to bring his report. He reviewed the report as printed and moved its adoption. After being seconded, it was voted on and carried.

22. Rev. Harold R. Price, Director of the Department of Training and Music reviewed his report as printed, then moved its adoption. Seconded, voted, and carried.

23. Our president introduced Dr. Harry M. Piland, Director of the Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, to bring the afternoon message. Dr. Piland brought greetings from the Sunday School Board. His scripture was from Acts 4:29. He stated there was a Need for Boldness, the Nature of Boldness, and the Quality of Boldness. Boldness always goes forward.

24. Rev. Vernon Sparrow, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hershey, Pa. dismissed the afternoon session with prayer.

Friday Evening, November 3, 1978

Fourth Session

1. The Convention came together at the Sheraton Inn South, Pittsburgh, Pa. at 6:40 p.m. for dinner. There were 190 present.

2. President Albert Ambrose asked Marvin E. Garner, recording secretary of the convention to lead in prayer.

3. A good dinner was enjoyed by everyone and fellowship was delightful.

4. President Ambrose called the evening session to order and asked Harold Price to lead in singing "On Christ the Solid Rock", "What a Friend", "Tis So Sweet" and "Sweet, Sweet Spirit".

5. Rev. Dudley Penton, pastor of Hometown Chapel, led in prayer.

6. Dr. William M. Pinson, Jr., continued his Bible study "Jesus Ascension". Scriptures were taken from John 14, Acts 1 and 2, Ephesians 4.

7. President Ambrose noted that the Pittsburgh Baptist Church will be celebrating its 20th anniversary this year. He recognized charter members that were present: Mr. and Mrs. James Robb, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Standifer, Mr. and Mrs. John Holder, Rev. David Waltz.

8. Mr. Bill Graham of the Baptist Book Store for the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee was recognized.

9. An octet from the Lakeside Baptist Church thrilled our hearts by singing "Free Grace", "I'm Born Again", and "Just Over in Glory Land".

10. President Albert Ambrose brought the President's message. He challenged us to reach 25,000 membership by 1982. In 1983 the SBC will meet in Pittsburgh and if we have reached 25,000 members in our convention area we will be able to have representation on the SBC Boards and Agencies.

11. Rev. Harold R. Price expressed appreciation for our accompanists and song leaders during the convention. He then led us in singing "The Old Rugged Cross" and "We Are One in the Bond of Love."

12. President Albert Ambrose introduced Dr. Ellis M. Bush, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey to bring the evening message. Dr. Bush told us that his commitment in Pennsylvania-South Jersey is to serve the churches. The Church is the foundation and the Boards and Agencies are to serve the churches.

13. President Ambrose recognized the officers of the convention and their wives.

14. Our president announced that we would recognize our new state office staff members and their families that are present by having them stand in a receiving line after adjournment so everyone could welcome them. Those present were:

Rev. A. Wilson Parker and wife, Lucy

Rev. Dan A. Ray and wife, Martha

Miss Peggy Masters

Dr. Ellis M. Bush and wife, Juanita; son, Ellis, Jr.; and daughter; Gaylynn.

15. Rev. W. Marvin Shelton, pastor of the Main Street Baptist Church, Doylestown, Pa. closed with prayer for our staff members and our convention.

Saturday Morning, November 4, 1978

Fifty Session

1. President Albert Ambrose called the Saturday morning session to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Rev. Dudley Penton, pastor of the Hometown Baptist Chapel, Tamaqua, Pa. led us in singing "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and "Set My Soul Afire".

3. Rev. John McIntyre, pastor of North Penn Baptist Church, Hatfield, Pa. led in prayer.

4. Dr. William A. Pinson, Jr. spoke on our six seminaries and their assisting the churches. He then continued his final Bible Study on Jesus. What Am I For? Jesus says, "Follow Me". Jesus told us to be faithful—"I am coming back"—Urgency, Comfort and Hope and Purity. Jesus keeps his promises.

5. Miss Peggy Masters, Director of the Department of WMU/CSM thanked the convention for inviting her to have a part in the work in Pennsylvania-South Jersey. She presented the WMU report and moved its adoption. It was seconded, voted on and adopted.

6. Rev. Dan A. Ray, Director of the Division of Evangelism and Stewardship gave the Evangelism Report. He moved the adoption of this report and after proper seconded and vote it was adopted.

7. Rev. Dudley Penton led us in singing "Reach Out and Touch" and "Here is My Life".

8. Our president introduced Dr. Russell Bennett from Southern Seminary who brought greetings and said a few words.

9. President Ambrose presented Dr. Russell H. Dilday, Jr., President of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Dilday introduced his wife, Betty and brought us greetings from the New York and the New England meetings which he had just attended. He also recognized Leon Simpson from Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Ky., and who is also a trustee of the Southwestern Seminary. Dr. Dilday spoke to us using as his scripture Joshua 1:1-5. We can be successful and invincible Christians if (1) We are faithful in little things, (2) submissive to the Word of God, (3) Prayerfulness with the Living God.

10. The report of the time, place and preacher committee was given by the chairman, Rev. Cornelius Bright.

Time: November 1-3, 1979

Place: Memorial Baptist Church, Gettysburg, Pa.

Preacher: Rev. Thomas C. Adams, pastor Open Bible Baptist Church, Erie, Pa.

Alternate Preacher: Rev. Marshall Crawley, pastor of Shannon Creek Baptist Church, New Florence, Pa.

Mr. Bright moved the adoption of this report. Motion was seconded and carried.

11. The Report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. David H. Perkins, Chairman:

Whereas God continues to bless His work in Pennsylvania-South Jersey and since we have experienced a tremendous Eighth Annual Session, we wish to Praise God and His devoted servants for making it all possible.

Therefore, be it resolved:

That we extend to the convention committee of the Pittsburgh Baptist Church our thanks for their gracious hospitality and making all necessary arrangements for a smooth convention. We further commend Jim Cravens, Director of Missions of Greater Pittsburgh Association for his assistance to the church and committee in the absence of a pastor.

That we commend the program committee and the program personalities of this Eighth Annual Convention.

That we further express appreciation to our Southern Baptist Boards and Agencies for continued interest and support, and to the State Staff, officers, Executive Board, and Directors of Missions for their leadership in our convention.

That we extend our heartfelt thanks to Marvin Garner for serving faithfully as recording secretary of our convention for the past four years.

That we pledge our support to our new Executive Secretary-Treasurer Dr. Ellis Bush, and two other new staff members, Wilson Parker and Peggy Masters.

Be it resolved that we the Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Convention; its six local associations and the directors of each association back and promote the Bold Mission Thrust. And that we take as our goals those things outlined in the Long Range Planning Committee report on pages 27-29 in the Book of Reports.

James Lankford, pastor of Rolling Hills Baptist Church was given permission to read his resolution:

Whereas strong and diabolical forces are demanding greater and greater disregard for the sanctity of human life;

And whereas, we as people of God have historically, taken the Biblical position of the sanctity of all human life from the moment of its inception to its God appointed time of death,

Be it resolved that we are opposed to "abortion on demand" and to all other forms of abortion, except when medical complications endanger life, and in these cases, equal care be exercised for both mother and child;

And whereas the Equal Rights Amendment has become so intricately wedded to the pro-abortion movement (and the gay rights, and other diabolical "human rights forums"),

Be it resolved, that we oppose extension of the time for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to our Constitution considering also that the constitutional seven year statute of limitations has already been elapsed,

Be it further resolved that since the Equal Rights Amendment ratification extension has been granted that the states already committed to ERA be given rescission privilege.

Mr. Perkins moved the adoption of the report including Mr. Lankford's resolution. There was some discussion but the report was adopted as presented.

12. Rev. Norman Clapp, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials and Enrollment reported that we had 205 messengers registered and 73 visitors for a total of 278.

13. Rev. David Sheppard, Chairman of the Committee on Committees gave the following report:

Program Committee

Tommy L. Curtis, Chairman, Keystone Association

Douglas Metzger, Delaware Valley Association

John W. Stair, Conemaugh Valley Association
Fred N. Jolly, Greater Pittsburgh Association
Mrs. Henry C. (Eva) Schuler, Northeast Association

Nominating Committee

Marshall Crawley, Chairman, Conemaugh Valley Association
Charles Gordon, Delaware Valley Association
Carl Matthews, Keystone Association
Alona Bright, Northwest Association
Mrs. Joseph (Margaret) Price, Greater Pittsburgh Association
Jon Gilbert, Northeast Association

Committee on Credentials and Enrollment

Marvin Shelton, Chairman, Delaware Valley Association
Marvin E. Garner, Keystone Association
Joseph Lauchack, Northwest Association
Sheldon Seip, Northeast Association
Mrs. Sharon Green, Greater Pittsburgh Association

Audit Committee

Robert E. Garber, Chairman, Keystone Association
R. Dudley Penton, Northeast Association
Kenneth Hurley, Keystone Association

He moved the adoption of this report, seconded and adopted.

14. Dr. Ellis gave the Long Range Planning Committee report. He spoke about reasons to change the committee from a committee of the convention to a committee of the Executive Board. He moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded and adopted.

15. Dr. Bush recognized the retiring members of the Executive Board, Henry Schuler, Samuel E. Byler, Marshall E. Crawley, Sharon Jordan, James Crowder, James Sutherland, Marshall Parsons, James F. Garber and Clarence Drummond, and presented those present with a certificate of appreciation and paper weight bearing the emblem of our convention.

16. Marvin E. Garner, recording secretary was recognized with a Plaque of Appreciation for his four years of faithful service.

17. Dr. Ellis Bush was asked to install the newly elected officers of the convention. President, Rev. C. Albert Ambrose, First Vice-President, Rev. Marshall Crawley, Second Vice-President, Rev. Stanley K. Smith, and Recording Secretary, Samuel E. Byler, who was absent. The installation was in the form of a prayer for them.

18. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schlett prepared us for worship as they sang "I Want to Be Like Jesus".

19. Our president, Albert Ambrose, introduced Rev. Lewis I. Myers, Jr., Mission Service Corps representative of our Foreign Mission Board. Brother Myers brought greetings from Dr. Baker James Cauthen and members of the staff at the Foreign Mission Board. He spoke about the Focus of Missions being in the local church. The Foreign Mission Board is the door. Over 300 Foreign Missionaries have been appointed in 1978. The board has had a request for over 1400. We should ask: Lord is there anything in my life that will keep Bold Mission Thrust from happening? Please remove it!

20. The Eighth Annual Session was adjourned with prayer by Rev. W. Alan Dahl, Christian Social Ministries, Greater Pittsburgh Association.

SECTION III

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

JANUARY

- 5-6 Volunteer Student Directors Workshop, State Office, Harrisburg, PA
 8-12 Bible Study Week (Mark)
 14 Soul-Winning Commitment Day
 19-20 Executive Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
 28 Baptist Men's Day

FEBRUARY

- 1-2 State Evangelism Conference, Country and Town, Camp Hill, PA
 4 Baptist World Alliance Sunday
 11 Race Relations Sunday
 11-17 WMU Focus Week
 12-13 Workshop for Associational Chairmen of Evangelism and Directors of Missions, State Office, Harrisburg, PA
 18 Baptist Seminaries, Colleges and Schools Day
 18-21 Home Mission Graded Series Study
 20-22 Marriage Counseling Workshops
 20-Delaware Valley Association Office, Cherry Hill, NJ
 21-Valley, Middletown, PA
 22-Rolling Hills, Pittsburgh, PA
 26-27 State VBS Clinic, Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA

MARCH

- 4-11 Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 11 Home Missions Day in Sunday School
 11-18 Youth Week
 17 Associational Baptist Youth Night
 19-21 Church Extension Workshop, Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA
 26-30 Ministry of Visitation Clinics
 26-Haines Road, Levittown, PA
 27-First Baptist, Williamsport, PA
 29-Country and Town, Camp Hill, PA
 30-Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

APRIL

- 2-3 New Pastor and Missionary Orientation, Harrisburg, PA
 6-8 Student Retreat, Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA
 9-12 Church Buildings Conferences
 9-Bux-Mont, Hatboro, PA
 10-East Shore, Harrisburg, PA
 12-Lakeside, McMurray, PA
 9-15 Jewish Fellowship Week
 13-14 Youth Convention
 15 Easter
 16-20 Baptist Doctrine Study
 17-18 WMU Convention, Memorial, Gettysburg, PA
 20-21 Executive Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
 22 Life Commitment Sunday
 24-28 Regional Pastor/Music Director Worship Workshops
 24-Monroeville, Monroeville, PA
 26-East Shore, Harrisburg, PA
 27-28-Keswick Conference Center, Whitting, NJ
 29 Cooperative Program Day
 30-May 4 Regional Church Training Workshops
 30-Lakeside, McMurray, PA
 1-Wattsburg Area, Wattsburg, PA
 3-Valley, Middletown, PA
 4-Ukrainian, Philadelphia, PA

MAY

- 6-13 Christian Home Week
 14-18 Regional Recreational Labs
 14-Emmanuel, Cherry Hill, NJ
 15-Country and Town, Camp Hill, PA
 17-Monroeville, Monroeville, PA
 18-Warren, Warren, PA
 20 Baptist Radio and Television Sunday
 21-27 Associational Emphasis Week
 25-26 State Clinic for Associational Officers,
 State Office, Harrisburg, PA

JUNE

- 2-8 Church Recreation, Ridgecrest
 3 Religious Liberty Sunday
 6-8 Summer Missions Orientation, Harrisburg, PA
 9-15 Church Training Youth, Ridgecrest
 10-11 WMU Annual Meeting, Houston, Texas

26	Pennsylvania-South Jersey Baptist Association
12-14	Southern Baptist Convention, Houston, Texas
16-22	Church Music, Ridgecrest
23-29	Foreign Missions, Ridgecrest
30-July 6	Bible Preaching, Ridgecrest

JULY

1	Christian Citizenship Sunday
7-13	Church Training Leadership/Youth, Ridgecrest
8	Christian Literature Day
14-20	Sunday School Leadership, Ridgecrest
20-21	Executive Board Meeting, Harrisburg, PA
21-27	Sunday School Leadership, Ridgecrest
24-28	National Acteens Conference, Kansas City, Missouri
28-Aug. 3	Sunday School Leadership, Ridgecrest

AUGUST

1	World Hunger Day
4-10	WMU Week, Ridgecrest
7-9	Sermon Preparation Workshops
7-Lakeside,	McMurray, PA
8-East Shore,	Harrisburg, PA
9-Delaware Valley Association Office,	Cherry Hill, NJ
11-17	Home Mission Week, Ridgecrest
12	Language Missions Day
18-24	Student Week, Ridgecrest
19-26	Church Music Week
27-31	Small Church Sunday School Conference, Ridgecrest
31-Sept. 1	Building an Effective Music Ministry Seminar, Princeton, NJ

SEPTEMBER

2-8	Brotherhood Leadership Week
6-7	New Pastor and Missionary Orientation, Harrisburg, PA
7-8	Men's Retreat
9-16	Week of Prayer for State Missions
11	Associational Sunday School Leadership Night
14-15	State WMU Prayer Retreat
15-19	Church Training Growth Project, Delaware Valley Association
16	State Missions Day in Sunday School
24-28	Regional Sunday School Conventions
24-Cranberry,	Mars, PA
25-Wattsburg Area,	Wattsburg, PA
27-Valley,	Middletown, PA

28-Emmanuel, Cherry Hill, NJ
30-Oct. 7

Sunday School Preparation Week

OCTOBER

5-6 Boys' Retreat
19-21 State Student Convention, East Shore, Harrisburg, PA
21-26 Simultaneous Associational Great Challenge Program
25-26 Sunday School Training Institute for Associational
Faculties, Camp Hebron, Halifax, PA

NOVEMBER

1 Executive Board Meeting
1-3 State Convention
2-7 Church Music Enlargement Campaign
4-10 Royal Ambassador Week
11 American Bible Society Day
12-15 January Bible Study Institutes
12-Delaware Valley Association Office, Cherry Hill, NJ
13-East Shore, Harrisburg, PA
14-Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
15-Hasson Heights, Oil City, PA
16-18 International Student Conference
18 Child Care Day
18-21 Foreign Mission Graded Series Study
26 Associational Training Union "M" Night

DECEMBER

2-9 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie
Moon Christmas Offering
9 Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School

SECTION IV

REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board held four regular meetings and one special meeting during the year. A summary of the action taken in these meetings is given below:

I. November 4, 1977

1. Approved CPA and EMF Requests from five churches and chapels.
2. Accepted the resignation of Miss Bobbie B. Black as Director of the Department of WMU/CSM.

II. November 4, 1977

A special meeting was held after the Friday afternoon session of the Convention for the purpose of organizing.

1. The following Executive Board officers were elected:
Albert Ambrose, President; Clarence Drummond, Vice-President; Marvin E. Garner, Secretary.
2. Approved to sign checks for the convention were Dr. G. W. Bullard, Albert Ambrose and Marvin Garner. Approved for entry into the safety deposit box were the above three and Mrs. Maryellen Perkins.

III. February 4, 1978

1. Elected A. Wilson Parker as the Director of the Division of Missions. His service to begin effective March 1, 1978.
2. Elected Dr. Ellis M. Bush as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Bush was elected to begin service on April 1, 1978 working alongside Dr. Bullard until his retirement on May 31 at which time Dr. Bush assumed full responsibility as the Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the convention.
3. Approved EMF requests from eleven churches and chapels.
4. Approved a recommendation that \$500 be approved from EMF for travel expense to pastors and lay persons helping to start new missions and chapels.
5. Approved a recommendation that payments be made to the Home Mission Board for property at Marianne for up to a year or until the property is sold.

6. Approved a recommendation that car allowance for Executive Board employees be increased by \$15.00 per month.

7. Approved a recommendation that an automobile be purchased and maintained at convention expense in lieu of car allowance and mileage for the Executive Secretary-Treasurer. This action was taken to explore the possibility that owning and operating its own automobiles would be more economical for the convention than the current procedure of a monthly allowance plus mileage.

IV. April 22, 1978

1. Gave approval to the 1979 convention Calendar of Activities. Endorsed, in this connection, a major state-wide stewardship promotion called the Great Challenge Campaign for October 21-26, 1979 and encouraged special emphasis on this state-wide campaign be given during the state convention in November.

2. Approved the granting of EMF requests from five churches and chapels.

3. Approved the rental of two additional offices to provide for the needs of the expanded Executive Board staff.

4. Elected Miss Peggy Masters as Director of the Department of WMU/CSM effective May 15, 1978.

5. Approved a motion that the convention bear the expense of moving Dr. and Mrs. Bullard to their new home in Raleigh, North Carolina.

V. July 15, 1978

1. Approved EMF requests from nine churches and two chapels.

2. Approved a recommendation that an additional line item be added to the budget in Section II, entitled Bold Mission Thrust Promotion and that \$1,000 be set as the budget allocation for this item.

3. Approved recommendation that life insurance on Executive Board staff members be keyed to the eligibility schedule of our agreement with the Annuity Board and not be limited by an arbitrary \$60,000 ceiling. Also approved that accidental insurance carried on the staff be raised from \$50,000 to \$75,000 except for the Executive Secretary in whose case the amount would be \$100,000.

4. Approved a policy for the distribution of Mission Service Corps undesignated receipts corresponding to the policy on the same matter approved by the SBC Executive Committee.

5. Adopted a policy on budget control for the Executive Board staff.

6. Approved minor changes in the 1979 proposed calendar.

7. Approved the 1979 Budget Proposal and a recommendation that it be presented to the convention for adoption.

8. Received the report of the auditor for the year 1977.

C. Albert Ambrose, President

STATE CONVENTION REPORT

The state convention report continues to be an optimistic and encouraging report.

Organizational changes within the Executive Board staff that were planned and approved last year have been fully implemented with new staff personnel in all positions.

Mr. Wilson Parker was elected to be the Director of the Missions Division. He assumed his duties on March 1 of this year.

Dr. Ellis M. Bush was elected to succeed Dr. G. W. Bullard as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Bullard retired in May. Dr. Bush came to the position as Executive Secretary-elect on April 1 and worked alongside Dr. Bullard during April and May in order to achieve a smooth and orderly transition in the Administrative office.

Miss Peggy Masters joined the staff in May as Director of the Department of WMU/CSM.

Mr. Ed Browning and Mr. Harold Price continue to give outstanding leadership to the work in the Division of Religious Education.

Mr. Dan Ray directs the Division of Evangelism and Stewardship. Mr. Ray came to the staff last fall and in spite of his newness, gave leadership to the organizational details of the state-wide evangelistic campaign conducted this last spring. The Good News Penn-Jersey Campaign had 94 churches participating. Out of the 86 churches reporting there were 365 professions of faith and other additions and 748 other decisions.

Other missions personnel additions in the convention included the appointment of Kenneth and Flossie Fagan to serve in the Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Philadelphia. Brother Fagan began as the Director of Week Day Ministries on June 1. Also in Philadelphia Brother Yun Yong became Director of the International Seaman's Ministry in an official full time capacity on May 1.

Miss Suzanne Coyle resigned, effective June 30, her position as Director of Center City Ministries in Philadelphia. John and Martha Samb resigned as Director/Pastor, West End Baptist Chapel/Center, in Johnstown, effective September 28.

The beginning of new work is always on the cutting edge of our mission endeavor. We will not know the full story of progress made during the year until the church letters are in and reports to

associational meetings have been made by the Directors of Missions and Associational Missions Committee.

However, it seems that churches and chapels will now number approximately 140. These congregations extend their ministry into other communities with Bible study fellowships and worship services so that our total number of congregational fellowships is approximately 250. These totals do not include the numerous ministries in institutional settings.

Contributions to world missions have continued to increase. For the year ending September 30, the state office has received \$228,349.29 for missions through the Cooperative Program. This compares with a total of \$196,048.72 for the same period last year or an increase of \$32,300.57. Giving to state missions during the same period has amounted to \$13,698.22. The Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions and other Home Mission designations reached a total of \$25,638.70. The Lottie Moon Christmas offering for Foreign Missions was \$42,537.14. These gifts came to a total of \$310,223.35 received for World Missions. Of this amount, \$125,263.16 (cooperative program and designated) has been sent to the Southern Baptist Convention's mission program. This amount equals almost 40% of the total received from the churches.

In keeping with the Bold Mission Thrust priorities of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board of our convention will be recommending to the annual session in November an operating budget goal and a challenge goal that we believe is attainable and which follows a plan, if continued through 1982, that will enable us to more than double our gifts to the Cooperative Program during the five year period from 1977.

Other goals and priorities will be established around the three-fold emphasis of Bold Mission Thrust: Bold Giving, Bold Going, and Bold Giving.

It is our hope that during these years of Bold Mission Thrust, every church and chapel will sponsor at least one new work that will result in steady growth in the number of churches in our convention with an average of 20 churches per year being constituted.

We will be encouraging every church to adopt a definite plan of action for reaching the lost, increasing Sunday School enrollment and attendance, and building up every phase of its ministry. Churches receiving Church Pastoral Aid will be asked to set the example and the pace in this growth plan during 1979.

God is so good. Let us covenant to be faithful in prayer, each one for the other, in the churches, associations, and the convention.

Let us renew our commitments with boldness in prayer, in witness, in service, in stewardship. Let us discover the spirit of Paul who said, "In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with

thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God.” (Phillipians 4:6).

In Christian Love,

Ellis M. Bush

FINANCIAL REPORT
BAPTIST CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA-SOUTH JERSEY
January 1, 1978 - December 31, 1978

ANTICIPATED GENERAL INCOME

Cooperative Program	\$230,000.00	\$233,443.86
Sunday School Board - General	30,000.00	30,000.00
Sunday School Board - National Student Ministry	12,000.00	1,350.00
Sunday School Board - Church Growth Fund	5,540.00	2,921.99
Home Mission Board - Cooperative Work	570,984.00	494,075.48
Emergency Mission Fund (1977 State Mission Offering)	16,177.85	16,702.85
Interest from Reserve Fund	3,800.00	3,820.80
Income from Waltz Memorial Fund	1,532.50	1,667.97
Brotherhood Commission	1,350.00	425.00
Brotherhood and RA Retreat and Congress Fees	1,200.00	1,144.73
Woman's Missionary Union	1,800.00	1,607.10
WMU Retreat Fees	1,200.00	1,365.50
Miscellaneous Income (Including Other Interest)	5,000.00	17,033.47
From 1977 Current Fund Balance	3,210.00	3,210.00
Sub-Total	\$883,794.37	\$808,768.75

ANTICIPATED DESIGNATED INCOME FROM CHURCHES

State Missions (to be budgeted in 1979 as EMF)	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 12,864.58
Lottie Moon Offering and Designated Foreign Missions	43,500.00	41,489.87
Annie Armstrong Offering and Designated Home Missions	30,000.00	25,311.90
Miscellaneous		1,735.05
Sub-Total	\$ 92,500.00	\$ 81,401.40
GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$976,294.37	\$890,170.15

EXPENDITURESI. Missions Beyond Pennsylvania-South Jersey

1. Cooperative Program	\$ 57,500.00	\$ 58,050.43
2. Lottie Moon Offering & Foreign Missions Des.	43,500.00	41,996.14
3. Annie Armstrong Offering & Home Missions Des.	30,000.00	25,310.20
4. Miscellaneous		1,490.48
Sub-Total	\$131,000.00	\$126,847.25

II. Administration, Business & Promotion

1. Salary, Executive Sect.-Treas. (Cash Salary)	\$ 15,872.60	\$ 15,112.37
2. (Annuity Bd.)	1,000.00	1,000.00
3. Salary, Secretary-Bookkeeper (Cash Salary)	8,782.80	8,782.80
(Annuity Bd.)	1,057.20	1,057.20
4. Housing, Executive Sect.-Treas.	6,300.00	10,150.00
5. Travel, Executive Sect.-Treas. (Increased \$25.00)	4,225.00	2,753.92
6. Southern Baptist Convention	350.00	350.00
7. SBC Conferences	1,150.00	1,495.46
8. PENN-JERSEY BAPTIST (Increased \$25.00)	6,325.00	6,760.05
9. Miscellaneous	6,300.00	15,897.84
Sub-Total (Increased \$50.00)	\$ 51,362.00	\$ 63,359.64

III. Office Expense

1. Telephone	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 4,166.47
2. Printing, Postage, Supplies	6,000.00	7,181.54
3. Office Rent	9,732.00	10,043.75
4. Insurance, Surety Bond & Workmans Compensation	400.00	217.48
5. Tracts & Program Helps	400.00	295.01
6. Miscellaneous	300.00	172.27
Sub-Total	\$ 20,132.00	\$ 22,076.52

IV. Division of Missions

1. Salary	(Cash Salary) (Annuity Bd.)	\$ 11,772.00	\$ 9,810.00
2. Salary, Office Secretary (½ time)		4,242.00	4,270.23
3. Housing, Director		6,000.00	5,000.00
4. Travel, Director (In State) (Increased \$55.00)		4,255.00	3,014.84
5. Travel, Director, Southern Baptist Convention		350.00	348.56
6. Travel, Director, Out of State		550.00	
7. Emergency Mission Fund (Increased \$525.00)		16,702.85	16,815.00
8. Waltz Memorial Fund		1,532.52	435.00
9. Directors of Associational Missions		92,024.00	88,860.95
10. Associational Promotion and Conferences		1,800.00	1,338.88
11. Pastor-Directors and Pastoral Missionaries		59,820.00	39,588.98
12. Church Pastoral Assistance		176,376.00	186,186.50
13. Field Ministries - Church Extension		5,304.00	6,075.00
14. Christian Social Ministries		83,268.00	73,696.88
15. Language Missions		83,784.00	58,290.00
16. Work with National Baptists		2,508.00	425.66
17. Conferences, Interfaith Witness		504.00	
18. Summer Mission Orientation		1,500.00	1,127.30
19. New Pastor Orientation		1,000.00	816.35
20. Bold Mission Thrust Conferences (Associational)		3,000.00	957.37
21. New Work Clinics (Church Ext.)		2,208.00	1,451.25
22. Brotherhood - RA Promotion, Men & Boys		850.00	149.60
23. Men's Retreat		1,000.00	1,028.63
24. RA Congress		500.00	269.81
25. Miscellaneous		1,000.00	588.63
Sub-Total	(Increased \$580.00)	\$561,850.37	\$500,545.42

V. Department of WMU/CSM

1. Salary, Director	(Cash Salary) (Annuity Bd.)	\$ 10,944.00	\$ 6,757.54
2.		600.00	375.00
3. Salary, Office Secretary (½ time)		4,242.00	4,213.77
4. Housing, Director		4,800.00	3,000.00
5. Travel, Director - In State		4,200.00	2,567.21
6. Travel, Director, Southern Baptist Convention		350.00	350.00
7. Travel, Director, Birmingham-Ridgecrest		400.00	15.11
8. Travel, President, In State		200.00	248.79
9. Travel, President, WMU Annual Meeting		300.00	
10. Travel, President, Birmingham-Ridgecrest		300.00	
11. WMU Committee Meetings		600.00	369.28
12. WMU State Convention		600.00	614.62
13. WMU Leadership Training		600.00	527.24
14. Youth Camps and Houseparties		200.00	
15. WMU Conference, Ridgecrest		900.00	1,387.11
16. WMU Retreat		1,200.00	1,378.34
17. CSM Conferences		1,000.00	670.47
18. State Missions Week of Prayer Promotion		500.00	342.28
19. Miscellaneous		300.00	248.42
Sub-Total		\$ 32,236.00	\$ 23,065.18

VI. Division of Religious Education

1. Salary, Director (Cash Salary)	\$ 11,271.00	\$ 11,271.00
2. (Annuity Bd.)	501.00	501.00
3. Salary, Office Secretary	8,484.00	7,503.00
4. Housing, Director	6,000.00	6,000.00
5. Travel, Director - In State (Increased \$25.00)	4,225.00	4,036.51
6. Travel, Director - Southern Baptist Convention	350.00	316.30
7. Travel, Director - Out of State	250.00	
8. State VBS Clinic	1,500.00	1,500.00
9. State SS Fair	1,200.00	1,347.89
10. Worker Improvement Clinics	1,190.00	721.99
11. Special Worker Institute	1,000.00	876.68
12. VBS Institute	300.00	266.28
13. State Clinics for Assoc. Officers	500.00	509.96
14. January Bible Study Clinics	50.00	
15. Church Administration Promotion	50.00	50.00
16. Church Buildings Promotion	50.00	50.00
17. Student Directors Workshop	100.00	
18. Campus Directors (Volunteer)	12,000.00	1,400.00
19. State Student Retreat	400.00	
20. State Student Convention	500.00	
21. International Student Retreat	300.00	201.20
22. Miscellaneous	400.00	403.12
Sub-Total	(Increased \$25.00) \$ 50,621.00	\$ 36,954.93

VII. Department of Training and Music

1. Salary, Director (Cash Salary)	\$ 9,744.00	\$ 9,744.00
2. (Annuity Bd.)	300.00	300.00
3. Housing, Director	6,300.00	6,300.00
4. Travel, Director - In State	4,200.00	3,333.61
5. Travel, Director - Southern Baptist Convention	350.00	303.65
6. Travel, Director - Out of State	250.00	250.00
7. New Day for Training	250.00	
8. One Day Growth Campaign	250.00	
9. Ridgcrest Speaker & Bible Drill	200.00	200.00
10. Assoc. Music Festivals	400.00	319.78
11. Music Methods & Materials Clinic	200.00	151.00
12. Miscellaneous	300.00	274.69
Sub-Total	\$ 22,744.00	\$ 21,176.73

VIII. Division of Evangelism and Stewardship

1. Salary, Director (Cash Salary)	\$ 11,211.00	\$ 11,209.20
2. (Annuity Bd.)	561.00	561.00
3. Salary, Office Secretary (½ time)	4,242.00	5,136.33
4. Housing, Director	6,000.00	6,000.00
5. Travel, Director - In State (Increase \$25.00)	4,225.00	3,730.49
6. Travel, Director - Southern Baptist Convention	350.00	350.00
7. Travel, Director - Out of State	550.00	517.18
8. Youth Evangelism	1,216.00	1,214.48
9. Evangelism Conference	1,716.00	1,335.69
10. Evangelism Associational	912.00	581.14
11. Leadership Training (GEC)	1,584.00	341.00
12. Literature (Crusade)	2,700.00	2,244.41
13. Ethnic Crusades	2,256.00	1,851.70
14. Simultaneous Revivals (Increased \$2,940.00)	5,640.00	4,948.19
15. Lay Evangelism	540.00	
16. Evangelism Young Adult	816.00	
17. Associational Leadership Training	500.00	235.11
18. Promotion and Materials	600.00	595.02
19. Miscellaneous	(Increased \$1,631.79) 2,301.79	1,909.50
Sub-Total	(Increased \$4,596.79) \$ 47,650.79	\$ 42,760.44

IX. General Expense

1. Equipment	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 14,130.06
2. Annual State Convention (Increased \$1,128.00)	1,878.00	1,714.24
3. Convention Annual Publication	800.00	751.67
4. General Convention Expense	1,200.00	850.00
5. Expenses, State President	200.00	80.99
6. Executive Board and Committee Meetings	4,200.00	3,857.15
7. Social Security and Insurance	12,000.00	14,069.94
8. Annuity Program (Pastors and Staff)	22,000.00	21,647.14
9. Staff Christmas Gifts	1,500.00	1,491.76
10. Miscellaneous	500.00	368.66
Sub-Total (Increased \$1,128.00)	\$ 46,078.00	\$ 58,961.61

X. Emergency Mission Fund (1979 Budget)

1. Emergency Mission Fund	\$ 19,000.00
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BUDGET EXPENDITURES \$982,674.16 \$895,747.72

Budget Increased By \$ 6,379.79

XI. Transfer to Other Funds

1. Transfer to Other Funds	\$ 20,035.00
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GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$982,674.16 \$915,782.72

RECAP

BUDGET

Balance January 1, 1978	\$ 59,991.63
Receipts for January 1 - December 31, 1978	890,170.15
Total Available	\$950,161.78
Total Expenditures January 1 - December 31, 1978	915,782.72
Balance Current Funds	\$ 34,379.06
Unpaid Obligations	
Home Mission Board Advance	\$25,000.00
Cooperative Program for December	4,714.28
World Hunger	457.68
Lottie Moon & Foreign Missions	1,574.29
State Missions for 1978	12,864.58
Annie Armstrong	11.20
Total Unpaid Obligations	\$ 44,622.03
Balance Available	\$-10,242.97

DESIGNATED ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1978	\$ 19,465.65
Receipts for January 1 - December 31, 1978	52,480.64
Total Available	\$ 71,946.29
Total Expenditures January 1 - December 31, 1978	37,873.76
Balance Designated Funds	\$ 34,072.53

OTHER FUNDS

Reserve Funds	\$ 70,000.00
Waltz Memorial Funds	8,112.30
Harrisburg Mission Fund	5,663.32

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1979
BAPTIST CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA-SOUTH JERSEY

ANTICIPATED GENERAL INCOME

Cooperative Program	\$264,500.00
Sunday School Board - General	30,000.00
Sunday School Board - National Student Ministry	12,000.00
Sunday School Board - Church Growth Fund	4,900.00
Home Mission Board - Cooperative Work	639,408.00
Emergency Mission Fund (1978 State Mission Offering)	19,000.00
Interest from Reserve Fund	4,000.00
Interest from Waltz Memorial Mission Fund	600.00
Brotherhood Commission	1,250.00
Brotherhood & RA Retreat and Congress Fees	1,200.00
Woman's Missionary Union	1,800.00
KMU Retreat Fees	1,200.00
Miscellaneous Income (including other interest)	8,000.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$987,858.00</u>

ANTICIPATED DESIGNATED INCOME FROM CHURCHES

State Missions (to be budgeted in 1980 as EMF)	\$ 25,000.00
Lottie Moon Offering and Designated Foreign Missions	47,000.00
Annie Armstrong & Designated Home Missions	33,000.00
Miscellaneous	
Sub-Total	<u>\$105,000.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME

\$1,092,858.00EXPENDITURESI. Missions Beyond Pennsylvania-South Jersey

1. Cooperative Program (25% of Income from Churches)	\$ 66,125.00
2. Lottie Moon Offering and Foreign Mission Designations	47,000.00
3. Annie Armstrong Offering and Home Mission Designations	33,000.00
4. Miscellaneous	
Sub-Total	<u>\$146,125.00</u>

II. Business, Administration and Promotion

1. Salary, Executive Secretary-Treasurer	\$ 18,225.00
2. Housing, Executive Secretary-Treasurer	6,804.00
3. Travel, Executive Secretary-Treasurer	2,400.00
4. Salary, Secretary-Bookkeeper	10,632.00
5. Southern Baptist Convention	500.00
6. SBC Conferences	2,500.00
7. PENN-JERSEY BAPTIST	8,000.00
8. New Pastor and Missionary Orientation	1,000.00
9. Bold Mission Thrust Promotion	2,000.00
10. Miscellaneous	300.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 52,361.00</u>

III. Office Expense

1. Telephone	\$ 3,900.00
2. Printing, Postage, Supplies	7,200.00
3. Office Rent	10,670.00
4. Insurance, Surety Bond & Workmen's Compensation	400.00
5. Tracts & Program Helps	230.00
6. Extra Office Help	4,584.00
7. Miscellaneous	300.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 27,284.00</u>

IV. Division of Missions

1. Salary, Director	\$ 12,714.00
2. Housing, Director	6,480.00
3. Travel, Director (In State)	4,200.00
4. Salary, Office Secretary	4,584.00
5. Director, Southern Baptist Convention	500.00
6. Travel, Director (Out of State)	400.00
7. Emergency Mission Fund	19,000.00
8. Waltz Memorial Mission Fund	600.00
9. Directors of Associational Missions	114,000.00
10. Associational Promotion and Conferences	2,004.00
11. Pastor-Directors and Pastoral Missionaries	60,480.00
12. Church Pastoral Assistance	189,816.00
13. Field Ministries - Church Extension	5,304.00
14. Christian Social Ministries	102,120.00
15. Language Missions	92,232.00
16. Work with National Baptists	2,508.00
17. Conferences, Interfaith Witness	1,008.00
18. Summer Mission Orientation	1,800.00
19. Bold Mission Thrust Conf. (Associational)	3,000.00
20. New Work Clinics (Church Extension)	2,208.00
21. Brotherhood-RA Promotion	2,450.00
(1) Promotion, Men & Boys	\$ 850.00
(2) Men's Retreat	1,050.00
(3) R. A. Retreat	<u>550.00</u>
22. Miscellaneous	600.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$628,008.00</u>

V. Department of WMU/CSM

1. Salary, Director	\$ 12,468.00
2. Housing, Director	5,184.00
3. Travel, Director (In State)	4,200.00
4. Salary, Office Secretary	4,584.00
5. Director, Southern Baptist Convention	500.00
6. Director, Travel, Birmingham-Ridgecrest	400.00
7. President, Travel - In State	200.00
8. President, Travel, WMU Annual Meeting	400.00
9. President, Travel, Birmingham-Ridgecrest	300.00
10. WMU Committee Meetings	400.00
11. WMU Annual State Convention	600.00
12. WMU Leadership Training	400.00
13. Youth Camps & House Parties	200.00
14. WMU Conference, Ridgecrest	900.00
15. WMU Retreat	1,200.00
16. CSM Conferences	1,008.00
17. State Mission Week of Prayer Promotion	500.00
18. Miscellaneous	200.00
Sub-Total	<u>\$ 33,644.00</u>

VI. Division of Religious Education

1. Salary, Director		\$ 12,714.00
2. Housing, Director		6,480.00
3. Travel, Director (In State)		4,200.00
4. Salary, Office Secretary		9,168.00
5. Director, Southern Baptist Convention		500.00
6. Travel, Director (Out of State)		250.00
7. Sunday School Promotion		6,750.00
(1) V. B. S. Institute	\$ 350.00	
(2) State V. B. S. Clinic	1,500.00	
(3) Ministry of Visitation Clinics	400.00	
(4) State Clinic for Assn. Officers	600.00	
(5) The Regional S.S. Conventions	1,200.00	
(6) Special Worker Institute	1,000.00	
(7) January Bible Study Institute	100.00	
(8) Worker Improvement Clinics	1,000.00	
8. Church Administration Promotion		50.00
9. Church Buildings Promotion		50.00
10. Student Directors Workshop		100.00
11. Campus Directors (Volunteer)		12,000.00
12. Student Leadership Training		400.00
13. State Student Convention		500.00
14. International Student Retreat		300.00
15. Miscellaneous		400.00
Sub-Total		\$ 53,862.00

VII. Department of Training and Music

1. Salary, Director		\$ 10,850.00
2. Housing, Director		6,804.00
3. Travel, Director (In State)		4,200.00
4. Director, Southern Baptist Convention		500.00
5. Travel, Director (Out of State)		250.00
6. Church Training Promotion		850.00
(1) Church Training Growth Project	\$ 150.00	
(2) Ridgcrest Speaker & Bible Drill	250.00	
(3) Assoc. Training Schools	450.00	
7. Church Music Promotion		1,800.00
(1) Regional Training Assistance for Approved Workers	\$ 300.00	
(2) Enlargement Campaign (1 night lodging)	750.00	
(3) Music Festivals	450.00	
(4) Assoc. Training Schools	300.00	
8. Church Library Promotion		.00
9. Church Recreation Promotion		.00
10. Miscellaneous		200.00
Sub-Total		\$ 25,454.00

VIII. Division of Evangelism and Stewardship

1. Salary, Director		\$ 12,714.00
2. Housing, Director		6,480.00
3. Travel, Director (In State)		4,200.00
4. Salary, Office Secretary		4,584.00
5. Director, Southern Baptist Convention		500.00
6. Travel, Director (Out of State)		750.00

7. Evangelism Promotion		16,632.00
(1) State Conference	\$2,100.00	
(2) Associational Evangelism	1,500.00	
(3) Metropolitan Development	2,508.00	
(4) Leadership Training (GEC)	2,208.00	
(5) Literature	1,008.00	
(6) Crusades (Ethnic Revivals/ Crusades)	1,500.00	
(7) Special Projects	2,100.00	
(8) Evangelism, Lay Evangelism Schools	1,200.00	
(9) Evangelism, Youth	1,500.00	
(10) Special Projects (TELL)	<u>1,008.00</u>	
8. Stewardship Promotion		2,100.00
(1) State Conferences	\$ 300.00	
(2) Promotion & Materials	500.00	
(3) Great Challenge Program	<u>1,300.00</u>	
9. Miscellaneous		<u>200.00</u>
Sub-Total		\$ 48,160.00
<u>IX. General Expenses</u>		
1. Equipment		\$ 3,600.00
2. General Convention Expenses		1,000.00
3. Annual State Convention		800.00
4. Convention Annual Publication		900.00
5. Expenses, State President		200.00
6. Executive Board and Committee Meetings		4,500.00
7. Social Security and Insurance		16,000.00
8. Annuity Program (pastors and staff)		24,000.00
9. Staff Christmas Gifts		1,600.00
10. Miscellaneous		<u>360.00</u>
Sub-Total		\$ 52,960.00
X. <u>Emergency Mission Fund (1980 Budget)</u>		<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
Sub-Total		\$ 25,000.00
GRAND TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$1,092,858.00
<u>XI. Challenge Goal</u>		
50% SBC		
50% Emergency Mission Fund		
GRAND TOTAL BUDGET		\$1,102,858.00

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

In keeping with the Constitution and By-Laws, the nominating committee is submitting nominations for Executive Board members and for the offices of Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary and Historical Secretary as follows:

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Term Expiring, 1979

John W. Mullens	(Delaware Valley Association Area)
David Sheppard	(Keystone Association Area)

Term Expiring, 1980

Joseph Lauchack	(Northwest Association Area)
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Term Expiring, 1981

Ronald Boudreaux	(Northeast Association Area)
Norman Clapp	(Greater Pittsburgh Association Area)
Marshall Crawley	(Conemaugh Valley Association Area)
Serafin Fiore	(Delaware Valley Association Area)
Dr. William George	(Keystone Association Area)
James Lankford	(Greater Pittsburgh Association Area)

OFFICERS

Recording Secretary, Samuel E. Byler, Carlisle, PA
Asst. Recording Secretary, Mrs. Maryellen Perkins, Harrisburg, PA
Historical Secretary, Charles Gordon, Woodbury, New Jersey

Executive Board members previously elected and whose terms have not expired are as follows:

Term Expiring, 1979

Mrs. Evelyn (Rex) Hatley	(Northwest Association Area)
Fred N. Jolly	(Greater Pittsburgh Association Area)
Carl Matthews	(Keystone Association Area)
C. E. Price	(Greater Pittsburgh Association Area)
Donald W. Young	(Delaware Valley Association Area)

Term Expiring, 1980

C. Albert Ambrose	(Delaware Valley Association Area)
Kenneth A. Estep	(Keystone Association Area)

Al McLaughlin	(Conemaugh Valley Association Area)
Richard Peifer	(Northeast Association Area)
James E. Ward	(Keystone Association Area)
Vance Wolff	(Delaware Valley Association Area)

Nominating Committee
 James E. Ward, Chairman
 Donald Knapp
 Joseph Lauchack
 Archie Washington
 Gilbert Fregley
 Sheldon Seip

MISSIONS DIVISION REPORT **A. Wilson Parker**

It has been a pleasure to serve since March 1 as the first full time Missions Director for the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey. This has been a good year for our convention. Significant progress has been made in work related to the Missions Division.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION/CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRY

On May 15 Miss Peggy Masters came to our convention to serve as Director of WMU/CSM. Her report appears elsewhere, but it seems appropriate in this report to refer to some other personnel changes.

John and Martha Samb resigned from the CSM position in Johnstown at the end of September. They will be missed. Kenneth and Flossie Fagan came to a CSM assignment in Philadelphia related to the Mt. Airy Church. Their ministry began June 1. Rev. Yun Yong was appointed as Director of International Seaman's Ministry in Philadelphia May 1.

BROTHERHOOD

A State Baptist Men's Retreat was held at Hartman Center, Milroy, PA, September 8-9 with approximately 100 attending. A State Boys Retreat was hosted by Country and Town Church, Camp Hill, PA, October 6-7 with a total attendance of 75.

MISSIONS

Three new churches have been constituted this year including New Holland Baptist Church, New Holland, PA; Browns Mills Baptist

Church, Browns Mills, NJ; and Wattsburg Area Baptist Church, Wattsburg, PA. A net gain of 9 in total number of churches and chapels was noted for the year. We now have 90 churches and 50 chapels in the convention.

Coming to us from 17 states 41 college students served for a period of 10 weeks in Pennsylvania-South Jersey as student summer missionaries. Their travel expenses to and from the field plus a small weekly stipend were paid by the Home Mission Board. In some instances expenses for some of the students were paid by their home state Baptist Student Union. These summer missionaries made significant contributions to work throughout the convention territory.

Missionary staff on the field includes 5 Directors of Associational Missions, 7 Christian Social Ministry personnel, 7 Language Missionaries, 3 Pastor Directors, 3 Pastoral Missionaries, and 1 Director of International Seamen's Ministry. We are grateful for these capable and committed men and women who contributed so much to missions advance.

The following churches and chapels received salary assistance from the Home Mission Board through the Church Pastoral Assistance program January-September, 1978.

1. Allegheny Expressway	\$4,500
2. Allentown	2,760
3. Beaver	2,925
4. Berkshire	3,150
5. Berwick	3,600
6. Bingham Center	4,000
7. Browns Mills	4,500
8. Charleroi	1,950
9. Columbia	4,050
10. Community	2,700
11. Cumberland	1,800
12. Dallas	400
13. Edgewood	2,700
14. Fellowship	1,200
15. First, Somerset	2,700
16. Greencastle	2,550
17. Haines Road	1,800
18. Harrisburg	900
19. Hasson Heights	700
20. Hickory	300
21. Hometown	4,000
22. Indiana	3,600
23. Lebanon Valley	2,250
24. Main Street	3,600
25. Meadville	4,725

26. Millcreek	2,500
27. Mystic Islands	2,574
28. New Holland	2,700
29. New Hope	4,200
30. New Life	4,500
31. North Penn	2,800
32. North Side	1,000
33. Norwin-Ruffs Dale	3,600
34. Park Hills .....	.750
35. Rolling Hills	1,200
36. Schuylkill Valley .....	.500
37. Seven Valleys	3,300
38. Shamokin	4,500
39. Shannon Creek	3,150
40. Shrewsbury .....	.800
41. South Jersey .....	.750
42. South Hills	1,200
43. Strasburg	4,200
44. Towanda	3,600
45. Warren	1,800
46. Westmont	3,300
47. Whitestown Road	3,600
48. Willow Hill	4,500

Emergency assistance from funds received from the 1977 State Missions Offering was granted to the following churches and chapels January-September, 1978.

1. Allegheny Expressway	\$900
2. Berkshire .....	.450
3. Berwick .....	.400
4. Bethel, D.V. ....	.300
5. Bethel, Keystone .....	.200
6. Columbia .....	.600
7. East Pennsboro .....	.900
8. Faith, Keystone .....	.600
9. Haines Road .....	.500
10. Hilltop .....	.900
11. Indiana .....	.600
12. Lebanon Valley .....	.200
13. New Holland .....	.300
14. New Life .....	.900
15. New Providence .....	.600
16. North Penn .....	.800
17. Pottsville .....	.100
18. Schuylkill Valley .....	.400

19. South Hills	300
20. Towanda	600
21. Trinity	700

Appreciation is expressed for the major role of the Home Mission Board in mission work in our convention. In addition to training events, conferences, etc. much of our mission work is funded through our Home Mission Board.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION 1977-78

During the year, 1977-78, Woman's Missionary Union continued emphasis on Teach Missions, a three year plan with the objectives of improving the quality and image of teaching missions in the churches and encouraging participation in mission study.

A second emphasis, Grow a Knowbody, Be a DoBody, promoted WMU magazines with a goal of each WMU member having her own magazine.

STATE WMU OFFICERS AND EMPLOYED STAFF

Mrs. C. E. Price was elected to her sixth term as state president during the annual session, April, 1978, East Shore Baptist Church, Harrisburg. Mrs. Jack Smith was elected as recording secretary. Associational WMU Directors elected served as the State WMU Council: Miss Grady Cox, Delaware Valley, Mrs. Ray Minor, Keystone; Mrs. Ron Boudreaux, Northeast; Mrs. Ron Graves, Northwest; Mrs. John Stair, Conemaugh Valley; Mrs. Joseph Price, Greater Pittsburgh.

Miss Bobbie Black resigned as executive director November 5, 1977. Miss Peggy Masters became executive director May 15, 1978.

ANNUAL SESSION

The Eighth Annual Session was held in Harrisburg, East Shore Baptist Church, April 11-12, 1978.

Program theme was "Wait Upon the Lord." Mrs. C. E. Price, state president, chaired the meeting.

OTHER STATE MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES

The ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE was held in Harrisburg May 26-27 with Associational Directors attending. Miss Evelyn Blount, WMU, SBC, Birmingham conducted the training session.

WMU STATE RETREAT held September 15-16 at Hartman Center, Milroy with an attendance of 118. Mrs. Helen Fling, WMU, SBC, Birmingham and Dr. Harry Rowe, Newport News, Virginia were program guests.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS, October 2-6, were held in 5 associations reporting an attendance of 253. Mrs. Bryan Brasington, missionary to South America spoke and officers for the incoming year were elected.

MEMBERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

In 216 churches and chapels there were 65 WMU Directors. Age-Level organizations reported include Baptist Women 58; Baptist Young Women 14; Acteens 25; Girls in Action 38; Missions Friends 27 for a total of 162.

Membership reports include Baptist Women 856; Baptist Young Women 114; Acteens 276; Mission Friends 233 for a total of 1,961.

MISSION GIFTS THROUGH THE SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Through the regular teaching and activities under mission support, the third task of Woman's Missionary Union, tithing and giving through the Cooperative Program are strengthened. The Weeks of Prayer devoted to the Foreign and Home Missions are linked to the Churchwide Foreign and Home Mission Graded Series with the resulting offerings. Receipts for the two special mission offerings are as follows:

1976 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$38,399.88
1977 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	\$42,537.14
1977 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	\$23,106.92
1978 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering	\$25,638.70

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Total magazine subscriptions for WMU members in Pennsylvania-South Jersey are 1,213.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

The state convention and the Home Mission Board continue to work cooperatively with associations in the employment of Christian social ministries workers. CSM work is currently being conducted in Delaware Valley and Greater Pittsburgh. Work is being done in Keystone and Northeast Associations without a full-time CSM missionary.

Christian Social Ministries staff includes Alan Dahl, Director, Greater Pittsburgh Association; Charles Gordon, Director, Delaware Valley; Gaynor Yancey, Director, Weekday Ministries, Frankford Avenue Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Kenneth Fagan, Director, Community Ministries, Mt. Airy Baptist Church, Philadelphia. John and Martha Samb resigned at West End Baptist Chapel/Center in Johnstown during the year.

A retreat-workshop was held for CSM staff in cooperation with CSM staff from the Baptist Convention of New York.

DIVISION OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

SUNDAY SCHOOL

1978 was a significant year for our Convention. For the first time in the history of the Convention, a basic team of Associational Sunday School workers was elected in every Association. This achievement brought special recognition from the Baptist Sunday School Board. Pennsylvania-South Jersey was the only State Convention with a basic team of leaders in every Association during 1978. This accomplishment signaled the dawning of a more mature work, thus reflecting more and better trained Sunday School leaders in each Association.

The success of this achievement was the direct result of an extensive plan that began in 1975. Associations were being briefed and encouraged to place on their calendars as an annual event ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS. This plan materialized in 1978 when a total of 13 training schools were scheduled. These schools were staffed by Sunday School workers from each Association. Immediately following the training schools, these workers were elected by their Association to become their Associational Sunday School Organizational Leadership.

Now during the same year of this history making event, Associations have already enlisted a basic team of workers to conduct training schools early in 1979. The Sunday School Department, during October brought these teams to Camp Hebron where they were given eight hours of intensive training under the leadership of the most capable leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention. With this approach to training, churches can now anticipate annual training for their Sunday School workers in one or more locations within the Association.

Another first for the Convention was a two-day STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL FAIR. Featuring top name Sunday School leaders from throughout the Southern Baptist Convention, the Fair drew a crowd of Sunday School workers from all parts of the state to the tune of 218. Dr. Harry Piland, newly elected Sunday School Director of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board was the featured

speaker. Special recognitions were made to Sunday School workers who had been teaching for 25 or more years. A second category of recognitions went to those workers who had earned the Sunday School Leadership diploma.

Five CURRICULUM INTERPRETATION WORKSHOPS were held, one in each Association reaching 205 Sunday School leaders. These workshops were conducted entirely by Sunday School Board personnel. This gave pastors and Sunday School leaders opportunity to meet those persons responsible for the curriculum.

Four JANUARY BIBLE STUDY CLINICS were conducted by Mr. Art Burcham, consultant in the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. These clinics helped pastors prepare to teach the Book of Mark in their own church in January.

A two-day ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS CLINIC was held in Harrisburg for the purpose of briefing and training the Association Sunday School Directors, other program directors, and major committee chairmen.

Four ASSOCIATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP PREPARATION WEEK CLINICS reaching 60% of the churches were held for pastors and Sunday School Directors to familiarize them with the resource materials and give guidance in planning and scheduling. These clinics were held as a pilot project. Results of the four clinics evidenced a tremendous interest and need for this type of assistance.

Through the various state associations and local church efforts, more than 1,424 persons earned study course credit during 1978. This increased interest in training also resulted in 15 Sunday School leaders earning the Sunday School Leadership diploma.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

A team of workers from each Association attended a two-day STATE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC where they received training in developing skills necessary to conduct local associational clinics. As a result of this training, six teams conducted ten associational clinics that trained 463 local church vacation bible school leaders.

Vacation Bible School reports continue to be received as this report is being prepared. A total of 63 church schools have reported an enrollment of 5,974. There were 28 Mission Schools with an enrollment of 1,174 and 215 Backyard Bible Clubs with an enrollment of 5,025.

Forty-one of the 63 churches reporting requested Achievement recognition. Twenty-one requested Merit recognition, 15 Advanced recognition, and 5 Distinguished recognition. Those churches requesting Distinguished recognition, which is the highest level of

achievement, were Valley Conyngham, Manor York, First Hershey, Pittsburgh Church, and New Life.

CHURCH ADMINISTRATION

During 1978, an intensive effort was made to provide an opportunity for every pastor in our State Convention to attend four workshops designed to help the pastor become a better administrator and facilitator. During March 13-16, four CONFLICT MANAGEMENT WORKSHOPS were held. In August, four PRIORITIES IN MINISTRY workshops were conducted. During October 2-6, five ABC'S OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION CONFERENCES were held. During December 11-14, four TEAMBUILDING WORKSHOPS were conducted.

These 17 workshops were conducted in cooperation with the Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. The Church Administration Department provided leadership for these workshops at no cost to our Convention.

CHURCH BUILDINGS

Three STATE CHURCH BUILDING CONFERENCES were held during 1978 in an effort to make the expertise of the church building consultant and a church loans officer from the Home Mission Board easily accessible to our churches. Following the three conferences, on-sight consultations were made to several churches.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

1978 was a year of turn-overs among the Volunteer Student Directors. Robin Garber has left Millersville State, Nancy Smith is no longer at Burlington County Community College, and Cheryl Jordan has left Lock Haven State College.

Mrs. Ernestina Ballesteros continues to serve at Albright College and Mr. Dave Boliver is serving at Trenton State University.

Mrs. Sally Strayer has joined the ranks of the Volunteer Student Directors and is serving at Lock Haven State.

Miss Marilyn Ray came to Penn State in September. She is a US-2 missionary assigned to Penn State as Campus Director for two years.

Work has been started on the University of Pittsburgh campus through the efforts of the National Student Ministries Inter-Mission Team.

Greater emphasis is being put on student work in an attempt to establish work on at least 20 campuses. Within our state convention boundaries there are more than 477,000 students enrolled on 200

campuses. This is one of the largest student enrollments in the nation.

Walter E. Browning, Director
Education Division

CHURCH TRAINING

Consider the definition of Church Training which defines it as "a programmed learning experience in discipleship development helping individuals grow in their Christian life, maturing as ministers for Christ". Every pastor should desire this experience for his church membership and every church should provide an opportunity for this experience for their members. In short, every church needs a church training program!

Nine individuals from four associations attended a REGIONAL CHURCH TRAINING CLINIC at Skycroft, Maryland so that they might serve as resource people and state approved workers. These people have been used in several training conferences around the state and have been a real asset to the work. The ultimate goal is to have a team of trained age group workers in each association.

TRAINING THE TRAINER INSTITUTES were conducted in five associations with a total attendance of a hundred and twenty-five. Dr. James "Deke" Jones, made available to us for these meetings by the Baptist Sunday School Board, led the participants to determine how to discover person with leadership potential, enlist, train, and select resources for their preparation for service.

"M" NIGHT across our state convention was well attended with five associations reporting four hundred and eighty-one present. "M" stands for "MOBILIZATION" and that means "let's get movin'". Move up and claim God's power and victory; move out and reach lives for Christ; move them in and help them grow in Christian discipleship.

THE STATE YOUTH BIBLE DRILL AND SPEAKERS TOURNAMENT was conducted as a preliminary to the state Youth Convention. Leonard L. Redding, Jr. was the state Bible Drill winner and Terry Hakes' effective presentation of a speech entitled "Faith" brought him the title of state Speakers Tournament winner. Both young men are members of the Seven Valleys Baptist Church, Keystone Association. They were able to attend Church Training Week at Ridgecrest and represented their state convention well.

NEW DAY FOR TRAINING, an effort to establish at least one new Church Training program in each association, resulted in five new programs begun, with at least one hundred and four new people enrolled.

The Greater Pittsburgh and Keystone Associations each conducted a CHURCH TRAINING GROWTH PROJECT in September 1978.

Nine churches in Greater Pittsburgh and eight in Keystone participated. The effort is designed to establish the Biblical foundations and the scope of study of church training, analyze growth potential, suggest necessary organization, and give direction to enlistment. In several situations, it was used as effective tool for initiating new church training programs.

James Cartright (Greater Pittsburgh) and Wert Campbell (Keystone) from the Church Training Department, Nashville served as the project directors. Mr. Campbell and Mr. Price utilized several days for visiting five churches in Keystone to discuss with the pastors how Church Training can meet needs within the lives of their church members.

Your Director of Training had the privilege of serving as a Church Training Growth Consultant in Baltimore, Maryland and to assist in a series of Directors' Workshops in Upper New York State.

MUSIC

A PASTOR-MUSIC DIRECTOR RETREAT held at the Holiday East Motel in Harrisburg under the direction of Dr. William Reynolds, Church Music Department, Nashville, set the pace for the year for those fifty present. The Congregational service, congregational singing, and music in the life and ministry of the church were part of the concentrated study together during the two day event.

MUSIC FESTIVALS in four associations provided opportunity for fellowship, to hear other choirs and groups, to receive constructive comments, to hear new music, and to lift voices together in the praise of God. The following statistics were reported:

MUSIC FESTIVALS			
ASSOCIATION	NO. OF CHURCHES	NO. OF ENTRIES	TOTAL PRESENT
Northwest	3	14	56
Delaware Valley	9	10	178
Greater Pittsburgh	8	16	160
Keystone	8	20	190
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	28	60	584

An unusual opportunity was afforded the Delaware Valley Association in July of 1978 when Dr. Philip Landgrave, professor of Church Music at Southern Seminary, was made available for a two day MUSIC WORKSHOP. Dr. Landgrave had the Youth Choir from the Hurstbourne Baptist Church with him and they provided a nucleus for the singing period, assisted in the conferences, and presented a concert at the conclusion of the days' activities. A Saturday session was held at

the Paoli Baptist Church and the Sunday workshop was hosted by the First Baptist Church of Wrightstown, N. J.

Your Director of Music conducted a MUSIC WORKSHOP for the New Holland Chapel, New Holland, Pa. and led the music for the Youth Camp of the Delaware Valley Baptist Association.

Further, your Director of Music arranged for and/or led the music for:

(a) The annual state convention meeting: Congregational singing, special music, and rehearsed and directed a combined choir to present the musical "Bold Mission".

(b) The State Evangelistic conference. John Gardner, Church Music Department, Nashville, led the Congregational singing, conducted a conference and presented several specials. Your director directed a combined choir in the presentation of "Heavenly Sunlight".

(c) The State Youth Convention. Ken Medema had to cancel at the last minute because of laryngitis. Jerry Armstrong of Atlanta was called to substitute.

(d) The State Men's Retreat.

(e) The State Sunday School Fair.

CHURCH LIBRARY

Mr. James Rose, consultant, Church Library Department, Nashville, conducted "ORGANIZING AND DEVELOPING LIBRARIES" WORKSHOPS in five associations in May 1978. Practical help was given to the conferees in establishing a library (media center), and much time was given sharing the correct method of processing materials for circulation.

CHURCH RECREATION

It was reported that five of our associations participated in a summer camping experience. Your state consultant gave assistance to the camp conducted by the Delaware Valley Association at New Hope, Pa.

Camp Seminars will be included in REGIONAL RECREATION LABS to be held in the Spring of 1979.

Your Director of Training and Music joyfully participated in WORLD MISSION CONFERENCES in the Northwest and Greater Pittsburgh Associations during the past year. It gave opportunity to share about the work, to make many new acquaintances, to visit in a number of our churches, and to be encouraged by what God is doing in our convention. Praise the Lord.

Harold Price

Director of Training and Music

EVANGELISM REPORT

We have experienced a good year in evangelism. It was a year of major emphasis on REACHING PEOPLE through the simultaneous GOOD NEWS PENN-JERSEY Revivals. It was a difficult time for your Director of Evangelism because he assumed his position in the "mid stream" of preparation. His task was made possible by almost total cooperation as 94 churches and chapels actually participated in the revivals.

With 86 out of 94 churches reporting we had 1,113 decisions made public. There were 365 professions of faith and additions to churches. 747 other decisions were recorded. This report in no way reflects the many decisions made during the preliminary preparation period in advance of the revivals or during the followup activities. We are grateful for every precious soul.

The Annual State Evangelism Conference was held February 2-3. The keynote speaker was Dr. J. C. Mitchell of First Baptist Church, Winter Park, Florida. Dr. Alan Neely of Southeastern Seminary was the Bible Teacher. Dale Cross represented the Home Mission Board with numerous state personalities participating on the program. The music was directed by John Gardner of the Baptist Sunday School Board and a local combined choir under the direction of Harold Price of the state staff presented a musical entitled "Heavenly Sunlight". There were 181 pastors and laypersons present.

On March 24-25 the annual Youth Convention was held at Temple Church in York with 500 in attendance. This meeting promoted jointly by Evangelism and Church Training Department is continuing to be a big attraction with the highest attendance of any of our meetings. It will continue to receive a high priority in planning and funding.

A summer evangelism team made of three students from Cumberland College in Kentucky served in Keystone and Northwest Associations for 10 weeks. They were active in revivals, surveys and Bible clubs as well as in various youth evangelistic activities.

A new approach to reaching the metro areas of Pittsburgh and Philadelphia has been developing during this year. N. E. S. T. (National Evangelism Support Team) is a process whereby support groups from all across the nation will be inspired to provide spiritual, material and physical support for "NESTS" or projects being launched in these two metropolitan areas. Elaborate multi-medias have been prepared to tell the story of these two cities across the Southern Baptist Convention.

Lay Evangelism Schools and Lay Renewal continues to be used very effectively in training and inspiring Baptists to share Jesus with the 8-9

million lost people in our convention area. The equipping of the laity will be the primary emphasis in Evangelism during 1978-79.

Dan A. Ray
Director of Evangelism

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

The Bold Mission Thrust has created new enthusiasm in our churches and our people are responding with improved stewardship. If we double Cooperative Program receipts by 1982 we must increase our Cooperative Program gifts by 15% per year. We are presently exceeding that goal slightly and we believe our churches will continue to do that and even more. If all continues to go well we will exceed our Cooperative Program goal for the first time in 1978.

An interesting fact surfaced this year. The month of May was our record month for Cooperative Program receipts. This immediately followed a major evangelism thrust, Good News Penn-Jersey revivals. Evangelism and Stewardship go hand in hand. The Church that reaches people grows in Christian stewardship.

Stewardship Decision Nights were held in 4 of the 6 associations. There were 51 churches participating and they anticipated an average budget increase of 18.2%. A 36% increase was projected for Associational Missions giving and a 23% increase in the Cooperative Program.

Twelve Great Challenge Budget Subscription Campaigns are being conducted this year looking forward to a big simultaneous Great Challenge Campaign in October of 1979 with outside directors being provided for every church at no cost.

Continued growth in stewardship will help reach Bold Mission Thrust objectives.

Dan A. Ray
Director of Stewardship

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Long range planning is a strategically important aspect of this convention's responsibility. It needs to be carefully and continuously reviewed, updated and coordinated with respect to all programs and relationships in our large denominational system.

Long range planning is currently being done by the various programs of the Executive Board in conjunction with their Southern Baptist Convention counterparts, and with the associations. These planning relationships are vital to our life and work as a convention.

Our goals and plans must be in step with the priorities in mission and program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Home Mission Board, with whom we work closely as a young pioneer convention, has projected its planning directions and priorities to the year 2000. As those broad general plans take shape in programs it is important that our planning procedures be meshed with the Home Mission Board along with the other agencies of the SBC who provide such strategic leadership assistance and funding for our various mission ministries.

Because of the need for convention planning to be more intimately and purposefully related to planning in the Southern Baptist Convention, we therefore recommend—

I. That the objectives and goals for Bold Mission Thrust adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta, in June 1978 serve as a framework and guide for our convention goals and program priorities during the years 1979-1982.

SBC BOLD MISSION THRUST OBJECTIVES AND GOALS (As Adopted by the SBC in Atlanta—June 12, 1978)

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

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

OBJECTIVES AND GOALS (1979-1982)

I. BOLD GROWING...by providing New Testament based churches and missions for all people...

(1) Through increasing Bible study enrollment in existing churches by 12 percent by 1982.

(2) Through providing opportunities for all persons in their localities to hear the gospel resulting in an increase in baptisms of at least 10 percent per year through 1982.

(3) Through establishing 5800 church-type missions and churches.

(4) Through every church establishing at least one point of witness in new geographical and/or cultural areas.

II. **BOLD GOING...**by seeking out and equipping the called and cooperating in the support of persons participating in the activities of Bold Mission Thrust...

(1) Through churches seeking out the called and supporting 1000 additional career missionaries.

(2) Through the churches seeking out the called and cooperating in the support of 5000 Mission Service Corps and 100,000 other short-term mission volunteers.

(3) Through churches enlisting and equipping church members for presenting the gospel in their own localities.

III. **BOLD GIVING...**by providing adequate financial resources to accomplish Bold Mission Thrust.

(1) Through enlarging the financial base in each church by at least 15 percent annually.

(2) Through doubling gifts through the Cooperative Program by 1982 (From 1977).

(3) Through enlarging gifts for work through the associations by at least 10 percent each year.

(4) Through increasing the special mission offerings; foreign, home and state, by at least 10 percent each year.

(5) Through securing adequate gifts over and above regular gifts to send 5000 Mission Service Corps volunteers.

II. That we shall engage annually in cooperative planning with the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention and with the Associations to provide training, resources, and inspiration designed to help the churches set their goals and make their plans for Bold Mission Thrust, and

III. That we adopt as our priorities and goals for 1978-1982 (measured from the reporting year, 1977) the following:

Priority 1—Bold Growing

That we double the number of churches and chapels in the convention.

That we double the membership of the churches.

That we double the number of persons being baptized annually.

That we double the Sunday School enrollment.

Priority 2—Bold Going

That we help the churches present the opportunities and challenges of mission service, praying for the called to hear and respond to career

and short term mission service; enlisting, training and using all church members in local mission projects.

Priority 3—Bold Giving

That we enlarge the financial base in each church by an annual percentage increase of 15%.

That we triple the amount given annually to the designated mission offerings; State, Home, and Foreign.

That we triple gifts to missions through the Cooperative Program by each church giving a minimum of 11% of its budget receipts and increasing the percentage by 1% per year until a worthy level is reached.

That we encourage every church and chapel to increase its support of associational missions to at least 5% of its annual church budget.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY REPORT

The total Scripture distribution throughout the world reached 410 million copies in 1977, an all-time record. This was an increase of 80 million over 1976.

The American Bible Society, through thousands of contributions from individual donors and churches, was responsible for 246 million of these.

114 million Scriptures were distributed in the United States and 99 million in Latin America.

170 million Scriptures were distributed in the Asia-Pacific region, an increase of 50 million over 1976.

At least one book of the Bible has been published in 1,631 languages and distinct dialects.

Bible distribution work continues in areas of political strife and turmoil, including Ethiopia, Uganda, Rhodesia, Lebanon and elsewhere.

Baptists, Methodists and Lutherans were the leading denominations in terms of annual donations to the American Bible Society.

Here are some of the up and coming projects planned by the American Bible Society for 1978 and 1979. We'll let you know when they are ready.

- The complete Bible in Today's Spanish, the Version Popular
- Advent Scripture Cards
- 1978 Christmas Selection
- Special Selections for Hospital Patients
- Special selections for the Terminally Ill and their families

- Portion of Scripture for the Bereaved
- Portion of the Scripture for Seamen's Ministries
- Scripture Workbooks for Children
- Scriptures for Children to coincide with the International Year of the Child

ANNUITY BOARD REPORT

A "time of contrasts" is a phase used by Dr. Darold H. Morgan, Annuity Board president, to describe the denominational insurance and pension planning organization's financial state of affairs in recent times.

"Even though we have been able to count many blessings which have resulted from strong growth in new retirement accounts," Dr. Morgan explains, "the contrasts have resulted mainly from an erratic stock market performance—an occurrence that has influenced investment strategy strongly."

At the end of the second quarter of 1978, total assets administered by the Annuity Board stood at \$539,242,775. The Board marked a milestone in its 60-year history during the first quarter when assets surpassed a half billion dollars.

Premiums and dues through the first two quarters of 1978 reached a record \$25,305,031. Through June this year, the Board distributed \$7,211,220 to 13,662 annuitants.

Churches entering the retirement program since January 1, 1978 numbered 154. In 1977, a record total of 545 new churches enrolled in the basic retirement plan.

By mid-summer, the number of members joining the new Southern Baptist Retirement Program totaled more than 5,000. The Program was officially inaugurated on January 1.

Pennsylvania-South Jersey has 87 churches and associations; 94 employees participating.

A total of 21,176 churches and associations are participating currently with 24,613 employees in the Southern Baptist Retirement Program. In this state convention, the number of new members enrolled in the program during the first six months of 1978 is 6.

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST JOINT COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Founded 40 years ago as Baptists' visible presence and witness in the nation's capital, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs sought during 1977 to serve as a channel for communicating Baptist concerns in matters of public policy and to share with Baptists news and trends of

such matters as they affect Baptists. In pursuit of this dual objective, efforts were made to strengthen the visibility of the Baptist Joint Committee both in Washington and throughout our Baptist constituency.

Although the day-to-day task of the agency is carried out by a competent staff of ten under the direction of Executive Director James E. Wood, Jr., actual policy decisions are made by official representatives of the nine member bodies, including the Southern Baptist Convention. During 1977, official statements were adopted commending President Carter's emphasis on human rights and commitment to nuclear disarmament and calling on signatory nations to the 1975 Helsinki accord to "seek to show in every way possible respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief."

Other official actions taken during the year included reiterating opposition to tuition tax credits for nonpublic schools, expressing alarm at the prospect of the calling of a constitutional convention, naming a special committee to seek ways of combatting the Internal Revenue Service's regulation concerning "integrated auxiliaries," and joining a friend-of-the-court brief at the U. S. Supreme Court on behalf of a Baptist minister from Tennessee whose right to run for public office was challenged under that state's constitutional ban against ministers seeking public office.

In October, the Baptist Joint Committee sponsored its Sixteenth Religious Liberty Conference under the theme, "Taxation and the Free Exercise of Religion." Some 150 participants from all eight U. S. Baptist bodies participated. One visible outcome of the Conference was the publication of a volume on the proceedings of this timely gathering.

The staff of the Baptist Joint Committee continued during 1977 its ongoing effort to inform Baptists throughout the United States of developments in Washington which affect the life of the churches by means of two news services, Baptist Press (BP) and Baptist Public Affairs (BPA), as well as through its own monthly publication, *Report from the Capital*. In addition, staff members contributed articles to several other denominational publications.

Among organizations with which staff members worked during the year in efforts to voice Baptist concerns in public affairs were the National Council on Religion and Public Education; the National Coalition on Public Education and Religious Liberty; the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Freedom, Justice and Peace; the Washington Council of UN Representatives, the NCC International Affairs Work Group on Human Rights; and the Washington Interreligious Staff Council.

Stan L. Haste

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE REPORT

THE BREADTH OF THE BAPTIST WITNESS

People called Baptists live and witness in at least 112 countries and 26 offshore dependencies. They are the second most widespread of all the Christian traditions of the world. Baptists find fellowship in churches in their local communities which number about 137,000. There are an additional 36,000 preaching places or mission stations where the gospel is proclaimed regularly but where a permanent congregation has not been established.

There are 33.3 million Baptists (individual believers). These are church members, who have personally professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and been baptized.

All Baptist churches are independent, but generally they cooperate, on a voluntary basis, in associations and conventions of churches. Such associations or conventions are found at the level of country, state, province, or other geographical subdivisions, as well as the national level in most countries. There is more than one national level organization of Baptists in many countries, with the multiplicity traceable to ethnic or cultural differences or the fact that their history is rooted in more than one mission enterprise from abroad.

MISSIONARY OUTREACH

The spirit of evangelism and of sharing, inspired by Biblical commands, has led Baptists to engage in a vast international mission enterprise. The Baptist World Alliance knows of 67 mission sending bodies supported by Baptists. They have 428 missions in countries other than their own. In addition to preaching stations and churches, a mission often includes schools, colleges, orphanages, medical clinics, and hospitals.

The mission sending bodies are variously located. Many are in Europe, where British Baptists began the modern missionary movement by sending William Carey to India in 1793. The largest number are in the United States of America, a country where Baptists have their greatest numerical and financial strength. But there are also mission sending bodies in many countries of the developing world which formerly had been missionary receiving, or may even now be mission receiving places.

WORKING TOGETHER IN THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

Most of the world's Baptists (87 percent) are associated, through their national conventions, with the Baptist World Alliance. The

Alliance is a fellowship founded "as an expression of the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and cooperation among its members." This international fellowship currently consists of 106 autonomous Baptist conventions, unions, and conferences throughout the world.

The Baptist World Alliance provides fellowship across ethnic and international lines. It also serves as an instrument for conventions to work together on those things which they choose to do cooperatively rather than in isolation. The Alliance has no authority over its member bodies, and all its activities are on a basis of voluntarism and cooperation.

The Alliance holds a general meeting, or congress, every five years. In addition, its General Council and study commissions meet at least annually. Regular programs include activities in communications, evangelism, world relief, lay development, and a worldwide witness for religious liberty.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION REPORT

During the 1977-78 fiscal year, the Brotherhood Commission emphasized mission education, mission commitment, evangelism and leader training.

While enrollment of men and boys in Brotherhood units dropped by 1.2 percent to 473,309 at the start of the year, the number of churches with Brotherhood work increased by 52 to a total of 15,359.

Churches with Baptist Men's work increased by 408 and those with Brotherhood directors by 316.

In the area of mission education, a long-range plan to provide every Southern Baptist church with mission information and opportunity for involvement in missions progressed on schedule.

The project calls for researching and developing a correlated program design and missions curriculum, a convention-wide plan for mission education, and a national merchandising plan for mission education materials.

The project is designed to help implement Bold Mission Thrust, the effort of Southern Baptists to communicate the gospel to every person in the world by the year 2000.

An emphasis on the involvement of lay people in denominational activities and vocational witnessing drew 8,500 to Atlanta for 15 vocational breakfasts and a bold mission rally featuring President Jimmy Carter, a leading Southern Baptist layman.

At the same time, the Commission led in arranging world missions conferences attended by more than one million Southern Baptists.

In the area of mission commitment, the Commission strongly encouraged Southern Baptists to become involved in missions as short-term volunteers, particularly through the Mission Service Corps.

The agency also developed new ministries and supporting materials in the areas of lay-led revivals, prison ministries, Bible distribution and retirees in missions.

Besides involving about 5,000 persons in renewal events, the Commission conducted research in 20 churches on the best ways to communicate the theology of the laity. In another new venture, 50 couples were trained to conduct mission and ministry weekends in their churches.

The Commission continued to bolster its corps of trained leaders, preparing about 600 specialists to help 33 state Baptist conventions train church and associational Brotherhood officers.

Among the specialists were persons equipped to help churches organize Brotherhood units for men and boys who speak Spanish, Chinese, and Korean.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION REPORT

During the past year there have been a number of encouraging developments on the moral scene: large numbers of Christians have become more highly sensitized to the increasing level of immorality which is beamed into their homes by television; new initiatives have been made to deal with world hunger; renewed attention has been given to human rights; the importance of doing the gospel in daily life has been more widely accepted in the churches; and the place of Christian morality as the natural outgrowth of Christian conversion has come to be more generally subscribed to among the people of God. There have been enough discouraging developments on the moral scene, however, to keep Christians humble: hunger and poverty persist; racial problems go unresolved; gambling and alcohol interests keep on finding new victims; the arms race continues its malignant growth; the energy crisis keeps building; health care costs continue to rise; and both inflation and unemployment trouble multitudes of people at home and abroad.

The Christian Life Commission has responded with all its might to these moral challenges. Through conferences, literature, organizational activities, speeches, sermons, books, and the mass media, the Commission has assisted Baptists working to bring God's righteousness to a sinful world.

Renewed attention has been devoted to the problem of hunger and the terrible toll it extracts from human beings who have been denied their right to eat. The Christian Life Commission worked with several other agencies to lead Southern Baptists in the first observance of

World Hunger Day on August 2. This fall a Convention-wide Convocation on Hunger is being sponsored by a group of Southern Baptist agencies chaired by the Christian Life Commission.

Following last year's battle over "Soap," the struggle against immoral television programing also has continued. The Christian Life Commission's "Help for Television Viewers" packet, distributed as a Cooperative Program-funded project to nearly 50,000 church leaders last year, has received wide publicity and use. The ABC Evening News as well as *Newsweek* magazine, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Examiner* gave attention to the packet and to the Christian Life Commission's work in the area of television morality.

The Commission has continued to help God's changed people in their task of changing the world. A number of regional conferences have been conducted in 1978 to assist pastors and laypersons in applying the gospel to daily life. A national seminar held in Nashville, Tennessee, considered current lifestyle issues in Christian perspective. Two consultations were held to aid Southern Baptists in their efforts to deal with moral problems related to alcohol and family life. A specialized conference helped church leaders come to grips with their moral responsibility in the energy crisis.

The task is not complete. In this imperfect world, new moral challenges are constantly arising. Yet Christians have a sense of genuine satisfaction in knowing that during the past year God's people have been faithful as His salt and light in the world, a people truly on Bold Mission, doing the gospel of God in Christ.

EDUCATION COMMISSION REPORT

The retiring executive director-treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention reported a strong year for Southern Baptist education culminating in a national study which underlined the strength of Southern Baptist colleges. Ben C. Fisher, who will retire September 30, has spent 40 years in service to Southern Baptists, including 30 years in Christian higher education.

The McGrath Study of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, conducted during 1976-77 as part of the colloquium followup is the most comprehensive self-study ever undertaken by Southern Baptist colleges and universities and has been widely acclaimed by educational leaders throughout the country. The study among 49 Baptist schools conducted by Earl J. McGrath, former U. S. commissioner of education and eminent educational researcher, encouraged the schools to re-examine their Christian purposes, as well as their educational programs. Baptist colleges and schools on the whole have remained closer to their denomination than any other major group of church-related colleges. McGrath believes that the greatest single factor

contributing to the comparative healthy condition of Southern Baptist colleges is that they have kept strong ties with the denomination.

During the past 10 years Baptist colleges have increased their enrollment by more than 30 percent, far above the national average.

During 1977-78, the Education Commission continued to implement the "Mission Support" program adopted by the commission and the Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools (ASBCS) in 1971. National meetings have been held between Baptist college presidents, the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, and Woman's Missionary Union. The goal for all Baptist colleges has been to make missions a matter of institutional policy. This includes a broad emphasis on recruiting, training, and retaining Christian vocational workers with a special priority on missions. To further highlight this commitment, Baptist colleges and schools are giving enthusiastic backing to Bold Mission Thrust, Southern Baptists' strategy for reaching the world with the gospel by the year 2000. Current figures indicate 1,012 home and foreign mission volunteers enrolled in the seminaries while colleges and schools have 1,6001 mission volunteers.

In its program of Christian education leadership and coordination, the Education Commission coordinated the development of a Bold Mission strategy and emphasis by Baptist schools during 1976-77. Focusing on these Bold Mission concerns, the commission and the ASBCS are presently projecting plans for a National Conference on Christian Education and Bold Missions to be held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in Houston, Texas in June 1979.

Another important program function of the Education Commission has been to serve as liaison with national educational organizations, such as the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities, in strengthening the role of church-related colleges at the national level.

At the local institutional level, the Education Commission developed campus models for implementing Bold Mission strategies as part of its program of college studies and services for 1976-77. In addition, the commission continued to assist Baptist colleges and schools in maintaining their accreditation with regional accrediting agencies and also conducted surveys and faculty workshops.

Calls continue to increase for assistance in trustee orientation both from individual institutions and state convention secretaries. The commission has given leadership and guidance for a number of workshops and is currently engaged in updating trustee orientation materials.

With the addition of Darrell W. Wood to the Education Commission staff as director of communications stepped-up efforts are being made to take advantage of channeling opportunities for promoting emphases through Baptist Sunday School Board periodicals and other SBC

agencies' publications. These channeling communications include both curriculum and non-curriculum materials.

Today's sharpened focus on spiritual values and Bold Mission marks a rallying point for Baptist educational institutions. In responding boldly to the challenge of Bold Mission, Baptist colleges and schools continue to stress Christian values, character development, and supporting the work of our denomination.

MIDWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY REPORT

Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, newest of Southern Baptists' six seminaries, reported a record enrollment for the fifth straight academic in regular degree and diploma programs in 1977-78.

The seminary, which reported to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15, operates on a "mini-term" method of scheduling called "The Midwestern Plan." Courses are taught in four or eight week blocks, meeting one or two hours each day, Tuesday through Friday. The year is divided into 10 four-week terms, rather than the typical semesters with summer school.

The 16 permanent faculty members are joined each year by numerous pastors, professors, SBC agency personnel, and other leaders as visiting professors, an advantage made possible by the mini-term structure. A new permanent faculty position in Religious Education will soon be filled.

The seminary adopted a record budget of \$1.6 million for the 1978-79 fiscal year, up from \$1.6 million figure for the past year.

A program of restoration and renovation of all seminary buildings (excluding relatively new married student housing) was initiated in 1976. Phase I, the modification of the classroom/student center and classroom/faculty office building was completed in February, 1977. This project increased present classroom facilities by 30 percent. Phase II, renovation of the single residence hall was begun in April, 1978 and is expected to be completed by August.

NEW ORLEANS BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY REPORT

Increasing enrollment continued to dominate interest at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with 1,344 students enrolled through the end of the summer session in July, 1977, the seminary reported during the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting, June 13-15.

At the close of the year, the seminary had experienced an 18 percent increase in student enrollment over the previous academic year, enabling it to maintain its position as the third largest of the six Southern Baptist seminaries.

The increase brought additional faculty members to the seminary. Six began during the year: Fred Moseley, director of the School of Christian Training and one of its instructors; Jerry Breazeale and Charles Graham, both instructors in the School of Christian Training; Harold Bryson, associate professor of preaching; Carlton Winbery, assistant professor of New Testament and Greek; and Leroy Yarbrough, assistant professor of choral conducting.

The budget for the 1976-77 academic year was \$2,627,300, of which 67.28 percent or \$1,767,761, was provided by the Southern Baptist Convention through the Cooperative Program.

During the year, the School of Christian Training completed its first year of operation, experiencing a 45 percent increase in enrollment. It moved into its new building on campus, one which had been remodeled to meet the specific needs of that division of the seminary.

Other building improvements included the refurbishing of Carey Hall, the women's dormitory; renovation of the Preschool Education Center; and renovation of several classrooms.

Four tennis courts were completed during the year. These are fenced in and lighted and, together with some major changes and additions to the gymnasium, contributed substantially to the seminary's recreation program.

In addition to new faculty, two other faculty changes occurred. James Mosteller died January 1, 1977, and Genter Stephens retired and was named professor emeritus.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY REPORT

Southern Baptists have committed themselves to Bold Mission Thrust, an effort to reach our nation with the good news of Jesus Christ by 1985, and to share the gospel with all the world by the end of this century.

That is a monumental task, and one that can be carried out only as we are equipped by the power of God.

Your church is even now preparing to carry out the concept of Bold Mission in your community, your city, your state. Perhaps your people have already caught the vision of what God can do in us and through us as we surrender ourselves to Him in Bold Mission.

Southern Seminary is also a part of Bold Mission Thrust, an integral part. Southern Seminary is committed to equipping God-called ministers to share the good news of Christ across America and "unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Our location on the doorstep of the Midwest and Northeast, areas of concentrated Bold Mission Thrust effort, gives Southern Seminary a strategic place in the mission emphasis of Southern Baptists. Many

students, through their pioneering mission work in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, and other states, are already in the vanguard of the denomination's missions effort.

For example, through a program sponsored jointly by Southern Seminary and the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, six students board a van each Friday for a weekend trip to Michigan where they serve a number of churches and missions, providing vital trained leadership that might otherwise be unavailable. A similar program will be underway this coming year in Indiana as well.

Another strategic move in Bold Mission Thrust is the establishment this year of a third off-campus Boyce Bible School Center in Springfield, Ill. Boyce Bible School, now in its fourth year, provides much-needed training for pastors and church staff members without college degrees and seminary training. Two earlier off-campus centers, in Little Rock, Ark., and Columbus, Ohio, are already bringing the resources of ministerial training to many who are in places of service in those areas.

This year Southern Seminary became the first Southern Baptist school, and perhaps the first accredited seminary in the nation, to offer the Doctor of Philosophy degree in evangelism, assuring the highest calibre of preparation for those who will lead in reaching our world for Christ.

This commitment to evangelism and missions is nothing new; the Louisville seminary has the oldest endowed chairs of evangelism and missions in the world: the Billy Graham Chair of Evangelism and the W. O. Carver Chair of Christian Missions. Five full-time faculty members provide practical expertise and solid Biblical foundations in this area.

Add to that the emphasis of the Billy Graham Center of Evangelism at Southern Seminary which includes, in addition to the Graham teaching post, student evangelism teams, outreach efforts to the Louisville community, and the Billy Graham Research collection, which contains records of the Graham ministry and of other famous evangelists. The Graham Center, with its ever increasing holdings, is becoming a national focal point for study in the area of evangelism.

Southern Seminary's commitment to Bold Mission Thrust, reflected by the presence on our campus of students from more than 20 nations who will return to assume leadership positions in their own lands, is also seen in our "branch campus" in Ogbomoso, Nigeria. In fact, Southern is the only American seminary with a branch campus on the African continent.

Other exciting developments have occurred within the past year as well, including:

Faculty additions in preaching, religious education, and other areas, and the naming of James Sullivan, former SBC president and Sunday School Board head, as visiting professor;

Leadership by our professors of national groups in evangelism, preaching, and other areas;

Attainment of \$4 million in cash and pledges in the seminary's \$10 million endowment-capital needs campaign, an effort to insure that the seminary has "Resources for Excellence" in the coming years;

Our one-hundredth anniversary in Louisville, Kentucky, where the seminary moved in 1877 from Greenville, S. C., where it was founded in 1859.

It is an exciting time to be a Southern Baptist, and an exciting time to be at Southern Seminary. Something special is happening here...there's a new spirit of expectancy, of God's activity among us.

If you were to state our purpose in one phrase, it would be this: we're out to change the world. We're out to change the world because it desperately needs the transforming touch of Jesus Christ. And as Southern Baptists move out boldly to communicate the gospel to all men everywhere, Southern Seminary will continue to be an integral part of that divinely-commissioned task.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

The academic year, 1977-78, at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary has been a year of celebration and a year of dynamic response to the challenge of Bold Mission. The celebration concerns the 70th year in the life of the institution and the 20th year of the leadership of retiring President Robert E. Naylor, the fifth president of the seminary.

The trustees named Russell Hooper Dilday, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia, president-elect effective January 1, 1978. He becomes the sixth president on August 1, 1978.

For the first time in its history, Southwestern Seminary presented degrees and diplomas to more than 800 people in a single year.

Enrollment for the year continued to set new records. In the academic year 4,136 students registered. There were 2,420 in the School of Theology; 1,345 in the School of Religious Education, and 366 in the School of Church Music.

New faculty personnel added during the year include C. L. Bass, associate professor of music theory and composition; Tommy L. Bridges, assistant professor of educational administration; Paula Brooks, instructor in communication arts; Michael Malek, instructor in church music education and Albert L. Travis, associate professor of organ.

Responding to a request of the San Antonio Baptist Association of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the seminary began offering degree-level work in San Antonio, Texas in the fall of 1977. Operating under the same guidelines as the off-campus centers in Houston, Texas and in Shawnee, Oklahoma, the response has been excellent with 263 enrolled in the three centers.

The seminary constructed 48 additional apartments for married students. The physical fitness center is under construction with an anticipated completion date in the fall. The Cooperative Program provided 57% of the operating budget of the seminary. This has made possible enlargement of the faculty to match the record enrollment. There has been a reduction in the teacher-student ratio.

Several pressing capital needs projects have been adopted by the trustees. Heading the list is a Learning Resource and Research Center. Space vacated by the current library will require a complete renovation into a world mission center, offices and classrooms.

Other planned projects are restructuring of Cowden Hall, the School of Church Music building; and the construction of 72 additional housing units for married students.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Foreign Mission Board set three records during 1977, the first year of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust emphasis.

A record 279 new missionaries, advancement into eight new countries or territories, and an all-time high of 98,715 baptisms on mission fields "made 1977 an outstanding year for the overseas portion of Bold Mission Thrust." Bold Mission Thrust is the SBC's effort to proclaim the gospel to the whole world by the year 2000.

The 279 missionaries—a new appointment high for the third straight year—included 127 career missionaries, 18 reappointments, 31 missionary associates, 94 journeymen and nine special project workers.

Southern Baptists' entry into eight new mission fields—the largest number in one year—brought the total to 90 countries and territories. The new countries or territories included Sri Lanka, Scotland, the Caymen Islands and Martinique in the Caribbean; Rwanda, South Africa, and the South African homeland of Bophuthatswana in Africa; and the Seychelles in the Indian Ocean.

Two African countries, Mozambique and Madagascar, were removed from the list. Missionaries who left Mozambique in 1975 because of the political unrest that followed that country's independence were not allowed to re-enter. By June 1977, the board reassigned them to other countries. Attempts to get visas for missionaries to enter Madagascar have been unsuccessful.

Baptists overseas in churches related to Southern Baptist mission work in 1977 numbered more than one million for the first time, including the 98,715 baptisms. The number of overseas churches grew from 8,107, with 906,542 members in 1976, to 8,533 churches and 1,071,922 members last year.

With 1977, came a new emphasis on volunteers in missions. Mission Service Corps, a program for utilizing more volunteers, was adopted by the SBC meeting in Kansas City, Mo. The program is designed for volunteers willing to give of their time for one to two years service at home or abroad.

Volunteer Involvement in Missions was also developed as a cooperative project for sharing of information about volunteers by the Foreign Mission Board, the Home Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union and the Brotherhood Commission. More than 2,400 persons participated in foreign missions as short-term volunteers in 1977 through the Foreign Mission Board.

Many of the volunteers served through special evangelistic campaigns conducted in at least 11 countries. Others helped in major city evangelization efforts. These efforts are in various stages of development in countries throughout the world with one in South Brazil approaching its climax.

During 1977, gifts for relief and world hunger totaled \$889,190. Southern Baptists aided victims of severe earthquakes in Romania and Argentina and of an unusually destructive cyclone and tidal wave on the east coast of India.

Southern Baptist giving to Foreign Missions through the Cooperative Program in 1977 increased by 7.69 percent to a sum of \$25,043,319. Funds received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering increased by 9.27 percent to a total of \$28,570,089. These, with miscellaneous income, brought the total 1977 income given to foreign missions by Southern Baptists to \$62,685,716.

Even though giving was up in 1977, the increase in missionary personnel and spiraling inflation took its toll on the Foreign Mission Board. Cost-of-living adjustments were made almost every month to compensate for inflation and a decline in purchasing power of the U. S. dollar in many areas.

Fifteen years ago, one third of the board's overseas budget (approximately 90 percent of its total budget) went to missionary support (such as salaries and allowances, training, travel, health). Because of overseas inflation and a larger missionary force, a little more than 60 percent goes for support of missionaries now.

Political turmoil also affected mission work in 1977. Baptist church activities were banned in Uganda, but Southern Baptist missionaries have been able to remain in the country. Missionaries had to withdraw

from Ethiopia for a while because of disturbed political situation but some have since returned.

Visa problems continue for Southern Baptist missionaries in Malaysia and some Latin American countries but at the end of the year, the visa situations in Nigeria and Indonesia seemed to be easing.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

The Southern Baptist Historical Commission cited several achievements for the Nashville-based agency in the areas of history workshops, publications, computerized indexing, oral history and microfilm.

The Historical Commission implemented its goal of "taking the staff to the people" by conducting 12 history workshops in South Carolina, North Carolina, Kansas, Nebraska, New Mexico, and Tennessee.

The commission noted an increase to 9,000 in the annual circulation of its journal, "Baptist History and Heritage." The special issue on "The Role of Women in Baptist History" proved to be the most popular issue in the 13-year history of the publication.

The Commission reported that the computerized Baptist Information Retrieval System (BIRS), launched five years ago, made significant strides forward:

- 419 inquiries processed, thus confirming, the commission said, the research value of BIRS.

- Enlistment of the "Western Recorder," Kentucky state Baptist newspaper, as a participant of BIRS.

- Production of indexes to three Baptist state papers (Texas, North Carolina, Alabama), to the Alabama Convention Annuals (1823-50), as well as the annual "Southern Baptist Periodical Index."

Another major project of the commission—oral history—resulted in the completion of the transcribing, indexing, and binding of interviews with Herschel H. Hobbs, former SBC president. A bound copy of the "Hobbs Memoirs" was presented to Hobbs as part of the Historical Commission's verbal report to the SBC.

The commission's microfilm program involved the microfilming of 50,000 pages of annuals and periodicals of three major Black Baptist conventions in America, and 71,000 pages of evangelical materials from eastern Europe.

According to the commission, 948 items of Baptist materials were added on microfilm valued at \$5,800 and 1,542 books, annuals, periodicals, church histories, and other items valued at \$4,255 were obtained.

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

BOLD MISSION THRUST

Bold Mission Thrust—the Southern Baptist Convention's plan to reach the nation for Christ—occupied a top spot in the attention of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during 1977. The staff of the HMB was engaged in consultations with state leaders to select key cities and key under-evangelized counties for special BMT assistance. In 1977, Phase One of the concentrated effort gave attention to six metropolitan areas and some 60 counties.

MISSION SERVICE CORPS

The Home Mission Board is now deeply involved in developing procedures and recruiting volunteers for the Mission Service Corps. MSC has a goal of enlisting 5,000 volunteers to serve for one or two years, either in the United States or abroad, in an effort to reach the objectives of Bold Mission Thrust. 1,100 places of service had been identified.

A NOTE OF SADNESS AND VICTORY

The year brought notes of sadness, but also notes of victory as two great leaders died. Courts B. Redford, executive secretary-treasurer of the HMB from Jan. 1, 1954 to Dec. 31, 1964, died April 11, 1977, and Arthur B. Rutledge, executive director-treasurer from Jan. 1, 1965, until Dec. 31, 1976, died Nov. 23, 1977.

STAFF AND MISSIONARIES

The Home Mission Board has 2,830 persons under appointment.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

In 1977, financial support of the work of the HMB was outstanding. Cooperative Program gifts increased 15 percent and contributions to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions gained 11.58 percent. The HMB received \$9.4 million in the basic CP allocation, plus \$431,507 from the challenge section. The AAEO provided \$10,745,968.

EVANGELISM DEVELOPMENT

This program works with and assists 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. During 1977, the churches of the convention reported 345,000 baptisms, the lowest total in several years. Church membership, however, was up 1.1 percent.

PERSONAL EVANGELISM

This program works with churches, associations and state conventions in motivating, equipping and involving persons for a lifestyle of personal witnessing and training of others for such a lifestyle. Some 172 laypersons were involved in national evangelism training events and 1,100 laypersons were trained to respond to needs in all areas of personal evangelism in their churches and associations.

MASS EVANGELISM

During 1977, a media campaign feature television spots for state conventions, associations and other interested Baptist groups. Also, the first national conference on evangelism in small churches was planned and conducted, with an attendance of 215 persons. A seminar for professional evangelists drew 185 persons. Also, 10 area crusades received assistance; 15 professional evangelists were trained to serve as field consultants, and material for planning and conducting lay-led revivals was prepared.

CHAPLAINCY

This program provides endorsement for ministers serving in chaplaincy positions, a support ministry to chaplains and their families on the field. The total number of full-time and active duty chaplains is 799. Another 485 persons serve in part-time and volunteer chaplain positions. During the year, Carl Hart was named director of the chaplaincy division.

CHURCH LOANS

This program works with and assists associations, state conventions and churches by providing counsel on church loans and financing for church building construction and church site purchases. Some 2,000 churches are served by the program.

ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION SERVICE

This program works with and assists association, state conventions and SBC agencies toward achieving effective administration in the associations. It relates to 1,190 associations with about 20,000 elected officials and 800 employed workers, of which 245 are HMB employees.

METROPOLITAN MISSIONS

This program works with churches, associations and state conventions in identifying priority needs, discovering available resources and recommending effective strategies and techniques of Southern Baptist work in associations related to metropolitan communities, including central city, suburban and metropolitan fringe areas. It relates to directors of associational missions, other associational staff members, pastors and leaders in 240 areas, assisting in the support of 148 missionaries.

RURAL-URBAN MISSIONS

This program relates to directors of associational missions, pastors, and leaders in more than 600 rural-urban associations. It assists in the support of 178 missionaries. The program assisted in 14 state convention and regional rural and small church conferences, involving 1,545 persons. It assisted 20 associations in strategy planning and led in Bold Mission Thrust conferences in use of volunteers for more than 300 directors of associational missions.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL MINISTRIES

This program works with and assists churches, associations and state conventions in expressing Christian love and witness through special ministries. During the year, the department assisted in support of 337 missionary personnel. During the year, nine associational directors of Christian social ministries were appointed and four other persons—a center director to serve in Las Vegas, an area missionary with emphasis on ministry to the aging in Arizona, a national consultant on ministries to the blind and migrants, and a national consultant on Baptist center and weekday ministries—were appointed. The department provided \$116,434 to 16 state conventions for disaster relief, and worked with one state convention to establish a convention-wide disaster relief program.

CHURCH EXTENSION

This program works with and assists churches, associations and state conventions in establishing and bringing new churches and missions to self-support. It assisted 649 congregations with church pastoral aid and other financial assistance. Of them, 206 were new situations and 46 congregations achieved self-support. A total of 373 new churches and 746 new church-type missions were reported on annual church letters for a net gain of 182 churches. Currently, 1,856 church-type missions are in operation. The department continues to promote the church missions committee as a vehicle for implementing Bold Mission Thrust.

COOPERATIVE MINISTRIES WITH NATIONAL BAPTISTS

This program assists National and Southern Baptist churches, associations, state conventions in their attempts to effect reconciling and cooperative relationships. It also attempts to respond to particular needs of black Southern Baptist churches.

INTERFAITH WITNESS

This program works with and assists churches, associations and state conventions in witnessing to people of other religious groups. The promotion is done through a research and resource staff of four persons and four regional directors based in different parts of the country.

LANGUAGE MISSIONS

This program works with and assists 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 lead them to self-support. Also, it led 60 congregations to use lay leadership to establish new units, encouraged 50 churches to minister to language-culture persons in their communities, and provide leadership for ministries at 30 ports. Some 307 persons were granted scholarships to equip ethnic and deaf persons to serve in church related vocations.

PIONEER MISSIONS

This program relates primarily to areas where Southern Baptists work has been initiated since 1940. It is implemented through other programs of the HMB and does not have its own staff unit. Last year the various programs of the board provided full or partial support to

1,462 missionaries and contributed \$10,340,530 in mission support direct grants and services to the work in pioneer areas.

SPECIAL MISSION MINISTRIES

The department has two major areas of concern: recruitment and assignment of volunteers and resort ministries. Last year, some 16,500 volunteers were assigned.

PLANNING SECTION

This section coordinates both the planning and budgeting processes of the HMB and coordinates with state conventions. In 1977, it initiated a process of planning for the development of objectives and goals for 1979-1986, and 1979-2000.

SERVICE SECTION

The function of the entire section has been carried out in providing foundational services to missionaries and staff personnel. Of special concern is the support of Bold Mission Thrust, Volunteer Involvement in Missions and Mission Service Corps. Some 164 candidates were appointed and 325 mission and language pastors were approved for support.

THE RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION REPORT

The year 1977 was the best year the Commission has ever had in all respects. There were more professions of faith, mail response was excellent, and more public service time (\$11.1 million dollars worth) was given by the stations and networks than ever before. The year's statistics provided an outstanding basis for observing the agency's fortieth anniversary in 1978. God's hand of blessing is on this work.

During 1977 your Radio and Television Commission again worked hard to "give the winds a mighty voice as the Bold Mission concept became reality." Dr. Billy Graham, speaking at the 1978 Abe Lincoln Awards program for broadcasters said religious radio and television "are among the greatest factors in the resurgence of religion in this country" and cited the Commission as a pioneer in the creative use of the media.

A series of 30-second spots featuring Southern Baptist leaders telling "What Baptists Believe" is one of the latest efforts in the denomination's Bold Mission Thrust to evangelize the world by the end of the century.

The spots were produced by the Radio and Television Commission for use on radio and television. They present the Baptist viewpoints about God, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, salvation, baptism, sin, the church, the Lord's Supper and the Lord's Day.

The first 11 Joint Venture Bible Study programs will be produced in the Commission's videotape studio during the week of August 14. The Baptist Sunday School Board is underwriting and sponsoring the series, which will be placed on television beginning in October. Subsequent production dates for the series are set for November and March, 1979. In addition to the TV programs, the Commission has been asked to produce a radio program series utilizing much of the same material.

"The Baptist Hour," flagship program of the Commission entered its 37th year on radio with a drastic change in format. Still a half-hour program, it is offered in stereo and the format is much more informal than it used to be. Dr. Frank Pollard, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jackson, Mississippi, is the current speaker on "The Baptist Hour." The entire series for 1978 was produced in Israel.

"Country Crossroads" can now be heard on 687 stations, "Master-Control" is on 756 stations, and "Powerline" stations rose to 924 during the year and will doubtless reach the 1,000 station mark in 1978.

One new program, "Streams in the Desert," was introduced in 1977. With only minimal efforts, the station list rose to 94 by year's end.

The Commission launched two new series of television programs early last year—"Listen" and "The Athletes." Response from the audiences has been highly favorable and the evangelistic impact excellent.

"One Sunday morning while listening to your program, I let Jesus enter my heart and be my Savior." That sort of testimony from an increasing number of people is "living proof" that the Commission's programs are hitting the mark.

While it isn't known just how many are in the Commission audience from week to week, the figure is staggering. The agency receives each year a glimpse of the rich spiritual harvest which takes place when God's Word is effectively presented.

Above 184,000 friends wrote last year for the first time to express appreciation for the programs and to request further information and help. An incredible 14,332 of these wrote to receive spiritual counsel—double the number who wrote in 1976.

More than 2,000 wrote to say they had accepted Christ as Savior, or renewed their commitment to follow Him in discipleship. These friends are followed up extensively, of course, to provide the kind of help and guidance necessary for them to become productive, growing Christians.

If the world is to hear the good news, radio and television will have to be involved. There are too many worldly barriers, border restriction, and nations at cold or hot war with one another to expect it to happen any other way. We continually thank God for the tools placed in our hands, and seek to use them prayerfully and skillfully to reach the maximum number of people for Christ.

SEMINARY EXTENSION REPORT

Endorsements from two nationally recognized educational bodies capped another record-breaking year for the Seminary Extension Department of the six Southern Baptist theological seminaries, the department reported to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 13-15.

Early in 1978, Seminary Extension's Home Study Institute received, without stipulation, reaccreditation by the Accrediting Commission of the National Home Study Council, the correspondence school affiliate of the Council on Post Secondary Education.

Also during the year the American Council on Education, in a project to assess the amount of credit individual correspondence courses should carry when applied on degree programs, evaluated 14 courses in Seminary Extension's College-level Curriculum Series as worthy of at least three semester hours of credit each. (The courses had previously been listed on transcripts as one semester hour.)

Raymond M. Rigdon, department director, said 8,773 persons from all 50 states and 19 foreign countries enrolled in Seminary Extension courses, almost 7,000 of them in a record 328 extension centers across the country. Student enrollments have increased by 98.5 percent since 1970.

Although operated as an arm of the six seminaries, the Seminary Extension Department maintains separate offices in the Southern Baptist Convention Building in Nashville, Tenn. Eighteen state Baptist conventions have staff members assigned to work with the department in planning and conducting programs of ministry training in their respective states.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION REPORT

An increased awareness by Southern Baptists of services offered by Southern Baptist Foundation has resulted in the greatest increase in assets in any one year in its history.

Book value of total funds reached a new high of \$21,089,026, representing a net increase of \$3,610,346 for a 20.7 percent advance over the previous year's total.

Earnings from these assets totaled \$1,140,149, which marked the third year the \$1 million mark has been exceeded. This represented the greatest income produced in any given year in the life of the Foundation.

Over half of the growth for the year resulted from the largest gift by an individual donor, who asked to remain anonymous, ever made to the Foundation. The \$1,836,750 gift will produce over \$100,000 annually in income for various denominational causes.

Christian stewardship, evidenced by this type of giving, is an example that will hopefully encourage all Baptists to set aside a portion of their material blessings from God to Christian endeavors.

Since there are many accounts in the Foundation with varying objectives, it's difficult to produce an overall investment performance rate for any year for the Foundation. But the General Fund—the pool of many smaller accounts—declined 1.5 percent in fiscal 1977 and more nearly reflects the Foundation's general investment policy than any other. This compares with a decrease in the Dow Jones Industrial Average of 14.1 percent and Standard and Poor's 400 stock index of 10.1 percent over the same period.

This excellent performance serves to point out two of the basic investment philosophies of the Foundation. One is emphasis on higher income securities and a commitment to reduce exposure to the equity markets in periods of forecasted market weakness. The cash equivalent position of the General Fund had increased to 14 percent by the end of the fiscal year as compared with 6 percent at the beginning.

Steps were initiated during the year to seek the cooperation of all Baptist foundations for making the purpose of Baptist foundations better known throughout the convention and to provide means to increase the expertise of foundations in the area of taxes, estate planning, development and investment management.

1977 can become a base from which new ideas can be dreamed and new programs launched to assist agencies in increasing the return on their assets and individuals in fulfilling their commitment to eternal stewardship.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION REPORT

For the first time in history, the total Southern Baptist Convention portion of Cooperative Program receipts has exceeded \$51 million, the SBC Stewardship Commission reported during the SBC, June 13-15.

At the close of the fiscal year 1976-77, SBC Cooperative Program receipts amounted to \$51,940,459—11.16 percent, or \$5,214,737, more than the 1975-76 receipts, the report noted.

The two most significant facts in the area of Cooperative Program promotion are the 11.16 percentage increase in Cooperative Program receipts, and the increase in division of Cooperative Program gifts between SBC and state convention from 33.44 percent to 34.23 percent in favor of the SBC.

Another major event cited was adoption, by the convention meeting in Kansas City, Mo., in 1977, of the commission's recommendation to double Cooperative Program giving by 1982, and to encourage each church and state convention to increase its percentage division of funds.

In stewardship development, the commission said, a new approach, called Materials Awareness Conferences, has shown good results. State-wide stewardship campaigns completed in two states were successful.

According to A. R. Fagan, the commission's executive director, "This has been an extremely good year in endowment and capital giving promotion. Churches and institutions have been led to pledge nearly \$22 million, a \$5 million increase over any previous year, for capital products. There will be no repayment and no interest charges on these funds."

Fagan also noted that the distribution of 665,000 bulletin inserts and 12,300 posters promoting "Make Your Will Month" set a new record. "Growth in all areas of stewardship can be measured by the use of materials," Fagan continued, "and this has been our best year in the quantity of materials distributed."

"Bold Mission Thrust," he continued, "must be funded to succeed. Every area of our work is designed with this in mind. Growth trends in all phases are encouraging in this respect." Bold Mission Thrust is the SBC plan to evangelize the world in this century.

The commission's report cited accomplishments over the past fiscal year and listed 1978-79 program goals in the three major areas of stewardship development, Cooperative Program promotion, and endowment and capital giving promotion. The commission has goals related to all three of the program areas.

Goals under the Cooperative Program promotion include special plans for Bold Mission Thrust. The plans call for working with state and national Southern Baptist leadership to implement the goals adopted during the 1977 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Kansas City.

1979 will begin a promotion emphasis involving every area of the commission's work. The theme of the new emphasis, "Witness to the World," will speak to individuals and churches about their responsibility to witness through a distinctively Christian life-style in the management of their total possessions.

The program of stewardship development has goals related to providing assistance to states using the "Great Challenge" budget subscription program, Stewardship Decision Night assistance for states and associations, aids for churches planning programs of stewardship development, production and distribution of promotional materials and articles on stewardship, and stewardship-related conferences at all levels of SBC life.

Program accomplishments for 1976-77 included appointing, working with, and completing the work of the Bold Mission Task Force as called for by the SBC meeting in Norfolk, Va., in 1976; selling Cooperative Program promotion materials to 29 Baptist state conventions for free distribution to the churches; providing promotional plans and materials at cost for the second year of "Bold Believers in Giving" to state conventions; conducting Cooperative Program leadership conferences in 12 state conventions and holding conferences in 23 state conventions with state and associational leadership.

Assistance was provided for 16 state conventions and 180 churches in conducting "Great Challenge" church budget subscription programs; 15 state conventions were assisted in conducting 75 associational Stewardship Decision Nights; four states were given direction in relation to special statewide stewardship programs; assistance was provided for 12 state conventions in state stewardship training meetings.

Sixty-six churches were assisted in raising over \$1-½ million for building programs and materials and programs were provided for 158 churches in "do-it-yourself" capital fund-raising services.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD REPORT

The Sunday School Board set a record receipt total of \$75 million last year but was hampered somewhat by skyrocketing energy and postal costs and bad winter weather.

In presenting the annual report to the Sunday School Board trustees, President Grady C. Cothen said the Board is in excellent financial shape as "we go about fulfilling our mission—the mission of ministry."

Four priorities continued to receive major attention.

More than 7,000 churches and 224 associations conducted ACTION enrollment campaigns and 567 new Sunday Schools were started in efforts to reach more persons for Bible study.

The Bible Book Series for youth and adults in Sunday School and the Radio-TV Bible Correspondence program are scheduled to begin October 1, 1978.

The "Equipping Center" concept, short-term training for adults, continued to be tested with plans to release the first materials April 1, 1979.

Family life conferences which reached 33,000 persons and *Home Life* with an average monthly circulation of 838,000 were the primary resources for supporting and enriching family life.

Career Assessment and Development Consultations were undertaken to aid and encourage pastors and church staff members.

Baptist Book Stores opened three regional mail order centers in Nashville, St. Louis, and Arlington, Texas.

Broadman Press introduced 633 new products during the year. The first book of the 24-volume *Laymen's Bible Book Commentary* will be released in October 1978.

Reorganization was completed of the Church Services and Materials Division into three divisions—Bible Teaching, Christian Development and Church and Staff Support. Total Church Study Course credits requested for the year were 308,407.

In the program of Sunday School development, increased visibility was given to associational work and ministry with ethnic groups and to blind and deaf persons.

Enrollment in church music programs increased 1.3 percent over the previous year. Sales of all editions of the *Baptist Hymnal* are now over 2.5 million.

The Church Program Training Center, housed in the church administration department, sponsored 117 events attended by 2,542 persons.

Baptist student ministries now reach 1,084 campuses with 673 others identified as needing a ministry. National Student Ministries will sponsor a nation-wide missions conference in Nashville in December 1979.

The National Association of Senior Adults, sponsored by the family ministry department, set a goal of 50,000 members by 1985. A monthly magazine for single adults will begin publication in April 1979.

Under the convention-approved formula, \$1.6 million was transferred to assist state conventions in promoting Sunday School Board-related programs.

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SECTION VI

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

THE BAPTIST CONVENTION OF PENNSYLVANIA-SOUTH JERSEY

ARTICLE—NAME

The name of this body shall be The Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey. It shall be associated with the Southern Baptist Convention.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The purpose of this body is as follows:

(1) Furnish cooperating, autonomous Baptist churches a means whereby they may effectively participate in the mission objects of The Southern Baptist Convention.

(2) Serve as a channel of communication and assistance between the Association, the churches, the Southern Baptist Convention and it's boards and agencies.

(3) Provide assistance and encouragement to the Associations and the churches in winning, nurturing and ministering to people.

(4) To provide an organization whereby the Associations and churches may perform tasks which cannot otherwise be accomplished.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1

This Convention shall consist of Messengers elected by cooperating Baptist Churches, who regularly contribute to the work of this body, and who are in harmony with doctrines and principles generally held by Southern Baptists.

SECTION 2

The Messengers shall be elected by the churches as follows:

(a) Three (3) Messengers from each church with membership up to fifty (50).

(b) One (1) Messenger for each additional fifty (50) members or major portion thereof.

(c) No church may elect more than ten (10) Messengers.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The officers of this convention shall be, President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary, and Historical Secretary.

SECTION 2

The President and Vice-President shall be nominated from the floor. The Recording Secretary, Assistant Recording Secretary and Historical Secretary shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee. These officers shall be elected annually by the body and shall be duly installed at the closing session of the convention. They shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and installed.

(a) No president shall be eligible to serve more than (2) consecutive terms.

(b) The election shall be by secret ballot when two (2) or more persons are nominated for the same office.

(c) The President shall be elected before the Vice-Presidents are nominated, and the First Vice-President is to be elected before receiving nominations for the Second Vice-President.

SECTION 3

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be employed by the Executive Board for an indefinite period of time.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

This Convention shall meet annually as determined by the body. In case of an emergency, the President, with the consent of the Executive Board, may call a special session.

ARTICLE VI—EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

This Convention shall elect an Executive Board which shall consist of two (2) members from the churches of each associational area for the first 1000 church members or fraction thereof. One additional member shall be elected from each association area for each additional 1000 members in the churches, not to exceed five (5) members from any one associational area.

SECTION 2

The President, Vice-Presidents and Recording Secretary of the Convention shall serve as members of the Executive Board. In the event that such officers are employees of the convention they shall be non-voting ex-officio members.

SECTION 3

The regular term of office for each member of the board shall be for three (3) years with approximately one-third (1/3) elected each year. After a member has served for a term of two (2) years or more, one (1) full year must elapse before this person is eligible for re-election.

Members of the Executive Board shall take office at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.

SECTION 4

The Executive Board shall be the corporate body of the convention. It shall conduct the convention's business between sessions, but shall not contravene action of the convention.

ARTICLE VII—TRUSTEES AND COMMITTEES**SECTION 1**

This Convention shall have the authority to elect such trustees and committees as needed.

SECTION 2

These trustees and committees shall make reports to this Convention of all transactions committed to them.

SECTION 3

This Convention shall retain the authority to approve, alter or reject any transactions made by these trustees and committees.

ARTICLE VIII—FUNDS**SECTION 1**

All designated funds accepted by the Convention shall be applied according to the designation of the donors.

SECTION 2

All undesignated funds received shall be distributed as directed by this Convention.

ARTICLE IX—AGENCIES AND INSTITUTIONS

SECTION 1

Agencies and institutions deemed necessary to fulfill the general purpose specified in Article II shall be established, owned and operated by this Convention.

SECTION 2

No institution or agency of this Convention shall launch any program or enterprise calling for the expenditures of money apart from usual operating expenses without prior approval of the Convention.

SECTION 3

Any proposal relating to Sections 1 and 2 above must be presented to the Executive Board for study and published through the Penn-Jersey Baptist at least sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of the Convention.

ARTICLE X—PROCEEDINGS

The proceedings of this Convention, the report of the Executive Board, and such other useful information as the Secretary may be able to obtain, shall be published and distributed annually among the churches.

ARTICLE XI—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended at any regular annual meeting by two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed changes shall have been published sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting, and provided changes shall have been presented to the Convention at the previous annual meeting in writing.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I—DUTIES OF OFFICERS

SECTION 1

The President shall preside over the sessions of the Convention. At least two months prior to the annual meeting of the convention, he shall appoint a Committee on Committees consisting of one member from each associational area. He may appoint other committees when

directed by the body. In case of his death or incapacity to serve the Vice-Presidents shall succeed him in order.

SECTION 2

The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention and the Executive Board.

SECTION 3

The Recording Secretary shall record and preserve the proceedings of the Convention and shall have the same printed and distributed in accordance with Article X of the Constitution. The Assistant Recording Secretary shall serve in the absence of the Recording Secretary and assist as necessary.

SECTION 4

The Historical Secretary shall gather and preserve all appropriate papers and documents pertaining to the Convention, the Associations, and the Churches.

SECTION 5

The President and Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be non-voting ex-officio members of all Convention Committees, Agencies and Institutions.

ARTICLE II—COMMITTEES

SECTION 1

The Committee on Committees shall nominate for election by the convention the committees named in Section 2 and 3 of this article and such other committees as may be assigned to it.

SECTION 2

The Convention shall elect the following committees to report at the session of the Convention at which they are elected.

(a) Committee on Resolutions, consisting of five members: The committee shall be responsible for initiating, reviewing, commenting on and recommending Convention action on all resolutions. All resolutions presented from the floor of the Convention shall be in writing and referred to the Committee on Resolutions, without debate, prior to floor consideration. By a two-thirds vote of the messengers present on the first day of the Convention, the rules may be suspended and a resolution be taken up for immediate consideration.

(b) Committee on Time, Place, and Preacher, consisting of five members. The committee shall be responsible for recommending to the Convention the time, place, and preacher for the next annual meeting of the Convention.

SECTION 3

The Convention shall elect the following committees, to report to the next regular session of the Convention. In the event a vacancy occurs between annual sessions, the officers of the Executive Board shall nominate a replacement to be elected by the Board.

(a) Program Committee, consisting of five members. The committee shall prepare the order of business, arrange for speakers, reports, and special events. The host pastor for the next annual meeting shall be an ex-officio member of this committee.

(b) Nominating Committee, consisting of one member from each associational area. The Committee shall nominate members of the Executive Board as outlined in Article VI of the Constitution and such other nominations as designated by the Convention.

(c) Committee on Credentials and Enrollment, consisting of five members. The Committee shall provide registration cards for messengers and visitors and examine the credentials of all messengers.

(d) Auditing Committee, consisting of three members. The committee shall audit, or cause to be audited, the financial records of the Convention.

ARTICLE III—EXECUTIVE BOARD

SECTION 1

Members of the Executive Board shall be expected to attend all meetings, unless providentially hindered. In such cases, notice shall be given to the board. Two (2) successive absences without notification shall give the Convention the right to elect a new member to replace the absent one.

SECTION 2

MEETINGS. The Executive Board shall meet quarterly and for additional meetings on call of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer or the President. A majority of the Board members shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 3

OFFICERS. The Officers of the Executive Board shall consist of a President, Vice-President, and Recording Secretary to be elected annually at the first meeting of the Executive Board following the annual session of the Convention.

SECTION 4

COMMITTEES. Prior to the January meeting the President of the Executive Board shall appoint the following committees:

1. **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.** This committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President and Secretary of the Board, the President of the Convention and the chairmen of the three standing committees. The Administrative Committee shall serve as the Executive Board Ad Interim deciding on routine and emergency matters between sessions of the Executive Board and on all other matters referred to it by the Executive Board. It shall serve as a Survey and Study Committee reviewing, correlating and recommending policies and programs to the Executive Board. It shall also serve as the Budget and Finance Committee and the Personnel Committee.

2. **STANDING COMMITTEES.**

(1) **Stewardship and Evangelism.** This committee shall be composed of approximately one-third of the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with the personnel of the Division of Stewardship and Evangelism. It shall review the work of the division and bring reports and recommendations as needed to the Executive Board.

(2) **Missions Committee.** This committee shall be composed of approximately one-third of the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with the personnel of the Division of Missions. It shall review the work of the division and bring reports and recommendations, as needed, to the Executive Board.

(3) **Religious Education.** This committee shall be composed of approximately one-third of the membership of the Executive Board. This committee shall counsel, plan and work with the personnel of the Division of Religious Education. It shall review the work of the division and bring reports and recommendations, as needed, to the Executive Board.

(4) **Long Range Planning.** This committee shall have on its membership the President of the Convention, who shall serve as committee chairman, and at least one representative from the administrative committee and each of the standing committees as set forth in items 1, 2, and 3 above. The committee shall counsel, plan, and work with the Executive Secretary-Treasurer in reviewing and evaluating the status of the Convention long range planning processes and relationships; it shall make an annual review of the objectives and goals for the Convention, evaluate plans for reaching these goals, especially as plans are reflected in the annual calendar of activities; it shall study the objectives and priorities of the promotional goals of the Southern Baptist Convention and the associations with a view to determining how these long range plans shall be related to the long range plans of the Baptist Convention of Pennsylvania-South Jersey; and it shall bring

reports and recommendations, as needed, to the Executive Board, and through the Executive Board to the Convention.

3. SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Special Committees may be formed as needed. Their duties shall be those assigned to them when the committee is authorized.

SECTION 5

DUTIES. The Executive Board shall administer its cooperative work according to the policies set forth by the Convention, maintain oversight of convention agencies and institutions and recommend to the Convention an annual budget.

The Executive Board shall employ such personnel as required to do the work of the Convention.

SECTION 6

No persons employed by the Executive Board or agencies of this Convention shall be eligible for election to this Board.

ARTICLE IV—AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws may be altered by a majority vote of the messengers present and voting at the business session of the same convention, providing announcements of such has been made at a previous session of the same Convention.

ARTICLE V—PROCEDURE

The Rules of Order for the session of the Convention shall be “Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised”, but in cases where the meaning may not be clear, the President shall exercise his discretion, subject to appeal to the Convention.

SECTION VII
STATISTICAL TABLES

HISTORICAL TABLE

YEAR	PLACE	PRESIDENT	EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER	VICE-PRESIDENTS	RECORDING SECRETARIES	PREACHER OF CONVENTION SERMON
1970	Camp Hill	C. E. Price	Joseph M. Waltz	George N. Bagwell	Angelo DeiRossi	Organizational Meeting
1971	Pittsburgh	C. E. Price	Joseph M. Waltz	Frank E. Bowman Vernon S. Lee	Paul A. Maxey	Milton Elmore
1972	Philadelphia	C. E. Price	G. W. Bullard	Vernon S. Lee	Clarence P. Moore Mrs. Maryellen Perkins	Fred N. Jolly
1973	Carlisle	Kenneth A. Estep	G. W. Bullard	George N. Bagwell Frank E. Bowman	Mrs. Maryellen Perkins	David H. Perkins
1974	McMurray	Kenneth A. Estep	G. W. Bullard	John W. Stair Robert E. Garber	Frank E. Bowman	Samuel E. Byler
1975	Cherry Hill	Frank E. Bowman	G. W. Bullard	John W. Stair Robert E. Garber	Marvin E. Garner Mrs. Maryellen Perkins	Nolan M. Kennedy
1976	Carlisle	Calvin M. Bailey	G. W. Bullard	Cornelius Bright	Marvin E. Garner Mrs. Maryellen Perkins	C. Albert Ambrose
1977	Conyngham	Calvin M. Bailey	G. W. Bullard	Ronald J. Porter David Sheppard	Marvin E. Garner Mrs. Maryellen Perkins	Archie Washington
1978	Pittsburgh	C. Albert Ambrose	Ellis M. Bush	Marshall E. Crawley Stanley K. Smith	Marvin E. Garner Mrs. Maryellen Perkins	Jack R. Smith

CONEWAUGH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

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Churches	Pastors (see roll of Ministers for addresses)	Baptisms	Other Additions	Resident Members	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrolment	Church Training Enrolment	Music Ministry Enrolment	WNU Enrolment	Brotherhood Enrolment	VBS Enrolment	Value of all Church Property	Total Church Indebtedness	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program Gifts	Gifts to Assoc. Missions	Other Mission Gifts	Grand Total Mission Gifts
First, Somerset	Bobby G. Fitzgerald	0	26	26	26	19	0	0	0	0	22	75000	0	11342	406	163	103	672
Indiana	John M. Staif	0	14	35	35	71	0	20	28	9	218	75000	21000	54160	1290	553	547	2390
Park Hills	Alvin H. Huff	10	5	145	151	102	65	20	60	17	203	115000	12653	29649	2473	1098	600	4171
Shannon Creek	Marshall E. Crawley	22	0	162	175	155	0	38	0	0	209	175000	52677	30155	2744	1503	4315	8562
Westmont	Rex Lewis	5	8	118	118	116	0	19	29	20	134	235000	0	35056	1018	609	6503	8130
Laurel Mountain	James B. Lambing (Contact)	0	22	45	45	49	0	0	5	0	0	16500	0	22500	0	900	1560	2460
TOTALS		37	75	533	554	516	65	97	122	46	790	691500	86330	182862	7931	4826	7828	20585

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Absecon	Richard Hartley	8	7	145	160	90	0	29	0	0	81	150000	31000	29372	905	905	1617	3427
Central	Richard Hartley	No Report	14	82	98	93	0	41	18	11	98	0	0	36106	2854	1426	598	4878
Allentown	Stanley K. Smith	2	5	50	50	22	0	0	0	0	14	185000	95000	25000	0	0	360	360
Beloved Community	Carl C. Kaufeldt	2	1	110	149	49	0	2	0	0	67	200000	56000	51499	4380	3185	1370	8934
Bethlehem	Glenn Smith	4	16	125	158	170	0	27	54	12	115	80000	28210	25275	1382	661	314	2357
Brons Mills	Paul C. Im	36	5	41	41	50	0	8	27	0	0	0	0	6237	50	40	100	190
Korean Mission	David Cole	9	16	207	225	163	57	18	42	10	142	205000	40000	32914	2160	3455	881	6496
Flux-Mon	Maurice F. White	6	17	62	62	60	0	12	6	0	0	30000	17000	8901	138	65	50	253
Cosmopolitan		13	11	96	110	195	0	12	24	10	102	212000	70481	23647	2307	449	1101	3857
Cumberland																		
Delaware Valley	Douglas P. Metzger	27	44	490	840	239	107	72	53	44	199	300000	66054	62352	4441	3039	2646	10126
Mensington	Lennie Clayton(Contact)	0	0	20	26	4	0	1	0	0	201	0	0	2191	0	0	15	15
May of Life	Serafin Fiore	0	0	28	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	45000	23956	3170	311	156	0	467
Divinia Gracia	Joseph J. Thompson	3	0	31	39	59	9	0	13	9	14	0	0	7010	700	350	400	1450
El Shaddai		3	0	20	20	20	0	12	0	0	15	0	0	3111	0	0	0	0
Emanuel	C. Albert Ambrose	8	45	185	287	197	78	67	54	23	140	252000	78000	84662	6885	4592	2593	14070
Frankford Avenue	Oriece Hartman	2	3	74	107	120	0	0	35	0	150	10000	0	17784	1368	557	579	2504
Ewing	Carl F. Gustafson	14	7	140	170	54	0	1	0	0	0	105000	27500	38113	6384	2614	1028	10026
First, Wrightstown	Clyde F. Risen	31	43	211	741	221	103	49	57	55	394	270000	32037	48439	4959	2404	1123	8866
Good Faith	Willie Shaw, Jr.	15	9	29	29	18	0	0	0	0	0	145000	48000	4000	0	0	0	0
Grace Community	Henry A. Nash	21	0	119	120	55	62	58	0	0	60	50000	43000	13174	0	0	0	0
Haines Road	Kerry Clegborn	6	2	113	139	86	0	34	19	0	257	135000	35000	28433	164	116	601	881
Harmory	Eugene S. Warrick	0	0	16	16	0	0	0	0	0	111	0	0	2907	304	132	205	641
Lakehurst	W. Marvin Shelton	8	22	116	264	178	68	15	29	12	279	150000	16000	25053	2601	1250	875	644
Main Street		8	18	93	103	107	20	35	28	8	285	134000	36000	31687	2097	1047	1364	4508
Mt. Airy	Donald W. Young	33	12	446	447	187	0	130	258	165	500	300000	74000	40000	300	250	900	1150
Mystic Islands	Tom Lord	3	0	127	162	69	0	1	12	15	0	127000	23500	17682	1235	617	516	2368
New Life	John W. Mullens, Jr.	9	1	40	50	31	0	3	0	7	88	5000	0	1788	1308	654	377	269
North Penn	John R. McIntyre	10	10	93	119	39	11	15	15	12	130	110000	10765	21445	1965	903	710	3658
Pauli	Calvin M. Bailey	13	29	252	303	254	100	74	43	27	220	723000	1393	90700	10860	5336	43415	59611

DELAWARE VALLEY ASSOCIATION (Continued)

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Center City		No Report																
Indian Run	James Garber	No Report																
Schuylkill Valley	William E. Sexton	2	14	34	74	43	0	2	0	0	19	140000	65000	14312	36	44	216	296
South Jersey	Fernando Downs	13	12	80	117	83	38	28	23	11	105	80500	30294	30083	1763	1058	856	3677
Southside		0		52	59	30	17	1	0	0	0	50000	19000	15500	1423	414	50	1887
Spanish	Enrique Vazquez	2	5	25	25	50	0	28	17	0	0	0	0	4006	545	313	247	1105
Tabernacle	Albert W. Swift	35			335	56	25	50	0	0	81	615000	0	36500	900	0	0	900
Third Eternal	Archie Washington	25	35	136	185	98	0	31	14	0	0	75000	22600	6838	664	332	232	1228
Ukrainian	John Berkuta	0	9	31	31	41	24	24	0	0	0	40000						
Ukrainian Evangelical	Juan Kovalechuk	2	0			35												
Ukrainian (Slovic)	Boguslaw Szturma	No Report																
Willow Hill	Everett N. Smith	7	9	147	148	27	16	37	57	19	0	150000	59000	33324	50	50	0	100
TOTALS		428	442	4066	6038	3359	735	917	890	449	3867	5073500	1048790	921727	65439	36494	65339	167419

GREATER PITTSBURGH ASSOCIATION James T. Crawns, Director of Missions
Suite 224, 2 Parkway Center, Pittsburgh, PA 15220

Churches	Pastors (see roll of Ministers for addresses)	Baptisms	Other Additions	Resident Members	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrolment	Church Training Enrolment	Music Ministry Enrolment	WU Enrolment	Brotherhood Enrolment	VBS Enrolment	Value of all Church Property	Total Church Indebtedness	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program Gifts	Gifts to Assoc. Missions	Other Mission Gifts	Grand Total Mission Gifts
Beaver Conway Charleoi Cranberry Allegheny Expressway	Donald Knapp Donald Knapp James Greathouse James D. Crowder William Crowe	1 0 4 10 12	1 3 3 8 7	85 211 215 127 21	119 3 215 201 21	29 6 114 128 55	11 0 42 12 26	10 0 12 21 13	5 0 59 0 0	0 0 0 0 0	58 24 105 120 228	65000 0 87500 150000 0	41000 0 33000 44560 27000	11940 0 24528 30191 20900	360 0 1609 3029 395	240 0 561 938 170	258 0 955 810 76	858 0 3125 4777 641
Whitestown Road Edgewood First, Carnichaels Gateway	John Wayne Stair Tom Carpenter (Interim) William L. Fish	0 8 0 8	0 5 0 6	24 213 178 51	24 41 266 51	37 85 109 61	0 17 18 0	0 2 0 1	9 16 10 0	0 0 0 0	192 168 78 35	22500 45000 170000 143000	19000 0 19000 35500	11422 15271 20594 11311	707 377 1718 329	360 265 797 154	908 378 0 230	1975 1024 2515 713
Lakeside Hanover Laurel Monroeville Normin	Norman W. Clapp J. Pat Brock Dennis R. Lucas Donald B. Moore Joseph Price	11 7 4 4 2	31 1 9 8 8	220 128 185 53 74	295 128 220 74 22	317 82 194 22 22	126 0 90 0 0	102 0 15 0 0	62 0 21 11 0	30 0 0 34 0	237 0 100 164 54	508200 0 15000 260000 2000	240000 0 93000 0 0	107273 3950 10580 66664 16167	11414 253 1038 2550 143	5402 127 445 1093 83	6281 0 140 6247 151	23097 380 1623 9890 377
Ruffsdale North Park Pittsburgh Slavic Rolling Hills	Joseph Price Ronald G. Chase S. Clelland Gash Boris Rock James E. Lankford	3 8 4 0 9	4 24 5 10 10	190 111 26 75 85	13 276 344 12 85	35 193 238 13 78	0 63 140 0 0	75 10 21 0 1	9 9 41 5 0	0 0 12 0 0	32 59 113 57 76	175000 0 392339 225000 0	37703 6562 0 86615 0	6120 57052 69592 3505 36359	205 6215 7560 150 2641	75 2166 3544 75 936	85 2434 2149 1385 434	365 10812 13253 1610 4011
South Franklin South Park University Northside West Hills	J. Pat Brock Robert B. Graham Fred Jolly W. H. "Dee" Debold Mark O. Johnson	5 2 7 1 8	7 117 103 2 19	45 165 103 19 108	52 86 111 19 164	59 86 115 15 138	0 0 67 12 0	1 29 0 0 16	9 0 29 0 43	0 0 0 0 11	122 70 187 21 137	7500 225000 100000 0 90000	1000 38900 42490 0 28797	18660 37275 42490 3178 37766	1239 3171 2113 66 3730	696 1345 1055 79 1973	1250 569 1531 0 2873	3188 5105 4700 79 8312
TOTALS		121	169	2466	3087	2288	612	388	360	98	2669	2689039	751631	684006	52162	23101	30706	105700

KEYSTONE ASSOCIATION		L. H. Gardner, Director of Missions 5006 Lenker Street, Pine Bldg., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055																
Churches	Pastors (see roll of Ministers for addresses)	Baptisms	Other Additions	Resident Members	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrollment	Church Training Enrollment	Music Ministry Enrollment	Worship Enrolment	Brotherhood Enrollment	VBS Enrollment	Value of all Church Property	Total Church Indebtedness	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program Gifts	Gifts to Assoc. Missions	Other Mission Gifts	Grand Total Mission Gifts
Berkshire Northside Carlisle Mechanicsburg Chambersburg	Donald H. Stevens Dale Esterly Smy E. Byler Bobby Jaughn Frederick W. Merkert	13 9 18 0 0	9 21 13 17 8	94 168 195 200 254	117 117 214 20 215	61 67 316 20 87	52 36 425 26 25	13 13 28 92 92	5 5 56 48 17	7 7 28 0 0	60 40 266 98 98	95000 0 130000 20000 87500	32772 37700 24800 22500 28448	22093 96913 60286 2300 45319	550 270 8304 131 4994	300 131 4182 47 2913	442 152 8065 0 1244	1392 553 20538 0 9151
Country & Town East Pennsboro East Shore Harrisburg Emanuel	Ira H. Krow Terrry E. Douglas David H. Perkins Kenneth A. Estep	6 4 18 14 2	22 11 51 22 0	327 337 125 221 123	398 42 151 201 165	236 42 221 142 75	90 22 63 42 0	67 11 28 100 4	14 11 37 6 12	23 7 254 185 0	156 16 286 70 70	238000 0 150000 (0) 115000	0 72656 (0) 34000	76362 11903 68786 (6230) 24421	12002 1002 5558 (666) 1306	5646 196 2347 (263) 393	3807 618 3565 (375) 0	21455 1816 11182 (1109) 1699
Lebanon Valley Fellowship First, Hanover First, Hershey Greencastle	Robert E. Garber William Servati Willis E. Deuberry Douglas M. Pilot	21 27 3 2 7	61 21 8 10 10	138 70 86 43 79	140 152 121 48 79	178 104 80 55 69	0 0 80 1 37	35 12 0 13 22	33 37 8 22 0	16 33 17 0 0	28 78 44 113 113	195000 30000 160000 30000 20000	80000 46000 18000 0 0	17893 11368 19824 22259 32100	1521 757 1819 2626 1997	345 252 545 1040 747	223 385 531 1995 1032	2069 1399 2895 5161 3776
Litzitz Manor Memorial Faith New Holland	John Fleming Bob Rowe David Sheppard Ralph Menzies Kenneth Hurley	14 52 63 (11) 11	6 2 25 (7) 11	125 236 429 (9) 63	141 236 466 (57) 105	175 493 620 (57) 16	0 0 132 (0) 70	20 25 75 (0) 11	0 0 28 (0) 11	0 0 10 (0) 0	104 135 373 (63) 118	35000 100000 500000 (0) 35000	21287 68342 300000 (0) 30000	23715 36904 116292 (10652) 29090	1154 1481 7628 (714) 2226	1154 740 3003 (323) 1037	1620 219 4651 (663) 395	398 2440 15282 (1701) 3658
Oak View School House Road Columbia Shamokin	Jim Mood Tommy L. Curtis Douglas Boucher Charles R. Ward	6 6 80 (43) (8)	8 57 34 (21) (0)	56 118 282 (29) (24)	63 56 296 (86) (35)	0 0 363 (66) (35)	0 1 36 (1) (0)	20 1 36 (1) (0)	0 0 7 (0) (0)	0 0 522 (7) (377)	60 34 265000 (13300) (0)	75000 95000 83000 (0) (0)	30000 0 83000 (0) (0)	7485 9451 101473 (27607) (16850)	816 86 4885 (679) (247)	0 147 2352 (386) (123)	180 58 52560 (702) (63)	235 1123 59697 (1767) (433)
Strasburg Seven Valleys Silver Spring South Hills Temple	Ray R. Wise Robert O. Jordan Dennis Back James E. Ward	12 (1) 5 28	(14) 12 4 10	(38) 102 77 326	(38) (40) 65 365	(40) 65 263 400	30 30 13 102	(12) 1 2 69	0 0 53 43	0 0 3 19	67 18000 7718000 3025000	(30000) 0 178000 440000	(17500) 0 25766 24400 178000	(18265) 20109 26976 27135 85634	(641) 1060 1923 1022 6462	(321) 760 1353 455 4308	(286) 572 688 2206 3669	1248 2392 4954 3693 14439

KEYSTONE ASSOCIATION (continued)

Churches	Pastors (see roll of Ministers for addresses)	Baptisms	Other Additions	Resident Members	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrolment	Church Training Enrolment	Music Ministry Enrolment	WJU Enrolment	Brotherhood Enrolment	VBS Enrolment	Value of all Church Property	Total Church Indebtedness	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program Gifts	Gifts to Assoc. Missions	Other Mission Gifts	Grand Total Mission Gifts
Shrewsbury	Jimmy J. Aldridge	4	17	43	43	85	0	1	0	0	40	17500	13900	27000	1572	838	674	3084
New Hope	James H. Osgood	13	6	23	23	30	0	8	1	0	46	49000	0	13619	1400	400	410	2210
Valley, Middletown	D. William Reese	12	16	180	256	293	88	29	33	24	97	340000	59463	23525	2819	1410	641	4870
Wrighttsdale	Marshall W. Parsons	4	3	295	421	200	79	53	47	0	170	350000	18000	36240	2443	1527	2064	6034
TOTALS		454	305	4129	5060	5063	1021	763	540	198	3864	4969500	1212124	1001272	80758	38600	91864	211194

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NORTHEAST ASSOCIATION

Jack R. Smith, Director of Missions
58 Hex Acres, RD #1, Pittston, PA 18643

Churches	Pastors (see roll of Ministers for addresses)	Baptisms	Other Additions	Resident Members	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrolment	Church Training Enrolment	Music Ministry Enrolment	WNU Enrolment	Brotherhood Enrolment	VBS Enrolment	Value of all Church Property	Total Church Indebtedness	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program Gifts	Gifts to Assoc. Missions	Other Mission Gifts	Grand Total Mission Gifts
Dallas	Charles Bigner	5	5	115	137	127	49	26	30	8	205	7000	0	13515	970	560	1285	2815
Northeast	Jack Smith	3	0	20	20	20	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	650	65	33	0	98
Towanda	Milton W. Hodge	21	7	65	73	66	16	1	0	0	135	75000	54000	8700	870	435	499	1854
First Southern	David Waltz	2	7	65	65	50	0	1	0	0	143	50000	10000	16725	1500	818	1577	3895
Faith Fellowship	Jon Gilbert	7	7	18	18	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4944	418	209	323	950
Lock Haven	Cornelius Bright	0	0	63	95	70	28	15	12	0	45	180000	20000	18081	1788	613	954	3384
Valley, Conyngham	Ronald L. Windle	9	4	46	53	78	13	0	0	6	0	0	0	16522	961	540	403	1303
Berwick	R. Dudley Penton	0	7	50	50	38	0	1	3	0	366	0	0	1506	457	0	201	1035
College Hill		0	3	12	14	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12792	0	377	0	0
Hometown		0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scranton Polish	Cornelius Bright	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS		47	44	457	528	516	120	44	45	14	1152	312000	84000	93435	7029	3615	5242	15934

NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION

J. Lowell Wright, Director of Missions
1143 E. Second Street, 011 City, PA 16301

Churches	Pastors (see roll of Ministers for addresses)	Baptisms	Other Additions	Resident Members	Total Membership	Sunday School Enrolment	Church Training Enrolment	Music Ministry Enrolment	WMU Enrolment	Brotherhood Enrolment	VBS Enrolment	Value of all Church Property	Total Church Indebtedness	Total Receipts	Cooperative Program Gifts	Gifts to Assoc. Missions	Other Mission Gifts	Grand Total Mission Gifts
Bolivar Drive Bingran Center Down County Haddon Heights Hickory	Phil Swanson Orvis Crump Rick McKinney	42 (12) 6 4 8	9 0 4 0 8	419 12 25 60 104	470 12 25 60 127	187 (23) 0 0 168	26 0 0 36	44 0 0 13	24 0 0 20	16 0 0 7	94 25 0 60 111	143000 0 0 40000 60000	0 0 0 0 2500	28497 3352 1008 16914 24575	80 245 0 973 2333	86 105 141 486 974	218 141 0 1404 1510	378 491 0 2863 4817
Maranatha Hilltop Hillcreek Community Open Bible	Lonnie D. Jordan Nelson Provost, Jr. James G. Harwood Joe Lauchack T. C. Adams	12 15 4 1 2	6 5 0 0 15	34 75 107 27 57	34 83 107 27 75	49 129 39 39 70	0 26 18 14 0	2 11 1 1 1	6 30 8 0 0	0 27 5 0 0	184 96 46 68 93	0 50000 150000 0 55000	0 5000 45075 0 0	12245 17656 18813 14279 20455	1096 425 1405 1107 723	616 306 1574 535 406	778 593 1209 543 603	2491 1324 4188 2185 1732
Trinity Warren Matisburg Area	Richard McKinney M. Rex Patter Thomas R. Stillman	1 4 1	2 3 1	14 32 28	14 32 28	27 49 58	0 23 0	1 11 1	0 5 0	0 1 1	5 34 136	30000 10000 20000	6000 0 9476	14034 10112 14639	334 188 1162	162 57 581	217 55 543	714 340 2286
TOTALS		98	68	959	1099	862	143	87	93	57	992	558000	68051	196619	10071	5882	7854	23809

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Coneaugh Valley	6	37	75	533	554	516	65	97	122	46	790	691500	86330	182862	7931	4826	7828	20585
Delaware Valley	42	428	442	4066	6038	3359	735	917	890	449	3867	5073500	1048790	921727	65439	36494	65339	167419
Greater Pittsburgh	25	121	169	2466	3087	2288	612	388	360	98	2669	2689039	751631	684006	52162	23101	30706	105700
Keystone	34	454	305	4129	5060	5063	1021	763	540	198	3864	4969500	1212124	1001272	80758	38600	91864	211194
Northeast	11	47	44	457	528	516	120	44	45	14	1152	312000	84000	93435	7029	3615	5242	115934
Northwest	13	98	68	959	1099	862	143	87	93	57	992	558000	68051	196619	10071	5882	7854	23809
TOTALS	131	1185	1103	12610	16366	12604	2696	2296	2050	862	13334	14293539	3250926	3079921	223390	112518	208833	544641

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