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I. INTRODUCTION

This report is a presentation of the findings from the May, 1981 poll of the Baptist VIEWpoll panel.

There are currently 766 members (335 pastors, 275 ministers of education, and 156 directors of missions) on the Baptist VIEWpoll panel. Of these, 85.1 percent (285) of the pastors, 88.0 percent (242) of the ministers of education, and 96.8 percent (151) of the directors of missions participated in the May poll.

Items on the May poll involve nine areas of interest:

- Outlook of church leaders and pastors
- Budgets
- Ministry among ethnic language-culture groups
- Sponsorship of refugee families
- Participation in volunteer services/ministries
- Amount of emphasis upon evangelism in SBC church literature
- Mission Service Corps
- Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Approve or disapprove of the way Reagan is handling his job
- Gun registration

II. COMMENTS ON THE FINDINGS

A. The largest portion of pastors (44.1%) and ministers of education (42.9%) reported that leaders in their congregations were "somewhat optimistic" about the future of their churches. An additional 36.0 percent of the ministers of education and 30.2 percent of the pastors reported that their leaders were "extremely optimistic."

Fifty-nine percent of the directors of missions reported that the pastors in their associations are "somewhat optimistic" about the future of their churches, while an additional 17.2 percent reported that the pastors in their associations were "extremely optimistic." Cross-tabulation data reveals that directors who serve in "new"* SBC states reported greater optimism among pastors than did their counterparts who serve in "old"* SBC states.

*See Appendix for list of "old" and "new" SBC states.

Table 1 depicts the relationships between panel members' responses to this item in May, 1980 and the responses of the same individuals in May, 1981. Obviously, there have been noticeable individual changes, but overall the view from the field remains optimistic.

TABLE 1

In general, are the leaders/pastors in your congregation/association optimistic or pessimistic about the future of their church(es)?

	Pastors					Ministers of Education					Directors of Missions				
	May, 1980					May, 1980					May, 1980				
May, 1981	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5
Extremely optimistic	52.2%	17.2%	3.8%	-	(1)	65.7%	17.9%	10.0%	-	(1)	(7)	13.4%	15.4%	-	-
Somewhat optimistic	36.4	63.9	42.3	(3)	-	28.4	62.8	40.0	(4)	-	(9)	72.0	53.9	(6)	-
Tentative	2.3	17.2	46.2	(2)	-	4.9	16.7	37.5	(2)	-		11.0	26.9	(5)	-
Somewhat pessimistic	6.8	-	7.7	-	-	1.0	1.3	12.5	(2)	(1)		1.2	3.8	(2)	(1)
Definitely pessimistic	2.3	1.7	-	-	-	-	1.3	-	(3)	-	-	2.4	-	-	-
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%			100.0%	100.0%	100.0%				100.0%	100.0%		
	(44)	(58)	(26)	(5)	(1)	(102)	(78)	(40)	(11)	(2)	(16)	(82)	(26)	(13)	(1)
			(134)				(233)						(138)		

- 1 - Extremely optimistic
- 2 - Somewhat optimistic
- 3 - Tentative
- 4 - Somewhat pessimistic
- 5 - Definitely pessimistic

NOTE ON READING THE TABLE: Observe that 134 pastors, 233 ministers of education, and 138 directors of missions participated in both polls. Looking only at the 134 pastors involved, observe that for May, 1980, 44 pastors reported that their leaders were "extremely optimistic," 58 reported that their leaders were "somewhat optimistic," 26 reported that their leaders were in a "tentative" stance about the future of their church, 5 reported that their leaders were "somewhat pessimistic," and 1 reported them to be "definitely pessimistic." Of the 44 pastors who reported "extremely optimistic" in May, 1980, 52.2 percent reported "extremely optimistic" in May, 1981, 36.4 percent reported "somewhat optimistic," 2.3 percent reported "tentative," 6.8 percent reported "somewhat pessimistic," and 2.3 percent reported "definitely pessimistic." The rest of the data can be read in the same way that the pastor data has been presented.

- B. The largest portion (42.5%) of the ministers of education reported their churches' income was "behind budget." Thirty-eight percent (38.3%) of the pastors reported their churches income was "ahead of budget," and 38.2% reported they were "meeting budget." The largest portion (40.4%) of the directors of missions reported that their associations' income was "meeting budget."

Table 2 reveals the relationships between panel members responses to this item in May, 1980 and the responses of the same individuals in May, 1981. Noticeably, there have been individual changes, but the overall percentages depict financial stability in the churches and associations.

A significantly greater percentage (45.5%) of those directors of missions who serve west of the Mississippi River report that their income is "ahead of budget," as compared to their counterparts (21.1%) who serve east of the River.

- C. The majority of the panelists (80.0% of the pastors, 66.1% of the ministers of education, and 52.3% of the directors of missions) serve in churches/associations which do not have a ministry among ethnic/language-culture groups.

Cross tabulation data for this item reveals that a significantly greater percentage of directors of missions who serve in "new"* SBC states and associations west of the Mississippi River have a ministry among ethnic/language-culture groups.

*See Appendix for list of "old" and "new" SBC states.

TABLE 2

In terms of income this year, is your church/association ahead of budget, meeting budget, or behind budget?

	Pastors			Ministers of Education			Directors of Missions		
	<u>May, 1980</u>			<u>May, 1980</u>			<u>May, 1980</u>		
<u>May, 1981</u>	<u>Ahead of budget</u>	<u>Meeting budget</u>	<u>Behind budget</u>	<u>Ahead of budget</u>	<u>Meeting budget</u>	<u>Behind budget</u>	<u>Ahead of budget</u>	<u>Meeting budget</u>	<u>Behind budget</u>
Ahead of budget	67.8%	31.0%	9.7%	49.0%	22.2%	12.1%	50.0%	21.7%	11.1%
Meeting budget	28.8	52.3	41.9	34.7	40.3	27.1	39.1	46.6	33.3
Behind budget	3.4	16.7	48.4	16.3	37.5	60.8	10.9	31.7	55.6
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(59)	(42)	(31)	(49)	(72)	(107)	(46)	(60)	(36)

NOTE ON READING THE DATA: Circled percentages depict individuals whose responses were the same in both polls-- May, 1980, and May, 1981 (in other words, no change in their income status). The remaining percentages represent changes in the income status of respondents' churches/associations.

Of those who reported a ministry among ethnic/language-culture groups:

- the majority of the pastors (52.0%) and directors of missions (68.5%) reported that their ministry was among Hispanics, while the majority (60.5%) of the ministers of education reported a ministry among Asians.
- Bible study is the type of ministry offered to ethnic language-culture groups by the majority of churches/associations represented by the panelist (55.8% of the pastors, 70.3% of the ministers of education, and 62.9% of the directors of missions.
- of those churches/associations represented by the panelist, the majority (67.3% of the pastors, 59.3% of the ministers of education, and 65.7% of the directors of missions) do not currently sponsor, or plan to sponsor, a refugee family.

- D. The majority of the ministers of education (66.1%) and the directors of missions (64.2%) reported that the amount of emphasis upon evangelism in SBC church literature is "about right." And, the largest position (49.4%) of the pastors agreed with this position. On the other hand, just over one-fourth (30.9% of the pastors, 22.3% of the ministers of education, and 24.5% of the directors of missions) reported that the emphasis in the evangelism area is "somewhat too little."

Table 3 reveals the relationships between panel members responses to this item in May, 1980 and the responses of the same individuals in May, 1981. Individual changes in the table are obvious, but less obvious are the overall percentages which appear to indicate that panelists are more satisfied with the emphasis on evangelism in the literature now than they were one year ago.

- E. Three-fourths (75.5%) of the responding panel members "approve" of the way Reagan is handling his job as President.
- F. When panel members were asked to indicate how they would vote on the issue of gun registration, if given the opportunity, 50.2 percent indicated they would vote for the proposition that "registration of all firearms should not be required," while 46.9 percent would vote for the proposition that "registration of all firearms should be required."

TABLE 3

Do you think that the amount of emphasis upon evangelism in Southern Baptist Convention church literature is . . .

	Pastors May, 1980					Ministers of Education May, 1980					Directors of Missions May, 1980				
	Too much?	Some- what too much?	About right?	Some- what too little?	Too little?	Too much?	Some- what too much?	About right?	Some- what too little?	Too little?	Too much?	Some- what too much?	About right?	Some- what too little?	Too little?
May, 1981															
Too much?	-	(2)	- %	- %	-	-	-	- %	- %	-	-	-	1.2%	- %	-
Somewhat too much?	(1)	-	1.6	2.5	-	-	(2)	1.6	2.3	-	-	-	-	2.4	-
About right?	(2)	(3)	(74.6)	42.5	(2)	(1)	(5)	(78.0)	58.1	(3)	(1)	(1)	(80.1)	54.7	(1)
Somewhat too little?	-	(1)	19.0	(40.0)	(12)	-	-	17.1	(32.6)	(2)	-	-	14.2	(38.1)	(8)
Too little?	-	-	4.8	15.0	(10)	-	-	3.3	7.0	(6)	-	-	4.7	4.8	(5)
Totals			100.0%	100.0%				100.0%	100.0%				100.0%	100.0%	
	(3)	(6)	(63)	(40)	(24)	(1)	(7)	(123)	(86)	(11)	(1)	(1)	(86)	(42)	(14)

NOTE ON READING THE DATA: Circled percentages/numbers depict individuals whose responses were the same in both polls--May, 1980 and May, 1981 (in other words, no change in their thinking). The remaining percentages/numbers represent changes in the thinking of individuals about the amount of emphasis upon evangelism in SBC church literature.

HIGHLIGHTS G AND H ARE BASED ON RESPONSES FROM ONLY PASTORS AND MINISTERS OF
EDUCATION

- G. The overwhelming majority (82.5%) of the pastors and ministers of education reported that their churches have made no specific effort to enlist a person(s) for Mission Service Corps assignment/ministry.

Of those panel members who represent churches that have enlisted individuals for Mission Service Corps assignments, 42.0 percent (55.3% of the ministers of education and 30.2% of the pastors) reported that enlisted persons have subsequently received assignments for MSC service.

- H. Ninety-two percent (92.4%) of the churches represented in the poll collected an Annie Armstrong Easter offering for Home Missions this spring. This percentage is probably high due to the proportionately lower response of pastors from smaller churches.

Of those churches that participated, the largest portion (33.0%) had an increase of 10-20% over last year's offering, while 19.5 percent had an increase of more than 20% over last year's offering.

Table 4 depicts the relationships between panel members responses to this item in May, 1980 and the responses of the same individuals in May, 1981. While individual changes are prominent in the table, the overall percentages reveal a fairly stable level of giving to this offering.

HIGHLIGHT I IS BASED ON RESPONSES
FROM ONLY DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS

- I. Sixty percent (60.2%) of the directors of missions serve in associations that have made specific efforts to promote Mission Service Corps. The predominant means by which associations have promoted MSC are through promotional materials (64.8%) and associational meetings, pastors conferences, etc. (40.7%).

TABLE 4

Did your church collect an Annie Armstrong Easter offering for Home Missions this Spring?

	<u>Pastors</u>		<u>Ministers of Education</u>	
	<u>May, 1980</u>		<u>May, 1980</u>	
	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
<u>May, 1981</u>				
Yes	98.4%	(5)	97.7%	(10)
No	1.6	(6)	2.3	(6)
Totals	100.0%	(11)	100.0%	(16)
	(122)		(214)	

If your church collected an Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions this Spring, indicate how the 1981 amount compared to the amount collected in 1980.

<u>May, 1981</u>	<u>Pastors</u>						<u>Ministers of Education</u>					
	<u>May, 1980</u>						<u>May, 1980</u>					
	<u>Increased more than 20%</u>	<u>Increased 10-20%</u>	<u>Increase was under 10%</u>	<u>About the same as 1979</u>	<u>Decreased some but less than 10%</u>	<u>Decreased 10% or more</u>	<u>Increased more than 20%</u>	<u>Increased 10-20%</u>	<u>Increase was under 10%</u>	<u>About the same as 1979</u>	<u>Decreased some but less than 10%</u>	<u>Decreased 10% or more</u>
Increased more than 20%	33.3%	18.9%	(3)	(1)	(1)	(2)	16.7%	12.7%	21.6%	19.5%	(4)	(5)
Increased 10-20%	30.0	40.6	(4)	(6)	(1)	(2)	46.6	55.5	18.9	26.9	(3)	(2)
Increase was under 10%	10.0	10.8	-	(1)	-	(1)	10.0	15.9	32.5	19.5	(2)	(1)
About the same as 1980	16.7	29.7	(7)	7	(2)	(2)	16.7	7.9	18.9	26.8	(4)	(3)
Decreased some but less than 10%	10.0	-	(1)	(1)	1	(1)	6.7	3.2	5.4	2.4	-	-
Decreased 10% or more	-	-	-	(2)	(2)	-	3.3	4.8	2.7	4.9	-	4
	100.0%	100.0%					100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%		
	(30)	(37)	(15)	(18)	(7)	(6)	(30)	(63)	(37)	(41)	(13)	(15)

NOTE ON READING THE DATA: Circled percentages/numbers depict individuals whose responses were the same in both polls--May, 1980 and May, 1981. The remaining percentages/numbers represent changes.

III. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

1. In general, are the leaders/pastors in your congregation/association optimistic or pessimistic about the future of their church(es)?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
Extremely optimistic, great things ahead .	30.2%	36.0%	17.2%
Somewhat optimistic.	44.1	42.9	59.0
Tentative, no clear impression of optimism or pessimism	17.9	14.5	13.9
Somewhat pessimistic	5.3	4.5	4.0
Definitely pessimistic, serious problems are at hand or expected.	2.1	1.7	1.3
Not indicated.	<u>0.4</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>4.6</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(151)

2. In terms of income this year, is your church/association . . .

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
ahead of budget?	38.3%	24.0%	29.8%
meeting budget?	38.2	33.5	40.4
behind budget?	22.1	42.5	29.1
Not indicated	<u>1.4</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.7</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(151)

3. Does your church/association have a ministry among ethnic/language-culture groups?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
Yes	18.2%	33.5%	46.4%
No	80.0	66.1	52.3
Not indicated	<u>1.8</u>	<u>0.4</u>	<u>1.3</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(151)

3. If "YES,"

a. Identify the ethnic/language-culture groups among which you minister:

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
Hispanic	52.0%	37.0%	68.5%
Asian.	38.5	60.5	47.1
European	3.8	9.9	10.0
American Indian.	9.6	4.9	14.3
Middle Eastern	5.8	16.0	11.4
Caribbean.	-	4.9	5.7
Deaf	25.0	28.4	28.6
Other (handicapped, mentally retarded, blind, internationals, etc.).	17.1	21.1	7.1
Not indicated.	<u>3.8</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2.9</u>
Totals	*	*	*
	(52)	(81)	(70)

b. What type of ministry do you provide for ethnic/language-culture persons?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
Bible study.	55.8%	70.3%	62.9%
Department	19.2	16.0	24.3
Mission.	40.4	25.9	52.9
English classes.	36.5	38.3	35.7
Citizenship classes.	-	4.9	7.1
Other (voluntary responses):			
Worship service	1.9	7.4	5.7
Sponsorship	1.9	-	1.4
International ministry.	5.8	3.7	-
Fellowship suppers.	1.9	3.7	2.9
Medical care.	1.9	2.5	-
Transition needs.	-	6.2	2.9
Summer ministry	1.9	-	4.3
Recreation/crafts	-	3.7	-
Other	1.9	3.6	1.4
Not indicated.	<u>9.6</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>11.4</u>
Totals	*	*	*
	(52)	(81)	(70)

*Percents do not add to 100.0 due to multiple answers.

3. c. Is your church/association currently sponsoring, or planning to sponsor, a refugee family?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
Yes	17.3%	33.3%	20.0%
No	67.3	59.3	65.7
Not indicated	<u>15.4</u>	<u>7.4</u>	<u>14.3</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(52)	(81)	(70)

4. Has one or more persons in your church participated in any of the following volunteer services/ministries? If so, indicate the relative impact their experience has had on your congregation (increased the financial support of missions, greater awareness of mission needs, added excitement for evangelism and missions involvement, etc.).

	<u>RELATIVE IMPACT</u>																		<u>Totals</u>		
	<u>No One</u>			<u>Great Impact</u>			<u>Good Impact</u>			<u>Fair Impact</u>			<u>Little or No Impact</u>			<u>Not indicated</u>					
	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
Youth music tour	48.3%	29.7%	16.6%	1.8%	6.2%	5.3%	11.3%	26.4%	29.1%	4.6%	11.2%	11.9%	3.2%	7.9%	16.6%	30.5%	18.6%	20.5%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Adult mission tour (VBS, survey, revival, etc.)	50.5	38.4	23.2	3.5	6.6	9.9	8.1	16.1	21.9	2.5	5.0	9.3	0.7	1.7	2.0	34.7	32.2	33.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Church/mission construction crew	53.2	40.5	21.9	3.5	5.4	15.2	5.3	10.3	19.9	2.5	2.9	6.6	1.1	-	2.6	34.4	40.9	33.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Student summer missionary (for college students)	45.6	27.7	13.2	4.2	7.9	17.2	10.5	22.3	29.2	3.2	9.1	8.6	2.1	5.0	6.0	34.4	28.0	25.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
Youth mission tour (VBS, survey, revival, etc.)	48.0	28.5	19.9	5.6	13.6	11.3	9.5	28.1	27.2	4.2	5.0	7.9	1.1	2.1	6.0	31.6	22.7	27.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Overseas crusade/ tour	53.3	37.2	31.1	4.9	6.2	10.6	6.0	10.7	18.5	1.8	4.1	6.0	0.7	1.7	0.7	33.3	40.1	33.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Mission VBS (or helping at another church).	49.7	25.6	9.3	1.8	5.0	13.2	9.1	23.1	31.2	3.2	10.7	12.6	2.5	2.5	4.6	33.7	33.1	29.1	100.0	100.0	100.0
Diaster relief service.	51.2	43.3	31.8	0.4	1.2	8.6	4.9	7.9	16.6	3.5	2.5	2.6	1.1	2.1	0.7	38.9	43.0	39.7	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other (Backyard Bible Club, youth drama, prison ministry, migrant ministry, etc.)	-	-	-	2.2	3.3	5.4	0.8	1.6	2.1	-	-	-	-	-	-	98.2	97.1	96.0	*	*	*
																			(285)	(242)	(151)

*Percents do not add to 100.0 due to multiple answers.

5. Do you think that the amount of emphasis upon evangelism in Southern Baptist Convention church literature is . . .

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Totals</u>
too much?	1.4%	- %	0.7%	0.7%
somewhat too much?	3.2	2.5	0.7	2.4
about right?	49.4	66.1	64.2	58.7
somewhat too little?	30.9	22.3	24.5	26.4
too little?	13.7	6.6	8.6	10.0
Not indicated	<u>1.4</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.8</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(151)	(678)

6. Do you approve or disapprove of the way Reagan is handling his job as President?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Director of Missions</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Approve	76.9%	77.3%	70.2%	75.5%
Disapprove	14.7	9.5	12.6	12.4
No opinion	7.0	12.0	14.6	10.5
Not indicated	<u>1.4</u>	<u>1.2</u>	<u>2.6</u>	<u>1.6</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(151)	(678)

7. Suppose that on some future election day you could vote on the issue of gun registration. Please indicate below how you would vote on the proposition.

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Directors of Missions</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Registration of all firearms <u>should</u> be required	39.3%	58.7%	42.4%	46.9%
Registration of all firearms <u>should not</u> be required	58.6	38.8	52.3	50.2
Not indicated.	<u>2.1</u>	<u>2.5</u>	<u>5.3</u>	<u>2.9</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(151)	(678)

QUESTIONS 8-9 WERE ASKED ONLY OF PASTORS AND MINISTERS OF EDUCATION

8. Mission Service Corps is a two-year program for volunteers who provide their own support and funding. It was adopted by the SBC in June, 1977. Has your church made any specific effort to enlist a person(s) for Mission Service Corps assignment/ministry?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Yes	15.1%	15.7%	15.4%
No	82.4	82.6	82.5
Not indicated	<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>2.1</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(527)

If "YES," did that person(s) receive assignment for MSC service?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Yes	30.2%	55.3%	42.0%
No	62.8	34.2	49.4
Not indicated	<u>7.0</u>	<u>10.5</u>	<u>8.6</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(43)	(38)	(81)

If "YES," did the fact that they were sent/supported have a positive, negative, or no effect on the interest in/or financial support of SBC mission work?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Positive	84.6%	81.0%	82.4%
Negative	7.7	-	2.9
No effect	-	19.0	11.8
Not indicated	<u>7.7</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2.9</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(13)	(21)	(34)

9. Did your church collect an Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for Home Missions this Spring?

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Yes	91.2%	93.8%	92.4%
No	6.3	4.5	5.5
Not indicated	<u>2.5</u>	<u>1.7</u>	<u>2.1</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(285)	(242)	(527)

If "YES," indicate how the 1981 amount compared to the amount collected in 1980:

	<u>Pastors</u>	<u>Ministers of Education</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Increased more than 20%	20.0%	18.9%	19.5%
Increased 10-20%	29.6	36.6	33.0
Increase was under 10%	8.5	18.1	12.9
About the same as 1980	30.0	16.7	23.8
Decreased some but less than 10%	5.4	3.1	4.3
Decreased 10% or more	4.6	5.3	4.9
Not indicated	<u>1.9</u>	<u>1.3</u>	<u>1.6</u>
Totals	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	(260)	(227)	(487)

QUESTION 10 WAS ASKED ONLY OF DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS

10. Mission Service Corps is a two-year program for volunteers who provide their own support and funding. It was adopted by the SBC in June, 1977. Has your association made any specific effort to promote Mission Service Corps?

Directors of Missions

Yes	60.2%
No	35.8
Not indicated	<u>4.0</u>
Total	100.0%
	(151)

If "YES," how did you promote it? (Voluntary responses)

	<u>Directors of Missions</u>
Publicity through promotional materials, (i.e., brochures, associational newsletter, film-strips, mailouts, etc.)	64.8%
Promotion at associational meetings, pastors conferences, etc.	40.7
Promotion through personal contacts	20.9
Support of/contact with MSC volunteers.	20.9
Sermons on missions	5.5
Announcements in the churches	5.5
Enlisting pastors to share with other churches. . .	7.7
Not indicated	<u>2.2</u>
Total	*
	(91)

*Percents do not add to 100.0 due to multiple answers.

APPENDIX

LIST OF "OLD" AND "NEW" SBC STATES

"OLD" SBC STATES

Alabama
Arkansas
Florida
Georgia
Kentucky
Louisiana
Mississippi
Missouri
North Carolina
Oklahoma
South Carolina
Tennessee
Texas
Virginia

"NEW" SBC STATES

Alaska
Arizona
California
Colorado
Connecticut
Delaware
District of Columbia
Hawaii
Idaho
Illinois
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Maine
Maryland
Massachusetts
Michigan
Minnesota
Montana
Nebraska
Nevada
New Hampshire
New Jersey
New York
North Dakota
Ohio
Oregon
Pennsylvania
Rhode Island
South Dakota
Utah
Vermont
Washington
West Virginia
Wisconsin
Wyoming