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Pastors' Conference focus
to be world missions 'Fruit'

By Art Toalston

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--"Fruit That Remains" is the theme of the 1996 Pastors' Conference -- and more.

"Fruit That Remains" is integral to world missions, said Johnny Hunt, president of the annual conference preceding the Southern Baptist Convention.

"What really matters is not decisions, but disciples," said Hunt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.

The June 9-10 Pastors' Conference will precede the SBC annual meeting June 11-13 in New Orleans' Superdome.

The "Fruit That Remains" theme, Hunt said, is based on John 15:16: "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it to you."

Among the greatest joys in his 10 years of ministry at the suburban Atlanta church, Hunt said, are people who made a decision for Christ in his first year "who have become some of the most productive in God's kingdom."

Their productivity, Hunt said, must be tapped for more than building a strong local church. "My passion for ministry is world evangelization," he said, explaining it has been "a progression in my life."

Earlier in his ministry, Hunt said, he was more focused on the church he was leading. "God has given me a broader perspective, which has enhanced our local ministry," he said. A strong church, however, exists "only for the expressed purpose of being effective in touching the world," he said. "It's just a means to God's ultimate plan -- and that is world evangelization."

One of Southern Baptists' greatest missions challenges, Hunt said, will come later this year, with the \$100 million goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions. SBC churches gave nearly \$90 million for the most recent offering and, until now, have never recorded an increase rivaling an added \$10 million, he said.

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Hunt said he hopes 'the Pastors' Conference, which is like "the largest evangelism or missions conference" in the nation, will play an important role in meeting the goal. The conference will be "a time of refreshment and celebration" but also "a time of deeper commitment ... to be personally involved in bringing the world to Christ."

The conference's five sessions will focus on different aspects of the "Fruit That Remains" theme. Featured speakers, session by session, will be:

June 9, 2-4:30 p.m., "Fruit That Remains in Evangelism:" Mack Brunson, pastor of Green Street Baptist Church, High Point, N.C.; Herb Reavis, pastor, North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Ike Reighard, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, and a former Pastors' Conference president; and Rick Amato, an evangelist from Lincoln Park, Mich.

June 9, 6:30-9:15 p.m., "Fruit That Remains in the Family:" Jerry Vines, co-pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.; Fred Lowrey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La.; and Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn.

June 10, 8:30-11:30 a.m., "Fruit That Remains in the Church:" Junior Hill, evangelist from Hartselle, Ala.; Ken Hemphill, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Tom Elliff, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.; and James Merritt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.

June 10, 1:15-4:30, "Fruit That Remains in America:" Ron Phillips, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Hixson, Tenn.; Ronnie Floyd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark., and chairman of the SBC Executive Committee; Bailey Smith, evangelist from Atlanta; and Phil Hoskins, pastor, Higher Ground Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.

June 10, 6:30-9:15 p.m., "Fruit That Remains in the World:" Jay Strack, evangelist from Orlando, Fla.; Henry Blackaby, "Experiencing God" coauthor and director of prayer and spiritual awakening for the Home Mission Board; and John Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston.

Among featured musicians during the conference will be Larnelle Harris; Newsong; the Gold City Quartet; and the Jim Bob Griffin Family.

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1996 SBC Pastors' Conference
Annual Meeting
June 9-10, 1996
where
New Orleans, Louisiana
Theme: Fruit That Remains

Sunday Afternoon, June 9

2:00 - 4:30 P.M. SESSION I

1:50 Pre-session Musical Praise -- Choir, Metropolitan Baptist Church, John Mark Benson

2:00 Musical Praise -- Becky Smith

2:05 Welcome -- Johnny M. Hunt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.

2:08 Scripture/Prayer -- Walter Davidson

2:13 Musical Praise -- Newsong

2:20 Message -- Mack Brunson, pastor, Green Street Baptist Church, High Point, N.C.

2:45 Congregational Praise & Worship -- Scott C. White

2:50 Message -- Herb Reavis, pastor, North Jacksonville Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

3:15 Choral Praise -- Choir, Metropolitan Baptist Church, John Mark Benson, Houston

3:18 Message -- Ike Reighard, associate pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta.

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- 3:43 Prayer/Offering -- John Dobbins
- 3:46 Testimony -- Sunday School Board Report
- 3:56 Musical Praise -- Michael Combs
- 4:00 Choral Praise -- Choir, Metropolitan Baptist Church, John Mark Benson
- 4:03 Message -- Rick Amato, evangelist, Lincoln Park, Mich.
- 4:30 Benediction -- Shane Craven
- Postlude -- Metropolitan Baptist Church, John Mark Benson

Sunday Evening, June 9

- 6:30-9:15 P.M. SESSION II
- 6:10 Pre-Session Musical Praise -- Choir, Celebration Choir/Orchestra Scott C. White, minister of music
- 6:20 Musical Praise -- Jim Bob Griffin Family, Brad & Bekki Cox, Gold City Quartet
- 6:35 Welcome -- Johnny Hunt
- 6:40 Scripture/Prayer -- Norman Hunt
- 6:45 Congregational Praise & Worship -- Dan Liles
- 6:50 Musical Praise -- Gold City Quartet
- 7:00 Message -- Jerry Vines, co-pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 7:25 Congregational Praise and Worship -- Jerry Evans
- 7:30 Testimony -- Paul Negrut, Second Baptist Church, Oradea, Romania
- 7:45 Musical Praise -- Tyrone Adams/Newsong
- 7:55 Message -- Fred Lowrey, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La.
- 8:20 Prayer & Offering -- Jerry Spencer
- 8:25 Musical Praise -- David Riddle, Brent & Erica Murray, Becky Smith
- 8:40 Choral Praise -- Celebration Choir/Orchestra
- 8:45 Message -- Adrian Rogers, pastor, Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn.
- 9:15 Benediction -- Eddie Rhodes
- Postlude -- Celebration Choir/Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.

Monday Morning, June 10

- 8:30 - 11:30 A.M. SESSION III
- 8:15 Pre-session Musical Praise -- First Baptist Church Choir, Bossier City, La., Jerry Ables, minister of music
- 8:30 Musical Praise -- Wings
- 8:35 Scripture/Prayer -- Bruce Cooke
- 8:40 Congregational Praise & Worship -- George W. Puckett
- 8:45 Musical Praise -- Greater Vision
- 8:50 Message -- Junior Hill, evangelist, Hartselle, Ala.
- 9:15 Musical Praise -- Ernie Haase
- 9:20 Choral Praise -- First Baptist Church Choir, Bossier City
- 9:25 Message -- Ken Hemphill, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 9:50 Congregational Praise & Worship -- Jim Van Matre
- 9:55 Testimony -- Bull Bramlett, evangelist, Memphis, Tenn.
- 10:10 Prayer & Offering -- Harold Hudson
- 10:15 Musical Praise -- Jeff & Joy Earle, Greater Vision
- 10:25 Message -- Tom Elliff, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Del City, Okla.
- 10:50 Musical Praise -- Ernie Haase
- 10:55 Choral Praise -- First Baptist Church Choir, Bossier City
- 11:00 Message -- James Merritt, pastor, First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga.
- 11:30 Benediction -- Randy Kilby
- Postlude -- FBC, Bossier City, Choir

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Monday Afternoon, June 10

1:15-4:30 SESSION IV

- 1:10 Pre-service Musical Praise -- Champion Forest Baptist Church, Dick Hill
 1:25 Scripture/Prayer/Testimony -- Rick Gage
 1:35 Musical Praise -- Larnelle Harris
 1:45 Message -- Ron Phillips, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Hixson, Tenn.
 2:10 Congregational Praise & Worship -- Buster Pray
 2:15 Choral Praise -- Champion Forest Baptist Church Choir
 2:20 Message -- Ronnie Floyd, pastor, First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark.
 2:45 Musical Praise -- Eddie Middleton
 2:50 Election of Officers -- Johnny Hunt
 3:00 Musical Praise -- Greater Vision
 3:05 Message -- Bailey Smith, evangelist, Atlanta
 3:30 Prayer & Offering -- Larry Wilson
 3:35 Congregational Praise & Worship -- Richard K. Forbus
 3:40 Testimony -- Steve Hale, evangelist, Evansville, Ind.
 3:50 Musical Praise -- Michael Combs
 3:55 Choral Praise -- Champion Forest Baptist Church Choir
 4:00 Message -- Phil Hoskins, pastor, Higher Ground Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn.
 4:30 Benediction -- David Beecham
 Postlude -- Champion Forest BC Choir

Monday Evening, June 10

6:30 - 9:15 P.M. SESSION V

- 6:10 Pre-service Musical Praise -- First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.
 6:25 Musical Praise -- Johnny Hall
 6:30 Scripture/Prayer/Testimony -- Steve Flockhart
 6:40 Welcome -- Johnny Hunt
 6:45 Congregational Praise & Worship -- R. Todd Bell
 6:50 Intro of 1997 Pastors Conference Officers -- Johnny Hunt
 7:00 Choral Praise -- First Baptist Church, Woodstock
 7:05 Message -- Jay Strack, evangelist, Orlando, Fla.
 7:30 Presentation -- Home Mission Board Rep.
 7:40 Musical Praise -- Michael Combs
 7:45 Prayer & Offering -- John Cross
 7:50 Musical Praise -- Larnelle Harris
 8:00 Message -- Henry Blackaby, director, Prayer and Spiritual Awakening, Home Mission Board
 8:25 Musical Praise -- Becky Smith
 8:30 Testimony -- Bruce Schmidt, Foreign Mission Board missionary, Uganda
 8:55 Choral Praise -- Celebration Choir and Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Ga.
 9:00 Message -- John Bisagno, pastor, First Baptist Church, Houston
 9:30 Benediction -- Larry Wilson
 Postlude -- Celebration Choir/Orchestra, First Baptist Church, Woodstock

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Schaller, Sweet headline
 WMU meeting in New Orleans

By Teresa Dickens

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Addresses by Southern Baptist missions agency presidents and authors Lyle Schaller and Leonard Sweet, along with the election of a new national president, will highlight the June 9-10 Woman's Missionary Union annual meeting.

The yearly gathering of WMU leaders and members will be held at the New Orleans Marriott on Sunday and Monday prior to the Southern Baptist Convention annual meeting. Sessions begin at 2:30 p.m. Sunday afternoon and conclude Monday evening.

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Larry Lewis, president of the Home Mission Board, will speak on Sunday afternoon. The session also will feature testimonies by home missionaries Herbert Martin of New Orleans and Carol Zimmerman of Baltimore and a recognition of other home missionaries attending the meeting.

The Sunday evening session will highlight Southern Baptist foreign missions. The evening will include testimonies by foreign missionaries Vivian Boyle from Tanzania and Susie Edworthy from Poland and a message by Foreign Mission Board President Jerry Rankin.

Schaller will deliver the keynote address Monday afternoon. The author of more than 40 books and 1,000 articles, Schaller is known as one of the nation's most influential church growth analysts and leader among American Protestants. He currently serves as research associate with the National Evangelistic Association.

Sweet, dean of theology at Drew University, Madison, N.J., will deliver the message during the closing session of the meeting. The founder of SpiritVenture Ministries, Sweet is the author of more than 100 articles and 11 books, including the best-seller "FaithQuakes."

The morning and afternoon sessions on Monday will highlight the work of WMU. The Monday morning session will include addresses by WMU Executive Director Dellanna O'Brien and WMU President Carolyn Miller.

In the afternoon, an address by Diana Garland, Gheens professor of Christian family ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will help launch Project HELP: Child Advocacy, WMU's 1996-97 ministry project. Other activities during the session will be the introduction of the 1996 Acteens panelists and the election of national WMU officers for 1996-97.

Julie Rawls from Oklahoma City will lead the music during the two-day meeting. Soloist for the meeting will be Doris DeHaney from Pike Road, Ala. Special music presentations will be made on Monday evening by the Oklahoma Baptist Symphony and The Centurymen.

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WMU Annual Meeting
New Orleans, Louisiana
June 9-10, 1996
Marriott Hotel, 555 Canal Street
New Orleans
Theme: Reach Out

Sunday Afternoon, June 9

2:30 Reach Out ... to People in the Homeland
Prelude
Call to Order -- Carolyn D. Miller, Huntsville, Ala.
Hymns -- "God of Mercy, God of Grace," "I Bless the Christ of God," "Thou,
Whose Almighty Word"
Meditation -- Christine Anderson, handbells, Houston
Prayer
This Is Home Missions -- Video Presentation
Missionary Dialogue -- Herbert Martin, New Orleans, Carol Zimmerman,
Baltimore
Hymn -- "Reach Out and Touch"
Recognition of Home Missionaries
Special Music -- Doris DeHaney, Pike Road, Ala.
Message -- Larry Lewis, Atlanta
Meditation -- Christine Anderson
Benediction

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Sunday Evening, June 9

7:00 Reach Out ... to People Overseas

Prelude

Hymns -- "We Have a Gospel to Proclaim," "People Need the Lord"

Meditation -- Christine Anderson

Prayer

Listen to the World -- Video Presentation

Missionary Dialogue -- Vivian Boyle, Tanzania, Edworthy, Poland

Hymn -- "Let Your Heart Be Broken"

Recognition of Foreign Missionaries

Special Music -- Doris DeHaney

Message -- Jerry Rankin, Richmond, Va.

Meditation -- Christine Anderson

Benediction

Monday Morning, June 10

9:30 Reach Out ... to Women through Ministry

Prelude

Hymns -- "The Servant Song," "Tell the Good News"

Meditation -- Christine Anderson

Prayer

Ministering in His Name -- Video Presentation

Executive Board Report -- Dellanna O'Brien, Birmingham, Ala.

Offertory Prayer -- Richard Carnes, Birmingham, Ala.

Offering

Hymn -- "Freely, Freely"

Ministry Opportunities through the Church -- Jane Ferguson, Montgomery, Ala.

A Reason to Give Thanks -- Martha Hawkins, Montgomery, Ala.

Special Music -- Doris DeHaney

Ministry Opportunities through the Association -- Camille Simmons, San Antonio, Texas

Hymn -- "People Need the Lord"

President's Address -- Carolyn Miller

Meditation -- Christine Anderson

Benediction

Monday Afternoon, June 10

2:00 Reach Out ... to Youth and Children

Prelude

Hymns -- "I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian," "To the Work"

Meditation -- Christine Anderson

Prayer

Ministering in His Name -- Video Presentation

Message -- Diana Garland, Louisville, Ky.

Hymns -- "Jesus Loves the Little Children," "Jesus Hands Were Kind Hands,"
"Jesus Loves Me"Acteens Panelists -- Sarah Groves, Birmingham, Ala.; Andrea Aldridge, New
Johnsonville, Tenn.; Michele Banks, Jacksonville, Texas; Grigg,
Moweaqua, Ill.; Kristin Henson, Washington, Okla.; Kate Van Horn,
Herndon, Va.; Kellie Williams, Murray, Ky.

Hymn -- "Do You Really Care"

Special Music -- Doris DeHaney

Address -- Lyle E. Schaller, Naperville, Ill.

Hymn -- "Love Is the Theme"

Election of Officers

Meditation -- Christine Anderson

Benediction

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Monday Evening, June 10

7:00 Reach Out ... Celebrate Christ
 Pre-session Music -- Oklahoma Baptist Symphony
 Hymns -- "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," "Share His Love," "Reach Out and Touch," "Glorify Thy Name"
 Meditation -- Christine Anderson
 Missions is Celebrating Christ -- Video Presentation
 Concert -- The Centurymen
 Message -- Leonard Sweet, Thomas, W.Va.
 Hymn -- "Lord, Here Am I"
 Meditation -- Christine Anderson
 Benediction

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Church musicians' program
 keyed to praise & inspiration

By Art Toalston

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--A program of choirs and other musical groups, hymn singing and dramatic vignettes will be featured during the 1996 Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

The conference, which is marking its 40th year, will meet June 9-10 at First Baptist Church, New Orleans, preceding the June 11-13 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in the city's Superdome.

The 1,200-member conference is the only professional music organization for Southern Baptist musicians, said Bill Green, conference president and director of the church music department for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

"It brings together local church musicians, seminary and college music faculty and denominational workers in music across the convention," Green said.

Membership also includes a yearly journal, the Southern Baptist Church Music Journal, and a quarterly newsletter which touches on many facets of church music.

Long before becoming an officer in the conference, Green said, he valued his participation "because of the inspirational value the meeting has, because of being able to fellowship with church musicians across our convention and because music is such a strong focus in the life of Southern Baptist churches."

Each conference has offered a great diversity of musical styles and philosophies and an opportunity build meaningful relationships with fellow church musicians, Green added.

The theme for this year's conference will be "Come Together with Joy." Compared to previous years, there will be no keynote speaker, with Green explaining the evening worship services instead will be fashioned as "times of praise and inspiration through music," featuring musical presentations, hymns and drama, "all woven together to make these worship experiences significant in the lives of all who attend."

The conference's program, session by session, will be:

-- 1:45 p.m. June 9: concerts by the Oklahoma Baptist Symphony and the Moses Hogan Chorale of New Orleans.

-- 6:45 p.m. June 9: worship service and presentations of the choral anthem and hymn commissioned each year by the conference. The anthem, by Michael Cox, professor of music theology and composition at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, is titled, "Easter Morning." The hymn, by R.G. Huff, minister of music at University Heights Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo., is titled, "Come, People of Our Lord." Performing the compositions, along with other music, will be the combined choirs of First Baptist Church, New Orleans; First Baptist Church, Kenner, La.; and First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La.

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-- 8:30 a.m. June 10: concerts by the Mississippi College Chamber Choir and Louisiana Baptist Children's Honor Choir; seminars on "Computers and Music," led by Bill Tiemann, minister of music, Buena-Vista Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.; "Hymnology," Harry Eskew, professor of hymnology at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and "Change and Stress," Harles Cone, a management consultant from Liberty, Mo.; and small-group discussions led by Green; Gerald Ray, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Houston; Larry Black, minister of music, First Baptist Church, and J.M. Wood, retired minister of music, Broadmoor Baptist Church, both in Jackson, Miss.; and Bill Roper, minister of music, First Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

-- 1:30 p.m. June 10: second session for seminars; concert by Oklahoma Baptist University's Bison Glee Club.

-- 7 p.m. June 10: worship service and concert by the adult choir and orchestra of First Baptist, Houston.

"I would encourage anyone to give consideration to coming to the conference," Green said, "and to plan to make this a part of their participation in years to come because of it relating so strongly to who we as Baptist musicians are."

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Gary Frost to address
African American meeting

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Gary Frost, second vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention, will be the guest speaker during the African American Fellowship's June 9 worship service preceding the June 11-13 SBC annual meeting in New Orleans.

The fellowship's Sunday worship will be at 5:15 p.m. at New Orleans' Franklin Avenue Baptist Church.

There are more than 1,600 African American congregations among the 40,000 churches in the SBC.

Frost, pastor of Rising Star Baptist Church, Youngstown, Ohio, played a key role in the SBC's adoption of a racial reconciliation resolution during the convention's sesquicentennial last June in Atlanta. Frost also is a member of the SBC Executive Committee.

The African American Fellowship's business meeting and luncheon will begin at 10 a.m. June 10 in the Court of Two Sisters, 613 Rue Royale, New Orleans.

The meeting will include a discussion of expanding the number of state-level fellowships across the country beyond about 25 now active. Awards from SBC agencies also will be presented in recognition of African American church achievements in church starting and church growth.

Ticket information for the luncheon may be obtained by phoning Ethel Williams at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, (804) 219-1423.

E.W. McCall Sr., pastor of St. Stephen Baptist Church, La Puente, Calif., is the fellowship's president.

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Hispanic meeting to include
address by BWA's Nilson Fanini

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Brazilian pastor Nilson Fanini, president of the Baptist World Alliance, will be among the featured speakers during the June 8 worship celebration of the Ninth Annual National Southern Baptist Hispanic Fellowship Conference.

The conference, to be conducted in Spanish in the chapel of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, is one of several meetings preceding the June 11-13 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in the city's Superdome.

Hispanics account for 3,800 churches in the SBC, encompassing more than a half million members.

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In addition who Fanini, pastor of one of Rio de Janeiro's largest churches, the 7 p.m. worship celebration's featured speakers will include Don Kammerdiener, executive vice president of the Foreign Mission Board; and Bob Sena, director of the Home Mission Board's office of Hispanic ministries. The worship celebration's theme will be "Agents of Missions, Instead of Objects of Missions."

A proposed constitution will be discussed during the conference's business meeting, also June 8 from 2-5 p.m. in the seminary chapel. A message by Jim Henry, SBC president and pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla., also is scheduled.

The constitution is being recommended by a seven-member committee chaired by Danilo Cardona, pastor of Mision Bautista Hispana, Chamblee, Ga., and president of the Georgia Hispanic Fellowship.

The committee developed the proposed constitution with input from leaders of the 23 state Hispanic fellowships in the SBC.

The business session also will include the election of new officers.

The national fellowship's president is Rafael de Armas, a Baptist associational director of missions from Punta Gorda, Fla.

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**Directors of missions
to assess resources**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--"Resourcing the Association" will be the theme of the June 9-10 meeting of the Conference of Associational Directors of Missions at the Radisson Hotel in New Orleans.

The Southern Baptist Convention encompasses 1,200 local Baptist associations, employing about 1,000 directors of missions. The conference's first meeting was in 1960 prior to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami Beach. This year's meeting precedes the SBC's June 11-13 annual meeting in New Orleans.

By "Resourcing the Association" spiritually and through education, noted Charles B. Nunn Jr., director of missions for the Richmond (Va.) Baptist Association, associations can better fulfill their key purpose -- serving and ministering to local churches.

Waylon Bailey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Covington, La., and an adjunct professor of Old Testament at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, will lead Bible studies during conference sessions at 1 p.m. June 9 and 9 a.m. June 10. Dennis Swanberg, a humorist and special assistant to the president for seminary relations at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, will be featured during the conference's 10:30 a.m. session June 10.

Among the speakers giving theme testimonies will be John L. Brackin, director of missions for the Catalina Baptist Association, Tuscon, Ariz.

The conference's special music will be presented by Dale Little of Natchez, Miss., director of missions for the Union and Adams Baptist associations.

The SBC Annuity Board is the traditional host of the conference's Sunday evening banquet and Monday luncheon.

The conference's incoming president is Larry L. Rose, director of missions of the Tarrant Baptist Association, Fort Worth, Texas.

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**Campus ministers to explore
Baptist views of God's will**

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Alabama pastor Alan Furr will address "Discernment, Conflicts, and the Baptist Quest for the Will of God" during the 1996 annual meeting of the Association of Southern Baptist Campus Ministers.

The association's June 7-9 sessions will be at New Orleans' Holiday Inn West Bank.

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Furr is pastor of Vestavia Hills Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala.; co-editor of the book, "Ties that Bind: Life Together in the Baptist Vision;" author of the upcoming book, "A Summer Vacation;" and a member of the Academy for Spiritual Formation.

According to a news release from the association, Furr's addresses on Friday evening and Saturday morning will review various models by which Baptists address the question, "What is the will of God for me/us?" and will explore the questions, "So what is an authentically Baptist vision of discernment?" and "How do we guide those under our care to find biblical, healthy, true models of discernment for their life decisions?"

Registration information about the conference can be obtained by writing to Bob Ford, ASBCM vice president for membership, P.O. Box 151, Jacksonville, AL 36235. Campus ministers interested in suggesting seminar topics should send their ideas to Ken May, 507 Collegedale, Troy, AL 36081.

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Evangelists to hear
FMB's Jerry Rankin

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President Jerry Rankin will be among the featured speakers at the 38th annual Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists June 12.

The Wednesday afternoon program will be held from 1-4 in the Hyatt Regency Hotel's French Market Exhibit Hall in New Orleans. The conference traditionally is held during the Wednesday break when no Southern Baptist Convention business sessions are scheduled.

Three keynote speakers will address different aspects of the conference theme, "Share His Love." Evangelist Eddie Martin of Lancaster, Pa., will speak on "Through Witnessing;" evangelist Tom Cox of Mountainburg, Ark., and president of the conference, on "Through the Preached Word;" and Rankin on "Proclaimed Around the World."

More than a dozen music evangelists also will be featured as part of the program.

The conference also will hold "Afterglow" sessions, titled this year "A Celebration of Gospel Singing," following the evening session of the SBC Pastors' Conference June 10 and the evening SBC session June 11. Both Afterglow programs will be at the Hyatt French Market Exhibit Hall and will last until midnight.

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