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Midwestern Approves
Policy, Lauds Berquist

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (BP)--Trustees of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here in annual meeting have adopted a policy which they hope will qualify it for accreditation in a year.

The text of the comprehensive policy on academic freedom and responsibility and other faculty matters was not immediately available to the press.

It apparently was looking forward to accreditation by the American Association of Theological Schools (AATS) rather than reviewing past events.

The trustees also gave a standing vote of tribute to President Millard J. Berquist. Twenty-nine of the 30 members were present for the trustee meeting. The standing vote was reported to be unanimous.

The policy action also included references to faculty tenure and a program of sabbatical leaves for the faculty.

Trustees and faculty of the seminary had a banquet together during the annual meeting.

Malcolm B. Knight of Jacksonville, Fla., was reelected president of the trustees. Robert W. Jackson of Dalton, Ga., and Norman H. McCrummen of Birmingham were reelected vice-presidents. Joe R. Hurst of Kansas City, Mo., is treasurer. L. W. Cleland of Kansas City is secretary.

C. Harold Mann of Kansas City, Mo., heads the trustee executive committee.

In the statements to the press, both Berquist and Knight expressed happiness over the spirit of the trustee meeting. They announced the trustees will meet again May 9 in Kansas City, during the period the Southern Baptist Convention is in annual session here. This is a regular "adjourned session" to take up business which develops later in the year.

Midwestern is an institution of the SBC.

The policy passed, according to a statement issued by the trustees, "marked a significant step toward accreditation of the seminary by the accrediting association.

"It also constituted a definite step forward on the part of the trustees to a positive, constructive relationship and understanding with the faculty and administration.

"The trustees, faculty and administration all evidence a deep purpose of mutual dedication and commitment to move forward together in the development of a constructive program for theological education with the guideline of the Articles of Faith adopted by the (Southern Baptist) Convention in 1925 and academic principles adopted by the board of trustees in October, 1962," it added.

The policy is based on a statement by the American Association of Theological Schools and is followed by other Southern Baptist seminaries. It is understood to be required before attaining accreditation.

The tribute to President Berquist was made "in view of the patient and preserving spirit of our president and for his dedication..." It pledged to him the trustees' "continued prayers and support."

Knight said trustees had "a wonderful, forward-looking meeting. The whole tone was one of anticipation of a good working relationship with the Southern Baptist constituency in this area and the denomination at large."

Berquist described plans for the upcoming summer school. He said there are indications there'll be a considerable increase in enrollment over last year.

A statement by Berquist carried these words:

"We feel a deep sense of respect to our Convention, churches and to our Baptist people. In every possible way we want to acknowledge the great debt we owe to everyone, to the millions with their tithes and offerings making possible a Cooperative Program which has provided every inch of ground on the campus, every brick and stone in these buildings," and operating expenses during the five years the seminary has operated.

Charles F. Curry of Kansas City, chairman of the trustee building and grounds committee, said the total investment in buildings and campus land nears \$3 million. A \$450,000 dormitory is expected to be ready to use this summer.

Plans are being made for a child care building and apartments for married students, he added.

The seminary will have an operating budget of \$412,552 for 1963-64.

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Southern Arranges
Social Work Degree

(3-17-63)

LOUISVILLE (BP)--A Baptist seminary and the social work school of a university here have arranged for a student to get both the master of social work degree and the master of religious education degree in three years.

The social work degree would be accredited.

The new plan was reported here to trustees of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in their annual meeting. It involves the seminary and Kent School of Social Work of the University of Louisville.

This was one of the actions taken as a result of the merger of Carver School of Missions and Social Work here into the seminary. Both are operated by the Southern Baptist Convention.

A companion action of the trustees established endowed chairs of church social work and Christian missions and world religion. The latter will be called the William O. Carver Chair of Christian Missions and World Religion, in memory of the man whose name Carver School bears.

Hugo H. Culpepper, associate professor of missions at the seminary, was named to fill the William O. Carver chair. The two chairs were established pending vote of the SBC completing the merger.

The \$825,000 voted for campus improvement, provided from capital needs funds through the SBC Cooperative Program, includes \$467,000 for student housing renovation.

Leonard L. Holloway of Louisville was promoted from executive assistant to the president to a new post as vice-president for development and public relations.

William C. Bushnell was promoted from assistant to associate professor of church music. R. Inman Johnson, better known as "Prof" Johnson, a seminary faculty member for 43 years, will be 60 on May 9. This is mandatory retirement age for the staff.

Johnson, present alumni secretary, was made alumni secretary emeritus effective Jan. 1. He will continue to teach speech for two more years.

Franklin P. Owen of Lexington, Ky., was elected chairman of trustees. G. Frank Cole, Nashville banker, was elected first vice-chairman.

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Howard Payne Students
Score With Recording

BROWNWOOD, Tex. (BP)--A few months ago Howard Payne College student Ray Hildebrand asked here if he could live in a gymnasium dressing room to cut expenses.

Recently he helped send the Howard Payne basketball team to Kansas City to participate in the basketball tournament of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics.

Hildebrand's "Rags to Riches" story began this winter when he and Howard Payne coed Jill Jackson recorded "Hey, Paula," which soared quickly to the top of the hit parade. Hildebrand wrote the song.

The Howard Payne Yellow Jackets chipped in another success story when they won the cochampionship of the Lone Star Conference. Coach Bill Whitis wanted to take the entire team to the national tournament, but under association rules, expenses are provided for only 10 players.

Hildebrand started the ball rolling when he offered Coach Whitis \$500 for travel expenses. The coach accepted \$300.

When Ray Jacobs, former Howard Payne gridder now with the professional football Houston Oilers, brought in more than \$150, Howard Payne students and supporters kept scoring until funds were available for the entire Yellow Jacket squad.

Hildebrand is active in the Woodlawn Heights Baptist Church of Brownwood and tithes his income. Miss Jackson is a member of First Methodist Church, Brownwood. The students, who have already toured the U. S., making personal appearances, have accepted a two-week singing engagement in London this spring.

Their manager, Major Bill Smith of Fort Worth, has given more than \$2,500 to help finance the New Life Movement slated to reach all of Japan and other nations of the Orient with the gospel this spring.

The singers recently recorded a new album of 12 songs called "Paul and Paula Sing for Young Lovers," which has also caught on rapidly.

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Baptist Group Stresses
Freedom of Religion

(3-17-63)

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (BP)--The free exercise of religion, as well as the disestablishment of religion, must be guaranteed in proper church-state relations, according to the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

In the current national debate on the place of government in the public schools and in public life, the committee pointed out it must be remembered that the first amendment to the Constitution has two clauses relating to religion. The first prohibits an establishment of religion; the second prohibits governmental interference with the "free exercise thereof."

The action of the Baptist group was taken in support of the 1962 ruling of the U. S. Supreme Court to prohibit official government prayers in public schools and in view of the pending decision on required religious exercises of Bible reading and recitation of the Lord's prayer in schools.

It is anticipated the Court will continue to hold that religious devotions required by law violate the first amendment.

The Baptist committee has concurred with the Supreme Court in the New York regents' prayer case throughout the recent controversy. However, the decisions against "establishment" require a search for the proper means for "free exercise."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs held its semiannual meeting in the national offices of the American Baptist Convention churches at Valley Forge.

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This was the first time in the history of the committee to meet outside Washington, D. C., where it maintains offices. C. Emanuel Carlson is the executive director.

In other actions, the committee took steps to enlarge its staff, to expand its research program, and to provide adequate building facilities for work authorized by the sponsoring Baptist conventions.

Walfred Peterson, professor of political science in Bethel College (Baptist), St. Paul, Minn., was employed for special research during the summer of 1963. Another staff member is being sought to direct the study and correlation services of the committee. Plans were discussed for the development of a full scale research program in the area of church-state relations.

Presently housed in the Baptist Building in the nation's capitol, the committee has outgrown the facilities there. The offices of the committee were authorized to confer with its sponsoring conventions, Baptist groups in Washington, and with the other interested Baptist agencies "looking toward a long-term solution of the housing needs related to the programs which have been approved."

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs is maintained by seven national Baptist bodies in North America for activities in the field of religious liberty and church-state relations. The groups are the American Baptist Convention, Baptist General Conference, National Baptist Convention, National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Baptist Federation of Canada, North American Baptist General Conference, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Texas Pastor Charges
Social Drink Widespread

(3-17-63)

FORT WORTH (BP)--A Kingsville, Tex., pastor said during a Christian life workshop here that social drinking is widespread among Southern Baptists.

However, Don L. Anderson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kingsville, said he did not believe social drinking should be a test of membership in a Southern Baptist church. He spoke during the Texas Baptist Christian life commission's workshop on Christianity and contemporary moral issues at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here.

"First of all, and very practically," Anderson said, "it would mean the decimation of the membership of the average church."

"There is no biblical command or precedent for dismissing them; so, I am not forced to bring disciplinary action against them."

Anderson stressed while he did not advocate making social drinking a test of fellowship, it should be required of leadership. "A church is not obligated to elevate one to a position of leadership whose example is not good and who overtly and often transgresses the principles for which it stands," he said.

"If we are aware of a number of our fellow church workers who engage in this form of socializing," Anderson told fellow pastors at the workshop, "there must be a larger number who have successfully hidden this from the leadership of their church for fear of losing status in the congregation or for fear of hurting the feelings of the pastor.

Anderson said he is an abstainer, preaches total abstinence, and does everything within his power to combat the drinking problem; however, he does not believe in isolating the social drinkers from other members.

He said churches often have rapped members for social drinking while neglecting some sins just as far-reaching.

"It should be my personal desire to maintain my relationship with them (social drinkers) within the church with the goal in mind of helping them grow spiritually to the point where they can take a fresh look at themselves, their way of life and and their relationship to their Lord and their church," he said.

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Anderson said some might say the church was condoning social drinking, but this is not true, he went on, for "the church has historically spoken against sins evident with its memberships."

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Japan Crusade Uses
Hardin-Simmons Band

(3-17-63)

DALLAS (BP)--Thirty-four members of the Hardin-Simmons University cowboy band are in Japan to participate in the Japan Baptist New Life Movement.

Students from the Texas Baptistschool will perform in churches and take part in parades and other events in Tokyo, Kokura, Fukuoka, Yokohama and other Japanese cities March 14-April 14.

They are part of more than 600 people from the U. S., who are planning to participate in the largest evangelistic crusade ever attempted by Southern Baptists, and called by many "the largest in the history of Christendom."

More than 500 Southern Baptist preachers and laymen, about 80 per cent from Texas, will help head hundreds of local and citywide revivals March 30-May 5 in Japan, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Guam, Taiwan, Okinawa, Singapore and Hawaii.

A number of celebrities, including athletes and entertainers, are also participating. The crusade is to be beamed to vast areas of the Orient via television.

The New Life Movement is being cosponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board and the Japan Baptist Convention.

The Asian New Life Movement began originally as a citywide revival in Tokyo. However, it mushroomed to a nationwide crusade to reach all of Japan with the gospel, and then spread to other countries of the Orient.

Japan, a nation of 94 million people, has only about 600,000 Christians.

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Roy Gilleland Made
Brotherhood Leader

(3-17-63)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Roy J. Gilleland Jr. has been elected Brotherhood secretary for Tennessee Baptist Convention here.

Announcement came after an executive board meeting of the convention. Gilleland has been the convention's Royal Ambassador secretary--the boys' phase of Brotherhood work--since 1956.

He will assume his new position April 1, succeeding Paul Cates. Cates left the office here some time ago to become a high school principal in Roan Mountain, Tenn.

Gilleland is a native of Abbeville, S. C., and a graduate of The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C.

The Tennessee Baptist executive board also approved an \$8 million expansion at Mid-State Baptist Hospital in Nashville. The new building will more than double existing bed capacity of the convention-owned institution.

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Government Called
Tax Helper To Church

NASHVILLE (BP)--"A contribution to the church is always less than the amount on the face of the check or the size of the bill dropped in the offering plate."

This new twist on giving was voiced by a New York City attorney and tax counselor, speaking to members of the Southern Baptist Convention agency.

Sydney Prerau explained how government tax laws permit deductions for gifts to churches and other charity causes.

"Our government encourages support of religious, educational and charitable organizations. This is not illegal or immoral," Prerau said. "Charity is not a tax loophole. The government is helping you give."

For single person earning more than \$16,000 a year, or married couples with \$32,000 or more a year income, where they have reached a higher percentage income tax rate, the contributions have a telling effect on tax they have to pay.

When a man reaches the top of the tax-bite ladder--the 91 per cent bracket--this means the government takes 91 cents of every dollar he earns in income taxes, Prerau said.

A man in this top bracket gives \$100 to the church. Next spring, when he files his tax form, he receives a refund of \$91. "Now, how much did he give to the church?" Prerau asked. It was at this point he injected the novel statement:

"A contribution to the church is always less than the amount on the face of the check or the size of the bill dropped in the offering plate."

The Foundation members include Nashville area men of finance and industry (all Baptists) as local members, plus representatives from various agencies of the SBC which use the Foundation to help invest their funds for interest. It was to these persons Prerau addressed his statements.

Prerau predicted failure of President Kennedy's income tax reform efforts with the current Congress. One of the Kennedy reforms is the controversial plan to put a new ceiling on deductions for charity.

It has come under repeated fire from many religious and welfare groups which fear its passage will pare away some of their financial support.

"We're hoping that someone on the Ways and Means Committee will say this (reform) proposal is so outrageous we will not have any recurrence of it," Prerau said.

"The parsonage allowance for ordained ministers is not a deduction," Prerau said. "It is an exclusion for ministers. I'm asked, 'Why are they specially preferred?' This is not a special preference.

"Janitors in apartment houses are given this too. You (pastors) are on call 24 hours a day; the law says very definitely your housing is not taxable," he continued.

He described his 57-minute speech as one to show "how to invest in the church or college of your choice and increase your spendable income." He acknowledged his remarks applied mainly to single persons earning \$16,000 or more a year, or married couples \$32,000 or more.

The group to which he spoke tries to encourage individuals to give directly to church causes, or to set up trusts, annuities and wills benefitting these causes.

SBC Foundation Gets
Yield Of 5.16 Per Cent

NASHVILLE (BP)--Two estates entrusted to the Southern Baptist Foundation here helped to boost its 1962 investments to \$1,283,318.

J. W. Storer, executive secretary, said trust funds held by the Southern Baptist Convention agency total \$6,224,000 compared with \$5,578,502 a year ago.

Trust funds showed a net increase of \$738,000 during the year.

Storer and Mrs. Christine M. Bess, administrative assistant, reported these figures to the Foundation at its annual meeting in the Nashville office.

The average rate of return on the general fund during 1962 was 5.16 per cent. There was a 5.8 per cent return on the annuity fund, they added.

One of the estates was that of the late Mrs. Sarah D. Garland of Nashville. The interest on her \$75,000 bequest will provide money for Southern Baptist foreign missions.

Another estate's income will supply funds to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

"Trust funds are invested in blue chip stocks, bonds and prime first mortgages," according to Storer. "Income was distributed to Baptist causes in the amount of \$247,199 in accordance with donor stipulations."

Several SBC agencies have funds on deposit with the Foundation on which they receive quarterly returns. The Foundation invests the funds for the agencies.

Stirton Oman, Nashville contractor, was elected to another term as president of the agency. Walton N. Smith, Clarksville, Tenn., continues as vice-president and Noble C. Caudill of Nashville remains recording secretary.

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Hawaii Leader Elected
By Atlanta Church

(3-17-63)

ATLANTA (BP)--Stanton H. Nash of Honolulu, executive secretary of the Hawaii Baptist Convention for the past three years, has been elected to a position with First Baptist Church here.

At the 6,000-member Atlanta church he will take charge of the educational and administrative programs. The church, one of the 10 largest in the Southern Baptist Convention, has a staff of approximately 20 and a budget of \$618,000.

Nash, who had indicated he would accept the position if elected, will serve in Hawaii until June, when he will move his wife and four children to Atlanta.

Nash, born in New Roads, La., is a graduate of Trinity University, San Antonio, Tex., and of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. He holds degrees in both religious education and sacred music.

He entered vocational religious work in August, 1938, after working with a lumber company in Louisiana. Following his seminary training, he served as a music director in Indian Oaks Baptist Church, Fort Worth. He was education director at First Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Tex.; First Baptist Church, Ranger, Tex.; College Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth; and Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala.

He was assistant to Pastor Herschel H. Hobbs of First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, from October, 1949, to September, 1959. Then he was elected the first executive secretary-treasurer of the Hawaii Baptist Convention.

During World War II he served in the United States Army for four years, including action in Europe. He was discharged with the rank of major.

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