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## '70 Onward Groups Plan SBC Future Work

One of the Southern Baptist Convention Atlantic City actions is digging deep where it counts - in grass roots study of the denomination's future.

Despite the lack of fanfare or wide publicity, 615 Baptist leaders are working hard to establish a basis for the Convention's program emphases for the period beginning in 1970. They are meeting in 41 study groups extending from Hawaii to Maryland.

The second round of a series of three study group sessions of three hours each, was to be finished by the end of January. The first round met in December and the third will meet in February.

The huge effort known as "'70 Onward" planning is part of the long-range emphasis voted by the Atlantic City Convention. Leadership has been assigned to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, Porter Routh, executive secretary.

A special "'70 Onward" Steering Committee composed of representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies has worked out details for the project.

The 41 groups will officially finish their work in late spring, when the chairmen will convene in Nashville on May 10 for a three-day meeting to shape the final report. Their findings will become the basic paper on which the steering committee will shape a long-range Convention emphasis for consideration by the Executive Committee and recommendation to the Convention.

A preliminary report is expected to be presented to the Convention at Detroit in May, 1966, and a final report at New Orleans in May, 1967. The emphasis to become effective in 1970 will replace the one currently being promoted as "A Church Fulfilling its Mission."

Each of the 41 grass roots study groups is composed of 13 local members and two denominational representatives, one from the state in which the group is meeting and one from an SBC agency. At least six of the 13 local members are lay people.

All members were chosen for their active participation in local church activities. Each group will follow the same agenda, planned to produce answers to the question: What are the proper basic areas of activity for a church? Careful use of the Bible will be made.

Chairmen and writers for the study group were chosen because of their insights into church and denominational problems. They met in Nashville, Nov. 19-20, for a two-day training session directed by Porter Routh.

Members of the "'70 Onward" Steering Committee are Albert McClellan, Executive Committee, general chairman; W. L. Howse, W. O. Thomason, R. H. Falwell, James H. Daniel and Martin B. Bradley, from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Miss Alma Hunt, Miss Elaine Dickson and Mrs. R. L. Mathis, from Woman's Missionary Union; George L. Euting, Victor N. Varner and Roy Jennings, from the Brotherhood Commission.

James V. Lackey, Stewardship Commission; Travis Adams, Education Commission; Foy Valentine, Christian Life Commission; Arthur B. Rutledge, L. O. Griffith and C. E. Autrey, Home Mission Board.

Eugene L. Hill, Rogers M. Smith and Harold Basden, Foreign Mission Board.

The Steering Committee is divided into four work groups. Work Group I is directing the 41 study groups in their effort to answer the question, What are the proper basic areas of work for the churches? Work Group II will study the problem of the relationship of the Southern Baptist Convention agencies and other groups to the basic areas.

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Work Group III will study the present accomplishments of the churches in the basic areas. Work Group IV will develop a forecast of possibilities of accomplishment by the churches in the basic areas.

The study groups by states, cities where meeting, and with names of chairman, writer and associational representative, follows. Initials are used to save space--(C) for chairman; (W) for writer and (AR) for associational representative.

In most instances, the associational representative is an associational superintendent of missions.

Alabama--Birmingham: D. M. Nelson, pastor, Mountain Brook Baptist Church, Birmingham (C); L. D. Wilson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fairfield (W); Oley Kidd, Birmingham (AR).

Alabama--Dothan: Harper Shannon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan (C); Andrew Tampling, pastor, First Baptist Church, Opp (W); Karl Seepe, Troy (AR).

Arizona--Tucson: M. E. McGlamery, pastor, 22nd Street Baptist Church, Tucson (C); Jack Gullede, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Tucson (W); Truman Webb, Coolidge (AR).

Arkansas--Benton: Bernes K. Selph, pastor, First Baptist Church, Benton (C); Carl Overton, pastor, Trinity Baptist Church, Benton (W); R. V. Haygood, Little Rock (AR).

California--El Monte: J. Thurmond George, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, El Monte (C); Lee Thomas, pastor, South Hills Baptist Church, West Covina (W); W. A. Burkey, South Gate (AR).

Colorado--Wheatridge: C. A. Dabney, pastor, Applewood Baptist Church, Wheatridge (C); Ernest S. Waite, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Westminster (W); Paul Jolly, Denver (AR).

District of Columbia--Washington: B. Ross Morrison, pastor, First Baptist Church, Wheaton, Md. (C); Herbert Gilmore, pastor, Chevy Chase Baptist Church, Chevy Chase, Md. (W); W. J. Crowder, Washington (AR).

Florida--Gainesville: Fred T. Laughon Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Gainesville (C); J. Hilton Olive, pastor, First Baptist Church, High Springs (W); Ellis Turner, Monticello (AR).

Florida--Orlando: Mitchell Maddox, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Orlando (C); James W. Parrish, pastor, First Baptist Church, Winter Park (W); Clyde Harless, Ocala (AR).

Georgia--Marietta: I. B. Hall, pastor, First Baptist Church, Marietta (C); Henry Campbell, minister of education, First Baptist Church, Smyrna (W); Mac Underwood, Monroe (AR).

Georgia--Brunswick: Jack P. Lowndes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Brunswick (C); J. N. Griffith, pastor, First Baptist Church, St. Simons Island (W); Roy Russell, Jesup (AR).

Illinois--Vandalia: Archie E. Brown, pastor, First Baptist Church, Vandalia (C); Thomas Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Johnston City (W); Kenneth Hall, Fairfield (AR).

Indiana--Evansville: Lowell G. Holder, layman, Evansville, (C); James W. Abernathy, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Evansville (W); J. Eldon Jones, Henryville (AR).

Kansas--Wichita: Gordon Dorian, pastor, Olivet Baptist Church, Wichita (C); Forrest Siler, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Wichita (W); Bill Odell, Arkansas City (AR).

Kentucky--Cambellsville; J. Chester Badgett, pastor, Campbellsville Baptist Church (C); H. E. Coker, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hodgenville (W); Lester E. Jones, Glasgow (AR).

Kentucky--Lexington: Harold B. Kuhnle, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington (C); Kenneth Fendley, Georgetown College, Georgetown (W); John Wells, Lexington (AR).

Louisiana--Shreveport: Scott L. Tatum, pastor, Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport (C); Al Cathey, layman, Shreveport (W); Arnold Nelson, Mansfield (AR).

Louisiana--Metairie: Rufus Zachary, pastor, Metairie Baptist Church (C); Nelson Price, pastor, Oak Park Baptist Church, New Orleans (W); Maurice Flowers, Hammond (AR).

Maryland--Frederick: Robert F. Woodward, pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick (C); Robert Hayes, pastor, Harford Baptist Church, Baltimore (W); Robert Hughes, Kensington (AR).

Michigan--East Lansing: Truett Smith, pastoral missionary, East Lansing (C); A. D. Maddux, superintendent of missions, Clio (W); Jay Dannelley, Holt (W).

Mississippi--Hattiesburg: Clyde C. Bryan, pastor, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg (C); C. B. Hamlett III, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg (W); George Lee, Columbia (AR).

Mississippi--Holly Springs: Earl Kelly, pastor, First Baptist Church, Holly Springs (C); James Travis, Blue Mountain College (W); Arthur Leslie, Oxford (AR).

Missouri--Poplar Bluff: John Wright, pastor, First Baptist Church, Poplar Bluff (C); James Hylton, pastor, First Baptist Church, West Plains (W); James Enock, DeSoto (AR).

Missouri--St. Joseph: Samuel Maddox, pastor, First Baptist Church, St. Joseph (C); Ernest White, pastor, Wyatt Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph (W); Robert Eberling, St. Joseph (AR).

New Mexico--Roswell: John Parrott, pastor, First Baptist Church, Roswell (C); Reagan Carr, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Jal (W); James Godsoe, Las Cruces (AR).

North Carolina--Chapel Hill: Henry Turlington, pastor, University Baptist Church, Chapel Hill (C); Dr. Bert Adams, Chapel Hill, layman (W); Hubert Mumford, Durham (AR).

North Carolina--Fayetteville: James C. Cammack, pastor, Snyder Memorial Baptist Church, Fayetteville (C); Leath C. Johnson, minister of education, Snyder Memorial (W); E. C. Watson, Concord (AR).

Ohio--Dayton: S. M. Mulkey, pastor, Far Hills Baptist Church, Dayton (C); David Haney, pastor, First Baptist Church, New Lebanon (W); Paul Payne, Dayton (AR).

Oklahoma--McAlester: Charles Myers, pastor, First Baptist Church, McAlester (C); Mrs. J. Davidson, Hartshorne (W); Guy Ward, Wewoka (AR).

Oklahoma--El Reno: W. F. Staton, pastor, First Baptist Church, El Reno (C); W. E. Baxter, layman, El Reno (W); A. L. Lowther, Oklahoma City (AR).

Washington--Pasco: W. E. Speed, pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pasco (C); Carl A. Nyborg, layman, Kennewick (W); Omer Hyde, Olympia (AR).

South Carolina--Greenville: Ollin J. Owens, pastor, Eastland Baptist Church, Greenville (C); Mrs. C. H. Thomas, Greenville (W); J. K. Lawton, Anderson (AR).

South Carolina--Lancaster: Daniel W. Cloer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lancaster (C); L. D. McKeown, newspaperman, Lancaster (W); O. F. Watts, Rock Hill (AR).

Tennessee--Clinton: Hayward Highfill, pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton (C); T. G. Murphree, Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, Maryville (W); Bill Atchley, Sevierville (AR).

Tennessee--Savannah: Bob J. Dean, pastor, First Baptist Church, Savannah (C); E. E. Deusner, pastor, First Baptist Church, Lexington (W); Teddy Evans, Selmer (AR).

Texas--Bowie: D. L. Payne, pastor, First Baptist Church, Bowie (C); Gene Carter, Decatur, layman (W); J. I. Clinton, Gainesville (AR).

Texas--Pasadena: B. J. Martin, pastor, South Main Baptist Church, Pasadena (C); Roy Lee Williams, Union Baptist Association, Houston (W); W. L. Hughes, Huntsville (AR).

Texas--Fort Worth: James G. Harris, pastor, University Baptist Church, Fort Worth (C); George Worrell, pastor, James Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth (W); Bill Lucas, Fort Worth (AR).

Virginia--Hampton: Joseph B. Flowers, pastor, West Hampton Baptist Church (C); Harold Coleman, pastor, Orcutt Baptist Church, Hampton (W); John Moran, Churchland (AR).

Virginia--Waynesboro: Julian H. Pentecost, pastor, First Baptist Church, Waynesboro (C); R. Carrington Paulette, pastor, First Baptist Church, Staunton (W); Nathan Fox, Crozet (AR).

London, Nov., 1798. (BP)--Dan Taylor, a Baptist missionary, returns to London after a preaching tour which took him to a number of churches in surrounding territories. Taylor travels on foot promoting the Baptist causes in England. He has traveled an estimated 25,000 miles--most of it on foot--in his 35 years as minister, editor, seminary president, and fund-raiser for the Baptists. His schedule usually calls for a sermon every night, and three or more on Sunday. A convert of the Wesleyan revival, he became a Baptist after carefully studying his Bible. His entire congregation also became convinced believer's baptism is the only scripturally sound mode of baptism, then went over to the Baptists with him.

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