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"Living the spirit of Christ"  
To Be Recommended '70-73 Theme

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention, if its Executive Committee approves, will consider here a proposed theme for all denominational planning for the years 1970-73.

The recommended theme will be: "Living the spirit of Christ." (word "spirit" in italics)

If it is approved by both the Southern Baptist Convention and by the SBC Executive Committee, the proposed theme "will be used as a watchword" to focus attention on the values suggested by a four-year grass-roots study of the needs for Baptist plans for the 1970's.

The recommendation will also suggest specific themes for denominational planning for each of the first four years of the 1970's. They are:

- 1970: "Living the spirit (italics) of Christ in Belief and Relevance."
- 1971: "Living the spirit (italics) of Christ in Openness and Freedom."
- 1972: "Living the spirit (italics) of Christ in Expectancy and Creativity."
- 1973: "Living the spirit (italics) of Christ in Faith and Conquest."

The first annual theme on "Belief and Relevance" will emphasize the basic truths of the gospel and show their relevance to present-day life issues. The second theme on "Openness and Freedom" would reaffirm basic Christian freedom and "call for face-to-face discussion of Christian doctrine among ourselves and with others."

The 1971-72 theme on "Expectancy and Creativity" would "seek to establish creative and expectant relationships with non-Christians for effective Christian witness and ministry," and the last theme on "Faith and Conquest" would call for a "major effort to enroll new members in church program organizations for study and performing the work of Christ..."

The themes are an outgrowth of four years of concentrated denominational planning, involving more than 10,000 Baptists representing a cross-section of the denomination.

Called the '70 Onward studies, the planning began in 1963 when the SBC Executive Committee requested a special advisory committee to develop a plan for planning the SBC emphasis to follow the present "Church Fulfilling Its Mission" emphasis, 1964-69.

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Atlantic City in 1964 approved a detailed plan for the '70 Onward studies, asking the SBC Inter-Agency Council and the Executive Committee to develop the plans after a thorough period of information gathering.

The information gathering phase was designed to determine the proper areas of work of the church, the relationship of these areas to Baptist denominational structures, the unlimited possibilities for each area, what Baptists are doing and could do to reach these possibilities, what basic areas Baptists should attempt for the period of years following 1969 in order to achieve the best results, and what goals should be set to do this.

Forty-one study groups met and worked on the questions. The chairmen of these 41 groups summarized their findings and drafted (1) a message to the churches and to the denomination, (2) a statement of the objective of a church, and (3) a statement outlining what they considered to be the five basic areas of church work.

Although convention approval is not required, a printed report on the '70 Onward studies is to be presented to both the Executive Committee and the convention. The pamphlet outlines the background, includes the statement of the objective of a church, and the five basic areas of church work.

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Said the printed report, distributed in advance to the Executive Committee members: "The objective of a church, composed of baptized believers who share a personal commitment to Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, is to be a redemptive body in Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit, growing toward Christian maturity through worship, witness, education, and ministry, proclaiming the gospel to the whole world, and applying Christian principles to man and society that God's purposes may be achieved."

The five basic areas of church work were listed as: worship, witness, educate, minister, and apply.

The report also indicated the Biblical basis for the 1970-73 themes, as developed by the '70 Onward Emphasis Advisory Planning Committee in cooperation with the Coordinating Committee of the Inter-Agency Council and the staff of the SBC Executive Committee.

The Biblical basis for the themes is found in 2 Peter 1:1-8, Phil. 1:27; and Phil. 2:1-16, where the Apostle Paul uses the phrase "the spirit of Christ".

Seven recommendations printed in the pamphlet will be brought to the convention and its Executive Committee for approval.

One states the purpose of the '70 Onward plans: "To discover and accept during the '70's better personal understandings of the gospel and apply these insights creatively in shaping every area of life in our revolutionary world."

Another recommendation outlines a three-point scope of the emphasis: (1) openness of the individual to God's leading into new responses to modern man, (2) mobility of organization structures in responding to the realities of emerging social patterns, and (3) flexibility of methods to meet the challenges of a revolutionary world.

Third recommendation outlines the dates of the emphasis: Oct. 1, 1969 through Sept. 30, 1979, with two phases, 1969-73, and 1973-79.

Recommended central theme of the entire decade would express the idea of "shaping the seventies through living creatively the spirit of Christ."

The fifth recommendation outlines the annual themes, 1969 through 1973, with a paragraph explaining each theme.

Two procedural recommendations will be included. One would authorize the SBC Executive Committee and the Inter-Agency Council to establish procedures to involve all SBC agencies in planning for the emphases, and another would set procedures for the Inter-Agency Council and Executive Committee to bring annual reports to the SBC on emphasis plans.

The SBC Executive Committee must approve the seven recommendations before they can go to the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Texas Public Relations  
Director To Get Doctorate

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SILAM SPRINGS, Ark. (BP)--R. T. (Dick) McCartney, director of public relations for the Baptist General Convention of Texas in Dallas, is to receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from John Brown University here, the school's president, John E. Brown Jr., has announced.

McCartney, a graduate of John Brown University, has been public relations director for the 1.8 million-member Texas convention since 1962. He also serves as regional editor of the Baptist Press, news service of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The 39-year-old Texas Baptist denominational leader has held several alumni posts and serves as president of the Dallas John Brown chapter.

Prior to his present position, he served five years as public relations director of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma.

McCartney has a varied background in public relations, having been in radio and television broadcasting as well as a news staff writer and photographer.

An ordained minister, McCartney is also a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth. He has been pastor of churches in Texas, Oklahoma and Missouri.

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Proposal May Expand SBC  
Church Loans Operation

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ATLANTA (BP)--In annual session at Miami Beach May 30-June 2, Southern Baptists will consider a proposal that could free the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's church loans division to expand its help to struggling new congregations.

The current convention-approved rules restrict the church loans operation to borrowing only from banks on an unlimited liability basis, and also restrict the amount of funds that can be borrowed from commercial sources.

A new three-point proposal, which will be presented by the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, would permit the church loans division to:

- (1) Borrow from other commercial loan institutions, such as insurance companies, as well as banks.
- (2) Borrow money on the same basis that it loans to the churches. (The board's bank loans have been limited to 10-year payouts while the board has been making 15 year loans to the churches, creating an awkward repayment problem.)
- (3) Borrow up to 100 percent of the net corpus of its site and church extension loan accounts, currently totaling over \$18 million.

Of about \$22.2 million in church loans reported at the end of 1966, only about \$4.2 million was borrowed by the board from commercial sources. That amount could increase up to \$18 million under this proposal.

One of the most restrictive factors currently is the unlimited liability borrowing by the board, said the Home Mission Board church loans division director.

"The board could not expose other divisions and agencies to liabilities incurred by the church loans division," Division Director Robert H. Kilgore said.

The new authority, however, would instruct the church loans division to limit its liability to the collateral securing the loans. The collateral, Kilgore said, will be church loan notes and a 10 percent funded reserve to protect against the possibility of the church notes not producing enough income to meet the board's loan payments.

"The Executive Committee has been wise in recommending these changes," Kilgore said. "If approved, implementation of the changes will be left to the Home Mission Board's directors, which will proceed as rapidly as is practical."

All new funds received from the board's borrowing are loaned to churches for building construction. About 1,050 churches in 48 states were being assisted at the end of 1966 by loans totaling \$22.2 million.

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Church Loans Names  
Two Field Representatives

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ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board's church loans division has completed its roster of territorial loan officers with the appointment of two new field representatives.

Billy T. Hargrove, pastor of the Westside Baptist Church in Waynesville, Mo., and at one time secretary of the Home Mission Board's survey and special studies department, was named to service church loans on the West Coast.

W. C. Dudley, currently director of Training Union and student work for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, will serve as field representative in the Midwest and a portion of the Great Lakes area.

In December of 1966, Pat McDaniel, then assistant to the executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of Michigan, was named the first of three field representatives who will initiate applications and help administer church loans in the field.

All three of the new Home Mission Board staff members will work out of the Atlanta office.

Hargrove directed community survey work for the Home Mission Board from 1957 to 1962, when he resigned to accept the pastorate of the Southern Baptist Temple in Phoenix, Ariz.

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He is a native of Norborne, Mo., and a graduate of William Jewel College (Baptist) in Liberty, Mo., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Dudley, a native of Birmingham, is a graduate of Samford University (Baptist) in Birmingham and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

He has been an associate in Kentucky Baptists' Training Union department, assistant to the pastor at First Baptist Church of Selma, Ala., and minister of education at First Baptist Church of DeLand, Fla.

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Catholic Graduate School *424*  
Gets \$2.3 Million Grant

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WASHINGTON (BP)--The U.S. Office of Education has announced grants totaling \$20.8 million to help build or remodel graduate facilities in 24 universities.

Georgetown University (Roman Catholic), Washington, is the only church-related school listed, according to the announcement. Georgetown will match a \$2.3 million federal grant with almost \$8 million of its own funds to build a new law center.

The grants, provided under Title II of the Higher Education Facilities Act of 1963, are designed to help public and private non-profit universities establish or improve graduate schools.

The \$20.8 million in federal funds will assist in the financing of construction and expansion projects costing almost \$100 million. Federal grants may not exceed one-third of the cost of each facility planned for graduate academic use.

The new grants announced for the 24 universities will help provide buildings for advanced study in engineering, science, law, music, languages, psychology, the humanities, physics, and forestry.

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Sanderson Elected Louisiana  
Baptist Evangelism Director *425*

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ALEXANDRIA, La. (BP)--Leonard Sanderson, former director of the evangelism division for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has been elected director of evangelism for the Louisiana Baptist Convention with offices here.

Sanderson for the past four years has headed a professional evangelism association. Previously, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La.

He will assume the Louisiana position effective Sept. 1. A former pastor of Baptist churches in Louisiana and Tennessee, Sanderson was secretary of evangelism for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Nashville, before joining the Home Mission Board evangelism division in 1956.

In other action, the Louisiana Baptist Convention Executive Board elected Grady Welch of Alexandria as secretary of the department of stewardship, a capacity he will assume in addition to his present work as secretary of the Brotherhood department for Louisiana Baptists.

John Winters of Alexandria, presently associated with Billy Graham films, was elected to assist Welch in the state-wide Brotherhood work. Winters will direct the work of Royal Ambassadors, an organization for Baptist boys.

The board sent messages to Robert L. Lee, convention executive secretary, who is leading revivals in Japan, and to J. D. Grey, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, who observed his 30th anniversary as pastor.

The board also paid tribute to W. L. Stagg Jr., who retires Aug. 1 as secretary of the department of stewardship. Stag was presented a bronzed plaque.

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