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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ASKS SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD TO BEGIN DEVELOPMENT OF GLORIETA

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Sunday School Board was given a green light by the Executive Committee, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive-secretary, for the development of the western assembly at Glorieta, N. Mex., just as soon as a clear title to the property can be obtained. The approval was made in keeping with an action of the convention last May in Oklahoma City. The Executive Committee was in session here this week for its mid-winter meeting.

The name of the Public Relations Committee will be changed to the Public Affairs Commission, if a recommendation of the Executive Committee is adopted by the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention. The move came out of a report of the Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee. Dr. J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., will continue as director of the Public Affairs Commission.

The Committee also voted to recommend to the Convention that an offering be taken on the night of the evangelistic service to be sponsored by the Department of Evangelism at the Chicago convention next May to pay for the expense of that service. Any surplus is to be turned to the Convention budget.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, was authorized to visit South American mission fields in the near future.

The title of Mr. Albert McClellan, director of publicity for the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, was changed to director of publications, more descriptive of his duties. He is editor of The Baptist Program, a monthly magazine for ministers with 22,000 circulation, the Baptist Bulletin Service, 500,000 weekly, the SBC Tract and Mat Service, and director of the Baptist Press.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, was instructed to contract for an auditorium in San Francisco in which to conduct the 1951 convention. The authorization came after a full consideration of a survey recently completed to determine popularity among Baptist ministers of a decision made last year to hold the 1951 convention in San Francisco. The Southern Baptist Convention has never met outside the traditional South or its border cities. The survey showed that 66 per cent of the ministers favored the San Francisco meeting place.

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designations should be charged to the long-range program. Following this review agency executives will meet in a conference with Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive-secretary of the Executive Committee to work out an equitable distribution of capital funds. This conference is to make its report to the 1950 pre-convention Executive Committee meeting at Chicago.

All special offerings in connection with the Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 5, 1950, will go to the relief committee of the Alliance except \$4,000 which will be distributed to all-over Alliance needs.

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S.B.C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO PLAN FIVE-YEAR PROGRAM

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptists will plan a five-year program covering the years of 1951-1955. The Executive Committee of the Convention voted at its mid-winter conference to call a conference of executives of Southern Baptist agencies to be held early in 1950 to plan for the program and to develop themes. It will be followed by a promotional conference of state and Southwide Baptist leaders to be held in June.

In 1951 emphases will be on enlistment of non-resident members, the world Advance Program, young people in missions, and a simultaneous evangelistic crusade. In 1952 emphases will be on young people's adventuring in stewardship, the 160th anniversary of modern missions and a convention-wide simultaneous stewardship study and every member financial canvass. In 1953 emphasis will be on establishing of mission churches. Guides for 1954 and 1955 have not yet been established.

1950 Southern Convention promotional plans fitted carefully into the promotional plans of the states, will center in a Tithers Visitation Enlistment to be led by Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion. They will emphasize use of visual aids. Most important is a scientifically prepared "turn-over chart" to lead people to see their obligation to give ten per cent of their incomes into the churches. A new series of "share-the-space" tracts and posters presenting both Southern and state convention causes is planned. Also to support the program will be a filmstrip, Southern Baptists Advance, special tithing church bulletins and special stewardship Sunday school lessons.

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PROPOSED 1951 S.B.C. BUDGET PROVIDES
MONEY FOR TWO ADDITIONAL SEMINARIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Money will be provided for two new theological seminaries in 1951, if a recommendation of the Executive Committee adopted in Nashville last week is approved by the Southern Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in Chicago next May. The new seminaries are proposed for the far west and the south-east. Each of them will have \$100,000 the first year. The money will come from the first \$4½ million, or operations budget of the Cooperative Program.

The total 1951 operating budget will be distributed to the agencies as follows:

Foreign Mission Board.....	\$2,250,000
Home Mission Board.....	660,015
Relief and Annuity Board.....	500,040
Southern Baptist Seminary.....	200,025
Southwestern Baptist Seminary.....	200,025
New Orleans Baptist Seminary.....	200,025
Golden Gate Seminary.....	100,035
Proposed Seminary in East.....	100,035
W.M.U. Training School.....	40,050
Baptist Brotherhood.....	40,050
Southern Baptist Hospital.....	40,050
Radio Commission.....	76,050
American Baptist Theological Seminary Commission	45,000
Other Commission (Education - \$15,000).....	48,600
(Social Service - \$12,500)	
(Historical Society - \$10,000)	
(Public Relations - \$11,000)	

The next \$2½ million above the \$4½ million operating budget will be known as the capital needs budget. Money distributed to the agencies from the capital needs budget may be expended only for permanent investment, such as land, buildings, etc. Home and Foreign Mission Boards may apply portions of their operating budget to capital needs where necessary to safeguard their missionary programs.

All money raised above the seven millions is to be designated to foreign missions.

The Convention operating budget for 1951 is as follows:

Convention Expense including Annual.....	\$45,000
Special Committees.....	10,000
Reserve Fund.....	35,000
Executive Committee.....	75,000
Southern Baptist Foundation.....	15,000
Baptist World Alliance.....	25,000

The Sunday School Board will pay \$60,000 of the convention operation budget. The rest will be provided from distributable funds before allocations to the agencies are made.

A new plan was approved to determine extent of participation in the capital needs budget of the Convention by the agencies. The agencies will review all designated gifts received since January 1, 1946, to determine how much of the

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DR. HILL WILL DIRECT PROMOTION
FOR SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSEMBLIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. John L. Hill, retired book editor of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will serve as director of promotion for the Baptist assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C., and the new assembly at Glorieta, N. Mex.

The appointment was made yesterday by the Sunday School Board during its mid-winter meeting here. Dr. Hill accepted the position, effective immediately.

The Board also announced the election of W. F. Howard of Dallas, Tex., as secretary of the Board's Department of Student Work. Howard presently is secretary of student work in the Texas Baptist Convention.

Howard had not announced a decision regarding the work. However, if accepted he will succeed the late Dr. Frank Leavell, who served for 27 years as director of student work. A graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and the University of Texas at Austin, he has served as director of Baptist student work for the past six years.

Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Board, announced that William Fleming of Fort Worth, Tex., Baptist layman, has offered \$25,000 toward financing a \$100,000 auditorium to be constructed at the Glorieta assembly. The Board voted to match Fleming's gift with an additional \$25,000 as a part of the \$100,000 which the Board has voted for the development of the summer assembly site.

Harold Ingraham, business manager of the Board, reported that 34 new book titles had been published during the past 12 months with a total of 523,586 volumes. Including reprints, there have been 2,372,440 books published during the year.

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FOREIGN MISSIONS WILL BENEFIT
FROM INCREASE IN 1951 BUDGET

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Most important of the changes in the proposed 1951 Southwide Cooperative Program budget, if adopted by the Convention, will be an additional \$250,000 for foreign missions and \$200,000 for two new seminaries.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, in commenting on the significance of the increase said, "I am going back and tell the department of personnel of the Foreign Mission Board to plan to step up appointment of new missionaries to 100 (from 75 as planned) in 1950 on the basis of the 1951 budget action taken today."

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