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Slate Coordinated Planning

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NASHVILLE (BP)--All of the 30 state conventions in the Southern Baptist Convention are now involved in some phase of Coordinated Promotion Planning, the Coordinating Committee of the SBC Inter-Agency Council was told here.

Coordinated Promotion Planning is a process through which SBC (national) and state convention program leaders cooperate in promoting selected denominational emphases, goals, and projects to assist SBC churches.

In a report to the Inter-Agency Council Coordinating Committee, the staff director of Coordinated Promotion Planning, Kenner Pharr of Nashville, said that during the first full year of operation of the cooperative planning process, all of the state conventions have been involved in some phase of the process.

Pharr said that the joint planning process has enabled the SBC and state convention leaders to do long-range planning on a higher quality in most states than ever before in history.

"We are assured of the most comprehensive and best planned field service effort of our denomination's history," Pharr said.

As a result of the plan, a total of 10,000 special workers will be trained to provide interpretation and planning assistance to 250,000 key church leaders, he said.

The first year's planning relates primarily to getting ready for the 1970's, and interpreting new SBC curriculum and program materials, planning related to the new SBC grouping-grading plan, and encouraging Baptist advance in the next decade, he said.

Under the Coordinated Promotion Planning approach, a team of trained SBC field service workers representing all phases of the denomination's work meet with state convention workers in a joint planning session. The SBC leaders explain and interpret the SBC programs, and the state leaders add to or subtract from these plans in determining what emphases they will stress in their own state.

In some cases, associational leadership are involved in the joint state-SBC planning session, and in some states, the associational leaders are involved at a later session with state leaders, depending on the situation in each state.

Conferences have been held explaining the entire Cooperative Promotion Planning process in all of the 30 state conventions, and planning conferences implementing the process have already been conducted in all but three conventions, Pharr said.

Second or third sessions have been held in as many as 18 of the 30 states during 1968 and 1969, and similar sessions called "Shaping the Seventies Conferences" have been scheduled in all but five of the states in early 1970 or late 1969.

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Wycliffe Bible Translators
Plan Dallas Linguistic Center

(1-27-69)

DALLAS (BP)--The Wycliffe Bible Translators, Inc., has acquired 65 acres of land here for construction of a major linguistics center, the first of its kind.

The Wycliffe Translators, a non-denominational organization with about 2,000 translators and missionaries in 19 nations, presently operates seven summer linguistics institutes. The Dallas center will be the organization's first to provide year-around training.

Slated for completion in the fall of 1970, the center will offer university-level training in linguistics and related fields such as anthropology and literacy.

Translators enter areas where the Bible is not written, analyze local languages and pre-page alphabets, grammar, dictionaries and literacy materials. The American Bible Society often subsidizes printing and distribution of Wycliffe scripture translators.

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SBC Inter-Agency Council
Elects Graves Chairman

NASHVILLE (BP)--The Inter-Agency Council of the Southern Baptist Convention, comprised of top executives from all SBC agencies, devoted a one-day session here to routine coordination of the convention agencies' work, revision of the council's bylaws and constitution, and reports from its major committees.

The council elected Harold Graves, president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, Calif., as its chairman, and Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the SBC Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, as vice chairman. J. M. Crowe of the SBC Sunday School Board here was re-elected secretary.

Two major reports were adopted by the council, both on recommendation from its coordinating committee headed by Davis Woolley, executive secretary of the SBC Historical Commission.

One report was a "Basic Understanding of SBC Emphasis Programs," a paper prepared by John F. Havlik of the SBC Home Mission Board; and another was "The Work of the Baptist Association," an integrative study of all existing material on the Baptist Association by Lynn E. May Jr., of the SBC Historical Commission.

Next meeting of the Inter-Agency Council, usually held in January, was slated May 21-22, 1970, at a later date to hear planning committee reports that will not be ready until May.

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New York City Baptists Name
Kansas Man Student Director

(1-27-69)

NEW YORK (BP)--Southern Baptists in Metropolitan New York have named as their new student work director M. Ray Gilliland, former secretary of the student work and church training departments for the Kansas Convention of Southern Baptists in Wichita, Kans.

A native of Kansas, Gilliland has been involved in Baptist work in his home state for the past 18 years. He was relieved of his responsibilities last November when a financial crisis caused by near bankruptcy of the Kansas convention's church loan association forced the convention to eliminate two staff positions to find \$50,000 to pay off obligations.

Gilliland, who first directed the entire religious education department and later the Training Union and student work programs of the Kansas convention, also helped develop a contemporary singing group called Pilgrim 20 which has made numerous tours to use their musical talents in Christian witnessing.

Plans call for the organization of a new state convention of Southern Baptists in New York next September. Presently, Baptist work there is being assisted by Maryland Baptists.

Keith Harris, student secretary for Maryland Baptists, lauded Gilliland's selection, saying "we are extremely fortunate to obtain a man of Gilliland's ability and experience for such a strategic position."

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Student Directors Serve
As Contract Consultants

(1-27-69)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Four Baptist student directors have been selected as contract consultants in campus evangelism for the student department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board.

Milton Hughes of the University of Southern California and the University of California at Los Angeles, Harold Beard of the University of Tennessee, Max Barnett of the University of Oklahoma, and Bill Bonner of Old Dominion and Frederick colleges in Norfolk, Virginia, have been contracted to conduct projects for the student department during a six month period ending in June.

"This step is being taken to accomplish our goals in campus evangelism during this crucial year of Crusade of the Americas emphasis, and at a time when, due to the national study of student work, we are operating without a full staff," said W. O. Thomason, acting student department secretary.

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Union Professor To Lecture
At Southwestern Seminary

FORT WORTH (BP)--Robert T. Handy, professor of church history at Union Theological Seminary in New York, will be the guest lecturer at the Day-Higginbotham lectures at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary here, March 4-7.

The lecture series is endowed by Mrs. Edwin M. Reardon, III, in memory of the late Paul Clayton Higginbotham and Mr. and Mrs. Riley Day, Mrs. Reardon's parents.

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C O R R E C T I O N

(1-27-69)

On BP story mailed 1-22-69, headlined, "Negro Pastor Ordained, Called By SBC Church," please substitute the following for graph 2 of the story as sent. In stenciling the story, somehow copy from graph 1 was erroneously re-used in graph 2. Graph 2 should read:

Ray Wolfe, a native of North Carolina and former serviceman stationed in Michigan, was ordained to the ministry by the Hulbert Baptist Church, and called as the church's pastor.

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Debakey Named to Head
Baylor College of Medicine

(1-27-69)

HOUSTON (BP)--Dr. Michael Debakey, famed heart surgeon, has been elected president of the new non profit corporation which operates Baylor College of Medicine and as chief executive officer of the college.

The election actually reaffirms a position Debakey held before Baylor College of Medicine recently began operation outside the framework of the Baylor University system and the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

As vice president in charge of medical affairs for Baylor University, Debakey, in effect, was the college of medicine's chief executive.

A week before Debakey's election, the general board of Baylor University unanimously ratified a charter establishing the new non profit corporation.

Last November, Texas Baptists voted at the annual Texas convention to permit the medical school to take charge of its own affairs through a non profit corporation and authorized the Baylor general board to supervise the change-over.

The only control the general board now exercises over the college of medicine is appointment of one-fourth of the college's board of trustees and the power to prevent the college from ceasing operation as a school of medicine without permission.

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L A T E R L E A D

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On Baptist Press story mailed 1-22-69 headlined, "Douglas Hudgins Elected Mississippi Executive," substitute the following for the first three paragraphs of the story:

JACKSON, Miss. (BP)--W. Douglas Hudgins, pastor of the First Baptist Church here for the past 23 years, resigned January 26 to become executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

He began his new duties February 3.

He succeeds the late Chester L. Quarles, who died in Cuzco, Peru, July 6, 1968, while visiting mission points en route to the Pan American Baptist Laymen's Evangelism Congress in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

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