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Majority of Baptist Leaders Would  
Donate Heart for Transplantation

by Ken Hayes

NASHVILLE (BP)--The majority of a representative panel of Southern Baptist pastors and Sunday School teachers would be willing to donate their hearts for transplantation, a survey conducted by the Baptist VIEWpoll disclosed here.

Panelists were asked this question: "Would you be willing to donate your heart for transplantation (after you die)?"

"Yes, to anyone" was the response of 54.2 per cent of the pastors and 52.3 per cent of the Sunday School teachers.

Some of the group (3.8 per cent of the pastors and 4.2 per cent of the teachers) indicated they would be willing to make the donation "but only to a relative or a friend."

Eight per cent of the pastors and 11.5 per cent of the teachers indicated they have "a strong feeling against it," but evidently would not rule it out.

"No" was the reply of 18.6 per cent of the pastors and 17.7 per cent of the teachers. They would not be willing to donate their hearts for transplantation.

A portion of the panel (15.4 per cent of the pastors and 14.3 per cent of the teachers) members had "no opinion" on the matter.

A second item (multiple answer in nature), asked: "What efforts do you believe ought to be made to keep a seriously ill person alive?"

Responses revealed that 72.8 per cent of the pastors and 76.4 per cent of the teachers feel that efforts that are reasonable should be made in the light of the individual's age, physical condition, mental condition and pain. However, 24.5 per cent of the pastors and 28.8 per cent of the teachers feel that "all possible efforts" should be made, including transplantation, kidney dialysis, etc.

Some of the panel members (35.5 per cent of the pastors and 26.5 per cent of the teachers) feel that "after reasonable care has been given, a person ought to be permitted to die a natural death."

A fourth grouping of the panelists (pastors, 22.8 per cent; teachers, 24.9 per cent) feel that "a senile person should not be kept alive by elaborate artificial means."

Only 1.3 per cent of the pastors and 1.0 per cent of the teachers had "no opinion" on the multiple answer question about the extent of efforts which should be made to keep seriously ill persons alive.

The findings for the current poll were based on 92 per cent response from the Baptist VIEWpoll panel, composed of approximately 300 pastors and 300 Sunday School teachers selected to represent a cross section of persons holding those leadership positions in the Southern Baptist Convention.

### Missionaries Stay In East Pakistan

RICHMOND (BP)--Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in East Pakistan have remained there during civil strife between the Pakistani armed forces and supporters of the movement for an independent Bengali state, Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board officials here said.

Evacuation is not taking place yet, reported John D. Hughey, the board's secretary for Europe and Middle East, but the American Consul General in Dacca has asked that facilities be provided for those who want to leave.

"I am concerned but reassured by what I have heard, and am reasonably confident our people are going to be all right," Hughey said.

"Our missionaries in East Pakistan know the board will back fully their decision; they do not have to wait for word from us to evacuate if they think this advisable," Hughey added.

As of March 8, four missionary families were in Dacca, one family was in Feni, and two were in Faridpur, all East Pakistan cities.

A state department spokesman told Hughey that U. S. government employees and their families have remained, but other Americans have left on commercial planes.

Word has been received that all Americans in Dacca are safe, the state department spokesman told Hughey. Not all outlying regions have been heard from, but he is reasonably confident that in those regions also Americans are all right, Hughey said.

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### Midwestern Seminary Names Six More Guest Lecturers

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KANSAS CITY (BP)--A half-dozen additional guest lecturers for the 1971-72 school year have been named by Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary to join six other guest lecturers announced earlier by the seminary's board of trustees.

The guest lecturers will teach under the new curriculum plan devised at the seminary which will offer 11 one-month terms during the year rather than the current semester system.

Three visiting lecturers were named to teach courses on evangelism. Olan Runnels, pastor of Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, will teach "Contemporary Personal Evangelism" during the first term, Aug. 31, Sept. 24.

Named to teach an evangelism course in the third terms, Oct. 26-Nov. 19, were John Havlik, associate director, Evangelism Division, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta, who will teach the first three weeks; and John Bisagno, pastor of First Baptist Church, Houston, who will teach the last week of the term.

Under the new degree plan, theology and religious education students will be required to engage in supervised ministries and participate in "Pastoral Ministries Seminars."

The seminars are to be conducted by Runnels, Elwyn Hays, pastor of Englewood Baptist Church in Kansas City; and Ernest White, pastor of Wyatt Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo. Schedule for the seminars is to be determined by the pastor-instructors for period of four terms.

Also named to teach choral methods as a visiting lecturer was P. J. Newsome, minister of music for Northgate Baptist Church, Kansas City.

The six visiting lecturers announced by J. Morris Ashcraft, chairman of the faculty committee on professional students at the seminary, will join six others announced during a recent board of trustees meeting when the new curriculum plan was approved.

Previously announced guest lecturers were R. Othal Feather, retired education professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, who will teach for the entire year; Glenn Morris, president of the Baptist seminary in Bangkok Thailand; Dale Cowling, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark.; Robert G. Fulbright of the SBC Sunday School Board's Sunday School department; John Hendrix of the SBC Sunday School Board's church training department; and Wesley Forbis of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.



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