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SBC Restructure Committee  
 Continues Study on Proposals

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NASHVILLE (BP)--A committee assigned last year to study the entire structure of the Southern Baptist Convention decided here to postpone making any recommendations on restructure to the denomination's Executive Committee until after it has held another meeting.

The study group, called the Committee of Fifteen, has scheduled another session, Jan. 6-7, to "consider further any recommendations we might present to the SBC Executive Committee in February," the chairman said.

E. W. Price Jr., chairman of the committee and pastor of Green Street Baptist Church in High Point, N.C., said the committee is still in the "study and input stage" and is not yet ready to finalize any recommendations.

Price said that if any individuals have suggestions concerning possible restructure proposals for the convention, the committee "wants them to feel free to write" in care of the chairman.

Price said that the committee has not yet reached any final conclusions on possible recommendations for restructure of the convention.

If any recommendations come out of the January meeting, they will be released to all SBC agencies and to the press following the January meeting and several weeks before the Feb. 21-23 SBC Executive Committee meeting.

Any recommendations which might be approved by the Executive Committee must be approved by the Southern Baptist Convention, which meets next in Philadelphia, June 6-8, 1972.

The Committee of Fifteen was authorized by the SBC Executive Committee in 1970 to make the study. The committee, first composed of 10 members, was asked to study the possibility of changing or modifying assignments to SBC agencies, "since 10 years have passed since the first implementation of the adoption of the convention" of what is usually called the Branch committee or survey committee to restructure the denomination.

In June, 1970, the Executive Committee added five laymen to the committee, and in September, 1970, expanded the scope of the committee's assignment.

After two sessions studying the 42 assignments of work to SBC agencies made by the convention in 1958 and 1959 after the restructure study, the Committee of Fifteen reported in September, 1970, that "there is the possible need of some re-alignment and modification of these assignments."

"We are also conscious that there is much inter-action among our boards and agencies and that there must be a study of the entire structure if we are to look realistically at one agency," the committee said at that time.

The Executive Committee voted to approve the committee's request "to study the entire Southern Baptist Convention structure with the privilege of making recommendations to change or modify these assignments."

The only recommendation made so far by the committee was to modify the purpose of the Baptist Program magazine, and to assign it to the administration section of the SBC Executive Committee. The Executive Committee delayed until February a decision on the proposal.

The Committee of Fifteen has not released publicly any information yet on what proposals concerning restructure it is considering.

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**W. L. Howse III Named  
To Mental Health Post**

NASHVILLE (BP)--The director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, W. L. Howse III, has been named here as director of the alcohol and drug abuse program for the Mental Health Department of the State of Tennessee.

Howse, 35, resigned effective Jan. 1 from the Christian Life Commission position after four years on the staff.

The commission, which was meeting here in annual business session, expressed appreciation for the work of Howse.

As director of organization, Howse has worked in organizing state Christian Life Commissions and committees, and in developing programs and conferences on alcohol and drug abuse, family life, race, and other topics dealing with applying Christianity to daily life.

A native of Fort Worth, Howse was minister of education for Calvary Baptist Church in Garland, Tex., a suburb of Dallas, before joining the Christian Life Commission staff. He also has been a social worker for Buckner Baptist Children's Home, Dallas, and youth director for Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth.

He is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he recently completed residency requirements for the doctor of religious education degree.