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### Vietnam Funds Voted.

12,000 View Appointment  
of 16 Foreign Missionaries

COLUMBIA, S. C. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board appointed 16 missionaries, appropriated \$165,000 for relief needs in Vietnam, elected new officers and named a new secretary for Western South America during the board's April meeting here.

In other action, the board employed a record 86 missionary journeymen for two-year terms of service, heard reports concerning the crisis situation in South Vietnam from R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia, and W. Eugene Grubbs, disaster response coordinator, and expressed appreciation to South Carolina Baptists for hosting the Columbia meeting.

More than 12,000 persons attended the evening appointment service in Columbia's Carolina coliseum, a record for Foreign Mission Board appointment services. Featured were testimonies by the new appointees and a missions message by Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary.

The Foreign Mission Board appropriated all currently available world relief funds, \$165,000, as part of the previously reported \$250,000 requested from missionaries in South Vietnam for relief needs. Further appropriations will be considered at the board's May meeting.

"Other requests will await additional funds as Southern Baptists respond with gifts to meet increasing world hunger and disaster needs," said Cauthen.

James G. Harris, pastor of University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., was elected president of the board. Harris has represented Texas Baptists on the board for about four years.

Other officers elected were J. Roy Clifford, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., first vice-president; Ira Q. Craft, layman from Columbia, second vice-president; Mrs. Lindsey (Genet) Barron of Newnan, Ga., president of the Georgia Woman's Missionary Union, recording secretary; and Elizabeth Minshew of the board's Richmond staff, re-elected assistant recording secretary.

J. Bryan Brasington, Southern Baptist missionary to South America since 1955 and field representative for the northern part of Spanish-speaking South America since 1970, will be the new area secretary for Western South America, effective June 1, 1975. He will oversee the mission work in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile.

South America, previously one administrative area, was divided into two such areas beginning Jan. 1, 1975. Frank K. Means, then secretary for South America, became secretary for Eastern South America. Means has and will continue working with both areas until Brasington begins his new post.

The 86 young people approved for employment as missionary journeymen will enter training at Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., in June. Upon completion of a six-week training program, those commissioned by the board will serve two years overseas in a specific job assignment alongside career missionaries.

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The 16 new missionaries, including seven couples and two single persons, will serve in nine different countries following a missionary orientation session.

Appointed were Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy L. Barrentine of Mississippi, assigned to Paraguay; Mr. and Mrs. Michael O. Canady of Louisiana and Arkansas, Malawi; Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Hill of Alabama and North Carolina, Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Lee Jr. of Mississippi, Spain; and Mr. and Mrs. Michael G. Meadows of Texas, Japan.

Also, Miss Martha McAlister of North Carolina, Tanzania; Miss Naomi McLean of South Carolina, Gaza; Mr. and Mrs. H. Michael Owen of Alabama and Georgia, Guatemala; and Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark Terry of Arkansas and Texas, Indonesia.

All appointed are career missionaries with the exception of Miss McAlister and Miss McLean, who are special project missionaries.

Columbia was the first South Carolina city to host such a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Usually meetings are held at the board's headquarters in Richmond, although they have been held at least once a year for the past six years in other locations to allow Baptists to participate more directly in the appointment of missionaries whom they support.

Acting on behalf of South Carolina Baptists, Harold Cole, executive secretary of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, invited the board to hold the meeting and appointment service in Columbia. He was joined in the invitation by South Carolina representatives on the Foreign Mission Board, Ira Q. Craft, layman from Columbia, and Lonnie Shull, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, West Columbia.

The board will hold its spring, 1976, meeting in Oklahoma City, April 12-13.

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