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## Home Mission Board Appoints 27; Lindsey to New England

ATLANTA (BP)--The Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed 27 persons to mission posts in eight states and Puerto Rico in their annual summer meeting here.

The new appointees include 12 missionaries, 14 missionary associates and one two-year-term US-2 missionary. They will serve in Colorado, Iowa, South Carolina, Massachusetts, Arizona, Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma, Utah and Puerto Rico. Most are also appointed by state conventions in the areas where they serve.

Included among the missionary appointees are Mr. and Mrs. Harold Lindsey. He will serve as director of missions for Massachusetts in the Baptist General Association of New England.

Lindsey, formerly associated with the Home Mission Board as associate secretary of evangelism from 1965-70, recently resigned as president of North Greenville Junior College, Tigerville, S. C., a suburb of Greenville, S. C. He had held the post since leaving the board five years ago.

He is a native of Greenville and is a graduate of Mars Hill (N.C.) College, Furman University, Greenville, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He served as pastor of churches in South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Texas and was director of the department of evangelism for the South Carolina Baptist Convention from 1961-65.

Mrs. Lindsey, a native of Rutherford County, N. C., is a graduate of Meredith College and Woman's Missionary Union Training School (now part of Southern Seminary).

Other missionary appointees include the following: Don and Jacqueline Storm Johnston of Denver, Colo., were named directors of weekday ministries in Denver. A native of Floydada, Tex., Johnston is a graduate of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., and recently received his master of religious education degree from Southern Seminary. Mrs. Johnston, a native of Tulsa, Okla., is a graduate of John Brown University and the University of Oklahoma and has been teaching in Louisville, Ky., schools.

Richard and Lois Lamborn were named director of missions for the Eastern Association in Iowa. Lamborn, a native of Garden City, Kan., is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and holds a master of divinity degree from Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City. For the last three years he has been pastor of First Baptist Church, Kahoka, Mo.

Mrs. Lamborn, a native of St. Louis, Mo., attended Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., and Ouachita Baptist University.

Jerry and Joanne Stubblefield of Greenville, S. C., were named directors of Christian social ministries for Greenville Baptist Association. Stubblefield has been minister of education at First Baptist Church, Greenville, since 1970. A Paducah, Ky., native, he is a graduate of Belmont and Peabody Colleges, both in Nashville, and holds bachelor of divinity, master of religious education and doctor of religious education degrees from Southern Seminary and a doctor of education degree from Furman University. Mrs. Stubblefield, a native of Albertville, Ala., is a graduate of Belmont College and formerly was a public school teacher.

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John and Karen Walsh were named student workers for the Boston, Mass., area by the board's department of special mission ministries. Walsh, a native of Poplar Bluff, Mo., recently received his master of divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion. He is a graduate of Southeast Missouri State University and San Francisco State University and attended Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Walsh, a native of Kennett, Mo., is a graduate of California State University. Walsh has been director of international student ministries for the East Bay Baptist Association in Berkeley, Calif., since 1973.

Robert and Ruby Wilkerson were named pastor/director of Christian social ministries in Denver, Colo.

Wilkerson recently received his doctor of ministry degree from Southern Seminary. A native of Birmingham, Ala., he also holds a master of divinity from Southern Seminary and is a graduate of Samford University, Birmingham. Since 1974 he has been dean of Southern Business College in Birmingham. Mrs. Wilkerson, also a native of Birmingham, attended Alverson-Draughn College.

Home Mission Board directors also approved a change in status from associates to missionaries for Eliseo and Alicia Aldape, Spanish pastor and his wife serving in Lubbock, T x.

Missionary associates appointed include the following:

David and Jo Ann Campos of Kansas City, Kan., appointed by the department of language missions to serve in Alamosa, Colo.

John and Betty Craven of Virginia Beach, Va., appointed by the department of Christian social ministries to serve in Norfolk, Va., as directors of Christian social ministries

Angelo and Hilda Galan of Fajardo, Puerto Rico, appointed by the department of language missions to serve in Aquadilla, P. R.

Ruben and Luisa Madrigal of San Antonio, Tex., named by the department of language missions to serve as pastor in San Antonio.

Victor and Gloria Orta of Tulsa, Okla., appointed by the department of language missions to serve a Spanish pastorate in Tulsa.

David and Luisa Rodriguez of El Paso, Tex., appointed by the department of language missions to serve in Ogden, Utah.

Richardo and Raquel Sinisterra of San Antonio, Tex., appointed by the department of language missions as student interns in Woodsboro, Tex.

Sheryl Suzanne Sims of Fort Collins, Colo., was appointed a US-2 missionary and will serve in Albuquerque, N. Mex. She is a native of Tulsa, Okla., and recently received her bachelor of arts degree from Colorado State University.

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Board Sets \$22.5 Million  
Budget; Rutledge to Retire

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ATLANTA (BP)--Southern Baptist Convention's Home Mission Board directors in their annual summer meeting here, approved a 1976 budget of \$22,556,083 and were told by executive director, Arthur B. Rutledge, that he will retire on December 31, 1976.

In other action, the directors acted on the following:

--Passed a resolution to look into a new relationship with Church World Service for the resettlement of Vietnamese refugees or to establish its own resettlement agency to provide "more active and effective" resettlement efforts. The resolution grew out of some dissatisfaction by SBC churches with the effectiveness of the present resettlement effort.

--Elected a new director of the department of mass evangelism;

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--Approved a change in status of Ed Seabough, associate director of the department of missionary personnel, to become director of personnel recruitment services, a new position;

--Appointed 27 new missionaries and missionary associates;

--Approved plans for allocation of the 1976 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions. The goal is \$9.5 million.

--Approved 1976 Home Mission Board goals.

Rutledge told the directors he will be 65 in 1976 and plans to retire according to the board's policy on December 31, 1976.

He reminded the directors that he was in office when the mandatory retirement age of 65 was approved, that he liked the idea then and still approves of the policy.

The board's bylaws call for a committee of five to seven persons to be named by the board officers to nominate a new executive director. The committee is expected to be named at the next full meeting of the directors in October.

The 1976 budget of \$22,556,083 is an increase of \$2,416,591 over the 1975 figure of \$20,139,492. Almost all of the increase is expected to come from the SBC's Cooperative Program unified budget and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Cooperative Program income is expected to be up almost \$1 million, from \$6,950,000 to \$7,930,000, and Annie Armstrong receipts, from \$8,130,000 to \$8,700,000.

The Cooperative Program figure would be increased by \$1,670,000 should the 1975-76 SBC challenge goal of \$51 million be reached.

Rutledge reported to the directors that the 1975 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering receipts to date are \$7,801,000 as compared with \$7,020,000 a year ago. The goal for the offering is \$8.5 million.

Bobby M. Sunderland of Oklahoma City was named director of the department of mass evangelism in the evangelism section, effective July 25.

Since 1973, Sunderland has been crusade director and associate evangelist for the Larry Jones Evangelistic Association. He formerly was pastor of several Oklahoma churches, the most recent being First Baptist Church of Alva, Okla., from 1973-74.

A native of Long Wolfe, Okla., Sunderland is a graduate of Southwestern State Teachers College, Weatherford, Okla., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, where he received a bachelor of divinity degree in 1962.

The 1976 goals, approved by the directors, center around the implementation of "Bold Mission Thrust," a four-year program beginning in 1976 aimed at presenting the gospel to every person in America and placing a New Testament church within their reach.

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NOTE TO EDITORS: Friday, July 25, Baptist Press will mail a story on the Church World Service resolution.

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\$5,000 Emergency Relief  
Released for Recife Flood

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RICHMOND (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has released \$5,000 for emergency relief needs in Brazil following a flood that hit the Recife area in mid-July, killing 89 people and leaving 55,000 homeless.

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A board spokesman said that additional relief appropriations will be considered at the board's August meeting at Glorieta, N. M., pending further requests and information from missionaries in Brazil.

Ten municipalities, including Recife, were reportedly flooded and were declared disaster areas by the governor of the state of Pernambuco.

Nine missionary homes were damaged by the Recife flood waters. A number of the Baptist churches in the area were also damaged, but the extent of their losses is not yet known.

None of the 30 Southern Baptist missionaries stationed in Recife were injured and early reports indicated that they have been assisting with relief efforts.

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Seminary Professor's Wife  
Unearths Ancient Dictionary

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TEL APHEK-ANTIPATRIS, Israel (BP)--The wife of a New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary professor has uncovered a rare, ancient dictionary at Tel Aphek-Antipatris, according to Ha-Aretz, an Israeli newspaper.

Linda Kelm discovered the fragment of a trilingual (Sumerian, Akkadian and Canaanite) dictionary on the first day of the fourth season of excavation at the site in Israel.

Mrs. Kelm, wife of George Kelm, excavation co-director and associate professor of archaeology at the Southern Baptist-operated seminary, also unearthed a rare lexicon (dictionary) tablet last year at the same spot inscribed in Sumerian and Akkadian script. Both dictionaries were discovered in a Canaanite palace that was destroyed about 1200 B.C.

According to Ha-Aretz, the new find, which is a "cylindrical clay sherd" about 2.36 inches in size, is "the first of its kind known to date." The article goes on to say that the dictionary, which contains five lines of writing, lists names of liquids such as "water," "wine," and "oil" according to an initial reading by archaeologists.

The importance of the new discovery, the article says, lies in the Canaanite column. Moshe Kochavi, professor at the Tel Aviv University Institute of Archaeology, says that dictionaries in Sumerian and Akkadian for the use of scribes are "relatively common." Three-language dictionaries have been discovered in places outside of Israel, he says in the article, but the languages do not include Canaanite.

According to Kochavi, the discovery "should be considered in connection with the Canaanite 'glosses' of the letters of the same period (or about 100 years earlier)."

The "glosses" are explanations in Canaanite--the language of the people and the native tongue of the scribes--that appear in letters written in Akkadian (Babylonian), the official diplomatic language.

Kochavi said the new discovery proves that "the use of glosses such as these had become an official practice for the royal scribes." And, therefore, the article concludes, the existence of the dictionary proves that "the Canaanite language--a dialect of Hebrew--had been granted official status."

Sponsors of the yearly "dig" at the tel are Tel Aviv University Institute of Archaeology, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Baylor University, a Baptist school in Waco, Tex., and the municipality of Petah Tiqva, Israel.

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