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Christian Life Commission Honors Sarah Frances Anders

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--Sarah Frances Anders has become the first woman to receive the national Distinguished Service Award of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Anders, professor and chairperson of the department of sociology at Louisiana College, Pineville, La., was presented the award during the annual meeting of the Christian Life Commission, the SBC's national social concerns agency in Nashville.

In making the presentation, Foy D. Valentine, commission executive secretary, cited her as a "gifted teacher, compassionate human being, effective communicator, energetic scholar, champion of human freedom and faithful practitioner of Christian ethics."

Dr. Anders, who also delivered the commission's annual major address, joined Louisiana College in 1962. She served as acting dean, 1972-73.

Previously she was professor and chairperson, department of sociology, Mary Hardin-Baylor College, Belton, Texas, 1955-62, and assistant director of the Research Laboratory at Florida State University, 1953-55.

An author, lecturer and conference leader, Dr. Anders has served as vice president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention, vice chairperson of the Christian Life Commission, president of both the Texas Council on Family Relations and the Southeastern Religious Research Council and as an active member of civic professional and local, state and national denominational organizations.

The Monroe, La., native is a graduate of Louisiana Polytechnic University, earned a master of religious education degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and earned master of arts and doctor of philosophy degrees from Florida State University.

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Two Staffers Resign At Home Mission Board

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ATLANTA (BP)--Two resignations from leadership staffers were accepted by Southern Baptist Home Mission Board directors during their September executive committee meeting in Atlanta.

James M. Sapp, director of the communication division since 1972, resigned requesting early retirement, and Max Burns, director of data processing services since 1973, resigned to accept a position with Oxford Industries in Atlanta.

Sapp, a long-time Southern Baptist leader, will retire to Austin, Texas, to be near family and work in Highland Park Baptist Church.

A native of Tulsa, Okla., Sapp graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and worked at the school as public relations director. He also served a number of churches until 1951 when he joined the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission in Memphis as promotion director.

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In 1964, he joined the staff of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., and edited "Report From the Capital" until joining the Home Mission Board in 1972.

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Annie Armstrong Receipts
15 Percent Ahead of 1977

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ATLANTA (BP)--The 1978 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for home missions is more than \$1 ½ million above the same time last year, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board executive director-treasurer William G. Tanner told directors in September.

Offering receipts totalled \$11,871,836 on Sept. 12, 1978, or nearly 92 percent of the \$13 million goal to become the largest offering ever received for home missions.

Last year the offering reached 95 percent of the goal. Tanner said he hopes receipts this year, running nearly 15 percent ahead of last year, will come closer to the \$13 million goal set for funding of home missions projects.

During their September executive committee meeting directors also accepted the resignations of two leadership staffers, Max Burns and James M. Sapp, and appointed 57 persons to home missions Service.

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Home Mission Board Appoints
57 Persons to Missions Service

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ATLANTA (BP)--Directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board appointed 57 persons to home missions service during their September meeting.

The appointments included 17 persons to serve as career missionaries, 17 as missionary associates and 23 pastors who will receive financial aid for new missions.

Appointed missionaries were: Allen and Loyce Barnes of Lancaster, Calif.; Dick and Kitty Brogan of Clinton, Miss.; Burnie and Carolyn Collins of Jacksonville, N. C.; Jack and Linda Coward of Webster, S. D.; Michael and Gwen Cox of Silver Spring, Md.; Bob and Becky Duvall of Rochester, Minn.; Don and Mun-Ja Lee of Huntsville, Ala.; Harry and Dannie Morris of Ballinger, Texas; and Cathy Townley of Amber, Okla.

Appointed missionary associates were: David Hoyte of Louisville, Ky.; Donna Lamb of New Orleans; Glenn and Ella Jo Lawson of Lawrence, Kan.; Stephen Murphy of Mill Valley, Calif.; Denny Richardson of Fort Worth, Texas; John and Barbara Ross of Campbellton, Fla.; Ronald and Carla Roy of Battle Creek, Mich.; Johnny and Mary Evelyn Stack of Greer, S. C.; George Upchurch of Fort Worth, Texas; Mauricio and Carolyn Vargas of Kenersville, N. C.; and John and Charlene Vaughn of Kamuela, Hawaii.

The Barnes will serve in East Contra Costa Association in California, where he will be director of missions. Barnes, a native of Hartshorne, Okla., is a graduate of California Baptist College and holds masters degrees from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in divinity and religious education. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church in Lancaster and has served as pastor of seven California churches.

Loyce Rebecca Williams Barnes, a native of Greens Gap, N.M., is a teacher's aide in Lancaster.

The Brogans will continue to serve in Jackson, Miss., where he will become a missionary teacher in cooperative ministries with National Baptists, jointly sponsored by the Home Mission Board and the Mississippi Baptist Convention. Prior to appointment he directed cooperative ministries with National Baptists for the state convention. A native of Laurel, Miss., he is a graduate of Mississippi College and holds a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and an honorary doctor of divinity from Mississippi Baptist Seminary.

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Catherine Dunn Brogan, a native of Natchez, Miss., is a graduate of Mississippi College and has taught school since 1960.

The Collins will serve in Jacksonville, N. C., where he will be director of Christian social ministries. Prior to appointment he was director of the Welcome Inn Serviceman's Center in Jacksonville. A native of Lumberton, N. C., he has served churches in Oneco, Fla., and Martinsville, Va., after service in the U. S. Navy and with Southern Bell Telephone Co.

Carolyn Hunt Collins, a native of Wake County, N. C., has worked as a teacher's aide.

The Cowards will serve in Billings, Mont., where he will be a catalytic language missionary. Prior to appointment he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Webster and has served as pastor in Pueblo, Colo., and Ravenna, Texas. He also served as a chaplain in the U. S. Army, 1966-70. A native of Lubbock, Texas, Coward is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College and holds a master of divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Linda Steinkuehler Coward, a native of Guymon, Okla., has been a substitute teacher in Webster. She is a graduate of Wayland Baptist College.

The Coxes will serve in the Howard Association of Maryland, where he will be director of missions. Cox, a native of Little Rock, Ark., is a graduate of Wake Forest University and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to appointment he was minister of education at Colesville Baptist Church, Silver Spring.

Gwen Pace Cox, a native of Memphis, Tenn., is a graduate of Memphis State University and University of Tennessee. She works as a special coagulation/medical technologist at the National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md.

The Duvalls will continue to live in Rochester, where he will be a chaplain at the Mayo Clinic. Duvall, a native of Birmingham, Ala., is a graduate of Samford University and Southwestern Seminary and has done work in clinical pastoral education at Baylor University Medical Center.

Becky Martin Duvall, also a Birmingham native, is a Samford graduate and has taught choral music.

The Lees will continue to live in Huntsville, where he will be a Korean language missionary serving through the First Baptist Church of Huntsville. He is a Korean native and graduate of a Korean college and university. He also holds a doctor of ministry degree from New Orleans Seminary. He served more than five years in New Orleans as pastor of the Korean congregation of the St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church.

Mun-Ja Kim Lee, also a Korean native, is a graduate of a Korean teacher's college and taught public school in Korea.

The Morrises will serve in the Mount Baker Association in Washington state, where he will be associational missionary. Prior to appointment, Morris, a native of Gainesville, Texas, was area missionary near Ballinger, Texas. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

Dannie Louise Welch Morris, also a Texas native, attended Southwestern Seminary and has been in secretarial work since 1948.

Ms. Townley, a native of Rush Springs, Okla., will serve as a catalytic missionary for the deaf in California. She is a graduate of the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma, Chickasha, with a degree in education for the deaf and holds a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Seminary.

Hoyte will live in Fremont, Ohio, where he will be a catalytic missionary associate in language missions. Hoyte, a native of Guyana, South America, is a graduate of Queen's College in Guyana and the University of Guyana. He also holds higher degrees from the University of Bordeaux in Guadeloupe and Guyana Baptist Theological Institute as well as master of divinity degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment he was pastor of the Mexican mission in Fremont.

Ms. Lamb will serve as a student intern at the Baptist Friendship House in New Orleans. A native of Asheboro, N. C., she is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College and will graduate in 1979 with a master of divinity degree from New Orleans Seminary.

The Lawsons will continue to live in Kansas, where he will be a language missionary associate to the Indians at the Haskell Baptist Mission. Lawson, a native of Glendale, Ariz., is a graduate of Grand Canyon College and has attended Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

Ella Jo Greer Lawson, a Texas native, has worked as a secretary.

Murphy will continue in Oakland, where he will be a student intern for the Home Mission Board's Christian social ministries department. A native of Needham, Mass., he is a Baylor University graduate now working toward a master of divinity at Golden Gate Seminary.

Richardson will serve as a student intern in Fort Worth. A native of Dalton, Ga., Richardson is a graduate of Georgia Institute of Technology and Wofford College and holds a masters degree in counseling from New Mexico State University and masters degree in religious education from Southwestern Seminary.

The Rosses will serve in the Chipola Baptist Association in Florida, where he will be director of Christian social ministries. Ross, a Tennessee native, is a graduate of the Baptist Bible Institute and has served as pastor in Cottondale, Fla.

The Roys will serve in Michigan, where he will be interim director of evangelism, Roy, a Texas native, is a Baylor University graduate and holds a master of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary.

The Stacks will serve in Greenville, S. C., where he will be director of Christian social ministries for the Greenville Association. Stack, a native of Inman, S. C., is a graduate of Wofford College. Prior to appointment he was minister of education at First Baptist Church, Greer, S. C.

Upchurch will serve as a student intern in Fort Worth. He is a native of Alabama and a graduate of the University of Alabama. He is working toward a master of divinity from Southwestern Seminary.

The Vargases will continue in Fayetteville, N. C., where he will be a catalytic missionary for the Home Mission Board's language missions department. Vargas, a native of El Salvador, is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

The Vaughns will continue in Hawaii as missionary associates. Prior to appointment he was pastor of the Kahului Baptist Church in Hawaii. Vaughn, a native of Atlanta, is a graduate of the University of Hawaii and holds a master of divinity degree from Golden Gate Seminary.

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