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### Home Mission Board Names Evangelism Dept. Directors

ATLANTA (BP)--Department leaders within the newly-created evangelism section were named during the November board of directors meeting of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Directors also appointed six persons as missionaries and approved four missions pastors to receive financial aid.

The evangelism section of the board was reorganized from three departments to two divisions during the fall directors meeting. At that time, division leaders were named but department heads were not.

The board named three present evangelism section staffers to lead the departments within the division of evangelism development headed by Joe Ford.

Ken Carter, director of small church and revival evangelism since 1976, will direct the new department of associational evangelism. Dale Cross will continue as director of metropolitan evangelism strategy within that department.

Reid Hardin, director of renewal evangelism since 1972, will direct the department of evangelism support, and Frank Crumpler, director of evangelism planning and consultation since 1976, will head the department of specialized evangelism.

Within the direct evangelism division, headed by recently-elected staffer Fred White, the personal evangelism department remains without a director, but Bob Reccord, at the board a little more than a year, will continue as director of witness training within the department.

Bobby Sunderland will continue as director of the department of mass evangelism, where he has served since 1975.

Named missionaries were David and Marianne Book of Louisville, Ky., Randall and Lawanna Jones of Sonora, Ky., and Kenneth and Hortensia Schmidt of Oakland, Calif.

The Books will move to Lake Placid, N. Y., where he will serve as pastor/director of Lake Placid Ministries for the church extension department of the board and the New York Baptist Convention. Book, a native of Henderson, Ky., is a graduate of the University of Kentucky and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Since 1975, he has been associate director of student work for the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

Marianne Rogers Book, a native of Dallas, Texas, is a graduate of Austin College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment, she was records secretary for the St. Matthews Baptist Church of Louisville.

The Jones family will serve in the Northwest Baptist Association of Indiana, where he will direct associational missions. Jones, a native of Murray, Ky., is a graduate of Kentucky Wesleyan College and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Prior to appointment, he was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sonora, Ky.

Lawanna Cain Jones of Owensboro, Ky., is a graduate of the Owensboro Davies County School of Nursing. Prior to appointment, she directed health care for the Glendale Children's Home in Glendale.

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The Schmidts will continue to serve in Oakland, where he will direct the Telegraph Baptist Center. He is a California native and graduate of Eastern Washington State College, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and San Francisco Theological Seminary. He has worked at Telegraph Center since 1974.

Hortensia Chang Schmidt, a native of Peru, is a graduate of Simpson College in San Francisco, Golden Gate Seminary and San Francisco State University. She has worked as a counselor for the handicapped for the City College of San Francisco since 1976.

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Alaska Baptist Executive  
Recovers From Illness

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SHREVEPORT, La. (BP)--Troy Prince, executive secretary and editor for the Alaska Baptist Convention, is recuperating from an illness incurred in September which has prevented his return to Alaska since that time.

Prince, 58, who became ill while visiting his mother in Shreveport, will miss the annual meeting of the Alaska Baptist Convention, Nov. 14-16, but expects to be back at work in Anchorage the following week. He said he will continue plans to host the annual meetings of state Baptist executive secretaries and editors in Anchorage, Feb. 13-15.

The Alaska executive, who has spent periods of recuperation with family members in Louisiana, Arkansas and California, said he was treated initially in the coronary care unit of a Shreveport hospital. He said doctors eventually diagnosed a hiatal hernia and possible heart involvement but predicted full recovery.

"I think the main problem is that I was long overdue a rest from the pressures and heavy schedule of the work in Alaska," Prince said.

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Book Editor Named  
By Home Mission Board

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ATLANTA (BP)--Celeste Loucks, assistant editor of "Home Missions" magazine since 1975, has been promoted to editor of book publication services at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, effective Nov. 30.

Ms. Loucks, elected during the November meeting of the board of directors, succeeds Elaine Furlow, book editor since 1974, who has relocated in Washington, D. C.

Phyllis Faulkenbury, editorial assistant for the book editor since 1977, will become assistant editor of "Home Missions" magazine.

A graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in journalism and English, Ms. Loucks has worked as editorial assistant for "Contempo" magazine, a Woman's Missionary Union publication, and for four years on the newspaper staff of the Lubbock (Texas) "Avalanche-Journal" in general assignment and medical writing.

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Board Continues Record Pace;  
Indonesia Edicts Pose Threat

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board continued to appoint missionaries at a record pace in November, but heard a report that new government edicts may pose a threat to work in Indonesia, one of its most responsive mission fields.

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Board members strengthened Southern Baptists' overseas force by approving 31 new missionaries and reappointing four former missionaries. Two of the reappointments were effective immediately, bringing the total additions for the year to 329--an increase of 50 over the record 279 approved last year. Another appointment service is scheduled in December.

William R. Wakefield, secretary for Southeast Asia who had just returned from Indonesia, said that two new edicts by Indonesia's minister of religion, if fully implemented, would prohibit witnessing to any person who already has another religion and would require missionaries to train Indonesians to replace them within two years.

Although a majority of Indonesia's 140 million people are Muslims, Southern Baptists have had "almost unlimited freedom" to do evangelistic work since the board's first missionaries arrived there in 1951, Wakefield said. A total of 112 missionaries are now assigned to the southeast Asian country. The Association of Indonesian Baptist Churches reported 103 churches and 222 preaching points with 14,422 members at the end of 1977.

The new decrees, issued in August but apparently not made public until October, have aroused strong protest from the Indonesian Council of Churches and from Roman Catholics. Wakefield said that a key Indonesian Baptist leader has requested that there be "no confrontation on our part on the basis of the decrees, but that continued personal attempts be made to get the decrees softened in their implementation."

"Except for scattered incidents," Wakefield added, "we have been able to continue our work as usual. Also, at the present time we have visas pending for newly appointed missionaries and we anticipate favorable action since the government has not yet refused visas to new missionaries."

Before the decrees were issued Baptist missionaries were taking steps to "accelerate and strengthen the process" of turning more responsibility in Baptist work over to the National Baptist Convention. "I feel that this move is especially significant in light of these decrees," Wakefield said.

Wakefield emphasized that the implications of the new edicts are not completely clear, but he asked board members "to join me in praying that some way will be found so that the gospel can continue to be proclaimed in effective ways in Indonesia."

In other actions, the board appropriated \$38,000 from relief funds and \$34,000 from hunger funds to aid disaster and war victims.

As part of the meeting, the board's search committee met for the first time and issued a call for prayer support from Southern Baptists as it seeks a successor to Baker J. Cauthen who will retire as the board's executive director at the end of 1979.

In addition to the new missionaries, the board approved reappointment of Mr. and Mrs. David Dorris, assigned to Israel; and Mr. and Mrs. George R. Wilson Jr., to Hong Kong-Macao. Wilson now serves as professor of education administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. The Wilsons' reappointment is effective immediately, and the Dorrises' reappointment becomes effective Jan. 1.

Named as missionaries were Mr. and Mrs. W. L. (Larry) Baker of Kentucky, assigned to Ecuador; Mr. and Mrs. C. W. (Bud) Bethel, Ohio and Kentucky, respectively, to Leeward Islands; Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Bradley Jr., Alabama, to Hong Kong-Macao; Mr. and Mrs. Timothy T. Brendle, North Carolina, to French West Indies; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. (Danny) Callis, North Carolina, to North Brazil.

Also Mr. and Mrs. William G. Ferguson, Arkansas and Illinois, to Equatorial Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Jewel N. Franks, Arkansas and Oklahoma, to South Africa; Dr. and Mrs. William M. Girard, California and Alabama, to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. J. Albert Hill, Alabama and Kentucky, to Portugal; Mr. and Mrs. Michael J. Hull, California and Michigan, to Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Knight, Alabama, to Benin.

Others are Mr. and Mrs. David C. Long, North Carolina and Texas, to North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Benny L. Petty, Tennessee and Texas, to Hong Kong-Macao; Mr. and Mrs. John T. Ramsey, Texas, to North Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon W. Sivage, Texas, to Rwanda; and Rita Smith, Florida, to Liberia. All are career missionaries except for the Fergusons, Franks and Hills who are missionary associates.

N. Y. Baptists Will  
Explore Canada Ties

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (BP)--The Baptist Convention of New York voted in annual session to explore relationships with Baptists in Canada and passed strong resolutions on world hunger and aging.

Elected "messengers" to the convention also named officers and voted a budget of \$1,258,389, of which \$318,312 is expected in state Cooperative Program contributions from churches in New York state and portions of Connecticut and New Jersey. Nineteen percent of the latter amount will go to world missions causes of the Southern Baptist Convention through the SBC's national Cooperative Program.

The Canadian resolution noted that the Southern Baptist Convention recently voted to allow its agencies to assist Baptist churches in Canada and that "several people in the Baptist Convention of New York are interested in beginning outreach activities in Canada."

The resolution resolved that the convention's executive board "be requested to investigate possibilities for cooperation and interaction with the Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec...to strengthen the witness for Christ without regard to political boundaries."

Two other state Baptist conventions--Northwest (Oregon and Washington) and Michigan--currently have churches in Canada affiliated with them.

Noting the world's one billion hungry persons and resulting deaths of half that number, the hunger resolution defined freedom from hunger as "one of the basic human freedoms" and urged specific action by Baptists.

It urged the churches to observe World Hunger Day, Aug. 1, 1979, "give liberally and systematically" through the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's relief fund, and establish programs of Christian citizenship on behalf of the hungry in local communities.

The convention voted a \$500 line item for its Christian Life Committee to work in the area of hunger.

The resolution on aging called for church leaders to study and provide for the wide ranging needs of the increasing number of persons 65 and above.

Messengers elected Wallace A. C. Williams, pastor of Wilton Baptist Church, Wilton, Conn., as president and a Spanish pastor from Buffalo, Jose Correa, to a vice presidential post. About 30 percent of the New York convention's work is with ethnic groups.

New York Baptist Executive Secretary Jack Lowndes announced that the convention now has 11 Mission Service Corps volunteers at work--"probably more than in any other area." MSC is part of the SBC's Bold Mission Thrust to proclaim the message of Christ to the entire world in this century. It seeks to place 5,000 volunteer missionaries on home and foreign mission fields by 1982 for one or two years service.

The 1979 convention will meet Nov. 3-5 in Syracuse and celebrate its 10th anniversary.

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CORRECTION:

In (BP)--story mailed Nov. 6, 1978, entitled "Missionaries in Iran Keep Watch on Teheran Unrest," please change name in 5th and last graph from Kenneth R. Glenn to C. Kenneth Glenn.

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