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New England Baptists  
Lay Constituting Challenge

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. (BP)--The Baptist General Association of New England adopted a 1980 budget that includes a special fund to assist in preparation for convention status by 1982 and re-elected Marlon Hayes, pastor of Providence Baptist Church, Providence, R.I., as president during its annual convention.

Elected messengers adopted a 1980 budget of \$915,000, including an anticipated \$142,380 from association churches. Twenty percent of the association income is designated for world mission causes through the national Cooperative Program.

Of the local revenue, \$9,277 represents a challenge budget for funds to organize as a convention. If the 1982 constituting goals of two associations are met, New England would be the 36th state or area convention within the Southern Baptist Convention. There are currently 34 conventions covering Southern Baptist work in all 50 states and Iowa Baptists plan to become the 35th state convention in October of 1982.

Leaders unveiled plans for "Good News New England" that will include a media blitz as have other "Good News" campaigns. In March, Virginia Baptists will furnish Sunday School growth experts to the 50 New England congregations and will send musicians and evangelists for a Good News Crusade. Probe teams and youth groups from Virginia and other states will conduct church growth activities in the summer that will lead to a projected 20 new congregations.

New England Baptists also are asking Virginia Baptists to supply retired pastors to lead the new congregations for three months to a year.

Resolutions included a request that Southern Baptist churches help resettle Southeast Asian refugees and a telegram of encouragement to the interdenominational coalition of pastors in Boston that is trying to bring peace to that racially distraught city.

The 1980 meeting will be Nov. 7-8 at the Green Meadow Baptist Church in Kingston, R.I.

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Foreign Board Encourages  
Less Turkey n' Trimmings

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--"One less sweet potato--that would mean a whole lot."

So said Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board President John W. "Jack" Patterson as he proposed that the board encourage "Southern Baptists to eat a modest Thanksgiving meal and give the rest to those in need."

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Patterson's suggestion--which became a motion and received the board's backing--came on the heels of a Cambodian refugee report at the November board meeting in Richmond. The board allocated \$578,000 in relief to refugees fleeing to Thailand and Hong Kong.

"We need to call this to the attention of Southern Baptists," Patterson said. "Sometimes a suggestion is all that's needed."

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New York Baptists  
Receive Gift of Song

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SYRACUSE, N.Y.(BP)--New York Baptists, meeting in the same city where they organized as a convention 10 years ago, received the gift of a song, and re-elected Wallace A. C. Williams, pastor of Milton Baptist Church, Milton, Conn., as president.

Ken Medema, popular Christian musician and composer, wrote a new song, "We Belong" especially for the 10th annual meeting of the Baptist Convention of New York in Syracuse and will designate the royalties from its publication to mission work in the convention, according to Jack P. Lowndes, executive secretary-treasurer.

Lowndes and Paul S. James, executive secretary-treasurer emeritus, were both recognized for their five years of leadership in the convention that covers Southern Baptist work in New York, northern New Jersey and western Connecticut.

Elected messengers adopted a \$1,470,575 budget for 1980, including an anticipated income of \$357,718 from the 230 churches and chapels in the convention. Twenty percent, or \$71,540, of the local income is designated for world mission causes through the national Cooperative Program.

The budget included, for the second year, a line item designation for world hunger of \$500.

Messengers adopted resolutions that urged Southern Baptists to greater personal sacrifice to confront the spiritual challenge of the 1980s and that urged Southern Baptists to sponsor the resettlement of a refugee family.

The 1980 meeting will be Nov. 6-8 in New York City.

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Bill Junker Named  
To Home Board Staff

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ATLANTA (BP)--C. William (Bill) Junker, a 22-year-veteran of student work at the Baptist Sunday School Board, has been elected director of the department of promotion at the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, effective Feb. 1, 1980.

Before moving to Atlanta, Junker, 51, will have a major responsibility for the Student Conference on World Missions, sponsored by the Sunday School Board and scheduled for Dec. 27-31 in Nashville, Tenn.

As director of the promotion department, Junker will have responsibility to lead a general promotional and marketing service for the board, including aiding in creating materials and resource data which will increase knowledge and awareness of the Home Mission Board among Southern Baptists.

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"I appreciate the opportunity to serve the Lord in this way," Junker told directors after his election. "It is a heavy responsibility, but I look forward to doing it with the help of the Lord."

Junker, a native of Wichita Falls, Texas, is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. At the Sunday School Board, he was director of student evangelism, director of editorial services and communication/promotion specialist, all with National Student Ministries. He also has been a Baptist Student Union director at the University of Chattanooga.

He is married to the former Patsy Hillian, and they have three children.

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Board Approves Largest Single  
Relief Allocation to Refugees

By Jennifer Anderson

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--In response to what was termed the "terrible suffering and very pathetic people of Cambodia," the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board appropriated \$500,000 in hunger relief for refugee work in Thailand--the largest single relief allocation made in board history.

"Refugees look as if they should be dying," said Baker J. Cauthen, board executive director, at the Nov. 6 board meeting in Richmond. "How grateful we are to Southern Baptists that we are able to respond effectively with their gifts."

Another \$117,112 in hunger and general relief was appropriated for nine other projects--including one for children in Hong Kong refugee camps, another for ongoing refugee work near Chanthaburi, Thailand, and three related to hurricane-ravaged Dominica in the Caribbean. The November refugee relief brings the year's total to about \$800,000 for Indochinese refugee relief allocations through the board.

Board members heard updates on action to seek revision of the 1978 Foreign Earned Income Act. "If our country looks to charitable groups, mission agencies and other non-profit groups to minister to the needs of humanity, then it doesn't seem consistent to impose a tax, undercutting what those agencies are doing," Cauthen told board members. If legislation is not passed to restore tax exemption of missionary salaries, the board will be obligated to pay \$1 million in missionary taxes for 1979.

Sidney C. Reber, the board's management services division director, read a letter to President Carter signed by Reber and Cauthen, urging the president's support in revision of the act, saying that "loss of income exclusion places a severe burden on benevolent programs."

During an appointment service, the board named 23 new missionaries, including an interracial couple, Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Singleton, students at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo. The Singletons are the first black-white couple appointed, although the board has named other interracial couples in the past.

The Singletons will serve in Dominica, where he will be a general evangelist and she will be a church and home worker. He is associate pastor and she is organist and education director of Forest Avenue Baptist Church, Kansas City, Mo. She is employed as a faculty secretary at Midwestern Seminary.

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Singleton, a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, is also an experienced carpenter. He will arrive in Dominica while missionaries are involved in reconstruction work begun after Hurricane David severely damaged or destroyed 90 percent of the housing on the island in late August.

The Singletons have been married 11 years and have two daughters, ages 10 and 7. "They have come to us saying they have experienced a sense of call and are offering themselves in response to it," Cauthen said. "The excellent recommendations of those who have worked with them at Midwestern Seminary and in their church responsibilities, together with the expressed desire of the Dominica missionaries to have them join in the work there, give strong affirmation to the rightness of this couple for the place to which God is calling them."

R. Keith Parks, executive director-elect, expressed gratitude for the Singletons' missions commitment. "Their long-standing membership and service in Southern Baptist churches, along with their particular gifts, will enable them to make an excellent contribution in Dominica," he said.

Other new missionaries included Mr. and Mrs. F. Wayne Blanton of Texas, assigned to Belize; Mr. and Mrs. Paul F. Cline, Louisiana and Virginia respectively, to Botswana; Mr. and Mrs. David A. Daniels, Florida, to Uruguay; Dr. and Mrs. Richard W. Goodgame, Tennessee and Texas, to Uganda; Mr. and Mrs. Craig A. Johnson, New Mexico and Georgia, to Mexico; and Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Johnson, New Jersey and Florida, to Peru.

Also, Mr. and Mrs. Donald L. Rice, California and Louisiana, to Tanzania; Mr. and Mrs. G. Larry Scales, Alabama, to Tanzania; Mr. and Mrs. C. G. (Gary) Tapp Jr., Georgia and Florida, to Gaza; Mr. and Mrs. David O. Travis, Oklahoma, to India; and Morene Short, Texas, to Tanzania. The Blantons and Mrs. Short are missionary associates.

The November appointments bring the total number of Southern Baptist foreign missionaries over 3,000 for the first time, to 3,003.

In a brief but strong message, overseas division director Winston Crawley sent out a plea for "bold mission financing."

"If there's to be a bigger rocket, it must have more fuel. In Bold Mission Thrust we have to have the fuel for the thrust. Financing is that needed fuel," Crawley said, adding that the 14 percent increase in 1979 Southern Baptist Convention Cooperative Program funds over 1978 "roughly matches inflation and is not really an increase."

He called upon individuals, families, churches and state conventions to give priority to Cooperative Program giving. Bold Mission Thrust is the Southern Baptist plan to present the gospel to everyone in the world by the year 2000.

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HMB Directors Approve  
37 for Missions Service

By Marv Knox

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ATLANTA (BP)--A corps of language specialists were among 37 persons approved for missions service by directors of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board during their November meeting.

In all, directors named seven missionaries and 10 missionary associates and granted 20 pastoral assistance. Ten of those will work among ethnic groups whose primary language is not English.

Appointed language missionaries were Julio and Dorothy Diaz of Miami, Fla., and Mario and Omega Hernandez of La Junta, Colo. Timothy and Kum-Cha Cho of Voorhees, N.J., and Ha Xuan and Hai Thi Nguyen of Mesquite, Texas, were named missionary associates. Antonio and Alicia Leon of Westminster, Colo., were granted language pastoral assistance.

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The Diaz couple will continue to live in Miami, where Diaz will direct a Spanish extension of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has been pastor of churches in Argentina, Florida and Texas and is a graduate of Mississippi College and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Hernandez, formerly a military chaplain at Fort Ord, Calif., will serve as a catalytic missionary in La Junta. He has been a missionary and missionary associate for the board in several cities throughout California, as has his wife. He is a graduate of California Baptist College and Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Chos will work in Philadelphia, Pa., where he will be in catalytic missions. He has been pastor and university professor in Korea and is a graduate of Hong-Ik University in Seoul, South Korea, Asia Baptist Graduate Theological Seminary in Hong Kong and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The Nguyens will continue to live in Mesquite, where he will do catalytic work with Vietnamese. Previously, he was an educator in Vietnam and a case worker and minister in the United States. He is a graduate of the University of Saigon and Southern Methodist University.

Other missionaries appointed include Durward Jones of Raleigh, N.C., and Michael and Arthuree Phipps of Tulsa, Okla.

Jones, a graduate of Wake Forest University, is an engineer with the North Carolina department of transportation. His wife, Frances, is already a Christian social ministries missionary for the board in Raleigh.

The Phipps will continue to live in Tulsa, where he is director of Educational Center, a continuing education facility operated in cooperation with National Baptists. He is a graduate of Talladega College and Princeton Theological Seminary.

Other missionary associates: Jeanne Bentley of New Orleans, La., will work as a houseparent at Sellers Baptist Home; Donald W. Hall of Oswego, N.Y., one of the first five church planter apprentices commissioned by the board, will continue to serve in that capacity in cooperation with the board's church extension division.

Blake and Jo Woolbright of Beaverton, Ore., will live in Denver, Colo., where he will be a church starter. He has been pastor of churches in California, Florida, Oregon and Texas and is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary.

Arthur and Barbara Zawislak will continue to live in Alexandria, Minn., where he is a church planter apprentice. He is a graduate of the University of Miami and Southwestern Seminary.

Approved for church pastoral assistance were: Stephen and Delta Boyd of Cambridge, Mass.; Earl and Ethel Burnside of Union, Mo.; Jerry and Mary Lewis of Gallipolis, Ohio; Hugh and Evelyn Lindsey of Fountain Hills, Ariz.; James and Nancie Meek of Steamboat, Nev.; James and Mary Lou Moser of Bluffton, Ind.; and Harold and Wenomi Sears of Brownsburg, Ind.

Named mission pastor interns were Edward and Nicolette Ernsting of North Bend, Wash., and Gordon and Kay Foster Jr. of Philo, Ohio.