

DEC. 1 0 1981

**(BP)**

**-- BAPTIST PRESS**

News Service of the Southern Baptist Convention

**NATIONAL OFFICE**

SBC Executive Committee  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219  
(615) 244-2355  
Wilmer C. Fields, Director  
Dan Martin, News Editor  
Norman Jameson, Feature Editor

**BUREAUS**

**ATLANTA** Jim Newton, Chief, 1350 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta, Ga. 30367, Telephone (404) 873-4041  
**DALLAS** Thomas J. Brannon, Chief, 103 Baptist Building, Dallas, Texas 75201, Telephone (214) 741-1996  
**NASHVILLE** (Baptist Sunday School Board) Lloyd T. Householder, Chief, 127 Ninth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn. 37234, Telephone (615) 251-2300  
**RICHMOND** Robert L. Stanley, Chief, 3806 Monument Ave., Richmond, Va. 23230, Telephone (804) 353-0151  
**WASHINGTON** Stan L. Haste, Chief, 200 Maryland Ave., N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, Telephone (202) 544-4226

December 9, 1981

81-188

**Clyde Fant Named  
Seminary President**

**RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--Clyde Fant Jr. was named president of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Ruschlikon, Switzerland, during the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's December meeting.**

His selection is contingent upon successful completion of application that he and his wife are making to become missionary associates, who serve renewable four-year terms in English-speaking work overseas.

Fant, 47, is pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas, and a former professor of preaching at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

The Ruschlikon seminary's executive board nominated him and the European Baptist Federation Council ratified the nomination before the Foreign Board acted Dec. 8. He will succeed C. Ronald Goulding, who became interim president in 1980 at the age of 65.

A native of Marshall, Texas, Fant holds a bachelor of arts degree with a major in German literature from Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and two degrees from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the master of divinity and doctor of theology. He taught at the Fort Worth, Texas seminary from 1966 to 1975. Previously, he was pastor of First Baptist Church, Ruston, La., from 1962 to 1966.

He has preached in England, Germany, Colombia and Tanzania and is the author of two books, "Preaching for Today" and "Bonhoeffer: Worldly Preaching." He co-authored a 13-volume work, "Twenty Centuries of Great Preaching: An Encyclopaedia of Preaching," with William M. Pinson Jr., president of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., and co-edited "Contemporary Christian Trends."

Fant was a Fulbright Scholar at Eberhard-Karls University, Tubingen, Germany, from 1956 to 1957 and did postdoctoral research at the Institute for Hermeneutics in Tubingen, 1972 to 1973.

He serves on the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, the board of directors of the Baptist Standard, journal of the BGCT, and the executive board of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission, where he also is a trustee and officer.

He and his wife, the former Jean Harrell of San Antonio, Texas, have three grown children.

-30-

(BP) photo mailed to state Baptist newspapers by Richmond bureau of Baptist Press.

DARGAN-CAMDEN LIBRARY  
S.B.C. HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

## HMB Elects Three to Staff, Three National Consultants

ATLANTA (BP)--In a string of personnel actions, the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board elected three staff members and three national consultants, and accepted with "deep regret" the resignation of HMB Evangelism Vice President C. B. Hogue.

Hogue, the board's director of evangelism for 8 1/2 years, resigned effective Jan. 15 to become pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla., returning to the state where he was evangelism director before joining the HMB staff.

Two other Home Mission Board staff members were transferred to newly-created positions.

E. Warren Woolf, director of the personnel division for the past 10 years, was named to a new position as national consultant for student work under the department of special mission ministries. Woolf was director of that department from 1966-71, and previously was director of the Baptist Student Union at Georgia Tech in Atlanta for 15 years. As a consultant, Woolf will work out of his home in Atlanta.

Mrs. Katherine Roberson, director of personnel employment services in the HMB personnel division, was transferred to a new position as director of marketing services in the promotion department, effective Feb. 1.

Two new staff members from Alabama and New Mexico were elected by the board.

Kenneth Chadwick, language missions director for the Baptist Convention of New Mexico since 1975, was elected to a new position as assistant director for ethnic church growth in the language missions division, effective Jan. 1. A native of Arkansas reared in California, Chadwick is a former home missionary in New Mexico and former pastor of Spanish-speaking churches in California.

Jack Washington, director of Christian social ministries for Birmingham Baptist Association in Alabama since 1974, was elected a researcher in the research division, effective Jan. 1. Washington, born in Arkansas and reared in Texas, is former pastor in Texas and Alabama and former chaplain in Oklahoma. He will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Kirk Hadaway, now research director for the Center for Urban Church Studies, Nashville.

In addition to Woolf, national consultants were named in the evangelism section and rural-urban missions department.

Dale Holloway Sr., supervisor of elementary education for the Mississippi Department of Education, Jackson, Miss., and bivocational pastor of Day Star Baptist Church, Florence, Miss., was named national consultant on bivocational ministries for the rural-urban missions department, succeeding the late J. T. Burdine Sr. Holloway will assume the position Feb. 1, continuing to live in Florence, Miss.

Dean Finley, campus minister for Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Ky., was named national consultant for youth evangelism, succeeding Dave Bennett. A native of Missouri, Finley is a former BSU intern in Springfield, Mo., and leader of the National Student Ministries "Share Team" in 1975. He will move to Atlanta, effective Jan. 1.

In addition to filling the six national staff and consultant positions, HMB directors approved a contract with the SBC Stewardship Commission to work with the HMB church loans division in conducting a fund-raising campaign to raise \$10 million for new mission churches built as part of Bold Mission Thrust efforts.

The board also approved wording of a clause in church loan contracts which requires churches which receive loans from the HMB to be "in friendly cooperation with the Southern Baptist Convention," and giving a legal definition of that phrase. The clause gives the HMB the right to accelerate the maturity of the debt or to foreclose on the loan if a church with an existing loan is "disfellowshipped" by the association, state convention or SBC.

In a devotional message during the meeting here, SBC Second Vice President Don Kim, pastor of Berendo Street Baptist Church in Los Angeles, urged Southern Baptists to pray for an effort to establish 1,000 Korean Baptist churches by the end of the decade.

Pointing out there are now more than 200 Korean Baptist churches in the SBC, Kim observed many of them are "baby" churches. "We need to train them, equip them and teach them the Southern Baptist way of life, including the need for support of the Cooperative Program," Kim said.

-30-

Board Upgrades Inadequate  
Foreign Missionary Pensions

By Robert O'Brien

Baptist Press  
12/9/81

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--The Foreign Mission Board took final action on a revised pension plan which upgrades inadequate retirement benefits for Southern Baptist missionaries overseas and many of the missionaries who previously retired or resigned.

The board, which endorsed the new plan in principle at its October meeting, approved it in detail at the December meeting. The plan goes into effect Jan. 1, 1982.

The new plan will increase cost of the board's pension contribution for career missionaries and missionary associates from \$1.2 million per year in 1981 to \$3.7 million per year in 1982.

Funds to cover improved pension contributions became available because of increased over-all giving of Southern Baptists, the victory last year in Congress which saved nearly \$1 million in U.S. income tax on missionary salaries and improved investment income.

The new plan will bring contributions to the pensions of the current missionary force into line with the minimum 10 percent of compensation per year recommended by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board for personnel of churches and denominational organizations.

The funds will be managed by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, which already handles pension funds for 80,446 active and retired employees of many Southern Baptist churches and organizations, including the home office staff of the Foreign Mission Board.

The plan, which provides missionaries a retirement program transferable among other Southern Baptist organizations and churches, will place each missionary for the first time under a separate retirement account with the Annuity Board, according to FMB officials Carl W. Johnson, treasurer, and Winston Crawley, vice president for planning.

Under the previous plan, emeritus missionary couples who served for 25 years and until age 65 would draw only a maximum of \$480 a month. That amount was the ceiling, even if they served beyond 25 years. It dropped off sharply to a maximum of \$216 a month if the couple resigned anytime before age 65.

Besides pension provisions, the Foreign Mission Board has previously paid most of the medical costs for emeritus missionaries and will continue to do so. Nearly all missionaries also are in the Social Security program and receive Social Security benefits.

-more-

A feature of the new pension plan upgrades long-term disability and death benefits for career missionaries and missionary associates and continues the board's full pension contribution for a disabled missionary until retirement. The missionary would draw 50 percent of compensation between the date of disablement and the beginning of normal retirement benefits, plus medical and other benefits.

The new pension plan, under which the board will begin contributing to each missionary's pension three years after appointment, also gives credit for all years served and removes the sharp reduction for time served short of a fixed standard, Crawley said.

Since final pension of a missionary currently serving will hinge on how many dollars in pension contributions and earnings are in his or her account at the time of retirement, no exact final retirement figure can be given for active missionaries.

But a final figure can be given for each former missionary. The upgraded plan includes provisions which will make a significant difference in the pensions of many currently retired and resigned missionaries.

For example, an emeritus missionary couple appointed at age 32 and serving 33 years to age 65 has received only \$480 a month. That same couple, with upgraded benefits, will now draw \$844.80 a month, according to Johnson. A single or widowed emeritus missionary in that category would increase from \$320 to \$495 a month.

An emeritus missionary couple who served 25 years to age 65 would increase from \$480 to \$640, Johnson said, while a single or widowed emeritus missionary in that range would increase from \$320 to \$375 per month.

Crawley said pension amounts for former missionaries will be computed on an individual basis and pensions for missionaries who overlap the old and new plans will be coordinated.

The new plan includes benefit improvements for the majority of those who have previously served as foreign missionaries, but Johnson and Crawley identified two categories of former missionaries who will get no benefit under the new plan: (1) former missionaries who resigned before 1968 and prior to age 40 got no benefits then and will get none now; (2) former missionaries who resigned with less than 10 years' service will get the same pension under both plans.

Under the new plan, missionaries will retain all pension contributions from the Foreign Mission Board, even if called to another area of service. They also may opt to take early retirement beginning at age 62 and on completion of 25 years' service.

Annuity Board President Darold H. Morgan expressed excitement at the board's opportunity to expand its efforts to serve the needs of missionaries and noted that individual missionaries also may make personal contributions to the pension plan to further strengthen future retirement income.

-30-

Foreign Board Raps CIA  
Encroachment, Sets Record

By Robert O'Brien

Baptist Press  
12/9/81

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board urged legislation to prohibit the CIA from encroaching on foreign missions, took action to upgrade inadequate retirement for Southern Baptist missionaries, and completed a record year in missionaries appointed for overseas service.

-more-

In other action at its December meeting, the board reaffirmed a previous decision on dealing with the disability of Mission Service Corps volunteer Robert Sorrels, approved Texas pastor Clyde Fant as president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, and released \$679,406 to assist in world hunger and relief projects in nine countries.

The board authorized its president, R. Keith Parks, to write appropriate U.S. officials urging legislation which prohibits Central Intelligence Agency agents from posing as missionaries, using a mission operation as a front, or gathering intelligence through existing missionaries.

The action reaffirms past positions the board has taken to express opposition to any kind of CIA involvement in missions.

James M. Dunn, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, informed Parks that an internal CIA regulation prohibiting the use of missionaries to obtain information for the CIA still stands. But Dunn said no stated restriction prohibits a CIA agent from posing as a missionary or using a "missionary front."

President Reagan signed an executive order Dec. 4 which generally loosened restrictions on the U.S. intelligence community but made no reference to use of clergy or missionaries. Baptist leaders fear that loosening of restraints eventually may lead to the undermining of American missionary operations overseas, although they know of no current problem in that area. The Foreign Mission Board takes a strong non-political stance and prohibits involvement by its missionary personnel with intelligence-gathering organizations.

Parks, chief executive officer of an agency which sends 3,149 missionaries to 95 countries, said omission of regulations to prevent the CIA from using a missionary cover is "morally wrong and potentially endangers the lives of missionaries in some countries."

The upgraded pension plan brings board pension contributions to career and associate missionaries in line with the 10 percent minimum of annual compensation recommended by the SBC Annuity Board for personnel of Southern Baptist churches and organizations. It will increase costs of the board's pension contribution for missionaries from \$1.2 million per year in 1981 to \$3.7 million per year in 1982.

The new plan eliminates a low retirement income ceiling which reached a maximum of only \$480 per month for an emeritus missionary couple and dropped off sharply for those retiring under age 65 in the old plan. It also includes upgrading of retirement benefits for many missionaries who have previously retired or resigned, and it improves long-term disability and death benefits for career and associate missionaries.

The board appointed 62 new missionary personnel at a service at Manassas (Va.) Baptist Church and approved reappointment of seven former missionaries.

The appointments brought the 1981 total to 355, exceeding the record 350 set in 1978. The total includes a record 44 general evangelists and a record 208 career appointments. The top previous career total was 181 in 1978. Last year 139 career personnel were appointed.

Parks said reaffirmation of a previous decision not to provide long-term assistance to Sorrels came after "much prayerful consideration and concern" for the 30-year-old former Mission Service Corps volunteer. Sorrels was paralyzed in an automobile accident which killed a missionary and a Nigerian Baptist leader one week after Sorrels arrived in Nigeria in 1980.

The board reviewed its earlier decision to assist Sorrels only through October 1982 when government disability benefits normally would take effect, because a group called "Friends of Bob Sorrels" urged the board to reconsider.

Friends of the paralyzed MSC volunteer, including some members of Sorrels' sponsoring church, Capitol Hill Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., launched a recent letter-writing campaign criticizing the Foreign Mission Board for its "inadequate" disability program and urging "remedial action." Sorrels said he feels "abandoned" by the board.

Foreign Mission Board officials have declined to accept long-term responsibility because Sorrels, who signed a waiver absolving the board of liability before he went to Nigeria, was an MSC volunteer and not an employed missionary.

Mission Service Corps was established at the 1977 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to augment career missionaries under the concept that volunteers or their sponsors would provide all necessary resources, including travel, expenses and insurance costs.

Supported by a monthly stipend of \$603.50 from his sponsoring church, Sorrels was covered by two medical insurance policies but had no long-term disability insurance.

Parks said the board earmarked more than \$28,400 to cover medical and other expenses in Nigeria and the monthly stipend through October 1982 as "a compassionate act...to provide a bridge until he has some other options," not because the board was required to do so.

He suggested that individuals interested in Sorrels could establish a special fund to care for his needs.

The board's action on Fant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Richardson, Texas, followed similar actions by the Ruschlikon seminary's executive board and the European Baptist Federation Council. Fant, 47, would assume the post after successful completion of applications he and his wife are making to the Foreign Mission Board to become missionary associates.

In a related action, the board extended a five-year commitment, made in 1978, to help support the seminary, to 10 years beginning when the new president takes office. The board also voted to continue to increase its subsidy to the seminary, which will total \$315,000 in 1982, by \$5,000 each year, "with growing support from Europeans anticipated."

Besides a variety of actions to assist world hunger projects and emphasize evangelism and church development around the world, the board honored two individuals and appropriated additional funds for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso.

The board presented plaques of recognition to board member Charles Tope of Oklahoma City, who will return to the mission field in Kenya with his wife, and Ralph West, retiring after serving the board for 36 years--20 years as a missionary in Nigeria and 16 years on the stateside staff, the last five as liaison to the Home Mission Board for volunteers.

The board allocated \$200,000 to establish a capitalization fund for the Baptist Spanish Publishing House in El Paso to assist its rapidly increasing distribution of literature to 70 nations, and another \$82,361 for construction of a new building.

-30-

Spy Order Leaves In Place  
Ban On Use Of Missionaries

By Larry Chesser

Baptist Press  
12/9/81

WASHINGTON (BP)--An executive order signed by President Reagan Dec. 4 easing many of the restrictions imposed on U.S. intelligence agencies left intact a Central Intelligence Agency regulation barring the use of missionaries and clergy for intelligence purposes.

-more-

An aide to Sen. Mark O. Hatfield told Baptist Press Director of Central Intelligence William J. Casey has assured the Oregon Republican that he intends to abide by the 1976 internal regulation which prohibits any "secret paid or contractual relationship with any American clergyman or missionary" as a matter of policy.

But that regulation provides only part of the protection sought by the Southern Baptist Convention's Foreign Mission Board and other missionary-sending agencies which urged during the previous Congress a legislated ban against intelligence agency use of clergy and missionaries as informants. They also sought a prohibition against intelligence agency personnel posing as missionaries or clergy.

Hatfield, who has championed the cause of church leaders concerned about intelligence agency use of clergy, told Baptist Press through an aide that he would introduce legislation enforcing the ban if there is "any loosening of the regulation" by the CIA.

Reaffirming its standing position on the issue, the Foreign Mission Board authorized its president, R. Keith Parks, to contact appropriate government officials to push legislation "prohibiting CIA agents from posing as missionaries or from using a mission operation as a front, or from gathering intelligence through existing missionaries."

Parks said the Foreign Mission Board is "very hopeful that the CIA would totally disassociate itself from missionaries and mission enterprises," adding that the possibility of a link between intelligence gathering and missionary involvement "not only jeopardizes the safety of missionaries, but also creates a cloud of suspicion over all missionaries."

He also said, "I see this as an increasingly urgent matter" partly because of growing international terrorism.

The FMB has a policy barring its missionaries from involvement in intelligence operations of any nation, including the United States and Parks called on the federal government to "say firmly and convincingly" that there is no connection between intelligence operations and mission enterprises.

Though the internal regulations at the CIA and the FMB provide some protection, Parks emphasized that "legislative action would be stronger and we would prefer that."

No legislation regulating the relationship between the intelligence community and missionaries is pending in Congress, but an aide to Sen. Daniel P. Moynihan, vice chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, indicated that it is possible the New York Democrat will introduce such legislation next year.

Moynihan pushed a legislated ban against intelligence agencies' use of clergy, academics and journalists in the last Congress.

-30-

Baptist Leader Resigns Post  
To Accept Oklahoma Pastorate

Baptist Press  
12/9/81

ATLANTA (BP)--C. B. (Bill) Hogue, vice president for evangelism of the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, has resigned effective Jan. 15 to become senior pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church in Tulsa, Okla.

Hogue was director of evangelism for the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma for three years before coming to the Home Mission Board in 1973. He was pastor of First Baptist Church, Ada, Okla., from 1969-1971, and also pastor of churches in Odessa, Post, and Happy, Texas.

-more-

A native of Stanton, Texas, Hogue is a graduate of Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

Home Mission Board President William G. Tanner accepted Hogue's resignation with "deep regret" and expressed appreciation for Hogue's "tremendous contribution in developing a strong program of evangelism and gathering perhaps the most capable staff in evangelism today."

He and his wife, the former Betty Jane Howard, have five children.

-30-

Foreign Board Names 67;  
Sets New Annual Records

By Erich Bridges

Baptist Press  
12/9/81

RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board named 62 new career and associate missionaries and five special project medical workers during its December meeting, confirming 1981 as a banner year for missionary appointments.

The 1981 total surpassed previous annual records for total assignments, career missionary appointments, and new general evangelists, the most critical personnel need on foreign fields.

"We're sending out more missionaries from our churches than ever before," said R. Keith Parks, board president. "We just pray that this is the beginning of a great new level of sending forth preachers of the gospel."

The December group brought total assignments for 1981--including career and associate missionaries, missionary journeymen, special project workers and reappointees--to 355, passing the old record of 350, set in 1978.

Including the 52 new career missionaries named in December, career appointments for the year total 208, surpassing the 1978 record of 181. They also represent a 50 percent increase over the 139 named in 1980.

Most significant, according to Bill Marshall, board vice-president for human resources, was the appointment this year of 44 general evangelists, a record for that category, but still short of field requests. Pleas for such missionary preachers, evangelists and church starters consistently top personnel requests from 95 Southern Baptist mission fields.

"Most years we appoint 25, 27, maybe 31 general evangelists," Marshall said. "To send 44 is a remarkable event. I hope it's a trend. We'll need three or four more years to tell, but it appears that God is doing something special in the ranks of Southern Baptists."

The 1981 totals also exceed most of the board's Bold Mission Thrust personnel projections for 1981, which called for 288 missionary assignments, including 171 career appointments, and a year-end total force of 3,105. Including December assignments, the current total force stands at 3,149. The new career force total of 2,698, however, trails the Bold Mission Thrust career projection of 2,782.

David L. Graham and Cornella Graham Walker, a brother and sister from Kentucky, were among those appointed. Graham, a dentist, will serve with his wife, Melody Bridges Graham of Alabama, in Dominica. Mrs. Walker and her husband, Carlton E. Walker Jr. of Virginia, will go to Japan, where he will be a general evangelist.

-more-



Other new missionaries named were: Bob and Joanna ~~Stowell~~ Bernhardt, of Nebraska and California; respectively, assigned to the Bahamas; Bob and June Newcomb Caperton, Texas and Oklahoma, to Colombia; Ken and Sarah Lawrence Childers, North Carolina, to Senegal; Ross and Sherry Browning Collier, Texas, to Malawi; Roddy and Caroline Powell Conerly, Mississippi and Louisiana, to Peru; and Bain and Dianne Keck Daniels, North Carolina, to Colombia.

Also named were: Freddy and Deborah Rush Davis, Florida and Mississippi, to Japan; Steve and Carla Vandiver Evans, Washington and Alabama, to Zimbabwe; Ray and Sharon Busby Fairchild, North Carolina and Texas, to Equatorial Brazil; Wayne and Susan Johnson Gilliam, South Carolina, to Chile; Joe and Hazel Dean Lester Griffin, Texas, to Japan; and Bill and Donna Freshour Hagewood, Tennessee, to the Dominican Republic.

Also Sharron Hawk, Texas, to Nigeria; Arthur and Sandy Brown Hixson, Louisiana and Texas, to Hong Kong/Macao; Vinton and Carol Kincannon Laseter, Louisiana and Texas, to Transkei; Margaret McPherson, Texas, to Gaza; Don and Patsy Myatt Meler, Tennessee, to Nigeria; Lee and Deborah Skelton Miller, New Jersey and Washington, to Guyana; and Walter and Wynell Ayres Milmo, Texas, to Chile.

Also Tom and Robbie Beall Pettey, Mississippi, to Nigeria; Carolyn Phillips, Tennessee, to Mexico; Larry and Sharon Guillette Pittman, Louisiana and Virginia, to Uruguay; Jeff and Cathy Swaffar Pound, Ohio and Kentucky, to the Philippines; Fred and Linda Tyler Raney, Texas, to Surinam; Kenneth and Hazel Westbrook Sorrell, Arkansas and Missouri, to Nigeria; and Sam and Connie Davis Stallings, Tennessee, to the Philippines.

Others were Mike Stonecypher, Alabama, to Nigeria; Hazel Thompson, Georgia, to Gaza; Doug and Debbie Bogle Williams, Virginia and Kentucky, to Zambia; Tom and Janet Newsome Williams, Georgia and Alabama, to Thailand; Sherry Woods, Missouri, to Nigeria; and Buddy and Lois Johnson Woodson, Maryland and Virginia, assigned to Chile.

Though not present for the appointment service, five people were named special project medical workers by the board: Joan Absher, of Alabama, assigned to Ghana; Vicki Dunwoody, North Dakota, to Nigeria; Lynne Hutto, Louisiana, to Gaza; and Ray and Bonnie Boatman Peoples, Arkansas, to Nigeria.

Reappointed for overseas service were Rex and Sherry Puckett Holt, of Arkansas, assigned to Togo, where they served from 1975 to 1980; Oscar and Marie Walser Bozeman, Louisiana and Missouri, to Korea, where they served from 1958-1978; Ken and Joyce Riddle Clayton, Tennessee, to Spain, where they served from 1976-1979; and Daniel and Ann Phillips Messer, South Carolina, to Paraguay. The Messers formerly served in Uruguay.

Also reappointed were Charles and Laverne Warnecke Tope of Missouri, assigned to Kenya. The Topes worked in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda before resigning in 1975. The board honored Tope with a plaque, recognizing his four years of services as a board member representing Oklahoma, where he was pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

Juanita Taylor Harper, widow of Winfred O. (Wimpy) Harper, was also reappointed. She will be stationed in Nairobi, Kenya, where she will assist James E. Hampton, associate to the director for eastern and Southern Africa. The Harpers were missionaries to Nigeria and Tanganyika (now Tanzania) before he drowned in 1958 while on a holiday outing.

LYNN MAY  
HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
127 9TH AVE NO  
NASHVILLE TN 37234

460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee 37219

**BAPTIST PRESS**



*Handwritten signature*  
CS