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Southern trustees  
approve 'covenant'

By Pat Cole

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LOUISVILLE, Ky. (BP)--Southern Baptist Theological Seminary trustees approved April 8 a "covenant" agreement with faculty that will guide the seminary's efforts to fill faculty vacancies with "conservative evangelical scholars."

The covenant, approved by a 49-7 margin following more than two hours of debate, effectively will replace controversial new guidelines for faculty employment adopted last September by trustees at the Louisville, Ky., school. The six-page covenant was hammered out in a series of meetings over the past four months between two seven-member trustee and faculty ad hoc committees. The faculty approved the document March 28 by a vote of 38-5.

The covenant pledges the seminary will seek "balanced representation" on the faculty through "intentional employment of conservative evangelical scholars for future openings." Under the covenant's terms, the seminary will hire only professors who "reflect a clear evangelical orientation" in their view of the Bible's authority and inspiration. The covenant contains a seven-paragraph statement on biblical authority which new faculty members and those seeking tenure must affirm.

In its statement on Scripture, the covenant maintains that divine inspiration is "guaranteed true and trustworthy utterances on all matters on which the biblical authors were moved to speak and write." It describes the Bible as "true and reliable in all the matters it addresses, whatever the subject matter." The Bible, it adds, serves as the "ultimate standard of authority for God's people, transcending both temporal and cultural contexts."

The covenant states it will remain an employment guideline until trustees "in consultation with the administration and faculty determine that the seminary has achieved faculty balance."

Adoption of the covenant served to amend action taken last September which added the 1987 Southern Baptist Peace Committee Report as a guideline for employment, promotion and tenure of all faculty. The action stipulated the entire report -- "both findings and recommendations" -- be used as a guideline in addition to existing academic personnel policies and the Abstract of Principles, the confessional statement that has governed the school since its founding as the convention's first seminary in 1859.

In the findings section, the Peace Committee report declared "most Southern Baptists believe" people who say the Bible is true believe that "Adam and Eve were real persons," "named authors did indeed write the biblical books attributed to them," miracles "did indeed occur as supernatural events in history" and the "historical narratives given by biblical authors were indeed accurate and reliable."

In response, Southern's faculty voted unanimously to ask the board to rescind its action. They were joined in their appeal by officers of the seminary's alumni association. Faculty argued in a statement that the trustee decision created "significant problems" in the faculty's relationship with the board, misused the Peace Committee report and introduced "ambiguity and confusion" into the seminary's instructional process. It also expressed concerns about implications for accreditation and recruitment of faculty and students.

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Faculty and alumni leaders noted the seminary already had agreed in 1988 to implement recommendation five of the Peace Committee report which specifically addressed the convention's six seminaries.

In addition to its statement on Scripture, the covenant commits trustees, administration and faculty to "a system of seminary governance which maintains in the operation of the institution the distinct and separate functions of trustees, administration and faculty." The covenant also promises trustees, administration and faculty will seek an "inclusive ministry to all Southern Baptists in a period of transition in denominational leadership and theological interpretation within the Southern Baptist Convention."

Trustee Executive Committee Chairman Wayne Allen, a member of the ad hoc trustee committee, said the covenant is a step toward building trust between faculty and trustees and could help "avoid a head-on collision" between the two groups. "I feel that we are headed for some very troubled days that could affect the vitality and life of this institution if everybody isn't willing to make some concessions," he said.

Nevertheless, he said the document contains a "very fine statement" on the authority of Scripture. "I don't think you will find a better statement on Scripture in any institution," he added.

In response to questions by some trustees, Allen asked seminary President Roy L. Honeycutt to address concerns the covenant would prohibit the trustees' academic personnel committee from asking prospective faculty members their view of the Peace Committee findings.

Honeycutt responded the committee historically has been free to ask any question that is "germane to faculty selection." Still, he said, the covenant and the Abstract of Principles would be the seminary's official employment guidelines.

Trustee Jerry Johnson, a pastor from Aurora, Colo., offered an amendment that would have added the Peace Committee report to the covenant and made other editorial changes to the document. The amendment failed 16-36.

By failing to mention the Peace Committee report in the covenant, Johnson charged the document had failed to be sensitive to "the group that owns and operates the school, the Southern Baptist Convention."

Allen advised against amending the covenant, arguing that changing the document could lead to an endless series of revisions and counter revisions between faculty and trustees. "This is a narrow window of opportunity," he said. "The document is not all that it could be, but it is all that we could come up with at this time."

Trustee David Miller, a director of associational missions from Heber Springs, Ark., maintained a planned "focused visit" to campus by representatives of the Association of Theological Schools in North America and Canada (ATS) was prompting some trustees to rush the covenant's adoption. ATS has indicated it will visit the campus this spring to investigate the effect of recent trustee actions on the seminary. Among the accrediting agency's concerns is the trustees' adoption of the Peace Committee report as an employment guideline.

"I refuse to quake in fear by the mention of three words in the alphabet, A-T-S," Miller said.

Trustee Harry Dent, a writer and lay speaker from Columbia, S.C., praised the work of the ad hoc trustee and faculty committees. "I believe God has worked a virtual miracle through you people," he said. Approval of the covenant could "set a precedent" throughout the SBC, he observed.

Trustees also blocked a motion to refer the covenant back to the trustee ad hoc committee for further consideration. The motion by Michael Harris, an orthodontist from Elizabethtown, Ky., failed 17-35.

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Prior to voting on the covenant, Honeycutt urged trustees to approve the document. "We face a crisis in this institution that could bring us into the same disarray as our sister institution on the Eastern seaboard," said Honeycutt in reference to tensions at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, N.C. "I don't think there is a trustee here, I don't think there is a single Southern Baptist who wants us to follow that route."

In an interview after the vote, Honeycutt called the covenant a "historic document" for the seminary and Southern Baptists. "I think if there were the same spirit in SBC leadership that we have seen here this afternoon and with the faculty, we would resolve the SBC controversy in less than 24 months," he said.

Asked whether accreditation concerns played any part in the vote, Honeycutt said he never heard it discussed in his meetings with faculty and trustees. However, he acknowledged the accreditation issue "may have been in the minds of some."

Faculty Association President Bill J. Leonard said in an interview the adoption of the covenant gives hope to the faculty. "Both the faculty and trustees have reservations about the document, but this is a way of starting to alleviate the crisis atmosphere and everybody prefers this document to a crisis atmosphere," he said.

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Hostage sees divine  
timing in rescue

By Mark A. Wyatt

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SACRAMENTO, Calif. (BP)--A Vacaville, Calif., church member wounded during a hostage-taking at a Sacramento electronics store credits "divine timing" with saving his life and others.

"God was gracious," said Al Story, a member of First Baptist Church of Vacaville, "We were like sitting ducks," Story said. "With that situation, it could easily have been just three survivors and the rest dead instead of the other way around."

Three hostages were shot to death and more than a dozen other people wounded April 4 when four gunmen entered the store and began a standoff lasting more than eight hours with police. Three of the gunmen, described as members of an Asian gang, were killed when officers stormed the store.

Story, 38, was shot once in the back. He told The California Southern Baptist, newsjournal of the California Southern Baptist Convention, doctors said the bullet came within two inches of his heart but did not strike any vital organs. However the slug apparently caused some nerve damage resulting in "a lot of pain and some loss of function" in Story's left hand and arm.

Speaking by telephone from his trauma unit bed at the University of California Medical Center in Sacramento, Story recounted the tragic events with clear detail.

Story said he was running some errands after getting off work as a truck driver for a northern California grocery store chain. He stopped at a bank first, then shopped for a music tape at a Christian book store.

Next, almost as a "passing thought," he decided to upgrade the headphone cord on his tape player. He drove into the electronics store parking lot expecting to zip in and right back out.

"I didn't even lock my (car) door," Story said.

Inside the store he was talking with a sales clerk when the gunmen entered and one of them shot the glass out of a display case.

"I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, this is real,' and ducked behind the counter," Story said. He scrambled for the door but "hit the floor" when another gunman armed with an assault rifle ordered him to stop.

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"I said 'Don't shoot, don't shoot,'" he recalled with an ironic laugh, adding, "it probably wasn't the most original thought."

Eight other people escaped in the opening moments of the takeover. Police said 32 customers and employees were held hostage during the standoff.

The gunmen kept all of the hostages together and "treated us pretty well" at first, Story said. "They made sure we had something to drink and gave us snacks from a vending machine" the store manager had opened.

"He cooperated -- we all did -- because you could tell these guys were serious about what they were doing," Story said.

Story disputed earlier reports the hostages were taken when a robbery attempt went sour.

"They were never there to rob the store. They were there strictly to take hostages to get what they wanted," Story said.

The gunmen told the hostages they "didn't have anything against us," Story said. "They just wanted to go back to Thailand."

"They told us they were unhappy with the United States and just wanted to go back home" Story said. He said the gunmen demanded bulletproof vests and safe passage to Thailand via a helicopter and jet airplane they said would be refueled in Alaska.

Three of the gunmen were brothers, Story said, and all spoke English during the standoff. The oldest was 21, the others 19, 17, and 16.

A police negotiator won the release of some hostages, but Story said "the relationship went downhill" when a second negotiator came on the scene.

"He insulted the gunmen and did not negotiate in good faith," angering the four, Story said.

"They started getting really angry about 7:00 o'clock and tied us up with telephone cords. Then they tied us together in groups of three and four. They said if they didn't get what they wanted, they would start killing us," Story said. "First they planned to shoot each group in the legs and then wait about five minutes before shooting then in the head."

One hostage was shot in the leg and released with instructions to relay the gunmen's demands to reporters gathered at the scene. When nearly an hour passed with no sign of the wounded man on television, the gunmen shot a second hostage, also in the leg.

"They told us he was the one they intended to kill first," Story said. "Then they said if the police tried to shoot any of them, they would kill us all in groups and then kill themselves."

After the second hostage was shot, police shot out a glass door and used an explosive device as they stormed the store. In the confusion that followed, Story was shot when at least one of the gunmen began carrying out the threat to shoot the hostages.

"We were lying on the floor because we thought we'd be out of the line of fire. Besides, since we were tied together there wasn't much else we could do," Story said.

"When the SWAT team stormed in it was just the right time," Story said. "I believe that was divine timing because we had been bathing that situation in prayer," he added.

The hostages were not allowed to talk with one another during the incident but Story said he prayed silently throughout the standoff.

"I learned afterward that a lot of others were praying, too," Story said.

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Since being hospitalized Story said he has received "lots of cards and flowers" from members of his church, where he has been a member more than 11 years.

He said he especially appreciated visits from friends who "read the Bible for me and had a prayer time.

"God has really blessed," Story said.

Story said doctors were still working to relieve his pain and wanted to control it before releasing him from the hospital.

"I'm on morphine right now but it isn't doing much good. I still have quite a bit of pain," Story said Monday.

"He was supposed to come home two days ago, but the doctors are baffled by the pain," Story's wife, Jan, said. Despite the delay, however, she said her husband is holding up well.

"His spirits are wonderful and he's doing great because he gave it to the Lord at that time," she added.

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Cholera medicine shipment  
reaches Peru by plane

By Mary E. Speidel

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LIMA, Peru (BP)--About 65 tons of medicine supplied by Texas Baptists arrived in Peru April 6 to aid the fight against the ongoing cholera epidemic there.

The medicine was flown from Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas, on a military transport plane.

Carlos Garcia, second vice president of Peru, along with a representative of the U.S. Embassy, met the shipment. Garcia, a Baptist, was on hand to call attention to the donation by Southern Baptists and to credit them for the help.

About 100 Peruvian Baptist volunteers helped load the supplies onto trucks headed for Cajamarca, Trujillo and other cities affected by the cholera outbreak. Southern Baptist missionaries and Peruvian Baptists hoped to begin distributing the supplies in the Cajamarca area April 8.

Cajamarca, the city hit hardest by the epidemic, also was damaged by an earthquake April 4. Some landslides were reported on roads in the area, but officials believed the supplies would get through.

By April 2 more than 100,000 cases of cholera had been reported in Peru. About 36,000 people had been hospitalized and 769 confirmed dead, with 50 percent of those in Cajamarca.

A second Texas Baptist shipment of about 215 tons of supplies scheduled to arrive by sea April 16 has been delayed. It is expected to arrive April 28 in Paita, a northern port.

The response of the Peruvian government's ministry of health has been, "'We don't believe it. Where did you get that much stuff?'" said missionary Ken Bowie. "Southern Baptists will have brought in more than any government anywhere in the world toward helping with the cholera epidemic."

Still, the tons of supplies probably will fall far short of what eventually will be needed, added missionary Hayward Armstrong.

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"We are doing all we know how to blitz the rural areas to teach them how to avoid contracting cholera," Armstrong said. "But it's hard to get to these areas and instruct them on basic hygiene."

"Our big prayer is that we will be able to come up with a program that will adequately prevent cholera so that another large shipment won't become necessary. We are a long ways from being past the worst of it. But the shipment Southern Baptists are bringing in is by far the largest, the most significant shipment that any organization has brought into the country yet."

A nurses' strike in Lima continues to complicate the care of cholera victims there, according to Caroline Conerly, a missionary nurse. Conerly has worked to educate Peruvians about how to avoid getting cholera. The people are receptive, she said, but often they lack the resources for basic hygiene such as soap and fuel to boil water. Members of some Baptist churches have formed teams to teach people outside the churches how to prevent cholera. Baptists also have distributed soap in some areas of Lima.

Meanwhile, Bowie, who is overall coordinator of the Baptist relief effort, has lost his senses of smell and taste because of injuries sustained while helping. Bowie, of McLouth, Kan., suffered a severe concussion March 16 after falling from a ladder in Cajamarca. He was repairing the roof of a church building to be used for storing cholera medicines.

The day after his fall, Bowie was airlifted by a U.S. Embassy plane to Lima, where he was hospitalized for two days. The plane had delivered a shipment of cholera medicines supplied by Texas Baptists. The presence of that plane in the mountainous area allowed Bowie to get the medical care he needed quickly, said Armstrong. "The timing was perfect," he said.

Physicians told Bowie he has a 60-percent chance of regaining his senses of smell and taste. The nerves controlling the sense of smell -- and related sense of taste -- were pulled loose when he fell from the ladder. He also has some blood clots, but a CAT scan showed nothing seriously wrong. He is taking medicine to absorb the clots and relieve headaches and pain.

Because of the nature of Bowie's head injuries, physicians said he also could be subject to seizures. For that reason, Bowie has been restricted from driving for 30 days and must stay in Lima for several weeks for monitoring.

Bowie is being kept abreast of what missionaries and Baptists are doing in the relief effort. And he hasn't stopped working with the effort, although he is limiting his activity. "You can't keep Ken down. If he's feeling well enough to get up and move, he's going to be doing something," said Armstrong.

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FMB 'PrayerLine'  
gets new number

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RICHMOND, Va. (BP)--The Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board's toll-free "PrayerLine" is getting a new number: 1-800-395-PRAY.

Thousands of Southern Baptists call the PrayerLine regularly for specific missions prayer requests and news updates. The recorded messages change twice each week.

The new number, effective May 1, is 1-800-395-PRAY (or 1-800-395-7729). It will replace 1-800-ALL SEEK. Use of a different phone company will enable the mission board to save money on billings for the toll-free calls, said Minette Drumwright, director of the prayer strategy office. Local callers in the Richmond, Va., area will continue to dial 355-6581.

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The PrayerLine has received more than half a million calls since it was begun in January 1987. Calls averaged about 12,000 to 13,000 per month for most of 1990, but topped 20,000 in December and 22,000 in January of this year. Calls always increase during the weeks leading up to the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Drumwright said, but callers also were concerned about Southern Baptist workers in the Middle East because of the Persian Gulf crisis.

Callers can record PrayerLine messages for personal devotional times, worship services and other church activities.

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Patriotic services provide  
opportunity for evangelism

By Sarah Zimmerman

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ATLANTA (BP)--Churches can "seize the opportunity" for evangelism by responding to the tide of patriotism rising from Operation Desert Storm, says a Home Mission Board evangelism leader.

By being sensitive to Americans' desire to pay tribute to the armed forces, churches also can minister to spiritual needs, explains Thad Hamilton, HMB associate director of mass evangelism. Churches should begin planning now for Fourth of July celebrations, he suggests.

Hamilton cited several examples of churches that have hosted successful patriotic events.

University Baptist Church in Fayetteville, Ark., produces a special Fourth of July celebration each year.

"We make it a beautiful, colorful day," says Michael J. Bedford, pastor of music and worship. "We don't want to give the impression we're worshiping our country or the flag, but we're expressing gratitude for our freedom. This reminds us that freedom isn't free and that we're responsible to pray for those in leadership."

Combining patriotic and spiritual messages is appropriate because "Scripture is clear that not only are we to be good Christians, but we are to be good citizens too," says Jim Gennoe, pastor of Fellowship Baptist Church in Chickamauga, Ga.

Gennoe's church incorporated a patriotic theme with its annual homecoming service this year. During the March 3 service, 4-by-6-inch U.S. flags were given to everyone who attended. The congregation prayed for the continued safety of troops, and each veteran in the congregation was honored.

After the patriotic half of the service, attention turned to "our eternal homecoming," Gennoe says. Seven people made professions of faith, and the church set a Sunday school attendance record of 355.

Perhaps one of the most elaborate patriotic services is the "living flag" produced each year at Whitesburg Baptist Church in Huntsville, Ala. Dick Thomassian, minister of music and missions, says this year the program will be performed seven times between June 28 and July 4.

A 42-by-28-foot steel structure houses 110 singers wearing red and white to form the stripes in the flag. The flag's stars are computerized to form various shapes, including a cross.

Hundreds of people are involved in the production, Thomassian says. In addition to the choir, a puppet team will perform, volunteers will lead a flag processional and five men dressed as historical statesmen will present vignettes of the statesmen's spiritual views.

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The church has been producing the living flag since 1983. An invitation is given at the end of each program, and Thomassian says it takes all year to follow-up on the responses.

Earlier this year, First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla., had a "yellow ribbon Sunday" to welcome home troops from the Persian Gulf. Ragan Vandegriff, minister of music, says those who died in the war will be remembered during the church's Memorial Day service.

The church's youth are responsible for the Fourth of July celebration, and this year they will premiere a patriotic musical. Vandegriff says the project is taking on new meaning to the youth. "We have a generation of young people who have been touched by the reality of war for the first time."

Any patriotic service at First Baptist includes an evangelistic message, Vandegriff says. "Our pastor usually makes a bridge from one to another to remind us that Jesus Christ gave us the ultimate liberty by his death on the cross."

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Worldwide career brings  
pastor to home missions

By Sarah Zimmerman

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LENEXA, Kan. (BP)--After living in China, the Philippines, Malaysia, India and Taiwan, what does one do in Lenexa, Kan.?

Carl Hunker's answer is to keep doing the things he did on the other side of the world. The former foreign missionary is now pastor of a Chinese Baptist church in America's heartland.

Hunker's overseas career began in 1946 as a foreign missionary on mainland China. He and his wife, Jeanette, worked there two years before the Communist takeover forced them to leave the country. Eventually their ministries took them to Taiwan, where Hunker was everything from professor to president at Taiwan Baptist Theological Seminary.

She died three years before he retired in 1986. After retirement, Hunker moved to the Kansas City area to be near his children and grandchildren, yet he was at a loss for a meaningful ministry.

In Taiwan, Hunker trained Christians in disciplines of godly living. As pastor of Emmanuel Chinese Baptist Church in Lenexa, he does the same thing.

The Kansas City area attracts Chinese professionals, business leaders, restaurant workers and students. Hunker says the hardest group to reach with the gospel is restaurant owners and employees because they work continuously. Many work from 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. seven days a week.

Hunker started a Bible study in one restaurant owned by Chinese Christians. He leads a 30-minute study after the business lunch trade and before the dinner rush.

Another segment of the Chinese population is American-born children of Chinese parents who immigrated to the United States.

"Like all young people, they have a problem of self identity," Hunker says. "'Who are we?' they ask. 'Are we American or Chinese?'"

The Chinese Baptist church life reflects the desire to retain their Chinese culture and fit into the American way of life. Services are offered in both Mandarin and English. At monthly fellowship meals, people bring traditional Chinese dishes and pizza.

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Retaining the Chinese culture is an important drawing card for the church, Hunker says. People who otherwise might not be interested in religion come to church to find people who speak their language and share common burdens. Hunker estimates 75 percent of the church's 83 members would not have become Christians if they had not left Asia.

A 72-year-old man Hunker baptized earlier this year is an example of someone who became a Christian when he left Taiwan. Hunker describes the man as a "Buddhist worshiper who chants every morning with beads like a rosary." He came to Kansas City to visit his children, who are members of the Chinese church. During his visit, he heard the gospel and accepted Christ.

When the man returns to Taiwan, he will carry on Hunker's tradition of ministering on the other side of the world.

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Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions

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Hyatt Airport Hotel, Atlanta

Theme: Seeing the Invisible

Sunday morning

10:00 Worship Service -- Presiding: Glenn Hickey, director of missions, Little Rock, Ark.;  
Preaching: Floyd Collins, director of missions, Kingstown, R.I.

Sunday afternoon

1:00 Hymn

Invocation -- Herbert Slaughter, director of missions, St. Albans, W.V.

Welcome -- Russell Barker, director of missions, Atlanta

Special Music -- Singing DoMs of Missouri

Address: Our Invisible Strength -- Henry Blackaby, director of spiritual awakening,  
Home Mission Board, Atlanta

DoM Sharing: Seeing Our Unity -- Bill Wehmeyer, director of missions, Hayti, Mo.

Prayer -- B.C. McGohon, state DoM president, Montgomery, Ala.

2:15 Break

2:30 Hymn

Prayer -- Bob Franklin, director of missions, Marietta, Ga.

Bible Study -- Roy Honeycutt, president, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary,  
Louisville, Ky.

Recognition of Retired DoMs -- Cline Borders, director of missions, Shelby, N.C.

DoM Sharing: Seeing Our Strengths -- Dale Maddux, director of missions, Butte, Mont.

DoM Orientation Workgroup Report -- Lawrence Clegg, director of missions,  
Ponchatoula, La.

Seminary Extension -- Doran McCarty, executive director, Seminary Extension,  
Nashville

Prayer -- R. Edward Gilstrap, state DoM president, Orlando, Fla.

3:45 Break

4:00 Prayer -- Henry Hall, state DoM president, Payson, Ill.

Hymn

Group Sharing

Recognition of Former Presidents -- Preston Denton, director of missions, Creve  
Coeur, Mo.

Special Music -- Singing DoMs

Scripture Reading -- Allen West, director of missions, Louisville, Ky.

President's Address -- Russell Bennett, director of missions, Louisville, Ky.

Prayer -- J.C. Bradley, director of associational administration department, Home  
Mission Board, Atlanta

5:30 Break

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Sunday evening

- 6:30 Banquet hosted by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Paul Powell, president  
 Invocation -- Robert Sumrall, state DoM president, Rochester, N.Y.  
 Recognition of State DoM Presidents -- Ken Chadwick, director of missions, Salt  
 Lake City, Utah

Monday morning

- 8:15 Hymn  
 Prayer -- Darden Battle, state DoM president, Charlottesville, Va.  
 Bible Study -- Roy Honeycutt  
 DoM Sharing: Seeing Our Heritage -- Leon Young, director of missions, Meridian,  
 Miss.  
 Professional Development Workgroup Report  
 Welcome to Indianapolis -- James Abernathy, director of missions, Indianapolis  
 Open Circuit Report -- Grayson Glass, editor, La Marque, Texas  
 Retiree Sharing: Seeing Our Future -- Loyd Corder, retired director of missions,  
 Decatur, Ga.  
 Prayer -- Billy Graham, state DoM president, Carthage, N.C.
- 9:30 Break
- 9:45 Prayer -- Cliff Fite, state DoM president, Ponca City, Okla.  
 Nominating Committee Report -- E.R. Cagle, director of missions, Denver  
 Treasurer's Report -- Phil Hall, director of missions, Albia, Iowa  
 Recognition of New Directors -- John McBride, director of missions, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Wife of DoM Viewpoint -- Ellese Spencer, director of missions, Gastonia, N.C.  
 Special Music -- Singing DoMs  
 Address -- Milton Ferguson, president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary,  
 Kansas City, Mo.  
 Prayer -- Lawrence Garrett, state DoM president, Walterboro, S.C.
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Prayer -- Holland Smith, state DoM president, Georgetown, Texas  
 Secretary's Report -- Lawrence Clegg  
 Constitutional Revision  
 Anniversary Recognitions -- Larry Martin, director of missions, Newton, Mass.  
 Hymn  
 Speaker -- Dennis Swanberg, director of missions, Hot Springs, Ark.  
 Benediction -- Wayne Gullett, state DoM president, Calhoun City, Miss.  
 Adjourn

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DOMs conference theme  
 is 'Seeing the Invisible'

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ATLANTA (BP)--Fellowship, support, learning and an interaction forum are descriptions of the 30th annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Directors of Missions June 2-3 at the Hyatt Airport Hotel, Atlanta.

"Seeing the Invisible" will be the theme, according to Russell Bennett, president and executive director of the Long Run Baptist Association, Louisville, Ky.

The gathering of directors of missions has been a "supporting and learning time," said Bennett. "It meets the needs of DOMs and serves as a forum for interaction with SBC agency officials."

Bennett will address the group Sunday afternoon followed by a banquet hosted by the Southern Baptist Annuity Board. Also bringing a featured address will be Milton Ferguson, president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Mo.; Dennis Swanberg, director of missions, Hot Springs, Ark.; and theme interpretation, Henry Blackaby, director of spiritual awakening, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Floyd Collins, director of missions, Kingstown, R.I., will preach in the Sunday morning worship service. Special music throughout the meeting will be brought by the "Singing DoMs."

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Agency heads to address  
Hispanic ministers meeting

By Mark Wingfield

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ATLANTA (BP)--Leaders of eight Southern Baptist institutions will address the annual Hispanic Ministers Conference to be held prior to the Southern Baptist Convention in Atlanta this summer.

"Sharing the Love that Unites Us" is the theme for the June 1-3 gathering, which will conclude with a panel discussion about how SBC agencies and institutions are ministering to Hispanics.

The panel will include Home Mission Board president Larry Lewis, Foreign Mission Board president R. Keith Parks, Sunday School Board president Lloyd Elder, Annuity Board president Paul Powell, Executive Committee president-treasurer Harold C. Bennett, Woman's Missionary Union executive director Dellanna O'Brien, Brotherhood Commission president James Smith and Radio and Television Commission president Jack Johnson. Oscar Romo, HMB director of language church extension, also will participate.

The panel discussion will be part of a concluding luncheon at Baptist Tabernacle in downtown Atlanta. The luncheon is free, but seating is limited to the first 250 people to register.

The Hispanic Ministers Conference will begin at 2:30 p.m. June 1, with an "upper room experience" at First Spanish Baptist Church of Metro Atlanta. Roberto Gama of the Baptist Sunday School Board will speak about prayer.

International evangelist Rudy Hernandez will address the group June 2 during a rally at Tabernacle Baptist Church beginning at 6:30 p.m. Hernandez also will bring an update on the Manuel Noriega conversion story. Lewis will bring greetings to the group.

Marjorie Caudill, former home missionary to Cuba, will be honored at the rally and will direct a united choir made up of members of Atlanta-area churches.

Additional music will be provided by Hispanic Baptist Church of Miami; Cathy Torres of Houston; Michelle, Melissa and Sandra Rivera of Jonesboro, Ga.; Miriam Mestre of Atlanta; Frank Gonzales of LaGrange, Ga.; and Gilda and Reinaldo Reyes of Atlanta.

The conference will resume at 9:30 a.m. June 3 with seminars led by David D'Amico, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky.; Raul Vasquez, director of ethnic branch in Miami sponsored by New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; and Gama.

Registration information is available from First Spanish Baptist Church of Metro Atlanta, 3532 Covington Highway, Decatur, Ga. 30032.

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### Southern Baptist Hispanic Minister's Conference

June 1-3, 1991

First Spanish Baptist Church of Metro Atlanta and Atlanta Baptist Tabernacle

Theme: Sharing The Love That Unites Us

#### Saturday Afternoon

2:30 Prayer Celebration: Upper Room Power -- Daniel Sotelo, pastor, Templo Bautista, Fresno, Calif.

Keynote Speaker: Roberto Gama, editor, Hispanic church development section, special ministries department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville

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Sunday Evening

6:30 Pre-rally Musical Celebration -- Metro Atlanta United Choir, Duo Reyes, director; Frank Gonzalez, La Grange; David Ramirez, Atlanta; Trio Rivera, Jonesboro; Getsemani Choir, Miami; Miriam Mestra, Atlanta; Cathy Torres, Houston  
 Rally Celebration -- Yamile Fernandez, president of SBC Hispanic Ministers Conference, pastor, Good News Baptist Church, Santa Ana, Calif.  
 Call to Worship -- Metro Atlanta United Choir  
 Scripture Reading and Prayer -- Moses Valdez, language missions catalytic missionary, Augusta, Ga.  
 Praise Celebration -- Congregation  
 Welcome to Atlanta -- Danilo Cardona, pastor, Mision Bautista, Chamblee, Ga.  
 Welcome to Rally -- Ray Carvajal, associate director, Language Missions, Miami Baptist Association  
 Greetings from HMB -- Larry Lewis, president, Home Mission Board, Atlanta Recognition of Special Guests  
 Music for Inspiration -- Cathy Torres Presidential Challenge -- Yamile Fernandez  
 Outstanding Leadership Award Music for Inspiration -- David Ramirez  
 Evangelistic Message: "Jesus: The Light of the World and the Power of the Church" -- Rudy Hernandez, international evangelist, San Antonio, Texas  
 Altar Call  
 Benediction -- Oscar I. Romo, director of language church extension, Home Mission Board, Atlanta

Monday Morning

9:30 Seminars/Conferences  
 "The Ministry: An Awesome Responsibility" -- Ray Carvajal, presiding  
 Praise Celebration -- Congregation  
 Scripture and Prayer -- Obed Millan, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Redencion, Miami, Fla.  
 Welcome to Atlanta -- William Fulkerson, language ministries director, Atlanta Baptist Association  
 Welcome to Conference -- Yamile Fernandez  
 Music for Inspiration -- Frank Gonzalez  
 The Minister and His Marriage -- Roberto Gama  
 The Minister and His Ministry -- Raul Vazquez, seminary extension program leader, Miami  
 The Minister and His Message -- David D'Amico, professor, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.  
 Instrumental Inspirational Music -- Marjorie Caudill, former missionary to Cuba, Atlanta  
 Election of Officers  
 Music for Inspiration -- Cathy Torres  
 Closing Presidential Remarks -- Yamile Fernandez  
 Benediction -- Rolando Ruiz, pastor, Iglesia Bautista Hispano Americana, Lilburn, Ga.

Monday Noon

12:30 Luncheon/Panel  
 "Hispanics: The Role They Play Within The S.B.C."  
 Presiding -- Bob Sena, pastor, First Spanish Baptist Church, Metro-Atlanta, coordinator, SBC Hispanic Ministers Conference & agencies of the SBC  
 Luncheon  
 Opening statement -- Oscar I. Romo  
 Panel: "Hispanics: The Role They Play Within the SBC" -- Participants: Harold C. Bennett, president/treasurer, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville; Lloyd Elder, president, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; Jack Johnson, president, Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission; Larry Lewis; Dellanna O'Brien, executive director, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; R. Keith Parks, president, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.; Paul Powell, president, Southern Baptist Annuity Board, Dallas; Oscar I. Romo; James Smith, president, Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tenn.  
 Questions/Answers  
 Praise Celebration -- Congregation  
 Benediction -- Tito Fafasuli, manager, Hispanic church development section, special ministries department, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

## Southern Baptist Women in Ministry

June 1, 1991, Stone Mountain National Park

June 2, 1991, Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.

Saturday evening

7:00 Fellowship dinner

Sunday morning

11:00 The Greeting -- Lanny Peters, pastor, Oakhurst Baptist Church, Decatur, Ga.  
 Concerns and Celebrations -- Lanny Peters  
 Pastoral Prayer -- Lanny Peters  
 Invocation -- Marsha Moore, senior chaplain, St. Joseph NE Heights Hospital, Albuquerque, N.M.  
 Prelude -- Robin Hensley, interim organist, Oakhurst Baptist Church  
 Invitation to Worship -- Cindy Johnson, minister at large, Rockville, Md., Southern Baptist Women in Ministry executive committee  
 Processional Hymn  
 Theme, Word of Courage -- Meredith Neill, Tere Canzoneri, Paula Buford, Karen Thomas Smith, members of Oakhurst Baptist Church  
 Responsive Reading -- Geneva Metzger, campus minister, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, N.C.  
 Prayer of Confession -- Sue Skinner  
 Choral Worship -- Oakhurst Baptist Church, Adult Choir, Beth Brown Shugart, director  
 Invitation to the Table -- Sharyn E. Dowd, professor, Lexington Theological Seminary, Lexington, Ky.  
 Communion  
 Offertory Hymn  
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 Invitation to Discipleship -- Nancy Ammerman, Oakhurst Baptist Church  
 Hymn of Celebration and Commitment  
 Benediction -- Carolyn Bucy, president, Southern Baptist Women in Ministry, Minister of Youth, Lakeshore Baptist Church, Waco, Texas  
 Postlude -- Robin Hensley,  
 A lunch/business meeting will follow at Oakhurst Baptist Church  
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CORRECTION: In (BP) story titled "Brotherhood and WMU name task force to develop coed youth missions options" dated 4/3/91, please change the name Amy Morris to Andy Morris in the 4th to the last paragraph.

Thanks,  
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EDITORS' NOTE: A cartoon to accompany the stories run in Baptist Press last week from the Christian Life Commission's annual seminar is available for \$10 from Louis Moore at the Nashville office of the CLC.

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