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**SBC Executive Committee,
board nominees recommended**

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Nominees to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the four denominational boards -- Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Sunday School Board and Annuity Board -- have been selected by the 1994 Committee on Nominations.

They will serve if elected by the messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention June 14-16 in the Orange County Convention/Civic Center in Orlando, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (80 members): 17 nominations considered; 6 new members; 11 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Joe R. Blackston, layman and member of Northside Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala., replacing William D. Powell III, Birmingham, Ala.; Harry W. Lewis, pastor of Immanuel Southern Baptist Church, Ridgecrest, Calif., replacing James M. Morton Jr., Grass Valley, Calif.; Joseph K. Bowman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Canton, Ga., replacing William F. Harrell, Martinez, Ga.; James D. Rivers, associate pastor of First Baptist Church Moss Bluff, Lake Charles, La., replacing David E. Hankins, Lake Charles, La.; Claude Thomas, pastor of First Baptist Church, Euless, Texas, replacing Gordon C. Graham, New Braunfels, Texas; Robert Reccord, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., replacing Scott C. Humphrey, Alexandria, Va..

Nominated for second terms are Jerry L. Spencer, Dothan, Ala.; Walter E. Davidson, Anchorage, Alaska; William R. Elliff, Little Rock, Ark.; Ronnie Floyd, Springdale, Ark.; Lee Roberts, Marietta, Ga.; Larry K. Otis, Tupelo, Miss.; Steve Choplin, Franklinton, N.C.; James Lee Oliver, Roebuck, S.C.; Robert L. Sorrell; Cordova, Tenn.; Joe H. Reynolds, Houston; Andy Hornbaker Sr., Salt Lake City.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (91 members): 23 nominations considered; 8 new members; 15 renominations.

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Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Joe W. Atchison, director of missions and member of First Baptist Church, Rogers, Ark., replacing Jack J. Bledso, Fordyce, Ark.; Milton F. Steck, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Vacaville, Calif., replacing Ron E. Wilson, Thousand Oaks, Calif.; Tim Lochere, layman and member of Sheriden Hills Baptist Church, Hollywood, Fla., replacing John P. Greene, West Palm Beach, Fla.; Timothy A. McCoy, senior pastor of Ingleside Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., replacing A. Ben Hatfield, Alpharetta, Ga.; Sara Preston, layperson and member of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Farmington, N.M., replacing Charles A. Fink, Las Cruces, N.M..

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1998: R. Alan Day, pastor of First Baptist Church, Edmond, Okla., replacing Sam Cathey, Oklahoma City, who declined to serve a second term; Curt Dodd, pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, Houston, replacing Joel Gregory, Dallas, who resigned.

Emil W. Turner, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing L.H. McCollough, Bastrop, La., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Ronnie Marshall, Eufaula, Ala.; Roy Scarborough, Augusta, Ga.; Billy J. Beckett, Columbus, Miss.; Hoyt A. Savage, Las Vegas, Nev.; Adrian Burk, Northboro, Mass.; Kenneth W. Ridings, Asheville, N.C.; John Allen Hays, Reynoldsburg, Ohio; Virginia D. Brant, Spartanburg, S.C.; William M. Blanchard Jr., Soddy Daisy, Tenn.; Patrick W. Bullock Sr., Corpus Christi, Texas; Omar H. Pachecano, El Paso, Texas; Terry J. Horton, Euless, Texas; Ethel H. Sullivan, Woodstock, Va.; Franklin D. Hall, Yorktown, Va.; Eloise Bryant, Portsmouth, Va.

HOME MISSION BOARD (90 members): 21 nominations considered; 7 new members; 14 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Mickie Page, layperson and member of South Highland Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., replacing Rex Holt Jr., Jonesboro, Ark.; B.H. Haile, dentist and member of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Ky., replacing Linda S. Principe, Bradenburg, Ky.; Jim Spencer, pastor of Kingsville Baptist Church, Pineville, La., replacing Jerry N. Barlow, Franklinton, La.; Max L. Loper, CPA and member of First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss., replacing Liston L. Morris, Columbia, Miss.; Wendell C. Lang, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Pryor, Okla., replacing Brad Allen, Duncan, Okla.; John A. Brady Sr., pastor of Woodforest Baptist Church, Houston, replacing Llwlyn Walker, Lubbock, Texas.

Randall L. Stoner, pastor of Wayside Baptist Church, Alexander City, Ala., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Thomas "Thom" S. Rainer, Birmingham, Ala., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Harold Kenneth Cheek, Northport, Ala.; Melva June Tate, Fountain Valley, Calif.; Jo Ann Britton, Temple Hills, Md.; Harold C. Epperson Sr., Kissimmee, Fla.; Cloma D. Odom, Warner Robins, Ga.; Emma P. Day, Elizabethtown, Ky.; K. Wayne Pollard, Glen Alpine, N.C.; Charles Rhodes, Youngstown, Ohio; Troy M. Gregg, Chesnee, S.C.; Guy M. Milam, Maryville, Tenn.; Manuel A. Galindo, Harlingen, Texas; J. Walter Carpenter, Houston; Bass Redd, LaPorte, Texas; Karl K. Dietz, Corpus Christi, Texas.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (93 members): 23 nominations considered; 7 new members; 16 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: N.B. Langford Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Panama City, Fla., replacing Bobby H. Welch, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Robert V. Adams, minister of education/administration of Pray's Mill Baptist Church, Douglasville, Ga., replacing Rick A. Forrester, Tucker, Ga.; Ronald K. Edwards, attorney and member of Hampton Heights Baptist Church, Greenville, S.C., replacing Daniel A. Collins, Taylors, S.C.; D.L. Lowrie, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, replacing Charlene Slotter, Pharr, Texas.

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1998: Cliff Palmer, president of Church Growth Concepts and member of Immanuel Baptist Church, Rogers, Ark., replacing Nathaniel "Sonny" Simpson, Little Rock, Ark., who resigned; Gus Merritt, pastor of Clarke-V nable Baptist Church, Decatur, Miss., r placing Ken Alford, Clint n, Miss., who resigned; Alva G. Parks, executive vice president of Dallas Baptist University and member of Cliff Temple Baptist Church, Dallas, replacing William "Bill" L. Bennett, Houston, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Timothy George, Birmingham, Ala.; Walter Sparks, Riverside, Calif.; Roger Williams, Annville, Ky.; Jack L. Kreider, Alexandria, La.; Frank Zamora, Las Cruces, N.M.; Robert M. Tenery, Morgantown, N.C.; Ben Smith, Norwood, Ohio; W.C. "Nick" Garland, Broken Arrow, Okla.; Lonnie J. Clayton, Delran, N.J.; Robert C. Pitman, Cordova, Tenn.; Sharon Morris, Houston; Joshua Grijalva, San Antonio, Texas; James H. Moore, Arlington, Texas; Randall James Myers, White Bird, Idaho; Bruce Robinson, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jerry Sutton, Nashville.

ANNUITY BOARD (53 members): 14 nominations considered; 8 new members; 6 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: James M. Cargle, pastor of Highlands Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., replacing John A. Caddell, Montgomery, Ala.; W. Mark Tolbert, pastor of Wynne Baptist Church, Wynne, Ark., replacing William A. Willis, Little Rock, Ark.; O. Gregory Ricks, president/owner of Ricks Construction Co. and member of Calvary Baptist Temple, Savannah, Ga., replacing William G. Beshears, McDonough, Ga.; Gary C. Glanville, senior pastor of Northwest Baptist Church, Reistertown, Md., r placing Daniel R. Taylor, Baltimore, Md.; Timothy E. Head, pastor of Cooper River Baptist Church, North Charleston, S.C., replacing Patrick L. Baughman Sr., Hilton Head, S.C.

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1998: Wayne M. Rodgers, layman and member of First Baptist Church, Collierville, Tenn., replacing G.R. Rush, Chattanooga, Tenn., who declined to serve a second term.

Alton L. Fannin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Paul Carter, Tool, Texas, who m ved out of state; Mark S. Hearn, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, Ind., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1995 replacing James D. Dwiggin, Evansville, Ind., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Richard E. Dwyer, Lomita, Calif.; Michael L. Rochelle, Las Vegas, Nev.; Luis E. Nieto, Manhattan, N.Y.; Thomas A. Shaw, Tulsa, Okla.; Herman J. Smith; Fort Worth, Texas; Owen H. Goff, Irving, Texas.

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Committee nominates
SBC seminary trustees

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Trustees to serve on the boards of the six Southern Baptist C nvention seminaries have been nominated by the 1994 Committee on Nominations.

Under convention bylaws, seminary trustees serve five-year terms and are eligible to serve two consecutive terms.

In order to serve, the trustees must be elected by messengers to the 1994 annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Orlando, Fla., June 14-16.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY (64 members): 14 nominations; 6 new members; 8 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Scott J. Teutsch, pastor of Eastwood Baptist Church, Haughton, La., replacing O. Max Lee, Winnsboro, La.; Kevin W. Westbrook, layman and member of Bellevue Baptist Church, Cordova, Tenn., replacing Stephen W. Anderson, Memphis, Tenn.; James B. Hyman, obstetrician/gynecologist and member of Bashford Manor Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., replacing John R. Michael, Louisville, Ky..

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Also nominated for terms expiring in 1999: John D. Pennington, pastor of First Baptist Church, Douglasville, Ga., replacing Jerry Mahan, Cedartown, Ga., who resigned; Richard L. Holcombe, pastor of Mid-Rivers Baptist Church, Saint Charles, Mo., replacing George Steincross, Liberty, Mo., who resigned; Stephen D.C. Corts, pastor of Citadel Square Baptist Church, Charleston, S.C., replacing W. Horace Benjamin, Charleston, S.C., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Robert C. Foster, Berryville, Ark.; Morris W. Denman Jr., Lynn Haven, Fla.; Michael E. Harris, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Kenneth P. Cademartori, Baltimore; Steve Hogg, Rock Hill, S.C.; Fred B. Caffey, Martinsville, Va.; A. Stanley Willett II, Louisville, Ky.; Jerry A. Johnson, Aurora, Colo.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY (40 members): 10 nominations considered; 3 new members; 7 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Stephen M. Cloud, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, West Columbia, S.C., replacing William H. Hightower, Charleston, S.C..

Ronnie H. Yarber, pastor of Gross Road Baptist Church, Mesquite, Texas, will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Jack L. Price, Garland, Texas, who resigned; Edward A. Saucier, pastor of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing C.A. Johnson, Paragould, Ark., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Gerald E. Dacus, Bakersfield, Calif.; Michael D. Marshall, Temple Hills, Md.; Craig Atherton, Wichita, Kan.; Charles A. Lawson II, Linthicum, Md.; Charles R. Lord, Delair, N.J.; David L. Allen, Dallas; Laura Lee Cogswell, Sherman, Texas.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY (40 members): 9 nominations considered; 3 new members; 6 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: D. Glenn Simmons, pastor of Southside Baptist Church, Tempe, Ariz., replacing George F. Webb, Mesa, Ariz.; Ronald E. Pate, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Country Club Hills, Ill., replacing Charles R. Dampeer, Fairfield, Ill..

John R. James, layman and member of First Baptist Church, Bothell, Wash., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Richard J. "Rick" Meigs, Portland, Ore., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Don Taylor, Alameda, Calif.; Ricky T. Brantley Sr., Macon, Ga.; Troy Lee Massey Sr., New Providence, Pa.; Morris L. Anderson, Maryville, Tenn.; Patrick Charles Pfrimmer, Greenville, Miss.; William M. Hamm, Shreveport, La..

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY (30 members): 6 nominations considered; 2 new members; 4 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Kent Humphreys, CEO of General Merchandise Distributor and member of Cherokee Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City; replacing William O. Key, Augusta, Ga.; Sandra G. Page, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N.C., replacing Eddie L. Sellers, Morganton, N.C..

Nominated for second terms are Hayward R. Casey, Cromwell, Ky.; William D. Bowyer, St. Louis; Calvin T. Partain, Belen, N.M.; Arthur W. Madill, Mt. Airy, N.C.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY (35 members): 7 nominations considered; 3 new members; 4 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Walter G. Smith, layman and member of Fellowship Baptist Church, Clio, Mich., replacing James W. Jones, Clarkston, Mich.; Wesley B. Anderson, layman and member of Pines Baptist Church, Spokane, Wash., replacing C. Eugene Dempsey, Orofino, Idaho.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999 is Gary D. Manford, layman and member of Cornerstone Southern Baptist Church, Lawrence, Kan., replacing Don Gann, Ozark, Mo., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are E. Lewis Adkinson, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Rbert A. Lilly, Baltimore; Dean Shields, Seward, Pa.; Elaine Hardy, Stilwell, Kan..

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY (39 members): 7 nominations considered; 5 new members; 2 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are:

Kelly D. Green, evangelist and member of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., replacing Calvin Kelly, Birmingham, Ala.; Lester M. Maples, consulting engineer and member of First Baptist Church Deer Point Lake, Panama City, Fla., replacing Sandra S. Casteel, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; David Y. Gill, pastor of Concord Korean Baptist Church, Martinez, Calif., replacing Herman E. Wooten, Sacramento, Calif.; Rolando A. Raganas, pastor of United Baptist Church, Carson, Calif., replacing Robert D. Lewis, Fairfield, Calif..

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999 is Bobby J. Swift, dean of continuing education at Mid-Continent Baptist Bible College and member of Liberty Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky., replacing Gayle Butler, Louisville, Ky., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are Frederick T. Corbin, Barton, N.C.; R. Harold Dove, Princeton, W.Va.

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Commission, committee
nominees announced

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NASHVILLE (BP)--Trustees to serve on the commissions and committees of the Southern Baptist Convention have been nominated by the 1994 Committee on Nominations.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION (35 members): 11 nominations considered; 4 new members; 7 renominations.

Replacing members ineligible for re-election are: Robert Reed Lynn, Shawnee, Okla., representing the Foreign Mission Board, term expiring in 1997, replacing A.B. Hatfield, Alpharetta, Ga.; Roy T. Myers, Meadville, Miss., representing the Historical Commission, term expiring in 1996, replacing Kathleen G. Clements, Baton Rouge, La.; Richard G. Hicks, Fayetteville, N.C., representing the Stewardship Commission, term expiring in 1997, replacing Robert L. Ross, Oklahoma City.

Hoffman C. Harless, Nashville, representing the American Baptist Seminary Commission, term expiring in 1996, replacing O. William Long, Nashville, who resigned.

Members being renominated for terms expiring in 1998 are William H. Hamm, Shreveport, La.; O. Ray Finch, Wetmuka, Okla..

At-large members being renominated for second terms expiring in 1997 are Hugh M. Sloan, Franklin, Tenn.; M. Terry Turner, Brentwood, Tenn.; John Gordon Blackman Jr., Nashville, Frank Ingraham, Franklin, Tenn.; Roy L. DePue, Hendersonville, Tenn.

AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY (16 members): 7 nominations considered; 6 new members; 1 renomination.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: John E. King Jr., Birmingham Baptist Association and member of Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., replacing Milton W. Boyd, Shreveport, La.; Frank D. Garley Jr., pastor of Harrison Avenue Baptist Church, Harrison, Ohio, replacing Wendell H. Rone Sr., Owensboro, Ky.; Delmar G. Morris, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Seymour, Ind., replacing Edsel L. West, Harriman, Tenn..

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is Gerald L. Hodges, pastor of South Fulton Baptist Church, South Fulton, Tenn., replacing Wayne Bayles, Jackson, Tenn., who declined to serve a second term.

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Charles E. Cloyd, associate professor at Mid-Continent College and member of Hickory Baptist Church, Hickory, Ky., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1995 replacing Alsie Banks, Zachary, La., who resigned; Richard D. Keller, layman and member of First Baptist Church, Franklin, Tenn., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1995 replacing O. William Long, Brentwood, Tenn., who resigned.

Nominated for a second term is Thomas J. McCoy, Thompson Station, Tenn..

EDUCATION COMMISSION (21 members): 5 nominations considered; 4 new members; 1 renomination.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for reelection, are: Woodrow W. Burt, executive vice president of Hannibal-LaGrange College and member of Fifth Street Baptist Church, Hannibal, Mo., replacing Patrick O. Copley, St. Louis; John D. Adams, dean of religious affairs at Union University and member of First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn., replacing William L. Palmer, Seymour, Tenn.; John G. Rocovich Jr., attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Roanoke, Va., replacing K. Eugene Lee, Manassas, Va..

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is Carolyn Williams, school teacher and member of First Baptist Church, Houston, replacing James Stewart, El Paso, Texas, who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for a second term is Harold W. Sorrill Jr., Clinton, Md.

BROTHERHOOD COMMISSION (30 members): 8 nominations considered; 1 new member; 7 renominations.

Nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is William V. Prince, manager of operations at Southern Bell/Bell South and member of Rehoboth Baptist Church, Tucker, Ga., replacing Comer T. Williamson, Americus, Ga., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are Nathan H. Pillow, Foundation Hills, Ariz.; Ozzie Berryhill, Little Rock, Ark.; Joe Wedan, Chanute, Kan.; Keith D. Corrick, Lisbon, Md.; C. Donley Brown, Jefferson City, Mo.; Alan C. Todd, Fairport, N.Y.; Donald Ford, Grafton, W.Va.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (38 members): 9 nominations considered; 4 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for reelection, are: Alfred J. Fransen, department manager of Casualty Insurance Co. and member of First Baptist Church, Bellevue, Neb., replacing Carl W. Garrett, Overland Park, Kan.; Paul D. Walley, lawyer and member of First Baptist Church, Richton, Miss., replacing Curtis W. Caine Sr., Jackson, Miss.; Forrest A. Claunch Sr., layman and member of Country Estates Baptist Church, Midwest City, Okla., replacing James Paul Wood, Atlanta.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 is Florence H. Hui, layperson and member of Brooklyn Chinese Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N.Y., replacing Sherri C. Rny, Galway, N.Y., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are Paul Moore, Washington; Duane J. Faulkenberry, Herrin, Ill.; Claude M. Witt, Louisville, Ky.; Violet S. Galyean, Riner, Va.; Jay H. Strack, Dallas.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (30 members): 8 nominations considered; 3 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for reelection, are: Kathy L. Sylvest, layperson and member of Trinity Baptist Church, Pineville, La., replacing Kathleen G. Clements, Baton Rouge, La.; Hoyt Welch, retired pastor and member of Sandia Baptist Church, Clovis, N.M., replacing Mrs. Miles L. Dawson, Albuquerque, N.M..

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1988 is Tom J. Nettles, professor at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and member of Crossroads Baptist Church, Libertyville, Ill., replacing Louis W. Brinker, Metropolis, Ill., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are James Alan Joyce, Olathe, Kan.; Doris B. Yeiser, Louisville, Ky.; M. Marvin Jones, Hannibal, Mo.; Norman Louis Pugh, Syracuse, N.Y.; John F. Caudle, Richmond, W.Va.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (30 members): 8 nominations considered; 3 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Robert E. Beaman, layman and member of Highlands Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., replacing James M. Castleberry, Montgomery, Ala.; Faye M. Graves, senior associate pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kan., replacing Steven A. Huffman, Ralston, Neb.; Earl Jenkins, layman and member of First Baptist Church, Roswell, N.M., replacing Tommy D. Donham, Albuquerque, N.M..

Nominated for second terms are William D. Cohea Jr., Douglasville, Ga.; Phillip Wayne Holt, Las Vegas, Nev.; Ken Mitchell, Flanders, N.J.; Omer Ray Finch Jr., Wetumka, Okla.; Robert E. Parker, Hampton, Va.

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION (30 members): 11 nominations considered; 8 new members; 3 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: K. Milton Higgins, foundation executive vice president and member of Trinity Southern Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif., replacing James Trammell, Palm Dale, Calif.; Robert F. Wilson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky., replacing Emery J. Farris, Pineville, Ky.; Ronald L. Fannin, foundation director and member of Snow Hill Baptist Church, Tuttle, Okla., replacing Robert L. Ross, Oklahoma City.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1998 are Parker Chancellor, pastor of Souenlovie Baptist Church, Enterprise, Miss., replacing Tho Ngoc Dang, Moss Point, Miss., who declined to serve a second term; Larry R. Pridmore, pastor of Grace Baptist Church, Whitehall, N.Y., replacing Romeo Dizon Manansala, Jersey City, N.J., who declined to serve a second term.

Jason Y. Mori, layman and member of First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1977 replacing Robert L. Mobley, Richmond, Va., who resigned; Stanley K. Smith, stewardship director and member of Redland Baptist Church, New Cumberland, Pa., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Douglas M. Pilot, W. Pittston, Pa., who resigned; Kenneth Hull, pastor of Tenth Street Baptist Church, Trenton, Mo., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1995 replacing Benny J. King, Fenton, Mo., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Samuel J. Hodges III, Hillcrest Heights, Md.; Larry A. Dailey, Gardnerville, Nev.; B. Carlisle Driggers, Lexington, S.C..

ORDER OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE (6 members): 3 nominations considered; 2 new members; 1 nomination for chairman.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1997, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are: Lillian L. Butler, layperson and member of Northside Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky., replacing Sandra Butler Hodge, Princeton, Ky.; Perry L. Calvert, layperson and member of Whitesburg Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala., replacing Steve Cookingham, Wichita Falls, Texas.

Fred Powell, Moore, Okla., was renominated as chairman.

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR COMMITTEE (6 members): 3 nominations considered; 2 new members; 1 nomination for chairman.

Nominees with terms to expire in 1997, replacing members ineligible for re-election, are:

Elizabeth S. Peterson, pediatrician and member of Calvary Baptist Church, Greenwood, Ind., replacing Alena E. Brock, Yorktown, Ind.; Edward I. Mattox Jr., pastor of Forest Park Baptist Church, Farmington Hills, Mich., replacing Walter Le Partain, Pueblo, Colo..

Wade Burleson, Enid, Okla., was nominated as chairman.

Openness helped these churches
thrive in changing neighborhoods By Dennis L. Sanders

WASHINGTON (BP)--The story is all too common throughout urban America: A church in an all-white neighborhood sees the racial and ethnic makeup of the area changing. Many of the members who once lived close to the church begin moving to the suburbs. In the end, the church follows its members, relocating to the new overwhelmingly white suburbs, leaving behind the increasingly multiracial and multiethnic cities.

Some churches, however, do stay and welcome people of different ethnic and racial groups.

They do so with the risk of drastically changing the demographics within the congregation.

But they also can open themselves up to some interesting opportunities for racial understanding. Such is the case with three churches in the nation's capital which chose the path of inclusiveness and now have predominantly African American congregations -- and white pastors.

Takoma Park Baptist Church is one such church. According to senior minister Joseph Smith, the church was founded in 1919 when the Takoma neighborhood was mainly white and Jewish. In the late 1950s and early 1960s the area began to change racially. Smith noted while some white churches quickly moved with their members believing they could not minister to African Americans, Takoma Park decided to stay and minister to whomever was there. Today, the church is mainly African American.

Smith has been a pastor at Takoma Park 10 years. This was not his first time to minister across racial lines. He previously had worked for the District of Columbia Baptist Convention in a position that included ministry to students at Howard University.

During Smith's tenure, there have been minor tensions concerning race. Some do not like the pastor's preaching style, labeling it as "white," but Smith said he has learned that imitating a culture different from your own will not succeed. "I learned a long time ago to be myself," he said, echoing advice given from a Methodist minister he once knew.

While the makeup of Takoma Park's active membership is 90 percent African American, Joe Hairston, the church moderator, still maintains an interracial view of the church. "It's an integrated church with a white pastor," he said, instead of a black church with a white pastor.

Robert Faulkner, the first African American to become a member at Takoma Park, said the congregation still is welcoming whomever. The church currently houses a Korean Seventh-day Adventist congregation as well as a Latino congregation. "Our mission is one of ministry, not race," he said.

At Pennsylvania Avenue Baptist Church, Charles Worthy seemed ready to become pastor of the southeast Washington congregation seven years ago. His missionary experiences in Germany and Israel gave him necessary cross-cultural training and he was highly interested in ministering to African Americans. The church was founded in 1954, its congregation all-white, reflecting the neighborhood it was situated in.

Open housing laws several decades ago made the neighborhood mixed and the church decided to open its membership.

Worthy said he has learned to prize the spiritual strength of African Americans, which comes from a history of suffering. He acknowledged there have been some uncomfortable moments between himself and the church's members but said there is an effort to try and cherish each other. There are still prejudices, he noted, in that many whites will not come because of the mainly black congregation and some blacks will not come because of Worthy.

While interracial couples have a hard time feeling comfortable in both black and white churches, according to Worthy, they do feel comfortable at Pennsylvania Avenue. "The church doesn't even blink anymore," Worthy said.

He added the church is not limited to bridging the gap between the races but between the genders as well. "There is not an office that woman cannot hold, including pastor," he said.

Ken Burke, pastor of East Washington Heights Baptist Church, observed the difference between churches that stay where they are and others that pack and move, at least from one standpoint, is the former were committed to maintaining their identity as neighborhood churches and working in the community even when it changes racially and ethnically.

East Washington Heights, also located in southeast Washington, followed the same route taken by Takoma Park and Pennsylvania Avenue; originally white, its members chose to be integrated and now it mostly is African American.

Burke sees the 1960s as having been a window of opportunity for white churches to open their doors and minister to their changing communities. He tells of Covenant Baptist Church in Washington which decided to minister to the surrounding community. Today, the church is a thriving predominantly black church with an African American pastor. On the other hand, Congress Heights Baptist Church refused to get to know its new neighbors, deciding to close down instead. While Covenant decided to integrate and is still in existence, "the other church (Congress Heights) you will find listed in the historical records," Burke commented.

There comes a point, Burke said, when opening the doors may be too late. A church not far from East Washington only recently opened its doors to the community, he recounted, but by the time it did, it found itself competing with a number of black churches in the area. The church is scheduled to close this summer, Burke said.

With all the talk of white churches trying to build bridges with the black community, Burke bristles at the word integration. "Integration is not the kingdom goal; inclusiveness is the kingdom goal," he said. He used Jesus' parable of the great banquet to explain his statement. In the parable many chose not to attend the banquet, so the downtrodden were invited in. In Burke's view, the kingdom may not be integrated only because some chose to leave the banquet.

The risk of healing the racial divide does have its benefits, most importantly, that of friendship. Faulkner recounted a recent experience in Arizona when he had a chance to talk with William Schurlock, the former pastor at Takoma Park who encouraged the congregation to welcome African Americans. He described the encounter as "very delightful" and added, "The relationship has blossomed. We are good friends."

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Inner-city youth get chance
to experience mountaintop

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NASHVILLE (BP)--You can't usually get a good view of the mountains if you live smack dab in the middle of the city.

But inner-city youth in nine major urban areas might feel that "mountaintop" experience this summer if they seize the opportunity to attend one of the new Centrifuge Inner City Day Camps.

"We hope to give kids a mountaintop experience where they live," said Joe Palmer, manager of the Baptist Sunday School Board's Centrifuge and Crosspoint programs.

For the first time, the BSSB discipleship and family development division will offer Centrifuge camps to seventh through 12th graders who live in the inner city.

"Inner-city teen-agers across this nation find themselves behind a blockade where poverty, violence, gangs, drugs and death are everyday ways of life," Palmer said. "But there are still thousands of inner-city teen-agers from coast to coast with hopes and dreams."

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The camps which run Monday through Friday will offer Bible study, recreation and worship celebrations for the youth, Palmer said. The inner-city day camps have been specifically designed for teen-agers who live in the midst of environmental turmoil.

"It offers them a safe place where they are surrounded by other teen-agers and by adults who really love them," Palmer said.

He said a group of African American youth leaders have been trained to lead the camps throughout the summer.

The camps will be held at Louisville, Ky., June 13-17; Milwaukee, June 20-24; Hammond, Ind., June 27-July 1; Knoxville, Tenn., July 4-8; St. Louis, July 11-15; Houston, July 18-22, Aug. 1-5; Dallas, July 25-29; Oakhurst, Calif., Aug. 8-12; and Los Angeles, Aug. 15-19.

Mission offerings at the 1994 Centrifuge camps will go to offset the inner-city camps this year and in years to come, Palmer said, leaving participants with a fee of \$50 each.

A camp coordinator is available in each of the cities listed above. For more information or a list of coordinators, call (615) 251-2713.

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**Brotherhood trustees approve
adult division reorganization**

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By Steve Barber & Russ Dilday

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (BP)--Trustees of the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission approved the creation of two new departments from the agency's adult division and endorsed related shifts of personnel at their April 22-23 meeting.

"We are confident that this structure will provide for wise stewardship of our resources and keep the focus on new, cutting-edge opportunities with and for adults," said James D. Williams, commission president.

The new "Men's Ministries" department will be responsible for "gender-specific" missions programs and supporting materials, including the existing Missions Today magazine and the new areas of men's ministries and male development issues.

Jim Burton, 38, who came to the Brotherhood Commission in 1986 as editor of Missions Today and other Baptist Men's curriculum and most recently served also as acting adult division director, was named as the director for men's ministries.

Meanwhile, the new "Adults in Missions" department will manage programs and materials related to adult coed missions, including the National Fellowship of Baptists in Missions (NFBM), disaster relief, church renewal, world missions conferences and a new missions option, "Families Making A Difference."

Kenny Rains, 40, will direct Adults in Missions. Rains joined the Brotherhood Commission in 1985 as director of High School Baptist Young Men and Pioneer Royal Ambassadors. He has served as director of Brotherhood administration and world missions conferences since 1989.

An associate director for Adults in Missions will be elected to serve as the national disaster relief coordinator.

The trustees also adopted a \$4.7 million budget for 1994-95 that Williams described as "austere and realistic." It represents a 3 percent decrease from 1992-93 and reflects a 1.65 percent reduction in Cooperative Program funding.

"Southern Baptist Convention agencies are continuing to receive less from the Cooperative Program," Williams explained. "We (SBC agencies) all are receiving the same percentage decrease this year. As we move into future years, we will have to earn our keep."

He noted "two years ago we received 25 percent of our budget from the Cooperative Program. We now receive 21 percent."

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Williams also noted the budget cuts stemmed from "a recent erosion of sales in materials as churches continue to decrease their orders. We have seen a reduction in orders for periodicals and merchandis ." But, he said of new materials being introduced this year, "I'm confident that these new materials will make a difference."

The budget reduction will result in a salary freeze for employees, a 15 percent decrease in travel budgets and, according to Jack Childs, vice president of support services, "a budget \$186,000 less than requested by the staff."

In other business, Williams gave an optimistic report for the commission's "Opportunity Now" capital fund-raising campaign, noting the campaign has received nearly \$450,000 in contributions and pledges. Opportunity Now seeks to raise \$10 million to establish a program reserve fund to support emergency missions needs at home and abroad.

The trustees also voted to appoint an Agency Name and Purpose Statement Study Committee to report on the possibility of a name change for the Brotherhood Commission. A preliminary draft of the committee's research results will be presented to the trustees for review in April 1995.

The committee will consist of trustees Robert Humber of Alabama and Keith Corrick of Maryland/Delaware; three state convention Brotherhood directors; and Russell Griffin, Tim Norton and Mike Day of the Brotherhood Commission staff. Ex officio members will be President James D. Williams and trustee chairman Robert Hill of Mississippi.

In other action, trustees:

- approved the establishment of an employee incentive bonus plan based on the agency exceeding its proposed income for the 1994-95 budget year. The one-time bonus would not affect the salary structure.

- received information on the agency's new partnership with the Foreign Mission Board to enlist volunteers for construction projects in Japan.

- reviewed final plans for Challengers, the new missions education program for young men in grades seven through 12, and EZRA, a new leadership method for Royal Ambassadors, both of which will begin Oct. 1.

- honored retiring trustees Willard C. Finch of North Carolina, C. Frazier Landrum of Mississippi and Comer T. Williamson of Georgia.

The next meeting of the Brotherhood Commission trustees will be Oct. 21-22, 1994, in Memphis.

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Place faith in God,
not jobs, chaplain says

By Sarah Zimmerman

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NEW ORLEANS (BP)--"Institutionalism is one of the chief forms of idolatry in our society," said a Southern Baptist chaplain working in an industry mired in transition.

"People put their faith and trust in an institution and think if they're loyal and devoted, the organization will take care of them. It's become painfully obvious that this is a false god. Our real security always rests with God."

Gene Huffstutler, director of pastoral care and counseling at New Orleans' Mercy Baptist Health Center, came to those conclusions while helping fellow employees deal with the hospital's merger. Mercy Baptist Health Center is the product of a February merger of a Baptist hospital and a Catholic hospital.

With technological advances and proposed health care reforms, the hospital industry nationwide is in a state of uncertainty, Huffstutler said. The merger added another level of anxiety to hospital employees who wondered if their jobs would survive the transition.

To minister to employees, Huffstutler and two other chaplains visited the institutions' middle managers individually. Some expressed fear and anxiety, Huffstutler said, while others showed a remarkable degree of security.

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"We couldn't offer any magic that takes away anxiety, but we were a reminder that God is faithful and that he cares," Huffstutler said.

Working through Catholic and Baptist concerns in the merger required "a lot of give and take, stretching, growing and learning," Huffstutler said.

The chief executive officer at the Catholic hospital was a nun who had never been in a Baptist church. During a staff retreat at New Orleans' First Baptist Church, Huffstutler gave her a tour of the building and explained things such as the baptistery.

The merged hospital will continue to function in two locations as the uptown and mid-city facilities. The mid-city site will retain its Catholic influence and the uptown location will maintain its Baptist identity.

"We wouldn't dream of taking down their crucifixes, and they wouldn't come over here and put them up," Huffstutler said.

The mission of the merged hospital is to "minister to people in a healing, holistic way as a witness of the love of God," Huffstutler said. "We hope to combine the best of both worlds to offer a strong witness."

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