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Committee on Committees
announced by Jim Henry

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ATLANTA (BP)--Appointments to the Southern Baptist Convention's Committee on Committees have been announced by SBC President Jim Henry.

Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church of Orlando, Fla., announced the Committee on Committees May 5. The SBC bylaws require the president to announce the appointment of the Committee on Committees, along with the Resolutions Committee, "at least 45 days in advance of the meeting."

The credentials and tellers committees must be made public 30 days before the annual meeting, according to the SBC bylaws.

The Committee on Committees has 70 members, two from each of the 35 state or regional conventions qualified for representation on SBC entities. The committee announced by Henry has 43 members from church- and denomination-related positions and 23 members who are not church or denominational staff members.

SBC Bylaw 21 says the Committee on Committees "shall nominate all special committees authorized during the sessions of the convention not otherwise provided for." The usual responsibility of the committee is to nominate members of the Committee on Nominations, which, in turn, nominates trustees to serve on the 19 national entities of the SBC.

Henry named Mark Corts, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, N.C., as the committee chairman.

Other Committee on Committees members are:

ALABAMA--Dale Wallace, layperson, First Baptist Church, Trussville; Charles Freeman, minister, Hillwood Baptist Church, Huntsville.

ALASKA--Joe Draper, layperson, First Baptist Church, Kotzebue; Bob Buster, minister, First Baptist Church, Eagle River.

ARIZONA--Jerry Benson, layperson, First Baptist Church, Chandler; Barry Norwood, minister, First Southern Baptist Church, Prescott.

ARKANSAS--Barry King, minister, Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Hot Springs; David Uth, minister, Immanuel Baptist Church, El Dorado.

CALIFORNIA--Kent Dacus, layperson, Magnolia Avenue Baptist Church, Riverside; Randy McWhorter, minister, First Baptist Church, Fountain Valley.

COLORADO--Carl Rider, minister, Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church, Aurora; Ed Gatlin, minister, First Southern Baptist Church, Westminster.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA--Ed Williams, minister, First Baptist Church, Wheaton, Md.; Mark Houvenagle, minister, Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Md.

FLORIDA--George Thomasson, minister, Northwood Baptist Church, West Palm Beach; Gary Crawford, minister, Westside Baptist Church, Gainesville.

GEORGIA--Don Bouldin, minister, Briarlake Baptist Church, Decatur; Mike Fountain, layperson, Second Baptist Church, Columbus.

HAWAII--David Martin, minister, Kailua Baptist Church, Kailua; Deanna Aoki, layperson, Pali View Baptist Church, Kaneohe.

ILLINOIS--Bill Pauls, layperson, First Baptist Church, Marion; Roger Marshall, minister, First Baptist Church, Effingham.

INDIANA--Charles Culp, layperson, Calvary Baptist Church, Seymour; Steve Faith, minister, Ross Baptist Church, Gary.

KANSAS-NEBRASKA--Dean Dennington, layperson, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Overland Park, Kan.; Don Lacy, minister, Calvary Valley Center Baptist Church, Valley Center, Kan.

KENTUCKY--Keith Walker, layperson, Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville; Kevin McCallon, minister, First Baptist Church, Paducah.

LOUISIANA--Joe Kite, layperson, Parkview Baptist Church, Alexandria; Joe Perry, minister, First Baptist Church, Bossier City.

MARYLAND-DELAWARE--Dennis Ball, minister, First Baptist Church, Laurel, Md.; Pete Holt, layperson, Faith Baptist Church, Glen Burnie, Md.

MICHIGAN--Jerry Bailey, minister, Gorham Baptist Church, Jackson; Betty Babb, layperson, Merriman Road Baptist Church, Garden City.

MISSISSIPPI--Randy Turner, minister, First Baptist Church, Laurel; Bernie Ebbers, layperson, First Baptist Church, Brookhaven.

MISSOURI--Robert Barnes, layperson, Plaza Heights Baptist Church, Blue Springs; Jim Hardwicke, minister, Frederick Boulevard Baptist Church, St. Joseph.

NEVADA--Frank Lewis, minister, Green Valley Baptist Church, Henderson; Nancy Owen, layperson, South Reno Baptist Church, Reno.

NEW ENGLAND--David Platt, minister, First Baptist Church, Sudbury, Mass.; Randy Reno, minister, Christ Baptist Church, Hopedale, Mass.

NEW MEXICO--Melody Marrow, layperson, Taylor Ranch Baptist Church, Albuquerque; Mack McCarthick, minister, Hillcrest Baptist Church, Lovington.

NEW YORK--Bob Cope, layperson, Christ Community Church, Waldwick, N.J.; Charles Long, minister, Somerset Hills Baptist Church, Basking Ridge, N.J.

NORTH CAROLINA--Mark Corts, chairman; Dot Seagraves, layperson, Carmel Baptist Church, Charlotte.

NORTHWEST--Jerry Kanzler, layperson, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pullman, Wash.; Keith Evans, minister, Central Baptist Church, Monmouth, Ore.

OHIO--Bob Hatcher, minister, First Baptist Church, Mt. Orab; Sam Koom, layperson, Jersey Baptist Church, Pataskala.

OKLAHOMA--Russell Duck, minister, First Baptist Church, Woodward; Sam Hammons, minister, Quail Springs Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

PENNSYLVANIA-S. JERSEY--Jim Walker, minister, First Southern Baptist Church, Williamsport, Pa.; Steve Shelton, minister, Buxmont Baptist Church, Hatboro, Pa.

SOUTH CAROLINA--Ron Davis, minister, North Side Baptist Church, Greenwood; Don Brock, layperson, Gateway Baptist Church, Irmo.

TENNESSEE--Dean Haun, minister, Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage; Jerry Childs, layperson, First Baptist Church Concord, Knoxville.

TEXAS--Gary Miller, minister, Sagamore Hill Baptist Church, Fort Worth; Don Wilson, layperson, Green Acres Baptist Church, Tyler.

UTAH-IDAHO--Ed Chaney, minister, Southeast Baptist Church, Salt Lake City; Warren Osborne, minister, First Baptist Church, West Valley City, Utah.

VIRGINIA--Albert Peveral Jr, minister, Jackson Memorial Baptist Church, Chesapeake; Becky Bolinsky, layperson, First Baptist Church, Roanoke.

WEST VIRGINIA--Jim Boley, layperson, Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Scott Depot; Delbert Walker, minister, White Sulphur Springs Baptist Church, White Sulphur.

WYOMING--Jim Hutto, minister, Jackson Hole Baptist Church, Jackson; Wayne Spencer, minister, College Heights Baptist Church, Casper.

Charles Carter to chair
SBC Resolutions Committee

ATLANTA (BP)--Members of the Resolutions Committee for the June 20-22 Atlanta meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention have been named by SBC President Jim Henry.

The committee will be chaired by Charles Carter, pastor of Shades Mountain Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., according to Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Other committee members are:

FLORIDA: Marsha McKinney, layperson, Winter Haven.

HAWAII: Paul Kaneshiro, pastor, Pukalani Baptist Church, Pukalani, Maui.

ILLINOIS: Frank Thomas, pastor, New Faith Baptist Church, Matteson.

LOUISIANA: Ferris Jordan, seminary professor, Baton Rouge.

NORTH CAROLINA: Russ Bush, seminary administrator, Raleigh; Donald Dowless, pastor, Corinth Baptist Church, Louisburg; Don Bailey, layperson, Asheville.

OKLAHOMA: Kevin Kilbreath, layperson, Oklahoma City.

TEXAS: Joe Reynolds, layperson, Houston.

VIRGINIA: Bob Reccord, pastor, First Baptist Church, Norfolk; Audrey Welborn, layperson, Charlottesville.

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Phil Roberts to chair
Credentials Committee

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ATLANTA (BP)--Members of the Credentials Committee for the June 20-22 Atlanta meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention have been named by SBC President Jim Henry.

The committee will be chaired by Phil Roberts, director of the Home Mission Board's interfaith witness department, Atlanta, according to Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Other committee members are:

ALABAMA: Rickey Michael, pastor, First Baptist Church, Athens.

ARKANSAS: Jim LaGrome, pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Bryant.

FLORIDA: Pete Menendez, pastor, First Baptist Church, Edgewater; Lee M. Sheppard, pastor, Arlington Baptist Church.

GEORGIA: Ben Prichett, layperson, Jonesboro; Paul Mason, pastor, Central Baptist Church, Douglasville; Terry Cothran, director of missions, Lawrenceville.

INDIANA: Ray Deeter, pastor, Faith Southern Baptist Church.

IOWA: Ed Gregory, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Cedar Rapids.

KENTUCKY: Scott Mackey, pastor, Glasgow Baptist Church, Glasgow.

LOUISIANA: B.K. Miller, pastor, First Baptist Church, Baker; Danny Wood, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ruston.

MARYLAND: Dan Barkdull, layperson, Laurel.

MISSISSIPPI: Roy Ward, layperson, Jackson.

NEW MEXICO: Winfred Walker, pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Albuquerque.

NEW YORK: Arnoldo Campbell, pastor, Evergreen Baptist Church, Brooklyn.

NORTH CAROLINA: George Worrell, pastor, Lawndale Baptist Church, Greensboro.

OREGON: Claude Butler, pastor, Valley Baptist Church, McMinnville.

OKLAHOMA: Larry Nigh, pastor, Northeast Baptist Church, Ponca City; Stan Daniel, pastor, Kentucky Avenue Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Tommy Huddleston, pastor, Catawba Baptist Church, Rock Hill; Thomas M. Knotts, director of missions, Graniteville.

TENNESSEE: Robert Gamble, layperson, Columbia; Doug White, pastor, First Baptist Mt. Olive South, Knoxville.

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TEXAS: Russell Clemons, pastor, Spring Valley Baptist Church, Dallas; Mike Smith, director of missions, Jacksonville; Tom Shelton, pastor, First Baptist Church, Weatherford.

VIRGINIA: Tommy Davidson, pastor, Riverside Baptist Church, Newport News; Dan Watkins, pastor, Columbia Baptist Church, Falls Church.

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Bob Agee to chair
Tellers Committee

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ATLANTA (BP)--Jim Henry, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has named members of the Tellers Committee for the June 20-22 annual meeting of the SBC in Atlanta.

Bob Agee, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, will serve as committee chairman, according to Henry, pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla.

Other members of the committee are:

ALABAMA: Larry Felkins, pastor, Maytown Baptist Church, Maytown.

ARKANSAS: William Hatfield, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dierks.

FLORIDA: Bill Montgomery, pastor Downtown Baptist Church, Orlando; Darrell Mitchell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Chiefland; Denton Sumerall, pastor, Warrington Baptist Church, Pensacola.

GEORGIA: Thomas Jernigan, pastor, Dean Forest Baptist Church, Savannah; Bill Pope, pastor, Western Heights Baptist Church, LaGrange.

KANSAS: Brad Rogge, pastor, First Baptist Church, Riverton.

KENTUCKY: Gayle Toole, pastor, Edgewood Baptist Church, Nicholasville.

MARYLAND: Rich Peoples, pastor, First Baptist Dundalk, Baltimore.

MISSISSIPPI: Chuck Moody, pastor, First Baptist Church, Morton.

MISSOURI: Betty Sexton, layperson, St. Joseph.

NEVADA: Dan Raley, pastor, First Baptist Church, Boulder City.

NEW MEXICO: Don Archer, layperson, Hatch.

NORTH CAROLINA: Ron Vernon, pastor, Florida Street Baptist Church, Greensboro.

OREGON: Bevan McWhirter, denominational employee, Portland.

OHIO: Jerry Anderson, pastor, First Baptist Church, Vermilion.

OKLAHOMA: Dave Bryan, pastor, Chisholm Heights, Baptist Church, Mustang.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Kevin Bennett, pastor, Fort Johnson Baptist Church, Charleston.

TENNESSEE: Bob Stitts, pastor, Bayside Baptist Church, Harrison.

TEXAS: Randy White, pastor, First Baptist Church, Munday; Randy Marsh, pastor, Rosemeade Baptist Church, Carrollton.

VIRGINIA: Ray Beardon, pastor, First Baptist Church, Woodbridge.

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SBC Executive Committee,
board nominees announced

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ATLANTA (BP)--Nominees to serve on the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee and the boards, agencies, commissions, committees and seminaries have been selected by the 1995 Committee on Nominations.

They will serve if elected by messengers to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 20-22 at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta.

Several trustee vacancies will not appear in this report. These vacancies will be filled by the Committee on Nominations subcommittee when it meets in June prior to the SBC annual meeting. The final report will be printed in the SBC Bulletin, First Day, Part II.

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (80 members): 19 nominations considered; 9 new members; 10 renominations.

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

Herbert T. Thomas, pastor of Circlewood Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Ala., replacing Fred H. Wolf, Mobile, Ala.; Bruce G. Coe, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chandler, Ariz., replacing Simon H.L. Tsoi, Phoenix, Ariz.; T. James Williams, CPA and member of Trinity Southern Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif., replacing William K. Hall, San Juan Capistrano, Calif.; Don W. Buckley, physician and member of Olive Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., replacing William R. Parker, Lake Mary, Fla.; Harold L. Finch, business owner/CEO and member of First Baptist Church, Raytown, Mo., replacing Newton C. Brill, West Plains, Mo.; Harry W. Pittam, pastor of First Baptist Church, Lovington, N.M., replacing James T. Roach, Albuquerque, N.M.; Joe W. Howard, associate pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, replacing Eldridge L. Miller, Sallisaw, Okla.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999: D. August Boto, attorney and member of Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Gainsville, Texas, replacing Gwynna S. Parker, Austin, Texas, who resigned.

Terry M. Robertson, pastor of Amherst Baptist Church, Amherst, N.Y., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing David T. Button, Canton, N.Y., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Rex M. Terry, Fort Smith, Ark.; James G. Merritt Sr., Snellville, Ga.; Paul K. Kaneshiro, Pukalani, Hawaii; Jewel R. Pruitt, Glasgow, Ky.; Edward Gibbie McMillan, Baton Rouge, La.; Steven O. Walsh, Greensboro, N.C.; Anthony L. Jordan, Oklahoma City; Jack J. Rinks, Anderson, S.C.; Hollie Miller, Knoxville, Tenn.; Forrest E. Lowry III, Spring, Texas.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD (91 members): 23 nominations considered; 14 new members; 9 renominations.

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

Samuel Gene Dykes, mechanical engineer and member of First Baptist Center Point, Birmingham, Ala., replacing Rick Lance, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; Robert E. Jones, pastor of Grandview Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, replacing Rodney Gene Duncan, North Pole, Alaska; Thomas A. Wolf, senior pastor of The Church on Brady, Los Angeles, replacing John Jackson, San Bernardino, Calif.; Gene P. Smith, pastor of First Baptist Church, New Port Richey, Fla., replacing William H. Pace Jr., New Port Richey, Fla.; Allen R. Carter, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Bel Air, Md.; replacing Bruce A. Romoser, Ellicott, Md.; Frank W. Gunn, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, Miss., replacing L. Daniel Watts Jr., Jackson, Miss.; Rodney H. Travis, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Ellisville, Mo., replacing James Michael Goodwin, Festus, Mo.; Ed Yount, pastor of Woodlawn Baptist Church, Conover, N.C., replacing Horace W. Hall Sr., Wilmington, N.C.; Robert W. Claytor, president of Carpenters for Christ International and member of Rock Hill Baptist Church, Inman, S.C., replacing Bruce Alan Russell Sr., Charleston, S.C.; David L. Evans, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Amarillo, Texas, replacing B.G. Clements, Austin, Texas.

Also nominated for terms expiring in 1999: Hubert G. Keefer Jr., pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, Hillcrest Heights, Md., replacing William L. Bort Sr., Temple Hills, D.C., who resigned; Patricia Ann Badon, layperson and member of Harrell's Ferry Road Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing Lawson Swearingen, Shreveport, La., who resigned.

Roy S. Faulkner, director of missions and member of Corinth Baptist Church, London, Ky., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Terrell D. Mays, Elizabethtown, Ky., who resigned.

Charles W. Clary, pastor of Tate Springs Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Curt Dodd, Houston, who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Carol D. Gilbreath, Florence, Ala.; Stephen P. Davis, Russellville, Ark.; Wallace Edgar, Texarkana, Ark.; James W. Austin, Flowery Branch, Ga.; Michael C. Catt, Albany, Ga.; James T. Garland, Paducah, Ky.; Richard D. Sisk, Memphis, Tenn.; Rick Scarborough, Pearland, Texas; Karen A. Dishman, Glen Allen, Va.

HOME MISSION BOARD (90 members): 21 nominations considered; 5 new members; 16 renominations.

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

Michael T. Hailey, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Lakeland, Fla., replacing Olan K. Wills, Plant City, Fla.; Harold Walker, minister of music and education of First Baptist Church, Gallup, N.M., replacing Marvin L. Capehart, Albuquerque, N.M.; Andrew W. Stabler Jr., layperson and member of First Southern Baptist Church, Williamsport, Pa., replacing James E. Ward, York, Pa.; Sandy Z. Sandlin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas, replacing Elton Ikels, Adkins, Texas.

Jim R. Newman, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Frisco, Texas, will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing John E. Cullwell, Early, Texas, who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Ann W. Cushing, Montgomery, Ala.; Wyndham Cook Jr., Waldo, Ark.; Dwight "Ike" Reighard, Fayetteville, Ga.; Rose A. Bear, Terre Haute, Ind.; N.N. "Andy" Antonson, Wichita, Kan.; Gary L. Southard, Ashland, Ky.; Shirley E. Russell, Columbia, La.; Damon Patterson, Monroe, Mich.; Joe M. Cobb, Booneville, Miss.; Jay S. Smith, Port Smith, Maine; Foyd Bennett, Vale, N.C.; Billy R. Bissell, Muskogee, Okla.; Edward R. Futrell, Johnson City, Tenn.; John P. Avant Jr., Brownwood, Texas; Roger Lee Gorby, Ladysmith, Va.; William Ray Sarratt, Atlanta.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD (93 members): 23 nominations considered; 10 new members; 13 renominations.

Nominee with term to expire in 1999, replacing member ineligible for re-election: Dennis L. Johnsey, pastor of Florida Boulevard Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing T.C. French Jr., Baton Rouge, La.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999: Jerry L. Vernon, pastor of Portage Missionary Baptist Church, Portage, Ind., replacing John E. Greever, Indianapolis, who moved out of state.

NOTE: The following nominees will not be elected if the Sunday School Board's proposed charter amendment to change the state eligibility number for receiving an additional member from 250,000 to 500,000 in Baptist population and another additional trustee for each additional 500,000 members is approved by the 1995 Southern Baptist Convention. Terms to expire in 1999, replacing members ineligible for re-election: E. Frank Whitaker, pastor of Gilliam Springs Baptist Church, Arab, Ala., replacing Al Jackson Jr., Auburn, Ala.; Dotson Benefield, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga., replacing Gene R. Swinson, Augusta, Ga.; Virgil V. Ayres, layperson and member of Trinity Baptist Church, Pineville, La., replacing Wayne L. DuBose, Shreveport, La.; Jerry H. Fielder, pastor of Southern Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, replacing Larry E. Toothaker, Norman, Okla.; Thomas W. Teague, senior associate pastor of First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., replacing C.B. Scott, Wise, Va.; J. Don Hill, automobile dealer and member of Calvary Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tenn., replacing Judy Beeler, Knoxville, Tenn., who resigned. Also: John Knox Crooks, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Canton, Ga., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Robert V. Adams, Douglasville, Ga., who moved out of state. Arnold L. Potts, public education administrator and member of First Baptist Church, Ferguson, Mo., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Kay Allen, St. Louis, who resigned.

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Nominated for second terms are Jerry R. Bowling, Phoenix, Ariz.; Ben J. Rowell, Rogers, Ark.; Jean R. Adams, Hyattsville, Md.; Bob J. Jones, Granite City, Ill.; Michell R. Baker, Wichita, Kan.; Michael Kent Workman, Hopkinsville, Ky.; Raymond E. Shelton, Lincoln Park, Mich.; Danny E. Bell, Incline Village, Nev.; James D. Grant, Hendersonville, N.C.; Kenneth D. Carter, San Antonio; Mary Margaret Norman, Post, Texas; George H. Kinchen Jr., Charleston, W.V.; Scott Harner, Anna, Ill.

ANNUITY BOARD (53 members): 17 nominations considered; 11 new members; 6 renominations.

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

John Ralph West, minister of administration and education of Lakeview Baptist Church, Auburn, Ala., replacing Gerald H. Lord, Luverne, Ala.; Solomon D. Whitten III, pastor of Hicks Road Baptist Church, Hudson, Fla., replacing Stephen B. Henderson, Lakeland, Fla.; Ray A. Werline, pastor of Cuba Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky., replacing Gene Flynn, Lexington, Ky.; William Henry Ledbetter Jr., attorney and member of First Baptist Church, Bossier City, La., replacing A.D. Foreman III, Monroe, La.; Earl E. "Gene" Hawkins, director of missions and member of First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, replacing William E. Yung, El Paso, Texas; Richard A. Cordle, layperson and member of Ironbridge Baptist Church, Chesterfield, Va., replacing Eugene C. Smith, Alexandria, Va.

Nominated for terms expiring in 1997: J. Kirk Thompson, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Springdale, Ark., replacing Kenneth E. Lilly, Sr., Fort Smith, Ark., who resigned; George J. Tous van Nijkerk, administrative services director of Providence Baptist Church, Raleigh, N.C., replacing Paul F. Menard, Durham, N.C., who resigned; Eric A. Collins, associate attorney and member of Southern Baptist Fellowship, Summersville, W.Va., replacing Richard J. Shakman, Princeton, W.Va., who moved out of state.

NOTE: The following nominees will not be elected if the Annuity Board's proposed charter amendment to eliminate their local trustees by the process of attrition is approved by the 1995 Southern Baptist Convention. With term to expire in 1999, replacing member ineligible for re-election, S. Ray Huffines, automobile dealer and member of Prestonwood Baptist Church, Dallas, replacing Bobby L. Eklund, Euless, Texas; with term to expire in 1998, Joseph L. Williams, layperson and member of Casa View Baptist Church, Dallas, replacing Herman J. Smith, Fort Worth, Texas, who is deceased.

Nominated for second terms are E. Joe May, Tucson, Ariz.; Mark S. Hearn, Evansville, Ind.; R. Roy Rogers, Great Bend, Kan.; T. Jack Colvin, Jackson, Miss.; Joseph A. Mack, Columbia, S.C.; Christene Y. Walker, Dallas.

SOUTHERN SEMINARY (64 members): 13 nominations; 7 new members; 6 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

William J. Fritts, senior pastor of Westview Baptist Church, Belleville, Ill., replacing Bob L. Wagner, Marion, Ill.; Ronald L. Felleme, pastor of Gardenside Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., replacing John T. Wallace, Lexington, Ky.; Fred A. Malone, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton, La., replacing W. Ray Frye, Alexandria, La.; Odean W. Puckett, pastor of First Baptist Church, Natchez, Miss., replacing William W. "Bill" Causey, Jackson, Miss.; Timothy C. Horltdt, pastor of First Baptist Church, Valdese, N.C., replacing Gerald C. Primm, Greensboro, N.C.; Woody Cumbie, pastor of Northside Baptist Church, Indianapolis, replacing Roy E. Savage, Great Bend, Kan.

E. Byron Boyer, layperson and member of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Ronald Meredith, Louisville, Ky., who is deceased.

Nominated for second terms are Charles L. Updike, Gaithersburg, Md.; James E. Harris Jr., Fairborn, Ohio; Ruffin E. Snow, Del City, Okla.; Thomas H. Harding, Ballinger, Texas; Charles D. Barnes, Prospect, Ky.; Thomas L. Taylor, Shepherdsville, Ky.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY (40 members): 11 nominations; 6 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Ronald G. Emmerling, pastor of Westside Baptist Church, Flushing, Mich., replacing Lyle Seltmann, Traverse City, Mich.; Arthur L. Mallory, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Springfield, Mo., replacing Pat Campbell, St. Charles, Mo.; Michael Dean, pastor of Travis Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, replacing Wayne Lee Allen, Carrollton, Texas.

Robert L. "Bob" Dodridge, pastor of Sabino Road Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing H. Edward Litton, Tucson, Ariz., who moved out of state.

A. David McLendon, pastor of County Line Baptist Church, Lithia Spring, Ga., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing M. Grady Roan Jr., Vidalia, Ga., who is deceased.

Terry L. Sammons, pastor of New Heights Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing M. Lynn Cooper, Madisonville, Ky., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Paul Balducci, Montgomery, Ala.; Richard Mason, Fairfield, Ill.; Larry J. Brown, Convent Station, N.Y.; Robert C. Burch, Knoxville, Tenn.; Ollin E. Collins, Fort Worth, Texas.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY (40 members): 8 nominations; 6 new members; 2 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Tony Lambert, senior pastor of Westside Church, Omaha, Neb., replacing Charles L. Wood, Wichita, Kan.; Wendell E. Wood, minister of education and music of Eastgate Baptist Church, Burton, Mich., replacing Albert M. Burt, Flint, Mich.; James B. "Jim" Dickson, superintendent of public schools and member of First Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas, replacing Gene Brock, Wichita Falls, Texas; Don Davidson, senior pastor of Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Danville, Va., replacing B. Conrad Johnston, Salem, Va.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Joyce L. Shelby, employee of the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma and member of First Baptist Church of Crutcho, Oklahoma City, replacing Forrest L. Jackson, Pryor, Okla.

Michael A. Claunch, pastor of First Baptist Church, Slidell, La., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Dennis W. Swanberg, West Monroe, La., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Ronald B. Jackson Sr., Gaffney, S.C.; Idonia Porterfield, Montgomery, Ala.

SOUTHEASTERN SEMINARY (30 members): 6 nominations considered; 3 new members; 3 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Tim LaHaye, layperson and member of Montrose Baptist Church, Rockville, Md., replacing Robert D. Crowley, Rockville, Md.; Coy C. Privette, executive director of Christian Action League of North Carolina and member of North Kannapolis Baptist Church, Kannapolis, N.C., replacing Ralph E. Holt Jr., Wilmington, N.C.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Jimmy D. Hedrick, pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, Seneca, Kan., replacing Adrian P. Rogers, Cordova, Tenn., who declined to serve a second term.

Nominated for second terms are Lawton H. Griffith, E. Wenatchee, Wash.; W. Gregory Horton, Simpsonville, S.C.; Robert E. Hand Sr., Greensboro, N.C.

MIDWESTERN SEMINARY (35 members): 8 nominations considered; 3 new members; 5 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Bobby Dungan, senior pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Midland City, Ala., replacing Robert T. Baggott Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; Carl Weiser, senior pastor of Hyland Heights Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., replacing Timothy K. Norman, Richmond, Va.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: David M. McAlpin, pastor of First Baptist Church Harvester, St. Charles, Mo., replacing Roy Blunt, Bolivar, Mo., who declined to serve a second term.

Joseph L. Bunce, senior pastor of First Baptist Church, Bloomfield, N.M., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing L. Joe McKinney, Albuquerque, N.M., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are B. Ross Morrison, Wheaton, Md.; Robert K. Davis Jr., Lake City, Fla.; Timothy D. Harvey, Byron, Ga.; Robert D. Collins, Blue Springs, Mo.

GOLDEN GATE SEMINARY (39 members): 7 nominations considered; 1 new member; 6 renominations.

Nominee with term to expire in 2000, replacing member ineligible for re-election: Horacio Jones, pastor of Freemont Bible Fellowship, Freemont, Calif., replacing Bonnie G. Metcalf, Riverside, Calif.

Nominated for second terms are Moses Valdes, Augusta, Ga.; Rodney J. Sanders, West Monroe, La.; W. Earl Taylor, Elkton, Md.; Bruce D. Aubrey, Liverpool, N.Y.; George F. Mullinax, Chesapeake, Va.; Donald D. Jackson, Turlock, Calif.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOUNDATION (35 members): 6 nominations considered; 4 new members; 2 renominations.

Replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

John D. Wallace, Morristown, Tenn., representing the Executive Committee, term expiring in 1996, replacing James T. Roach, Albuquerque, N.M.; Edward A. Saucier, Fort Smith, Ark., representing Southwestern Seminary, term expiring in 1996, replacing Wayne Lee Allen, Carrollton, Texas.

Forrest A. Claunch Sr., Midwest City, Okla., representing the Christian Life Commission, term expiring in 1998, replacing James W. Richards Jr., Baton Rouge, La., who resigned.

Nominated for a second term is E. Douglas Hodo, Houston, representing the Education Commission, term expiring in 1999.

At-large member with term to expire in 1999, replacing member ineligible for re-election is Wilford W. Dorroh, layperson and member of Temple Baptist Church, Central City, Ky., replacing Gorman J. Roberts, Louisville, Ky.

At-large member being renominated for a second term is L. Marshall Albritton, Nashville, Tenn.

AMERICAN BAPTIST SEMINARY (16 members): 3 nominations considered; 2 new members; 1 renomination.

Nominee with term to expire in 1999, replacing member ineligible for re-election: William J. Shutt, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Central City, Ky., replacing C. Richard Dendler, Florence, Ky.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999: Larry L. Page, layperson and member of South Highland Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., replacing C.E. Martin, Inkster, Mich.

Nominated for a second term is Charles E. Cloyd, Hickory, Ky.

EDUCATION COMMISSION (21 members): 6 nominations considered; 4 new members; 2 renominations.

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

Lloyd D. Aycock, elementary school principal and member of North Phoenix Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., replacing Paul J. Rea, Phoenix, Ariz.; V. Gayle Alexander, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tupelo, Miss., replacing Van D. Quick, Clinton, Miss.; M.O. Owens Jr., retired pastor, Parkwood Baptist Church, Gastonia, N.C., replacing Fred A. Holt, Richlands, N.C.

Glenn W. McCoy, BSU director and member of First Baptist Church, Portales, N.M., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1997 replacing Lawrence W. Byous, Clovis, N.M., who is deceased.

Nominated for second terms are Tommy G. Middleton, Baton Rouge, La.; E. Douglas Hodo, Houston.

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

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

James Michael Melloan, realtor/auctioneer and member of Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., replacing C.A. Easterling, Somerset, Ky.; David Raddin, pastor of First Baptist Church, Yazoo City, Miss., replacing Robert E. Hill, Cleveland, Miss.; Karl Ray Minor, pastor of El Bethel Baptist Church, Morganton, N.C., replacing Joseph S. Lennon, Wake Forest, N.C.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999: Bob Dyer, layperson and member of Bethel Baptist Church, Bourbonnais, Ill., replacing John M. Whitman, Springfield, Ill., who declined to serve a second term.

Paul E. Schlett, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Schenectady, N.Y., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Alan C. Todd, Fairport, N.Y., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Robert C. Himber, Florence, Ala.; William D. Treese Sr., Odon, Ind.; David Halliburton, Mentor, Ohio.

CHRISTIAN LIFE COMMISSION (38 members): 10 nominations; 6 new members; 4 renominations.

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

Harold H. Hendrick, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Ferguson, Mo., replacing Curt Scarborough, Ferguson, Mo.; Joel B. "Joe" Sherrer, minister of education of Southern Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, replacing Alma Ruth Morgan, Bartlesville, Okla.; Steven Wright, pastor of Houston Northwest Baptist Church, Houston, replacing Mrs. Don "Skeet" Workman, Lubbock, Texas; Robert E. Jackson, layperson and member of Rock Hill Baptist Church, Inman, S.C., replacing Mrs. Orman W. Simmons, Little Rock, Ark.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 1999 is Ben Wilkes, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Union City, Tenn., replacing James A. "Jackie" Kay, Bartlett, Tenn., who declined to serve a second term.

Karen Cruikshank, school teacher and member of White Marsh Baptist Church, Perry Hall, Md., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Deborah Kinsey, Baltimore, who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Gary Ledbetter, Brownsburg, Ind.; Charles D. Page, Charlotte, N.C.; Charles D. Betts, Vandalia, Ohio; Orion T. Rhodes, Gettysburg, Pa.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (30 members): 7 nominations considered; 4 new members; 3 renominations.

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

Randall Scott Gaskey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Roselawn, Ind., replacing Theodore D. Wilson, Indianapolis; Charles A. Cruce, pastor of Lamar Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, replacing William E. Bell Jr., Euless, Texas; A. Kenneth Custalow, IRS business advisor and member of Grove Avenue Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., replacing Anne R. Davis, Tabb, Va.

Russel L. Talley, pastor of Riverwood Baptist Church, St. Albans, W.Va., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1998 replacing Jon F. Caudle, Richwood, W.Va., who moved out of state.

Nominated for second terms are Sherry C. Parish, Davison, Mich.; R. Mendel Lee, Columbia, S.C.; Harry C. Grothjahn Jr., Maryville, Tenn.

RADIO AND TELEVISION COMMISSION (30 members): 7 nominations considered; 3 new members; 4 renominations.

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

Don E. Conley, pastor of Encanto Southern Baptist Church, San Diego, Calif., replacing Thomas Blackwell, Inglewood, Calif.; Roy Southerland, pastor of Dundee Baptist Church, Dundee, Mich., replacing August C. Peters, Hillsdale, Mich.; James A. Rich, pastor of East Toledo Baptist Church, Toledo, Ohio, replacing E.L. Helton Jr., Grove City, Ohio.

Nominated for second terms are Gary Underwood, Texarkana, Ark.; Jack A. Marcom Jr., Fort Washington, Md.; Garland A. Morrison, Marion, Ind.; Lori Davis, Pearland, Texas.

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

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

Terry Wong, CPA and member of Northwest Chinese Baptist Church, Phoenix, Ariz., replacing Harry E. Litton Sr., Tucson, Ariz.; Roy G. Adams, associate pastor of Eastgate Baptist Church, Burton, Mich., replacing Levi Parrish Jr., Burton, Mich.

James S. Isom, layperson and member of Crestway Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., will be nominated for a term expiring in 1996 replacing Thomas D. Beaty Sr., Clayton, Ala., who resigned.

Nominated for second terms are Paul M. May, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Charles W. Sullivan, Indianapolis; Kenneth Hull, Trenton, Mo.; Allen W. Watson, Dickson, Tenn.; J. Lawrence Wood, Cross Lanes, W.Va.

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

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

James W. "Jim" Richards, pastor of Southminster Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., replacing Roy Belcher, Navato, Calif.; Rick E. Ferguson, senior pastor of Riverside Church, Denver, Colo., replacing Fred Powell, Moore, Okla.

James W. "Jim" Richards, Baton Rouge, La., was nominated as chairman.

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

Nominees with terms to expire in 1998, replacing members ineligible for re-election include:

Mitchell A. McDonald, pastor of Foothills Southern Baptist Church, Yuma, Ariz., replacing Doug Jackson, Fountain Hills, Ariz.; Galen Irby, retired director of missions and member of Kennewick Baptist Church, Kennewick, Wash., replacing Jerry R. Cooper, Hot Springs, Ark.

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

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE (17 members): 6 nominations considered; 3 new members; 3 renominations.

Nominees with terms to expire in 2000, replacing members currently serving: Rudy A. Hernandez, international evangelist and member of Primera Iglesia Bautista, Grand Prairie, Texas, replacing T. Truett Ott, Osyka, Miss., who declined to serve another term; Todd A. Littleton, pastor of Snow Hill Baptist Church, Tuttle, Okla., replacing Bailey E. Smith, Atlanta.

Also nominated for a term expiring in 2000: Rachel Lopez, layperson and member of Emmanuel Iglesia Bautista, McAllen, Texas.

Nominated for an additional term is John R. Bisagno, Houston; Erle Cocke Jr., Bethesda, Md.; C.B. Hogue, Auberry, Calif.

NORTH AMERICAN BAPTIST FELLOWSHIP (15 members): 7 nominations considered; 1 new member; 6 renominations.

Patricia Wagstaff, layperson and member of First Baptist Church, Maysville, Okla., will be nominated for a term expiring in 2000 replacing A. William "Bill" Merrell, Midwest City, Okla., who resigned.

Nominated for an additional term is Bob Fields, Fontana, Calif.; John Thomas Finn, Parkin, Ark.; Robert L. Griffin, Florissant, Mo.; Floyd W. Harris, Burke, Va.; Jack Kwok, Little Rock, Ark.; Gary Marquez, Tucson, Ariz.

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Baptist medical volunteers
denied work permit in Haiti

By Mary E. Speidel

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PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (BP)--The Haitian ministry of public health has denied work permits for Southern Baptist medical volunteers who planned to lead rural clinics in Haiti.

The project, set for May 6 to June 3, was the final stage in a Haiti relief program sponsored by the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission and the Foreign Mission Board.

Earlier phases included food distribution -- from November to March -- and water well repair, lasting through July. Meanwhile, other Southern Baptist volunteers -- handyman types -- are needed to help repair simple hand pumps on about 500 wells in Haiti. No experience in well-drilling is required. The next teams will head to the island nation May 13 and 27 and June 10 and 24.

Transitions in Haiti's government since October played a part in denial of medical permits, said Mark Rutledge, Foreign Mission Board missionary in Haiti. The U.S. military intervened in Haiti last September, paving the way for ousted President Jean Bertrand Aristide to return to power Oct. 15.

"In the past months ... the country has gone from a time when no one was responsible for public health to a period of adding new rules and qualifications," Rutledge wrote in a fax to the medical volunteers. "Some of the changes contributed to the denial by the (public health) minister."

In cooperation with Haitian Baptists, 12 doctors, 15 nurses and eight support people were to have conducted free medical clinics in Haiti's central plateau. They would have worked for one or two-week stints in a poor area near where Rutledge and his wife, Peggy, lead an agricultural project. The Rutledges are from Murfreesboro, Tenn., and Glendale, Calif., respectively.

Project planners hadn't been told about all of the regulations until they learned of the denial, said Bill Snowden, a retired Kentucky Baptist dentist who recruits medical volunteers for the mission board. Snowden said he hopes other Southern Baptist medical teams can go later.

"I've been to Haiti twice," said Snowden, who has volunteered on 19 mission trips. "Of all the places I've been, Haiti is the most needy."

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Rutledge, in the fax, urged volunteers not to be discouraged. "What seem to be setbacks are a fact of life for (Haitians) and Christians serving the Lord here. We hope and pray that, despite the hurt this may have caused you and the people of Haiti, God will utilize these events to do his will."

Meanwhile, Snowden rescheduled the medical volunteers to work near Montego Bay, Jamaica. Seven doctors, nine nurses and two support people will lead evangelistic medical clinics May 20 to June 3 through Jamaican Baptist churches. They are from Colorado, California, Oklahoma, North Carolina, Virginia, Florida, Alabama, Indiana, Kentucky and Louisiana.

Missionary Jim Ziler urges volunteers to respond to the well-repair project: "We have plenty of places for people who want to come and work," said Ziler, who leads the project operated through the Baptist Convention of Haiti. "It'll be a good opportunity for folks who like to work with their hands and get out among the people, helping to meet physical and spiritual needs."

Earlier phases of the well project started about a month late because of a delay in getting parts for repairs. Other delays have been caused by mechanical trouble with vehicles and lack of volunteers.

"We'd hoped more people would be interested in coming down" for the well project, said Ziler, from Avilla, Mo. "The response has been sort of slow."

To volunteer for the well project, call the Brotherhood Commission toll-free at (800) 280-1891, or call (901) 722-3787.

Those who have gone have made a lasting contribution. When volunteers enter a village to start well repairs, "The people start dancing in the streets, thanking God they came to fix the pumps," Ziler said.

So far, about 10 Haitians have accepted Christ through spiritual outreach by volunteers, assisted by Haitian Baptists. Six new Christians live in a village where voodoo is especially strong and no evangelical church exists.

Those decisions came after volunteer Doolie Matush, from Victoria, Texas, shared the gospel through flannelgraph presentations -- which included the Old Testament story of Jacob's well. After the other volunteers finished repairs, one team member lead a prayer of blessing at each well.

For volunteer Lamar Lyon, a pastor in Richmond, Ky., those blessings were his most significant moments in Haiti. Lyon recalled one of those blessings done by fellow volunteer Bill Clark, also of Richmond.

After the prayer, a Haitian mother handed her naked baby to Clark. He held the infant under the well's spigot while another volunteer pumped the first clean water the villagers had seen there for months. Gently Clark bathed the baby in that water.

"Jesus said, 'I was thirsty and you gave me drink,' said Lyon, quoting from Matthew 25. "We're called to help our brothers in need. It's that simple."

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**Historical Society 'revisionist'
statement draws fire of officials By Herb Hollinger**

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)--A statement by a former president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society that the proposed restructuring of the Southern Baptist Convention could open the door for a "revisionist view of history" has drawn sharp criticism.

Mark Brister, chairman of the committee which proposed the SBC structure change -- approved by the SBC Executive Committee and to be voted upon at the June annual meeting of the SBC -- and William Crews, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary president, both objected to statements of Adrian Lamkin, a Missouri Baptist college official, and Lynn May, president of the Historical Commission, in a May 2 news release.

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Lamkin and May's comments came regarding preparations for the May 8 joint annual meeting of the SBC Historical Commission and the Southern Baptist Historical Society in Augusta, Ga. Both Lamkin and May said changes would be needed in the historical society's charter and bylaws if the proposed restructuring -- which eliminates the commission -- of the SBC is approved.

Lamkin is quoted as saying "some people are concerned that if the Historical Commission is dissolved, the door could be opened for not only a revisionist view of history, but perhaps even a closing of some of the books for open investigation, such as records of the (SBC) Peace Committee." He also said, "I'm afraid, if the (Historical Commission) is dissolved, it is possible that the public viewing of Baptist history will be diminished."

May, who publicly has opposed the proposed elimination of the commission, said "our primary concern is that Southern Baptists don't push their history off in a corner and not give it adequate attention."

But Brister, pastor of Broadmoor Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. said Lamkin's statement is "itself a revisionist view of recent history." Brister said the report of the Program and Structure Study Committee explains the importance of Baptist history and affirms its importance.

Quoting from the report, Brister said, "We must protect the legacy which we have inherited from our Baptist forebears and trace the lineage of faithfulness which has marked the Baptist experience."

Brister also quoted Robert A. Baker's book, "The Southern Baptist Convention and Its People 1607-1972," page 451, "three factors that have developed the effectiveness of the SBC in the past and still characterize the body: first, the continuing self-study of the structure and its functions in the light of contemporary changing needs; second, the willingness to change when that is advisable; and third, the capacity to distinguish between essentials and nonessentials and to respect diversity in love. These factors can keep the convention responsive and effective in its service to Southern Baptists."

Brister said the "bottom-line" question is structure.

"Does the PSSC (proposal) support Baptist history? Absolutely. The question is how do we best preserve, disseminate and shape our heritage, given the priorities of our denomination to facilitate, extend and enlarge the Great Commission ministries of Southern Baptist churches"

The PSSC proposal would reduce the SBC structure from 19 agencies to 12, eliminating the Historical Commission and assigning its archival functions to a council of the six SBC seminary presidents and educational responsibilities to the Baptist Sunday School Board. The proposal will have to have approval of messengers at two consecutive SBC annual meetings.

Crews, chairman of the group of six seminary presidents, said he found Lamkin's statements "somewhat disturbing that the seminary presidents' council is being evaluated in caring out an assignment that hasn't yet been made."

"If, however, the SBC adopts the recommendations of the PSSC, Southern Baptists can rest assured that archival duties placed in the hands of the seminary presidents' council will be carried out with the utmost fidelity and expertise. The resources of the church history faculties of the six seminaries will ensure that SBC history will be free of any attempts at a so-called revisionist view of history."

Responding to Lamkin's question about the records of the SBC Peace Committee, Crews said "my memory is that it was an action of the SBC that sealed the records for a specified time. I would assume that to do otherwise would require convention action. Having personally served on the Peace Committee, I know of no reason the records should remain closed beyond the time specified by the convention."

Lamkin is director of the Partee Center for Historical Studies at William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo., and 1990-91 president of the Historical Society.

The Southern Baptist Historical Society has 724 members and presently is an auxiliary of the SBC Historical Commission.

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