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Indiana Goes Forward
With Convention Plans

INDIANAPOLIS--(BP)--Indiana Southern Baptists have voted unanimously to proceed with plans to organize a state convention in the fall of 1958.

The action came at their third annual state fellowship meeting here recently. It followed a committee report that revealed the following statistics:

1. Ninety-five Southern Baptist churches and 40 missions in Indiana, with 18,000 members;
2. Total gifts of \$800,000 in the past year, of which \$70,000 (nine per cent) went for the Cooperative Program. This must be increased to 12 per cent to meet Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board recommendations for new conventions;
3. Five years of fellowship with Southern Baptist work;
4. Three consecutive annual state fellowship meetings.

An organizational meeting was set for next year on Oct. 3-4. It will be held at First Southern Church, Indianapolis, where this year's meeting was held. Churches were asked to send three to five messengers.

The officers of the fellowship association plus E. Harmon Moore, from the Illinois Baptist State Association, and Eldred M. Taylor, of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, will serve as the program committee. Presidents of the Illinois and Kentucky state associations, which co-sponsor the Indiana work, will preside. Committees on constitution and by-laws and budget were named.

Elected officers of the state fellowship association this year were W. W. Rhody, Richmond, Ind., president; Hobart Lamb, Indianapolis, vice-president; and Harold Lassiter, Gary, secretary. E. Harmon Moore was named chairman of the constitution and by-laws committee, and W. C. Boone, general secretary of the Kentucky association, head of the budget committee.

The Indiana state convention will be the 29th, following proposed organization of the Michigan state body in October of this year. Attendance at the fellowship meeting was about 200.