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REPORT OF THE TUESDAY PROCEEDINGS OF THE SBC ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 14, 2022

- 1. Rolland Slade (CA), chair, SBC Executive Committee, began the session by reading from Psalm 51 and led in prayer.
- 2. Abbie Maggio (AL) and Chris Springer (AL), Convention music directors; worship leaders, Redemption Church, Saraland, led corporate praise and worship.
- Pete Ramirez (CA), executive director, California Southern Baptist Convention, Fresno, welcomed messengers and led in prayer.
- 4. Abbie Maggio (AL) and Chris Springer (AL), Convention music directors; worship leaders, Redemption Church, Saraland, continued to lead in corporate praise and worship.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY MORNING June 15, 2022



- 8:00 Worship Abbie Maggio and Chris Springer, Convention music directors; Redemption Church, Saraland, Alabama
- 8:12 Prayer David Gill, director of
 Korean English bilingual program, Gateway Seminary, Ontario, California
- **8:15** Convention Sermon Juan Sanchez, senior pastor, High Point Baptist Church, Austin, Texas
- 8:55 Election of Officers (Fourth)
- **9:00** Executive Committee Recommendations Willie D. McLaurin, interim president and CEO, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
- 9:40 Jesus, the Center of Racial Reconciliation: Adopting a Kingdom Race Mindset
- 9:55 Election of Officers (Fifth)
- 10:05 Joint Seminary Reports
 - Jason K. Allen, president, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri;
 - Daniel L. Akin, president, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina;
 - James K. Dew Jr., president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana;
 - Adam W. Greenway, president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas;
 - Jeff Iorg, president, Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ontario, California;
 - R. Albert Mohler Jr., president, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky
- 11:35 Previously Scheduled Business Ed Litton, SBC president; pastor, Redemption Church, Saraland, Alabama
- 11:45 Committee on Order of Business Report (Third) Steven F. Bates, chair; First Baptist Church, Winnfield, Louisiana
- **12:00 Closing Prayer** Missie Branch, assistant dean of students to women, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON June 15, 2022

- 2:30 Worship Abbie Maggio and Chris Springer, Convention music directors; Redemption Church, Saraland, Alabama
- 2:45 Prayer Jeff Iorg, president, Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ontario, California
- 2:50 Committee on Order of Business Report (Fourth) Steven F. Bates, chair; First Baptist Church, Winnfield, Louisiana Election of 2023 Convention Preacher, Alternate Preacher, and Music Director
- 3:00 Committee on Resolutions Report (Part 2) Bart Barber, chair; pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, Texas
- 3:30 Previously Scheduled Business Ed Litton, SBC president; pastor, Redemption Church, Saraland, Alabama
- 3:45 Standing for Life: Equipping the Church for a Post-Roe World
- 4:15 The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission Report Brent Leatherwood, acting president; The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:30 Lifeway Christian Resources Report Ben Mandrell, president and CEO, Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:45 Presentation of Officers Willie D. McLaurin, interim president and CEO, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
- 5:00 Closing Prayer Steve Horn, executive director, Louisiana Baptist Convention, Alexandria, Louisiana

REPORT OF THE TUESDAY PROCEEDINGS OF THE SBC ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022 (CONTINUED)

- 5. Ed Litton (AL), SBC President; pastor, Redemption Church, Saraland, opened the Convention by reading Colossians 1:1-20 while Ramon Medina (TX), second vice president, provided Spanish translation. Litton announced he would use the Judson Gavel while presiding over the Tuesday morning session of the Annual Meeting and called to order the 164th session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the 177th year of its history at 8:30 a.m. in the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, California.
- 6. President Litton (AL) welcomed messengers and introduced the chief parliamentarian, Barry McCarty (GA), along with assistant parliamentarians Al Gage (AZ), Craig Culbreth (FL), and Alex Ward (MS), the people's parliamentarian.
- 7. President Litton (AL) called attention to the Tuesday SBC Bulletin, pages 10-11, 17 and 24, for instructions about motions, use of digital pre-filing of motions and the following appointments: Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Registration Committee, and Tellers.
- 8. President Litton (AL) introduced Don Currence (MO), SBC registration secretary, minister of administration, First Baptist Church, Ozark, for the registration report and the constitution of the Annual Meeting. Currence reported that as of 8:23 a.m., there were 7,421 messengers. The report was adopted.
- President Litton (AL) recognized Steven Bates (LA), chair, Committee on Order of Business, First Baptist Church, Winnfield. Bates moved the adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted.
- 10. President Litton (AL) recognized Chaplain Major General Doug Carver (GA), US Army retired; executive director of chaplaincy, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, to lead with other military chaplains in a time of celebrating

- freedom through the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States and prayer.
- 11. First vice president, Lee Brand (TN) introduced D. Hance Dilbeck Jr. (TX), president and CEO, GuideStone Financial Resources, Dallas, for GuideStone's report and Mission:Dignity video.
- 12. First vice president, Lee Brand (TN), introduced chief parliamentarian Barry McCarty (GA) for messenger instructions about the microphones. No questions were asked about the GuideStone report.
- 13. President Litton (AL) introduced Kevin Ezell (GA), president, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, for the North American Mission Board Crossover Report and Send Relief Presentation. Ezell invited Pete Ramirez (CA), California executive director and his team to give a report about 2022 Crossover: 572 volunteers, 2,400 children and families were served and 547 people prayed to receive Christ. Ezell introduced a video promoting the Send Relief tours that bring a Crossover experience to multiple cities. Ezell was joined by Bryant Wright (GA), president, SendRelief, Alpharetta, and Paul Chitwood (VA), president, International Mission Board, Richmond, to dialogue about the work of SendRelief, along with Jason Cox (VA) vice president, IMB, and Josh Benton (GA) vice president, NAMB, and SendRelief leaders. Wright led in prayer.
- 14. Following a video, IMB president, Paul Chitwood (VA), introduced the International Mission Board Sending Celebration of fifty-two new missionaries. Chitwood declared that lostness is the world's greatest problem and the gospel is the only solution. He closed his report in prayer for the new missionaries and for those who have not heard the gospel.

- 15. Abbie Maggio (AL) and Chris Springer (AL), Convention music directors; worship leaders, Redemption Church, Saraland, led in a song of blessing for the new missionaries.
- 16. President Litton (AL) announced the time for the introduction of new motions and gave instructions.
- 17. David Um (MA) moved that a task force be formed to audit NAMB's use of funds.
- Mike Haines (OK) moved that the executive salaries from all SBC entities be disclosed.
- 19. Joshua Shirey (ID) moved that his resolution 11 be brought out of committee. Chief parliamentarian, Barry McCarty (GA), gave explanation and the motion was ruled out of order.
- 20. Tom Rush (GA) moved that the Executive Committee cease to use executive sessions.
- 21. William Hester (OK) moved that a more transparent vetting process be developed for trustees of the Executive Committee.
- 22. Michael Law (VA) moved that the Convention amend the 6th item of Article III, paragraph 1, in the Constitution of the SBC
- 23. Matt Dunn (MO) moved that a pro-Israel amendment be added to *The Baptist Faith and Message*.
- 24. Michelle Lesley (LA) moved that an investigation be made into allegations of mistreatment of sex abuse victims by at the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.
- 25. Samuel Gilliam (LA) moved that trustees' contact information be published in the Book of Reports.
- 26. Toby Brogden (TN) moved that the Executive Committee study the use of all communication forms for communicating with all messengers.
- 27. Nathan Stuller (IL) moved that the SBC Constitution be amended to add Article XV, "Transparency and Accountability."
- 28. Sherri Martin (FL) moved that the Executive Committee study the impact of waving attorney-client privilege.
- 29. John Jones, III (MO) moved that the IMB provide a method for exempting missionaries from actions of conscience.
- 30. Corey Smith (LA) moved that Lifeway provide teaching resources related to the covenant sign of the rainbow to counteract the promotion of the LGBTQ+.
- 31. Rob Collingsworth (TX) moved that a work group be formed to study Baptist Press to make it an editorially independent news service.
- 32. Mark Spence (CO) moved that the Committee on Resolutions be suspended.
- 33. Joshua Scruggs (NC) moved that the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission be abolished.
- 34. Jay Adkins (LA) moved the removal of the Recording Secretary from the Executive Committee.
- 35. Jason Sampler (GA) moved that Bylaw 15 be amended regarding trustee selection.

- 36. Dwight McKissic (TX) moved that The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary study and report the removal of any name connected with chattel slavery.
- 37. Jerry Watts (MS) moved that a legal study be made about the polity and relationship of the larger body of messengers and the entity trustees.
- 38. Kirby Shephard (MT) moved that the SBC boycott the Disney Corporation.
- 39. Keith Myer (MD) moved that a day be added to the SBC Calendar to accentuate "Abuse of any kind."
- 40. Convention music directors, Abbie Maggio (AL) and Chris Springer (AL), led in a time of praise and worship.
- 41. President Litton (AL) delivered the 2022 President's Address.
- 42. Convention music directors, Abbie Maggio (AL) and Chris Springer (AL), led a song of response to the President's message.
- 43. President Litton (AL) recognized Linda Cooper (KY), chair, Credentials Committee, Forest Park Baptist Church, Bowling Green, for the SBC Credentials Committee report. The report was printed on page 3 of the Tuesday SBC Bulletin, June 14, 2022. The recommendation of the committee asked for a study committee to be formed for the purpose of clarifying "pastor" in the context of SBC life. Bill Ascol (OK) asked for a point of order. Once recognized, Ascol welcomed Al Mohler (KY), to the microphone. Mohler spoke against the recommendation. Shad Tibbs (LA) raised a point order. Parliamentarian Barry McCarty (GA) explained the purpose of a point of order. There were no points of order pending. President Litton recognized R. Albert Mohler (KY) to speak against the recommendation. Jack Maddox (TX) spoke against the recommendation. Linda Cooper (KY) spoke for the committee. Maddox spoke against the motion. Matt Celona (NM) spoke against the motion. Bill Ascol (OK) raised a point of order. President Litton ruled Ascol's point of order was out of order. Adam Greenway (TX) moved to amend saying, "...any recommendation(s) providing clarity regarding the language of the Constitution of the SBC, Article III, 1., (1), "Has a faith and practice which closely identifies with the Convention's adopted statement of faith." The Credentials Committee considered the amendment friendly. James Goforth (MO) asked a question. Samuel Gilliam (LA) spoke against the amendment. Bryan Gilmore (TX) spoke for the amendment. Tom Ascol (FL) spoke against the amendment. Todd Benkert (IN) spoke for the amendment. John Aaron Mathew (TX) spoke against the amendment. A raised ballot vote was taken but was too close to call. A paper ballot vote was called for by the chair. President Litton called on registration secretary, Don Currence (MO), to give instructions to the messengers and the ballots were cast. President Litton announced the Convention would consider the result of the ballot and continue discussion at 3:05 Miscellaneous Business section of the Tuesday afternoon session.

- 44. President Litton (AL) introduced Bart Barber (TX), chair, Resolutions Committee; pastor, First Baptist Church, Farmersville, for part one of the Resolutions Committee report, which was found on page 4 of the Tuesday SBC Bulletin, June 14, 2022.
- 45. Julio Arriola (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 1. Bill Ascol (OK) raised a point of order asking the chair to modify the process of consideration of resolutions. Chief Parliamentarian, Barry McCarty (GA), explained the process and the chair called for a vote on the process. The messengers affirmed the process. Mark Ballard (VT) moved to amend the resolution by adding two resolves, "RESOLVED, That we encourage rural churches to keep the preaching of God's Word as sacred and primary by only allowing qualified men to preach and be it further;" as well as "RESOLVED that we call upon pastors of rural churches to avoid all spurious, deceitful, or apathetic methods, practices, or attitudes, when it comes to preaching God's Word including, but not limited to, sermon plagiarism, laziness in preparation, prayerlessness, softening the Lord's position on any one sin or group of sins, surrendering to the fear of man, and employing any godless ideologies for interpretation of Biblical passages, and be it further." Luke Holmes (OK) spoke against the amendment. Bart Barber, chair, Resolutions Committee, spoke against the amendment. The chair ruled the amendment was not germane. Mark Ballard (VT) appealed the ruling of the chair. The chair was sustained. Resolution 1 was adopted.
- 46. J.T. English (CO) moved the adoption of Resolution 2. Lewis Richerson (LA) moved to amend the first "whereas," adding the word "suffering." The committee considered the amendment friendly. Parker Roberts (AL) moved to amend, after "prosperity gospel," the phrase "New Age doctrine and beliefs." English spoke against the amendment. The amendment was defeated. Resolution 2 was adopted as amended.
- 47. Donna Gaines (TN) moved the adoption of Resolution 3. The resolution was adopted.
- 48. Mike Keahbone (OK) moved the adoption of Resolution 4. Glenn LaRue (OH) moved to amend: "Resolved that we remain committed to the evangelization of Native American peoples calling them to freely repent of their sins and believe in Jesus for salvation, even as morally neutral aspects of their culture are preserved and celebrated." The committee considered the amendment friendly. Resolution 4 was adopted as amended.
- 49. President Litton (AL) called on Steve Bates (LA), chair, Committee on Order of Business, who moved that the time for the afternoon session be adjusted by one hour. The motion was adopted.
- 50. Jonathan Derbyshire (VA), missionary to Thailand, International Mission Board, Richmond, closed the session in prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 14, 2022

- 51. Abbie Maggio (AL) and Chris Springer (AL), Convention music directors; worship leaders, Redemption Church, Saraland, led corporate praise and worship.
- 52. Jennie Hatchel (VA), missionary to Czech Republic, International Mission Board, Richmond, opened the session in prayer.
- 53. President Litton (AL) spoke a word of gratitude to the students of California Baptist University for their serving as pages and reminded messengers to treat them with respect and kindness.
- 54. President Litton (AL) introduced Bruce Frank (NC), chair, Sexual Abuse Task Force; pastor, Biltmore Baptist Church, Arden, for the Sexual Abuse Task Force report, pages 18-19, in the SBC Tuesday Bulletin, June 14, 2022.
- 55. Chairman Frank (NC) moved the adoption of the recommendation in the report. Cody Harlow (MO) moved the following amendment, in the first sentence after the line, "Credibly accused of sexual abuse, insert "by an independent, impartial investigation that upholds the best practices of due process, including the notice of investigation, opportunity of self-defense, sworn testimony and the right of cross examination." The motion failed. Brad Eubank (MS) spoke for the recommendations from the SATF. Tim Rogers (NC) asked a question. Chairman Frank responded. Johnathan Newman (OH) moved to amend Recommendation 1, subpoint 1 of the report, after the word "study" strike the words "the Guidepost recommendations" and replace with "Study the best practices in keeping with Southern Baptist church polity for feasibility and bring an initial report to the 2023 annual meeting on reforms that could be adopted by the Convention and how they should be implemented." Tom Dodd raised a point of order that was not well received. Brant Frost (GA) asked a question about polity. Chief Parliamentarian Barry McCarty (GA) responded to clarify polity. Frank (NC) expressed that the Task Force considered the amendment friendly. Tom Buck (TX) asked a question. Frank responded to the messenger. Ryan Fullerton (KY) asked a question. President Litton (AL) ruled his statement out of order. Ben Simpson (MS) moved to divide the question. President Litton ruled the motion out of order. Danny Slavich (FL) spoke in favor of the recommendation. Mark Coppenger (TN) spoke against the recommendation. Tim Overton (IN) spoke against the recommendation. Roy Henry (MI) called for the question. The debate was closed. The amended recommendations were adopted.
- 56. President Litton (AL) made note that the gavel he was using for this session was the Annie Armstrong gavel.
- 57. Convention music directors, Abbie Maggio (AL) and Chris Springer (AL), led in a time of worship that was then followed by a time of prayer led by Marshall Blalock (SC), pastor, First Baptist Church, Charleston; Abigail Criner (TX),

- Rock Hill Baptist Church, Brownsboro; and Mike Keahbone (OK), First Baptist Church, Lawton.
- 58. President Litton (AL) called on registration secretary Don Currence (MO) for a report of the ballot on the Credentials Committee recommendation taken in the morning session. Currence reported that at the time of the ballot 7,913 messengers were registered and 3,537 messengers voted. 1,569 (44.36%) voted in favor and 1,957 (55.33%) voted against the amendment. 11 ballots were disallowed. The amendment failed.
- 59. President Litton (AL) recognized Rick Warren (CA) who spoke to the Convention regarding the question raised about Saddleback Church's ministry in a "love letter" to Southern Baptists.
- 60. President Litton (AL) recognized Linda Cooper (KY), chair, Credentials Committee, who shared that the committee requested to withdraw its recommendation.
- 61. President Litton (AL) called on Barry McCarty (GA), chief parliamentarian, to explain the status of the motion.
- 62. President Litton (AL) announced the time for nominations for president: Matt Henslee (TX) nominated Bart Barber (TX); Mike Stone (GA) nominated Tom Ascol (FL); Ted Traylor (FL) nominated Frank Cox (GA); and Wade Akins (TN) nominated Robin Hadaway (CA). Litton called on Don Currence (MO), SBC registration secretary, to give balloting instructions to messengers. Ballots were cast.

- 63. President Litton (AL) recognized Jeremy Freeman (OK), chair, Committee on Committees; pastor, First Baptist Church, Newcastle, for the Committee on Committees report. The report was adopted.
- 64. President Litton (AL) recognized Leah Finn (SC), chair, Committee on Nominations, Mountain Creek Baptist Church, Greenville, for the Committee on Nominations report. Mike Holloway (LA) asked a question and the committee responded. Jeff Wright (TN) made an amendment to the report, substituting David Prince (KY), on the ERLC board, with Jared Moore (TN). Lori Bova (NM) spoke against the amendment. Allen Nelson (AR) spoke for the amendment. Kevin Smith (KY) spoke against the amendment. The amendment to the report failed and the report of the Committee on Nominations was adopted.
- 65. President Litton (AL) recognized Willie McLaurin (TN), interim president and CEO, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, for part one of the Executive Committee report.

*****Due to contractual agreement with the printer of the Daily Bulletin, the printed proceedings stop at item number 65. The remainder of the proceedings will appear in full in the SBC Annual which will publish in early fall 2022. *****

NOTES

CLARIFICATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION 2

Executive Committee Recommendation 2 (featured in the SBC Book of Reports, p. 39) has been re-printed here for clarification purposes and includes only minor text edits to remove unnecessary wording/lines and to remove an incorrect date mistakenly included in the total line description.

Recommendation 2: 2022-2023 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee recommends the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, adopt the 2022-2023 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget in the amount of \$192,270,000 as follows:

PROPOSED 2022-23 SBC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM ALLOCATION BUDGET

	2022-2023 Budget <u>Allocation</u>	2022-2023 % of Total <u>Allocation</u>
World Mission Ministries:		
International Mission Board	\$ 96,822,487	50.41%
North American Mission Board	43,772,753	22.79%
Total World Mission Ministries	140,595,240	<u>73.20%</u>
Theological Education Ministries:		
Seminaries		
Gateway	3,500,329	1.82%
Midwestern	7,920,926	4.12%
New Orleans	6,686,689	3.48%
Southeastern	7,027,175	3.66%
Southern	10,406,160	5.42%
Southwestern	6,560,465	3.42%
	42,101,744	21.92%
Historical Library and Archives	460,968	0.24%
Total Theological Education Ministries	42,562,712	22.16%
Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries:		
Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission	3,169,155	1.65%
Facilitating Ministries:		
SBCEC & SBC Operating Budget	5,742,893	2.99%
Total Budget Allocation	\$ 192,070,000	100.00%
Special Priority Allocation: SBC Vision 2025 Initiative	\$ 200,000	
Total	<u>\$ 192,270,000</u>	

Any overage of gifts received above the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget will be distributed to the distributees in accord with the percentages approved for them in the Cooperative Program Allocation Budget, and that such a distribution of overage continue until duly amended.

NOTES

MESSENGER INFORMATION

TO MAKE A MOTION

- 1. Write your motion legibly. (If the motion is spontaneous and you do not have time to write it before presenting it to the Convention at a microphone, write the motion, as you stated it, before leaving the microphone area). Motion can also be pre-filed/filed digitally (see "Pre-filing Motions").
- 2. Go to a floor microphone at a time when motions are being considered.
- 3. Notify the Page at the microphone of your desire to make a motion.
- 4. When your microphone is recognized by the presiding officer, state your name, the name and location of your church, and read your motion. Do not argue the merits of your motion at this time. If the motion later comes before the body for discussion, you will then be given the first opportunity to speak.
- 5. Provide a copy of your motion to the Recording Secretary. You can submit electronically through the SBC Annual Meeting app or by email to recordingsecretary@sbc.net, or give a typed or legibly handwritten copy on standard paper to the Page at the microphone. The Page will take the copy of your motion to the platform so the motion may be entered into the record.
- 6. The Committee on Order of Business will consider all presented motions and announce further action(s) to be taken, either later in the session or in a following session.

TO SPEAK FROM THE FLOOR

- 1. Be at a microphone at the proper time, and make sure your desire to speak is properly characterized and input to the touch screen below the microphone at which you are standing.
- 2. Proceed to input your desire to speak. Do not wait for the presider to ask for input from the floor. If you are recognized for another issue, tell the chair which issue you are there to speak to, and the presider will return to you when your issue comes to the floor.
 - The chair could use several phrases to welcome comment from the floor on any issue. If you have not entered a desire to speak on the touch screen immediately at that time (or slightly before), you will not be recognized.
- 3. When recognized by the chair, state your name, the fact that you are a messenger, the name and location of your church, and then voice your position and reasoning.

Bylaws Relating to Speaking from the Floor

SBC Bylaw 1C – A messenger may speak in debate for longer than three minutes only with the permission of the Convention granted by a two-thirds vote.

SBC Bylaw 1D-A messenger may introduce a second motion during a business session only if no other messenger is seeking the floor who has not made a motion during that session.

HELPFUL TERMINOLOGY

MOTION - A motion calls for specific action by the Southern Baptist Convention or requests specific action by one or more of its entities. A motion normally begins with "I move that..." For more information, see "To Make a Motion."

POINT OF ORDER - A point of order calls the attention of the chair to a violation of the Convention's rules and should only be raised when a messenger has good reason to believe that the chair has failed to notice and correct a breach of the rules that prevents the proper transaction of business. Because a point of order interrupts pending business, it should not be raised merely to point out minor irregularities, to debate an issue, or as a method of obstructing business or harassing the chair.

PLATFORM PERSONNEL AND COMMITTEES - Information concerning duties of platform personnel and committees can be found in the Tuesday Bulletin.

RESOLUTION - A resolution has traditionally been defined as an expression of opinion or concern, as compared to a motion, which calls for action. A resolution is not used to direct an entity of the Southern Baptist Convention to specific action other than to communicate the opinion or concern expressed. Resolutions are decided upon at the discretion of the Committee on Resolutions and can be submitted by individuals from qualified churches 45 days prior to the annual meeting, but no later than 15 days prior. See SBC Bylaw 20 for other requirements concerning resolutions and the Committee on Resolutions.

PRE-FILING MOTIONS

You can make an important contribution to the accurate recording of our business proceedings by submitting motions or amendments electronically through the SBC Annual Meeting app or by email to recordingsecretary@sbc.net, or give a typed or legibly handwritten copy on standard paper to a Page at a microphone who will then deliver to the recording secretary. For any submission, please include your name, church, and phone number.

Pre-filing does not guarantee consideration, as you are still required to go to a microphone and be recognized at the appropriate time, only then will it be entered into the official record. Pre-filing is simply a way to help with the official record and the efficiency of our work together.

SEMINARY LUNCH LOCATIONS

Registered for a seminary lunch? See below for locations of these events. **All lunches begin following the morning session.** The registration period of many of the seminary lunches has already ended, but it is possible that tickets could be available at the door.



Anaheim Marriott Platinum Ballrooms 5/6



Anaheim Convention Center Ballrooms D/E



Anaheim Convention Center Ballrooms A/B



Anaheim Marriott Grand Ballrooms E/F



HILTON ANAHEIM CALIFORNIA BALLROOMS C/D



Anaheim Marriott Marquis Ballroom Sections Center & North



INFORMATION FROM OUR SBC ENTITIES



New For The Church Shirts! Visit the MBTS booth in the SBC Exhibit Hall to meet Midwestern Seminary faculty and staff, receive a free FTC State Shirt and Sticker, and purchase tickets to both MBTS events, while supplies last. We look forward to seeing you at the booth!



- Visit Southeastern's main booth in the Exhibit Hall, space #267 from 8 am 1 pm today. Don't miss the free books, giveaways, and your chance to talk with someone from our team about everything Southeastern has to offer.
- If you need a place to rest or a quiet place to have a conversation, visit Southeastern's Hospitality Room in Convention Center Room 208-A from 7-11 am and 2-6 pm today.



The Southern Baptist Foundation is celebrating its 75th Anniversary! Visit the booth and check out the Foundation's fantastic giveaways including

stylish sunglasses in a variety of colors, delicious chocolates, and register to win a jersey autographed by Super Bowl MVP Cooper Kupp in celebration of the Los Angeles Rams' victory. And the always popular giant cash-filled soda bottle is back. Talk about some great souvenirs! Visit the Foundation's booth for more information.



Visit the CP Stage and connect with topics affecting Southern Baptists today. For a full list of times and panelists, check out the SBC Annual Meeting mobile app or sbcannualmeeting.net! All interviews/panel discussions will be recorded and posted online at a later date.

WEDNESDAY TOPICS INCLUDE: Church Planting in the West; Leading the Church out of the COVID-19 Crisis; and Adoption and Foster Care



The Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission will provide several resources in their booth to help Southern Baptists think holistically about how to care well for both mothers and children in a potential post-Roe world. Ultrasound machines will be on display to demonstrate how the Psalm 139 Project provides a window to the womb for abortion-vulnerable women. Get a free Psalm 139 T-shirt when you sign up to receive updates on the ERLC's life work both in Washington, D.C. and in our churches.



Swing by the GuideStone® booths to check out our free services, giveaways and activities, including:

- Retirement Account Reviews
 Review your account with a GuideStone representative.
- Health Plan Coverage Checkups
 Drop in for a medical plan checkup with a GuideStone expert.
- · Personal Health Assessments

Visit the Wellness Booth to receive a FREE health screening and report suitable to take to your family doctor. Don't forget to sign up in advance at GuideStone.org/WellnessBooth!

Mission:Dignity® Sunday Materials
Order free materials to help support retired SBC pastors,

Order free materials to help support retired SBC pastors workers and their widows in need.

Daily Giveaways

We will be giving out a different giveaway each day-as well as the chance to win a Tonal smart home gym! Come to the GuideStone booth to receive the giveaways* for each day of SBC.

*while supplies last

ANNUAL MEETING HASHTAG

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Use the official SBC Annual Meeting hashtag on your social media messages and photos concerning the 2022 SBC Annual Meeting and stay connected with everything that is happening.



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GENERAL INFORMATION

INFORMATION CENTER

For questions concerning the SBC Annual Meeting or the Anaheim Convention Center, visit the Information Center located in the Lobby on Level 1.

Lost and found, as well as emergency messages (which will be projected on the screens with the name of persons affected) can be found in the Convention Office, Room 213A. The Convention Office phone number is (615) 782-8612.

SAFETY & SECURITY

The SBC Annual Meeting is a private religious gathering. The Southern Baptist Convention reserves the right to limit attendance to SBC messengers and invited guests and will take legal recourse against disruptive persons.

Personal safety of those attending the Annual Meeting has been a high priority in the planning process. Please be alert and report any suspicious activity to the nearest security officer, Convention usher, or by contacting the Convention Office in Room 213A or at (615) 782-8612.

Please do not leave packages unattended in the Convention Center at any time. Unattended packages will be confiscated by security personnel and may be subject to damage or destruction during examination. If you notice unattended packages, please inform those listed above.

MEETING PUBLICATIONS

Book of Reports – Contains the annual reports of committees and entities of the Convention as well as any recommendations that may require a vote.

*Physical copies provided to messengers only; available electronically on the mobile app

Bulletin – Contains recommendations not available at the time the Book of Reports was printed, announcements of business, times and places of special meetings, and other items of vital interest; published daily on the Tuesday and Wednesday of the Annual Meeting and placed at major entry areas of the convention hall each morning.

*Delivery of the Bulletin is made by the printer prior to the morning sessions; available electronically on the mobile app in English and Spanish.

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PRESS/MEDIA INFORMATION

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All handouts must be pre-approved by the Convention Manager. Messengers, guests, and/or exhibitors are prohibited from soliciting or handing out materials except in designated exhibit hall booth spaces.

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Live, audio translation services (Spanish, Mandarin, Cantonese, and Vietnamese) are also available in the main hall in the designated seating areas.

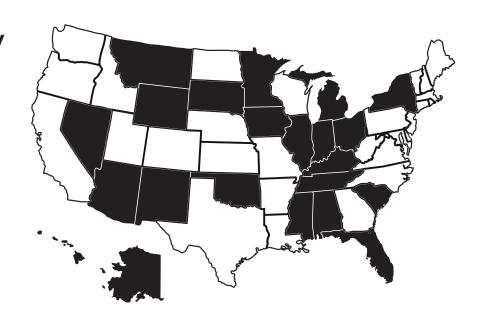


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SPECIAL SEATING

There is reserved seating located in the Convention Hall for those with disabilities, parents with strollers, and those hard of hearing. To locate how to get to these designated sections, please see an usher.

FOR THE KIDS

Registration for the preschool, children, and youth programs took place earlier in the spring, prior to the Annual Meeting. In order to ensure the proper worker-to-child ratios, no on-site registrations will be accepted.

Each year, we are able to offer the programs during Annual Meeting week for registered children and youth. This year, drop-off and pick-up will happen on Level 2: Preschool, Room 207; Children, Room 204.

*A nursing mothers' room is also available for mothers whose babies aren't registered in childcare. Visit the Preschool check-in area (Level 2, Room 207) for directions. Additionally, there is a nursing mothers' rooms on Level 1 near the Hall B entrance. Ask the Information Desk or an usher for directions.

FOOD OPTIONS

There are multiple restaurants located around the Convention Center as well as food trucks on the Grand Plaza walk leading into the Convention Center. Limited concessions are available on Level 1 of the Convention Center.



A restaurant listing can be found by picking up an Anaheim Visitor's Guide located around the Convention Center. A food truck listing can be found on the SBC Annual Meeting mobile app.

SPECIAL THANKS

We extend our sincere appreciation to:

- The Local Arrangements Committee and California volunteers for their hard work, extensive planning, and assistance with greeters, ushers, and translation services.
- Lifeway Media for staging, lighting, and sound production.
- California Baptist University for planning, coordinating, and executing live music throughout the Convention Center.



PRAYER PROMPT FOR TODAY

John 17:23 - "I am in them and you are in me, so that they may be made completely one, that the world may know you have sent me and have loved them as you have loved me."

"Jesus, break into this day, into our efforts, and lead your people forward so that the world may hear and believe in your Son!

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2023 SBC ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION



2023 ANNUAL MEETING HOUSING & CHILDCARE

On June 13-14, 2023, the SBC Annual Meeting will be held in New Orleans, Louisiana!

Housing for the 2023 Annual Meeting will open in October. Also, don't forget to register early for all children/youth events prior to your arrival to next year's Annual Meeting to ensure your child has a place as spots fill up quickly. Registration for childcare/youth will happen sometime in February. Watch online for more information at sbcannualmeeting.net.

MAKE PLANS TO PRE-REGISTER FOR 2023!

Mark your calendar for February 1, 2023 when pre-registration will open for the 2023 Annual Meeting!

While messengers and guests are welcome to register on-site for the annual meeting, pre-registration helps organizers know how to plan, unexpected registration issues to get worked out, and an easy process upon arrival to the Annual Meeting host site. Around February 1, 2023, visit the sbcannualmeeting.net website for more information and to pre-register.

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FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING SITES/DATES

Indianapolis, Indiana: June 11–12, 2024 Dallas, Texas: June 10-11, 2025 Orlando, Florida: June 9–10, 2026 Salt Lake City, Utah – June 8-9, 2027

NOTES

RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED TO THE 2022 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

A larger, full-page display of these resolutions can be found on the SBC Annual Meeting mobile app.

1: ON THE MISSION FIELD IN RURAL AMERICA*

WHEREAS, Scripture declares that Christ commands his church to make disciples of all nations and that we are called to be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8); and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have endeavored since 1845 to spread the gospel across North America and around the globe; and

WHEREAS, Jesus regularly identified himself with rural and small places like Nazareth (Matthew 2:23); and

WHEREAS, Over 75 percent of all towns and cities in the United States are small nonurban communities of no more than 25,000 people; and

WHEREAS, Approximately 19 percent (or 60 million people) of the population in the United States resides in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, Rural church pastors often suffer from isolation and loneliness, lacking ministry partnerships and resources; and

WHEREAS, Every person in a rural community is made in the image of God and needs to hear the gospel; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, express our commitment to and recognition of the mission field in rural places; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pledge to continue to support the work of the Cooperative Program to help spread the gospel in rural places; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage our churches to look for opportunities to establish, help, and revitalize churches in rural communities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we state our support for the work rural churches do to spread the gospel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we pledge to remember that all of mankind is made in the image of God and deserving of our love and gospel outreach, regardless of the size of their community; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage and celebrate the work of the North American Mission Board, state conventions, local associations, rural churches, and their ministry leaders in their ongoing efforts to spread the gospel, plant new churches, and revitalize established ones in rural places; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge all Southern Baptists to dedicate our time, money, and lives to the furtherance of the good news of Jesus Christ across every area of the world, home and abroad, in city centers, suburbs, small towns, and rural places.

2: ON THE PROSPERITY GOSPEL*

WHEREAS, The prosperity gospel is the belief that Jesus' sacrificial and atoning death grants believers health, wealth, and the removal of suffering, sickness, and poverty; and

WHEREAS, The prosperity gospel distorts biblical generosity, preys on the most vulnerable, solely blames people for their own sickness due to lack of faith, and corrupts a biblical understanding of suffering (John 9:2-3, Romans 5:1-5; 8:15-29, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8); and

WHEREAS, Scripture warns us to guard against false teaching, to beware of false prophets who come to us in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves, and to guard the integrity of Scripture (Matthew 7:15, Acts 20:28-30, 2 Timothy 4:3-4); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, in accordance with sound doctrine and the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, denounce the teaching of the prosperity gospel; and be it further

RESOLVED, That God and God alone is our highest good and our supreme treasure, not health, wealth, or the removal of sickness (Philippians 4:10-13; Revelation 21:1-4); and be it finally

RESOLVED, That our confidence is in our eternal inheritance purchased through the work of Christ and is guaranteed by the indwelling work of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:11-14; 1 Peter 1:1-7).

3: ON THE WAR IN UKRAINE*

WHEREAS, The Scriptures clearly state that God is "the God of peace" (Hebrews 13:20), who maintains "the right of the afflicted and the destitute" (Psalm 82:3) and rescues "the weak and needy," delivering them "from the hand of the wicked" (Psalm 82:4); and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures testify that Jesus is the "prince of peace" (Isaiah 9:6) who came to "reconcile to himself all things, whether in heaven or in the earth, making peace by the blood of his cross" (Colossians 1:20); and

WHEREAS, One day Christians will share in the peace that can only fully be accomplished under the rule and reign of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, The Scriptures also declare that "blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9), because "a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (James 3:18), so "if possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all" (Romans 12:18); and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention in our 1968 resolution "On Peace" resolved to urge nations involved in conflict "to seek an honorable solution that will bring a just and durable peace that recognizes the dignity and values of human personality and the inalienable right of all men to be free"; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have been serving in Eastern Europe and Ukraine since the fall of the Iron Curtain, seeing countless lives changed by the gospel of Jesus Christ through ongoing Great Commission efforts, including missions, church planting, and theological education; and

WHEREAS, Beginning on February 24, 2022, the Russian Federation has engaged in a war of aggression against the sovereign nation of Ukraine, which has led to widespread destruction among the cities of Ukraine, the displacement of nearly twelve million of its citizens, untold damage to communities, and a yet unknown number of casualties among both the Ukrainian and the Russian people; and

WHEREAS, The Ukrainian people have fought valiantly to defend their country and land from the invading Russian Federation while continuing to seek a peaceful solution to the conflict; and

WHEREAS, The Russian Federation has not engaged in good faith negotiations for peace, but instead has committed egregious acts of violence, hostility, and aggression against the people of Ukraine, including civilians and non-combatants; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations passed a resolution demanding aid access for Ukraine and denounced the Russian Federation for "creating a dire humanitarian crisis," whose effects are and will be felt worldwide, and the 117th Congress passed House Resolution 956, demanding a "full withdrawal of Russian forces from Ukrainian territory"; and

WHEREAS, It is the responsibility of all Christians to "turn away from evil and do good" to "seek peace and pursue it" (1 Peter 3:11) and to "take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them" (Ephesians 5:11); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, strongly condemn the actions of the Russian Federation in her declaration and acts of war against the sovereign nation of Ukraine; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, in agreement with House Resolution 956, we call upon Russian President Vladimir Putin to cease hostilities immediately, withdraw the Russian military, and end this war of aggression against Ukraine and her people; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we implore the United States government to prioritize the admission of Ukrainian refugees into our country and provide resources for their support and resettlement; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend, appreciate, and will continue to support the ongoing relief efforts of Southern Baptists in Ukraine through the work of the International Mission Board and Send Relief, who are working diligently to aid Ukrainian refugees fleeing to other parts of Ukraine or to the safe harbors of neighboring countries; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we stand in solidarity with our Ukrainian brothers and sisters in Christ as well as the people of Ukraine who have endured these atrocities and who have witnessed the horrors of war firsthand while seeking to defend their country from an invasion by a hostile army; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we will pray for Ukrainian Baptist Theological Seminary, like-minded institutions, and our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the country of Ukraine who continue to share the gospel, minister to the hurting, serve their churches, gather for worship, and exalt our Lord Jesus Christ in the midst of a warzone at great risk to themselves, their families, and their churches; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we likewise will pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ in the Russian Federation and for all who stand opposed to this war of Russian aggression, speaking out against it at great personal cost to themselves, their families, and their churches; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we will earnestly and continually pray to the Lord, who is able to do all things, for an end to this war, for peace in Ukraine, for the presidents and leaders of both countries, and for the gospel of Jesus Christ to shine forth as a beacon of eternal peace, security, and salvation for all who will turn to him.

4: ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY, FORCED CONVERSION, AND THE FEDERAL INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOL INITIATIVE INVESTIGATIVE REPORT*

WHEREAS, The Bureau of Indian Affairs Investigative Report, released in May 2022, documents and records that the United States maliciously targeted Native American, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiian children as part of a diabolical plan to dispossess these people groups from their native lands by forced assimilation through the establishment of mandatory boarding schools; and

WHEREAS, Between 1819 and 1969, the Federal Indian boarding school system consisted of 408 Federal Indian Boarding Schools across 37 states or then-territories, including 21 schools in Alaska and seven schools in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, The Federal Government sub-contracted with religious organizations (the report does not include Southern Baptists) to operate these schools in order to accomplish the forced conversion and assimilation of indigenous children to Christianity; and

WHEREAS, The degradation and dehumanization included forced removal of children from their families, forced child labor, removal of their tribal identity, confinement, flogging, withholding food, whipping, slapping, and cuffing, as well as discouraging or preventing the use of Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian languages, religions, and cultural practices; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, encourage Southern Baptists to decry the methods of forced assimilation and conversion, as well as the dehumanization of fellow image bearers; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Southern Baptists stand in support of Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians—especially those who are a part of our own family of churches—as they process the findings of this report and discern next steps toward healing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Southern Baptists earnestly pray for the families of those targeted by the atrocities brought to light in this investigation (Psalm 82:3-4; Isaiah 1:17; Jeremiah 22:3); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we condemn any federal government's policy, former or current, to replace "the tribal culture for its own" in an effort to ease their intent "to separate tribes from their territories."; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we declare the atrocities done against these people in the name of religious "conversions" as reprehensible, betraying the Great Commission (and our efforts to reach all nations with the gospel (Matthew 10:14; Matthew 28:18-20; John 3:8); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we stand against forced conversions and distorted missiological practices as contrary to our distinctive beliefs as Baptists in religious liberty and soul-freedom (*The Baptist Faith & Message*, Article XVII); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we place our confidence for salvation in God alone, which is "offered freely to all who accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, who by His own blood obtained eternal redemption for the believer" (*The Baptist Faith & Message*, Article IV; Romans 7:24-25); and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we remain committed to the evangelization of Native American peoples, calling them freely to repent of their sins and believe in Jesus for their salvation, even as morally neutral aspects of their culture are preserved and celebrated.

5: ON SUPPORT FOR CONSISTENT LAWS REGARDING PASTORAL SEXUAL ABUSE

WHEREAS, Those in pastoral ministry are entrusted with the responsibility, under the authority of Christ, to serve, shepherd, and guard those whom the Lord entrusts to their care (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:7-9); and

WHEREAS, Scripture makes clear that teachers will receive a stricter judgment, and therefore overseers must be above reproach, keeping watch over their souls as those who will give an account (James 3:1, Hebrews 13:17); and

WHEREAS, *The Baptist Faith and Message*, Article XV, condemns "all forms of sexual immorality" and states, "We should work to provide for the orphaned, the needy, [and] the abused"; and

WHEREAS, The 2021 Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, passed the resolution "On Abuse and Pastoral Qualifications" identifying sexual abuse by pastors as a permanently disqualifying action for all positions of church leadership; and

WHEREAS, Laws and codes of professional ethics in many states prohibit sexual relationships between professionals such as physicians, psychiatrists, attorneys, and their patients/clients, even with consent, because the position of authority held by the professional creates an unhealthy opportunity for abuse; and

WHEREAS, Pastors should be held to a standard for their conduct at least as high as that to which secular professionals are held; and

WHEREAS, Various states have passed laws that criminalize sexual acts between pastors and those under their care; and

WHEREAS, These laws make no exception for the consent of the victim since pastors and ministers are in a position of trust, which is broken when the one in authority engages in a sexual act with the victim (such states include Arkansas, Connecticut, Iowa, Minnesota, New Mexico, North Dakota, Texas, Utah, and Wisconsin); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, encourage lawmakers in every state to pass laws that would provide consistent definitions and classification of sexual abuse by pastors, as sexual abuse committed by pastors constitutes a clear abuse of authority and trust (similarly seen in the relationships in the aforementioned professional settings); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage lawmakers in every state to pass laws that would empower churches by shielding them from civil liability when they share information about alleged abuse with other organizations or institutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That while we hold convictions about and celebrate ecclesial autonomy, we also believe that it is both important and biblical (1 Corinthians 14:33) to develop a culture of transparency and mutual responsibility between churches, so that it is clear that our churches are not places for predators to hide, as we, "contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death," seeking "to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love" (BFM Art. XV); and be it further

RESOLVED, That while in this world we must face the temporal consequences of our sin, such as disqualification, we joyfully acknowledge that there is no sin that cannot be forgiven and no person who cannot be restored to Christ (Psalm 103:12, Ephesians 1:7-8); and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we support actions that protect the innocent within the churches of the Southern Baptist convention from wolves in shepherd's clothing and embrace actions that empower churches to be able to report instances of abuse to appropriate authorities without fear of civil liability.

6: ON LAMENT AND REPENTANCE FOR SEXUAL ABUSE

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse is an abomination before God and an affront to the teachings of Scripture (Psalm 11:5; Proverbs 6:16-20; Mark 7:20-34; 1 Corinthians 5:1-2; Hebrews 13:4; 1 Peter 1:15-17); and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse grieves Christ and contradicts the heart of the gospel (Mark 12:31; 1 Corinthians 6:18-19; 2 Corinthians 5:10; Ephesians 4:1; Philippians 1:27); and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse abandons the demands of Scripture for the holy living of God's people (1 Corinthians 6:18-19; Galatians 5:19-21; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; 1 Timothy 1:8-11); and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse is a violation of the *Imago Dei*, dishonoring and degrading human dignity, especially in those most vulnerable among us (Genesis 1:26-27; Genesis 9:6; Psalm 8:3-5); and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse causes harm to those who are entrusted to the church's care and protection (Proverbs 31:8-9; Isaiah 1:17; Jeremiah 22:3-5; Micah 6:8; 1 John 3:16-18); and

WHEREAS, The Southern Baptist Convention declared in our 2021 Resolution "On Abuse and Pastoral Qualifications" that sexual abuse "is an action repugnant to the teachings of Scripture and reprehensible even to those who are not believers"; and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse perpetrated by pastoral leaders or church members is a violation of the sacred trust for pastoral leaders and all believers to care for and minister to people (Psalm 82:3-4; Proverbs 28:13; 1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9); and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse in the church is a failure of personal and public witness (1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 1 Corinthians 10:8; Ephesians 5:1-15; Ephesians 5:25-27); and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse has occurred in and among our churches, sometimes at the hands of church members and sometimes at the hands of pastoral leaders; and

WHEREAS, In too many cases our convention of churches has failed to care well for those who have been abused; and

WHEREAS, Our responses have at times sought first to protect the reputation of our leaders, churches, and institutions rather than to care for survivors of sexual abuse; and

WHEREAS, Our institutional responses have at times caused irreparable personal harm to survivors of sexual abuse, leaving them feeling isolated, powerless, and without a voice; and

WHEREAS, We have failed to educate and thus adequately prepare church leaders to respond to abuse; and

WHEREAS, Our churches have failed at times properly to report cases of abuse to the appropriate authorities (Romans 13:1-7); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, denounce in the strongest possible terms every instance of sexual abuse, those who perpetrate abuse, and those who seek to defend or protect these perpetrators; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the Bible's teaching to seek justice for those who have been harmed, protect the vulnerable, and honor the dignity and worth of survivors of sexual abuse (Genesis 1:26, Psalm 82:2-4, Isaiah 1:17, Micah 6:8); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we publicly lament the harm our actions and inactions have caused to survivors of sexual abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we publicly apologize to and ask forgiveness from survivors of sexual abuse for our failure to care well for survivors, for our failure to hold perpetrators of sexual abuse adequately accountable in our churches and institutions, for our institutional responses which have prioritized the reputation of our institutions over protection and justice for survivors, and for the unspeakable harm this failure has caused to survivors through both our action and inaction; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we publicly repent and acknowledge our need for comprehensive change in caring well for survivors of sexual abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That amid our failures, we express our hope in Christ, who never fails to care for those who have been harmed, that he watches over the vulnerable members of our churches, that he can bring healing to survivors of sexual abuse, and that he can bring both retributive justice to perpetrators of sexual abuse and restorative justice to survivors of sexual abuse; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we prayerfully endeavor to eliminate all instances of sexual abuse among our churches; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to the ongoing moral demands of the gospel in relation to sexual abuse, observing the command of our Lord to "teach everything I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:20), including the command to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31; Luke 10:27, 34-35); and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call for churches to teach the importance of honoring one another and treating one another virtuously in the area of sexuality so churches can become safe places that protect the vulnerable; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we give of our time and resources to bind the wounds of the broken, hold accountable perpetrators of sexual abuse and those who seek to defend them, and care well for survivors of sexual abuse; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we recognize and appreciate the work and advocacy of sexual abuse survivors, repent of our resistance and neglect of their efforts, and unreservedly apologize to survivors mentioned in the report, including Christa Brown, Susan Codone, Megan Lively, Jennifer Lyell, Anne Marie Miller, David Pittman, Tiffany Thigpen, Debbie Vasquez, Hannah-Kate Williams, and Jules Woodson, for our not heeding their collective warnings and taking swift action to address clergy sexual abuse sooner.¹

7: ON ANTICIPATION OF A HISTORIC MOMENT IN THE PRO-LIFE MOVEMENT

WHEREAS, Scripture reveals that all human life is created in the image of God, and therefore sacred to our Creator (Genesis 1:27; 9:6); and

WHEREAS, The Bible affirms that the preborn child is a person, bearing the image of God, from the moment of conception (Psalm 139:13–16; Luke 1:44); and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have historically recognized the sanctity of life in the womb and repeatedly reaffirmed our pro-life ethic, our opposition to the heinous act of abortion, and our support for abortion-vulnerable women in more than 20 resolutions² over the course of 40 years; and

WHEREAS, beginning with our 1989 Resolution "On Encouraging Laws Regulating Abortion," we have supported laws in the various state legislatures that have brought us incrementally to the threshold of a moment of great victory in the pro-life cause; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists pray for a historic United States Supreme Court ruling in the coming days in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, which may overturn the precedent established by the 1973 Supreme Court ruling in *Roe v. Wade* and reaffirmed in the 1992 ruling in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists stand in prayerful expectation and hopeful anticipation of this ruling from the nation's highest court, which will enable state legislators to affirm the truth that life begins at conception and that the preborn are worthy of dignity and protection; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists remain committed to our ongoing prolife efforts and partnerships with state and local governments, pro-life legislators, and like-minded pro-life organizations; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists have been on the forefront of this work beginning with the election of Richard Land to the Christian Life Commission and continuing through the work of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission staff and leadership today; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, encourage all Southern Baptists to pray for the overturning of the disastrous precedent set in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commend the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission's frontline work on the pro-life cause and urge all Southern Baptists to continue our faithful pro-life advocacy by partnering with local, state, and federal governments to enact pro-life and pro-family policies that serve and support vulnerable women, children, and families; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we implore Southern Baptists to continue and increase their efforts to serve and support local pregnancy resource centers, prolife organizations, churches, foster-care and adoptive families, doing invaluable and often under-recognized work in the care of women and children at every stage of life; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit to stand with and pray for abortionvulnerable women, to eliminate any perceived need for the horror of abortion, and to oppose Planned Parenthood and other predatory organizations or institutions who exploit vulnerable women for profit; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we urge the Supreme Court of the United States to overturn the precedent set in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*, and urge the state legislatures to enact pro-life policies that uphold the dignity and value of every human life, including both vulnerable women and children.

² 1980 Resolution "On Abortion," 1982 Resolution "On Abortion & Infanticide," 1984 Resolution "On Abortion," 1986 Resolution "On Sex Education & Adolescent Pregnancy," 1987 Resolution "On Abortion," 1988 Resolution "Pro-Life Actions of SBC Agencies," 1989 Resolution "On Encouraging Laws Regulating Abortion," 1991 Resolution "On the Sanctity of Human Life," 1992 Resolution "On Fetal Tissue Experimentation," 1993 Resolution "On the Freedom Of Choice Act, Hyde Amendment," 1994 Resolution "On RU486, The French Abortion Pill," 1995 Resolution "On Surgeon General Nominee Dr. Henry Foster," 1996 Resolution "On the Partial Birth Abortion Ban," 1996 Resolution "On Requiring all Political Parties to Include a Pro-Life Actions Platform," 1999 Resolution "On Human Embryonic & Stem Cell Research," 2000 Resolution "On Fetal Tissue Trafficking," 2002 Resolution "On Partial Birth Abortion," 2003 Resolution "On Thirty Years of Roe v. Wade," 2008 Resolution "On Planned Parenthood," 2015 Resolution "On the Sanctity of Human Life," 2017 Resolution "On Defunding and Investigating Planned Parenthood," 2018 Resolution "On Reaffirming the Full Dignity of Every Human Being," 2019 Resolution "On Celebrating the Advancement of Pro-Life Legislation in State Legislators," 2021 Resolution "On Abolishing Abortion."

8: ON THE *IMAGO DEI* AND THE HELPFUL CONTENT SUBMITTED IN SEVERAL RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, God has spoken clearly throughout Scripture to the value and dignity of every human being as created in the image of God and to the goodness of his design for every aspect of human life in accordance with his will (Genesis 1:26-30, 9:6, Matthew 19:4, Luke 12:22–31, 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, 1 Peter 1:13-16); and

WHEREAS, All people are called to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves (Matt. 22:37-39) and to trust in the Lord with all our heart—not leaning on our own understandings or being wise in our own eyes (Proverbs 3:5-7); and

¹ These are the survivors mentioned in the report who have given their consent to have their names listed.

WHEREAS, Rejecting God's good design for the Christian life and seeking to craft an ethic based on our individualistic will and desires is not only an affront to God, but also a grave sin of selfishness, rebellion, and pride (Judges 21:25, Romans 1:18-32); and

WHEREAS, God's design for human sexuality is rooted in the very nature of man and woman as image-bearers who are the "crowning work of His creation" (*The Baptist Faith & Message*, Article III) and were designed for a life-long covenant of marriage of one man and one woman (Matthew 19:4-6, Ephesians 5:31-33); and

WHEREAS, All people, including our children, are exposed each day to countless narratives often at odds with God's design for sexuality through mass media and various forms of entertainment, like social media, that promote ideologies that run contrary to the scientific and biological realities of the created order rooted in the dignity of every human being (Romans 12:2); and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists, in our 2018 Resolution "On Gun Violence and Mass Shootings," have "expressed solidarity with all those victimized by gun violence" and encouraged churches to seek "every available opportunity to minister to them in the name of Jesus Christ" because "the shedding of innocent blood is a repugnant and wicked evil that transgresses the moral law of God" as well as an affront to human dignity; and

WHEREAS, The scourge of gun violence continues to plague our society, inflicting devastating pain and the loss of precious human life in our families, churches, schools, and communities across our country; and

WHEREAS, God's glory is on display among all people that he has created, including our fellow precious image-bearers affected by disabilities (John 9:3) and how God has worked mightily through people affected by disabilities (Genesis 32:31-32, 2 Samuel 4:4, 2 Corinthians 12:9); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, encourage all Southern Baptists to affirm the dignity and value of every person as created in God's image and to proclaim the fullness of the Christian ethic throughout our churches and in the public square as we seek the flourishing of all people in accordance with God's good design for humanity; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we uphold the beauty of the Christian sexual ethic in a world that promotes dangerous and dehumanizing ideologies such as those within the LGBTQ+ movement and other sexual perversions including abuse, pedophilic behavior, and the use of pornography, all of which are fundamentally at odds with God's design for human sexuality; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we seek to love our neighbors as ourselves, standing firm on God's created order which recognizes that any sexual desire or attraction outside of God's design for human sexuality is sin and is disordered regardless of whether or not it creates feelings of guilt, shame, or anxiety on the one hand or pride on the other hand; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we seek to proclaim to the next generation God's love for all and his good design for human sexuality, modeling how to faithfully engage others with both truth and grace, and that we redouble our ongoing efforts to cultivate a heart of wisdom and discernment in the next generation especially in regards to various forms of entertainment and social media; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we reaffirm our 2018 Resolution "On Gun Violence and Mass Shootings" and earnestly pray for our local, state, and federal leaders to recognize the seriousness of the ongoing threat of mass shootings throughout our society and to take concrete steps, towards solutions that uphold the dignity and value of every human life, especially the most vulnerable among us, and to minimize the threat of gun violence throughout our society; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That the worth of every human being, including those affected by disabilities, is found in Christ, the true *Imago Dei* (Colossians 1:15-17), not in people's fallen perceptions of worth or abilities.

9: ON APPRECIATION FOR THE CITY OF ANAHEIM

WHEREAS, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, express grateful appreciation to the citizens of the greater Los Angeles area and the city of Anaheim for the hospitality extended to the messengers of the Convention; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge our debt of gratitude to the California Southern Baptist Convention, the Baptists of the Los Angeles area, and hundreds of volunteers from California who have worked so diligently to make our stay a pleasant one; and

WHEREAS, We especially acknowledge the Lord's grace in enabling our Southern Baptist Convention president, officers, various committees, musicians, and other platform personnel to conduct the affairs of this Convention with dignity and a Christlike spirit; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Anaheim, California, June 14-15, 2022, express our profound gratitude to the Lord and to all those through whom He is working to bring about an annual meeting characterized by prayer, grace, evangelism, worship, encouragement, unity, and purpose.

DISPOSITION OF RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO THE 2022 SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

1. On the Sacredness of the Southern Baptist Pulpit
Allen Nelson, Perryville, AR

Decline

While the Committee affirms the thesis that preaching is a sacred trust from God for which preachers are accountable to Him, we do not believe that the Convention has yet reached any informed consensus on the many specific burdens placed upon pastors within the text of this proposed resolution.

2. On Plagiarism

Drew Byers, Castalian Springs, TN Decline

While the Committee affirms the thesis that preaching is a sacred trust from God for which preachers are accountable to Him, we do not believe that the Convention has yet reached any informed consensus on the many specific burdens placed upon pastors within the text of this proposed resolution.

On Beholding the Majesty of God
 Allen Nelson, Perryville, AR
 Decline

The majesty of God is revered and worshipped by the Committee, but the move to application in the resolution decried many specific practices, but the Committee believed that there were many others that could be added. Given the number of resolutions of a more specific nature that we received, we determined that this one was too broad for our consideration this year.

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4. For the Care and Treatment of Post-Abortive

Liz Evan, Clarksville, TN

See Resolution #7

5. On the Gift of the Evangelist

Nicholas Clark, Cadiz, KY

Declined

The Committee celebrates the work of vocational evangelists, who contributed to the conversions of many Southern Baptists now living, but we could not add to the excellent report of the Evangelism Task Force affirmed by this Convention in 2018; therefore, we refer the messengers to that report.

6. On Queer Theory and Gender Identity

Paul Grenelle, Ormond Beach, FL

Decline

The Committee believes that our 2021 resolution "On the Sufficiency of Scripture for Race and Racial Reconciliation," which rejects "any theory or worldview" that supplants scripture in various ways, applies to the subject of Queer Theory.

7. On the Sufficiency of the Gospel for Individual Impacted by Disabilities

David Patrick Watts, Nashville, TN

See Resolution #8

8. On the Mission Field in Rural Churches

Luke Holmes, Tishomingo, OK

See Resolution #1

9. On Christ-Centered Addiction Rehabilitation

Jacob Lloyd Smith, Sulphur Springs, TX

Declined

The Committee commends to the Convention our resolutions from 2006, "On Alcohol Use in America," and 2018, "On Opioid Abuse and Addiction."

10. Of Lament and Repentance for Sexual Abuse

Marshall Blalock, Charleston, SC Josh Damon, Madison, MS Liz Evan, Clarksville, TN Bruce Frank, Arden, NC Andrew Hébért, Amarillo, TX

See Resolution #6

11. On Plagiarism in Gospel Ministry

Joshua Shirley, Hayden, ID

Declined

While the Committee affirms the thesis that preaching is a sacred trust from God for which preachers are accountable to Him, we do not believe that the Convention has yet reached any informed consensus on the many specific burdens placed upon pastors within the text of this proposed resolution.

12. On Honesty and Integrity

Jerry Schultz, North Richland Hills, TX

Declined

The Committee commends to the Convention our resolutions from 2021, "On Baptist Unity and Public Witness" and 2018 "On Christlike Communication and the Use of Social Media."

13. On Rejecting Pedophilia

Jared Moore, Crossville, TN

See Resolution #8

14. On the Title, Office, and Functions of Pastor Tom Buck, Lindale, TX

Declined

The Committee chose to decline this resolution because it is not the prerogative of the Committee to present an interpretation of The Baptist Faith & Message to messengers. Since resolutions only reflect the opinion of messengers to a particular annual meeting, they are of limited use when it comes to determining how best to interpret our confessional statement.

15. On the Disfellowshipping of Churches with Women Pastors

Mike Law, Arlington, VA

The Committee did not feel that it could consider this resolution because we believed it came in the form of a motion and called for action.

16. On the Prosperity Gospel and Its Promotion Benjamin Wright, Cedar Park, TX See Resolution #2

17. On a Gracious Attitude and a Heart of Gospel Reconciliation to All

Jonathan Raffini, Big Spring, TX

See Resolution #7

18. On Support for Needed Laws Regarding Pastoral Sexual Abuse

Griffin Gulledge, Madison, GA

See Resolution #5

19. On Transparency and Accountability in Pay

Michael Haines, Stroud, OK

Declined

The Committee did not feel that it could consider this resolution because we believed it came in the form of a motion and called for action.

20. On the Incompatibility of Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality with the Baptist Faith and

Tom Buck, Lindale, TX Richard Gamill, Bastrop, LA Brian Gunter, Livingston, LA Brian McAllister, Jonesboro, LA Tedd Mathis, Pueblo West, CO Jared Moore, Crossville, TN Allen Nelson, Perryville, AR Lewis Richerson, Baton Rouge, LA Brad Underwood, Oppelo, AR

Declined

The Committee believes that our 2021 resolution "On the Sufficiency of Scripture for Race and Racial Reconciliation," which rejects "any theory or worldview" that supplants Scripture in various ways, applies to the subject of Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality.

21. For the Continued Independence of Ukraine and

Jason Park, Arlington, TX See Resolution #3

22. On Mass Shootings

Steve Bezner, Houston, TX

See Resolution #8

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23. Adoption Is the Hope and Future of Children Saved from Abortion

Michael Haines, Stroud, OK

See Resolution #7

24. On Equal Protection of the Laws for Preborn

Cory Anderson, Elgin, OK

Bill Ascol, Muskogee, OK

Brett Baggett, Paducah, KY

Dusty Deevers, Elgin, OK

Clayton Hall, Paducah, KY

Brian Jenson, Pearland, TX

Tedd Mathis, Pueblo West, CO

William Travis McNeely, Baton Rouge, LA

Paul Thompson, Twin Falls, ID

Aaron Wright, Houston, TX

Janice Wright, Houston, TX

Declined

While the Committee believes that the Southern Baptist Convention messengers would agree with some aspects of this resolution, the Committee believes Resolution #7 addresses these concerns in a way that takes note of the present historic moment in which we await the ruling on the Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization case presently before the Supreme Court.

25. On Health and Medical Care

Kevin Driver, Charleston, WV

Decline

While the Committee believes that the Southern Baptist Convention messengers would agree with the language of this resolution, due to significant time constraints, we regret that we were unable to bring this resolution forward this year.

26. On Repentance Toward and Appreciation of Christa Brown

Keith Myer, Salisbury, MD

See Resolution #6

27. On Proper Christian Love for Neighbor and Nation

Alan Cross, Petaluma, CA

Declined

While the Committee believes that the Southern Baptist Convention messengers would agree with the language of this resolution, due to significant time constraints, we regret that we were unable to bring this resolution forward this year.

28. On Moral Leadership and the Walt Disney Company

Joshua Abbotoy, Houston, TX

See Resolution #8

29. On Clergy Sexual Abuse

Rob Collingsworth, Fort Worth, TX

See Resolution #5

ADDITIONAL SCHEDULED EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

SEBTS Women's Leadership Breakfast: 7 am; Anaheim Convention Center, Level 3, Room 304C/D. Tickets: \$15; purchase at sebtswomensbreakfast22.eventbrite.com. Topic: The Necessity/Practice of Personal Bible Study.

Bivocational & Small Church Leadership Network Luncheon (sponsored by NAMB): 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Anaheim Marriott, Platinum Ballrooms 1-3. For bivocational pastors and families; for more information, visit exhibit hall booth.

Gateway Seminary Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Anaheim Marriott, Platinum Ballrooms 5/6. Tickets: \$10; purchase tickets at gslunch.eventbrite.com.

MBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Anaheim Convention Center, Ballrooms D/E. Tickets: \$20; available at mbts.edu/event/alumni-friends-luncheon-at-sbc-anaheim.

NOBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Anaheim Convention Center, Ballrooms A/B, Tickets: \$20; available at sbcannualmeeting.net/events, choose "Wednesday - June 15" and search for NOBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon.

SEBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Anaheim Marriott, Grand Ballrooms E/F. Tickets: \$18; available at sebtsatsbc22.eventbrite.com.

SBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Anaheim Hilton, California Ballrooms C/D. Tickets: \$25; purchase at sbcalumniandfriendsluncheon.eventbrite.com.

SWBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Anaheim Marriott, Marquis Ballroom Sections Center & North. Tickets: \$25; purchase at swbts.edu/sbc22.

The events listed above are those sponsored by SBC entities, but do not reflect all of the events that will be taking place on Tuesday and Wednesday. For a complete listing, visit sbcannualmeeting.net/events or download the SBC Annual Meeting app.

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