

2017 *Annual Meeting*

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ZECH 1:3

RETURN TO ME, & I WILL RETURN



TO YOU, SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS



ABI

"Letting Christ into my life makes a big difference. I want to be close to the Lord."



JUNIOR

"It was one of the best things to tell everyone I was saved."



STEPHEN

"I'm thankful for my friends and family. I'm thankful that I am able to live here."



ANGEL

"Having Christians around me, seeing them live out their faith, it makes a difference."

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LETTERS FROM LEADERS

Praying for a mighty move

Thank you for attending the 2017 Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's Annual Meeting here in Greensboro. Much prayer, preparation and planning has gone into this year's event, and I am excited to see how God will use our time together for His glory and honor.

I am especially excited about this year's theme of "Return to Me." The theme is based upon the latter portion of Zechariah 1:3, which reads, "'Return to Me,' says the Lord of hosts, 'and I will return to you,' says the Lord of hosts." This verse is a great reminder that our God is faithful to not only hear our prayers, but to respond to us when we desperately seek Him.

We will have the opportunity during our time together to seek the Lord in reverence, humility and one accord as part of our special prayer gathering on Tuesday evening that is titled, "Broken Before the Throne." I pray that through this time of seeking the Lord together that we would experience the promise of Zechariah 1:3 through a fresh move of God.

I know that many of you have joined together in praying for this event and praying for God to move in our state, nation and world to bring about revival and spiritual awakening. Thank you for your prayers. My

desire is that God would move in a mighty way in our churches and in our communities as a result of our crying out to Him together here in Greensboro.

Over the course of our time together you will also hear several testimonies and reports of how

God is working here in North Carolina and beyond. I encourage you to take some time to visit our exhibit hall where you can meet and speak with a number of our convention staff, ministry leaders and ministry partners to learn about a host of missions and ministry opportunities that are available to you and your church. Also, make plans to attend one or two of the scheduled breakout sessions to receive

practical equipping and training in a variety of ministry areas.

As we come together to pray, worship, fellowship and conduct convention business, I pray that

God would grip our hearts and renew our passion for Him in such a way that we would leave here different than how we came. I pray that as we "return to Him," He would use us in a mighty way to reach and disciple others in His name.

Milton A. Hollifield Jr.,
Baptist State
Convention
of North Carolina
executive
director-treasurer



Prayer guide prepared the way

It is time once again for us to return to Greensboro. This year, however, the invitation goes beyond the Gate City and is an invitation for each of us to return to the Lord.

Our convention theme, "RETURN TO ME" from Zechariah 1:3 challenges each of us to examine where we are in our walk with the Lord as a convention, as individual churches and as believers. As I prepared for this meeting, I was so blessed by the prayer guides made possible by Chris Schofield. I have been taken back to 520 B.C. to a time where Jerusalem lay in ruins and the fate of God's people was in question.

As I look around some 2,500 years later, I see

we are facing the same challenges as Judah did so long ago. I am thankful that the call goes out to

us today just like it did to the Israelites ... Our Lord is calling to each of us, "RETURN TO ME."

With that invitation comes a promise from God that He will return to us. I look forward to meeting with you, and more importantly, to meeting with God this week at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

God Bless You All!



Cameron McGill,
Baptist State Convention of N.C.
president and pastor of Dublin First
Baptist Church and Lake Church

SCHEDULE

Messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) annual meeting Nov. 6-7 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro, here is your schedule of the meeting:

Monday evening, Nov. 6

- 2:00 Exhibits and registration open
- 6:15 Call to Worship – The Shepherd Family
- 6:30 Call to Order – Cameron McGill
Invocation – James Daniel
Pledges (American & Christian flags, Bible)
Committee on Convention Meetings – Chip Hannah
Committee on Nominations – Charles Brust
Historical Committee – Don Wright
- 7:05 Greetings
Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention – Ashley Clayton
North Carolina Baptist Men Partnerships – Richard Brunson
Office of Great Commission Partnerships – Zac Lyons
- 7:20 Broken Before the Throne: A Prayer
Gathering Preview – Charlie Martin
- 7:25 Board of Directors – Marc Francis
Church Revitalization
Church Strengthening
- 7:50 Worship
Scripture and prayer – Chris Schofield
Music – Dublin FBC/Lake Church praise team
- 8:10 Introduction of President – Brenda Hicks
Music – Dublin FBC/Lake Church
- 8:20 President's Address – Cameron McGill
Special Music – Tabitha Mesina
Benediction – Joel Stephens

Tuesday morning, Nov. 7

- 7:30 Listening sessions
2018 Budget Proposal – Pinehurst
Proposed Articles and Bylaws Amendments – Turnberry
- 8:00 Exhibits and registration open
- 8:30 Call to Worship – The Shepherd Family
- 8:45 Call to Order – Cameron McGill
- 8:50 Worship
Scripture and prayer – James Fisher
Music – The Shepherd Family
- 9:15 Executive Director-Treasurer Address – Milton A. Hollifield Jr.
- 9:45 Music – The Shepherd Family
- 9:50 N.C. Baptist Hospital – Gary Gunderson
- 10:05 Board of Directors – Marc Francis
Church Planting
Collegiate Partnerships
- 10:25 Miscellaneous Business
- 10:35 Convention Committee Report
Committee on Resolutions and Memorials – Jonathan Blaylock
- 10:45 Election of Officers (Fixed Order of Business) – President
- 10:50 Board of Directors – Marc Francis
Articles and Bylaws – John Compton
- 11:05 Institution & Agency Reports
Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina – Blake Ragsdale
Biblical Recorder – Allan Blume
North Carolina Baptist Foundation – Clay Warf
- 11:25 Benediction – Joseph Phan



Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 7

- 1:15 Call to Order – Cameron McGill
- 1:20 Greeting – LifeWay Christian Resources
- 1:25 North American Mission Board
International Mission Board
- 1:35 Worship
Scripture and prayer – Mark Harris
Music – Kenny Lamm
- 1:45 Election of Officers (First & Second Vice President)
- 1:55 Board of Directors – Marc Francis
Disciple-Making
- 2:05 North Carolina Baptist Men – Richard Brunson
- 2:20 Music – Kenny Lamm
- 2:25 Board of Directors (Fixed Order of Business) – Marc Francis
Proposed 2018 Budget for Cooperative Program and North Carolina Missions Offering – Jeff Isenhour
- 2:55 Breakout sessions promotion – Lynn Sasser
- 3:00 Benediction – Jennifer Thoppil
- 3:15 Breakout session I
- 4:15 Breakout session II

Tuesday evening, Nov. 7

- 6:30 Call to Worship – N.C. Baptist Renewing
Worship Band
- 6:35 Call to Order – Cameron McGill
Invocation – John Mark Harrison
- 6:40 Presentation of Officers
- 6:50 Evaluation
- 7:00 Broken Before the Throne: A Prayer
Gathering*
Benediction – Charlie Martin
Adjourn – Cameron McGill

*The prayer service was developed by the BSC Office of Prayer for Evangelization and Spiritual Awakening and its prayer strategy team.

GUIDELINES FOR CONDUCTING CONVENTION BUSINESS

In order to conduct the business of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) certain rules have been established within the BSC governing documents. The introduction and deliberation of business follows Robert's Rules of Order. To facilitate the consideration of business items, messengers are asked to abide by the guidelines outlined below. It is the desire of the Convention's officers to ensure that messengers have the opportunity to bring items for consideration, raise questions, and enter into discussion related to business brought before the Convention. Any messenger having questions regarding the guidelines for conducting Convention business may wish to speak to

a parliamentarian or a Convention officer.

Making a motion

A motion calls for a specific action by the BSC. A motion normally begins with, "I move that." Any messenger wishing to clarify the appropriateness of a motion, the appropriate time for the presentation of a motion, or the wording of a motion is encouraged to speak to a parliamentarian or a Convention officer.

Write the motion legibly. If the motion is spontaneous and you do not have time to write it before presenting it to the Convention at a designated microphone, write the motion, as you stated it, before leav-

ing the microphone area.

Avoid any language in your motion that could be construed as mandating an action by a BSC entity. These are typically ruled out of order for legal reasons. Instead, word such motions as requests to the entity.

Go to a floor microphone at a time when motions are being considered. Notify the microphone monitor of your desire to make a motion. When 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. If your motion receives a second, you will be given the first opportunity to speak on behalf of your motion, after which discussion

by others will follow, alternating between opponents and supporters so as to provide a balance of differing perspectives. When you finish speaking, please bring your written motion to the platform.

Resolutions

A resolution has traditionally been defined as an expression of opinions or concerns, as compared to a motion, which calls for action. A resolution is not used to direct any entity of the BSC to specific action. The Committee on Resolutions and Memorials brings proposed resolutions to the messengers for consideration. The BSC Bylaws provide that all resolutions are to be submitted

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News with a biblical worldview

This special edition newspaper is one of the many ways the *Biblical Recorder* serves you – the people and the churches of North Carolina. We produce the piece you hold in your hand because the annual meeting of North Carolina Baptists is a very significant event, and we want to help you make the most of it.

The *Biblical Recorder* is one of the oldest and longest running newspapers in North Carolina – more than 30 years older than *The Charlotte Observer* and the *Raleigh News and Observer*; 57 years older than the *Greensboro News & Record*. Even compared to newspapers beyond our state, the *Recorder* was founded 18 years before *The New York Times*, 39 years before *The Boston Globe* and 44 years ahead of *The Washington Post*.

However, unlike these newspapers, we have not forsaken our moral purpose.

In their book, *Prodigal Press: Confronting the Anti-Christian Bias in the American News Media*, authors Marvin

Olasky and Warren Cole Smith said *The New York Times'* founder, Henry Raymond, was a Bible-believing Presbyterian. *The Times* regularly opposed abortion and exposed abortionists. Such was the case with most secular newspapers of that day.

Between 1825 and 1845, over 100 cities and towns across America had explicitly Christian newspapers, including Nathaniel Willis' *The Boston Recorder*. During that period, New York City boasted 52 magazines and newspapers that called themselves Christian, according to Olasky and Smith.

In today's large cities, no newspaper claims a biblical worldview. While a few small town newspapers work in the framework of biblical values, it is very hard to find a media outlet that is not aggressively promoting everything that contradicts biblical truth – abortion, same-sex marriage and every kind of immorality.

Not so with the *Biblical Recorder*! We are your trusted source for news and information from a biblical

worldview that inspires and motivates people to grow spiritually. Growing Christians in your Bible study group should be reading the *Biblical Recorder*. Every church leader in your congregation needs to be feeding on the news provided by your *Recorder* team.

We partner with you and serve you by supporting the biblical truth the pastor is proclaiming from the pulpit each week. While secular media can dismantle and undermine the leadership of your church, we serve your congregation with a diet of accurate news with a biblical worldview.

I am often asked, "What is the best way to get our people to read the *Recorder*?" The answer is, begin a group subscription plan. People are much more likely to read a newspaper they receive at their home than one they picked up at church.

Sadly, only 1 percent of North Carolina Baptists are receiving a printed copy of the *Recorder*. Only 16 percent of N.C. Baptist churches provide a group plan for their congregation. This cripples our ability to serve you.

You can change those low num-



PEOPLE NEED TO KNOW

bers and improve your church family's information diet today. Pick up a group subscription plan packet at the *Recorder's* booth in the exhibit hall. Get started today. If your church already has a group plan, consider expanding it to more leaders and church members.

BRweekly is another free, easy way to keep in touch with important news. Every Wednesday morning you will receive an email newsletter with a brief summary of the week's important news and comments from the editor. Every N.C. Baptist with an email address should be receiving this. You can assure your church

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Grand Prize

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Annual Meeting GIVEAWAY

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- The second part of this grand prize is the Olive Tree Charles Haddon Spurgeon Collection, 103 volumes of Spurgeon's works

Drawings will be held at the *Biblical Recorder's* booth at 5 p.m., Tues., Nov. 7. Employees of the *Biblical Recorder* and the Baptist State Convention of N.C. are not eligible to win.

BSC BREAKOUT SESSIONS

Those who attend the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSC) annual meeting will have the opportunity to attend breakout sessions related to various areas of ministry.

Sessions will take place Tues., Nov. 7 at the Koury Convention Center from 3:15-4 p.m. and from 4:15-5 p.m.

● **A biblical perspective on immigration** led by Amaury Santos, BSC Hispanic strategy coordinator, and Larry Phillips, BSC immigrant ministries strategist; 3:15-4 p.m. in Olympia: There has been much discussion and debate on the issue of immigration, but what does the Bible say? This breakout will explore practical applications to immigration services and ministries from a biblical point of view. This session will be conducted in English.

● **A biblical perspective on immigration** (Spanish) led by Santos and Phillips; 3:15-4 p.m. in Olympia: Same description as above, but session will be in Spanish.

● **An overview of basic pastoral counseling for anxiety-depression** led by Brad Hambrick, pastor of counseling, The Summit Church, Durham; 4:15-5 p.m. in Cedar C:

Anxiety and depression are the “common cold” of emotional experience for people. There are many questions about how to provide the most effective pastoral care for your members who experience various levels of life disruption from these difficult emotions. In this breakout, we’ll give you an overview of basic pastoral care for anxiety and depression and provide resources that your members can use to create an effective community of care for one another.

● **Bridges out of poverty: rediscovering God’s heart for the poor** led by Dan Collison, BSC strategy coordinator (Charlotte); 3:15-4 p.m. in Bear Creek: This session will introduce a comprehensive approach to understanding and alleviating poverty as part of a disciple-making strategy.

● **Changing lives through personal involvement in missions** led by N.C. Baptist Men/Baptists on Mission Staff; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Turnberry: Your church can be involved in missions locally, across the state and around the world. Missions involvement not only changes the lives of your church members, but also the lives of people

in your community and world. Come discover numerous mission projects that your church can be involved in, such as disaster relief, medical missions, mission camps and state, national and international partnerships.

● **Creating a word and deed ministry among your immigrant neighbors** led by Jonathan Derbyshire, contractor, BSC Office of Great Commission Partnerships; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Heritage A: Do your ministry activities fit into an overarching disciple-making strategy? How do you get from simply befriending and serving your immigrant neighbors to sharing the good news of the gospel, making disciples and gathering new churches? How do you leverage ministry activities, such as English as a second language, citizenship and welcoming refugees, to initiate Bible studies that result in groups of believers and communities of faith?

● **Faith at home in every ministry** led by Mark Smith, senior consultant, BSC Family Evangelism and Discipleship; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Oak B: Come learn how to strategically equip and encourage the parents and grand-

parents of your congregation to be disciple-makers of their homes. In this breakout, you will learn how to integrate the Faith at Home disciple-making culture into your preaching, Sunday School/small group, adult, senior adult, youth and children’s ministries. By the end of the breakout, you will have a renewed confidence and be better prepared to live out Deuteronomy 6:7 and Ephesians 4:12 in your church.

● **How to keep your Bible study group from losing its first love** led by Rick Hughes, senior consultant, BSC Sunday School and Small Groups; 3:15-4 p.m. in Colony C: Sometimes in our Bible study groups, we get so busy doing good things that we abandon the best thing – love for Jesus. This session will offer practical principles on returning to your first love.

● **Life communities** led by Steve Clark, pastor, New Life Authentic Christian Community, Conover; 4:15-5 p.m. in Cedar A: Many churches operate on a “come and see” model rather than with a “go and serve” mindset. What if we could empower every family in the congregation to use their sphere of influence to

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North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry

NCBAM’s *mission* is to help aging adults maintain their independence in their own homes.

Partner with NCBAM in 2018 and make a difference in the lives of aging adults in your church and community!

April 28 and May 5	Rampin’ Up! – in conjunction with Operation Inasmuch
May 1	AAIM Annual Spring Roundup, Thomasville
May 28 – June 1	*SummerFest #1, NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell
August 13-17	*SummerFest #2, NC Baptist Assembly at Fort Caswell
October 1-4	*Fall Festival of Fellowship, Caraway Conference Center & Camp
AAIM 2018 Fall Regional Gatherings in Asheville, Thomasville and Rocky Mount – dates TBA	

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COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

The Committee on Nominations is charged with the task of receiving and reviewing the numerous recommendations provided by North Carolina Baptists for service on the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's (BSC) Board of Directors, the committees of the convention, the boards of the institutions and agencies of the convention, and the board of North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

The committee begins its work with the recommendations sent by North Carolina Baptists and when exhausted, or in the event too few recommendations have been received for a specific place of service, the committee seeks to find candidates who meet the qualifications for service as outlined in the convention bylaws.

The full report from the Committee on Nominations can be found on the BSC's annual meeting website (ncannualmeeting.org), in the Oct. 7 edition of the *Biblical Recorder*, on the *Biblical Recorder* website (BRnow.org) and in the Book of Reports provided to each messenger who completes their registration at the Annual Meeting.

On behalf of the committee members listed below, I want to thank each North Carolina Baptist who completed and submitted a recommendation. It is not too early to begin thinking about those individuals whom you wish to recommend for consideration by the 2018 Committee on Nominations.

Please continue to submit your recommendations at ncbaptist.org/recommend, as your input is

essential to the committee's work and the ongoing effectiveness of the missions and ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Charles Brust, chair

2017 Committee on Nominations Members

Charles Brust, Bladenboro; Ben Curfman, Waynesville; Michael Davis, Charlotte; Steve Frazier, Waynesville; Mark Golden, Waynesville; Marvin Green, Rutherfordton; David Helms, Pendleton; Ronald Hester, Bladenboro; Kenn Hucks, Indian Trail; David Jones, North Wilkesboro; James Keku, Browns Summit; Richard Odom, Stokesdale; Jonas Perez, Concord; Joseph Phan, Raleigh; Jonathan Rebsamen, Charlotte; Steve Roy, Clayton; Jennifer Thoppil, Mount Airy; and Beth Wooten, Beulaville.

The Committee on Nominations report follows the BSC's bylaws directive to "nominate persons for election by the Convention to the committees listed in Article I.C.1 (b)-(d) of these Bylaws, such other committees as may be assigned to it, the chair of such Convention committees, the boards of trustees and directors of all institutions and agencies of the Convention, the Board, and such other nominations as may be delegated to the committee by the Convention."

Among other considerations for nominees, the bylaws state "It is desirable that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of members nominated to

all committees of the Convention, the Board, the boards of trustees and directors of the Convention's institutions and agencies shall come from churches with a membership under four hundred (400)." This is indicated in the committee's report by (O) for 400 and over and by (U) for under 400 in church membership.

The bylaws further direct that, "The Committee on Nominations shall include in its report at a minimum the name, church, home town, association, occupation, and sex of each nominee, the name of the committee or board on which the nominee is to serve together with such summary information as will make clear to this Convention the diversity and breadth of representation provided by the slates of nominees."

Board of Directors, BSC

Region 1 – Wanda Guest, 2018 unexpired term of David Foster, Conway (U), Conway, West Chowan, lay person, female

Region 2 – No vacancies

Region 3 – Tim Evans, Massey Hill (U), Wade, New South River, minister, male; Donald Goforth, Great Marsh (U), Saint Pauls, Robeson, minister, male; Joseph (Joe) Lee Jr., Wells Chapel (U), Wallace, Eastern, minister, male; Richard Weeks, Piney Grove (U), Clinton, Eastern, minister, male; and Ethan Welch, The Bridge Church (U), Wilmington, Wilmington, minister, male

Region 4 – Matt Capps, Fairview (U), Apex,

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NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST FOUNDATION SERVICES



- » Christian Estate Planning
- » Stewardship Promotion & Development
- » Church Fund Management



Daryl Trexler
Eastern Manager



Robert Simons
Central Manager

- » Church Loans
- » Certificates of Participation
- » Church Loan Consultative Services



Russell Jones
NCBFS Managing Director



Allen Schuyler
NCBFS Assoc. Managing Director
Western Manager

Explanation of Committee on Nominations' motion

The Committee on Nominations (the "Committee") is presenting a separate motion to address a problem with the current rotation of the members of the Board of Directors of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (the "Convention").

This motion is in addition to its normal work to recommend individuals to serve as members of the Convention's Board of Directors, the committees of the Convention, and the Boards of the Convention's institutions and agencies.

Based on the number of members in the various regions as shown on the current submissions to the Annual Church Profile made by the cooperating churches, the number of members that will rotate off the Board of Directors and will need to be replaced for each of the next four years follows:

- **2018** – 45 members rotate off
- **2019** – 15 members rotate off
- **2020** – 9 members rotate off
- **2021** – 24 members rotate off

The actual number for any one year may vary slightly depending

upon the increase or decrease in members of the Convention as reported in the Annual Church Profile.

Based on Article II.B.3. of the Convention's Bylaws, the messengers are to elect the members of the Board of Directors for the Convention for four-year terms with "as nearly as possible" one-quarter elected each year.

Obviously, the Committee cannot meet both the requirements of four-year terms and approximately one-fourth elected each year based on the current rotation. The skewed distribution of election of members to the Board of Directors has created challenges concerning the leadership on various committees and the Board with almost one-half of the members being elected in a single year rather than being spread out evenly over the four years.

The Committee is recommending that the messengers approve a temporary amendment to Article II.B.3. to enable it to set one-year terms and two-year terms for some members of the Board to be elected in 2018.

The remaining members of the Board to be elected in 2018 will serve four-year terms. Such action will enable a more normal distribution with more than 15 members rotating off in 2019 and more than nine members rotating off in 2020. The actual number of members of the Board who will have one-year or two-year terms will be based on the number of the members reported by the cooperating churches submitting the Annual Church Profile in accordance with the Bylaws. The goal will be to even out the members to approximately one-quarter rotating off each year.

Because the current Bylaws permit members who serve less than two years filling an unexpired term to be re-elected for a full four-year term, the proposed amendment likewise permits the Committee on Nominations to nominate anyone who has served only a one-year term to be elected to a full four-year term thereafter. Just as an individual who fills a two-year unexpired term cannot be nominated to serve a four-year term until a full term

has elapsed, members serving two-year terms will not be eligible to be immediately nominated to fill a full four-year term.

The proposed amendment provides that the new language will be terminated at the end of 2019.

At that time, the current language for the election and terms of Board members will be effective again. This temporary amendment is designed to correct what is viewed as an anomaly in the distribution of the election of members of the Board.

If you have any questions concerning this motion or the impact of the current imbalance in election of members of the Board of Directors, please contact Brian Davis at (800) 395-5102, ext. 5506, or bdavis@ncbaptist.org. **B**

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Committee on Nominations' motion to messengers

The Committee on Nominations ("Committee") moves that the messengers at the 2017 annual meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. ("Convention") authorize the Committee to adjust the terms of the members of the Board of Directors of the Convention to be elected at the 2018 annual meeting of the Convention in order that the rotation for Board Members be returned "with, as nearly as may be possible, one-fourth (1/4) of membership being elected" at each subsequent annual meeting by amending Article II.B.3. of the Bylaws, entitled "Election; Terms" during calendar years 2018-19 by deleting such section in its entirety as indicated by the "Current Reading" below and replacing it with the "New Reading" as set forth below:

Current Reading:

3. Election; Terms. Each at-large member of the Board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years with, as nearly as may be possible, one-fourth (1/4) of the membership being elected at each annual meeting. No person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the Board after serving on the Board whether such service has ended through expiration of the term, resignation or otherwise until one (1) full term has elapsed; provided, however, that any such at-large Board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years, shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term. The term shall begin on January 1, following the annual meeting of the Convention at which at-large members were elected; and shall end on December 31 following the Convention at which their successors were elected, unless sooner terminated; provided, however, the term of office of an at-large member who has not resigned, died, become disqualified, or been removed shall not expire until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

New Reading:

3. Election; Terms.

(a) During calendar year 2018, each at-large member of the Board shall be elected for a term of one (1) year, two (2) years, or four (4) years as determined by the Committee on Nominations in order that the rotation for Board members be returned with, as nearly as may be possible, one-fourth (1/4) of membership being elected at each annual meeting. During calendar year 2019, each at-large member of the Board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years with, as nearly as may be possible, one-fourth (1/4) of the membership being elected at each annual meeting. Any member who is elected to serve a one-year term in 2018 shall be eligible to be re-elected at the expiration of that term for a full four-year term. Any member who is elected to serve two or more years in 2018 shall not be eligible to serve another term until one full term has elapsed. Except as set forth above, no person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the Board after serving on the Board whether such service has ended through expiration of the term, resignation or otherwise until one (1) full term has elapsed; provided, however, that any such at-large Board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years, shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term. The term shall begin on January 1, following the annual meeting of the Convention at which at-large members were elected; and shall end on December 31 following the Convention at which their successors were elected, unless sooner terminated; provided, however, the term of office of an at-large member who has not resigned, died, become disqualified, or been removed shall not expire until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

(b) Beginning January 1, 2019, each at-large member of the Board shall be elected for a term of four (4) years with, as nearly as may be possible, one-fourth (1/4) of the membership being elected at each annual meeting. Except as provided in subsection (a) above, no person shall be eligible to succeed himself/herself on the Board after serving on the Board whether such service has ended through expiration of the term, resignation or otherwise until one (1) full term has elapsed; provided, however, that any such at-large Board member who shall have been elected to fill a vacancy of less than two (2) years, shall be eligible to be re-elected to a full term. The term shall begin on January 1, following the annual meeting of the Convention at which at-large members were elected; and shall end on December 31 following the Convention at which their successors were elected, unless sooner terminated; provided, however, the term of office of an at-large member who has not resigned, died, become disqualified, or been removed shall not expire until a successor shall have been duly elected and qualified.

(c) The amendments to Article II.B.3. of the Bylaws shall become effective as of January 1, 2018. These amendments to Article II.B.3. of the Bylaws shall cease to have any force and effect as of December 31, 2019, and the version of paragraph 3 in effect prior to the 2017 annual meeting of the Convention shall be in force and effect as of January 1, 2020, without any further action by the messengers at an annual meeting to amend Article II.B.3. of the Bylaws. **B3**

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Resolution On The Anti-Gospel Of Alt-Right White Supremacy

Adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention
Phoenix, Ariz.; June 13-14, 2017

WHEREAS, Scripture teaches, "From one man [God] has made every nationality to live over the whole earth and has determined their appointed times and the boundaries of where they live" (Acts 17:26); and

WHEREAS, The Psalmist proclaimed, "The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord" (Psalm 24:1); and

WHEREAS, The Apostle Peter said, "God doesn't show favoritism, but in every nation the person who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him" (Acts 10:34-35); and

WHEREAS, Our justification before God is based on faith in Christ Jesus alone and not in our ethnicity (Galatians 3:27-28); and

WHEREAS, Scripture proclaims that Jesus is purchasing by His blood believers "from every tribe and language and people and nation" (Revelation 5:9); and

WHEREAS, Throughout eternity we will gather with a "multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language" in worship of our risen Savior (Revelation 7:9); and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message conveys that all Christians are obligated to make the will of Christ supreme in their own lives and in human society, opposing all forms of racism, selfishness, and vice, and bringing government and society as a whole under the sway of the principles of righteousness,

truth, and brotherly love; and

WHEREAS, We know from our Southern Baptist history the effects of the horrific sins of racism and hatred; and

WHEREAS, In 1995, the Southern Baptist Convention repudiated "historic acts of evil, such as slavery," committed "to eradicate racism in all its forms from Southern Baptist life and ministry," and "genuinely repent[ed] of racism of which we have been guilty, whether consciously or unconsciously"; and

WHEREAS, In recent years the Convention has nominated and elected individuals from a variety of ethnicities, including electing our first African-American president in 2012; and

WHEREAS, In recent resolutions the Southern Baptist Convention called on "all Christian men and women to pray and labor for the day when our Lord will set all things right and racial prejudice and injustice will be no more" (2014); expressed continued grief "over the presence of racism and the recent escalation of racial tension in our nation" (2015); and urged fellow Christians to discontinue using the Confederate battle flag, acknowledging that it is "used by some and perceived by many as a symbol of hatred, bigotry, and racism, offending millions of people" (2016); and

WHEREAS, More than 20 percent (nearly eleven thousand) of our cooperating Southern Baptist congregations identify as predominately non-Anglo and for the last three years more than 50 percent of Southern Baptist new church plants have been pre-

dominately non-Anglo; and

WHEREAS, B&H Academic recently published Removing the Stain of Racism from the Southern Baptist Convention, highlighting our continuing need to root out vestiges of racism from our own hearts as Southern Baptists; and

WHEREAS, Racism and white supremacy are, sadly, not extinct but present all over the world in various white supremacist movements, sometimes known as "white nationalism" or "alt-right"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, June 13-14, 2017, decry every form of racism, including alt-right white supremacy, as antithetical to the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we denounce and repudiate white supremacy and every form of racial and ethnic hatred as a scheme of the devil intended to bring suffering and division to our society; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we acknowledge that we still must make progress in rooting out any remaining forms of intentional or unintentional racism in our midst; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That we earnestly pray, both for those who advocate racist ideologies and those who are thereby deceived, that they may see their error through the light of the Gospel, repent of these hatreds, and come to know the peace and love of Christ through redeemed fellowship in the Kingdom of God, which is established from every nation, tribe, people, and language. **BR**

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Committee explains 'Resolution Denouncing Racism'

It is an honor and a privilege to serve the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (Convention). The members of the 2017 Resolutions and Memorials Committee (Committee) are very cognizant of this great honor and privilege. We are humbled that the Convention would choose us to review any resolutions submitted and trust us to decide which resolutions should be presented to the messengers for consideration.

This year the Committee strongly feels that that the Convention needs to address a critical and perennial issue in our culture and particularly in our own state.

With the recent racially driven events in Charlottesville, Virginia, and even more locally in Durham,

the committee feels that the Convention needs to formally express a biblically grounded opinion on the cultural issue of racism in America.

The Committee is providing this article along with the release of the proposed resolution with the hopes of providing additional explanation. It is easy for individuals to draw incomplete conclusions when background information is lacking.

The members of the Committee want N.C. Baptists to know that we have had long, passionate discussions about the wording of this resolution. The Committee carefully weighed every single word in a labored effort to be certain that we are not conveying the wrong message to the world, but that ultimately the message of hope and love found

within the gospel is clearly communicated to the world.

The Committee consists of men that love North Carolina and men that love these United States of America, that respect history and value clear teaching about the history of nature – both our nation's successes and our failures. However, as citizens of heaven, every single member of the Committee understands the mission of God to be witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth.

The expectation of our Lord, expressed in Acts 1:8, includes not only being witnesses in every geographical area, but among every people group, as well.

As believers, our ultimate alle-

giance and obedience is to the Lord Jesus and His Kingdom. Just as Paul addressed the churches of Galatia concerning the cultural and historical practice of circumcision, we too believe that we should not allow anything in our culture to hinder our witness of the love and grace of Jesus.

In addition, as Paul instructed the believers in Rome, we should be willing to set aside anything that creates stumbling blocks for the gospel and the advancement of the Kingdom of God.

We implore you, brothers and sisters, for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and for the glory of God, please hear our hearts and consider the priority of the gospel and affirm this resolution in November. **BR**

Resolution Denouncing Racism

WHEREAS, The Bible clearly teaches that God has created all men and women in His image, from all tribes and nations of the world (Genesis 1:27; Acts 17:26); and

WHEREAS, Christ died for the

sins of people from every nation, tongue, and tribe (Revelation 5:9); and

WHEREAS, Christians are commanded to make disciples from every nation (Matthew 28:19); and

WHEREAS, The Bible declares, "God does not show favoritism, but in every nation the person who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him" (Acts 10:34-35); and

WHEREAS, Significant racism still exists in our communities, as evidenced by recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia, Durham, North Carolina, and other cities across our nation, and the devil uses these opportunities to perpetuate division and strife in our society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messengers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina Annual Meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, November 6-7, 2017, denounce racism in all its expressions as sin against a holy and just God, because it disregards the image of God in all people and denies the truth of the Gospel that Christ died for the sins of all mankind; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we affirm the content and sentiments of the resolution adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in

Phoenix, Arizona, June 13-14, 2017 titled "On the Anti-Gospel of Alt-Right White Supremacy"; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we call on North Carolina Baptists to humble themselves before God, acknowledging that while the preservation of history is critically important for a nation, the demonstration of Christ's love and the proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples must take precedence over the important personal preferences of individual Christians, including the preservation of history. Therefore, we call on North Carolina Baptists to joyfully set aside anything that might create a barrier for the sharing and hearing of the full truth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That North Carolina Baptists commit to pray fervently for those who advocate racism, so that they may become aware of their sin through the light of the Gospel, repent of the sin of racism, and recognize that the love of Jesus Christ has been extended to all men and women of every race and nation. **BR**



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Resolution on a Biblical Stance on Human Sexuality and Marriage

WHEREAS, God created two complementary and distinct sexes, male and female, and embedded their differences in the very biology of the human race (Genesis 1:27; Matthew 19:14; Mark 10:6); and

WHEREAS, The separation of one's gender identity from the physical reality of biological birth sex rejects God's perfect intent in creation, and undermines the ultimate purpose of humanity, which is to bring honor and glory to God (Isaiah 43:7); and

WHEREAS, God in His divine

wisdom established marriage as the union of one man and one woman (Genesis 2:18-24; Matthew 19:4-6; Hebrews 13:4); and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message (2000) recognizes the biblical definition of marriage as "the uniting of one man and one woman in covenant commitment for a lifetime," stating further, "It is God's unique gift to reveal the union between Christ and His church and to provide for the man and the woman in marriage the framework for intimate companionship, the channel

of sexual expression according to biblical standards, and the means for procreation of the human race"; and

WHEREAS, The cultural pressures of modern society have begun to sway persons even within the Body of Christ from holding fast to these biblical teachings regarding human sexuality and marriage; and

WHEREAS, The church is called to proclaim with conviction the biblical truths regarding human sexuality and marriage; and

WHEREAS, The Bible commands Christians to love all of their neighbors, which includes those with whom we may disagree; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the messen-

gers to the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina meeting in Greensboro, North Carolina, November 6-7, 2017, affirm God's good design that gender identity is determined by biological sex and not by one's self-perception; and be it further

RESOLVED, That North Carolina Baptists affirm the biblical definition of marriage as being exclusively between one man and one woman, and the biblical truths regarding God's purpose for marriage, being ultimately for benefit of mankind, especially as it relates to procreation and the establishment of strong families under the Lordship of Christ; and finally be it

RESOLVED, That North Carolina Baptists commit to pray for our neighbors who identify themselves as homosexual and transgender, to minister to them with Christ's love, and, as they repent, to help them grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. **BR**

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Breakouts

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reach their friends and neighbors for Christ? Come learn more about missional communities and how they can be used to impact and reach your neighborhood.

● **Millennial parents: understanding, equipping and empowering Gen Y parents** led by Cheryl Markland, senior consultant, BSC Childhood Evangelism and Discipleship; 4:15-5 p.m. in Pinehurst: Millennial parents engage with life and the church in unique ways. Come and receive insights into this generation that will help you and other church leaders engage in ministry with millennial parents in the local church.

● **Myth-busters: debunking online giving myths** led by Laura Kastner, sales team leader, Kindrid, and Becky Torre Sauer, marketing team leader, Kindrid; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Oak C: Myths, confusion, questions and fear often cloud thinking and perspective regarding online giving. Learn from a myth-buster that will bring clarity and simplicity to this uncharted territory for some and complex issue for others. Walk away with practical handles to take the next step in leading your church to this new frontier for stewardship.

● **Prayer that transforms: Acts 3:19** led by Michael Barrett, pastor, Pleasant Garden Baptist Church, and Bud Parrish, interim pastor & chaplain, Greensboro Fire Department; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Heritage B: Participants will examine biblically and practically how God is calling His people across North Carolina to return to Him in brokenness, holiness and mission as pastors and prayer leaders share stories of God's transforming work in churches and communities through "one-accord" prayer.

● **Principles for multihousing ministry** led by Brian Norris, Joe Maye, K.O. Grissett, contractors, BSC Office of Great Commission Partnerships; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Cedar B: Nearly 95 percent of the people who live in luxury apartments, gated communities, government housing communities, trailer parks and other multihousing communities are unchurched. While there is no "one-size-fits-all" model for disciple-making among the different multihousing communities in

our state, there are proven principles that can be used as your church seeks to begin a multihousing ministry. During this breakout, you will learn those principles.

● **Reaching college students lab** led by BSC Collegiate Partnerships Team; 3:15-5:45 p.m. in Cedar C: There are approximately 1.1 million college students in North Carolina who don't know Jesus. If you have a desire to change that reality but don't know where to start, this lab is for you. The Collegiate Partnerships Team will teach you the first steps in engaging a college campus with the gospel and then take you to a nearby university and walk with you as you practice these steps so you can return home and get started on a college campus near you. Note: This lab will take approximately 2.5 hours and require walking. A Chick-fil-A meal will be provided. (Limited to the first 30 participants.)

● **Religious liberty in the 21st Century: what every church leader needs to know** led by Michael J. Allison, vice president, chief counsel & secretary, Brotherhood Mutual Insurance, and Steve Case, assistant vice president & senior corporate counsel, Brotherhood Mutual Insurance; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Auditorium I: As legal attacks on religious liberty abound, churches must protect and prepare themselves. Learn about the latest threats to our churches and denominational entities, how to protect the church from employment and facilities use lawsuits and where all of this may be headed in the coming years.

● **Revitalization like you've never seen before** includes panel discussion moderated by Lonnie Reynolds, senior consultant, BSC Church Health and Revitalization; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Colony B: Existing churches and new church plants need the same thing to impact their area for Christ – each other! Join this panel discussion to learn how seasoned pastors are partnering with church planters to change the face of revitalization in North Carolina.

● **Rising above foyer feedback: the art of objective sermon evaluation** led by Jim Shaddix, professor of preaching, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Colony A: This session

will explore ways pastors can receive helpful feedback on their sermons so they can grow in their preaching. Specific subjects will include: how to be intentional in getting feedback, putting together sermon evaluation teams, finding and equipping objective people and using helpful tools.

● **Sending churches** led by Mark Gray, team leader, BSC Church Planting; Mike Pittman, pastor, Vertical Church, Lumberton; and Marcus Redding, BSC contractor; 3:15-4 p.m. in Cedar A: Any size church can become a "sending church." Churches that partner with new churches are positively impacted by increases in attendance, tithes and offerings and mission giving. Becoming a sending church is one of the most effective ways to impact lostness through disciple-making. This session will discuss steps to partnering with a new church to positively impact both the sending church and the new church in ways that many are won to Christ.

● **Speaking the truth: women using everyday conversations to share the gospel** led by Ashley Allen, senior consultant, BSC Embrace Women's Evangelism and Discipleship; 3:15-4 p.m. in Pinehurst: This breakout session will offer practical and hands-on ways to equip women to engage other women in gospel conversations that are natural for casual encounters or lengthy conversations. Whether it is a family member or someone you meet in the store, learn ways to use everyday encounters to share nuggets of the gospel.

● **The church renewal journey** led by Bob & Phyllis Foy, North

American Mission Board Service Corps – Church Renewal Journey; 4:15-5 p.m. in Bear Creek: In this breakout, you will learn a discipling process for awakening and equipping your church laity to impact their communities for Christ.

● **The heart of disciple-making: how the Great Commandment fuels the Great Commission** led by Brian Upshaw, team leader, BSC Disciple-Making Team; 4:15-5 p.m. in Colony C: There is a lot of talk about the methods and the tools for making disciples, and that is a good thing. Yet, with all of the training and equipping, there is still a hesitancy to engage in sharing the gospel and making disciples. Have sincere, but misplaced, motives caused this reluctance? In this session, we will explore a practical way to help motivate disciples to make disciples by seeing how the Great Commandment fuels everything in the life of a disciple.

● **With: a disciple-making relationship** led by George Robinson, associate professor, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and Josh Reed, senior consultant, BSC Adult Evangelism and Discipleship; 3:15-4 p.m. & 4:15-5 p.m. in Oak A: This breakout is designed to give you a window into a current disciple-making relationship. You will learn four key principles of disciple-making (inspiration, equipping, training and mobilization) and hear examples of each in the context of a normal relationship. The goal is that each participant will be inspired to be and make disciples to the glory of God. **BR**

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Pastors' Conference offices

Two pastors have announced their willingness to be nominated for the presidency of the 2019 North Carolina Pastors' Conference: Chris Griggs, right, pastor of Denver Baptist Church, and Chip Hannah, below left, pastor of Peace Baptist Church in Whiteville. Officers are elected two years in advance to



allow flexibility in scheduling speakers. J.D. Greear, pastor of The Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, has announced his intention to nominate Griggs. Likewise, Josh Phillips, pastor of Memorial Baptist Church in Norwood, will nominate Hannah. Nominations are scheduled for 1 p.m., Monday, Nov. 6. The Pastors' Conference is in the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

Baptist State Convention offices

Since Cameron McGill, this year's Baptist State Convention of North Carolina president announced he will not run, Lee Pigg, pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church in Monroe, has stepped forward as a candidate. He will be nominated by Timmy Blair, pastor of Piney Grove Baptist Chapel in Angier. Nominees may be made from the floor.



Joel Stephens, pastor of Wakefield Central Baptist Church in Zebulon, will run again for first vice president. He previously served as pastor of Westfield Baptist Church in Westfield for 15 years. Rick Speas, pastor of Old Town Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, will bring Stephens' name to the messengers.

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James Dillard "J.D." Grant was elected second vice president of BSC at last November's annual meeting after an unannounced nomination from the floor. He plans to seek a second term this year. Grant is pastor of Scotts Creek Baptist Church in Sylva. Perry Brindley, director of missions for Buncombe Baptist Association, nominated Grant last year and plans to nominate him again.



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2017 summary for proposed BSC bylaw amendments

The Board of Directors (board) is bringing to the messengers at the 2017 Annual Meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (convention) five (5) motions for consideration. A brief explanation is provided for each of these motions. Please note that the first motion proposes an amendment to the Articles of Incorporation and the remaining motions impact the Bylaws.

Motion 1

This motion addresses an inconsistency between the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws. In 2016, the messengers to the Annual Meeting of the convention approved a recommendation to amend the Bylaws by removing references to the Credentials Subcommittee of the Committee on Convention Meetings. The tasks and responsibilities of the former Credentials Subcommittee are now part of the larger Committee on Convention Meetings. However, there remains a reference to the former Credentials Subcommittee in Article VI. A. of the Articles of Incorporation. It is essential that the Articles of Incorporation and the Bylaws agree; therefore, this amendment deletes the reference to the Credentials Subcommittee from Article VI. A. of the Articles of Incorporation.

Motion 2

This motion seeks to address issues related to the proposals from the convention's Board of Directors Meeting Evaluation Task Force that were approved by the board in September 2016. Included in this motion are proposals to remove from the Bylaws all references to the Christian Higher Education Special Committee and the Christian Social Services Special Committee. This motion also includes the addition of language necessary to establish the Convention Relations Special Committee that provides a connection to all four (4) of the convention's institutions and agencies.

In addition, to further advance the goals of the task force, this motion proposes changes to the timing of the election to and appointment of various positions, including board officers, board committee chairs, non-board members of the Business Services and Christian Life and Public Affairs Committees and members of the Articles and Bylaws and Budget Committees. One of the major emphases of the Board of Directors Meeting Evaluation Task Force in 2016 was to restructure all meetings of the board and its committees to be meaningful to and to permit engagement by the members.

Currently, the board elects all officers and chairpersons in January each year. The newly elected president then appoints the chairpersons of the Budget Committee and Articles and Bylaws Committee as well as the board members and non-board members serving on these two committees. This motion seeks to address several perennial problems created by the current process:

1. The board president and committee chairpersons who have completed their terms of service on the board are required to attend the January meetings of the board and committees in order to elect a new board president and new chairpersons only to immediately leave the board or committee meetings and return home.

2. Newly elected board presidents have potentially little input in the preparation of the agenda for the January meeting of the board.

3. Newly elected board presidents have a very short window for identifying and appointing chairpersons and members to the Budget Special Committee and the Articles and Bylaws Special Committee.

4. Newly elected chairpersons have had little to no opportunity to prepare for the January meeting of the committees.

5. The board members vote on at-large members to the Business Services Special Committee and the Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee with little or no background information or other knowledge concerning the individuals being elected.

To address these issues, this motion proposes that the election of board officers and the chairs of each committee currently elected in January, be moved to September. This means the president-elect will have from September to January to plan and prepare for the January meeting. This amendment will also allow the committee chairpersons the same opportunities for preparation. The expectation is that January committee meetings, as well as the January board sessions, will have greater potential for meaningful consideration of matters within the purview of the respective committees and board with this additional level of preparation by those tasked with these responsibilities.

Please note that while the proposal is for the board president, board vice president and committee chairpersons to be elected in September, and begin to fulfill specific limited duties and obligations upon their election, these newly elected officers and chairpersons do not fully enter into their roles of leadership until January following their election in September. Board officers and chairpersons will serve Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, following their election the previous September.

In addition, this motion proposes that the president-elect will be authorized to begin identifying and appointing chairpersons for the Budget Special Committee and Articles and Bylaws Committee, as well as appointing board members and non-board members to serve on each of these committees much earlier than the current process allows.

To bring consistency to the appointment and election process for at-large non-board members serving on the Budget Special Committee, the Articles and Bylaws Special Committee, the Business Services Special Committee, and the Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Commit-

tee, this motion proposes that the board president be authorized to appoint individuals to all of these positions. Currently, the board president appoints individuals to serve on the Budget Special Committee and the Articles and Bylaws Special Committee, but recommends to the board individuals to be elected to serve on the Business Services Special Committee and the Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee. Finally, this motion proposes that upon their approval in November, newly elected members of the board will be appointed to the various board committees by the board president-elect.

Motion 3

This motion provides that the new process for the election and appointment of individuals to serve in motion two will go into effect July 1, 2018. This later date permits individuals currently serving to complete their term of office with no change and ensures a smooth transition to the proposed changes in the process of these elections and appointments.

Motion 4

This motion addresses a gap in the process used by the Committee on Nominations for recommending trustees and directors for service on the boards of the institutions and agencies of the convention and the North Carolina Baptist Hospital. By utilizing the proposed language of "Related Entities" the Bylaws will clarify for the Committee on Nominations that the same process will be used for recommending trustees and directors for the following institutions and agencies: Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, North Carolina Baptist Hospital, the *Biblical Recorder* and the North Carolina Baptist Foundation. These four (4) aforementioned institutions and agencies will be referenced as "Related Entities" in the appropriate sections of the Bylaws.

Motion 5

This motion addresses two miscellaneous matters that require attention in the Bylaws.

The first matter relates to the ability of employees of the affiliated educational institutions to serve on the board of any institution or agency of the convention. Employees of the affiliated educational institutions were previously prohibited from serving on the board of any institution or agency of the convention, but the messengers to the 2016 Annual Meeting of the convention removed this prohibition. However, the reference related to election of trustees for Baptist Hospital in Article III.B.2.c of the Bylaws was simply overlooked in that process. This proposed amendment brings the qualifications for election of the hospital trustees in Article III.B.2.c into agreement with the rest of the Bylaws.

The second miscellaneous matter corrects inconsistent references in Article IV.D. that were

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Proposed amendments to articles of incorporation and bylaws of Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Motion 1:

The Board of Directors moves that the first sentence in Articles VI.A. of the Articles of Incorporation be amended by deleting the phrase “by the Credential Subcommittee” as indicated by the “Current Reading” below and replacing it with the language as reflected in the “New Reading” set forth below:

Current Reading:

Those messengers who have been duly elected by cooperating churches, have been duly registered by the Credentials Subcommittee, and are in attendance at the annual meeting or special meeting of the Convention. . . .

New Reading:

Those messengers who have been duly elected by cooperating churches, have been duly registered, and are in attendance at the annual meeting or special meeting of the Convention. . . .

Motion 2:

The Board of Directors moves that Article II.F.10 and 12, entitled “Christian Higher Education Special Committee” and “Christian Social Services Special Committee” respectively, be deleted in their entirety as indicated in the “Current Reading” below, and a new Paragraph 13 in Article II.F. entitled “Convention Relations Special Committee” be added as indicated in the “New Reading” below, and the remaining paragraphs be renumbered; and that the following sections or portions thereof of Article II.D.2., Article II.F.1., Article II.F.2., Article II.F.6.a., Article II.F.7.a. and b., Article II.F.8.a. and b., Article II.F.9.a. and b., Article II.F.11.a. and b., Article II.F.13.b., Article II.F.14.b., and Article II.F.15.b. of the Bylaws be amended by deleting the sections or portions thereof as indicated by the “Current Reading” below and replacing each of them with the “New Reading,” as set forth below:

Article II.F.10. and 12.

Current Reading:

10. Christian Higher Education Special Committee

- a. Composition. The committee shall consist of not more than twelve (12) members of the Board. Also, the committee shall consist of the following ex-officio members: the President, dean, the President or Chairperson of the board of trustees, and the dean of the divinity school (if any) of each of the affiliated educational institutions. Each affiliated educational institution shall have one vote on matters brought before the committee (except as limited below) with the vote being exercised by the President (or designee) of each affiliated educational institution.
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be elected from one (1) of the members of the Board at its January meeting.
- c. Voting. No ex-officio member of the committee shall have a vote on appropriations or allocation of funds that may be made to the affiliated educational institutions.

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to the Committee on Resolutions in writing no later than September 10 prior to the annual meeting in which the proposed resolution is to be considered. If a resolution has not been submitted to the Committee on Resolutions for consideration by the deadline the resolution may not be considered by the messengers. If a resolution has been timely submitted to the Committee on Resolutions, but rejected by the Committee, then the Convention may consider such resolution only upon satisfaction of the requirements stated in the BSC Bylaws Article I. C. 6. c. (iv). If the requirements of the Bylaws have been met, then a messenger may move during Miscellaneous Business to suspend the rules for the consideration of the resolution from the floor during the annual meeting. It is strongly suggested that any messenger desiring to present a resolution from the floor contact a parliamentarian or a Convention officer to determine if the resolution meets the criteria outlined in the Bylaws for consideration during the annual meeting.

Nominations

The Committee on Nominations will publish their full report in the *Biblical Recorder* in at least one issue with a publication date at least four (4) weeks prior to the annual meeting and on the Convention's website at least 35 days in advance of the annual meeting. The report will include the name, church, home town, association, occupation, and sex of each nominee as well as the name of the agency, institution or board to which they are being nominated to serve. The name of any person to be nominated from the floor of the Convention and the name of the nominee intended to be displaced shall appear on the Convention's website and may also be available on the *Biblical Recorder's* website beginning at least fourteen (14) days in advance of the meeting. In addition, biographical material relating to any person proposed to be nominated from the floor of the Convention shall be given to the institution or agency involved and to the Committee on Nominations at least one (1) week prior to the meeting.

Point of order

The purpose of a Point of Order is to call the attention of the chair to a violation of the Convention's rules.

A Point of Order should be raised only when a member 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 or as a guise for debating an issue or as a method of obstructing business or harassing the chair.

Improper Points of Order will be ruled out of order.

Microphone system

To assist messengers wishing to bring items to the floor of the Convention for consideration, as well as the debate of all appropriately presented business, a microphone system is employed during the Convention's business sessions. When messengers approach the microphones they will be asked by

the microphone monitor to declare their intent: introducing a motion, speaking for/against a motion already under consideration, or other parliamentary procedures.

A computerized sequencing system is employed to register messengers and provide the presiding officer information regarding the nature of a comment. Messengers will not be recognized by the chair unless they are properly registered at a microphone.

The presiding officer uses the information from the computerized system to guide him as he moderates the debate striving to alternate between messengers wishing to speak for and those wishing to speak against an issue brought before the Convention for consideration.

In the event that deliberation of a motion must be interrupted to address a fixed order of business, the computerized sequencing system will retain the order in which messengers have registered to speak to that motion in order that debate may resume once the fixed order of business has been completed. **B**



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d. Purpose, Duties and Responsibilities. The Christian Higher Education Special Committee shall work to provide an effective program for the affiliated educational institutions without in any way hindering the trustee operation of any one of them. The committee:

- (i) Shall devise ways and means for the proper correlation of the work and programs in the affiliated educational institutions;
- (ii) Shall formulate and promote plans for increasing interest in higher education at Christian institutions in general and the affiliated educational institutions in particular; and
- (iii) Shall report to the Board about the affiliated educational institutions.

...

12. Christian Social Services Special Committee

a. Composition. The committee shall consist of not more than twelve (12) members of the Board. Also, the committee shall consist of the following five (5) ex-officio members: President of the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. ("Children's Homes"); President of North Carolina Baptist Hospital ("Hospital"); Vice-President of the Division of Faith and Health Ministries ("Division"); and the President or Chairperson of the board of trustees of each institution.

b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be elected from one (1) of the Board members at its January meeting.

c. Voting. No ex-officio member of the committee shall have a vote on appropriations or allocation of funds that may be made to the Children's Home, Hospital and Division.

d. Purpose, Duties and Responsibilities. The Christian Social Services Special Committee shall work to provide a well-integrated program for the Children's Homes, Hospital and Division without in any way hindering the trustee operation of any one of them. The committee:

- (i) Shall consider problems common to all of the social service institutions, and keep the needs of these institutions before the Board and North Carolina Baptists;
- (ii) Shall cooperate with all ministries of the Convention in order to create a better understanding of all the problems involved in the ministries of these social service institutions; and
- (iii) Shall report to the Board about the Children's Homes, Hospital and Division.

New Article II.F.13.

New Reading:

13. Convention Relations Special Committee

a. Composition. The committee shall consist of not more than twenty (20) members of the Board. Also, the committee shall consist of the following five (5) ex-officio members: President of the Children's Homes; Chief Executive Officer of the Hospital; the Hospital employee designated by its Chief Executive Officer responsible for overseeing its pastoral care ministries and its relationship with churches; Editor/President of the *Recorder*; and Executive Director of the Foundation.

b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be elected from one (1) of the Board members at its September meeting.

c. Voting. No ex-officio member of the committee shall have a vote on appropriations or allocation of funds that may be made to the Related Entities.

d. Purpose, Duties and Responsibilities. The Convention Relations Special Committee shall work to provide effective ways for the Related Entities to assist the Convention in its support of the missions and ministries of its cooperating churches without in any way hindering the operation by the trustees and/or directors of any one of the Related Entities. The committee:

- (i) Shall consider all issues to insure that the mission and ministries of the Convention and each of the Related Entities complement each other in existing efforts and in any new missions and ministries and such efforts support the missions of the cooperating churches;
- (ii) Shall strive to identify and eliminate, where possible, duplication of missions and ministries among the Convention and the Related Entities;
- (iii) Shall consider problems common to all of the Related Entities, and keep the needs of the Related Entities before the Board and North Carolina Baptists;
- (iv) Shall cooperate with all ministries of the Convention in order to create a better understanding of all the problems involved in the missions and ministries of the Related Entities; and
- (v) Shall report to the Board about the Related Entities.

Article II.D.2.

Current Reading:

2. Election of the Officers. At the January meeting of the Board, the following officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board, and they shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified: a President, a Vice-President, and a Board Secretary.

New Reading:

2. Election of the Officers. At the September meeting of the Board, the following officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the Board: a President, a Vice-President, and a Board Secretary. Their terms shall begin on January 1st following the September meeting of the Board at which the officers were elected and shall end on the later of December 31st of that calendar year or the election of their successors.

Article II.F.1.

Current Reading:

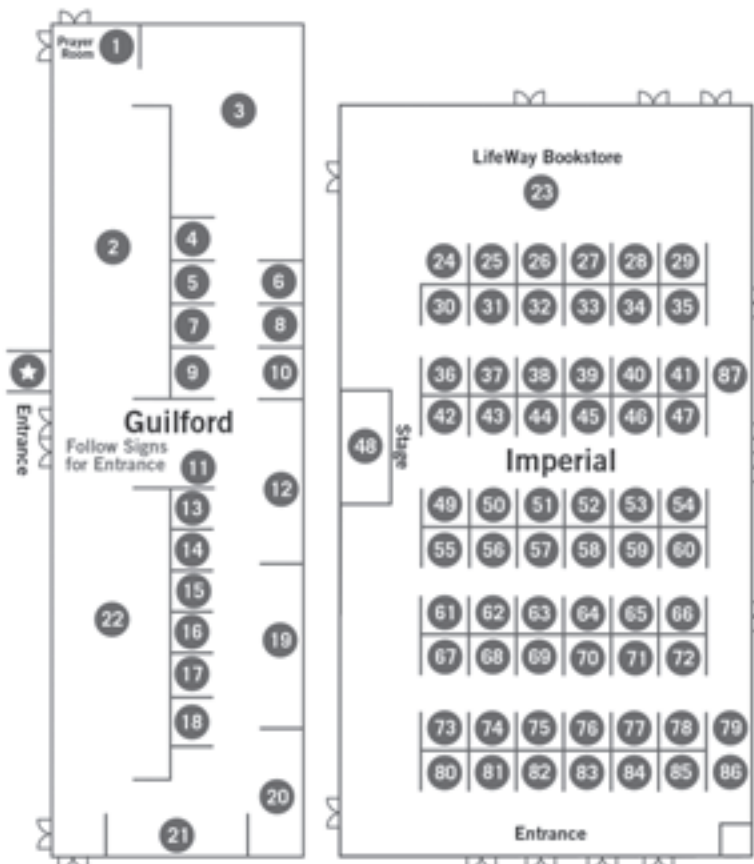
1. Selection of Committee Members. The President and Vice-President of the Board shall be responsible for assigning all newly elected Board members to one of the Board committees or the special committees. . . . Also, the President and Vice-President will review and take into consideration any recommendations furnished by the Executive Leader associated with the work of a specific committee. Any member of a

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special committee of the Board who is not a member of the Board shall not be serving at the same time on any Convention committee, any other special committee of the board of the Convention, or any board of the Convention's institutions, agencies, or the Hospital (all as hereinafter defined in Article III.A.).

New Reading:

1. Selection of Committee Members. After their election at the September meeting of the Board, the President-elect and Vice-President-elect of the Board shall be responsible for assigning all newly elected Board members to one of the Board committees or the special committees. . . . Also, the President-elect and Vice-President-elect will review and take into consideration any recommendations furnished by the Executive Leader associated with the work of a specific committee. Any member of a special committee of the Board who is not a member of the Board shall not be serving at the same time on any Convention committee, any other special committee of the Board of the Convention, or any board of the Convention's Related Entities.

Article II.F.2.

Current Reading:

2. Committee Meetings. The Business Services Special Committee, Christian Higher Education Special Committee, Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee, Christian Social Services Special Committee, Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee, Communications Committee, and Evangelism and Discipleship Committee shall meet for

organizational purposes at the January meeting of the Board, at which time they shall elect a Chairperson. Such Chairperson shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified. . . . The person or persons calling a committee meeting (other than the January meeting for organizational purposes) shall, at least seven (7) days before the meeting, give notice thereof, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called, by any usual means of communication of which is capable of being confirmed by the Board Secretary.

New Reading:

2. Committee Meetings. The Business Services Special Committee, Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee, Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee, Communications Committee, Convention Relations Special Committee, and Evangelism and Discipleship Committee shall elect a Chairperson at the September meeting of the Board. Their terms shall begin on January 1st following the September meetings of the Committees at which the chairs were elected and shall end on the later of December 31st of that calendar year or the election of their successor. . . . The person or persons calling a committee meeting (other than the September meeting for election purposes) shall, at least seven (7) days before the meeting, give notice thereof, specifying the purpose for which the meeting is called, by any usual means of communication of which is capable of being confirmed by the Board Secretary.

Article II.F.6.a.

Current Reading:

6. Executive Committee.

- a. Composition. The membership of the Executive Committee is comprised of four (4) persons of the Board, elected at-large plus the following individuals serving on an ex-officio basis:
- (i) President of the Board;
 - (ii) Vice-President of the Board;
 - (iii) Chairperson, Articles and Bylaws Special Committee;
 - (iv) Chairperson, Budget Special Committee;
 - (v) Chairperson, Business Services Special Committee;
 - (vi) Chairperson, Christian Higher Education Special Committee;
 - (vii) Chairperson, Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee;
 - (viii) Chairperson, Christian Social Services Special Committee;
 - (ix) Chairperson, Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee;
 - (x) Chairperson, Communications Committee;
 - (xi) Chairperson, Evangelism and Discipleship Committee;
 - (xii) President of the Convention;
 - (xiii) First Vice-President of the Convention;
 - (xiv) Second Vice-President of the Convention;
 - (xv) President, Baptist Associational Missions Conference; and
 - (xvi) President, North Carolina Baptist Men.

The committee as constituted the previous year shall remain intact until the January meeting of the Board with the exception of the newly elected Convention officers. The members of the Committee shall serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

New Reading:

6. Executive Committee.



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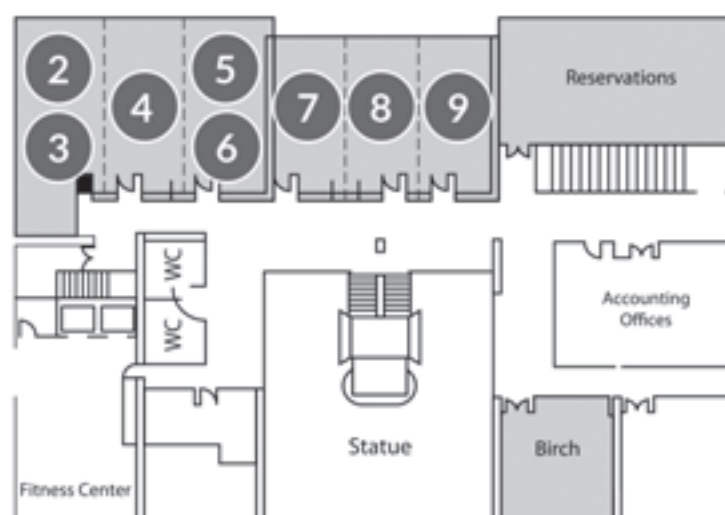
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 - (ii) Vice-President of the Board;
 - (iii) Chairperson, Articles and Bylaws Special Committee;
 - (iv) Chairperson, Budget Special Committee;
 - (v) Chairperson, Business Services Special Committee;
 - (vi) Chairperson, Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee;
 - (vii) Chairperson, Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee;
 - (viii) Chairperson, Communications Committee;
 - (ix) Chairperson, Convention Relations Special Committee;
 - (x) Chairperson, Evangelism and Discipleship Committee;
 - (xi) President of the Convention;
 - (xii) First Vice-President of the Convention;
 - (xiii) Second Vice-President of the Convention;
 - (xiv) President, Baptist Associational Missions Conference; and
 - (xv) President, North Carolina Baptist Men.

The three Convention officers shall serve during their terms of office. The Board shall elect the four (4) at large members to the Executive Committee at its January meeting; their terms shall end on December 31st of the calendar year in which they were elected. The term for all other members of the Executive Committee shall begin on January 1st and end on December 31st.

Article II.F.7.a. and b.

Current Reading:

7. Articles and Bylaws Special Committee.

- a. Composition. . . . The remaining four (4) shall not be members of the Board when appointed. The President of the Board shall appoint the initial eight (8) members and then two (2) new members to this committee thereafter. Each subsequent annual appointment shall consist of two members: one (1) member from the Board and the other a non-member of the Board. The President shall appoint each initial committee member to serve for one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) years in order to effectuate the staggered terms set forth herein. . . .
- b. Chair. The Chairperson of the committee will be selected by the President of the Board and shall be one of the eight members of the committee. . . .

New Reading:

7. Articles and Bylaws Special Committee.

- a. Composition. . . . The remaining four (4) shall not be members of the Board when appointed. After being elected at the September meeting of the Board, the President-elect of the Board shall appoint the two (2) new members to this committee: one (1) member from the Board and the other a non-member of the Board; their terms shall begin January 1st. Any vacancy occurring during the President of the Board's term may be filled by the President's appointment. . . .
- b. Chair. The Chairperson of the committee will be selected by the President-elect of the Board and shall be one of the eight members of the committee. . . .

Article II.F.8.a. and b.

Current Reading:

8. Budget Special Committee.

- a. Composition. . . . The remaining four (4) will not be members of the Board when appointed. The President of the Board shall appoint the six (6) members currently serving on the Committee to terms as close as practical to the remainder of their current terms on the Committee; the President shall appoint the other two (2) members of the Committee to serve for one (1), two (2), three (3) or four (4) years in order to effectuate the staggered terms set forth herein. The President of the Board shall appoint two (2) new members to this committee thereafter. Each subsequent annual appointment shall consist of two members: one (1) member from the Board and the other a non-member of the Board. The President of the Board should strive to have diversity on the Budget Special Committee taking into account representation from churches of various sizes, types, and geographical areas, and representation by individuals who are lay persons and ministers and have expertise in budget, finance and Baptist life.
- b. Chair. The Chairperson of the committee will be selected by the President of the Board and shall be one of the eight members of the committee. . . .

New Reading:

8. Budget Special Committee.

- a. Composition. . . . The remaining four (4) will not be members of the Board when appointed. After being elected at the September meeting of the Board, the President-elect of the Board shall appoint two (2) new members to this committee: one (1) member from the Board and the other a non-board member; their terms shall begin January 1st. Any vacancy occurring during the President of the Board's term may be filled by the President's appointment. The President-elect of the Board should strive to have diversity on the Budget Special Committee taking into account representation from churches of various sizes, types, and geographical areas, and representation by individuals who are lay persons and ministers and have expertise in budget, finance and Baptist life.
- b. Chair. The Chairperson of the committee will be selected by the President-elect of the Board and shall be one of the eight members of the committee. . . .

Article II.F.9.a. and b.

Current Reading:

9. Business Services Special Committee.

- a. Composition. The membership shall consist of twenty (20) members, eight (8) of whom shall be at-large members elected by the Board for four (4) year terms and twelve (12) of whom shall be members of the Board. . . .
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be selected by the committee from its Board members at its January meeting.

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New Reading:

9. Business Services Special Committee.

- a. Composition. The membership shall consist of twenty (20) members, (12) of whom shall be members of the Board, and eight (8) of whom shall not be members of the Board; all members shall serve four (4) year terms. After being elected at the September meeting of the Board, the President-elect of the Board shall appoint two (2) new non-Board members of the Committee. Any vacancy of non-Board members occurring during the President of the Board's term may be filled by the President's appointment.
...

- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be selected by the committee from its Board members at its September meeting.

Articles II.F.II.a. and b.

Current Reading:

11. Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee

- a. Composition. The committee shall consist of not more than sixteen (16) members, twelve (12) of whom shall be members of the Board. Also, the committee shall consist of four (4) at-large members serving four (4) year terms who are to be elected by the Board.
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be elected from one (1) of the members of the Board at its January meeting.

New Reading:

10. Christian Life and Public Affairs Special Committee

- a. Composition. The committee shall consist of not more than sixteen (16) members, not more than twelve (12) of whom shall be members of the Board. Also, the committee shall consist of four (4) members who are not serving on the Board and who shall serve four (4) year terms. After being elected at the September meeting of the Board, the President-elect of the Board shall appoint one (1) new non-Board members of the Committee. Any vacancy of non-Board members occurring during the President of the Board's term may be filled by the President's appointment.
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be elected from one (1) of the members of the Board at its September meeting.

Article II.F.I3.b.

Current Reading:

13. Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee

- ...
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be selected by the Committee from its members at its January meeting.

New Reading:

11. Church Planting and Missions Partnerships Committee

- ...
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be selected by the Committee from its members at its September meeting.

Article II.F.I4.b.

Current Reading:

14. Communications Committee

- ...
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be selected by the committee from its committee members at its January meeting.

New Reading:

12. Communications Committee

- ...
- b. Chair. The Chairperson shall be selected by the committee from its committee members at its September meeting.

Article II.F.I5.b.

Current Reading:

15. Evangelism and Discipleship Committee

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- b. Chair. The chairperson shall be selected by the committee from its committee members at its January meeting.

New Reading:

14. Evangelism and Discipleship Committee

...

- b. Chair. The chairperson shall be selected by the committee from its committee members at its September meeting.

Motion 3:

The Board of Directors moves that the effective date of the amendments in Motion 2 related (a) to the terms of office of the Board officers, committee chairs, Board committee members and special committee members, (b) to the time of appointment of committee members and committee chairs, and (c) to the time of election of Board officers, committee chairs, and committee members shall be July 1, 2018.

Motion 4:

The Board of Directors moves that the duties of the Committee on Nominations be amended by deleting each of the sections or portions thereof of Article I.C.6.a. of the Bylaws as indicated by the "Current Reading" below and replacing each of them with the "New Reading" as set forth below:

Current Reading:

6. Duties and Membership of Standing Committees

- a. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of eighteen (18) members serving three (3) year terms, six (6) of which shall rotate off each year. Its duties shall be to nominate persons for election by the Convention to the committees listed in Article I.C.1 (b) – (d) of these Bylaws, such other committees as may be assigned to it, the chair of such Convention committees, the boards of trustees and directors of all institutions and agencies of the Convention, the Board, and such other nominations as may be delegated to the committee by the Convention, in accordance with the following procedures:

...

- (ii) This committee shall invite in writing each institution and agency to submit recommendations for vacancies for their respective institutions and agencies occurring annually or between annual meetings of the Convention. The committee shall invite individuals through the *Biblical Recorder* and the Convention's website to submit recommendations for trustees and directors of institutions and agencies and for terms on the Board; this invitation shall include a current list of how many persons are to be elected to the Board in that year from each region. . . . Recommendations and supporting material shall be submitted early enough for the committee to acknowledge and carefully evaluate each recommendation and make an informed decision based upon character, churchmanship, and special skills required by the particular institution. All such materials shall be kept by the chair of the committee during the period of active work up to and until the time of the Convention, and all such materials received from churches and individuals shall be shared upon receipt with the particular institution involved. . . .

- (iii) When the committee meets to do its work, it shall give careful consideration to those who have been recommended from the various sources indicated above and to the fact that the trustees or directors of each institution or agency are close to that institution or agency, have expert knowledge of its needs and possibilities, possess an interest and concern for the institution or agency, and know the men and women who can best serve the institution or agency.

- (iv) When considering nominations, the committee shall:

- (a) Consult with the representatives of the boards of trustees and directors of the Convention's institutions and agencies for the purpose of determining the specific trustee or director skills needed;
- (b) Consult as needed with persons making recommendations with respect to their recommendations for membership on the Board, the boards of trustees of institutions and the boards of directors of agencies;
- (c) Share with the institutions and agencies its proposed nominations prior to notification of these nominees. This is for the purpose of further consultation, if further consultation is deemed necessary by either the Committee or the boards of trustees or directors;

...

- (vi) No person shall be nominated to serve on more than one (1) Convention committee, board of the Convention, special committee of the board of the Convention (as hereinafter named in Article II.F.), or board of its institutions, its agencies, or the Hospital (all as hereinafter defined in Article III.A.) at the same time.
- (vii) It is desirable that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of members nominated to all committees of the Convention, the Board, the boards of trustees and directors of the Convention's institutions and agencies shall come from churches with a membership under four hundred (400). It is desirable that no church shall have more than six (6) members serving at one (1) time on Convention committees, the Board, and the boards of directors or trustees of the Convention's institutions and agencies. . . .
- (viii) . . . If necessary, the committee, after prior consultation with and approval from the respective board of trustees or directors of any applicable institution or agency, shall be allowed to amend its report to the Convention in session to replace any previously reported nominee who has been determined to be unable to serve following the publication of the report of the committee to the Convention.
- (ix) . . . In addition, biographical material relating to any person proposed to be nominated from the floor of the Convention shall be given to the institution or agency involved and to the Committee on Nominations at least one (1) week prior to such meeting.

New Reading:

6. Duties and Membership of Standing Committees

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a. The Committee on Nominations shall consist of eighteen (18) members serving three (3) year terms, six (6) of which shall rotate off each year. Its duties shall be to nominate persons for election by the Convention to the committees listed in Article I.C.1 (b) – (d) of these Bylaws, such other committees as may be assigned to it, the chair of such Convention committees, the Board, the members of the boards of trustees and directors to be elected by the Convention of the Related Entities (as defined below), and such other nominations as may be delegated to the committee by the Convention, in accordance with the following procedures:

...

(ii) The Related Entities (and individually, a “Related Entity”) are Baptist Children’s Homes of North Carolina, Inc. (“Children’s Homes”), North Carolina Baptist Hospital (“Hospital”), *Biblical Recorder*, Inc. (“Recorder”) and North Carolina Baptist Foundation, Inc. (“Foundation”). This committee shall invite in writing each Related Entity to submit recommendations for vacancies for its respective board occurring annually or between annual meetings of the Convention. The committee shall invite individuals through the *Biblical Recorder* and the Convention’s website to submit recommendations for trustees and directors of Related Entities and for terms on the Board; this invitation shall include a current list of how many persons are to be elected to the Board in that year from each region. . . . Recommendations and supporting material shall be submitted early enough for the committee to acknowledge and carefully evaluate each recommendation and make an informed decision



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based upon character, churchmanship, and special skills required by the particular Related Entity. All such materials shall be kept by the chair of the committee during the period of active work up to and until the time of the Convention, and all such materials received from churches and individuals shall be shared upon receipt with the particular Related Entity involved. . . .

(iii) When the committee meets to do its work, it shall give careful consideration to those who have been recommended from the various sources indicated above and to the fact that the trustees or directors of each Related Entity are close to that Related Entity have expert knowledge of its needs and possibilities, possess an interest and concern for the Related Entity, and know the men and women who can best serve the Related Entity.

(iv) When considering nominations, the committee shall:

- (a) Consult with the representatives of the boards of trustees and directors of the Related Entities for the purpose of determining the specific trustee or director skills needed;
- (b) Consult as needed with persons making recommendations with respect to their recommendations for membership on the Board and the boards of trustees and directors of Related Entities;
- (c) Share with the Related Entities its proposed nominations prior to notification of these nominees. This is for the purpose of further consultation, if further consultation is deemed necessary by either the Committee or the boards of trustees or directors of Related Entities;

...

(vi) No person shall be nominated to serve on more than one (1) Convention committee, Board of the Convention, special committee of the Board of the Convention (as hereinafter named in Article II.F.), or board of its Related Entities at the same time.

(vii) It is desirable that at least twenty-five percent (25%) of members nominated to all committees of the Convention, the Board, and the boards of trustees and directors of the Related Entities shall come from churches with a membership under four hundred (400). It is desirable that no church shall have more than six (6) members serving at one (1) time on Convention committees, the Board, and the boards of directors or trustees of the Related Entities. . . .

(viii) . . . If necessary, the committee, after prior consultation with and approval from the respective board of trustees or directors of any applicable Related Entity, shall be allowed to amend its report to the Convention in session to replace any previously reported nominee who has been determined to be unable to serve following the publication of the report of the committee to the Convention.

(ix) . . . In addition, biographical material relating to any person proposed to be nominated from the floor of the Convention shall be given to the Related Entity involved and to the Committee on Nominations at least one (1) week prior to such meeting.

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Motion 5:

The Board of Directors moves that the following miscellaneous amendments be made to Article III.B.2.c. and Article IV.D. of the Bylaws as indicated by the "Current Reading" below and replacing each of them with the "New Reading" as set forth below:

Article III.B.2.c.

Current Reading:

- c. No individual who is employed, either on a full-time or part-time basis, by the Convention or any institution, agency or affiliated educational institution of the Convention shall be eligible to serve on the board of directors or trustees of any institution or agency.

New Reading:

- c. No individual who is employed, either on a full-time or part-time basis, by the Convention or any institution or agency of the Convention shall be eligible to serve on the board of directors or trustees of any institution or agency.

Article IV.D.

Current Reading:

- D. Borrowings by Institutions and Agencies of the Convention

Upon approval of its trustees in accordance with its articles and by-laws, any institution or agency described in Article III.B. of the Bylaws shall have the authority to borrow money without approval of the Convention, Board or Executive Committee; provided that the Convention will not directly or indirectly be involved in or liable for such borrowing.

New Reading:

- D. Borrowings by Institutions and Agencies of the Convention

Upon approval of its trustees or directors in accordance with its articles and by-laws, any institution or agency listed in Article III.A.(1) of the Bylaws shall have the authority to borrow money without approval of the Convention, Board or Executive Committee; provided that the Convention will not directly or indirectly be involved in or liable for such borrowing. **BR**

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simply overlooked in amendments in prior years. This amendment updates the reference to trustees and directors of the boards of the convention's institutions and agencies and the cross-reference to another section of the Bylaws.

Should you have questions, concerns or comments about any of these proposed changes we hope

that you will feel free to contact one of us. Our contact information is as follows:

● John Compton, chairman of the Articles and Bylaws Special Committee: (828) 446-0216, or john.compton316@gmail.com.

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Raleigh, minister, male; Ken Coley, 2019 unexpired term of Scott Allmon, Wake Cross Roads (O), Wake Forest, Raleigh, minister, male; and David Herman, 2019 unexpired term of Jay Huddleston, Pleasant Grove (O), Franklinton, Flat River, minister, male

Region 5 – Brenda Hicks, 2018 unexpired term of Carolyn Ashley, Oak View (O), Kernersville, Piedmont, lay person, female; and Andrew Hopper, 2018 unexpired term of Karl Minor, Mercy Hill (O), Summerfield, Piedmont, minister, male

Region 6 – Phil McRae, 2018 unexpired term of Bryan Blackwell, New Home (U), Peachland, Anson, minister, male

Region 7 – Durant Barr, 2019 unexpired term of Billy Blakley, Fairview (U), Hiddenite, Rocky Face, minister, male; Chris Hughes, Mount Vernon (O), Boone, Three Forks, lay person, male; and Roger Parker, Baton (U), Hudson, Caldwell, minister, male

Region 8 – Billy Cooper, 2019

unexpired term of Ed Rogers, Shelby First (O), Shelby, Greater Cleveland, minister, male

Region 9 – No vacancies

Region 10 – Al Hood Jr., Murphy First (O), Murphy, Truett, minister, male

Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina

Wayne Adams, Pinehurst First (U), Carthage, Sandhills, lay person, male; Pam Annas, Fellowship (U), Hudson, Caldwell, lay person, female; Denise Critcher, Mount Vernon (O), Deep Gap, Three Forks, lay person, female; Dana S. Dixon, Aversboro Road (O), Garner, Raleigh, lay person, female; Nancy Hall, Apex (O), Apex, Raleigh, lay person, female; Matt Hollifield, Charlotte First (O), Davidson, Metrolina, lay person, male; Roy Howell, Green Level (U), Apex, Raleigh, lay person, male; Jim Jacumin, East Valdese (O), Connelly Springs, Catawba River, lay person, male; Kenneth Robiette, 2018 unexpired term of Joan Mitchell, Rockingham First (U),

Marston, Pee Dee, lay person, male; Nathan Sanders, 2019 unexpired term of Wendy Peters, Scotts Hill (O), Wilmington, Wilmington, lay person, male; and Robert Sandy Saunders, Snyder Memorial (O), Fayetteville, New South River, minister, male

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Cindy Jennings, Corinth (O), Elizabeth City, Chowan, lay person, female; Frank Norwood, Matthews First (O), Matthews, Metrolina, minister, male; Donna Robinson, Mud Creek (O), Brevard, Carolina, lay person, female; Donnie Seagle, Holly Springs (O), Franklin, Macon, minister, male; and Meredith Snoddy, Green Street (O), Greensboro, Piedmont, lay person, female

North Carolina Baptist Foundation

Fred Graf, North Wilkesboro First (O), Wilkesboro, Brushy Mountain, lay person, male; Charles D. (Chuck) Kennedy Jr., 2019 unexpired of Harold Brown, The Summit (O), Durham, Yates, lay person, male; Hal Koger, 2018 unexpired of Richard Newton, Calvary (U), McLeansville, Piedmont, lay person, male; John S. Rogers, Asheboro First (O), Asheboro, Randolph, minister, male; Johnny Ross, Salem (O), Cary, Raleigh, minister, male; Michael W. Smith, Fruitland (O), Hendersonville, Carolina, minister, male; and Phil Stone, Moncure (U), New Hill, Sandy Creek, minister, male

North Carolina Baptist Hospital

William C. Warden, Wilkesboro (O), Wilkesboro, Brushy Mountain, lay person, male; and Sheree B. Watson, Hickory First (O), Hickory, Catawba Valley, lay person, female

Committee on Convention Meetings

Chris Canuel, Cheerful Hope (U), Carolina Beach, Columbus, minister,

male; Steve Kirk, Selma (U), Selma, Johnston, minister, male; Joshua Lathan, Pea Ridge (U), Columbus, Polk, minister, male; John Malek, Dillon Road (U), Winston-Salem, Piedmont, minister, male; Jeff Maynard, Newfound (O), Hendersonville, Buncombe, minister, male; Wesley Smith, Flint Hill (O), Shelby, Greater Cleveland, minister, male; Caleb Sprinkle, 2019 unexpired term of Mark Gregory, Charlotte First (O), Charlotte, Metrolina, minister, male; Devon Varnam, 2018 unexpired term of Leo Guerrero, Tar Heel (U), Tar Heel, Bladen, minister, male; and Simon Touprong, Chair, Vietnamese New Hope (U), Wake Forest, Raleigh, minister, male

Committee on Resolutions and Memorials

Kenny Gooden, Union Grove (O), Yadkinville, Yadkin, minister, male; Aime Kidimbu, Love Evangelical (U), Raleigh, North Carolina Miscellaneous, minister, male; Jared Parks, Front Street (O), Statesville, South Yadkin, lay person, male; and Jonathan Blaylock, Chair, West Canton (O), Canton, Haywood, minister, male

Historical Committee

Chris Furl, 2018 unexpired term of Curt Dean, Peachtree Memorial (O), Marble, Truett, minister, male; Brent Highfil, Hocutt (O), Clayton, Johnston, minister, male; Peter McDonald, Midway (U), Columbus, Polk, minister, male; Allen Murray, Oak Grove (U), Lake Toxaway, Transylvania, minister, male; Brandon Powell, Central (O), Wendell, Raleigh, minister, male; Billy Rice, 2019 unexpired term of James Lutzweiler, Locust First (O), Albemarle, Stanly, minister, male; Amy Whitfield, 2019 unexpired term of Lloyd Fish, Imago Dei (O), Wake Forest, North Carolina Miscellaneous, lay person, female; and Dale Robertson, Chair, North Main (U), Salisbury, Rowan, minister, male **BR**



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● **"This Changed Everything,"** a documentary about the Reformation, is showing three times: Sun, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m.; and Mon., Nov. 6 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. All showings occur in Auditorium I.

● **N.C. Baptist Ministers' Wives 2017 annual conference**, Nov. 6 from 9-11:45 a.m.; registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Visit ncbmw.wixsite.com/ncbmw/events.

● **The N.C. annual meeting of international missionaries** (active duty personnel on stateside assignment, emeriti, former, retired or newly appointed); Nov. 6; 10 a.m.-1 p.m.; lunch costs \$12. Contact Jack and Ruby Gentry at (336) 766-1109. The meeting is held at Lindley Park Baptist Church, 4010 Walker Ave., Greensboro, at the corner of Holden Road. Contact the church at (336) 292-5761 or June Rash at (336) 253-0090.

● **Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) Alumni & Friends Luncheon**; Nov. 6; 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.; Blue Ashe Room. Visit eventbrite.com/e/southeastern-alumni-friends-luncheon-nc-baptist-convention-2017-tickets-36930904329.

● **Hispanic Banquet**, Nov. 6;

2-6:15 p.m. in Guilford G. Visit ncannualmeeting.org/event-hispanic-banquet/.

● **Reformation Symposium**; Nov. 6; Auditorium I; 3-5 p.m.; panel facilitator: Dale Robertson; speakers: David Williams, Belmont Abbey College; Stephen B. Eccher, SEBTS; and John Armstrong, Chicago Reformed church minister. Visit ncannualmeeting.org/event-reformation-symposium/.

● **Associational missionary banquet**; Nov. 6; 4-6 p.m.; Blue Ashe Room; hosted by SEBTS.

● **N.C. Young Pastors Network dinner**; Nov. 6; 5-6:30 p.m. Visit eventbrite.com/e/young-pastors-network-dinner-tickets-38099147576.

● **Great Commission Partnerships Dessert & Discussion (North America)**; Nov. 6; 8:45-10 p.m.; Guilford G. Visit ncannualmeeting.org/event-gcp-dessert-discussion/.

● **Great Commission Partnerships Breakfast (International)**; Nov. 7; 7-8:30 a.m.; Grandover. Visit ncannualmeeting.org/event-gcp-breakfast/.

● **Heavenly Banquet: A Table for All**; Nov. 7; noon; Guilford G; cost: \$12. Visit ncannualmeeting.org/heavenlybanquet/.

● **Broken Before the Throne Prayer Gathering**; Nov. 7; 6:30 p.m.; general session hall.

● **Reaching College Students Workshop**; Nov. 7; 3:15-6 p.m.; speakers: BSC Collegiate Partnerships Team. Visit wufoo.com/forms/reaching-college-students-workshop-november-7/. **BR**

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Board recommends \$31M budget to messengers

By CHAD AUSTIN | BSC Communications

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina's (BSC) Board of Directors approved a proposed 2018 Cooperative Program (CP) budget totaling \$31 million on Tuesday, Sept. 26 during the board's regularly scheduled fall meeting at Caraway Conference Center near Asheboro.

The proposed budget will now be presented to messengers attending the 2017 BSC annual meeting for consideration. The meeting is scheduled for Nov. 6-7 at the Koury Convention Center in Greensboro.

The 2018 budget proposal reflects an increase of \$625,000 over the budget that messengers approved last year. The 2017 CP budget is \$30.375 million.

The proposal also calls for 0.5 percent increase in the allocation to Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) missions and ministries, which would go from 40.5 percent to 41 percent in 2018. If approved, the 2018 budget would mark the 12th consecutive year that North Carolina Baptists have increased the percentage allocation to the SBC.

"I'm grateful that the budget committee was able to recommend an increase in the overall Cooperative Program budget so that we can continue increasing what we're sending to the international and North American mission boards through our SBC allocation," said John Butler, who leads the BSC Business Services Group. "I'm even more thankful that North Carolina Baptist churches and individuals recognize the value of doing missions cooperatively and continue to increase their Cooperative Program giving which makes all of this possible."

The proposed budget also recommends increases to BSC institutions and agencies, which include the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, N.C. Baptist Hospital, the *Biblical Recorder* and the N.C. Baptist Foundation. Under the proposal, allocations to institutions and agencies would increase by a total of \$75,000, including a \$25,000 increase for Fruitland Baptist Bible College.

Jeff Isenhour, pastor of Arran

Lake Baptist Church in Fayetteville who serves as chairman of the convention's Budget Special Committee, noted that while the proposed budget recommends some shifts in allocations between existing staff-led ministries of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, no additional funds are allocated for new ministries.

The proposed budget also recommends a two percent salary increase for state convention staff, which is slightly less than the projected Consumer Price Index increase for 2017, Isenhour said.

Messengers attending the convention's annual meeting will have an opportunity to ask questions about the 2018 budget proposal during a listening session with Butler, Isenhour and other convention leaders scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on Tues., Nov. 7 at the Koury Convention Center. Messengers will then consider the proposed budget during a business session later that afternoon at 2:25 p.m.

In a separate measure, the board also approved a motion designating how funds received that are in excess of the proposed \$31 million budget in 2018 would be allocated. The motion calls for any excess funds to be allocated as follows: one-third to church planting; one-third to the SBC; and one-third to be divided equally among the Baptist Children's Homes, the *Biblical Recorder* and Fruitland Baptist Bible College.

The board also approved a motion that set the 2018 goal for the North Carolina Missions Offering (NCMO) at \$2.1 million, which is unchanged from 2017. Allocations for the offering also remained unchanged. NCMO is typically received by N.C. Baptists in September and supports N.C. Baptist Men (also known as Baptists on Mission), church planting, two mission camps, missions mobilization projects and missions projects in N.C. Baptist associations.

Messengers will also consider the motions for the allocation of excess 2018 budget funds and the 2018 NCMO offering goal and allocations during the annual meeting.

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