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ORDER OF BUSINESS

WEDNESDAY MORNING JUNE 16, 2021

- 8:00 Worship** // Branden Williams, *Convention music director; worship pastor*, The Summit Church, Durham, North Carolina
- 8:15 Prayer** // Sarah Farley, *student mobilization associate*, International Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia
- 8:20 Send Relief**
- 8:30 Committee on Order of Business Report (Third)** // Adam W. Greenway, *chair; president*, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 8:40 Previously Scheduled Business**
- 8:50 Committee on Committees Report** // Meredith Cook, *chair*, Neartown Church, Houston, Texas
- 9:00 Committee on Nominations Report** // Andrew Hopper, *chair; lead pastor*, Mercy Hill Church, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 9:15 Joint Seminary Reports** //
 Jeff Iorg, *president*, Gateway Seminary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Ontario, California;
 Jason K. Allen, *president*, Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Kansas City, Missouri;
 James K. Dew Jr., *president*, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana;
 Daniel L. Akin, *president*, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina;
 R. Albert Mohler Jr., *president*, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky;
 Adam W. Greenway, *president*, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- 11:03 Worship** // Branden Williams
- 11:15 Convention Sermon** // Willy Rice, *senior pastor*, Calvary Church, Clearwater, Florida
- 11:55 Prayer** // Rebeca Garayalde, *La Iglesia Bautista Misionera*, Ponce, Puerto Rico

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REPORT OF THE TUESDAY PROCEEDINGS OF THE SBC ANNUAL MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 15, 2021

TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 15, 2021

1. Branden Williams (NC), Convention music director; worship leader, The Summit Church, Durham, led congregational praise and worship.
2. Randy Davis (TN), executive director-treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board welcomed the messengers and led in prayer for the Convention and president J. D. Greear (NC).
3. President J. D. Greear (NC) announced he would be using the Judson Gavel, while presiding the Annual Meeting. Greear called to order the one hundred sixty-third session of the Southern Baptist Convention in the one hundred seventy-sixth year of its history at 8:29 a.m. in the Music City Center, Nashville, Tennessee.
4. President Greear (NC) welcomed messengers and introduced the chief parliamentarian, Barry McCarty (GA), along with assistant parliamentarians Craig Culbreth (FL), Al Gage (AZ), Ashlyn Portero (FL), and Eddie Eaton (NC).

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ANNUAL MEETING FEEDBACK

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

JUNE 16, 2021

- 2:30 Worship** // Branden Williams, *Convention music director; worship pastor*, The Summit Church, Durham, North Carolina
- 2:55 Prayer** // Kason Branch, *lead pastor*, Creekstone Church, Keller, Texas
- 3:00 Panel** // Go2 Panel - Shane Pruitt, *National Next Gen Director*, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, GA; Todd Lafferty, *Executive Vice President*, International Mission Board; Richmond, VA; Dithson Noel, *church planting mobilizer*, The Blueprint Church, Atlanta, GA; Sarah Farley, *Student Mobilization Associate*, International Mission Board, Richmond, VA
- 3:30 Previously Scheduled Business**
- 3:50 Committee on Order of Business Report (Fourth)** // Adam W. Greenway, *chair; president*, The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas
- Election of 2022 Convention Preacher, Alternate Preacher, and Music Director**
- 4:00 The Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission Report** // Daniel Patterson, *acting president*, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:18 Lifeway Christian Resources Report** // Ben Mandrell, *president and CEO*, Lifeway Christian Resources, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:36 Woman's Missionary Union Report** // Sandra Wisdom-Martin, *executive director-treasurer*, Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama
- 4:48 Presentation of Officers** // Ronnie W. Floyd, *president and CEO*, SBC Executive Committee, Nashville, Tennessee
- 4:55 Hand off to Anaheim**
- 5:00 Closing Prayer** // James Westbrook, *lead pastor*, Realm Church, Oakland, California

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REPORT OF THE TUESDAY PROCEEDINGS OF THE SBC ANNUAL MEETING JUNE 15, 2021 (CONTINUED)

5. President Greear (NC) called attention to Tuesday *SBC Bulletin*, pages 28-29, for instructions about motions, use of digital pre-filing of motions and the following appointments: Committee on Committees, Committee on Resolutions, Registration Committee, and Tellers.
6. President Greear (NC) introduced Don Currence (MO), interim SBC registration secretary for the registration report and the constitution of the Annual Meeting. Currence reported that as of 8:31 a.m., there were 13,010 messengers. The report was adopted.
7. President Greear (NC) recognized Adam W. Greenway (TX), chairman, Committee on Order of Business; president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth. Greenway moved the adoption of the agenda.
8. Bryant Wright (GA) moved to amend the agenda to replace the recognition of the past presidents and instead use the time in prayer for unity of the convention.
9. Phillip Senn (TN) raised a point of order regarding the registration report. President Greear (NC) ruled the point of order not well taken. The amendment to the agenda was adopted as amended.
10. President Greear (NC) recognized Chaplain Major General Doug Carver (GA), US Army retired, executive director of chaplaincy, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, to lead in a time of celebrating freedom. Carver introduced Randy Kitchens, US Air Force, to lead in prayer for those who serve in the military and chaplain ministry.
11. President Greear (NC) led messengers in a time a prayer for biblical unity using Hebrews 10:22-23. He was joined by Jim Henry (FL), Fred Luter (LA), and Bryant Wright (GA). Past president Jim Henry voiced prayer for unity. President Greear read Hebrews 10:24 and asked past president Bryant Wright to voice prayer for encouraging the messengers to choose to love one another. President Greear read Hebrews 10:25 and requested past president Fred Luter pray that messengers experience an urgency to engage in the completion of the Great Commission. President Greear spoke to the messengers about a prayer of surrender to the will and the way of God.
12. President Greear (NC) introduced O. S. Hawkins (TX), president and CEO, GuideStone Financial Resources, Dallas, for the GuideStone Financial Resources report. Hawkins introduced Hance Dilbeck (OK) as the new

- president-elect of GuideStone Financial Resources. Hawkins continued the report to the messengers. Mathew Vroman (MO) asked a question. Hawkins responded.
13. President Greear (NC) requested that O. S. Hawkins (TX) lead in a prayer of commissioning for Hance Dilbeck (OK).
 14. President Greear (NC) announced the time for the introduction of motions and gave instructions.
 15. Jay Adkins (LA) presented a motion to ask the Executive Committee to study conflicts of interest in relation to the roles of legal counsel.
 16. Allen Nelson (AR) presented a motion to place restrictions on Cooperative Program allocations to SBC entities.
 17. James Allen Murray (NC) presented a motion to add a fellowship meal Sunday to the denominational calendar.
 18. Cody Barnheart (TN) raised a point of order.
 19. Tom Ascol (FL) presented a motion to rescind Resolution 9 adopted in the 2019 SBC annual meeting.
 20. Jared Longshore (FL) presented motion to ask for an investigation of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission.
 21. Ted Traylor (FL) presented a motion to consider discontinuing the Committee on Resolutions.
 22. Grant Gaines (TN) presented a motion to ask for an investigation of the Executive Committee.
 23. James Walker (TX) presented a motion to ask the North American Mission Board to study the Enneagram.
 24. Peter Lumpkins (GA) presented a motion to strike a portion of a report published in the *2021 Book of Reports*.
 25. Joseph Horan (MS) presented a motion to direct the Committee on Order of Business to amend the order of business. Vote was taken. Torion Bridges (MI) raised a Point of Order. Point of Order was not well taken. However, the hand ballot vote was not determinative. President Greear (NC) asked for Don Currence (MO) to give instructions to the Convention. President Greear (NC) recognized Adam Greenway (TX) to explain the process of motions presented to the Convention. Horan spoke to his motion. President Greear asked again for Currence to give instructions to the convention. Ballots were cast.
 26. Adam Greenway (TX) moved to extend the time by three minutes. The motion was adopted.
 27. Bob Dutton (GA) presented a motion to address Critical Race Theory.
 28. Todd Benkert (IN) presented a motion to request the ERLC to perform an assessment of sexual abuse in the SBC.
 29. Brian King (OR) presented a motion to have the SBC investigate claims in certain legal filings.
 30. The time for new business expired.
 31. President Greear (NC) recognized Ronnie W. Floyd (TN), president, for the SBC Executive Committee Report, Part 1.
 32. Ronnie W. Floyd (TN) recognized O. S. and Susie Hawkins (TX) for the presentation of a proclamation honoring him for his work at GuideStone Financial Services.
 33. Ronnie W. Floyd (TN) pointed out an assesment in the *2021 SBC Book of Reports* relating to the impact of ethnic congregations and leadership in the SBC.
 34. Ronnie W. Floyd (TN) recognized Rolland Slade (CA), chair, SBC Executive Committee, to bring the recommendations.
 35. Rolland Slade (CA) brought **Recommendation 1** (Amendment of SBC Constitution Article III. Composition, Section 1, to Expand the Definition of a Cooperating Church Regarding Sexual Abuse and Racial Discrimination) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, page 51, for the final vote of the two consecutive votes required for constitutional amendments, and it was adopted.
 36. Rolland Slade (CA) introduced Chad Garrison (AZ) to bring **Recommendation 2** (Amendment of SBC Constitution, Article V, Section 2, Officer Election) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, page 52, and it was adopted.
 37. Rolland Slade (CA) introduced Andrew Hunt (IN) to bring **Recommendation 3** (Amendment of SBC Bylaw 36. Amendments, to Allow Voting in the Final Session) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, page 52, and it was adopted.
 38. Rolland Slade (CA) introduced Jim Gregory (MN) to bring **Recommendation 4** (SBC Executive Committee: Request for Approval of Mission and Ministry Statement Amendment) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, pages 53-55. Spence Shelton (NC) moved to amend. Motion was considered friendly. Motion as amended was adopted.
 39. Rolland Slade (CA) introduced Robyn Hari (TN) to bring **Recommendation 5** (2021-2022 SBC Cooperative Program Allocation Budget) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, page 56. Tom Ascol (FL) moved to amend. President Greear (SC) ruled the motion to amend out of order. Ascol appealed to the chair. Vote was taken and chair was sustained. Clint Pressley (NC) raised a point of order but was ruled out of order. The motion was adopted.
 40. Rolland Slade (CA) introduced Archie Mason (AR) to bring **Recommendation 6** (2021-2022 SBC Executive Committee and SBC Operating Budget) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, page 57, and it was adopted.
 41. Rolland Slade (CA) introduced Robyn Hari (TN) to bring **Recommendation 7** (SBC Referral: To Request the SBC Executive Committee to Amend the Business and Financial Plan to Strengthen the Fiscal Accountability of Entities) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, pages 58-67. Brian Sandifer (MD) raised a question. Bob Curtis (MO) amended the motion and spoke to the amendment. Hari responded. Amendment failed. Handler (KY) spoke against the recommendation. Vance Pittman (NV) spoke against recommendation. Jay Atkins (LA) spoke against recommendation. Matt Vroman (MO) asked a question. Danny Akin (NC) spoke in opposition to the recommendation. Akin called for the question. The recommendation failed.
 42. Rolland Slade (CA) introduced Rob Showers (VA) to bring **Recommendation 8** (Lifeway Christian Resources: Request for Approval of

Mission and Ministry Statement Amendment) *2021 SBC Book of Reports*, pages 68-70, and it was approved. Michael Schultz (KY) spoke against the recommendation. Ben Mandrell (TN) spoke in favor. Vote was taken but not conclusive so President Greear (NC) called on John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary, to assist the messengers in casting their ballots. Ballots were cast.

43. President Greear (NC) recognized Johnny Hunt (GA), senior vice president for evangelism and leadership, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, for the Crossover report. Hunt (GA) introduced a video and recognized Roc Collins (TN), Tennessee Baptist Convention Evangelism Director.
44. President Greear (NC) introduced Kevin Ezell (GA), president, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, for the North American Mission Board Crossover Report and Presentation. His report included information about SendNetwork, SendRelief, collegiate ministries, the generosity of Southern Baptists for the Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions.
45. Joey Hufstедler (TN) asked a question. Ezell responded and referred the question to Eric Thomas (VA), chairman of the North American Mission Board, to respond to the question. David Van Bebber (MO) asked a question. Ezell responded. John Bullock (FL) asked a question. Ezell responded.
46. Branden Williams (NC) and the Summit worship team led in a time of praise and worship. President Greear (NC) delivered the 2021 President's Address.
47. Marshall Ausberry (VA), first vice president, presided for the remainder of the session and recognized
48. Adam Greenway (TX), chairman of the Committee on Order of Business for an announcement to adjust the starting time of the afternoon session 30 minutes later than scheduled.
49. Marshall Ausberry (VA) recognized recording secretary John L. Yeats (MO) for a report from the Tellers Committee on Ballot 1 on extending the time of the agenda: 11,107 total ballots were cast. There were 5,266 votes in favor or 47.41% and 5,812 votes against

or 52.33%. There were 29 disallowed ballots or 0.26%. Ausberry confirmed the result of the ballot and the motion failed.

50. John L. Yeats (MO) continued the report on the Ballot 2 related to the Lifeway Ministry Assignment: 10,317 messengers cast ballots. There were 4,448 messengers voted in favor or 43.11% and 5,850 voted against or 56.07%. There were 19 disallowed ballots or 0.18%. First Vice President Marshall Ausberry (VA) confirmed the result of the ballot and the motion failed.
51. First Vice President Ausberry (VA) introduced Morris Chapman (TN), president emeritus, SBC Executive Committee, to lead in a closing prayer. Chapman led in prayer.

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52. Branden Williams (NC) Convention music director; worship leader, The Summit Church, Durham, led congregational praise and worship.
53. President J. D. Greear (NC) introduced Michael Catt (GA), retired senior pastor of Sherwood Baptist Church, Albany, and Derrick DeLain (TN), lead pastor, Proclamation Church, Nashville to lead in prayer.
54. President Greear (NC) announced the time for nominations for president.
55. H.B. Charles (FL) nominated R. Albert Mohler Jr. (KY); Dean Haun (TN) nominated Mike Stone (GA); Fred Luter (LA) nominated Ed Litton (AL); Mary Habila (WA) nominated Randy Adams (WA)
56. President Greear (NC) called on interim registration secretary, Don Currence (MO), to give balloting instruction to the messengers. Currence announced 15,678 messengers were registered. Ballots were cast.
57. President Greear (NC) recognized Rolland Slade (CA), chairman of the Executive Committee, for the disposition of Recommendation of 9. Because Resolution 8 failed it made Resolution 9 mute. However, Ben Mandrell (TN) and Kevin Ezell (GA) were recognized to work in concert to

develop a ministry for college students. President Greear prayed for those who would be working to reach college students with the gospel.

58. Recommendation 10 of the Executive Committee Report, Part 2 was presented by Ronnie Floyd (TN).
59. Ronnie Floyd (TN), president of the SBC Executive Committee addressed the convention, urging messengers to action and to the call of the Great Commission. Floyd challenged messengers to embrace the call of VISION 2025 to see the gospel of Christ shared with every person in every town, every city, every state and every nation. Floyd's address was titled The Urgency of Now-Revelation 20:11-15.
60. Floyd (TN) introduced Rolland Slade (CA) who requested Jeremy Morton (GA) to bring the official motion for Recommendation 10 of the Executive Committee Report. Benjamin Cole (TX) moved to amend the Vision 2025. The amendment was adopted. Malachi O'Brian (MO) spoke in favor of the Vision 2025. Mike Rasberry (AL) spoke to the motion. Clint Smith (SC) moved to amend to change the age of goal number 4 to "under the age of 18". It was considered to be a friendly amendment. Amended motion was adopted.
61. President Greear (NC) recognized James Merritt (GA), pastor, Cross Pointe Church, Duluth, and chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, to give their first report. Merritt called on Andrew Hunt (IN) to lead in prayer.
62. Resolution Committee Chairman James Merritt (FL) explained the rationale of the committee and moved the adoption of Resolution 1. Jason Cecil (MO) moved to amend. The chair ruled the amendment failed. Richard Treitz (KY) moved to amend and the committee received it as a friendly amendment. William Ascol (OK) asked a question. James Briggs (MO) moved to amend. Nathan Finn (SC) responded for the committee. Amendment failed. Resolution 1 was adopted as amended.
63. James Merritt (FL) moved the adoption of resolution 2. Andrew Bertodatti (NY) moved to amend the resolution. David Bumgardner (TX) requested the convention center to please turn on

- the air. Kevin Apperson (NV) spoke against the motion. Merritt spoke to the convention the rationale for the resolution. Todd Benkert (IN) moved the question. Question has been called. The resolution was adopted.
64. Dana Hall McCain (AL) presented Resolution 3. Josh Rice (AR) moved to amend. McCain defended the position of the committee. Aradale Jones (AK) raised a point of order. Chair explained that the question was called. Amendment failed. Resolution 3 was adopted.
 65. President Greear (NC) recognized John L. Yeats (MO), recording secretary, to give ballot results for the election of president. Yeats reported that at the time of the ballot, there were 15,678 registered messengers; 14,300 ballots were cast;
 66. R. Albert Mohler Jr. (KY); received 3,764 votes, 26.32%; Mike Stone (GA) received 5,216 votes, 36.48%; Ed Litton (AL) received 4,630 votes, 32.38%; Randy Adams (WA) received 673 votes, 471%.
 67. President Greear (NC) announced that pursuant to SBC Bylaw 10, Section B that there must be a run-off ballot. Greear called on Don Currence (MO) announced that a vote would be taken for a run-off between Ed Litton (AL) and Mike Stone (GA). Currence gave balloting instructions to the Convention. The ballot was cast.
 68. President Greear (NC) announced the final opportunity for the introduction of motions and gave instructions.
 69. Alan Cross (CA) presented a motion to resend the resolution of 1861.
 70. Robert White (SC) presented a motion that the Executive Committee revise documents to create a 30day prior release of the Committee on Resolutions.
 71. Charles Johnson (KY) presented a motion to amend the bylaws governing the Resolutions Committee.
 72. Steve Bailey (AR) presented a motion to include the Cooperative Program giving of candidates nominated for office
 73. Nate Maglaughlin (TX) Presented a motion to allow for proxy voting by SBC missionaries
 74. Jason Wing (OH) Presented a motion moved to allow more advanced notice of Committee on Resolutions Committee
 75. Roy Youngblood (TX) presented a motion calling for a day of corporate repentance to SBC calendar
 76. Shad Tibbs (LA) presented a motion breaking fellowship with SaddleBack Church in California. Motion filed with credentials committee
 77. Jonathan Six (NC) presented a motion to resend particular resolutions
 78. Tristan Heart (MI) presented a motion to create a task force to assist in the abolishing of abortion
 79. Gary LeRoy (TN) presented a motion to study using Nashville as the permanent site of the annual meeting and create satellite locations
 80. Walter Boutwell (AL) presented a motion to call for a committee to educate Southern Baptists about puberty blockers
 81. Todd Stinnett (TN) presented a motion that Southern Baptist take one comprehensive vote on racism.
 82. Philip Nelson (IL) presented a motion calling for a name change of the convention to Great Commission Baptist.
 83. Brad Patterson (TX) presented a motion calling for study of non-disclosure amendments by SBC entities
 84. Michael Hoffman (NC) presented a motion calling for a percentage of time for business
 85. Christopher Benavidas (TX) presented a motion to amend article 1 of the constitution to chsnge the name.
 86. Rick Hillard (KY) presented a motion that every five years an audit of activity.
 87. John Blackmon (GA) presented a motion to request LifeWay to produce resources for deaf peoples.
 88. President Greear (NC) recognized Paul Chitwood (VA) president, International Mission Board, for the International Mission Board report. The report included statistics and encouragement for messengers to pray, give and go. A video reinforced the message. Over \$5 billion given through the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions since it started. Chitwood offered a challenge to messengers to go together toward the mission. John Jones (MO) asked a question about going back again and required Covid 19 vaccines. Chitwood responded. Paul Karratti (MO) asked a question about the use of technology. Mathew Vroman (MO) asked a question about processes. Joshua Coleman (FL) asked question about the Cooperative Program.
 89. Highlights of the global work of Southern Baptists by video and panel composed of John Brady, Victor Hue and Charles Worthy.
 90. Alex Cosio (GA) moved resolution 4: On the Equality Act. Jared Moore (TN) moved a friendly amendment. Cosio said that the resolution was friendly and it was adopted. Conner Stewart (MO) asked for amendment. Amendment failed. Byron Talbot (TN) offered a friendly amendment and the committee accepted it. Tim Barnett (GA) made point of order to encourage speakers to speak into the microphone. Andrew Walker (KY) moved a friendly amendment. The committee considered this a friendly amendment. Mike Janz (CA) spoke against the amendment and his motion to amend was ruled out of order. Question was called. Resolution as amended was adopted.
 91. Brooke Medina (NC) moved the adoption of Resolution 5. Mike Hibbard (MO) spoke against the resolution. Adron Robinson (IL) spoke for the resolution. Philip Bramblet (VA) spoke against the resolution. David Bumgardner (TX) spoke for the resolution. Louis Cook (NC) proposed an amendment to the resolution. Committee responded to the amendment. The amendment failed. Morgan Kerr (AL) moved to amend the resolution. Bart Barber (TX) spoke against the amendment. The amendment was read. The amendment failed. Question was called. Resolution was adopted.
 92. President Greear (NC) recognized Adam Greenway for a motion to extend the time for 10 minutes. The motion was adopted.
 93. Chairman James Merritt (GA) moved the adoption of Resolutions 8 and 9. The resolutions were adopted.

94. Bart Barber (TX) moved the adoption of Resolution 6 on Sole Membership. Andrew Lindsey (KY) asked a question was asked about sole membership. Bart Barber responded for the committee. Resolution was adopted.
95. Resolution 7 was dropped.
96. Robyn Hari moved the adoption of Resolution 10: on appreciation of for the city of Nashville. Hari introduced Charles Starks who managed the Music City Center. The resolution was adopted.
97. William Ascoh (OK) asked questions about the moving his resolution out of committee: on Abolishing Abortion. Nathan Finn (SC) responded to the messengers. Motion was moved and the Order of Business will schedule the resolution for consideration.
98. President Greear (NC) recognized Don Currence (MO) for a report on the ballot for President of the convention.
99. There are `15,691 registered messengers that cast 13,131 ballots. Mike Stone received 6,278 votes, 47.81% and Ed Litton received 6,834 votes, 52.04%. President Greear announced Ed Litton (AL) as president-elect of the Southern Baptist Convention.
100. President Greear (NC) called for nominations for first vice president.
101. Danny Singfield (TN) nominated Lee Brand, Jr. (TN)
102. Marshall Blalock (SC) nominated Anthony Dockery (CA)
103. President Greear (NC) recognized Don Currence to give the messengers instructions on balloting. Ballots were cast.
104. President Greear (NC) recognized Cathy Litton (AL) to nominated Don Currence (MO) for Registration Secretary. President Greear recognized John Yeats (MO) to cast the ballot for the convention for Don Currence as Recording Secretary elect.
105. President Greear (NC) announced the time for election of recording secretary. Jonathan Hayashi (MO) nominated John L. Yeats (MO) and David Miller (IA), nominated Adam Blosser (VA). There were no other nominations. President Greear in consultation with the parliamentarians and the Order of Business Committee ruled there was not a quorum in the convention hall and therefore the ballots will be cast in the Wednesday morning session of the Convention.
106. President Greear (NC) recognized Lilly H. Park (TX) to close the session in prayer.

RESOLUTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Submitted by William (Bill) Ascol, Bethel Baptist Church, Owasso, OK

(1) WHEREAS, from the moment of fertilization, all humans are created in God's image by, through, and for Jesus to the glory of God, and all souls belong to Him (Genesis 1:27; 4:1; 21:2; Isaiah 7:14; Colossians 1:16; Romans 11:36; Ezekiel 18:4), and

(2) WHEREAS, as God's image-bearers, all humans both display His divine worth, power, and attributes, and possess equal, objective worth before God, not varying based on incidental characteristics; such as ethnicity, age, size, means of conception, mental development, physical development, gender, potential, or contribution to society (Rom 1:19-20; Gen 1:27; 9:6; Matthew 18:6), and

(3) WHEREAS, to murder any preborn image-bearer is a sin, violating both the natural law of retributive justice as set forth in the Noahic covenant, as well as the sixth commandment forbidding murder, and as such, is ultimately an assault on God's image, seeking to usurp God's sovereignty as Creator (Gen 9:5-6; Exodus 20:13; Proverbs 6:17), and

(4) WHEREAS, God's Word declares that all human life is a sacred gift and that His Law is supreme over man's life and man's law (Psalm 127:3-5; 139:13-16; Rom 2:15-16; Acts 10:42; 17:31; 1 Corinthians 4:5), and

(5) WHEREAS, God commands His people to "rescue those who are being taken away to death" and holds them responsible and without excuse when they fail to do so (Prov 24:11-12), and

(6) WHEREAS, God establishes all governing authorities as His avenging servants to carry out His wrath on the evildoer, and commands these authorities to judge justly, neither showing partiality to the wicked, nor using unequal standards, which are abominations (Psa 82; Prov 20:10; Rom 13:4), and

(7) WHEREAS, in 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States rendered an iniquitous decision on Roe v. Wade, and in doing so deprived the innocent of their rights, and usurped God, who sovereignly ordained their authority (Isa 5:23; 10:1-2; Psa 2; Matt 22:21; John 19:11; Acts 4:19; 5:29, Rom 13:1), and

(8) WHEREAS, in the Roe v. Wade decision, the Supreme Court of the United States subverted the U.S. Constitution namely, the Preamble, as well as the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments without any legal authority (Article 6, Clause 2 "Supremacy Clause"), and

(9) WHEREAS, governing authorities at every level have a duty before God to uphold justice asserting their God-ordained and constitutional authority to establish equal protection under the law for all, born and preborn, by intervening, ignoring, or nullifying iniquitous decisions when other authorities, such as the Supreme Court, condone such injustices as the legal taking of innocent life (Daniel 3; 1 Kings 12; 2 Kings 11; Jeremiah 26:10-16; 36:9-31; 37:11-21; 39:7-10), and

(10) WHEREAS, over the past 48 years with 60+ million abortions, traditional Pro-life laws, though well intended, have not established equal protection and justice for the preborn, but on the contrary, appallingly have established incremental, regulatory guidelines for when, where, why, and how to obtain legal abortion of innocent preborn children, thereby legally sanctioning abortion, and

(11) WHEREAS, since 1980, the SBC has passed many resolutions reaffirming the importance of human life at all stages of development, but we have yet to call for the immediate abolition of abortion without exception or compromise, and

(12) WHEREAS, our confessional statement, The Baptist Faith and Message, according to Article XV, affirms that children "from the moment of conception, are a blessing and heritage from the Lord"; and further affirms that Southern Baptists are mandated by Scripture to "speak on behalf of the unborn and contend for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death," now, be it therefore

(13) RESOLVED, that the messengers of the SBC meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 15-16, 2021, do state unequivocally that abortion is murder, and we reject any position that allows for any exceptions to the legal protection of our preborn neighbors, compromises God's holy standard of justice, or promotes any God-hating partiality (Psa 94:6; Isa 10:1-2; Prov 24:11; Psa 82:1-4), and be it further

(14) RESOLVED, that we will not embrace an incremental approach to ending abortion because it challenges God's Lordship over the heart and the conscience, and rejects His call to repent of sin completely and immediately (Gen 3:1; John 8:44; Rom 2:14-15; 2 Corinthians 11:3), and be it further

(15) RESOLVED, that we affirm that the murder of preborn children is a crime against humanity that must be punished equally under the law, and be it further

(16) RESOLVED, that we humbly confess and lament any complicity in recognizing exceptions that legitimize or regulate abortion, and of any apathy, in not laboring with the power and influence we have to abolish abortion, and be it further

(17) RESOLVED, that as Southern Baptists we will engage, with God's help, in establishing equal justice and protection for the preborn according to the authority of God's Word as well as local and federal law, and call upon pastors and leaders to use their God-given gifts of preaching, teaching, and leading with one unified, principled, prophetic voice to abolish abortion, and be it finally

(18) RESOLVED, that, because abolishing abortion is a Great Commission issue, we must call upon governing authorities at all levels to repent and "obey everything that [Christ] has commanded," exhorting them to bear fruit in keeping with repentance by faithfully executing their responsibilities as God's servants of justice, and working with all urgency to enact legislation using the full weight of their office to interpose on behalf of the preborn, abolishing abortion immediately, without exception or compromise (Mark 6:18; Matt 28:18-20; Rom 13:4, 6).

CORRECTIONS TO TUESDAY'S BULLETIN

The following reflects corrections to Tuesday's Daily Bulletin.

Resolutions Report - Disposition of Resolutions

John Michael LaRue's resolution was incorrectly recorded with the "On Incompatibility of Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality with the Baptist Faith and Message" and should have been disposed as its own resolution.

Resolution on the Rejection of Critical Race Theory and Intersectionality as Compatible with the Baptist Faith and Message

John Michael LaRue, Miamisburg, OH

See Resolution #2

The Committee received numerous resolutions on issues related to various theories, including Critical Race Theory, Intersectionality, and Lost Cause Theory, and combined them into a general Resolution on these subjects.

Report on the Committee on Committees

South Carolina: Craig Tuck, Centerpoint, Remount

Report on the Committee on Nominations

Member Rotating	Member Status	Nominee to be Elected
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SPECIAL THANKS

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MESSENGER INFORMATION

TO MAKE A MOTION

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

TO SPEAK FROM FLOOR

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

Bylaws Relating to Speaking from the Floor

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

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

HELPFUL TERMINOLOGY

MOTION – A motion calls for specific action by the Southern Baptist Convention or requests specific action by one or more of its entities. A motion normally begins with “I move that. . .” See column to left for instructions on how to make a motion.

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

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

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

PRE-FILING MOTIONS

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

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

INFORMATION CENTER

If you have questions concerning the SBC Annual Meeting or the Music City Center, visit the **INFORMATION CENTER** located in the 6th Street lobby on Level 2.

Lost and found, as well as emergency messages (which will be projected on the screens with the name of persons affected), can be found in the **CONVENTION OFFICE**, Room 205A. The Convention Office phone number is (615) 782-8612.

SAFETY AND SECURITY

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

Personal safety of those attending the Annual Meeting has been a high priority in the planning process. Please be alert and report any suspicious activity to the nearest security officer, Convention usher, or by contacting the Convention Office in Room 205A or at (615) 782-8612.

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

MEETING PUBLICATIONS

Book of Reports – Provided to messengers upon registration; contains the annual reports of committees and entities of the Convention that may require a vote.

**Available electronically on the SBC Annual Meeting app*

Messenger Guide – Provided upon registration; contains the Annual Meeting schedule, general Annual Meeting information, exhibit hall map and directory listing, advertisements from SBC entities and exhibit hall vendors, and more.

Bulletin – Published daily during the SBC Annual Meeting; available each morning near the main hall entrances; contains recommendations of committees and entities not available at the time the Book of Reports was printed, announcements of business, times and places of special meetings, and other items of interest.
**Available electronically on the SBC Annual Meeting app*

Annual – Available in the fall; contains the contents of the Book of Reports, proceedings of the 2021 Annual Meeting, directories of SBC entities and state conventions, and more. Paperback copies can be ordered, while supplies last, by contacting the SBC Executive Committee at annual@sbc.net. The SBC Annual can also be viewed and downloaded at sbc.net.

PRESS/MEDIA INFORMATION

Though the Southern Baptist Convention is a private religious gathering, it is chronicled for news and historical purposes. Members of the working press, which include editors, reporters, producers, video crews, still photographers, etc., are required to be forthcoming about their intentions and to abide by media policies and ground rules designed to ensure messengers and invited guests maintain their right to privacy.

Members of the media must be properly credentialed through the SBC Press Room, Room 202, and clearly identified with a media credentials badge at all times.

Any news media member — including news media representatives registered as messengers—who interacts with Convention attendees for news purposes, such as bloggers and those engaged in other social media platforms, are required to apply for official media credentials. Persons representing outside interest groups are not permitted to distribute material nor engage messengers for interview purposes inside the Convention Center.

Credentialed videographers and photographers are permitted to work in the Convention Center, but may not approach individual messengers in the Convention Hall during presentations or business sessions; nor are they permitted to focus on any one individual without the attendee's awareness and permission. Videographers are instructed to stay in the media area and not roam the Convention Hall floor.

Attendees may accept or decline media requests for comments and accept or decline permission to capture individual photos or video shots. Messengers or invited guests who grant interviews and photo or video permission are responsible for their own actions and statements.

Should any messenger or invited guest deem any media activity unacceptable, a report identifying the offending party should be made to the Convention press representative at (615) 782-8611. Should any individual representing an outside interest group prove disruptive or in violation of this policy, a report identifying the offending party should be made to the Convention office at (615) 782-8612.

SPECIAL THANKS

We extend our sincere appreciation to:

- The Local Arrangements Committee and Nashville volunteers for their hard work and planning
- Lifeway Media for staging, lighting, and sound production
- The Deaf Church of Brentwood Baptist Church for providing signing services during the main sessions
- The Worship & Music Division of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board for planning, coordinating, and executing the live music throughout Music City Center
- Cracker Barrel for providing rocking chairs for the nursery, vouchers for children in childcare, and gift cards for childcare volunteers

OTHER INFORMATION

SPECIAL SEATING

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



FOOD OPTIONS

There are many restaurants around Music City Center and throughout downtown Nashville. There are also several food vendors available inside the Convention Center on Levels 2 and 3. Additionally, food trucks will be parked along the sidewalk of Music City Center on Rep John Lewis Way South from 11 AM - 2 PM.

A food truck listing can be found on the SBC Annual Meeting app and a restaurant listing of Nashville-area restaurants can be found by visiting visitmusiccity.com/things-to-do-in-nashville/food-drink.

PRAYER ROOM

A prayer room is available in Music City Center on Level 3 across from Hall D for use by messengers and guests to the SBC Annual Meeting.

SHUTTLE
BUSES

Shuttle buses are available for Nashville area hotels. Shuttle bus drop-off and pick-up will happen from the Sixth Avenue "tunnel" entrance of Music City Center. Color-coded shuttle bus schedules can be found near that location as well as on the SBC Annual Meeting app and Annual Meeting website.

FOR THE KIDS



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

Each year, we are able to offer the programs during Annual Meeting week for registered children and youth. This year, drop-off and pick-up will happen on Level 1: Preschool, Room 107 Prefunction Space; Children, Rooms 104-106.

**A nursing mothers' room is also available for mothers whose babies aren't registered in childcare. Visit the Preschool check-in area (Level 1, Room 107 Prefunction Space) for directions. Additionally, there are nursing mothers' rooms on Levels 2 and of Music City Center. Ask the Information Desk or an usher for directions.*

INFORMATION FROM OUR SBC ENTITIES



VISION STAGE

Join friends and colleagues at the VISION Stage and connect with topics affecting Southern Baptists today. For a full list of times and panelists, check out the SBC Annual Meeting mobile app or sbcannualmeeting.net! All interviews/panel discussions will be livestreamed at sbc.net/vision2025, as well as recorded and posted online at a later date.

WEDNESDAY TOPICS INCLUDE:

Soul Winning Still Works; When All of God's Children Get Together: Diversity in the SBC; How to Make Your Vision Walk in the Local Church; Reaching, Equipping, and Mobilizing Asian Churches for the Great Commission; How a Pastor's Wife Can Support Her Husband in Ministry; Every Church Matters; Advancing the Great Commission Where You are Planted



THE ETHICS & RELIGIOUS
LIBERTY COMMISSION
OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Join with the ERLC as we stand for life by writing a note of encouragement for an abortion-vulnerable woman. These notes are designed to be given through pro-life pregnancy resource centers with the hope that the mother will choose life for her child.

As a thank you for writing a note, we would love to give you a free Psalm 139 T-shirt. At the ERLC booth, you can also see firsthand some of the ultrasound machines that the ERLC places in pro-life pregnancy centers through its Psalm 139 Project.

MEDIA INFORMATION

LIVE STREAM

All SBC Annual Meeting sessions will be live streamed at sbcannualmeeting.net and will be archived on the Lifeway Digital Pass platform to view later!



CLOSED CAPTIONING

The SBC is pleased to offer closed captioning for those hard of hearing, as well as other languages!

The screen nearest the section for those hard of hearing will have a closed captioning video screen. We also offer a streaming closed captioning service for smart phones or web-enabled devices with many language options. Simply click on the Closed Captioning icon on the SBC Annual Meeting app and choose your desired language.



STORIES

Did you know your church can share Cooperative Program stories each and every week? Visit sbc.net/cpstories for weekly stories and downloads telling the story of how gifts to the Cooperative Program are making a difference for Christ all around our nation and the world!

Baptist Press

Stay connected with the latest in Southern Baptist news. Subscribe to our daily email newsletters or visit us at BaptistPress.com.

You can also follow on Facebook.com/BaptistPress, Twitter @BaptistPress, or Instagram @baptistpress.

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ANNUAL MEETING HASHTAG

Use this official SBC Annual Meeting hashtag on your social media messages and photos concerning the 2021 Annual Meeting and stay connected with everything that is happening. Don't forget to check out the #SBC21 photo filters on the SBC Annual Meeting app!

INFORMATION FROM OUR SBC ENTITIES



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

- **Retirement Account Review** - Review your account with a GuideStone representative.
- **Insurance Coverage Checkups** - Drop in for a medical plan checkup with a GuideStone insurance expert.
- **Personal Health Assessments** - Visit the Wellness Booth to receive a FREE health screening and report suitable to take to your family doctor. Don't forget to sign up in advance at GuideStone.org/WellnessBooth!
- **Property and Casualty Giveaway** - Stop by the GuideStone Property and Casualty® and Brotherhood Mutual® booths to receive a complimentary, two-part gift*.
- **Mission:Dignity® Sunday Materials** - Order free materials to help support retired SBC pastors, workers, and their widows in need.
- **Free Books** - Come to the GuideStone booth to receive a free book* from our president.

**while supplies last*



The IMB's mission is to serve you and your church in making disciples of all nations to carry out the Great Commission. Visit us at our exhibit to explore opportunities to join us in missions every day.



Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary Booth: Pray for the nations and learn how you can be part of fulfilling the mission at Southeastern's main booth. Enter to win the full iPad set including the keyboard case, Apple pencil, books, and more! *(Located in the SBC Exhibit Hall)*



Meet our Faculty! Visit the SBTS booth in the SBC Exhibit Hall and you will have the opportunity to meet some of the faculty at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary!



ADDITIONAL SCHEDULED EVENTS

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

SEBTS Women’s Leadership Breakfast: 7 am; Omni Hotel, Legends Ballroom, Level 2. Tickets: \$10; purchase at booth, door, or online at Eventbrite. *Theme: This is My Great Commission Story.*

Bivocational & Small Church Leadership Network Luncheon (sponsored by NAMB): 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Music City Center, Level 1, Room 101 A/B. FREE event for bivocational pastors and families; register at exhibit hall booth. *Limited to 250 people.*

Gateway Seminary Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Music City Center, Level 1, Room 102 A/B. Tickets: \$10; purchase tickets at gatewaysbc21.eventbrite.com.

MBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Omni Hotel, Broadway Ballroom. **EVENT is FULL.**

NOBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Omni Hotel, Legends Ballroom, Level 2. **EVENT is FULL.**

SEBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Music City Center, Level 1, Davidson Ballroom. Tickets: \$15; available at alumnise.com/events/sebtsatsbc

SBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Music City Center, Level 4, Karl F. Dean Grand Ballroom C1/C2. Tickets: \$25; purchase at events.sbts.edu. *Seating first come, first served.*

SWBTS Alumni & Friends Luncheon: 12 pm (or following the Wed. morning session); Music City Center, Level 4, Karl F. Dean Grand Ballroom A1/A2. Tickets: \$25; purchase at swbts.edu/sbc21.

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

2022 ANNUAL MEETING HOUSING & CHILDCARE

On June 14-15, 2021, the SBC Annual Meeting will be held in Anaheim, California! Housing for the 2022 Annual Meeting will open on October 1, 2021. Don’t forget to register early for all children/youth events prior to your arrival to next year’s Annual Meeting to ensure your child has a place as childcare and youth event spots fill up quickly. Watch for more information at www.sbcannualmeeting.net.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING SITES/DATES

Charlotte, North Carolina: June 13–14, 2023 Dallas, Texas: June 10-11, 2025
Indianapolis, Indiana: June 11–12, 2024 Orlando, Florida: June 9–10, 2026



PRAYER REQUEST CARD

Your first name: _____

Prayer request: _____

If you would like to have volunteers pray for your request, please place your prayer card in the prayer request box in the Prayer Room, which is located on Level 3 of Music City Center across from Hall D.