

2017 Adopted Resolutions

2017 Resolutions Committee

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Resolution #1

On Expressing Our Gratitude

WHEREAS, God has instructed His people to express gratefulness for those who serve faithfully (1 Thessalonians 1:2); and

WHEREAS, Our convention president, David Starry has faithfully served for the past year and has assisted with preparations for this meeting; and

WHEREAS, Our vice president Ryan Strother, recording secretary Faye Rodgers, assistant recording secretary Annette Dessecker, and historian Jack Kwok have ably served and assisted with preparations for this meeting, and

WHEREAS, The pastor, staff, and members of the Chillicothe Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Ohio, which is part of the Scioto Valley Baptist Association, have been so gracious as to host this meeting; and

WHEREAS, The devoted staff of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio have played an extended role in planning and organizing this year's Annual Meeting; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we, the messengers of the 64th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, express our gratefulness and appreciation for their leadership.

Resolution #2

On Appreciation of Those Involved in Crisis Ministries

WHEREAS, The volunteers of the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, and especially our own Ohio Disaster Relief Units, have effectively and compassionately ministered to individuals throughout our nation during recent natural disasters and crises; and

WHEREAS, There exists a need for new volunteers to demonstrate the love and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ in these and future times of crises; and

WHEREAS, God has specifically given the church the avenue of prayer to communicate with God the praises and needs of His people (Luke 10:1-2); and

WHEREAS, God often uses His people to display His faithfulness; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we the messengers of the 64th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio applaud and affirm the work of Southern Baptists in Disaster Relief efforts and encourage additional volunteers to prepare to meet needs in times of crises; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we continually keep as a matter of prayer the great good that is accomplished during Disaster Relief initiatives and pray for both volunteers and victims in these crises; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we appreciate the contributions of churches and individuals for Disaster Relief and encourage continued financial and participatory support of the ongoing work of Disaster Relief of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Resolution #3

On Mission Support Through the Cooperative Program

WHEREAS, The Cooperative Program serves Southern Baptists as a financial strategy to reach the lost and funds missionaries around the world through support of our State Convention of Baptists in Ohio, The North American Mission Board, and the International Mission Board; and

WHEREAS, the messengers of the 63rd Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio approved a 50/50 split in distribution of the Cooperative Program gifts from Ohio churches in the 2016 Annual Meeting which required a significant increase in budget; and

WHEREAS, the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio is experiencing a budget shortfall, even after significant personnel reductions; and

WHEREAS, we believe that we can accomplish more in sharing the great news of Jesus Christ with the multitudes of lost people across Ohio, across North American, and around the world through working together; be it therefore

RESOLVED, That the messengers of the 64th Annual Meeting of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio encourage those churches on the journey to increase mission support to include an increase in the Cooperative Program as a part of that strategy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we celebrate each Ohio Baptist church which, in addition to its own mission activities, supports missions and ministries through generous giving to the Cooperative Program and encourage continued mission support through the Cooperative Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we encourage member churches of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio who are not giving or giving minimally to the Cooperative Program to develop a strategy to increase their percentage of mission support through the Cooperative Program; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we commit ourselves to fulfill the original vision of the Cooperative Program for the propagation of the Gospel.

Resolution #4

On Appreciation of the Service of Lois and Orville Griffin to Ohio Baptists

WHEREAS, Orville and Lois Griffin sacrificially moved to Ohio in 1954 to pastor the one-year-old East Dayton Baptist Mission and led that church to grow, build its first building and attain nearly 1,000 members; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Doctor Orville Griffin served as associational moderator and as state convention vice president and president as well as other places of service during his tenure as pastor; and

WHEREAS, in 1966 he resigned East Dayton Baptist Church to become Director of Missions for the Greater Cincinnati Baptist Association until 1970 when he became the Director of Missions for the Greater Dayton Baptist Association, serving until 1976; and

WHEREAS, in 1976 Orville Griffin became the Director of Evangelism and Stewardship for the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio and in 1982 transitioned to become the Associate Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Orville Griffin became the Executive Director-Treasurer of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio where he faithfully served until his retirement in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Both Lois and Orville Griffin, after several decades of Christian ministry and 65 years of devoted marriage, went to be with the Lord this past year; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we the messengers of the 64th Annual Convention of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio celebrate the lives and ministry of Lois and Orville Griffin and express to their family and friends our appreciation for their example of devoted Christian service and ministry.

Resolution #5

On Appreciation of the Ministry of Rev. A. H. "Brother Sam" Sampley

WHEREAS, Rev. A. H. "Brother Sam" Sampley served the Lord faithfully in Ohio for many years; and

WHEREAS, He served faithfully as Pastor of First Baptist Church, West Jefferson, from where he retired; and

WHEREAS, He continued to serve God at numerous other Churches in the area; and

WHEREAS, He blessed many lives through the initiation of the national Chaplaincy Ministry of the Southern Baptist Convention Disaster Relief, stemming from his ministry in New York City to family and friends of 9/11 victims and serving in Disaster Relief chaplaincy ministry for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, "Brother Sam" assisted Betty, his wife of 66 years, as she served as Ohio's first Disaster Relief Child Care Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, "Brother Sam" went home to be with the Lord on May 30, 2017; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That we the members of the 64th Annual Convention of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio celebrate the life and ministry of Rev. A. H. "Brother Sam" Sampley and express to Betty and to his family and friends our appreciation for the example of devoted Christian service and ministry.