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Introduction

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS HAVE always shown their interest in the religious life of the Negro, both at home and abroad. This interest has been shown in a personal way and through the framework of churches, district associations, state conventions, and agencies¹ of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Home and Foreign Mission Boards have probably been the main channels through which organized interest has been manifested. However, during the last twenty-five years interest has increased among Southern Baptists in all areas of their personal and church life. A fair estimation would be that Southern Baptists are contributing approximately \$3,500,000.00 annually in their efforts to render a religious service to Negroes at home and abroad.

Personnel for work with Negroes in Africa alone in 1959 numbered 307 missionaries and 3,516 nationals.² This group can be augmented by approximately 90 full-time persons working with Negroes under Southern Baptist auspices in the United States.³ To these groups should be added several hundred part-time workers and thousands of others who serve as volunteers.

Out of this interest has grown the Advisory Council of Southern Baptist Work with Negroes. For several years prior to the time the council was organized on January 13, 1954,⁴ (antedating the May 17, 1954, Supreme Court decision on education by several months) there had been several small groups of Southern Baptists working in this field who were interested in bringing to the attention of other Southern Baptists a team approach to our co-operative work with Negroes.

This council was initiated by the Home Mission Board and had its first meeting in Nashville, Tennessee. Membership on the council was based upon two representatives from each agency that in some way was working with Negroes.

Each year the council met and heard reports and plans of how Southern Baptists through their various agencies were working with Negroes. In 1955 a co-ordinating committee was appointed to study the reports of the agencies and bring recommendations to the next meeting. This committee's report in 1956 included thirteen recommendations.

¹ Used in this study to mean institutions, boards, and commissions.

² Foreign Mission Board's report.

³ Home Mission Board's report.

⁴ See minutes of the Advisory Council for all dates used here.

The thirteenth recommendation read as follows:

That the Advisory Council through the agencies and institutions represented on the council make a study of the organized structure of the National Baptist Conventions to discover their program of work in the following areas: Christian education, ministerial training, evangelism, missions, benevolence, stewardship, and promotion.

This recommendation was implemented and reported on in 1957. In connection with this report a pilot survey on work with Negroes was made of a selected number of Southern Baptist district associations by the Research and Statistics Department of the Sunday School Board. As a result of these two presentations, a committee was appointed to prepare a comprehensive draft of all work with Negroes in which Southern Baptists are engaged.

The committee reported on the draft in 1958, and after some revision of the report the committee was enlarged to its present number and asked to continue the study.

At this point in the study (fall of 1958) aid was requested of the the Research and Statistics Department to make a survey of the work of the churches, district associations, and state conventions as part of the overall study.

Martin Bradley was made responsible for this phase of the study, and a progress report of the entire project was made to the council in its 1959 meeting. Today, for the first time, an attempt is being made to present the total program of co-operative work between Negro Baptists and Southern Baptists.

Section I

Co-operative Work Through Southern Baptist Churches

During the fall of 1958 Victor Glass, acting on behalf of a sub-committee of the Advisory Council on Southern Baptist Work with Negroes, requested the aid of the Research and Statistics Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, in a study of the co-operative work of certain Southern Baptist groups with Negro Baptists.

It was agreed that the Research and Statistics Department would conduct such a study in three phases, separately covering the work of three Southern Baptist 'groups': (1) churches, (2) district associations, and (3) state conventions. The planning of the study was done cooperatively by the Research and Statistics Department and the Department of Work with National Baptists, Home Mission Board.

SURVEY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES

The first objective was to determine the types and extent of Southern Baptists' co-operation through their churches with Negro Baptists.

The second objective was coverage of as many Southern Baptist churches in the Convention states as possible. A survey involving only a sample of churches was ruled out. Such a study could hardly be designed to yield results representative of the entire Convention because of: (a) extreme heterogeneity of the Convention territory with respect to local and urban/rural concentration of Negro population and Negro Baptist churches, and (b) unavailability of current racial population and religious data on a local and state basis which would be required for designing a sample and for projecting sample results.

When the decision was made to give every church an opportunity to participate in the survey (through its pastor), cognizance was taken of certain limitations or disadvantages of such a large-scale survey:

- Only partial response could be achieved.
- Follow-up of non-respondents would not be feasible because of considerable administrative and postage expense.
- Results could not be precisely projected to represent all churches because a response bias would most likely be inherent in a study involving inter-racial activity.

Pilot Study (August-September, 1958)

A pilot study was considered necessary to allow pre-testing of the mail questionnaire, provide an indication of response rate, and reveal somewhat the anticipated response bias (indication of bias is obtainable through certain follow-up methods used).

Three hundred churches were selected by random procedures to meet certain size-group conditions. Seven established Southern Baptist states were involved: Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, South Carolina, and Texas.

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Initial response (3 weeks) | 30.1 per cent |
| Response to follow-up letter (4 weeks) | 29.8 per cent |
| Total response | 59.9 per cent |

(Eleven replies (3.6 per cent) were received after the cut-off date)

- Slight re-wording of some questions proved desirable. One important additional question was found to be necessary.
- Initial response was from churches which were slightly larger than others in the sample.
- Churches replying initially had been more co-operative with Negro churches than had those replying after the follow-up.
- There appeared to be a slight positive association between size of church and extent of co-operation (i.e., as size increased, co-operation was more prevalent.)

Convention-wide survey

Questionnaires and stamped reply envelopes were mailed from the Home Mission Board offices in Atlanta to the then-current mailing list of Southern Baptist pastors (25,801). Of these, 389 were returned as undeliverable. Another 132 were returned by respondents who were no longer pastors, while 38 blank or otherwise unusable questionnaires were returned. After the cut-off date, approximately 100 replies were received but were not used.

Usable replies totaled 6,499, a 25.7 per cent response to the adjusted mail-out of 25,280. These replies, unopened, were bulk-mailed from Atlanta to the Research and Statistics Department for processing.

REPLIES BY STATE

| | | | |
|----------|-----|-------------------|-----|
| Alabama | 419 | California | 275 |
| Alaska | 17 | Colorado | 38 |
| Arizona | 46 | Delaware | 2 |
| Arkansas | 203 | Dist. of Columbia | 11 |

| | | | |
|-------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| Florida | 302 | New Mexico | 102 |
| Georgia | 407 | New York | 2 |
| Hawaii | 7 | North Carolina | 578 |
| Idaho | 8 | North Dakota | 1 |
| Illinois | 219 | Ohio | 49 |
| Indiana | 35 | Oklahoma | 331 |
| Iowa | 5 | Oregon | 24 |
| Kansas | 64 | Pennsylvania | 4 |
| Kentucky | 320 | South Carolina | 313 |
| Louisiana | 197 | South Dakota | 2 |
| Maryland | 66 | Tennessee | 367 |
| Michigan | 19 | Texas | 926 |
| Minnesota | 1 | Utah | 14 |
| Mississippi | 210 | Virginia | 334 |
| Missouri | 484 | Washington | 43 |
| Montana | 9 | West Virginia | 12 |
| Nebraska | 5 | Wisconsin | 2 |
| Nevada | 5 | All Others | 21 |

Total — 6,499

REPLIES BY SIZE OF CHURCH

Church Membership

| | |
|---------------|------|
| Under 100 | 890 |
| 100- 249 | 1851 |
| 250- 599 | 2092 |
| 600- 999 | 658 |
| 1000-1499 | 295 |
| 1500 and over | 226 |
| Not indicated | 487 |
| Total | 6499 |

Questionnaires were carefully edited and prepared for IBM processing. An IBM card was punched for each questionnaire and use in subsequent tabulations and analyses.

Most of the questionnaire information was tabulated and analyzed by location of church and size of church. Some items were tabulated by county for certain states, and by number of Negro churches nearby. Numerous possible interrelationships between these variables were investigated. Relationships between size and location of church and various types of co-operation with Negro Baptists were used in deriving some of the final estimated figures reported under "Findings" below.

FINDINGS

The figures shown, unless otherwise specified, are the best estimates representing all Southern Baptist churches. The estimates are basically projections of actual survey results for 6,499 churches to the 31,498 churches in the Convention for 1958. The projections were made while adjusting for survey response bias and utilizing certain statistical relationships observed in the survey tabulations.

Since the exact order of accuracy is not known, most figures are expressed as a range between two limits, rather than as an exact number. There is considerable likelihood that the true Convention figure for a given item, were it ascertainable, falls within the stated range.

A given figure is to be interpreted as the number of churches who *did* co-operate with Negro Baptists in the manner specified.

- "Has the church provided any leadership for Negro Baptist Vacation Bible schools?"

During 1958..... 650- 900

In some previous year.....3200-400

- "Has the church provided any financial assistance or program materials for Negro Baptist Vacation Bible schools?"

During 1958.....1200-1650

In some previous year.....4200-4800

- "Please indicate any of the areas below in which your church has co-operated with Negro Baptist churches during the calendar years 1957 and 1958."

Note: Because most of these areas of co-operation were indicated relatively infrequently, no reliable estimate for the Convention was attempted. The survey results are shown, however, and are followed by an estimate for the Convention of the number of churches who co-operated in *one or more* of these areas.

| <i>Area of co-operation</i> | <i>Number of churches among the 6,499 survey churches who indicated co-operation</i> |
|---|--|
| Providing education scholarships | 89 |
| Exchange of pulpits | 167 |
| Simultaneous revivals | 191 |
| Erection or repair of Negro church buildings | 324 |
| Planning or conferring with Negro | |

| | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|
| pastor (s) | 882 |
| Exchange of youth or music programs | 270 |
| Sending Negro boys and girls to camp | 237 |
| Other | 799 |

Estimate number of churches among all 31,498 churches who co-operated in one or more of these eight areas—4400-5200.

Relationships and conditions observed

Even with number of Negro churches nearby (a measure of opportunity for co-operation) held constant, there is a definite positive association between size of church and co-operation in various ways (i.e., as size increases, there is a greater probability that it co-operates in some way (s))

Among smaller churches, when number of Negro churches nearby is held constant, there appears to be a slight tendency for rural and town churches to be more active in co-operation than are city churches.

In relation to previous years, Vacation Bible school financial and program materials assistance was more prevalent in 1958 than was the more personal-type (leadership) co-operation. This partially reflects, to an unknown extent, the fact that Negro churches assisted previously are more and more able to provide their own leadership.

The rate of response in deep Southern states having sizable Negro populations was somewhat less than that from fringe and newer Convention states.

For several states studied by county, response and co-operation was spread quite well throughout a state's geographical area.

Once a church co-operates in one way, the probability is high that it will co-operate in additional ways. This hypothesis is suggested by the fact that a sizable portion of the churches which have co-operated at all have co-operated in more than one way. Also, certain forms of co-operation seem to lead naturally to others.

Analysis of voluntary comments on questionnaires by pastors.

A sample of questionnaires was analyzed with respect to voluntary comments offered. Certain summary statements can be made regarding this analysis.

Most frequent comments were, "There are no Negroes in this area"; "Small Negro population"; "We actively help our Negro churches—

pleasant relationship"; and "Negro churches here are on equal basis with white and do not want, nor do they receive, help from our churches."

Additional selected comments mentioned more than once, but infrequently, were:

"Don't believe in co-operation between two races"

"Integration crisis has limited what can be done here at present"

"We would be happy to assist if there were Negroes here"

"We have done no work with Negroes but this questionnaire has interested us in this possibility"

"We are happy to know the S.B.C. is exploring this area of work"

"What the Negro churches need is trained leadership"

Section II

Co-operative Work Through Southern Baptist District Associations

This part of the report concerns a survey of associations conducted by the Research and Statistics Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, at the request of the Advisory Council on Southern Baptist Work with Negroes. For more complete details, see Introduction in Section I of this report.

SURVEY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

The first objective was to determine the co-operative work of Southern Baptists, through their district association organizations, with Negro Baptist churches, associations, or pastors' conferences.

The second objective was to determine the additional co-operative work and ministries performed with Negro Baptist churches, associations, or pastors' conferences by the district associational missionaries themselves.

An initial questionnaire was designed jointly by the Research and Statistics Department and the Department of Work with National Baptists, Home Mission Board. The items on the form provided for response pertaining to activities of the association and the missionary, and was to be filled in by the missionary.

This suggested questionnaire was presented to the Advisory Council in its February, 1959, session. Slight changes and additions were incorporated in the final questionnaire agreed upon.

The survey (July-October, 1959)

Questionnaires were mailed from the Home Mission Board offices in Atlanta to the list of associational missionaries maintained by the Sunday School Board. Most Virginia associations did not have missionaries and were not included. Georgia had several associations also without missionaries, and there were scattered associations in many states which had no missionaries at the time of the survey. Another factor affecting the total mailout is the practice in several states of having one missionary serve several associations.

Six hundred and fifty-four questionnaires were mailed initially, with four being returned as undeliverable by the post office. After proper waiting periods, two follow-up mailings were made to those not

responding to the previous letter (s). At the final cut-off date in late October, usable replies had been received from 536 missionaries, a response of 82 per cent. These missionaries together served 751 associations. The response of missionaries was: initial, 50 per cent; first follow-up, 18 per cent; second follow-up, 14 per cent; total, 82 per cent. The unopened replies were forwarded from Atlanta to the Research and Statistics Department for processing.

Total response, by state convention, is shown below for missionaries and associations.

| <i>State</i> | <i>Missionaries Replying</i> | <i>Associations Served by these Missionaries</i> |
|-------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Alabama | 50 | 57 |
| Alaska | 4 | 4 |
| Arizona | 6 | 12 |
| Arkansas | 30 | 31 |
| California | 14 | 27 |
| Colorado | 7 | 14 |
| Florida | 12 | 31 |
| Georgia | 28 | 32 |
| Illinois | 18 | 22 |
| Indiana | 2 | 6 |
| Kansas | 5 | 9 |
| Kentucky | 41 | 49 |
| Louisiana | 12 | 41 |
| Maryland | 3 | 3 |
| Mississippi | 20 | 28 |
| Missouri | 47 | 67 |
| New Mexico | 12 | 16 |
| North Carolina | 54 | 56 |
| Ohio | 7 | 8 |
| Oklahoma | 36 | 36 |
| Oregon-Washington | 7 | 10 |
| South Carolina | 11 | 15 |
| Tennessee | 45 | 47 |
| Texas | 53 | 117 |
| Virginia | 7 | 7 |
| All Others | 5 | 6 |
| Total | 536 | 751 |

Questionnaires were edited carefully and prepared for IBM card punching. Data was punched into the card in such a way as to allow the tabulation of certain items for associations and missionaries

separately. Where a missionary served more than one association, a separate card was punched for each association.

The initial, first follow-up, and second follow-up questionnaires were analyzed separately and then combined for final analysis. This procedure revealed that those associations whose replies were late (second follow-up) were somewhat less active in co-operative work with Negro Baptists. This suggests that the non-respondent associations may have been somewhat less active also.

FINDINGS

The figures here are for all associations and missionaries *surveyed*. Results could not be reliably projected to all Southern Baptist associations without an indeterminate adjustment for a slight response bias and the unknown activities of those associations not contacted with a questionnaire.

- Estimated number of Negro Baptist churches within the area covered by associations.

| <i>Negro Churches</i> | <i>Portions of Associations</i> |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| None | 11.7% |
| 1- 4 | 24.5 |
| 5- 9 | 12.9 |
| 10-19 | 16.0 |
| 20 or more | 20.5 |
| Not indicated | 14.4 |
| Total | 100.0% (N= 751) |

- Co-operation of associations and missionaries with Negro Baptist churches, associations or pastors' conferences in selected activities.

Column below headed "Portion of Associations"—pertains to those associations which, through their organizations as such, co-operated in the given activity.

Column headed "Portion of Missionaries"—pertains to those missionaries who co-operated in the given activity personally *where the association as such did not co-operate* in the activity.

| <i>Activity</i> | <i>Percentage of Associations</i> | <i>Percentage of Missionaries</i> |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Revival, church | 2.4 | .7 |
| Simultaneous revival | 9.6 | .9 |
| Tent revival | .4 | .2 |
| Pulpit supply | 2.0 | 3.0 |

| | | |
|------------------------|------|------|
| Vacation Bible school | 24.0 | 6.7 |
| Sunday school work | 5.5 | 2.2 |
| Training Union work | 3.2 | .9 |
| W.M.U. work | 3.2 | .9 |
| W.M.U. clinics | 2.6 | --- |
| Brotherhood work | .7 | .4 |
| Music work | .1 | --- |
| B.S.U. work | 3.5 | --- |
| Stewardship promotion | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| Institutes | 2.5 | 1.9 |
| Assembly | 1.8 | .6 |
| Nursery | .1 | .2 |
| Kindergarten | 1.2 | .2 |
| Extension school | 5.4 | 1.5 |
| Study courses | 3.4 | 1.9 |
| Surveys | 1.6 | 1.7 |
| Camps | 3.7 | .7 |
| Institutional services | 3.6 | 2.2 |
| Good Will center | 3.5 | --- |
| Planning or conferring | 6.9 | 11.9 |
| Sponsor student worker | 3.4 | .2 |
| Other | 3.4 | 2.2 |

Portion of associations which co-operated in selected numbers of these activities:

| <i>Activities</i> | <i>percent</i> |
|-------------------|----------------|
| None | 62.1 |
| Only one | 15.4 |
| Two | 7.9 |
| Three | 5.6 |
| Four | 3.5 |
| Five or more | 5.5 |
| | 100.0 |

- "Did your association (s) give any financial aid to a Negro Baptist church or association during 1958?"

| | <i>Associations</i> | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | <i>Number</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Yes | 88 | 11.7 |
| No | 538 | 71.6 |
| Not indicated | 125 | 16.7 |
| | 751 | 100.0 |

Grand total amount reported—\$36,078

Types of financial assistance indicated by those 88 who answered yes:

| <i>Purpose</i> | <i>Percent of Associations*</i> |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|
| Repair of buildings | 13.6 |
| Church budget | 5.7 |
| V.B.S. | 25.0 |
| Fellowship centers | 3.4 |
| Pay pastor | 1.1 |
| Seminary | 14.8 |
| Kindergarten | 2.3 |
| Camp | 8.0 |
| Other | 19.3 |
| Not indicated | |

* Total of column exceeds 100.0 per cent due to multiple indications.

- "Did your association (s) give any aid to a Negro Baptist student (s) for educational purposes during 1958?"

| | <i>Associations</i> | |
|---------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | <i>Number</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Yes | 15 | 2.0 |
| No | 569 | 75.7 |
| Not indicated | 167 | 22.3 |

Number of students assisted—28

Average amount of assistance per association:

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| College students | \$147 |
| Seminary students | \$204 |

(These averages are based on five associations who reported assistance for college students and six associations who reported assistance for seminary students)

- "What was your association's total expenditure for all work done with Negro Baptists during 1958?"

One-hundred eighteen associations reported amounts totaling \$85,341, an average of \$706.27 each.

Comments

The number of different types of activities engaged in by associations is large. Whereas VBS work, simultaneous revivals, and planning/conferring are the activities most often reported, nineteen other

activities are indicated with significant frequency, and several others are reported by at least one association.

In view of the fact that over 10 percent of the surveyed associations have no Negro churches within their boundaries, and another 24 per cent have less than five Negro churches nearby, the fact that 38 percent of the associations co-operated in at least one type of activity indicated a high degree of participation. Also worthy of note is the fact that nearly 23 percent of the surveyed associations co-operated in two or more different activities.

Co-operation by the missionaries in activities *not* engaged in by their association (s) is varied and includes twelve activities mentioned with some frequency.

Section III

Co-operative Work Through Southern Baptist State Conventions

This part of the report concerns a survey of state conventions conducted by the Research and Statistics Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, at the request of the Advisory Council on Southern Baptist work with Negroes. For a background reference, see Introduction in Section I of this report.

SURVEY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS

The objective was to determine the types and extent of co-operative work with Negro Baptists engaged in by the state convention boards through its departments and organizations. The work through the state Woman's Missionary Union organization was to be included although the W.M.U. was organizationally separate. Work not directly sponsored by the state (such as that done by associations and churches) was excluded, having been the subject of separate studies earlier.

An initial questionnaire was designed jointly by the Research and Statistics Department and the Department of Work with National Baptists, Home Mission Board.

This tentative questionnaire was submitted to the Advisory Council in its February, 1959, meeting for suggestions and changes. Copies of the form were also sent to the Woman's Missionary Union, Birmingham, Alabama, and the Brotherhood Commission, Memphis, Tennessee.

Certain suggested revisions and additions were incorporated in the final questionnaire.

Questionnaires were mailed from the Home Mission Board, together with a letter from Courts Redford, to all state convention executive secretaries. Replies were sent to the Home Mission Board, and later forwarded to the Research and Statistics Department for detailed processing and analysis. Every convention, with the exception of one, replied.

The following states replied via questionnaire or letter and stated that no work was being done with Negro Baptists at present: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Michigan, Ohio, and Oregon-Washington.

Work being done by other states is summarized below under Findings.”

Because of the small number of questionnaires involved, hand listing and tabulations were performed. States were listed separately and added together to produce SBC totals.

FINDINGS

Summaries are shown for each state convention separately and combined, and include only the seventeen states which reported some type of work with Negro Baptists. See item above for a listing of nine state conventions who reported no work with Negro Baptists.

Summary 1—Types of service rendered to Negroes

| <i>State</i> | <i>Mission Pastoral Aid</i> | <i>Mission S. S.</i> | <i>Mission T. U. Summer Student Workers</i> | <i>Institutional Services</i> | <i>Scholarships</i> | <i>Camp Funds for Boys and Girls</i> | <i>Gifts to Schools</i> | <i>Kindergartens</i> | <i>Extension Classes</i> | <i>Free Literature</i> | <i>Day Nurseries</i> | <i>Good Will Centers</i> | <i>Other</i> | |
|--------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------|---|
| Alabama | | | x | x | x | x | x | | x | x | | | | |
| Alaska | x | | x | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Arkansas | | | x | x | | x | x | | x | x | | | x | |
| Colorado | | | x | | | | | | | x | | | | |
| Florida | | | | x | x | | x | | | | | | x | |
| Georgia | x | | x | x | x | x | | | x | x | | x | x | |
| Illinois | | | | | | | | | | | | | x | |
| Louisiana | | | x | | x | | x | x | x | x | x | | | |
| Mississippi | | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | x | |
| Missouri | | | x | | x | | x | | x | x | | | | |
| New Mexico | x | | x | | | | | | | | | | | |
| N. Carolina | | | x | x | | | | x | x | x | | | x | |
| Oklahoma | | | | | | | x | | | | | | x | |
| S. Carolina | | | | | x | | x | | | | | x | | |
| Tennessee | | | x | x | x | | | | | | | | | |
| Texas | | | | x | | | x | | x | | | | | |
| Virginia | | | x | x | x | x | | | | x | | x | x | |
| Total | 3 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 3 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 3 | 9 |

Summary 2—Institutes or clinics sponsored

| State | Sunday School | Training Union | Stewardship | B.S.U. | Music | Brotherhood | W.M.U. | Evangelism | Revivals | V.B.S. |
|-------------|---------------|----------------|-------------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|------------|----------|--------|
| Alabama | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | | x |
| Alaska | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Arkansas | x | x | x | x | | x | x | x | x | x |
| Colorado | | | | | | | | x | | x |
| Florida | | | | x | | | | x | x | |
| Georgia | x | x | x | | x | | x | x | | x |
| Louisiana | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Mississippi | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Missouri | x | x | x | x | | | x | x | x | x |
| New Mexico | | | | | | | | | | x |
| N. Carolina | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Texas | | | | x | | | | | | |
| Total | 8 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 10 | 7 | 10 |

Summary 3—Personnel* employed to work with Negroes

| State | St. Dir. (or Sec.) | B.S.U. | | Missionary | | S.S. | T.U. | W.M.U. | | Other | |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------|------|------------|------|------|------|--------|------|-------|------|
| | F.T. | P.T. | F.T. | P.T. | F.T. | P.T. | P.T. | P.T. | F.T. | P.T. | F.T. |
| Alabama | 1 | 1 | --- | 4 | --- | 4 | 4 | --- | 1 | 47 | --- |
| Arkansas | 1 | --- | --- | 2 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | --- |
| Alaska | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | --- |
| Georgia | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- |
| Louisiana | 1 | 1 | --- | 5 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Mississippi | 1 | 7 | --- | --- | --- | 16 | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 |
| Missouri | 1 | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | 2 |
| N. Mexico | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 1 |
| N. Carolina | 1 | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 2 | 2 |
| Tennessee | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | --- | --- |
| Texas | --- | --- | 1 | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Virginia | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | 3 | --- | --- |
| Total | 7 | 10 | 3 | 11 | 1 | 21 | 4 | 1 | 7 | 53 | 7 |

*Both full-time (F.T.) and part-time (P.T.)

Summary 4—Total budget for work with Negroes during
 “current” (1959) year

| <i>State</i> | <i>Total</i> | <i>State</i> | <i>Total</i> |
|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Alabama | \$32,587 | North Carolina | \$19,000 |
| Arkansas | 25,407 | Oklahoma | 1,000 |
| Georgia | 12,500 | South Carolina | 12,000 |
| Illinois | 500 | Tennessee | 10,640 |
| Louisiana | 13,300 | Texas | 44,000 |
| Mississippi | 48,425 | Virginia | 16,000 |
| Missouri | 29,360 | Total | \$264,719 |

Section IV

Co-operative Work Through Southern Baptist Convention Agencies

Information contained in Sections IV and V was furnished by the agencies and compiled by the study committee of the Advisory Council. In general the information follows the pattern of what each agency was doing in the fields of evangelism, Christian education, stewardship, and Christian citizenship.

BOARDS

Sunday School Board

- A. In a program of evangelism
 - Furnishes free tracts on soul-winning and evangelism.
- B. In a program of Christian education
 - Provided scholarships for theological students.
 - Made gift to American Baptist Theological Seminary for library building.
 - Co-operates with National Baptist director of Baptist Student Union program for college students.
 - Provides services of Church Architecture Department for Negro Baptist churches.
 - Published book by outstanding Negro leader.
 - Shares with Negro Baptist leaders and writers in the Committee on the Uniform Series.
 - Serves Negro Baptist churches in the sale of general church supplies through Baptist book stores.
- C. In a program of stewardship
 - Teaches stewardship through its regular lesson courses, special stewardship lessons, and the Church Study Course for Teaching and Training.
 - Promotes stewardship through general tracts and total church educational programs.
 - Provides materials and books on stewardship in local book stores.
- D. In a program of Christian citizenship
 - Emphasizes Christian attitudes and actions toward other races in Sunday school lessons and Training Union programs.
 - Publishes articles and pictures in various publications about Negroes and their contributions to Christian citizenship.
 - Conducts forums and seminars in youth assemblies and colleges on Christian human relations.
 - Invites persons of other races and countries to share in retreats and assemblies for college students.

Home Mission Board

A. In a program of evangelism

- Promotes conferences, institutes, clinics, and workshops on evangelism in co-operation with state directors of Negro work and state secretaries of evangelism through its divisions of evangelism and missions.
- Encourages simultaneous evangelistic campaigns in cities and associations.
- Employs a worker in the Division of Evangelism to work co-operatively with Negro Baptists in the area of evangelism.
- Shares evangelistic literature and tracts with Negro Baptist leaders.
- Contributes toward the development of evangelistic literature in co-operation with Negro Baptist conventions.
- Promotes classes in local churches and extension centers on evangelism.
- Employs Negro Baptist college students in Student Summer Mission Program.
- Products and distributes literature, tracts, film strips, and other visual aids upon request to center directors, teacher-missionaries, and state directors.

B. In a program of Christian education

- Publishes mission study books on its work with Negroes for Primaries, Juniors, Intermediates, Young People, and Adults.
- Produces and distributes tracts and filmstrips on Christian education among Negro college students.
- Presents its work with Negroes through *Home Missions* magazine.
- Holds institutes on religious vocations in churches, religious camps, and college camps.
- Provides \$10,000.00¹ yearly in scholarships for Negro young people preparing for religious vocations.
- Co-operates with Negro Baptist schools in the employment of teacher-missionaries.
- Co-operates in sponsorship of summer camps for boys and girls.
- Promotes institutes and study courses in which lectures are given and class taught on Christian education.
- Shares with associational leaders in establishing Christian centers for the training of lay leadership in Christian education.
- Promotes children's work through kindergartens, day care, and good will centers.
- Employs a person to direct a Baptist Student Union program on the campuses of Negro colleges and universities.

¹ One half (5,000) of this amount is given by the WMU)

- Co-operates with the American Baptist Theological Seminary in employing a worker to direct a program of extension work, especially in pioneer areas.
 - Shares with state conventions and associations in providing missionaries for developing a Christian education program among rural churches.
 - Employs college students to work in all areas of church work during the summer months (20 in summer of 1959)
- c. In a program of stewardship
- Conducts clinics, workshops, and institutes on local, associational, and statewide levels.
 - Produces and distributes film strips upon request to center directors, teacher-missionaries, and state directors.
 - Promotes the teaching of stewardship books in extension classes and local churches.
- d. In a program of Christian citizenship
- Conducts conferences on human relations in colleges and summer assemblies.
- Prepares and distributes tracts on human relations.
- Encourages Christian attitudes toward all people.

Summary Statement. The Home Mission Board now has a program of work with National Baptists in co-operation with the state conventions, district associations, and Negro Baptist schools in fifteen states, the District of Columbia, and forty-seven cities. Employed personnel for this work are as follows:

- 4 departmental workers (Department of Work with National Baptists), including secretary, associate, and two office secretaries.
- 8 state directors²—Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, and Oklahoma.
- 31 teacher-missionaries in 26 schools.
- 17 center directors.
- 4 regional missionaries.
- 2 children's workers (kindergartens).
- 2 good will center workers.
- 1 director of Baptist Student Union.
- 1 extension worker in co-operation with American Baptist Theological Seminary.
- 1 evangelistic worker.

71 TOTAL

These workers enrolled in their classes in 1958 approximately 60,000

² State directors in Alabama and Louisiana are employed by the state convention.

persons, of whom over 10,000 were ministers. They reported 1,460 professions of faith and 1,780 additions to churches. These figures do not take into account the work of the sixteen summer student missionaries employed during that summer. Their work was outstanding.

The aforementioned workers do not include the hundreds of National and Southern Baptist pastors and other leaders who helped in institutes, clinics, workshops, and extension centers. In the state of Georgia in 1959 there were ninety-four such persons teaching in extension classes.

The budget for work with National Baptists for 1960 is over \$250,000.00.

Foreign Mission Board

The Foreign Mission Board has work among Negroes in eight different countries in Africa. They are Ghana, Kenya, Nigeria, Southern Rhodesia, Northern Rhodesia, Tanganyika, Nyasaland, and Guinea. In addition to this work missionaries serve Negro people in Brazil, Columbia, and a few other Latin American countries. There is also a limited staff in the Bahamas.

Personnel for four countries in Africa and the Bahamas in 1959 amounted to 307 missionaries from the United States and 3,516 nationals (see statistical summary).

In addition to this work abroad the Foreign Mission Board also helps to make it possible for some African leaders to come to the United States for advanced training. Drs. Ayorinde, Dahunsi, and Adegbite, active in the leadership of the work in Nigeria, are men who have been helped by the Foreign Mission Board.

The Foreign Mission Board through *The Commission* and other literature helps to create a Christian attitude toward Negroes everywhere.

A further survey will be made in Africa this summer investigating the possibilities of expanding into other countries of that continent.

In all of this work the Bible message on evangelism, Christian education, stewardship, and Christian citizenship is preached and taught.

The missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board who are home on furlough, studying and appearing in Schools of Missions, are probably the most effective witnesses among Southern Baptists in developing a spirit of Christian fellowship and co-operation.

STATISTICAL SUMMARY

| | Missionary Personnel | National Personnel | Churches/Mission Points | Baptisms | Church Membership | Schools | Total Enrolment | Total Contributions | Hospitals, Clinics, Dispens. | (Hospitals, etc.) Mis'y. Per. | (Hospitals, etc.) Nat'l. Per. | Total Patients |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------|-----------------|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Ghana | 26 | 20 | 87 | 120 | 2,200 | 3 | 166 | 20,000 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 976 |
| Nigeria | 208 | 3,391 | 926 | 6,220 | 44,205 | 507 | 82,242 | 397,000 | 6 | 52 | 89 | 61,164 |
| Southern Rhodesia | 40 | 99 | 84 | 407 | 1,531 | 20 | 2,595 | 1,236 | 1 | 5 | 20 | 11,209 |
| East Africa | 29 | 5 | 13 | 23 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 260 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| Bahamas | 4 | 1 | 4 | 20 | 150 | 1 | 61 | 7,000 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... |
| TOTAL | 307 | 3,561 | 1,114 | 6,790 | 48,086 | 531 | 85,064 | 425,496 | 8 | 59 | 113 | 73,349 |

From: 1959 Annual Report of Board

In 1958 Southern Baptists gave to the Foreign Mission Board \$2,825,390.81 for work among Negroes in Africa alone (see *Convention Annual 1959*, page 189).

INSTITUTIONS

Theological Seminaries

- A. In a program of Christian education
 - Sponsor a Seminary Extension Department, which provides training for in-service ministers and lay people.
 - Accept Negroes as students.
 - Encourage students to work in local Negro Baptist churches during seminary days as teachers, youth leaders, and assistants to pastors.
 - Provide speakers and teachers for study courses, institutes, and other educational activities of local churches.
 - Furnish teachers for weekday Bible school programs in local churches.
- B. In a program of stewardship
 - Provide speakers and teachers for stewardship emphasis in churches, schools, and assemblies.

Carver School of Missions and Social Work

- A. In evangelism—our students work directly with Negroes in the field instruction program. At Lincoln Institute, Grace Chapel, and in several field work settings in the downtown area our students seek directly to lead Negroes to Christ. Members of the faculty and staff have opportunity from time to time to speak to Negro groups where unsaved are present.
- B. In Christian education—representatives of Carver School assist in educational programs with groups of Negro girls, Negro boys, and adults in the churches and missions of the area. The school itself accepts Negro students. It provides speakers and teachers for training courses, institutes, and other local church activities.
- C. In stewardship—leadership of the school works directly with ministers and others and lends assistance from time to time as called upon for definite stewardship training.
- D. In Christian citizenship—with its Negro students and the employment of Negroes and in working with the social work agencies of the community, definite contribution is made to the development of Christian citizenship on the part of Negroes.

Colleges

Some few (two colleges admit Negroes as students.

- Invite Negroes to speak at various functions on college campuses.
- Students share with other students in varied Baptist Student Union activities.
- Evangelistic and mission teams hold services in institutions.
- Students share together in state and national assemblies.
- Texas Baptist students sent interracial evangelistic team abroad.
- Students work together in Summer Student Mission Program.
- Students work together in summer camps.

COMMISSIONS

American Baptist Seminary Commission

The American Baptist Theological Seminary, located at Nashville, Tennessee, and founded in 1924, is owned and operated jointly by the National Baptist Convention U.S.A., Inc., and the Southern Baptist Convention. This joint enterprise resulted from a petition by National Baptist leaders to Southern Baptist leaders asking that Southern Baptists join hands with them in building, maintaining, and operating a seminary for the training of ministers and religious workers for the National Baptist churches.

The Commission on the American Seminary is the official body elected annually by the Southern Baptist Convention to represent it in all its dealings with the seminary. The commission is the financial agent of the Convention, handling all funds supplied by the Convention for the work of the school.

The commission handles funds for the purpose of purchasing land, erecting buildings, making investments, and other capital needs of the seminary. The physical plant is now valued at \$750,000.00. The commission is charged with the responsibility of constructing new buildings.

Funds amounting to \$70,000.00 in 1959 and \$80,000.00 in 1960 and contributed by the Southern Baptist Convention for the operation of the school and for maintenance and insurance of the property are handled by the commission.

The commission has established and maintains the O. L. Hailey Student Aid and Loan Fund for the assistance of needy students. Funds are given by private donors, churches, and missionary organizations for the assistance of students. The Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union has for several years contributed \$2,500.00 per year to this cause, and it promises to increase this amount to \$3,000.00 during 1960-61.

Results of this program of aid to students is seen from the following figures:

| Year 1958 | |
|------------------------------|------------|
| 9 scholarships | \$1,320.00 |
| 5 student loans | 262.84 |
| 12 work grants | 1,211.61 |
| 3 direct student gifts | 40.00 |
| 29 students helped | \$2,834.45 |
| Year 1959 | |
| 8 scholarships | \$1,875.00 |
| 4 student aid gifts | 220.00 |
| 8 work grants | 919.33 |
| 27 student loans | 958.70 |
| | \$3,973.03 |

The program of the seminary is divided into these three parts: (a) The College of the Bible, giving the B.A. degree for four years' work to high school graduates, seems to be the field of largest demand now among National Baptists. (b) The graduate school offering the B.D. degree for three years' work for college graduates. (c) The extension units, providing training for in-service pastors. Report for June, 1959, showed sixteen units in operation with a total enrollment of 320.

President Turner reports: "The first semester enrollment (of seminary) for 1959-60 is eighty-one, which represents an increase of thirty-two percent over the first semester of 1957-58."

Brotherhood Commission

- A. In a program of evangelism
 - Furnishes free tracts on soul-winning
- B. In a program of Christian education
 - Encourages use of laymen as speakers at Negro lay meetings.
 - Provides methods, tracts, and other materials upon request.
 - Co-operates with Home Mission Board leaders in being available for conferences with Negro Brotherhood leaders.
- C. In a program of stewardship
 - Furnishes free tracts on stewardship.
- D. In a program of Christian citizenship
 - Emphasizes Christian attitudes and actions toward other races in Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador publications.
 - Publishes articles and pictures in various publications about Negroes and their contributions to Christian citizenship.

- Welcomes persons of other races and countries to share in Convention-wide conferences and congresses.

Christian Life Commission

- Publishes and distributes tracts on race relations.
- Conducts seminars, workshops, and conferences on Christian citizenship on local, state, and national levels.
- Publishes the bulletin *Light*, which contains articles and other information concerning books, filmstrips, and booklets on race relations.
- Deals with problems of race at its annual conferences at summer assemblies.
- Publishes articles and addresses given at summer assemblies on Christian citizenship.
- Encourages Baptists to manifest a Christian attitude toward people of other races.
- Executive secretary attends national conferences on racial problems as a Southern Baptist representative.
- Executive secretary prepares articles on human relations for the public press and denominational papers.

Education Commission

The Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention stands ready to assist Negro Baptist schools in any way possible in keeping with available time. Advisory services and surveys are possible on request from organized Southern Baptist groups or their authorized representatives.

The commission in recent months has assisted Owen College, Memphis, to become accredited. It has advised with American Seminary, Leland College, and Selma University and in December, 1959, conferred with the new president of Owen College and some of its board members. The executive secretary has served on the Advisory Council of Southern Baptist Work with Negroes for some time.

Section V

Co-operative Work Through Other Southern Baptist Groups

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention approved the resolution of the Home Mission Board in the initial meeting calling for the organization of the Advisory Council of Southern Baptist Work with Negroes.

This committee studies and seeks to implement resolutions regarding co-operation between National and Southern Baptists and gives counsel to the agencies on the Advisory Council in their relationships with National Baptist agencies. Bylaw 9 of the Southern Baptist Convention instructs the Executive Committee "to act in an advisory capacity on all questions of co-operation between the different agencies of the Convention, and between the agencies of the Convention and those of other conventions, whether state or national."

The members of the staff of the Executive Committee are available for personal services which they might render in clinics, workshops, and conferences. They have been especially helpful in the areas of stewardship and promotion.

ADVISORY COUNCIL ON SOUTHERN BAPTIST WORK WITH NEGROES

The bylaws of the council set forth the nature and purpose of the organization:

Name

The name of this body shall be Advisory Council of Southern Baptist Work with Negroes.

Purpose

The purpose of this council shall be to discuss and correlate plans, share ideas and procedures (techniques), and strengthen the total program of Southern Baptist work with Negroes.

Membership

The membership of this council shall consist of not more than two representatives each from the following agencies: Sunday School Board, Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board, Christian Life Commission, Education Commission, Commission on the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Brotherhood Commission, Woman's Missionary

Union, theological seminaries (selected by Inter-Seminary Conference) and the state directors of Negro work (selected by conference of state directors). All the state directors of Negro work will be invited to attend the meeting of the council to participate in the discussion, also the program secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Officers

The officers of the council shall consist of a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary, these to be elected annually. The chairman shall not serve more than two terms successively. The officers shall serve as the program committee.

Committees

Committees may be created at the discretion of the council for special assignments or for the more effective consideration of regular matters.

Meetings

The council shall meet annually in regular session, the date and place to be determined at each session for the next session, it being understood that the time shall be on Monday and Tuesday following the fourth Sunday in February unless action is taken otherwise. Special meetings may be called by the chairman, with the approval of five other members, as the need arises.

Policy and Procedure

It is understood that all action is purely advisory and in no way binding on any participating agency or group. It is understood that each agency will pay the expenses of its representatives. Bylaws may be amended by a majority vote of those members present at any regular meeting of the Advisory Council.

JOINT INTER-CONVENTION COMMITTEE OF NEGRO MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

This committee, composed of representatives from the Northern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc., and the Southern Baptist Convention, had its start in 1936, named its members in 1937, and held its first meeting in the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., in January, 1938.

This committee meets yearly to hear reports, make surveys, and discuss ways and means to provide a better trained ministry among Negro Baptists.

Under the leadership of this committee the study *The Negro Baptist Ministry* (An Analysis of its Profession, Preparation, and Practices)

was directed by Dr. Ira De A. Reid, professor of sociology, Haverford College. The study was published in 1951.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

In a program of evangelism

- Co-operates with state leadership in the distribution of Bibles.
- Helps provide literature for missionary organizations in Negro churches.
- Encourages women to work in Negro good will centers, summer camps, and Vacation Bible schools and to visit hospitals and other institutions.
- Contributes \$4,000.00 to Division of Evangelism for Negro work through Annie Armstrong Offering for home missions.

In a program of Christian education

- Contributes \$5,000.00 annually in scholarships to students studying for religious vocations.
- Co-operates with state leadership in providing summer camps for boys and girls.
- Encourages and participates in conferences and workshops.
- Provides \$500.00 through Annie Armstrong Offering to Woman's Auxiliary, NBC, for preparation and distribution of literature.
- Makes gifts to schools for special purposes.
- Calls attention in program materials to the need of Christian education for Negro youth.
- Seeks to inform its constituency through publications on proper attitudes and how to work with Negroes on a co-operative basis.
- Provides leadership and speakers for interracial youth camps.
- Contributes through Annie Armstrong Offering \$70,000.00 for salaries of teacher-missionaries, \$26,000.00 for institutes, conferences, and extension work, and \$40,000.00 for mission centers.

In a program of Christian citizenship

- Presents feature articles and pictorial spreads in publications dealing with equal rights of all citizens.
- Calls attention to books and other literature written in the field of Christian citizenship.
- Distributes tracts dealing with the theme of Christian citizenship.
- Presents books written about Negroes in Convention-wide WMU and YWA assemblies.

—Co-operates with state leadership in holding interracial institutes.

In additional ministries

- Provides staff personnel for conferences and workshops in all areas of interracial work.
- Shares with state leadership in the employment of general workers with Negroes.

Section VI

Co-operative Planning for the Future

SOME SUGGESTIONS

- Seek to understand how deeply we are involved with Negroes as persons, citizens, and Baptists.
- Develop the spirit of co-operation in all of our work with—not to, for, over, or under.
- Recognize that we need the good will and co-operation of Negroes as much as they need our aid.
- Seek out and maintain communication at the personal, church, state, and national levels.
- Maintain a Christian attitude toward the Negro's desire to become a first class citizen.
- Recognize that no "crash" or "representative" program will be sufficient in our desire to work with the Negro. It will be a long hard pull and a team effort.
- Encourage talks and conferences between the leaders of our conventions.
- Seek to become better informed concerning the organizational structure of the Negro conventions.
- Continue to make surveys and note the progress of our co-operative effort with Negro Baptists.
- Give more attention to the students in Negro colleges and universities.
- Develop a total mission program in co-operation with Negro Baptists.
- Keep our constituency informed on all of our work with Negroes.
- Study the public acceptance of Negroes into the main streams of American culture.
- Examine population trends of Negro people—rural to city, South to North and East.
- Recognize the missionary potential in Negro youth.
- Encourage Negro Baptists to participate with us in seasons of prayer, Schools of Missions, and simultaneous revivals.

Appendix

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| Exhibit 1 | Cover letter (churches) |
| Exhibit 2 | Questionnaire (churches) |
| Exhibit 3 | Cover letter (associations) |
| Exhibit 4 | Instructions enclosed (associations) |
| Exhibit 5 | Questionnaire (associations) |
| Exhibit 6 | Questionnaire (state conventions) |

Exhibit 1—Cover letter (churches)

October, 1958

Dear Brother Pastor:

I want to ask your help in a very important study we are making of the work being done by our churches in behalf of the Negroes in our midst. Many of our churches are co-operating with Negro Baptists in their Vacation Bible schools, in financing their program, or otherwise helping them to more effectively serve their people.

The service that can best be rendered by the Home Mission Board, and other denominational agencies, is determined somewhat by that which the churches are already doing. It is, therefore, important that we know what ministry, if any, you are rendering in this field of missionary endeavor. The information can be used to advantage by all of the agencies that are helping in the work with Negroes.

A similar study was made by the work with Negroes being done on the associational basis and the response was so gratifying that we felt this study of the work done by churches would be even more helpful.

The main strength of our Baptist work is in our churches and we are eager to know just what they are doing in this field. It will take only a few moments for you to fill out the questionnaire on the back of this letter and your co-operation will be very much appreciated.

A stamped envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this study, I am

Yours sincerely,

Courts Redford

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Exhibit 2—Questionnaire (churches)

SURVEY OF CO-OPERATIVE WORK BETWEEN SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND NEGRO BAPTISTS

Please answer each question. If you are the pastor of more than one church at present, please indicate which church (es) your answer pertain to. The information desired is regarding the church individually and *not* regarding the work of the association.

1. Please indicate below *your best estimate* of the number of Negro Baptist churches *within fifteen miles* of your church (es)
 None 1-3 4 or more
2. Has *the church of which you are now pastor* co-operated with any Negro Baptist church (es) in Vacation Bible school work
 - a. during 1958? Yes No
 - b. in some previous year? Yes No
3. Has the church provided any leadership for Negro Baptist Vacation Bible schools
 - a. during 1958? Yes No
 - b. in some previous year? Yes No
4. Has the church provided any financial assistance or program materials for Negro Baptist Vacation Bible schools
 - a. during 1958? Yes No
 - b. in some previous year? Yes No
5. Please indicate any of the areas below in which your church has co-operated with Negro Baptist churches *during the calendar years 1957 and 1958?*

| | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Providing educational scholarships | <input type="checkbox"/> Exchange of youth or music programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exchange of pulpits | <input type="checkbox"/> Sending Negro boys and girls to summer camp |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Simultaneous revivals | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erection or repair of Negro church buildings | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning or conferring with Negro pastor (s) | |

Your comments

We appreciate your co-operation and will value any comments you care to make.

Present church membership _____ Church _____
(number) (name)

Post office of church _____ State _____
(under (500- (2500-

Location: O.C. _____ V. 500 pop.) _____ T. 2499) _____ C. & over) _____

Signed _____

Many thanks for your spirit of co-operation!

Exhibit 3—Cover letter—(associations)

July, 1959

Dear Brother Missionary:

I want to ask your help in a very important study we are making of the work being done by our associations in behalf of the Negroes in our midst. Many of our associations are co-operating with Negro Baptists in their efforts to have better Vacation Bible schools, more camps for their youth, and inservice training for their pastors.

The service that can best be rendered by the Home Mission Board, and other denominational agencies, is determined somewhat by which associations are already doing. It is, therefore important that we know what ministry is being rendered in this field of missionary endeavor by the associations. The information can be used to advantage by all of the agencies that are helping in the work with Negroes.

The associational missionaries answered a limited questionnaire on their work with Negroes in 1956. The response was so gratifying that we feel that a broader survey should be made of their work.

The association is one of the main sources of strength in our Baptist work, and we are eager to know just what you are doing and how you are succeeding in this area of work. It will take only a few moments for you to fill out the questionnaire on the back of this letter and your co-operation will be very much appreciated.

A stamped envelope is enclosed for your reply.

Thanking you for your co-operation in this study, I am

Yours sincerely,

Courts Redford

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Exhibit 4—Instructions enclosed (associations)

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING ENCLOSED QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Instructions for associational missionaries or moderators who serve one association.

If you serve just one association, it will only be necessary for you to complete the questions with reference to your one association. Please indicate the name of your association in the space provided for association number one.

2. Instructions to associational missionaries who serve two or more associations.

If you serve two or more associations, please list each of the associations in the numbered spaces provided at the bottom of the questionnaire and use the numbers to indicate the particular association you are referring to when answering each question.

A sample questionnaire, filled out for an associational missionary who serves five (5) associations, is attached to more fully explain the procedure. If more space is needed, please attach an additional sheet to the questionnaire.

3. This survey is intended to cover the activities of all associational organizations. To make sure that all activities are included, you may wish to contact the associational WMU and Brotherhood presidents, and possibly other officers.

Exhibit 5—Questionnaire (associations)

SURVEY OF CO-OPERATIVE WORK BETWEEN SOUTHERN BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS AND NEGRO BAPTISTS

Please read enclosed instructions carefully before answering the question below.

1. Please indicate your best estimate of the number of Negro Baptist churches within the area covered by your association.

() none () 1-4 () 5-9 () 10-19 () 20 or more

2. Did your association (s), as an association (s), co-operate with any Negro Baptist church, association, or pastor's conference in the following activities during 1958? If so, in which activities? (Include only those which involved the work or sponsorship of your associational organizations. *Do not include activities* involving only an individual or church which were not sponsored officially by the association (s).)

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|-----------------------------|--|
| _____ Revival (church) | _____ Institutes |
| _____ Simultaneous revival | _____ Assembly |
| _____ Tent revival | _____ Nursery |
| _____ Pulpit supply | _____ Kindergarten |
| _____ Vacation Bible school | _____ Extension school |
| _____ Sunday school work | _____ Study course |
| _____ Training Union work | _____ Surveys |
| _____ WMU work | _____ Camps |
| _____ WMU clinics | _____ Institutional services (hospitals, jails, schools, etc.) |
| _____ Brotherhood work | _____ Operation of a Good Will Center |
| _____ Music work | _____ Planning or conferring with Negro pastor (s) |
| _____ BSU work | _____ Sponsoring a summer student worker |
| _____ Stewardship promotion | Other _____ |

3. Did you render some personal service during 1958 in any additional activities listed above? If so, place an M opposite the activity. (Do not mark any of those which you have already marked for the association (s).)

4. Did your association (s) give any financial aid to a Negro Baptist church or association during 1958? () Yes () No

Amount (s) \$ _____

For what purpose (s) _____

5. Did your association (s) give any aid to a Negro Baptist student (s) for educational purposes during 1958? () Yes () No
Number of students _____

High school \$ _____; college \$ _____; seminary \$ _____

6. What was your association's total expenditure for all work done with Negro Baptists during 1958 \$ _____

Association (s) served (1) _____ (2) _____

(3) _____ (4) _____ (5) _____

(6) _____ (7) _____ (8) _____

State _____ Signed _____

Many thanks for your spirit of co-operation!

Exhibit 6—Questionnaire (state conventions)

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR STATE CONVENTIONS ON CO-OPERATIVE WORK WITH NEGROES

Please remember that churches and associations are being contacted regarding *local* and associational activities. This questionnaire should indicate only the co-operative work sponsored and/or promoted directly by the state departments and organizations.

1. Does your state have any work with Negroes? Yes_____ No_____
2. Please check the areas in which your state renders a service to Negroes:
Mission pastoral aid_____ Mission Sunday School_____ Mission Training Union_____ Summer student worker (s)_____ Institutional services_____ Scholarships_____ Camp fund for boys and girls_____ Gifts to schools_____ Gifts to churches_____ Kindergartens_____ Extension classes_____ Free literature_____ Day Nurseries_____ Good Will Centers_____ Other_____

Institutes or clinic on:

Sunday school_____ Training Union_____ Stewardship_____ BSU_____ Music_____ Brotherhood _____ WMU Evangelism_____ Revivals_____ Vacation Bible school_____

3. Does your state employ any personnel to work with Negroes in the following areas: (In showing the number, use a code letter as follows: P=parttime, F=fulltime. An example of how to list one fulltime and three parttime missionaries:

F(1) P(3).)

State Director (secretary)_____ Baptist Student Union_____ Missionary_____ Sunday school_____ Training Union_____ Woman's Missionary Union_____ Other_____

4. What is your budget for work with Negroes during the current year? \$ _____
5. State _____ Signed _____

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