

CHURCH CONFERENCE: AGENDA ITEMS FOR JULY 15, 1979

I. Recommendation on Missions and Special Offerings

The Diaconate recommends: the congregation encourage the church staff to increase the attention heretofore given the three special offerings (i.e., State Missions in September, Lottie Moon in December and Annie Armstrong in March) and that the staff bring to the congregation more information concerning denominational and other missionary activities so that the congregation may be better informed, and hopefully, more inclined to support such activities as seem worthy.

And that, in respect to community missions, the church staff be alert to community needs not now being met so that our congregation may confront such needs and respond with service and/or money as opportunities become available.

II. Recommendation on Parsonage & Retirement Policy

The Diaconate recommends that the church adopt the following policies:

1. The church should continue to own the parsonage.
2. The church expects that its minister maintain a retirement program that should provide an income at retirement equal to at least half the minister's annual compensation; toward this end, the church insists that its minister participate in the Southern Baptist Convention Annuity Program, or other diaconate-approved retirement program, by allocating at least ten per cent of the minister's total compensation to such program.

III. *Recommendation on World Hunger

The Diaconate recommends: The establishment of a tradition of giving for the relief of hunger locally and globally.

A. Suggested Method

1. Implementation of a church program similar to Highland Presbyterian Church's "Put In Your Two Cents Worth".
2. Each family unit would be asked to supply a vessel for donations; the church would supply a label with an appropriate logo.
3. Each family unit would be asked to donate 2¢ per family member per meal. Giving at two meals per day would be encouraged.
4. Collection of the vessels' contents would occur monthly (during morning worship on the first Sunday and at the Family Night Supper).
5. Loose offerings on the first Sunday of each quarter would be designated for world hunger donations.

B. Suggested Recipients of Donations

1. It is suggested that the initial recipients be Crisis Control Ministry, S.B.C. Foreign Mission Board, and Seeds, a magazine for Southern Baptists who are concerned about world hunger.
2. **A recommendation from the floor on the percentage of donations to each recipient should be sought and, hopefully, decided.

* Diaconate suggests that this program last until the end of the year, at which time, it would be evaluated for effectiveness and possible extension.

** Diaconate suggests that the percentages be: FOREIGN MISSION BOARD -- 65%
C.C.M. -- 20%
SEEDS -- 15%