

Section 3:

Convention Proceedings

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware

Proceedings

The 181st Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network

Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel
903 Dulaney Valley Road, Towson, MD 21204

Theme: United In Prayer Seeking Christ's Spirit Acts 1:14

Session I – Sunday Evening – November 13, 2016 Fitzgerald Ballroom

1. **Call to Order** – At 6:30 p.m., President Bill Warren, Pastor, Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, Md., welcomed the gathering and officially called the 181st Annual Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network to order. President Warren opened the meeting with prayer and then introduced Richard Logsdon.
2. **Welcome** – Richard Logsdon, Order of Business Committee Chairman, welcomed messengers and guests.
3. **Enrollment of Messengers** – Charlie Brown, Pastor, East Baltimore Graffiti Church, had no report at this time.
4. **Worship** – Kettering Baptist Church Choir, directed by Pernel Spence, led in a time of worship.
5. **President Warren introduced Daniel Henderson, president of Strategic Renewal.com**
6. **Message** – Daniel Henderson delivered a message entitled, “Your Most Important Investment,” concerning the value and necessity of the church praying faithfully and strategically. He gave several points in this regard: 1) United prayer is a counter attack against our enemy: Romans 15:31; 32) We should strive together in prayer as Christian leaders: Romans 15:30; 33) We should pray for the necessary provision for the work: Romans 15:32; and 4) The result of effective prayer is always God’s peace: Romans 15:33.
7. **Worship** – Kettering Baptist Church Choir, directed by Pernel Spence, led in a time of worship.
8. **Time of Prayer and Unity** – Kenny Heath, Western Baptist Association Director of Missions, and Sherrie McKay, Bethany Lane Baptist Church, narrated the prayer time, which highlighted the diversity of the convention:
 - a. **Cities and Rural Areas:** Wayne Lee, Christian Liberty Church, and Harold Phillips, Pleasant View Baptist Church
 - b. **Younger and Older:** Tim Byer, Faith Baptist Church, Glen Burnie, and Gayle Clifton, Upper Seneca Baptist Church
 - c. **Female and Male:** Mako Kneale, First Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, and Jim Jeffries, LaVale Baptist Church, Zion Community Church of Wellersburg, Pa.
 - d. **Black and White:** James Dixon, El Bethel Baptist Church, and Larry Eubanks, First Baptist Church, Frederick.
 - e. **Asian and Hispanic:** San Roh, Church of the Wonderful Light, and Josean Nater, Camino de Esperanza Seaford

- f. **Directors of Missions and Moderators:** Dan Sheffield, Director of Missions, Susquehanna Baptist Association, and Tally Wilgis, Moderator, Baltimore Baptist Association, Captivate Church
 - g. **Bi-vocational and Full-time Ministers:** Bill Jones, Jessup Baptist Church, and Fred Caudle, First Baptist Church, St. Charles
 - h. **Affluence and Poverty:** Ken Fentress, Montrose Baptist Church, and Joel Kurz, The Garden Church
 - i. **Thriving and Hurting:** Mark Lashey, Lifehouse Church, and Kim Cook, Centre-Pointe Counseling
 - j. **Maryland and Delaware:** Daryl McCready, SonRise Church, and Jessie Acre, Good Shepherd Baptist Church
 - k. **Past and Future:** David Lee, Former Executive Director, BCM/D, and Kevin Smith, Current Executive Director, BCM/D.
9. **Worship** – Kettering Baptist Church Choir, directed by Pernell Spence, led in a time of worship.
10. **Closing Evening Prayer**

Session II – Monday Morning – November 14, 2016 Fitzgerald Ballroom

11. **President's Prayer** At 8:00 am., President Bill Warren, Allen Memorial Baptist Church, Salisbury, Md., and Daniel Henderson
12. **Brunches:**
- a. Pastor's Conference: Daniel Henderson
 - b. Minister's Wives: Pascha Lee, wife of Pastor Wayne Lee, Christian Liberty Church, Baltimore
 - c. Lay Leaders: Dr. Kevin Smith
13. **Worship** – Dee Jones, Epic Community Church, Jessup, Md., led in worship.
14. **The President's Address** Dr. Bill Warren's message focused on the importance of believers being identified with Christ in His suffering and accepting persecution and suffering as inevitable consequences for being faithful proclaimers of the Gospel. The following are several major ideas in his message based upon Galatians 2:20-21:
- a. Identification with Christ in His humiliation, suffering and death is expected as authentic representatives of the Gospel.
 - b. We should give the Lord a life surrendered life to His Lordship.
 - c. When one is crucified with Christ, self dies.
 - d. When self dies, we no longer live for anyone or anything else than Christ.
15. **Credentials and Enrollment of Messengers** – Charlie Brown, reported that there are 280 messengers and 51 guests in attendance.
16. **Business Session #1 (All 2016 reports are in the 2016 Annual Meeting Report of the Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network, pages 52-70)**
- a. Introduction of the General Mission Board President – President Bill Warren
 - b. President of General Mission Board – Michael Trammell, pastor, Mt. Airy Baptist Church, gave the General Mission Board report. The Board made two motions:
 - i. The General Mission Board offers the motion to approve the 2017 Proposed Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware budget as presented.

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware 2017 Approved Budget

	State Missions		Skycroft Conference	<u>Combined</u>
	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Center</u>	
RECEIPTS				
Cooperative Program	3,750,000	-	-	3,750,000
North American Mission Board	1,030,000	-	-	1,030,000
LifeWay Christian Resources	60,000	-	-	60,000
Cooperative Gifts	120,000	-	-	120,000
State Missions Offering	-	125,000	-	125,000
BCM/D Endowment Income	127,000	-	-	127,000
Strategic Resources	73,000	-	-	73,000
Interest Income (Net of Bank Fees)	(5,891)	-	-	(5,891)
General User Fees	-	-	1,629,539	1,629,539
Camps	-	-	567,800	567,800
HeBrews Coffee Shop	-	-	55,000	55,000
Baptist Foundation of MD/DE	19,000	-	-	19,000
Reserves	35,000	-	-	35,000
Total Receipts	<u>5,208,109</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>2,252,339</u>	<u>7,585,448</u>
DISBURSEMENTS				
	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Cooperative Missions	1,656,109	-	-	1,656,109
Missionary and Staff Benefits	572,349	-	213,714	786,063
Executive Office	490,928	-	-	490,928
Convention Operations	911,925	22,800	34,347	969,072
Church Strengthening	569,642	-	-	569,642
Church Multiplication	1,007,156	102,200	-	1,109,356
Operations, Guest Relations, Food Service	-	-	<u>2,004,278</u>	<u>2,004,278</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>5,208,109</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>2,252,339</u>	<u>7,585,448</u>

DISBURSEMENTS	Operating	State Missions Offering	Skycroft Conference Center	Combined
Cooperative Missions				
SBC Cooperative Program	1,612,109	-	-	1,612,109
Church Staff Protection	44,000	-	-	44,000
Total Cooperative Missions	1,656,109	-	-	1,656,109
Missionary and Staff Benefits				
Missionary and Staff Social Security	75,380	-	54,797	130,177
Missionary and Staff Annuity	89,819	-	39,342	129,161
Missionary and Staff Insurance	392,150	-	116,575	508,725
Missionary Development/Support/Affirmation	15,000	-	3,000	18,000
Total Missionary and Staff Benefits	572,349	-	213,714	786,063
Skycroft Conference Center Operations				
Salaries	-	-	321,776	321,776
Travel/Business/Field Service	-	-	7,787	7,787
Recreation Expenses	-	-	3,000	3,000
Electricity	-	-	106,000	106,000
Propane	-	-	92,500	92,500
Pest Control	-	-	9,000	9,000
Trash Removal	-	-	16,000	16,000
Equipment Replacement/Capital Repair	-	-	25,000	25,000
Insurance	-	-	48,000	48,000
Telephone/Internet/Web Hosting	-	-	52,000	52,000
Owned Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	9,500	9,500
Equipment - Maintenance Equipment	-	-	1,000	1,000
Equipment - Office Equipment	-	-	5,000	5,000
Facility Supplies	-	-	77,000	77,000
Office Supplies/Postage	-	-	11,000	11,000
Housekeeping Supplies	-	-	22,000	22,000
Reinvestment for Future Improvements	-	-	105,000	105,000
Attorney Fees	-	-	5,000	5,000
Fees and Permits	-	-	3,500	3,500
Advertising/Promotion	-	-	7,500	7,500
Property Tax	-	-	8,500	8,500
Total Skycroft Conference Center Operations	-	-	936,063	936,063
Skycroft Guest Relations				
Salaries	-	-	103,140	103,140
Camps	-	-	226,575	226,575
HeBrews Coffee Shop	-	-	40,000	40,000
Total Skycroft Guest Relations	-	-	369,715	369,715
Skycroft Food Service				
Salaries	-	-	230,000	230,000
Food	-	-	460,000	460,000
Equipment - Kitchen Equipment	-	-	8,500	8,500
Total Skycroft Food Service	-	-	698,500	698,500

		State Missions	Skycroft Conference	
	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Center</u>	<u>Combined</u>
Executive Office				
Salaries/Housing Allowances	254,928	-	-	254,928
Travel/Business/Office/Field Service Expense	47,000	-	-	47,000
Independent Contractors	36,000	-	-	36,000
Christian Life and Public Affairs Committee	1,000	-	-	1,000
General Mission Board Expense	10,000	-	-	10,000
Annual Celebration Expense	55,000	-	-	55,000
Convention President's Expense	1,000	-	-	1,000
Video Production	5,000	-	-	5,000
Website Maintenance	16,000	-	-	16,000
Database Maintenance	5,000	-	-	5,000
Baptist Life Production	52,000	-	-	52,000
State Missions Offering Promotion	8,000	-	-	8,000
Total Executive Office	490,928	-	-	490,928
Convention Operations Team				
Financial Services				
Salaries/Housing Allowances	162,145	-	12,047	174,192
Travel/Business/Office/Field Service Expense	17,000	-	-	17,000
Accounting Fees	7,000	-	-	7,000
Finance Operations	15,000	-	22,300	37,300
Stewardship Development	3,000	-	-	3,000
Cooperative Program Development	15,000	-	-	15,000
Capture the Vision	1,000	-	-	1,000
Planned Giving	2,000	-	-	2,000
Ministers Taxes	500	-	-	500
Baptist Mission Resource Center Operations				
Salaries	82,963	-	-	82,963
Office Expense	6,000	-	-	6,000
Repairs/Maintenance/Supplies	35,000	-	-	35,000
Electricity	15,300	-	-	15,300
Cleaning	12,000	-	-	12,000
Trash Removal	6,900	-	-	6,900
Condominium Fees	19,980	-	-	19,980
Insurance	38,000	-	-	38,000
Telephone/Internet/Web Hosting	48,000	-	-	48,000
Information Technology Management Contract	25,200	-	-	25,200
Offsite Storage	7,500	-	-	7,500
Equipment Leases	29,084	-	-	29,084
Equipment - Computer and Office	25,000	-	-	25,000
History Committee	500	-	-	500
Attorney Fees	15,000	-	-	15,000
Contingencies	10,000	-	-	10,000
Engagement and Training				
Salaries/Housing Allowances	112,853	-	-	112,853
Travel/Business/Office/Field Service Expense	31,000	-	-	31,000
Independent Contractors	46,000	-	-	46,000
Team Training and Development	3,000	-	-	3,000
Disaster Relief	20,000	-	-	20,000
Church Planting Evangelism	30,000	-	-	30,000
Existing Church Evangelism	70,000	-	-	70,000
Skycroft Camp Evangelism	-	22,800	-	22,800
Total Convention Operations	911,925	22,800	34,347	969,072

Church Strengthening Team	Operating	State Missions Offering	Skycroft Conference Center	Combined
Salaries, Travel and Office Expenses				
Salaries/Housing Allowances	270,142	-	-	270,142
Travel/Business/Office/Field Service Expense	66,500	-	-	66,500
Independent Contractors	67,000	-	-	67,000
Discipleship Pathways				
Lead Like Jesus	4,000	-	-	4,000
Dogwood Leadership Events	2,500	-	-	2,500
Restore My Soul Retreats	2,500	-	-	2,500
Worship Internships and Mentorships	3,000	-	-	3,000
WMU Training and Ministries	5,000	-	-	5,000
Blackaby Ministries Coaching and Training Event	2,500	-	-	2,500
Coaching				
Strat Op	2,500	-	-	2,500
Coaching Contracts	5,000	-	-	5,000
Hispanic Leadership Coaching	1,500	-	-	1,500
Equipping				
Walk Thru The Bible	2,000	-	-	2,000
Learning Communities	3,000	-	-	3,000
Equip.net	-	-	-	-
Worship Leader Cohorts	6,000	-	-	6,000
Digital Mentorships	2,000	-	-	2,000
Worship Leader Boot Camps	3,000	-	-	3,000
Worshipping Churches Training	7,000	-	-	7,000
Preaching Equipping Network	1,500	-	-	1,500
VBS/Backyard Bible Clubs	7,000	-	-	7,000
Church Weekday Education	1,000	-	-	1,000
Breathless	6,500	-	-	6,500
Women's Ministry	1,500	-	-	1,500
Girls Camp	2,500	-	-	2,500
Boys Mission Camp/RA's	2,000	-	-	2,000
Love Loud	7,500	-	-	7,500
ESL	2,000	-	-	2,000
Groups				
Bible Teaching	5,000	-	-	5,000
Children's Ministry	4,000	-	-	4,000
Small Groups	1,500	-	-	1,500
Revitalization				
AWAKEN	18,000	-	-	18,000
Church Minister Relations	5,000	-	-	5,000
Pastoral Care: Refuge/Mediation/Conflict	5,500	-	-	5,500
Ministerial Counseling	17,500	-	-	17,500
Strategic Church Strengthening Initiatives				
New Initiatives	5,000	-	-	5,000
Transformational Church	1,000	-	-	1,000
African-American Fellowship	20,500	-	-	20,500
Total Church Strengthening	569,642	-	-	569,642

Church Multiplication Team	Operating	State Missions Offering	Skycroft Conference Center	Combined
Church Multiplication Team: Salaries, Travel & Office Expenses				
Salaries	63,656	-	-	63,656
Travel/Business/Office/Field Service Expense	22,500	-	-	22,500
Church Multiplication Field Ministry				
Church Planter Assistance	800,000	-	-	800,000
Church Planting Development	80,000	-	-	80,000
Planter Care	15,000	-	-	15,000
Coaching	26,000	-	-	26,000
Initiatives (Church Planting/Independent Contractor Fees/Special Needs)	-	102,200	-	102,200
Total Church Multiplication Team	1,007,156	102,200	-	1,109,356
Total Disbursements	<u>5,208,109</u>	<u>125,000</u>	<u>2,252,339</u>	<u>7,585,448</u>
Over/(Under)	0	0	0	0

Includes 3% salary increase for employees classified as missionary or support staff. No salary increases for officers, directors, or team leaders.

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware 2017 Operating and State Missions Offering Budget Comparison

	2017 Budget	2016 Budget	2015 Actual	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
Cooperative Program	3,750,000	3,875,000	3,837,834	See Note 1
North American Mission Board	1,030,000	878,983	717,087	See Note 2
LifeWay Christian Resources	60,000	60,000	60,996	
Cooperative Gifts	120,000	120,000	164,507	
State Missions Offering	125,000	190,000	111,594	See Note 3
BCM/D Endowment Income	127,000	208,000	145,000	
Strategic Resources	73,000	113,000	80,000	
Interest Income	(5,891)	2,888	(7,670)	
Strategic Church Planting Escrows	-	175,000	-	See Note 4
Skycroft Conference Center	-	20,000	-	
Baptist Foundation of MD/DE	19,000	19,000	15,000	
Reserves	35,000	35,000	-	
Total Receipts	5,333,109	5,696,871	5,124,348	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
Cooperative Missions	1,656,109	1,672,174	1,615,450	See Note 5
Missionary and Staff Benefits	572,349	668,003	513,973	
Executive Office	490,928	507,452	557,763	See Note 6
Convention Operations	934,725	1,108,377	1,092,298	See Note 7
Church Strengthening	569,642	624,141	417,663	See Note 8
Church Multiplication	1,109,356	1,116,724	898,468	
Total Disbursements	5,333,109	5,696,871	5,095,615	
Over/(Under)	-	-	28,733	

2017 Budget Notes:

- Note 1:** Projected Cooperative Program receipts down from 2016 budget and 2015 actual.
- Note 2:** Church Multiplication and Evangelism support from the North American Mission Board. Increase reflects an additional \$200,000 investment by NAMB in church multiplication efforts.
- Note 3:** Projected receipts from churches to be reinvested in 2017 into Skycroft/Camp evangelism, church planting initiatives, and special needs people groups.
- Note 4:** No budgeted release from escrowed dollars for additional funds given specifically designated to church planting as NAMB has increased their financial partnership to plant churches by \$200,000.
- Note 5:** Includes a 1% increase in the amount of Cooperative Program funds sent on to the national SBC to increase commitment to national and international missions efforts .
- Note 6:** Communications has been merged into the Executive Office. The figures above have been restated for the 2016 budget and 2015 actual expenses to reflect this change.
- Note 7:** Financial Services, Baptist Mission Resource Center Operations, and Engagement/Training (Evangelism) has been merged to create the Convention Operations Team. The figures above have been restated for the 2016 budget and 2015 actual expenses to reflect this change. The reduction in 2017 budgeted expenses is due to the defunding of multiple collegiate evangelism positions and the transfer of the Love Loud Missionary to the Church Strengthening Team.
- Note 8:** Largely reflects reduction in available program dollars as compared to the prior year.

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware 2017 Skycroft Conference Center Budget Comparison

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>	
<u>RECEIPTS</u>				
General User Fees	1,629,539	1,535,496	1,422,832	See Note 1
Camps	567,800	590,800	576,826	See Note 2
HeBrews Coffee Shop	55,000	50,000	58,275	
Total Receipts	<u>2,252,339</u>	<u>2,176,296</u>	<u>2,057,933</u>	
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>				
Missionary and Staff Benefits	213,714	205,990	205,720	
Skycroft Conference Center Operations	936,063	885,172	832,556	See Note 3
Skycroft Guest Relations	369,715	382,439	337,682	See Note 4
Skycroft Food Service	698,500	668,500	694,051	
Financial Services	34,347	34,195	16,610	See Note 5
Total Disbursements	<u>2,252,339</u>	<u>2,176,296</u>	<u>2,086,619</u>	
Over/(Under)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(28,686)</u>	

2017 Budget Notes:

Note 1: Forecasting 2017 guests totaling 25,000 staying at least one night.

Note 2: An estimated 2,400 students to be attending in 2016.

Note 3: Increased staffing costs allocated over 2015 actual expenses.

Note 4: Increased actual operating costs associated with camps over 2015 actual expenses.

Note 5: Increased credit card processing fees.

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware 2017 Proposed Operating and State Missions Offering Comparison by Major Expense Category

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Cooperative Program	3,750,000	3,875,000	3,837,834
North American Mission Board	1,030,000	878,983	717,087
LifeWay Christian Resources	60,000	60,000	60,996
Cooperative Gifts	120,000	120,000	164,507
State Missions Offering	125,000	190,000	111,594
BCM/D Endowment Income	127,000	208,000	145,000
Strategic Resources	73,000	113,000	80,000
Interest Income	(5,891)	2,888	(7,670)
Strategic Church Planting Escrows	-	175,000	-
Skycroft Conference Center	-	20,000	-
Baptist Foundation of MD/DE	19,000	19,000	15,000
Reserves	35,000	35,000	-
Total Receipts	<u>5,333,109</u>	<u>5,696,871</u>	<u>5,124,348</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Cooperative Missions	1,656,109	1,672,174	1,615,450
Compensation and Staff Benefits Expenses	1,711,236	1,989,057	1,858,536
Non-compensation expenses	1,965,764	2,035,640	1,621,629
Total Disbursements	<u>5,333,109</u>	<u>5,696,871</u>	<u>5,095,615</u>
 Over/(Under)	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>28,733</u>
 Cooperative Missions as a % of the budget	 31.1%	 29.4%	 31.7%
Compensation as a % of the budget	32.1%	34.9%	36.5%
Non-compensation expenses as a % of the budget	36.9%	35.7%	31.8%

Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware 2017 Skycroft Conference Center Comparison by Major Expense Category

	<u>2017 Budget</u>	<u>2016 Budget</u>	<u>2015 Actual</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
General User Fees	1,629,539	1,535,496	1,422,832
Camps	567,800	590,800	576,826
HeBrews Coffee Shop	55,000	50,000	58,275
Total Receipts	<u>2,252,339</u>	<u>2,176,296</u>	<u>2,057,933</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>			
Compensation and Staff Benefits Expenses	880,677	940,816	861,660
Non-compensation expenses	1,371,662	1,235,480	1,224,959
Total Disbursements	<u>2,252,339</u>	<u>2,176,296</u>	<u>2,086,619</u>
 Over/(Under)	 <u>-</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>(28,686)</u>
 Compensation as a % of the budget	 39.1%	 43.2%	 41.3%
Non-compensation expenses as a % of the budget	60.9%	56.8%	58.7%

- ii. Michael Trammell opened the floor up for questions; but there were none.
 - iii. President Warren asked the body to vote on the budget as presented by the General Mission Board. The report was unanimously accepted.
 - iv. Mike Trammell introduced a final item for consideration concerning the name for the convention. A motion was made by the General Mission Board to cease “doing business as” Mid-Atlantic Baptist Network and return to using the established legal name, *Baptist Convention Maryland/Delaware*. The motion carried and the vote was unanimous.
 - v. Bill Warren thanked Trammell and the General Mission Board for their report.
 - c. Introduction of Chairman of Resolutions Committee – President Bill Warren
 - d. Chairman of Resolutions Committee, Phil Graves, Pastor First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Md., reported that no resolutions were presented to the committee. There were no resolutions presented from the floor.
- 17. GuideStone Greetings Video – Dr. O.S. Hawkins**

Session III – Monday Afternoon – November 14, 2016 Fitzgerald Ballroom

18. Breakout Sessions

- a. Transforming Prayer: Daniel Henderson – President, Strategic Renewal
- b. Disability Ministry 101: Sib Charles – Joni and Friends Eastern Pennsylvania
- c. One Hope: Discipleship among the poor: Joel Kurtz, Pastor, The Garden Church
- d. Families in Crisis: Kim Cook, CentrePointe Counseling

19. Special Dinners

- a. African American Fellowship: Byron Day – President of SBC National African American Fellowship, Pastor Emmanuel Baptist Church, Laurel, MD
- b. Cena de Companerismo Hispano: Luis Palau – International Evangelist, Founder and President, Palau Ministries
- c. Korean Fellowship Dinner: Paul Kim, Asian American Relations Consultant, SBC Executive Committee
- d. Asian People Groups Dinner: Paul Kim
- e. SEBTS Alumni: Chris Allen – Denominational Relations Specialist, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- f. NOBTS Alumni: Kurt Wesolowski – Pastor, Parkville Baptist Church

Session IV – Monday Evening – November 14, 2016 Fitzgerald Ballroom

20. **Enrollment of Messengers:** Charlie Brown, Pastor East Baltimore Graffiti Church
21. **Worship:** Church of the Harbor Praise Team led in worship.
22. **SBC Greetings and Report:** Roger “Sing” Oldham, Vice President of Convention
Communications of National Southern Baptist Convention
23. **Business Session #2**
- a. Bill Warren introduced the body to the President’s Committee appointments on page 69.
 - i. Committee on Credentials and Enrollment. (The committee serves to support the 2016 annual meeting)
Charlie Brown, Chair, East Baltimore Graffiti Church, Baltimore
Theresa Sassard, Middle River Baptist Church, Baltimore
Dodie Williams, Colonial Baptist Church, Baltimore
Cindy Stewart, Valley Baptist Church, Baltimore
Celia South, Long Green Baptist Church, Baltimore
 - ii. Committee on Resolutions (The committee serves to support the 2016 annual meeting)
Phil Graves, Chair, First Baptist Church of Brunswick, Blue Ridge
Jay Beard, First Baptist Church of Thurmont, Blue Ridge
Ken Cavey, Bethel Baptist Church, Mid-Maryland
Dave Tierney, White Marsh Baptist Church, Baltimore
 - iii. Committee on Committees (3-year term)
Jack Waite, Bethany Baptist Church, Delaware
Lee Hughart, First Baptist Church of Hurlock, Eastern
James Painter, Cresthill Baptist Church, Prince George’s
Jim Testerman, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Susquehanna
 - b. Bill Warren asked for a vote on the President’s Committees and they were unanimously accepted by the body.
 - c. President Warren asked Michael Mattar, Chair of the Committee to Nominate Members of the General Mission Board & Trustees of Institutions and Agencies of the Convention, to come forward to give their report. Mattar referred the body to page 68 of the Annual Meeting Report of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware.
 - i. General Mission Board Recommended Appointments:
 - a) Term expiring 2017
Steve Hokuf, First Baptist Church, North East, Susquehanna
(Filling unexpired term of Stan Graham)
 - b) Term expiring 2020
Matt Stewart, South Shore, Arundel
Joel Kurtz, The Garden Church, Baltimore
Kurt Wesolowski, Parkville Baptist Church, Baltimore
Frank Duncan, Paramount Baptist Church, Blue Ridge
Bob Gertsmyer, Covenant Baptist Church, Blue Ridge
Mark Lashley, Lifehouse Church, Delaware
Randall Blackmon, Faith Baptist Fellowship, Eastern
Alan Latham, First Baptist Church, Savage, Mid-Maryland

- Tim Simpson, Greenridge Baptist Church, Montgomery
 Derek Yelton, Hughesville Baptist Church, Potomac
 Winfred Harris, Kettering Baptist Church, Prince Georges
 Keith Aguila, Grace Baptist Church, Western
 Mark Lintz, LaVale Baptist Church, Western, MD *(Completing the term of Jon Moorman, 2018)*
- ii. Baptist Foundation of Maryland/Delaware
 - a) Term expiring 2020
 Karl Johnson, Leonardtown Baptist Church, Potomac
 - iii. The report was unanimously accepted.
 - d. President Warren asked Nathaniel Thomas, Chairman of the Committee on Committees to give his report:
 - e. Committee on Committees Report for 2016 on page 67:
 - i. Nathaniel Thomas recommended amending the Christian Life and Public Affairs appointments to include Jay Bradley Hendricks, Greensboro Baptist Church
 - ii. 2016-17 Order of Business Recommended Appointments 2016-2017
 - a) Term expiring 2019
 David Hemphill, Riva Trace Baptist Church, Anne Arundel
 - iii. 2016-2017 Committee to Nominate to the General Mission Board & Trustees of Institutions & Agencies of the Convention Recommended Appointments:
 - a) Term expiring 2018
 Robert Anderson, Colonial Baptist Church, Baltimore
 - b) Term Expiring 2019
 Joel Rainey, Covenant Baptist Church, Shepherdstown, Blue Ridge
 Gary Glanville, Northwest, Mid-Maryland
 Tim Bonner, Georgia Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery
 Byron Day, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Prince George's
 J. Bradley Hendrix, Greensboro Baptist Church, Delaware
 - iv. 2016-2017 Christian Life & Public Affairs Recommended Appointments:
 - a) Term Expiring 2019
 - b) Nathaniel Thomas, Forestville New Redeemer, Prince George's
 - v. The report was unanimously accepted.
 - f. **Election of Convention Officers:** President Warren invited Curtis Hill, 1st Vice President, Pastor, Ogletown Baptist Church, to conduct the election for President of BCM/D.
 - i. Nominations for President of Maryland/Delaware Baptist Convention
 Rick Hancock nominated Dr. Michael Trammell, previous president of General Mission Board and pastor of Mt. Airy Baptist Church. Jim McBride, pastor of New Harvest Baptist Church of Dover, Del., nominated Kenneth Cavey, Bethel Baptist Church, Ellicott City, Md. Michael Trammell was elected President of the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware.
 - ii. Nominations for First Vice President of BCM/D
 Bruce Conley, Director of Missions for Blue Ridge Baptist Association, nominated Rick Hancock, Pastor of Discipleship and Family Ministry at Emmanuel Baptist Church, for First Vice President. There were no other nominations. Rick Hancock was elected as First Vice President.

Nominations for Second Vice President of BCM/D

- a) Bruce Glissen, Executive Pastor of Allen Memorial Baptist Church, nominated Keith Myer, Pastor of Harvest Baptist Church, Salisbury, Md. There were no other nominations. Keith Myer was elected as Second Vice President.
- g. Miscellaneous Business: Bill Warren
- 24. **Worship:** Dunkirk Baptist Church Praise Team lead in worship.
- 25. **NAMB Greetings (Video):** Kevin Ezell, President of North American Mission Board
- 26. **Message:** Luis Palau, Founder and President, Palau Ministries, International Evangelist gave a message about prayer from **1 Tim.2:1-7 and 2 Tim.1:3-4**. He emphasized the power of unified prayer and praying with perseverance.
- 27. **Worship:** Church of the Harbor Praise Team led in worship.
- 28. **IMB Greetings and Report:** Ron Millender, International Mission Board
- 29. **Partnership Mission Offering** for Skycroft Conference Center (Video)
- 30. **Lifeway Greetings (video):** Thom Rainer:
Mark Crossan, Lifeway, presented President Bill Warren and his wife and Dr. Smith with gifts from LifeWay.
- 31. Bill Warren introduced the Dr. Kevin Smith, Executive Director of the BCM/D
- 32. **Message** – Dr. Kevin Smith encouraged messengers to continue to do ministry cooperatively. He stressed the importance of churches reporting on the Annual Church Profile and giving to the Cooperative Program. His desire is for churches to be strengthened and for churches to plant churches. In his message, he spoke about unity. “Everything I am about is unity.” Ephesians 4:1-6. He said we need to be unified and seek to maintain unity. We need a personality of humility, gentleness and patience. We must put our effort and energy into being unified throughout the Convention. This unity is based upon the truths of Scripture: There is one Body. The truth of God is the unifying principle. Unity is not affinity groups. The glory of Jesus Christ is seen when different people come together despite the differences. Great things can be done and only the Lord can do them.
- 33. **Closing Prayer:** Bill Warren asked Michael Trammell and Victor Kirk to pray for Kevin Smith in the dismissal.

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- 34. **Credentials and Enrollment of Messengers** – Charlie Brown reported that there are 341 messengers and 79 guests.
- 35. **Opening Prayer** – Jim McBride led in prayer.
- 36. **Worship** – Calvary Bel Air and Oak Grove churches led in worship.
- 37. **Honoring New Pastors**– Bill Warren
 - a. Phil and Chris Graves, First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Md. were awarded the Couples in Ministry, a \$250 gift card for Bird In Hand Village and Suites.
 - b. Pastor Timothy Coffey, First Baptist Church of Delmar, Del.
 - c. Rev. Adam Lewandowski, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Minister of Music and Worship
 - d. Rev. Ralph Wilson, Jr., Faith Fellowship Community Church, Laurel, MD
 - e. Pastor T.J. (Travis) Johnson, Tri-County Baptist Church
 - f. Pastor Richard Weih: Oak Grove Baptist Church, Family Ministry Director
 - g. Pastor Bradley Hendrix, Greensboro Baptist Church, Greensboro, Md.
 - h. Pastor Jack Schlegal, First Baptist Church, Upper Marlboro, Md.

- i. Jeremy Rhoton: Redeeming Grace Baptist Church, Lexington Park, Md.
38. **Baptist Foundation** Bill Peacock, Vice President of the Baptist Foundation of Maryland/Delaware, spoke on behalf of President Bob Eaton and, on behalf of the BCM/D, Kevin Smith accepted a check in the amount of \$113,874.82.
39. **Southeastern Seminary Greetings** (video) – Danny Aiken , President Southeastern Seminary
40. President Warren thanked Shannon Baker for the creation of this year’s program.
41. **Woman’s Missionary Union Ministry Update** – Barbara Matney, President, and Melody Knox, Executive Director
42. **Worship** – Calvary Bel Air/Oak Grove churches led in worship.
43. **President Warren introduced Dr. Paul Kim**
44. **Dr. Paul Kim**, Member of SBC Executive Committee and President of SBC Asian American Fellowship
Video: *Seed of Hope* (the Banyan Tree) is about the missionaries Paul Kim and his wife Becky and their ministry on college campuses and around the world, and their church planting. He encouraged those who were gathered, “If you don’t have a good reason to stay, then go.”
 Pastor Peter Lee’s message was from Acts 13:1-3. He spoke on “What can Antioch teach us today?” He pointed out that while they were worshipping, the Lord answered their prayers. When the people listen and respond to God, He will work.
45. **Honoring Staff** – Dr. Kevin Smith thanked the faithful convention staff. He welcomed new employees, Chrissie Redding: Ministry Assistant for Church Planting; Marcus Redding, Church Planting Catalyst (today is in NC); Taylor Hudik, Skycroft Conference Center and Aaron Miller, Skycroft Conference Center.
 He acknowledged milestone anniversaries: Randy Millwood: Church Strengthening Team Leader, 10 years; Rolando Castro: Strategist for the Hispanic Church Multiplication, 10 years; Blake Hardcastle: Campus Minister University of Delaware, Newark, 15 years; Iris White: Managing Editor of Baptist Life, Office Coordinator, IT Coordinator, 15 years; and Doug DuBois, Director of Skycroft, Disaster Relief Coordinator and State Director of Evangelism, 20 years.
 Retirements this year: Dr. Robert Kim, Asian Church Planting and Multiplication Strategist, 10 years and Lynn Davis, Resort Minister, Ocean City, MD, 30 years.
 Amy Smith will become the new Resort Minister.
46. **Closing Message:** Dr. Kevin Smith Introduced Byron Day, President, National African American Fellowship, SBC, and Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Laurel, Md. Day preached on Matthew 21:12-17. He stated that there has never been a movement of God that did not at first begin with prayer. God’s house is a house of prayer, healing, hope, rest, refuge, restoration and praise.
47. **Final Remarks on the 2017 Annual Meeting:** President Dr. Kevin Smith
 a. *The Nelons*, singing group, First Baptist Church of Woodstock, Ga., will lead worship.
 b. Kettering Baptist Church will host the 2017 Annual Meeting.
 c. He is recommending that we reduce the length of the meeting from 42 hours to 24 hours (3-day format to a 2-day) to make it easier for bi-vocational pastors and members to attend.
 d. He commended President Bill Warren for his service on behalf of the BCM/D.
48. **Closing Prayer** – President Bill Warren introduced Rabbi Robert Pristoop who closed the 2016 Annual Meeting with the blowing of the shofar.
49. **Adjournment of the 181st Session**