

# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION SEVENTY ONWARD STUDY GROUP COLLECTION

AR 232



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### **Summary**

Main Entry: Seventy Onward Study Group Collection

Date Span: 1963 – 1966

Abstract: The Seventy Onward Study Group, headed by Albert McClellan, SBC planning program director, planned for objective, emphases, and goals for the first part of the 1970s for the Southern Baptist Convention entities and the churches of the Convention. The collection includes reports, forms, correspondence, and notebooks, many from the forty-one work groups that met during the winter of 1964 – 1965. Also included are planning materials, such as forms and agendas, and photographs of various work groups.

Size: 2.5 linear ft.

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### **Historical Sketch**

The '70 Onward campaign began in 1963 when the Executive Committee requested a special advisory committee to develop a new emphasis to succeed, "The Church Fulfilling Its Mission" (1964 – 1969). The '70 Onward emphasis functioned from October 1, 1969 to September 30, 1979, working from the theme "shaping the 70s through living creatively the spirit of Christ." At the SBC's 1964 annual meeting in Atlantic City, the '70 Onward Advisory Planning Committee presented a three-phase five-year plan. Phase I focused on information gathering, phase II involved plan development, and phase III included plan interpretation.

During the first phase, forty-one study (or work) groups met in twenty-eight states, and, in May 1965, the Chairmen and Recorders for the work groups met in Nashville to consolidate the work groups' findings. From the findings of these work groups, the '70 Onward Committee defined church objectives, including worship, witness, education, and ministry. The Baptist Sunday School Board's Research and Statistics Department then surveyed past performance in these basic areas. Another study was conducted to determine the possibilities of the churches in these areas. Finally, the Committee examined existing programs in the churches, associations, state conventions, and Southern Baptist Convention agencies to see how they related to the basic areas.

The '70 Onward Committee submitted a progress report during the 1967 Convention in Miami Beach, Florida. After they accepted the recommendations of the '70 Onward Planning Committees, the Coordinating Committee of the Inter-Agency Council agreed to plan and carry out integrative studies based on the findings of the forty-one work groups and consolidated findings.

### **Scope and Content Note**

The '70 Onward Collection contains 2.5 linear feet of material in 5 document boxes and deals with the '70 Onward Emphasis (1963 – 1979) planning. The Collection includes reports, forms, correspondence, and notebooks. Many of the reports in the Collection are from the forty-one work groups that met during the winter of 1964 – 1965, and subsequent reports were based on these initial findings. There are also planning materials, such as forms and agendas, and several photographs of various work groups.

### **Related Material**

Researchers should note that several reports included in the collection are also part of the book collection: SBC '70 Onward: An Index (BX6462 .S687 1967), 70 Onward: Church and Associational Phases (BV652 .D46 1966), '70 Onward Integrative Studies (BV652 .P76 S48 1967), '70 Onward Basic Materials: Report (BV652 .S68 S48 1967), and Report of Work Group IV: SBC '70 Onward Planning (BV 652 .R46 1966). Other collections that might be useful are the Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention (AR 627-1), Wilmer Clemont Fields Papers (AR627-5) and the Research Reports Collection (AR 837).

### **Arrangement**

Arranged alphabetically by folder title

### **Provenance**

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### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Access Restrictions**

None

### **Subject Terms**

McClellan, Albert, 1912 – 2004

Dickson, Elaine

Bradley, Martin B.

Woolley, Davis Collier, 1908 – 1971

Southern Baptist Convention. Executive Committee

Southern Baptist Convention. Interagency Council  
Planning

Church work – Baptists - Planning

## Container List

### Box 1

- 1.1 Clipping – 1966
- 1.2 Conferences – Mission '70
- 1.3 Index
- 1.4 Notebook – '70 Onward Conference of Forty Study Group Chairmen
- 1.5 Notebook – '70 Onward Study Group Orientation Conference
- 1.6 Notebook – Mandate from the Convention
- 1.7 Notebook – Material for the Chairmen and the Writers
- 1.8 Notebook – Material Leading to the Development of '70 Onward
- 1.9 Notebook – Materials Used in the Process of Evaluation and Validation
- 1.10 Notebook – Miscellaneous Material Used in Preparing for the Study Groups
- 1.11 Notebook – Papers Read at Study Group "70 Plus"
- 1.12 Notebook – Permanent Materials for Chairmen and Writers
- 1.13 Notebook – Samples of Materials Used By Work Group I in Its Early Planning
- 1.14 Notebook – Special Report from Southern Baptist Convention Advisors on Session

### Box 2

- 2.1 Notebook – Study Group II – Howse, W. L.
- 2.2 Notebook – Work Group III – Bradley, Martin
- 2.3 Notebook – Work Group IV – Dickson, Elaine
- 2.4 Notebook – Work Group Reports
- 2.5 Photographs – Work Group Meetings
- 2.6 Report – '70 Onward Basic Materials
- 2.7 Report – '70 Onward Committee
- 2.8 Report – "'70 Onward Integrative Studies," by Robert A. Proctor, Jr.
- 2.9 Report – '70 Onward Report
- 2.10 Report – "American Economic Growth 1970 – 1980 and Its Impact Upon Southern Baptist Churches"
- 2.11 Report – "Basic Materials"
- 2.12 Report – Church and Associational Phases
- 2.13 Report – "Communications, 1970 – 1980"
- 2.14 Report – "Evaluation Paper – A Survey to Measure the Effectiveness of Southern Baptist Convention Emphases"
- 2.15 Report – "Known By Their Roots," by Davis C. Woolley
- 2.16 Report – "Plan for Approving Goals for the 1964 – 1969 Southern Baptist Convention Emphasis on 'A Church fulfilling Its Mission'"
- 2.17 Report – "Politics, 1970 – 1980"
- 2.18 Report – Preliminary Report on Data Gathered from the '70 Onward Information Forms
- 2.19 Report – Progress Report to the Program Committee

**Box 3**

- 3.1 Report – “Report of 41 Study Groups”
- 3.2 Report – Report of Team of Seminary Professors Meeting at Callaway Gardens, October 18 – 21, 1965
- 3.3 Report – “Report of the 31 Chairmen Validated”
- 3.4 Report – “Report of Work Group IV”
- 3.5 Report – “A Study of Attitudes toward the Southern Baptist Convention”
- 3.6 Report – Validation Study
- 3.7 Report – Work Group IV – ’70 Onward Steering Committee
- 3.8 Report – Work Group IV – Southern Baptist Convention ’70 Onward Planning
- 3.9 Study Groups – ’70 Onward

**Box 4**

- 4.1 Work Group – Alabama (Shannon, Harper)
- 4.2 Work Group – Alabama – Birmingham (Nelson, D. M., Jr.)
- 4.3 Work Group – Arkansas – Benton (Overton, Carl)
- 4.4 Work Group – Arizona – Tucson (McGlamery, M. E.)
- 4.5 Work Group – Colorado – Wheatridge (Dabney, C. A.)
- 4.6 Work Group – District of Columbia (Morrison, B. Ross)
- 4.7 Work Group – “Employment and Leisure Time, 1970 – 1980”
- 4.8 Work Group – Florida – North Central (Langhon, Fred, Jr.)
- 4.9 Work Group – Florida – Orlando (Maddox, Mitchell)
- 4.10 Work Group – Georgia – Brunswick (Lowndes, Jack P.)
- 4.11 Work Group – Georgia – Marietta (Hall, I. B.)
- 4.12 Work Group – Hawaii – Honolulu (Choy, Sam)
- 4.13 Work Group – Health and Social Welfare
- 4.14 Work Group – Illinois – Vandalia (Brown, Archie E.)
- 4.15 Work Group – Indiana – Evansville (Richey, Hughlan)
- 4.16 Work Group – Kansas – Wichita (Dorian, Gordon)
- 4.17 Work Group – Kentucky – Campbellsville (Badgett, J. Chester)
- 4.18 Work Group – Kentucky – Lexington (Fendley, Kenneth)
- 4.19 Work Group – Louisiana – Metairie (Zachary, Rufus)
- 4.20 Work Group – Louisiana – Shreveport (Tatum, Scott)
- 4.21 Work Group – Maryland – Frederick (Woodward, Robert)
- 4.22 Work Group – Michigan – Detroit (Smith, Truett)

**Box 5**

- 5.1 Work Group – Mississippi – Hattiesburg (Bryan, Clyde C.)
- 5.2 Work Group – Missouri – Poplar Bluff (Wright, J. B.)
- 5.3 Work Group – Missouri – St. Louis (Maddox, Samuel E.)
- 5.4 Work Group – New Mexico – Roswell (Parrott, John)
- 5.5 Work Group – North Carolina – Chapel Hill (Turlington, Henry)
- 5.6 Work Group – Oklahoma – El Reno (Staton, W. F.)
- 5.7 Work Group – Oklahoma – McAlester (Myers, Charles E.)
- 5.8 Work Group – Report Forms
- 5.9 Work Group – South Carolina – Greenville (Owens, Ollin J.)

- 5.10 Work Group – South Carolina – Lancaster (Cloer, Daniel W.)
- 5.11 Work Group – Tennessee – Savannah (Dean, Bob)
- 5.12 Work Group – Texas – Bowie (Payne, D. L.)
- 5.13 Work Group – Texas – Ft. Worth (Harris, James G.)
- 5.14 Work Group – Texas – Pasadena (Martin, B. J.)
- 5.15 Work Group – “Trends in Education, 1970 – 1980”
- 5.16 Work Group – “Trends in Religion and their Implications, 1970 – 1980”
- 5.17 Work Group – Virginia – Waynesboro (Pentecost, Julian H.)
- 5.18 Work Group – Washington – Pasco (Speed, W. E.)
- 5.19 Work Group – Writer’s Notebook