

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION  
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METROPOLITAN MISSIONS  
RECORDS**

**AR 631 – 25**



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## Summary

Main Entry: Southern Baptist Convention. Home Mission Board. Metropolitan Missions Records

Date Span: 1959-2002

**Abstract:** The Metropolitan Missions Records of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The collection contains material documenting the planning and development of Urban Churches. Attention was also given to matters related to urbanity and its implications especially for churches in the United States.

Size: 8.5 linear ft. (17 document boxes)

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## Historical Sketch

The Home Mission Board, founded in 1845, (renamed North American Mission Board) is an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Board is assigned several tasks by the SBC including the responsibility of assisting in the “planting healthy, multiplying, evangelistic Southern Baptist churches in the United States and Canada.” The North America Mission Board is located in Alpharetta, Georgia, The Church Planting Group of the North American Mission Board and the New Congregation Implementation Unit was the outgrowth of the Extension Section and the older Missions Section which also included Associational, Metropolitan, New Church Extension, Language Churches and Extension Missions.

## Scope and Content Note

The Home Mission Board Metropolitan Missions Department Records contain eight and a half linear feet of materials in 17 document boxes. Materials include correspondence, missionary applications and testimonies, church planting efforts including major urban changes of the late 20<sup>th</sup> century. The bulk of the collection centers on Urban Church development and methods for significant and effective planting of churches in Metropolitan areas. Growing strong and effective churches in the changing and enlarging urban environment of the continent dominates much of the materials. A series of “Occasional Papers” prepared from 1980 to 1993 by prominent scholars in urban mission work provide insight into the challenges of such a ministry. A program called Strategic Focus Cities (SFC) included “Flagship Churches,” an effort to enlist larger established churches to encourage and provide major financial support to new churches to be begun in various metropolitan areas. The program SFC “Focus City Plan” relates to the development of new churches in several metropolitan areas. Two significant studies SFC: Hope

for the Church in the Changing Community and SFC: The Next 50 Years, 1967-2017 offer insight into the continuing challenges for urban ministry. The development of Ethnic Churches, Deaf Ministries and Church Planting especially in urban centers are an integral part of this collection. A major source of this collection is from the files of M. Rodney Webb, Jr.

### **Arrangement**

Collection arranged in alphabetical order by folder title.

### **Provenance**

The North American Mission Board transferred the collection to the Southern Baptist Historical Library and Archives in 2004.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Access Restrictions**

None

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City churches – United States

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Strategic Focus Cities

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