

WENDY PURCELL NORVELLE
Director of the International Service Department

- Born:** July 12, 1953, in Clovis, N.M., and grew up in Floyd, N.M.
- Education:** Received the bachelor of business administration degree from Eastern New Mexico University, Portales, N.M., and the master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.
- Married:** Jim Norvelle of Richmond, Va.
- Children:** Laura was born in 1987 and Kate, 1990.
- Prior experience:** Secretary at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, 1977-78; secretary in the president's office at Southwestern seminary, 1979-80.
- Previous Foreign Mission Board assignments:** Foreign Mission Board journeyman in Salisbury, Rhodesia (now Harare, Zimbabwe), 1975-77. Coordinator, auxiliary personnel in the board's Personnel Selection Department, 1980-81. Office manager, Personnel Selection Department, 1981-84. Manager of auxiliary personnel, Personnel Selection Department, 1984-86. Associate director, Personnel Selection Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., January 1987-July 1992.
- Current FMB assignment:** Director of the International Service Department, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., since August 1992. The department coordinates several missions programs: the International Service Corps -- including journeymen -- for people serving between four months and two years; student summer and semester missions; and the "Baptists living abroad" and "tent maker" programs for Southern Baptists wanting to spread the gospel while living overseas.