

# Southeastern News

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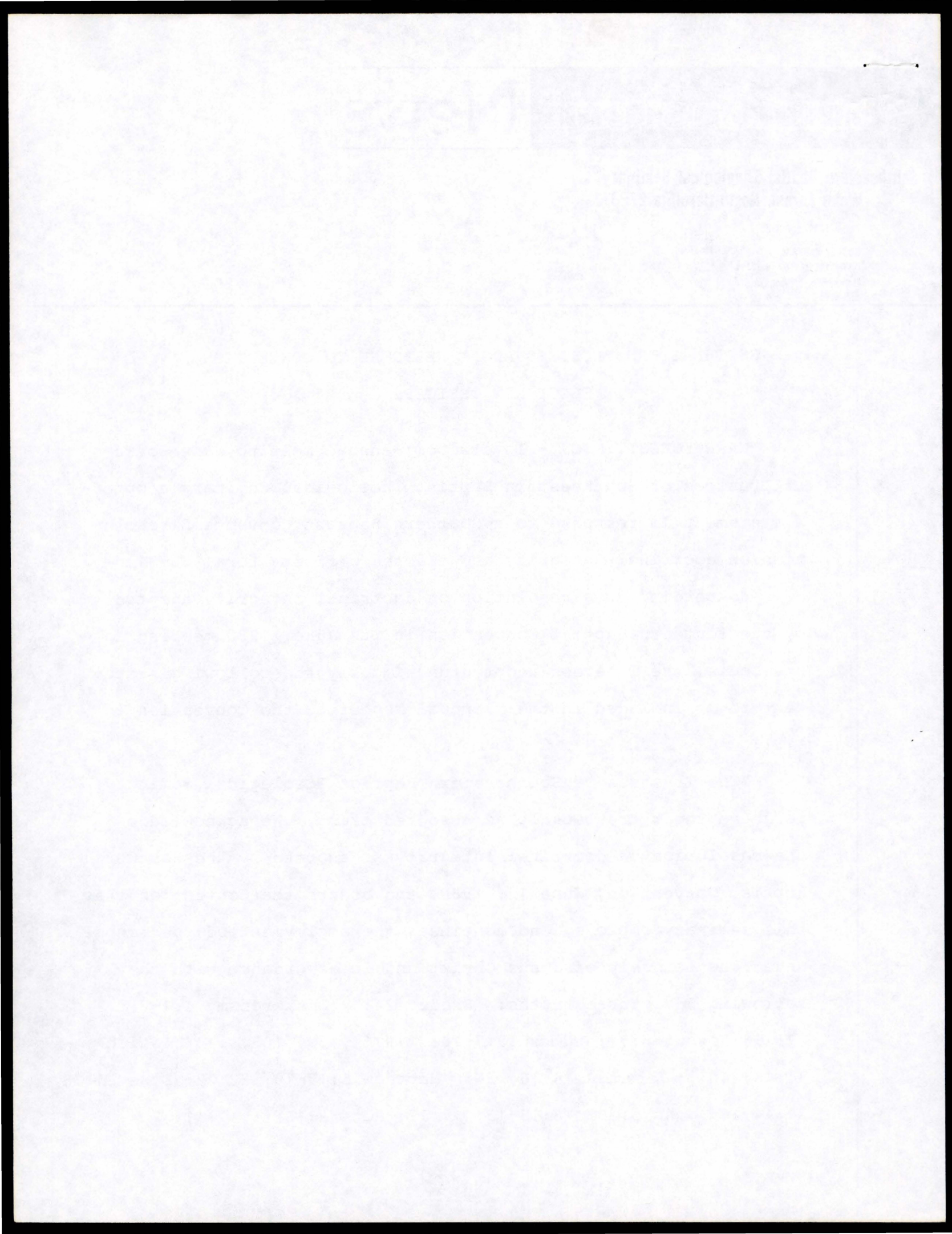
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## SOUTHEASTERN TRUSTEES ADOPT RESPONSE TO CONVENTION, ELECT NEW OFFICERS

WAKE FOREST, N.C. - In its semi-annual meeting, the Board of Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary adopted a statement in response to a Southern Baptist Convention resolution on doctrinal integrity and elected officers for 1980-81.

Responding to a resolution on doctrinal integrity adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in its June, 1980 meeting in St. Louis, the Trustees adopted unanimously the following statement to be included in their annual report to the Convention in 1981:

"The Trustees of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary perceive their trusteeship as a sacred trust. We acknowledge the resolution on doctrinal integrity as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 12, 1980, and assure the Convention that this seminary employs, and continues the employment of, personnel under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and in accordance with the following Scriptural truths: Exodus 24:4; Deuteronomy 4:1-2; 17:19; Joshua 8:34; Psalms 19:7-10; 119:11, 89, 105, 140; Isaiah 34:16; 40:8; Jeremiah 15:16, 36; Matthew 5:17-18; 22:29; Luke 21:33; 24:44-46; John 5:39; 16:13-15; 17:17; Acts 2:16ff; 17:11;



Romans 15:4; 16:25-26; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Hebrews 1:1-2; 4:12; 1 Peter 1:25; 2 Peter 1:19-21."

The Scripture passages in the response are those included in the Baptist Faith and Message Statement section on the Scriptures adopted by the Convention in 1963 which "may serve as guidelines to the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention."

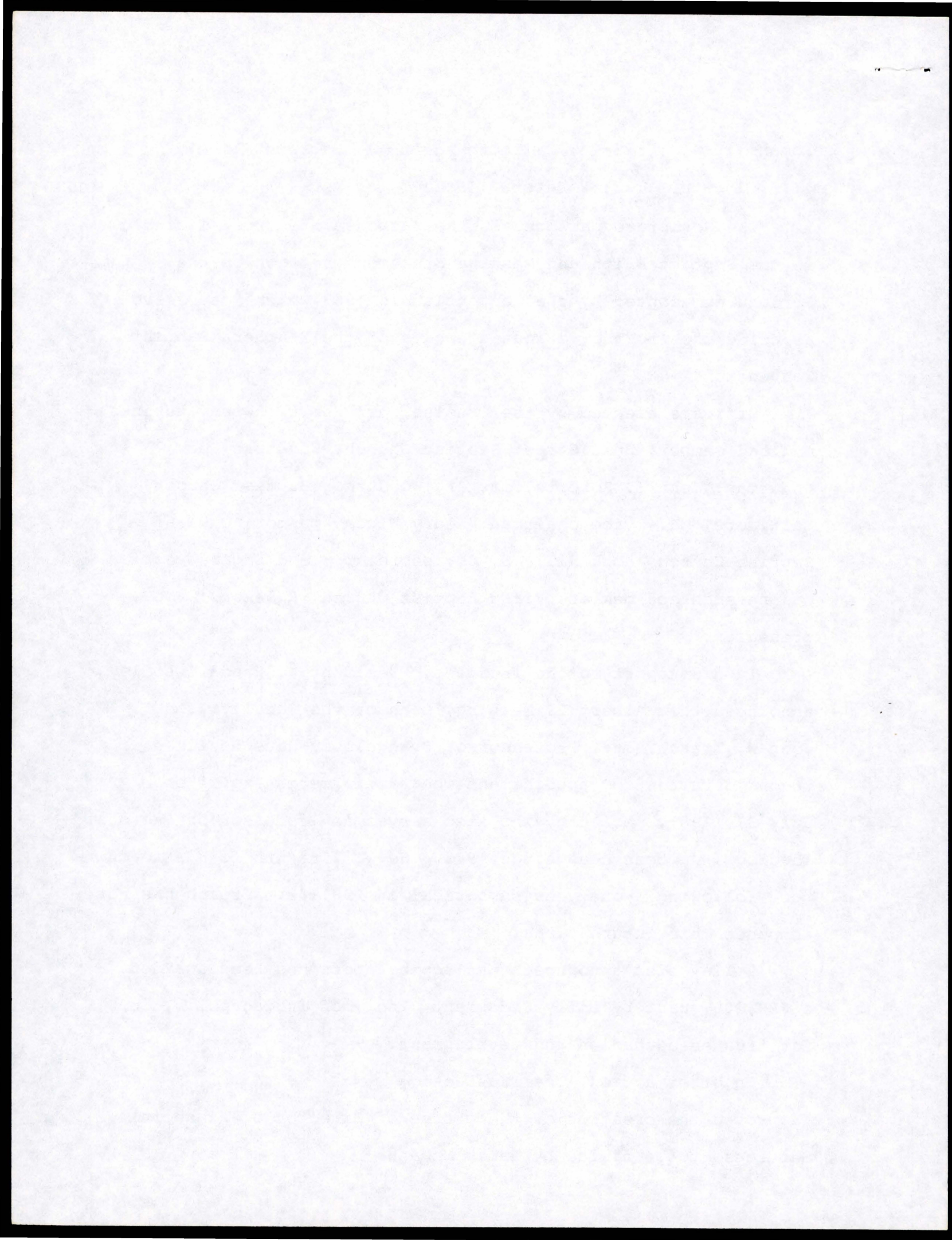
Officers elected by the Trustees are Sam D. Allen, businessman and member, Bull Street Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga., chairman; John E. Roberts, pastor, Woodbrook Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., vice chairman; Henry Finch, pastor, Oakland Baptist Church, Rock Hill, S. C., secretary; and Edgar Wyatt, businessman and member, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., treasurer.

In his report to the Trustees, President W. Randall Lolley announced that Albert L. Meiburg, Dean of the Faculty, and John W. Tresch, Jr., Professor of Evangelism, have declined reconsideration for appointment when their terms expire on July 31, 1981. Meiburg, who also serves as Professor of Pastoral Theology, has been dean since 1975. He will return to his teaching post following a one-year sabbatical in 1981-82. Tresch has not announced his future plans.

Lolley also announced that Southeastern has been awarded a \$29,200 grant by Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, Ind., for trustee education and development.

In other action, the Trustees:

\*approved the creation of the office of Director of Financial Services, to be filled by James McManus;



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- \*voted tenure for Alan P. Neely, Professor of Missions;
- \*granted a one-semester leave to Professor John Carlton for a special writing assignment;
- \*voted to purchase, lease, or lease-purchase a computer system;
- \*adopted resolutions of appreciation for the late Theodore F. Adams, Visiting Professor of Preaching from 1968 to 1978, who died earlier this year, and for O. L. Cross, who retired July 31 after 11 years of service as Business Manager;
- \*adopted a philosophy of public relations for the seminary;
- \*established the Roy D. and Nannie C. Burgess Scholarship Fund, the Robert Holt and Ellie R. Alverson Scholarship Fund, and the J. D. and Ella W. Moore Scholarship Fund, and
- \*voted to treat tenured and non-tenured personnel alike in the seminary retirement policy, with retirement becoming compulsory at age 70. Present federal law provides that tenured faculty only may be retired at age 65.

Welcomed to the Board of Trustees were three new trustees elected at the 1980 Southern Baptist Convention. They are: Bill G. Bruster, pastor, Central Baptist Church of Bearden, Knoxville, Tenn.; Jesse Chapman, physician and member, First Baptist Church, Asheville, N. C.; and John Hicks, director of Missions, Buncombe Baptist Association, Asheville, N. C.

