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SEBTS celebrates Missionary Day

(Wake Forest, NC) - Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) celebrated Missionary Day on Tuesday, February 25. The focal point of the day was the chapel address delivered by Dr. William R. O'Brien, director of the Global Center at the Beeson Divinity School in Birmingham, Alabama.

Speaking on liberation ecclesiology, Dr. O'Brien began his address by asking the questions, "What does it take to become a world Christian? Is it possible for a church to become a world Christian church?"

Commitment, attitude, and location, according to Dr. O'Brien, are the ways the church can produce world Christians that know how to get their hands and hearts around this world.

Dr. O'Brien went on to note that too many of our role models are executives who run huge organizations and want to "build the kingdom on the corner." "We should resist our models and look to our Lord," he said.

Dr. William R. O'Brien received a B.S. and an honorary doctorate from Hardin-Simmons University, and earned a B.A. and an M.Div. with Church Music from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. O'Brien was appointed as a missionary to Indonesia in 1962. He taught music at the Baptist Theological Seminary of Indonesia, directed radio-TV programming for Indonesian Baptists and he also did student work in Jogy-Akarta.

From 1976 until 1991, Dr. O'Brien served in a variety of administrative positions with the Foreign Mission Board of the S.B.C.

Two missions emphasis days are held each year at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, with home and foreign missionaries and other church leaders giving addresses and meeting with students.

