



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA
June 11-12, 2024

Motion #: 24

Action: Referred to ERLC

Title: To direct the Ethics and Religious Committee to issue a formal apology to the Executive Committee for accusations of covering-up sexual abuse.

Messenger: Joe Sneed, First Baptist Church, Rockwall, TX

Motion: That the ERLC issue a formal apology to the executive committee after their former head made allegations of sexual abuse and sexual cover-up by the executive committee which were shown to be false after \$14 million worth of tithes and offerings were used to investigate those allegations. And I further move that the Abuse Reform Implementation Task Force's proposal for a national database of pastor's who have been accused of wrongdoing but have been convicted of nothing be abandoned because it violates the scriptural principle found in 1 Timothy 5:19 and opens up the SBC to be sued for millions of more dollars.

Response: The ERLC trustees decline to take action regarding this motion. Sexual abuse is an affront to the cause of Christ, especially when it takes place within the church. The ERLC will continue to serve churches regarding this issue and call on them and others to take this grave issue seriously as we care for victims of abuse and provide a witness to a watching world that the Lord calls us to this ministry of reconciliation.



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Motion #: 4

Action: Referred to All Entities

Title: To request all entities to only use outside legal counsel whose values reflect the Baptist Faith & Message (2000) on gender and sexuality.

Messenger: Paul Montgomery, First Baptist Church, Crescent, OK

Motion: That every entity be requested to only utilize outside legal counsel whose firm's corporate commitments do not conflict with the convention's long standing values as reflected in the Baptist Faith and Message regarding gender and sexuality.

Response: In selecting vendors and service providers, the ERLC carefully measures the balance between good stewardship, quality service, specialized expertise, and a witness for Christ. This is true for the ERLC as it is also true for each follower of Christ in their personal lives.



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Motion #: 32

Action: Referred to All Entities

Title: To request that all Convention entities to revise their codes of conducts related to alcohol.

Messenger: Jonathan Parramore, Christ Community Church, San Jose, CA

Motion: That all SBC entities consider revising their respective codes of conduct, handbooks, policies, or governing documents to lift prohibitions on the use of alcohol outside of communion. These revisions should respect the positive view of moderate alcohol use as presented in Scripture, while maintaining strict prohibitions against alcohol abuse, similar to the policy outlined in Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary's student handbook.

Response: The language of the ERLC staff handbook reflects broad Scriptural principles and therefore would not require adjustment related to this motion. Moreover, ERLC staff are active members of their local Southern Baptist churches where it is most appropriate that issues of discipleship and moral guidance are primarily addressed.



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Motion #: 35

Action: Referred to All Entities

Title: To request entity trustees explain how Calvinism / Reformed theology is compatible with the Baptist Faith & Message (2000) and consider not promoting those beliefs in their entities.

Messenger: Curtis Kentmer, Central Baptist Church, Paris, KY

Response: The ERLC trustees decline to take action regarding this motion as it is not within the ministry assignment of the ERLC.



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Motion #: 39

Action: Referred to All Entities

Title: To direct the Executive Committee to publish a schedule of payments of more than \$5000 paid to another entity.

Messenger: Ethan Hester, Pleasant Gardens Baptist Church, Marion, NC

Motion: That the messengers to the Southern baptist Convention meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 11-12, direct the executive committee to publish a schedule of payments of more than \$5,000 made by any entity to or on behalf of any cooperating church of this convention, its pastors, or their spouses, or associational missionaries or their spouses.

Response: The ERLC will be glad to comply with whatever directives are given by the SBC. However, since this motion is directed toward another entity, no further action is necessary by the ERLC.