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**The National Committee
for the
YEAR OF THE BIBLE**

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August 26, 1983

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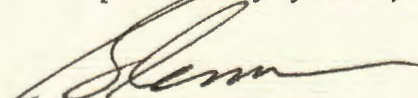
Dear Morton:

Excitement seems to be building as we enter the Media Campaign of this great Year of the Bible. The office is hard pressed to stay ahead of the mail and calls--people either wanting information or wanting to work on local committees. As we had prayed and planned, the center of activity has shifted to the hinterland...and that is where the year must have its impact.

You are cordially invited to attend our next planning meeting in Chicago on October 11, 1983. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. in the Hyatt Regency O'Hare to be followed that evening at 7:00 by a banquet hosted by the Illinois' Year of the Bible Committee. You will receive their invitation soon, so plan to attend both day and evening events if you possibly can. As in the past, please make your hotel arrangements directly with the Hyatt at (312) 696-1234. They have offered special rates to our organization.

As in Washington, we are planning a full accounting that day, plus a very entertaining evening; so please join us if you can...and bring friends who have (need) a vision to "put America back on track." (The Hyatt can seat 1000!)

Expectantly yours,


Glenn A. Jones
Executive Director

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October 28, 1983

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Dear Morton:

We missed you in Chicago. As you will see by the minutes, it was an exciting time with more good reports than we had time for. You've no doubt seen much of the media materials in the major newspapers or on T.V., but I think the truly good news is that which is happening in the communities of America. We feel that our program has been blessed...

As has our nation--reduced crime rates, increased employment, increases in productivity, lower interest rates and the lowest inflation rates in several years--all say that the economy has improved drastically. Some will say economics, but I suspect President Reagan knows that only divine intervention could account for this turn-around. That's why he and the Congress signed the Year into being--we needed God's help--and still do. God's Handbook still has the solutions.

Where we go from here is addressed in the last few pages of the minutes. Please take a minute and vote your views. We'll need them to make plans for closeout or continuation.

The Committee voted in the Spring to have a "wrap-up" session after the first of the year in conjunction

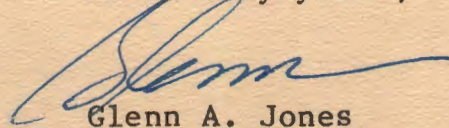
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with the National Religious Broadcasters Convention in Washington. We will plan this for February 1st. Looking forward to seeing you then.

Gratefully yours,



Glenn A. Jones
Executive Director

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Enclosures

P.S. Consider giving the Bible Study Guide or a Year of the Bible Commemorative Bible for Christmas. Only a thousand of the Bibles were printed--its New King James with the Year of the Bible seal embossed on the leather cover and the Proclamation and National Committee inside. You'll receive one, but should you wish others, please let me know.

Be thinking of how the President would want to close us out. Many would continue to work for goals that are in the clear best interests (mutual) of our Faith, Nation and the President -- so think how you would harness all this enthusiasm!

MINUTES

National Committee, Year of the Bible
Hyatt Regency, Chicago O'Hare Airport
October 11, 1983

The Fourth Meeting of the National Committee for the Year of the Bible was called to order at 10:15 a.m. with Dr. Bill Bright, Chairman, presiding. Dr. Bright and Committee Members Father Wenig and Dr. Ronald Jenson began with a study from the Bible and Vice Chairman Dr. Tom Zimmerman opened the business portion of the meeting with prayer.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. William Ackerman, Dr. Kenneth Bennett, Rev. Juan Boonstra
Mr. John Brabner-Smith, Dr. Bill Bright (Chairman)
Mrs. Nancy DeMoss, Ms. Loretta Girzaitis, Dr. Ron Jenson
Commissioner Norman S. Marshall, Mr. Jim Powell
Father Lauren Wenig, Dr. Thomas Zimmerman (Vice Chairman)
and Col. Glenn Jones, Executive Director

MEMBER'S REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Representing Ms. Alice Ball, Mrs. Ursula Glander

ALSO PRESENT were National Sponsors and Representatives, Program Committee Members, and Regional and State Directors

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS

Glenn Jones reported on the many diverse activities happening across the country. Of special mention were the positive responses and proclamations made by the Mayors of large cities like Atlanta and Dallas.

Bible Study/Reading Emphasis Committee: Bruce Wilkinson

The initial responsibility to develop three tools for circulation has been accomplished. The Christian and Jewish Bible Reading Guides and the Directory of Bible Resources have been widely distributed to thousands of churches and hundreds of organizations.

It was re-emphasized that the Bible Reading Guide can be personalized to be mailed by specific organizations and the Committee was urged to use either this tool or another to support the President's request to read and study the Bible this year, especially to celebrate one month of united reading and study of the Bible.

Scripture Distribution Committee: Mrs. Ursula Glander

Scripture portions developed by the major Bible societies have been in great demand and have been distributed widely.

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American Bible Society distributed the following during the period June through August:

52,101	Good News Bibles
67,939	King James Version Bibles
34,754	Good News New Testaments
<u>24,339</u>	King James Version New Testaments
179,133	Total

A total of 5,586,300 of the following selections were distributed:

God Speaks Through the Law (in English and Spanish)
God Speaks Through the Gospel (in English and Spanish)
One Nation Under God

The Christian Heritage Reader's Club has joined Year of the Bible scripture distribution efforts by offering a display of 100 Year of the Bible New Testaments for donations of \$50. People are challenged to place them in their community (supermarkets, businesses, etc.). So far 1.6 million New Testaments have been printed and distributed. Ten million copies are expected to be distributed.

Resource Committee: Rev. Ronn Kerr

Pieces of information out to date--	7 million
Pieces out by end of year (projected)--	10 million
Number of information requests handled--	13,000
Number of orders shipped since mid-March--	3,000
Dollar amount of above shipped orders--	\$100,000.00
Number of City/State Handbooks shipped--	700

The Resource Account passed the break-even point and half the income each month is transferred over to the general budget to pay bills and requests for information. As planned, the Year of the Bible resource distribution efforts has become self-sustaining and has paid for over one million pieces mailed.

Newsletters were mailed in September to over 400,000 churches, synagogues, collateral organizations like church-owned schools and para-church organizations. 60,000 more newsletters were printed and made available to city/state committees without cost. 30,000 of these were ordered by the California Committee and mailed to all church related institutions in that state. 10,000 were specially mailed within North Carolina. There are 15,000 to 20,000 still available.

Billboards are available from Back to the Bible for at no cost (24 sheet standard board). Approximately 4000 have been placed nationally. Rent cost estimates for billboards are based on the location of the board averaging from \$100 to \$1,500 per month.

Dr. Bright challenged everyone to be responsible for putting up 100 or 1000 billboards and mentioned that many billboard companies give away free space especially if someone locally approaches them. He strongly encouraged Committee members to pass the word of this low cost item along to pastors, Jewish leaders, para-church organizations, etc.

Dr. Bright said he and Bob Woods (California State Director) would place 1000 billboards in January and February in California without the 1983 in the logo.

National Media Campaign Committee: Col. Glenn Jones

The mini-series of the New Media Bible provided by the Genesis Project will not be aired this year due to the lack of interest by eight major corporations asked to sponsor the series. The corporate analysts determined that the Bible on film has no market value to the American viewing audience. Staff are still looking for corporate sponsors, but are past the 60 day-mark needed to air the program on national television during 1983.

The George Washington television spot can saturate in one week the 200 national major market areas for \$1.2 million. This spot can be placed in various communities for a much lower relative cost depending on the area. The staff is continuing to offer it through churches, businesses and through National Committee constituencies. Staff are hopeful the Committee and others associated with this Year will see a way to make a donation to this media campaign.

Radio spot packages of 15 that run from one minute to 15 seconds can be purchased for \$10 and placed in your local area.

Nancy DeMoss reported that her foundation has developed several spots (Tom Landry, Pat Boone, Bill Armstrong, speaking of their faith in God) that are being placed in the top 150 television markets. The foundation also plans to place full page space ads in all the major print media. After two weeks of testing, placing eight space ads and airing the spot once per day for ten days by 20-50 stations, this campaign has produced 173,000 responses for a free book (now over 250,000).

Year of the Bible ad slicks were sent to 100 of the top magazines in the country challenging them to print a full page free in honor of the Year as Reader's Digest has done. The Reader's Digest ad was worth \$155,000.

COACHES COMMITTEE FOR THE YEAR OF THE BIBLE: Mr. Peter Lakey

Mr. Lakey presented the Committee a plan to expose approximately 200 million people to the Year Of The Bible. From Thanksgiving to December 3rd, 45 pro and college football games are nationally televised. Coaches representing these teams are being asked to allow their players and coaches on a volunteer basis to make a simple but profound demonstration of faith by lining up on the

sidelines of the field, take a couple steps onto the field and kneel in 30 seconds of silent prayer for the nation and this Year of the Bible.

A steering committee of coaches is already formed of coaches that have agreed to allow their teams to participate.

Many Athlete In Action ministry representatives will invite important person-ages to the game who will be recognized for attending in the honor of the Year of the Bible.

Students from campuses may be mobilized to distribute scripture portions at the stadium gates.

Media packets that cover the purposes of the Year of the Bible, the coaches committee, and the Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant blend of support for the Year as well as a statement about what the players and coaches are doing in celebration of the Year of the Bible will be provided the television announcers to be read during the 30 second prayer if they so choose.

The National Committee was asked to approve and help provide the expenditure of \$5,000 for 1500 press kits. A majority present voted to proceed with this project without further discussion.

CITY AND STATE COMMITTEE REPORT: Fred West, Assistant Director

Governors have proclaimed 1983 the Year of the Bible in the following states:

New York	Kansas	Hawaii	South Dakota	Minnesota
California	Missouri	Louisiana	Rhode Island	
Texas	Georgia	New Mexico	Alabama	
Oklahoma	Florida	Illinois	South Carolina	

Governors in the following states have been requested to make Year of the Bible proclamations:

Nebraska	Wyoming	Indiana
Maine	Arizona	Washington

Mayors in over 500 cities have made proclamations. The goal is to have 1000 Mayors make Year of the Bible proclamations.

People are volunteering for the Year of the Bible in every state of the union. We have working committees in 250 cities that we know of and many others are forming independently from staff encouragement. The following are Year of the Bible Regional Directors (many did not attend meeting due to lack of funds):

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Northwest Director:
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Mountain Home, ID 83647
(208) 587-4450

Northeast Director:
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Albany, NY 12209
(518) 462-2162
(518) 449-2162

Southeast Director:
Mr. Darrell Chatraw
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Augusta, GA 30909
(404) 738-9706

South Central Director:
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Nacogdoches, TX 75961
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National Coordinator for
the City/State Committees:
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Year of the Bible
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A synopsis of 1 1/2 hours of City/State Committee reporting follows:
[Fact sheet Attachment 1]

Northeast--Regional Director John Uffelmann had three Mobilization Conferences to train city and state coordinators in his region.

Washington--Pastor in Spokane held an 80 hour Year of the Bible Read-a-thon.

California--State Director Bob Woods reported that there are 17 district committees raising funds to place the T.V. and radio spots that have been re-recorded for each district. A newsletter was sent to 28,000 institutions in California.

Oklahoma--Col. Bob Anderson reported that there are 53 country chairmen in the state and 59 city proclamations made so far. In Tulsa each denomination is transposing a section of the Bible in their own versions by hand on the same top quality paper and signing their names to the section. These sections will be put together and called the "Tulsa Bible" to be presented to the President in honor of the Year of the Bible. Kiwanis Club is passing out posters to all the schools, there have been articles by the local leaders on "What the Bible means to me," exhibits in schools and YMCA.

Kansas City (KC '83)--The largest gathering of college students ever (35,000) is being assembled the last week in 1983. These students will be mobilized to undertake a scripture distribution campaign to the entire city.

Florida--State Director Lon Smith brought 150 city proclamations to the meeting. 288,000 shopper circulars print Year of the Bible weekly. The November 5 Celebration in Fort Lauderdale will fill the 30,000 seat stadium and feature a parade, floats, police equestrian group, 100 hand bell ringers, 1000 voice choir, the Rambo family, Year of the Bible fireworks, Bill Murray O'Hare, etc. A free will offering will be taken up as well. Next year Florida will

celebrate the first anniversary of the Year of the Bible and will encourage every city and state to do this as well.

New Mexico--State Director Ron Griffith is putting the Year of the Bible in Newspaper Bible ads with a potential readership of 65 thousand readers for each \$1 that comes into that ministry.

ACLU VS PRESIDENT RONALD REAGAN

The legal ruling by constitutional lawyer John Brabner-Smith and as approved by William Ball and Tom Brandon, listed the National Committee as co-defendants in trials against the President for having proclaimed 1983 as the Year of the Bible. The National Committee's position brief is Attachment 2.

MILITARY REPORT

Dr. Bright signed a letter to General Vessey encouraging him to help us reach the two million now serving in the armed forces. The letter requested authority to distribute Year of the Bible Reading Guides to these men and women on active duty.

YEAR OF THE BIBLE FLOAT

The float made for the July 4, 1983 parade in Washington, D.C. won first place and is available to other similar parades.

FINANCIAL REPORT

We are currently operating with a deficit of \$50,000 and do not have the cash flow to carry out the projects planned for this fall. Officially, the Year of the Bible comes to a close on December 31--fiscally it does not. Funds will continue to accrue to the National Committee from royalties, etc. through the Easter holiday. Gifts are still needed from the committee, or their friends, to finish the year in the black.

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Continuation of the Year of the Bible was discussed at length due to the awareness just now building and the desire not to end committee programs that may peak in actual effectiveness after the year ends. It was suggested that the President be asked to address Committee efforts when he speaks to N.R.B. early next year. He may at that time call for a continuation of this Committee and continued emphasis of Bible reading because of the great felt need. Whether to continue as a Standing Committee was discussed. Motion follows:

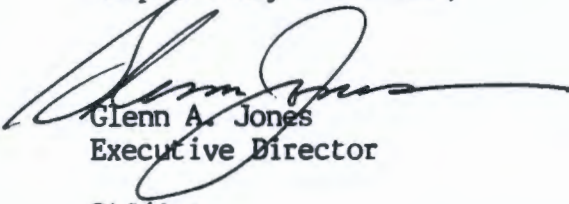
A Motion was made that "the Executive Committee accept the responsibility to research the possibility of continuing 1984 with the programs of the Year of the Bible in an appropriate manner deemed by the Committee." This was approved unanimously. (Part of that research is covered by the vote below.)

WRAP-UP MEETING (per Committee vote--on April 20 minutes)
Will be held in Washington, D.C. on February 1, 1984 in conjunction with the National Religious Broadcasters Convention. Details will be forthcoming as soon as possible.

SUMMARY

It appears that the goals of the National Committee will have been fully met by December 31, counting the many activities of the National Committee members, the Program Committees, National Sponsors, and City/State organizations. We think that every American will have been encouraged to read, study and apply God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,



Glenn A. Jones
Executive Director

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TEAR OFF VOTE FOR NATIONAL & EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr. Bright, you may tell the President and Congress that:

- _____ I agree that some form of inter-faith dialogue needs to continue beyond this year to carry on the programs of the Year of the Bible
- _____ I agree to serve on a standing committee, meeting no more than once per year to pursue opportunities within my faith community
- _____ I would support maintaining an office address, telephone, and secretarial arrangement to be used to continue Committee programs (at an approximate cost of \$1000 per month)

Signed

YEAR OF THE BIBLE FACT SHEET

More than 10,000 people have ordered over six million pieces of publicity materials such as bumper stickers, posters, church bulletins, buttons, TV spots, and radio spots.

Fifteen Governors have made Year of the Bible Proclamations, with another ten who have indicated that they would do so.

Over 200 Mayors have made proclamations, with an expected 1,000 by year's end.

Reader's Digest contributed a full page ad in over fourteen million issues with thirty-five million readers.

Guideposts magazine with over fourteen million readers, featured a four part series on "How we got our Bible," recognizing the Year of the Bible.

Over 4,000 billboards with Year of the Bible logos have been distributed by Back to the Bible.

A prison ministry is placing free Bible displays in each of 6,000 prisons and jails in our country.

In January six of the eight indicators of economic health as reported by the labor department made their greatest one-month gain since 1951.

In the second quarter of this year the labor department reported the greatest increase in productivity since 1975.

The National Crime Rate recently showed its first decline since 1977.

Committees in California are working in eighteen counties, gearing up for a state wide TV media blitz with the George Washington telespot.

In Denver, 7-UP has agreed to put the Year of the Bible logo on 7-UP cans while grocery stores print it on their grocery bags.

In Kentucky one man raised \$300,000 to place a handsome copy of President Reagan's Year of the Bible Proclamation and the Ten Commandments in every school in Kentucky.

In North Carolina a businessman is using the largest printing press in the world to print ten million New Testaments as give-aways in stores, hospitals, transportation terminals, and churches.

Bibles are being read-thru in eighty hours by many churches/communities. The Bible is being "hand-copied" thru in another area.

A large bakery in the South East has sold over 500,000 pie pans with the Year of the Bible logo.

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The view from the New York State House, Albany, New York



National Committee for the Year of the Bible,
Attention, Dr. William R. Bright, Chairman, Dallas, Texas.

draft July 27, 1983

Gentlemen:

At a meeting of your Executive Committee, duly called to meet in Washington, D.C. on June 30, 1983, a resolution was adopted that the Year of the Bible intervene in, or otherwise express its objection to, legal action attacking the power of the President and the Congress of the United States to enact a joint resolution promoting the Bible, with a proviso that such resolution is within the proper scope of this corporation.

This opinion was requested as a result of that resolution. That resolution is a proper exercise of the power of the Year of the Bible, acting through its duly authorized executive committee.

Year of the Bible is a non-profit religious corporation, incorporated in the state of Texas on February 25, 1983. Its purpose is to provide information and education regarding the importance of the Bible and its application to daily life, and also to distribute copies of the Scriptures to the general public. The corporate by-laws empower the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the corporation.

On February 3, 1983, the President of the United States issued a Proclamation pursuant to Public Law 97-280 of October 4, 1982, paraphrasing that law by recognizing the influence of the Bible upon the United States and encouraging the study and application of its teachings. The purposes of this corporation are similar. In fact, the corporation was created primarily to promote this action of Congress.

This nation was incorporated on July 4, 1776, as an international state, a "separate and equal state among other powers". The validity of this action was based upon "the laws of nature and of nature's God." This was the only basis for international recognition at that time. "We hold our existence by charter from the great God", the Speaker of the House, John Randolph, explained during a controversy concerning the War of 1812 with England. The government of the United States was then the Continental Congress. This government was succeeded by that under the Articles of Confederation, and then by that of the Constitution of 1787. These changes in the form of government, to provide a "more perfect union", were in conformity with the Declaration of 1776.

"The laws of nature and of Nature's God" are best revealed in the Bible. Blackstone's Commentaries, which sets forth the philosophy of government and international statehood of the United States, sums up the basis of political existence of a society. He concludes that God gave, to human beings, reason, in order to discover His laws of nature, but experience shows that our reason is untrustworthy. So He reveals the laws of nature and of nature's God to us in the Scriptures. The first treatise on legal education in the United States considers the Bible as the most important secular law book, "recording a form of government and law originating in the Great Legislator of the universe". (David Hoffman, Course on Legal Education, 1817). The Bible's Ten Commandments were incorporated in the Common Law during its infancy. Six of its precepts are secular in nature,

being concerned with human relationships. Some have been re-enacted in states of the United States having criminal codes, especially those concerning theft, murder, and false witness. They are condensed in the secular admonition to "love one's neighbor", referred to in the President's Proclamation.

An attack on this recent act of Congress and the President is, then, a direct attack on the political origin of the United States as an international state. It has the effect, if not the design, eventually, of bringing the federal judiciary in disrepute as being the ultimate policy maker of the United States, thus supplanting the legislative authority and the concept of a representative democracy. For these reasons the Year of the Bible has a special interest in the defense of any action calling into question the authority of the Congress and the President in the enactment of Public Law 97-820, of October 4, 1982, concerning 1983 as the Year of the Bible.

Mr. William Ball, Esq. and Mr. Thomas Brandon, Esq. join in the conclusion that the Resolution in question is a proper exercise of the power of the Executive Committee of the Year of the Bible.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Thomas Brandon Esq.", with a horizontal line extending to the right.



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