Report to 2005 Kentucky Baptist Convention
from
KBC Work Group Re: Georgetown College

And

Recommendation
New KBC and Georgetown Partnership
from
KBC Work Group and Georgetown College Trustees

November 15, 2005
REPORT OF KBC WORK GROUP

Introduction

At a meeting of the Administrative Committee of the Mission Board, Kentucky Baptist Convention, on August 18, 2005, the following motion was approved:

“Based on discussions with Georgetown College President, Dr. Bill Crouch, and their desire for dialogue regarding the relationship between the College and the Kentucky Baptist Convention, the Administrative Committee authorizes the KBC President, Dr. Hershael York, to appoint, in consultation with the Executive Director, a seven member work group to work with persons representing the College trustees and administration in reviewing the working relationship, including the covenant agreement, between the College and the KBC, and to bring a report to the Administrative Committee, Mission Board, and/or Convention as appropriate.”

Dr. York appointed the following persons to the work group:

1. Charles Barnes, Chairman, Hurstbourne Baptist Church, Louisville
2. Joe Allen (Chair – Agencies and Institutions Committee), First Baptist Church, Russell Springs
3. Bill Henard (Chair – Administrative Committee), Porter Memorial Baptist Church, Lexington
4. Kevin McCallon, First Baptist Church, Paducah
5. Les Hollon, St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville
6. Paul Chitwood, First Baptist Church, Mt. Washington
7. Billy Compton, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown

He also requested the following people to sit on the group as non-voting members: Dr. Bill Mackey, Dr. Steve Thompson, and Attorney James Taylor.

Meeting on September 29, 2005

The KBC Work Group met with representatives from Georgetown College on September 29, 2005 in Louisville, Kentucky. Representing
Following prayer, introductions, and opening remarks from Dr. Bill Mackey, Executive Director – KBC; Dr. Bill Crouch, President Georgetown College; and Dr. Hershael York, President KBC, the committee began a discussion of potential future scenarios with respect to the relationship between Georgetown College and the Kentucky Baptist Convention. Very early in the discussion, the Georgetown Trustees informed the KBC Work Group that the Georgetown College Trustees had decided to become a self-perpetuating Board of Trustees. The Trustees and President Bill Crouch explained that some percentage of non-Baptist trustees would be necessary for Georgetown College to have the financial support needed to attain its long-range goals. It was noted that this Trustee change would dissolve the Covenant Agreement between Georgetown College and the Kentucky Baptist Convention and Georgetown would no longer be an institution or agency of the KBC with the current relationship. However, Georgetown Trustees and Dr. Bill Crouch expressed Georgetown’s strong desire to continue a good working relationship with the Kentucky Baptist Convention.

The joint committee then agreed that the KBC Work Group and Georgetown Representatives would meet in separate groups for further discussions. The Georgetown Representatives asked the KBC Work Group to propose how the termination of the Covenant Agreement would be implemented and how a new working relationship between the KBC and Georgetown College could be structured. The KBC Work Group members and Georgetown Representatives expressed a strong desire for a continued relationship and that there be no litigation, which has created problems for the work of Christ’s Kingdom in other states.

The KBC Work Group then held a separate meeting and developed proposals, which were presented to the Georgetown representatives in the afternoon. The KBC Work Group stated that they were grieved by the decision of the Georgetown Trustees, but understood the decision based on the long-range plans and goals for the college, which had been presented.
The Chair stated that if the desire of the Georgetown Trustees was to become a self-perpetuating board, the Work Group would present its proposals. Following the presentation, the Georgetown Trustees and Administration then met in a separate session.

The KBC Work Group and Georgetown Trustees later reconvened in joint sessions. The proposals and suggestions of the KBC Work Group were accepted with minor changes following a period of discussions. It was then agreed by the Georgetown Trustees and KBC Work Group that a new Partnership Agreement, covering dissolving the current covenant and outlining a new partnership relationship, would be recommended to the 2005 meeting of the Kentucky Baptist Convention. The Trustees and KBC Work Group made plans to draft the agreement.

The KBC Work Group unanimously recommends that the convention approve the new attached Partnership Agreement with Georgetown College. The KBC Work Group expresses its appreciation and commends the Christian spirit with which Dr. Bill Crouch and Georgetown Trustees/Representatives worked with the KBC Work Group.

Respectfully Submitted,

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