



SBC Executive Committee Engages Guidepost Solutions to Conduct Independent Process Assessment

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NASHVILLE -- The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee is committed to serving Southern Baptists with integrity, excellence, transparency and accountability. As part of this commitment, Dr. Ronnie Floyd, president and CEO of the SBC Executive Committee, has announced today that the organization has hired Guidepost Solutions to conduct an independent review of its processes as they relate to the recent accusations of the inappropriate handling of sexual abuse claims alleged by Dr. Russell Moore, former president of the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission.

This decision comes after a week of deliberately working through the details of this outside review and selection of a firm. These efforts included diligently reviewing the selected firm and receiving input from SBC Executive Committee chairman Rolland Slade. Guidepost Solutions is a global leader in monitoring, compliance, sensitive investigations, and risk management solutions and has deep experience providing advice and counsel to faith communities in this area.

Under the direction of Dr. Floyd, the SBC Executive Committee has helped to lead the Convention to address the issues of sex abuse in Southern Baptist churches. This includes the amendment to the SBC Constitution to address sex abuse in the definition of a "cooperating church" and the establishment of the Credentials Committee as a standing committee of the Convention. As part of Dr. Floyd's continuing efforts, he has engaged Guidepost Solutions to help in this process.

Guidepost Solutions has been engaged to review the following matters:

- Review these recent allegations against the SBC Executive Committee of mishandling sexual abuse cases and mistreating sexual abuse victims; the allegations of a pattern of intimidation; and
- Review and enhance training provided to SBC Executive Committee staff and its board of trustees related to these matters, as well as its communications to cooperating churches and congregants in cooperating churches.

The SBC Executive Committee commits to providing full support and transparency to Guidepost Solutions including making individuals available for interviews and providing relevant documents. Guidepost Solutions will assist the SBC Executive Committee in its commitment to Christlike behavior and develop policies and systems to better equip the SBC Executive Committee staff and Board of Trustees to serve the best interests of Southern Baptists with integrity and excellence.