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Editor's Note:

At the 2009 Annual Homecoming, the SBCV unanimously approved the Vision 20/20 Report. It outlines a course of action for the next 10 years leading to the year 2020. This series of articles unpacks one by one the six major proposals of the report. For the entire report, refer to www.sbcv.org/aboutus/vision2020.

Correction

The Vision 20/20 article, "The SBCV Is a Sacrificial Missional Network," in the July/August *Proclaimer* stated, "We intend to raise by 25% per year for the next decade the amount of money going to national and international mission efforts." A decimal point was inadvertently omitted. The correct percentage is .25%.

The SBCV Is a Streamlined Missional Network

by Jeff Ginn, Executive Director

THE GOAL

The fifth goal of the Vision 20/20 Report is that the SBCV function as a streamlined missional network. To be streamlined means "to be stripped of nonessentials," "to be compact," "to improve efficiency," "to simplify," etc. Whatever hampers the fulfillment of our mission is to be eliminated; whatever furthers it is to be embraced.

THE HISTORY

The SBCV has an established history of being quite streamlined. Due to both its relatively young age and proactive strategic decisions, the SBCV has avoided the development of layers of staff, programs, or entities. This has enabled our network to focus exclusively on our mission of assisting local churches in their task of fulfilling the Great Commission. It has also enabled us to be national leaders in the percentage of our receipts that go to national and international mission causes.

THE FUTURE

Three areas that will be affected by our streamlining efforts will be our staff, our schedule, and our stewardship.

Staff.

The SBCV has streamlined its staff. This is true both in terms of our Glen Allen Mission Support Center and our field personnel. We have realigned into five regions that cover the state. Our augmented decentralized structure allows our missionaries and part-time associates to be in the field in clusters that bring the state's ministry ever closer to the local church.

Schedule.

The SBCV has streamlined its calendar. E412 is the major spring event. It combined the best of the church leadership conference and the evangelism conference along with standards like VBS training, Disaster Relief training, etc. This simpler calendar helps our churches and is a better stewardship of CP dollars.

Stewardship.

The Vision 20/20 plan is in sync with the call of the Great Commission Resurgence Report of the SBC. The faithful generosity of our churches combined with the streamlined efficiency of our state convention should result in an additional \$1.2 million for SBC Great Commission endeavors nationally and internationally.