Charleston South Carolina SCV Convention Documents

The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) meet at the Ashley River Baptist Church for their 2014 Reunion in Charleston. <http://www.timesexaminer.com/historical/1914-2014-national-reunion-of-sons-of-confederate-veterans>

The SCV kept which church they were going to meet at a secret. So a letter was sent to Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) president Rev. Ronnie Floyd with copies sent to the SBC Executive Committee and the Ashley River Baptist Church after the SCV 2014 National Convention. The letter to Rev. Ronnie Floyd is at the end of this document.

For information on the SCV read this *Black Commentator* article. <http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html>

Episcopalian

Correspondence was sent to both factions of the Episcopal Church in Charleston.

The following letter was written 9/20/2013 by certified mail and no reply has been forthcoming. The letter asks that the Episcopal Church not host the Sons of Confederate Veterans upcoming 2014 national convention memorial service in Charleston, SC.  I have been informed that Bishop Lawrence is the bishop of his own breakaway diocese. As of 10/25/2014 there has been no reply.

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| 9/20/2013                                                                                                    Edward H. Sebesta  [esebesta@tx.rr.com](mailto:esebesta@tx.rr.com)  Rev. Mark Joseph Lawrence  Episcopal Bishop of the Diocese of South Carolina  P.O. Box 20127  Charleston, SC 29413  Dear Rev. Lawrence:  The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is planning on holding their 2014 convention in Charleston, SC and they will be looking for church facilities to hold their convention service. Enclosed is a table of churches which the SCV conventions have used in the 21st century.  Please find enclosed documentation about the SCV. Their official literature compares Abraham Lincoln to Hitler, and praises and promotes books that defend slavery and books that laud the Ku Klux Klan. Please find enclosed a dossier on the SCV with detailed footnotes of all quotes and assertions. This dossier is also available online at<http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html> .  Additionally, I enclose a paper on Confederate Christian nationalism which is also online at<http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/ConfederateChristianNationalism.pdf>. It was published by the*Canadian Review of American Studies* at the University of Toronto. Even though the article is about the neo-Confederate League of the South, the religious ideas promoted by the SCV Chaplains Corps (<http://www.scv.org/about/chaplainsChronicle.php>) are largely the same or similar.  When a church allows the SCV to use their facilities it gives them credibility that a prominent religious organizations would find the SCV to be an organization to which it would be acceptable to lend their facilities. Additionally they gain some of the prestige of the religious organization and the prestige of an architecturally prominent church building for their religious services and hence organization.  I ask that your church not give support to the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization by allowing them to use your facilities for their activities.                                                                                                    Sincerely Yours,                                                                                                  Edward H. Sebesta |

This certified letter was sent Monday 1/13/2014. Rev. vonRosenberg is the Episcopal bishop and isn’t breakaway. As of 10/25/2014 there has been no reply.

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| 1/13/2014  [esebesta@tx.rr.com](mailto:esebesta@tx.rr.com)  Right Reverend Charles G. vonRosenbergThe Episcopal Church in South Carolina P.O. Box 20485 Charleston, SC 29413  Dear Right Rev. vonRosenberg:  The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is planning on holding their 2014 convention in Charleston, SC and they will be looking for church facilities to hold their convention service. Enclosed is a table of churches which the SCV conventions have since 1990 to 2013 which is also online at[www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm).  The SCV is an extremist and racist organization. Their official literature compares Abraham Lincoln to Hitler, and praises and promotes books that defend slavery and books that laud the Ku Klux Klan. Please find enclosed a dossier on the SCV with detailed footnotes of all quotes and assertions. A dossier about the SCV is also available online at  <http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html> .  Additionally, I enclose a paper on Confederate Christian nationalism which is also online at<http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/ConfederateChristianNationalism.pdf>. It was published by the*Canadian Review of American Studies* at the University of Toronto. Even though the article is about the neo-Confederate League of the South, the religious ideas promoted by the SCV Chaplains Corps (<http://www.scv.org/about/chaplainsChronicle.php>) are largely the same or similar.  When a church allows the SCV to use their facilities it gives them credibility that a prominent religious organizations would find the SCV to be an organization to which it would be acceptable to lend their facilities. Additionally they gain some of the prestige of the religious organization and the prestige of an architecturally prominent church building for their religious services and hence organization.  Unfortunately it seems that from 1990 to the present the Episcopal church is one of the major enablers of the SCV. I enclose a bar graph of denominations hosting SCV national convention church services from 1990 to 2013. Also enclosed is a table of individual churches that hosted the SCV. Additionally enclosed is a map of churches which hosted either the SCV national convention or the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) convention services from 1990 to 2013. I also have it online along with the bargraphs at [www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm). You can see that the Episcopal Church has hosted almost as many neo-Confederate national conventions as all the other denominations combined.  I ask that your church not give support to the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization by allowing them to use your facilities for their activities.  Holly Behre, director of communications for the Episcopal Church in South Carolina, has informed me that there is a division occurring in the church in South Carolina and in reading elsewhere I see that the Episcopal church property is being contested in the courts and that you may not have actual control over many of the churches the Episcopal church has in South Carolina. However, I ask that since you claim them as your property you can publically ask that they not be used to host neo-Confederate organization activities, in particular any activity of the 2014 SCV national convention.                                                                                                  Sincerely Yours,                                                                                                    Edward H. Sebesta |

Roman Catholic

The following letter was sent to Bishop Guglielmone on 9/20/2013 by certified mail. As of 10/15/2014 there has been no reply.

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| 9/20/2013                                                                                                 Edward H. Sebesta    [esebesta@tx.rr.com](mailto:esebesta@tx.rr.com)  Rev. Robert E. Guglielmone  Bishop of Charleston Diocese  119 Broad St.  Box 818  Charleston, SC 29402  Dear Rev. Guglielmone:  The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is planning on holding their 2014 convention in Charleston, SC and they will be looking for church facilities to hold their convention service.  Enclosed is a table of churches which the SCV conventions have used in the 21st century.  Please find enclosed documentation about the SCV. Their official literature compares Abraham Lincoln to Hitler, and praises and promotes books that defend slavery and books that laud the Ku Klux Klan. Please find enclosed a dossier on the SCV with detailed footnotes of all quotes and assertions. This dossier is also available online at<http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html> .  Additionally, I enclose a paper on Confederate Christian nationalism which is also online at<http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/ConfederateChristianNationalism.pdf>. It was published by the*Canadian Review of American Studies* at the University of Toronto. Even though the article is about the neo-Confederate League of the South, the religious ideas promoted by the SCV Chaplains Corps (<http://www.scv.org/about/chaplainsChronicle.php>) are largely the same or similar.  When a church allows the SCV to use their facilities it gives them credibility that a prominent religious organizations would find the SCV to be an organization to which it would be acceptable to lend their facilities. Additionally they gain some of the prestige of the religious organization and the prestige of an architecturally prominent church building for their religious services and hence organization.  I ask that your church not give support to the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization by allowing them to use your facilities for their activities.                                                                                                  Sincerely Yours,                                                                                                  Edward H. Sebesta |

This is the follow up letter sent by certified mail to the Archbishop of Atlanta on 1/14/2014. The Archbishop of Atlanta is over the Bishop of Charleston. As of 10/25/2014 there has been no reply.

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| 1/14/2014                                                                                                  Edward H. Sebesta  [esebesta@tx.rr.com](mailto:esebesta@tx.rr.com)    The Most Rev. Wilton D. Gregory  Archbishop of Atlanta  2401 Lake Park Dr. S.E.  Smyrna, GA 30080  Dear Most Rev. Gregory:  As you can see from the enclosed bar graph of churches hosting the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) national convention services by denomination the Roman Catholic Church is tied for most frequent from the period of 1990 to 2013. I also enclose a map of churches that hosted national convention services of the SCV and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. You can see that the Roman Catholic Church comes in second in frequency in hosting these services. You can also see this map and bar graphs online at [www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm).  The SCV is an extremist and racist organization. Their official literature compares Abraham Lincoln to Hitler, and praises and promotes books that defend slavery and books that laud the Ku Klux Klan. Please find enclosed a dossier on the SCV with detailed footnotes of all quotes and assertions. This dossier is also available online at<http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html>.  I wrote Bishop Guglielmone asking him not to allow churches in his diocese to host the SCV national convention service on November 20, 2013 since the Roman Catholic Church is one of the more frequent hosting churches of the SCV. I regret I have not heard back. I enclose a copy of my letter to him. Over the years I have noticed that the Roman Catholic Church is not hesitant to speak out about moral issues, it is disappointing that this issue of race is ignored.  Additionally, I enclose a paper on Confederate Christian nationalism which is also online at<http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/ConfederateChristianNationalism.pdf>. It was published by the*Canadian Review of American Studies* at the University of Toronto. Even though the article is largely about the neo-Confederate League of the South, the religious ideas promoted by the SCV Chaplains Corps (<http://www.scv.org/about/chaplainsChronicle.php>) are largely the same or similar.  When a church allows the SCV to use their facilities it gives them credibility that a prominent religious organizations would find the SCV to be an organization to which it would be acceptable to lend their facilities. Additionally they gain some of the prestige of the religious organization and the prestige of an architecturally prominent church building for their religious services and hence organization.  I ask that your church not give support to the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization by allowing them to use your facilities for their activities.                                                                                                  Sincerely Yours,                                                                                                  Edward H. Sebesta |

United Methodist Church

A certified letter I sent 1/13/2014. As of 10/252014 there has been no reply.

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| 1/14/2014    [esebesta@tx.rr.com](mailto:esebesta@tx.rr.com)  Bishop L. Jonathan Holston  South Carolina Conference United Methodist Church  4908 Colonial Dr.  Columbia, SC 29203  Dear Rev. Holston:  The United Methodist Church is the fourth most frequent host for neo-Confederate organizations United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) and the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) national convention memorial services from 1990 to 2013. I enclose a bar graph of denominations which host the SCV and a bar graph of denominations which have hosted the UDC from 1990 to 2013 and a map of churches which host either the SCV or UDC national convention services.  These documents can also be found online at [www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm).  The SCV is planning on holding their 2014 convention in Charleston, SC and they will be looking for church facilities to hold their convention service. Enclosed is a table of churches which the SCV conventions have used in the 21st century. Though the United Methodist Church (UMC) has not hosted the SCV since 1990, the UMC does host neo-Confederate national conventions and SCV chapter meetings.  Please find enclosed documentation about the SCV. Their official literature compares Abraham Lincoln to Hitler, and praises and promotes books that defend slavery and books that laud the Ku Klux Klan. Please find enclosed a dossier on the SCV with detailed footnotes of all quotes and assertions. This dossier is also available online at<http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html> .  Additionally, I enclose a paper on Confederate Christian nationalism which is also online at<http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/ConfederateChristianNationalism.pdf>. It was published by the*Canadian Review of American Studies* at the University of Toronto. Even though the article is about the neo-Confederate League of the South, the religious ideas promoted by the SCV Chaplains Corps (<http://www.scv.org/about/chaplainsChronicle.php>) are largely the same or similar. I also enclose a copy of my academic resume which is online at [www.templeofdemocracy.com/resume.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/resume.htm).  When a church allows the SCV to use their facilities it gives them credibility that a prominent religious organizations would find the SCV to be an organization to which it would be acceptable to lend their facilities. Additionally they gain some of the prestige of the religious organization and the prestige of an architecturally prominent church building for their religious services and hence organization.  I ask that the United Methodist Church not give support to the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization by allowing them to use your facilities for their activities.                                                                                                  Sincerely Yours,                                                                                                  Edward H. Sebesta |

Presbyterian USA

This letter was sent by certified mail Monday, Jan. 13, 2014. As of 10/25/2014 there has been no reply.

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| 1/14/2014  [esebesta@tx.rr.com](mailto:esebesta@tx.rr.com)  Donnie R. Woods  Executive Presbyter  Charleston Atlantic Presbyter  2421 Ashley River Road  Charleston, SC 29414-4601  Dear Mr. Woods:  The Presybterian Church USA is the third most frequent host for neo-Confederate organization national convention memorial services from 1990 to 2013. I enclose a bar graph of denominations which host the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) and a map of churches which host either the SCV or the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC).  These documents can also be found online at[www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm).  The SCV is planning on holding their 2014 convention in Charleston, SC and they will be looking for church facilities to hold their convention service. Enclosed is a table of churches which the SCV conventions have used in the 21st century.  The SCV is a racist and extremist group. Their official literature compares Abraham Lincoln to Hitler, and praises and promotes books that defend slavery and books that laud the Ku Klux Klan. Please find enclosed a dossier on the SCV with detailed footnotes of all quotes and assertions. This dossier is also available online at <http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html>.  Additionally, I enclose a paper on Confederate Christian nationalism which is also online at<http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/ConfederateChristianNationalism.pdf>. It was published by the*Canadian Review of American Studies* at the University of Toronto. Even though the article is about the neo-Confederate League of the South, the religious ideas promoted by the SCV Chaplains Corps (<http://www.scv.org/about/chaplainsChronicle.php>) are largely the same or similar. I also enclose a copy of my academic resume which is online at [www.templeofdemocracy.com/resume.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/resume.htm).  When a church allows the SCV to use their facilities it gives them credibility that a prominent religious organizations would find the SCV to be an organization to which it would be acceptable to lend their facilities. Additionally they gain some of the prestige of the religious organization and the prestige of an architecturally prominent church building for their religious services and hence organization.  I ask that the Presbyterian Church USA not give support to the Sons of Confederate Veterans organization by allowing them to use your facilities for their activities.                                                                                                  Sincerely Yours,                                                                                                  Edward H. Sebesta |

Interfaith Groups

Sent by certified mail to Rev. Brenda L. Kneece of the South Carolina Christian Action Council after an email exchange. The South Carolina Christian Action Council Executive Committee decided to do nothing.

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| February 1, 2014    [esebesta@tx.rr.com](mailto:esebesta@tx.rr.com)    Rev. Brenda L. Kneece – Executive Minister  South Carolina Christian Action Council  P.O. Drawer 3248  Columbia, SC 29230  Dear Rev. Kneece:  I am an investigative researcher regarding the neo-Confederate movement who is published in peer reviewed academic journals, by university presses and in *Black Commentator*. My resume is online at[www.templeofdemocracy.com/resume.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/resume.htm). I am writing this letter per our discussion earlier by email. I emailed you this letter so you can easily use the links.  One concern I have developed in investigating neo-Confederate groups is how they are enabled by mainstream organizations such as corporations, churches, government bodies and others. So I have decided to ask these groups to reconsider their relations with specific neo-Confederate groups. I am documenting my campaign online at [www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm](http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm).  The Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV) is an extremist and racist group which is extensively documented in a *Black Commentator* article which is available online at a free guest link at<http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html>.  (Link is also in my online resume.)  In the summer of 2013 I had a successful campaign getting corporations to stop supporting the SCV as reported in a *Black Commentator* article which is available online at a free guest link at<http://www.blackcommentator2.com/527_cover_scv_donation_loss_sebesta_guest.html>. (Link is also in my online resume.)  The SCV often selects a historic and architecturally impressive church to hold their national convention service. When a faith group allows the SCV to use their church there is an implied endorsement to the extent that the SCV is an acceptable group to be using their facilities which normalizes them despite their extremist and racist agenda. The use of a historic and architecturally impressive church lends the prestige of the church building to the SCV.  The SCV is planning on holding their national convention in Charleston in July 2014. They are currently looking for a church. I am hoping that no mainstream church will let them use their church.  I fully understand that the South Carolina Christian Action Council can’t direct or order any member church or group to do anything and I am not asking that you attempt to do so.  What I am asking is that the South Carolina Christian Action Council raise the issue with their member’s churches and groups to consider whether they should lend their facilities to the SCV for the SCV’s national convention and let them know about the *Black Commentator* article on the SCV. If they have questions they can contact me through the *Black Commentator* article contact form or the above email. Given I research extremist groups I have to be cautious.  I am not even asking for the Christian Action Council to take a position against hosting the SCV. I am confident that I have both the research and reasons to convince any faith group that aiding the SCV is not a good idea. I merely ask that the issue be raised with your members.  I see that the South Carolina Christian Action Council is willing to bring up many issues before the public, and that you specifically have an agenda against racism. So I am hoping that you will assist me in my campaign against the neo-Confederate movement by raising this one issue.                                                                                      Sincerely Yours,                                                                                      Edward H. Sebesta    P.S. Temple of democracy comes from a 19th century metaphor for the American Republic.    Co-editor of “Neo-Confederacy: A Critical Introduction,” Univ. of Texas Press, 2008 (<http://www.utexas.edu/utpress/excerpts/exhagneo.html>), and “The Confederate and Neo-Confederate Reader: The ‘Great Truth’ About the ‘Lost Cause’” Univ. Press of Mississippi 2010. (<http://www.upress.state.ms.us/books/1338>).  Author of chapter about the Civil War and Reconstruction in the notorious Texas teaching standards in *Politics and the History Curriculum:* *The Struggle over Standards in Texas and the Nation,* published by Palgrave Macmillan.  <http://www.keitherekson.com/books/politics-and-the-history-curriculum/> |

Southern Baptist Convention

The following letter was sent by certified mail to Dr. Ronnie Floyd and copies were using proof of mailing to the members of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) Executive Committee members.

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| October 27, 2014  Edward H. Sebesta    [edwardsebesta@gmail.com](mailto:edwardsebesta@gmail.com)  Dr. Ronnie Floyd  President  The Executive Committee, Southern Baptist Convention  901 Commerce Street  Nashville, TN 37203-3699  Dear Dr. Floyd:  I regret to report that the Ashley River Baptist Church, a member of the Southern Baptist Convention, hosted an event for the 2014 National Reunion of the Sons of Confederate Veterans (SCV). It is reported in the July 30, 2014 issue of the Times Examiner. I enclose a copy, and the article can be read online at <http://www.timesexaminer.com/historical/1914-2014-national-reunion-of-sons-of-confederate-veterans>.    The SCV is a group which promotes what I believe and I think any rational person would believe are extremist and racist beliefs as documented in an article by myself at *Black* *Commentator*, <http://www.blackcommentator.com/526/526_confederacy_sebesta_guest_share.html>. I enclose a copy. I do investigative research regarding the neo-Confederate movement. My research has been published by university presses, peer reviewed academic journals, as well as by *Black Commentator*. My resume is online at <www.templeofdemocracy.com/resume.htm>. I enclose a copy.  When churches lend neo-Confederate groups the use of their facilities they not only give them support through the use of their facilities but additionally they lend the prestige and credibility of their individual church and denomination to that group. The church is also party to the enabling the agenda of the neo-Confederates.  I am disappointed in the Ashley River Baptist Church actions. The Southern Baptist churches have had a record of not hosting the national conventions of neo-Confederate groups. For national conventions from 1990 to 2014 only one Southern Baptist church had hosted the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which was First Baptist Church of Columbia in South Carolina. For 1990 to 2013 I don’t find any record of a Southern Baptist church hosting the national convention of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. I enclose tables of hosting churches and bar graphs of the hosting by denomination. This information can also be found online at the web page <www.templeofdemocracy.com/churchesoftheconfederacy.htm>.  I had had written the four denominations leading in hosting neo-Confederate national convention services not to host the SCV: Episcopalians (both factions), United Methodist, Presbyterians and Roman Catholics (See again enclosed bar graphs). There were indications that the SCV was having difficulties finding a church.  I did not write any organizations of Southern Baptists in South Carolina since I thought Southern Baptists wouldn’t do such a thing. The Southern Baptist church had seemed to be moving forward on the issue of race with such notable actions as the 1995 apology for slavery. It had seemed that the Southern Baptists comprehended that Christianity was a global effort with no one race or nation privileged over another. Yet this doesn’t seem to be the situation.  The neo-Confederate movement besides bringing back into print nearly every antebellum book defending slavery have also been publishing some modern theological defenses of slavery.  The neo-Confederates have been condemning the Southern Baptist Convention for their apology regarding slavery since the resolution was passed in 1995. (<http://www.sbc.net/resolutions/899>). The notorious *Southern Partisan* had two condemnations published. [2nd Quarter, Vol. 15, 1995, pp. 7 Wesley Pruden; 3rd Quarter, Vol. 15, 1995, pp. 56 Samuel Francis. Documentation enclosed.]  Though the Sons of Confederate Veterans has not directly condemned the Southern Baptists for their resolution, they have strongly promoted and praised the writings that have condemned the Southern Baptists.  Gary Lee Roper has written a book, “Antebellum Slavery: An Orthodox View,” 2008, advocating a pro-slavery theology, in which on pages 281-82 he condemns the Southern Baptist apology and calls those who passed it “pompous ignoramus.” I enclose documentation.  This book is promoted and praised by the Sons of Confederate Veterans in their publication Chaplain’s Corps Chronicles of the Sons of Confederate Veterans. In the April 2008 issue the SCV Chaplain’s Corps praises the book and tells the readers it is a “must read.” Documentation enclosed. (<http://www.scv.org/pdf/chaplains/2008_Apr.pdf>).  The book is also sold in the SCV catalog, SCV’s online store, and in their official publication Confederate Veteran. I enclose documentation.  Walter D. Kennedy has written a book “Myths of American Slavery,” Pelican Publishing Company, 2003. The Southern Baptists are denounced for their apology on pages 88-96 in a section titled “Radical Influence in the Southern Baptist Convention,” in a chapter titled “Abolitionism Versus Christianity.” On page 89 the author states:  “The passing of the so-called Racial Reconciliation Resolution by the assembled delegates defamed and otherwise slandered the good name of Southern Baptists of the past 150 years. The resolution is nothing more than liberal double-speak for an act of cultural genocide against the South.”  Elsewhere on page 89 the resolution is called “infamous” and the author states, “The duped delegates regurgitated on cue the abolitionist (i.e. liberal) propaganda about the institution of African servitude and life in the Old South.” I enclose documentation.  This book is sold in the SCV catalog, SCV’s online store, and in their official publication Confederate Veteran. I enclose documentation.  The Southern Baptists may have apologized over slavery in 1995 but in 2014 it is aiding and abetting an organization that is promoting pro-slavery theology and a neo-Confederate ideology that condemns the Southern Baptist Convention.  One concern I have developed in investigating neo-Confederate groups is how they are enabled by mainstream organizations such as corporations, churches, government bodies and others. So I have decided to ask these groups to reconsider their relations with specific neo-Confederate groups. It is all well and good that I have written on extremist Confederate Christian nationalists for the Canadian Review of American Studies (<http://www.templeofdemocracy.com/ConfederateChristianNationalism.pdf>), but I have realized that the enabling of a racist historical consciousness in the general public and racist neo-Confederate groups by mainstream churches is as detrimental to America as these fringe churches referred to in my paper. The Christianity advocated by the SCV is largely similar. You can review their Chaplain’s Chronicle online at http://www.scv.org/about/chaplainsChronicle.php and http://chaplain-in-chief.com/.  In the summer of 2013 I had a successful campaign getting corporations to stop supporting the SCV as reported in a Black Commentator article which is available online at a free guest link at <http://www.blackcommentator2.com/527_cover_scv_donation_loss_sebesta_guest.html>. (Link is also in my online resume.) It took eight days for this campaign to succeed. I regret to say that so far the temples of Mammon were much more willing to give up neo-Confederacy than the churches of Christ.  I ask that the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention not host the events of neo-Confederate organizations.  Finally as other denominations inevitably move away from hosting neo-Confederate groups the neo-Confederate groups will seek alternatives and the Southern Baptist Convention risks being the leading church hosting neo-Confederate organizations. This transition seems to have already started.  Sincerely Yours,  Edward H. Sebesta  PS: My website is undergoing redesign, but there will be redirects for all the pages that were on www.templeofdemocracy.com and the web pages mentioned should be easily found. The resume will be Curriculum Vitae, etc.  CC: See the tables on the following pages: |

The following people were copied on the letter sent to Rev. Ronnie Floyd Oct. 27, 2014. See next page.

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| 2 | Michael W. Routt | Chairman Executive Committee | Senior Pastor Circle Drive Baptist Church, 801 N Circle Dr, Colorado Springs, CO 80909 |
| 3 | John L. Yeats | Vice Chairman Executive Committee | Executive Director Missouri Baptist Convention, 400 E High St, Jefferson City, MO 65101 |
| 4 | Carol A. Yarber | Secretary Executive Committee | Retired Office manager, Athens, TX |
| 5 | Shane B. Hall | Admin. Comm. Chair Executive Committee | Pastor First Southern Baptist Church, 6400 S Sooner Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73135 |
| 6 | Stephen N. Rummage | Bus. & Fin. Comm. Chair | Senior Pastor Bell Shoals Baptist Church, 2102 Bell Shoals Rd, Brandon, FL 33511 |
| 7 | Benjamin F. Kelley | CP Comm. Chair | Vice President/Executive Director Baptist Health Care Foundation, Montgomery, AL |
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| 9 | Kenneth W. Alford | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor Crossroads Baptist Church, 3001 Country Club Dr, Valdosta, GA 31602 |
| 10 | James W. Averett | Executive Committee Member | Retired Southern Company, Birmingham, AL |
| 11 | Mark H. Ballard | Executive Committee Member | President Northeastern Baptist College, Northeastern Baptist College PO Box 4600 Bennington, VT 05201-4600 |
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| 13 | Charles W. Boling | Executive Committee Member | Director of Missions, Williamson Baptist Assoc., 10093 Old Bainbridge Trail, Marion, IL 62959 |
| 14 | Wilma J. Booth | Executive Committee Member | Retired teacher, Elgin, IL |
| 15 | Tim W. Brasher | Executive Committee Member | CEO, Scottsdale, AZ |
| 16 | Charles R. Chambers | Executive Committee Member | CFO Consultant, First Baptist, Toledo, OH |
| 17 | M. Kent Choate | Executive Committee Member | Community Groups Pastor, The Church At, Broken Arrow, OK SEND VIA HEADQUARTERS |
| 18 | Tony L. Crisp | Executive Committee Member | Eastanalle Baptist Church, 482 County Road 725, Riceville, TN 37370 |
| 19 | B. Scott Davis | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor Pitts Baptist Chuch, 140 Pitts School Rd NW, Concord, NC 28027 |
| 20 | Eddie W. DeHondt, Jr. | Executive Committee Member | Minister Rose Park Baptist Church, 5560 Buncombe Rd, Shreveport, LA 71129 |
| 21 | Procopio U. DeLeon | Executive Committee Member | Senior Scientist, Laurel Springs, NJ. |
| 22 | David O. Dykes | Executive Committee Member | Pastor Green Acres Baptist Church, 1607 Troup Hwy, Tyler, TX 75701 |
| 23 | J. Paul Fleming | Executive Committee Member | Executive Pastor Forestville Baptist Church, 2 Old McElhaney Rd, Greenville, SC 29617 |
| 24 | Robert O. Freshour | Executive Committee Member | Pastor First Baptist Church-South Lyon, 60820 Marjorie Ann St, South Lyon, MI 48178 |
| 25 | James W. Gregory | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor First Southern Baptist Church,1400 N 3rd E, Mountain Home, ID 83647 |
| 26 | Ron F. Hale | Executive Committee Member | Senior Adult/Pastoral Care, West Jackson Baptist Church, 580 Oil Well Rd, Jackson, TN 38305 |
| 27 | David A. Hall | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor, Oak Grove Baptist Chuch, 2106 Churchville Rd, Bel Air, MD 21015 |
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| 32 | Phillip Herring | Executive Committee Member | Minister of Education, First Baptist Church, 312 Kempsville Rd, Norfolk, VA 23502 |
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| 34 | Mike Holloway | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor Cook Baptist Church, 2000 Cooktown Rd, Ruston, LA 71270 |
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| 36 | Ralph Jenkins | Executive Committee Member | Pastor Airway Hieghts Baptist Church, 12322 W Sunset Hwy, Airway Heights, WA 99001 |
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| 41 | Michael L. Lawson | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor First Baptist Church, 400 S. Travis St., Sherman, TX 75090 |
| 42 | Steven W. Loggins | Executive Committee Member | Director of Missions, Mount Olive, AL |
| 43 | R. Ron Madison | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor Mount Zion Baptist Church, 228 Mt Zion Rd, Huntsville, AL 35806 |
| 44 | Timothy D. Maynard | Executive Committee Member | Pastor Fruit Cove Baptist Church, 501 Florida 13, St Johns, FL 32259 |
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| 51 | Timothy A. Ohis | Executive Committee Member | Pastor Believers Southern Baptist Church, 13909 West 21st St N, Wichita, KS 67235 |
| 52 | L. Douglas Passmore | Executive Committee Member | Pastor First Baptist East, 3302 SE Lee Blvd, Lawton, OK 73501 |
| 53 | Jeff L. Paul | Executive Committee Member | Pastor First Baptist Church, 302 S Missouri St, Archie, MO 64725 |
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| 65 | John Mark Simmons | Executive Committee Member | Senior Pastor Highland Hills Baptist Church, 615 College Dr, Henderson, NV 89002 |
| 66 | Danny S. Sinquefield | Executive Committee Member | Pastor Faith Baptist Church, 2775 Shelby St, Bartlett, TN 38134 |
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| 68 | John E. Smith | Executive Committee Member | Pastor Munfordville Baptist Church, 501 N West St, Munfordville, KY 42765 |
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