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Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention Impacts New Orleans and the World
Convention Helps Create New Jobs

(August 23, 2007 - New Orleans) More than 2,000 delegates attended the 110th Annual Session of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Convention in New Orleans last week. The event, held just days before the second anniversary of Hurricane Katrina's landfall, brought international and domestic missionaries and ministers to the Crescent City as part of Lott Carey's ongoing hurricane response strategy of "helping people rise again" in the region.

Lott Carey delegates provided more than 2,100 hours of community service that included re-shaping the homes of current residents, cleaning up neighborhoods, gutting hurricane damaged houses in preparation for renovation, painting an elementary school, planting flowers and trees, helping construct a new home, visiting residents in nursing homes, and sorting and distributing food to people in need. The children and youth delegates sorted over four tons of food that translated into more than 6,000 meals for people in need.

Lott Carey's Annual Session informs and inspires people to invest in Christian missions around the world through prayer and worship services, mission education classes and presentations by mission partners in Canada, Grenada, Guyana, India, Jamaica, Mozambique, Nigeria, and South Africa. The foreign mission society generated \$400,000 for Lott Carey to distribute Christian missions around the world in addition to the volunteer service impact in New Orleans during the week.

Bringing the Convention to New Orleans had a significant economic impact on the crescent city. Delegates spent more than \$1 million during their stay, particularly supporting the hospitality industry. Because of the over-whelming demand at one area hotel, extra hotel staffers were hired, therefore, helping sustain families who were living among economic fragility.

Lott Carey has made a major impact throughout Louisiana since Hurricanes

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Katrina and Rita devastated the region. The organizations hurricane response strategy included supplying relief centers with supplies to support evacuees who sought shelter in the days and weeks following the storms. Lott Carey also created Resurrection Resource Centers that provided pastoral care ministries, social service assistance, mental health counseling, and child development programs in six cities across the region. Lott Carey continues to mobilize volunteers across the region, provide legal and community redevelopment support services to evacuees as well as job skills training and placement.

Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention is the premier global missions agency of African-American Baptist heritage. Its international mission is to cultivate ministry, education, and health programs around the world. Since it was founded in 1897, Lott Carey has grown to a network of missional partnerships in 20 countries throughout six regions of the world. Last year, Lott Carey raised more than \$3 million for mission support around the world. For more information visit www.lottcarey.org.

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