

# **THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION**

## **PRINT MEDIA, SOCIAL MEDIA, PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOGRAPHY IN CONVENTION CENTER, CONVENTION HALL, AND EXHIBIT AREA SBC ANNUAL MEETING**

**THE SBC ANNUAL MEETING CONVENTION HALL** — While open to credentialed members of both secular and religious media, including photographers and videographers, the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting is a working business meeting of registered messengers and invited guests of the Convention. The Convention has designated a section of the convention hall for members of the media located at the front of the convention hall near the platform area, adjacent to the stationary cameras used by the SBC to live-stream its sessions and archive its proceedings.

**REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIALING** — All journalists, including photo and video journalists, are required to register and receive media credentials from the SBC Press Room. Any journalist who is not properly credentialed will be asked to leave the convention hall and the convention center until properly registered.

**ENTERING AND LEAVING THE CONVENTION HALL** — Print, photo, and video journalists are asked to limit their presence in the convention center to the designated Press Room, common areas in the convention center, and the convention hall, except as noted below. When entering the convention hall, go directly to the media section located in front of the fixed cameras at the front of the hall; when exiting, go directly to the egress doors. An Audio Mult-Box for direct feed audio is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**ACTIVITIES IN THE CONVENTION HALL** — Photographers are permitted to move around within the open areas in front of the media section to get the best possible angles for a variety of shots; videographers are required to remain within the designated area where the Mult-Box is located. Members of the media are not permitted randomly to roam around the convention hall while shooting video or taking pictures. They are not permitted to approach individual messengers in the convention hall at any time while the Convention is in session, nor are they permitted to focus on an individual messenger without the messenger's awareness and permission. Members of the press are not permitted on the platform and shall not intrude into the sightlines of the Convention's camera operations. The Convention reserves the right to require any member of the media deemed to be behaving in an unprofessional manner to leave the premises.

**ACTIVITIES IN THE EXHIBIT AREA** — Journalistic functions (interviews, photography, videography) may be done in the exhibit hall only upon prior invitation of an exhibitor and are limited to interview, videography, and/or photography of the specific

event(s) for which the journalist was invited. While credentialed media may visit the exhibit hall during posted hours of operation to view the exhibits or purchase materials, all other activities are restricted to areas in the convention center as noted above. Credentialed members of the media who also serve as messengers from their church are expected to abide by these same guidelines.

**COMMON COURTESY** — Members of the media are asked to respect the rights of messengers to participate freely in the business sessions of the annual meeting without impediment, intrusion, or, as much as possible, distraction. As with all registered messengers and invited guests, members of the media must comply with instructions of SBC annual meeting staff. Failure to comply with such instructions will result in removal from the convention center and possible forfeiture of media credentials.

I have read and agree to abide by these terms of agreement.

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Signature

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Date

