

**RECOMMENDATION VIII:
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR THOMAS B. INGRAM**



Tom Ingram has announced his intention to retire from the Baptist General Association of Virginia staff as Field Strategist for the Capital Region of Virginia and as Consultant for Worship and Spiritual Formation on December 31, 2016, after twenty-two years of service.

Whereas, Tom, born in Atlanta and educated in music at Wake Forest University, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and The Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies, has shaped the music and worship practices of the Virginia Baptist family. He has served extensively across the Commonwealth as leader of revival music, as clinician and judge for music festivals in Virginia and beyond, and as an adjunctive instructor in church music at Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (2006–2007).

Whereas, moving to Virginia after seminary, Tom led Bon Air Baptist Church, Richmond, as minister of music and youth (1974–1977), Averett College as assistant professor of Christian studies, music, and religion (1977–1983), Lee Street-College Park Baptist Church in Danville as part-time minister of music (1978–1983), Hatcher Memorial Baptist Church in Richmond as minister of music and administration (1983–1994), and music ministries on the staff of the Baptist General Association of Virginia (1994–2016).

Whereas, honored by peers and professional organizations in a myriad of ways, including at Southern Seminary's School of Church Music, Tom was elected student body president, served as teaching assistant for Professor Richard Lin, and was recognized as the most outstanding student. In the world of Baptist music, Tom has served as member and audition chairman for the CenturyMen and as vice-president of the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference.

Therefore Be It Resolved, that we, the elected members of the Baptist General Association of Virginia Executive Board meeting on October 11, 2016, express our gratitude to Tom Ingram for his stellar service to God and the Virginia Baptist family, and we pledge our continuing prayers to Tom, his wife Peggy, and their family, and

Be It Further Resolved, that we ask the messengers of the Annual Meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia on November 15, 2016, in Roanoke, Virginia, to affirm the life and ministry of Tom Ingram.