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Maryland Studies Idea Of College In Capital

BALTIMORE--(BP)--Maryland Baptists have been asked to study proposals for a Baptist college in the area of the nation's capital.

The mission board of Maryland Baptist Union Asscoiation has recommended that the association study the proposal, advanced by a Washington Baptist editor and others.

The Maryland board acted on a recommendation of its survey committee that the union association appoint a committee of 10 "to join with a similar group of the District of Columbia and any other interested group for the purpose of making a study of all that would be involved in the establishment of a Baptist university in or near our nation's capital."

James O. Duncan, editor of the Capital Baptist, advanced the idea of the Baptist college. The paper is weekly organ of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention.

Maryland Baptist representatives have met once with District of Columbia Baptists to informally discuss the university idea.

At its meeting, the Maryland state mission board also approved a survey recommendation to create a new department of missions and stewardship on Jan. 1. The personnel committee will recommend someone to serve as department secretary.

Beginning with the 1961 budget, division of receipts beyond the fixed amount would be 50 per cent for objectives of the Southern Baptist Convention, 25 per cent for a state Baptist revolving loan fund, and 25 per cent for capital needs and continuance fund.

The new plan of division is subject to adoption by the annual meeting of the union association, which will also vote on a \$485,000 Maryland budget goal for 1961. This is an increase of \$60,000 over the current year.

The fixed amount of \$475,000 on the budget will be divided with 40 per cent to support the Southern Baptist Convention's agencies through the Cooperative Program and the balance to be used in Maryland.

Maryland association treasurer reported state Cooperative Program receipts from churches are up 9.1 per cent over the same period a year ago. Nationwide, Southern Baptist Convention shares of these receipts from all state Baptist groups are less than 3.5 per cent greater than for the same period in 1959.

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Central Florida Aims For Retirement Center

(10-23-60)

ORLANDO, Fla.--(BP)--Wekiwa Baptist Association hopes to raise \$100,000 by Dec. 1 to buy property in nearby Altamonte Springs for a Baptist retirement center.

The money will be raised by appeals to individuals rather than to churches in the association.

The association would deed the property over to Florida Baptist Convention as a part of the state convention's program of work with the aged.

Wekiwa Baptist Association also approved formation of a hospital group to plan a denominational hospital in this central Florida region.

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Lottie Moon Christmas
Objective \$8.7 Million

BIRMINGHAM--(BP)--The goal for the 1960 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to help support Southern Baptist foreign Missions is \$8.7 million.

The goal was announced by the Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist Convention auxiliary here.

It is \$1.2 million greater than the Christmas, 1959, goal and \$1 million above final receipts from the 1959 offering.

The Woman's Missionary Union began special offerings for foreign missions soon after its organization, and the offering was named in honor of a missionary, Miss Lottie Moon, in 1918.

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering helps supplement salaries of missionaries, educate missionaries' children, translation and Scripture distribution of the American Bible Society, and support specific schools, hospitals, and mission stations in the more than 40 countries where Southern Baptists have missionaries.

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Virginia Hikes Budget
Goal To \$3,350,000

(10-23-60)

RICHMOND--(BP)--Virginia Baptists will have a proposed \$3,350,000 budget for 1961 to vote on in their annual general association meeting.

The state Baptist board of missions and education here adopted the budget, subject to approval of the messengers attending the Baptist General Association of Virginia session.

The 1961 proposal compares with \$3,125,000, the sum under which the state Baptist organization operates this year.

The proposed distribution of Cooperative Program receipts is 64-36 per cent. Virginia Baptists will retain \$2,144,000 for their own work and will forward \$1,206,000 to the Southern Baptist Convention for nationwide and worldwide work.

The Virginia board also voted to buy a privately-owned 53-acre camp, to be used by Royal Ambassadors, boys missionary group. Cost is \$30,000.

The state also will enter a co-operative plan for goodwill center work, in which the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board will be partner. The state board set aside \$1,000 from the co-operative mission fund to employ a minister to work among 2,000 deaf persons in Virginia.

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Memphis Seeks Right
To Sponsor College

(10-23-60)

MEMPHIS, Tenn.--(BP)--The Tennessee Baptist Convention will be asked to give the green light for Shelby Baptist Association to sponsor a denominational college here.

The association voted at the annual meeting here to ask the state group for permission to acquire a 150-acre campus site, employ an educational consultant to guide the program, and launch a campaign to raise \$3 million.

Stanley Wilkes, pastor of Memphis' Union Ave. Baptist Church and chairman of the Memphis Baptist college committee, said he would like to get the project underway by 1962. He said existing colleges and universities in the Memphis area cannot take care of the expected student increase by 1964.

Baptist leaders said any such college would likely begin as a branch of Union University of Jackson, Tenn., a convention-owned school.

The subject of a Baptist college at Memphis has been discussed by Shelby Baptists for the last 20 years.

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