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of Kansas City, Mo., secretary. He is vice-president of Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

The association voted to hold its June, 1963 meeting on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. It set a tentative date of June 18 to begin the meeting.

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Associational Program
Of Finances Developed

(7-1-62)

NASHVILLE (BP)--Beginning in January, 1963, the Stewardship Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention will provide a suggested program for associational missionaries who've asked for a tool to help them promote their associational budgets.

It will be entitled, "A Stewardship Development Program for Baptist Associations," according to Merrill D. Moore of Nashville, the agency's executive director. This is an adaptation of the Forward Program of Church Finance, which has been used by churches to promote their budgets.

The Stewardship Commission reported the associational program has been piloted "successfully" in the Cumberland Baptist Association in the Clarksville, Tenn., area, and in the Green Valley Baptist Association around Henderson, Ky.

"This is a packaged approach to promote church budgets, associational finance and the Cooperative Program," Moore said.

"The association can provide a pattern and a challenge for churches in good budget promotion. It should help the churches to teach the Bible plan of stewardship, thus enabling them to carry out the Great Commission locally and around the world."

The commission also announced that, as of the same date, it will have ready for distribution its materials for smaller churches to use in stewardship development. Less detailed than the Forward Program used by larger churches, it eliminates pledging of the budget.

It is designed for the churches taking their first steps in budget promotion. The new program replaces the former "beginner and intermediate" stages which were adaptations of the Forward Program.

The theme, "Sharing Christ with the Whole World," will be used in these 1963 and other stewardship materials. This is in keeping with the world missions emphasis for the year in the Baptist Jubilee Advance.

The associational program was to be presented to associational missionaries at Home Missions Conferences at Glorieta, N. M., and Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assemblies during the summer.

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Swiss Baptists May
Open Door To Women

(7-1-62)

ZURICH (BP)--The Swiss Baptist Union held in Zurich what may be the last of its annual conferences consisting entirely of men as delegates. A suggestion from the Swiss Baptist women's organization, that women be received as delegates when men are not available, was accepted by almost unanimous vote of the assembly.

Reports showed a total membership of 1452 in the 14 Baptist churches of German-speaking Switzerland. This was a slight decline, and the 32 baptisms reported for 1961 was the lowest for any year since 1955.

One new church, that of Baden-Wettingen, was admitted to membership in the Union. Contributions for all church causes totaled over 350,000 in Swiss francs, a considerable increase over previous years. (A franc equals about 23 cents in American currency.)

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In connection with the admission of women as delegates, the Baptist Church of Basel proposed an amendment to the constitution of the Union to remove the word "male" from the statement of requirements for the election of delegates. This motion failed by eight votes of the necessary two-thirds majority. The more moderate resolutions of the women's group was then accepted.

The amendment as adopted is as follows: "A church may send a sister as delegate to the Union Conference in case there is an insufficient number of brethren or in case some delegate who is unable to attend cannot be replaced by another male member of the church."

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Pastor Attending
Conference Robbed

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FORT WORTH (BP)--A San Angelo, Tex., Baptist pastor attending the annual Pastors' Conference at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary was robbed and terrorized here by a gang of teenagers.

R. B. Baker, 33, pastor of the Harris Avenue Baptist Church in San Angelo, said the teenagers held him captive for 2-1/2 hours, threatening his life, robbing him and knocking him to the ground several times.

The youths took everything of value he had, forced him to write more than \$50 in checks, stripped his car of accessories and said they would kill him if he called the police.

They robbed Baker of \$10 in cash, a billfold, a Baylor University class ring, a wedding band and stripped his car of everything including the gas pedal.

Baker had given two teenagers a ride from a bus station at about 10:30 p. m. when the youths took possession of the car. They drove to a public park where six other boys were waiting, and held the minister captive until about 1 a. m.

It was the third incident of similar nature to occur in the botanical gardens, a scenic park in Fort Worth.

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Seminary Pastors' Meeting
Told To Fight Communism

(7-1-62)

FORT WORTH, Tex. (BP)--More than 500 Baptist pastors here were told they must help answer the challenge of communists "who deny the existence of God and denounce religion as stupid, unscientific, idealistic and superstitious."

C. W. Scudder, professor of Christian ethics at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, urged the sixth annual Southwestern Pastors' Conference to expose the insincerity and the falsity of communist claims, and to speak with the boldness and confidence of prophets.

"Neither the United States nor Russia will have the last word--God will," said Clyde Francisco, professor of Old Testament at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

Francisco led a discussion on the Old Testament interpretation of the church during the five-day meeting.

J. T. Allen, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va., said, "If we do not learn to penetrate and communicate, we become fools who are only interested in expressing ourselves. The most communicable stuff in the world is love," he said.

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Next year the pastors' conference will feature discussions on interpretations of the Bible when it meets June 24-28, 1963, announced Jesse Northcutt, dean of Southwestern Seminary's school of theology.

In a special session, minister's wives heard Mrs. John Raley of Shawnee, Okla., say the attributes of success include simplicity, sincerity, sensitivity, and sympathy.

They also heard Mrs. James. E. Coggin of Fort Worth discuss the ministry of the minister's wife.

More than 500 attended the conference, the largest attendance in the meeting's history.