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**Baptist Alliance Chooses  
Stockholm Congress Site**

WOLFVILLE, Nova Scotia (BP)--Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee members from 26 countries meeting here elected two new staff members, advanced plans for a world mission of reconciliation, and chose Stockholm, Sweden, as the place for the next Baptist World Congress.

The 13th Baptist World Congress, expected to attract 10,000 delegates from 70 countries, will meet at Stockholm in July, 1975. The site was chosen by the committee over Dusseldorf, Germany.

The Alliance Executive Committee, meeting for annual session at Acadia University here, voted plans for implementing a World Mission of Reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

The reconciliation effort, emphasizing both evangelism and harmony in human affairs, was endorsed by the 12th Baptist World Congress in Tokyo in July, 1970.

Joseph B. Underwood, consultant in evangelism for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Va., (U.S.A.), was named general chairman to guide the four-year effort culminating in 1975.

Twelve regional chairmen were also named to promote the program among Baptists in their continents.

In another major action, the Executive Committee elected two new associate secretaries on the Baptist World Alliance staff in Washington, D. C.

Carl W. Tiller, an executive in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget for President Richard M. Nixon, was named relief secretary for the Alliance; and Theo Patnaik, a 34-year-old native of India who directs international student work in the San Francisco area for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, was elected youth secretary.

Tiller will succeed Frank H. Woyke next March when Woyke retires. Patnaik will succeed Robert S. Denny, who was named general secretary of the Alliance in 1969.

The Executive Committee approved applications for membership in the Alliance from the Western Congo Baptist Convention and the Baptist Convention of Kenya.

The Alliance is a fellowship of 91 Baptist conventions and unions in 73 countries. Total membership comprises some 27 million of the 31 million Baptists in the world.

V. Carney Hargroves of Philadelphia, president of the Baptist World Alliance, said the Wolfville meeting was one of the most representative gatherings of the Alliance's Executive Committee in its history.

A total of 160 persons participated in meetings of the executive group and five international Baptist study commissions.

In other business, the Executive Committee members trimmed the 1972 budget for the Alliance from \$206,000 to \$194,500, and set a 1973 budget at \$199,500.

In addition, a goal of \$210,000 was set for relief and rehabilitation work. A report showed relief expenditures of \$1,854,000 by constituent Baptist bodies during 1970.

All 160 persons attending the meeting participated in study commissions dealing with subjects of common interest. The commissions study Baptist doctrine, evangelism and missions, Christian teaching and training, religious liberty and human rights, and Cooperative Christianity.

Six young people of college age were invited to participate in all of the sessions. They were Gary Cook of Waco, Tex.; David Waltz of Princeton, N.J.; Gary Wright of Knoxville, Tenn.; David Michael Hamm of Baltimore, Md.; Miss Ida Armstrong of Kingston, Nova Scotia; and Miss Barbara Conzelmon of Philadelphia.

The Executive Committee received a lengthy cable from William R. Tolbert, new president of the Republic of Liberia. Tolbert was president of the Baptist World Alliance from 1965-70 and had planned to attend the Wolfville meeting, but his plans were changed with the sudden death of Liberian President William V. S. Tubman. Tolbert was vice president of Liberia at the time.

The Executive Committee replied to President Tolbert's cable with its own message of prayerful concern for the new chief of state.

In the general secretary's report, Robert S. Denny called attention to the widening role of leadership being taken by Baptists in countries outside of America and Europe where the Alliance had its beginnings.

Twelve vice presidents of the Alliance come from 10 different countries, and the chairmen of the organization's three departments are from three different continents. They are David Wong of Hong Kong, head of the Men's Department; Mrs. R. L. Mathis of Waco, Tex., the Women's Department; and Karl-Heinz Walter of Germany, the Youth Department.

Walter told the committee that the dates previously announced for the Eighth Baptist World Youth Conference probably will be changed from 1973 to 1974, because of a conflict with a meeting of the European Baptist Congress. Walter also stated that there had been difficulties in negotiations for facilities at Squaw Valley, Calif., the announced 1973 site, and another location in the U.S.A. may be required for the conference.

In approving the program for the 1973-75 Baptist World Mission of Reconciliation Through Jesus Christ, the Executive Committee outlined four "practical, redemptive ministries of reconciliation and evangelism endeavors that can help to achieve the ideals of this mission."

They are: (1) spiritual renewal, (2) rediscovery and involvement of the laity, (3) cooperative and diversified evangelistic witnessing, and (4) positive expressions of the love of God through ministries of reconciliation.

BWA President V. Carney Hargroves will serve as honorary chairman of the mission of reconciliation, with Underwood as general chairman.

Twelve regional chairmen were named by the committee. They are: for Europe, Guenter Wieske of Norway; for Asia, Daniel Y. K. Cheung of Hong Kong; for Australia, G. H. Blackburn; for New Zealand, Q. Nees; for Portuguese-speaking South America, David Gomez of Brazil; for Spanish-speaking South America, Samuel Libert of Argentina; for Middle America, Isaac Perez of Panama; for the Caribbean, Allan J. Parkes of Trinidad; for North America, Kenneth L. Chafin of Atlanta and E. V. Hill of Los Angeles (co.-chairmen), for East and Central Africa, Lazarus Green Malunga of Zambia; and for West Africa, Andre Buhika of the Congo.

The BWA Executive Committee meets next at Kingston, Jamaica, July 27-31, 1972.

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Tiller, Patnaik Elected  
To World Alliance Staff

8/6/71

WOLFVILLE, Nova Scotia (BP)--Two new associate secretaries charged with coordinating world relief and youth programs of the Baptist World Alliance were elected here by the Alliance's Executive Committee.

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Carl W. Tiller of Washington, D. C., was named to coordinate Baptist World Alliance disaster relief and rehabilitation.

Theo Patnaik, 34-year-old Baptist youth worker in San Jose, Calif., was elected youth secretary for the Alliance, succeeding Robert S. Denny who became general secretary of the Alliance in September, 1969.

Both will work in the Baptist World Alliance headquarters staff in Washington, D. C.

Tiller, 55, currently is special advisor on budgeting development, U. S. Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of President Richard M. Nixon.

A past president of both the American Baptist Convention and the District of Columbia Baptist Convention, Tiller will also give staff assistance to the Baptist World Alliance study commissions, and to the North American Baptist Fellowship, a regional body.

Tiller will assume the position in March, 1972, succeeding Frank H. Woyke, who is retiring as relief secretary for the Alliance.

Tiller, a deacon and Sunday School teacher, serves on the Executive Committee of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A., and has been western treasurer of the Baptist World Alliance since 1956. Tiller is a layman.

Patnaik, a native of India, will be responsible for Alliance youth work. Currently, he is serving with the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention working with international students in the San Francisco Bay area.

An ordained minister, Patnaik is a graduate of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif. Mrs. Patnaik is a native of Brazil.

He will begin his new duties in Washington some time this fall.

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Parker Elected President  
Of Mary Hardin-Baylor

8/6/71

BELTON, Tex. (BP)--Mary Hardin-Baylor College, organized 26 years ago as the female department of Baylor University, Waco, Tex., has named a new president and completed its trend toward male liberation.

Bobby E. Parker, 46, a vice president of the college since 1969, was elected by the trustees to succeed William G. Tanner, newly elected president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

A week earlier the trustees voted to make Mary Hardin-Baylor completely co-educational and abolish certain restrictions on male students, including those against seeking student offices and applying for certain loans.

Although some non-degree male students have attended classes for a number of years, males were not allowed to earn degrees until 1968. Out of about 700 students attending last year, about 200 were men.

Board Chairman John J. Wilson of Fort Worth said the changes "will allow us to provide equal opportunities for all students attending the college. The time will come probably when there will be men living in dormitories on the campus."

Parker, a native of Wortham, Tex., has served as acting chief administrator since Tanner's resignation, July 1.

Before coming to Mary Hardin-Baylor, he had served as dean of students at Howard Payne College, a Baptist school in Brownwood, Tex., and on the faculty of Baylor University, in Waco, Tex., for more than nine years.

Previous experience includes nine years as a teacher, coach and principal in Texas high schools.

He holds a bachelor of science degree from Sam Houston State College, Huntsville, Tex., and master of science and doctor of education degrees from Baylor University.

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