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**New York City Baptist Body
 Adds Church with Woman Pastor**

NEW YORK (BP)--The Metropolitan New York Baptist Association, comprised of Southern Baptist churches in the New York City area, has received an application for membership by a Negro Baptist church with a woman pastor.

If the association votes next year to accept the church into full membership, it could become the first church with a woman pastor to affiliate with a Southern Baptist Convention association, according to SBC officials.

The church, Christ Temple Baptist Church located at 161-131st Street in New York City, is pastored by Dreucillar Fordham. It is presently affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, and is seeking dual alignment with the SBC.

During the association's annual meeting here, membership applications were also received from Chinese and Ukrainian language churches, and from an American Baptist church also seeking dual alignment with the SBC.

Under procedures of the association, the membership applications were accepted during the annual meeting in October, 1971, and the churches will be considered "in fellowship" during the next year in anticipation of being voted into full membership at the 1972 meeting.

Mrs. Fordham, a widow, has been pastor of Christ Temple since 1953 when the church was founded. She was ordained in 1942 by New Hope Baptist Association in New York City. She also has been active as a gospel singer for 35 years.

Other churches applying for membership were the Trust-in-God Baptist Church, a Chinese-speaking congregation; First Baptist Church of Montclair, N.J., an American Baptist congregation; and the Ukrainian Baptist Chapel, Brooklyn.

In major business actions, the New York association voted to inaugurate worship services at West Point Military Academy through its department of student ministries, and adopted a budget of \$68,120 for 1972, an increase of 10 per cent. Next year the association will meet Oct. 6 in Greenwich, Conn.

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**Sullivan Warns Baptists
 Of Future Church Taxation**

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MILL VALLEY, Calif. (BP)--Calling taxation of churches "inevitable," the executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board told students and faculty members at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary here that the churches might as well get ready to pay taxes.

"Brace yourselves," said James L. Sullivan of Nashville. The time is coming "in the foreseeable future" when churches will have to pay taxes.

Sullivan added that along with taxation, churches will face in the near future the trauma of urbanization and a stripping away of traditional worship and methods, unless they plan "for the foreseeable future."

He predicted that churches will be compacted among business and will have to be built several stories tall, instead of the traditional building of a church plant at ground level.

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Taxation and urbanization will be just two manifestations of a rapidly changing, heavily populated and complex U.S.A., Sullivan said.

The day will come when there will be one long city from Seattle, Wash., to San Diego, Calif., he continued. This pattern of urbanization will be repeated throughout major portions of the United States, Sullivan added.

Population increases, changes in industry and segmentation among age groups will contribute greatly to the need for churches to change or be left behind the rest of society. The changes must come about in terms of methods of presenting the gospel, scheduling times of worship to meet the needs and working schedules of the community, he said.

The one concept of Southern Baptist life that must remain the same is that "while the churches are geared to the times, they will have to stay anchored to the 'Rock, Jesus Christ,'" Sullivan said.

Sullivan was the first of eight professional men and theologians to speak in the 1971-72 academic year Lecture-Dialogue series at Golden Gate Seminary.

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Erwin McDonald, Arkansas
Editor, Plans Retirement

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LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP)--Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine for the past 15 years, has announced his retirement effective March 1, 1972.

McDonald, who will be 65 on Oct. 31, 1972, said he was taking early retirement "not to quit, but to shift gears." He said he was considering several part-time assignments giving more time for travel, creative writing, preaching, and "a little fishing."

A native of Arkansas, McDonald is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, Ark., and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He received an honorary doctorate from Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., in 1958.

Before becoming editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, McDonald was coordinator of Kentucky Baptist schools and colleges. Previously, he was public relations director for Southern Seminary in Louisville and Furman University, Greenville, S.C.

He also has been city editor of the Daily Courier-Democrat in Russellville, Ark., his hometown, and editor of the Southern Standard, Arkadelphia.

Active in denominational life, he was president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Association. He has also been a trustee for Southern Seminary, a board member of the Economic Opportunity Agency of Pulaski County, a member of the advisory committee of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, and a director of the Associated Church Press.

McDonald acknowledges he is "creator and sustainer" of Clabe Hankins, "an Arkansas backwoods philosopher" who writes a column for the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, but he has never acknowledged publicly that he "is" Clabe Hankins.

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Retired Foreign Missionary
Underwrites Student Loan Fund

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LOUISVILLE (BP)--A veteran of 36 years on the foreign mission field has given Southern Baptist Theological Seminary \$1,000 to underwrite a student loan fund.

Earl Parker of Lineville, Ala., a 1922 graduate of the seminary, served in China for nearly 20 years. He also was a missionary in Korea and the Philippines before retirement in 1958.

President of the seminary, Duke K. McCall, responding to the gift, expressed the hope that "in the providence of God, one of (the students who benefit from the loan fund) will replace you in China at some future date."

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