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CANADA SUCCESS PROVES CHURCH FINANCE VALUE

By the Baptist Press

A church in the eastern Canadian province of New Brunswick reported pledges recently of almost \$20,000 toward its annual budget--an oversubscription of \$1500.

For Sussex Baptist Church, a 400-member church in Sussex, New Brunswick, the pledged amount was almost twice its last annual budget of \$10,800.

As significant as the church's nearly doubling its budget was the success it demonstrated in materials being prepared for Southern Baptists' enlarged program of church finance.

The "enlarge the budget campaign" in Sussex church was co-directed, at long distance, by Robert J. Hastings, assistant to Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion for the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, Nashville.

Without ever meeting Sussex Pastor Harry A. Renfree, any of the church leaders, or visiting the church, Hastings aided the church in surpassing its budget goal.

The Sussex church requested the assistance. Although unable to make a personal appearance, Moore and Hastings saw an opportunity to aid the church and at the same time to test the workability of materials they have been preparing for Southern Baptist church finance programs.

"It was a demonstration of the future usefulness of the Southern Baptist program of church finance, which is largely a self-help program," Moore declared.

Provided with stewardship posters, tracts, and Sunday school lessons--plus a schedule for the five-week "enlarge the budget campaign"---local church workers in Sussex carried out the drive.

Pastor Renfree reported increased church attendance because of the drive. Over 400 persons, a record for the 85-year-old church, attended the church's loyalty dinner.

Forty canvassing teams received pledges in homes, with the campaign being climaxed at a victory service on Sunday night, Mar. 25.

Moore pointed out that direct aid from the Executive Committee to the Sussex church was an exception granted in this case. It was granted because of the special request from the Canadian Baptists and because of the opportunity to test church finance materials.

The plan within the Southern Baptist Convention itself is for the Executive Committee to develop and supply only the materials. State convention denominational workers will make the contacts with individual churches.

The church finance materials will be presented in tentative form to state executive secretaries in Nashville for a church finance clinic in June. These tentative materials will be used this Fall in a limited number of pilot test churches under direction of the state secretaries, according to Moore.

The materials will be for presentation in conferences and clinics in the states, under leadership of the state secretaries, in the Spring of 1957 following the pilot programs. The materials will be for general use in all churches in the Fall of 1957.

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RUSSIAN BAPTISTS SEND THEIR EASTER GREETINGS

WASHINGTON--(BP)--Russian Baptists have exchanged Easter greetings with Baptists throughout the world.

Their leaders sent a telegram to the Baptist World Alliance office here. The Alliance is a fellowship of the 21 million Baptists in various countries of the world.

Theodore F. Adams, pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Va., and Alliance president, promptly responded with greetings to the Russian Baptists.

The text of the greeting from Russia:

"The Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists heartily greets you and all the Baptists throughout the world on the happiest feat of the Christian church, the feat of Christ's resurrection. May Christians all over the world experience the power of Christ's resurrection and may Christ's peace abide in every man's heart, in every family, and among all mankind."

The BWA president's reply:

"Thank you for your Easter greeting. May the peace of this glorious day and the power of the living Christ abide in all your hearts and in all your churches."

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JACKSONVILLE HOSPITAL GETS FOUNDATION GIFT

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.--(BP)--The Ford Foundation, in line with its grants to thousands of American hospitals last December, has announced that Baptist Memorial Hospital here is eligible to receive \$65,400.

The Jacksonville hospital, Southern Baptists' newest hospital, is the 34th Southern Baptist hospital to be favored with a Ford grant.

Total Ford grants to the denomination's hospitals surpass \$3½ million.

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**BAPTIST PICTURES VARY
IN TWO KANSAS CITIES**

By the Baptist Press

Baptist work in the sister cities of Kansas City, Mo., and Kansas City, Kans., started before the Civil War, although the origin of Southern Baptist Convention work came later on.

The United Baptist Church of Kansas City, Mo., was organized in 1855. In 1883, W. T. Campbell, acting city missionary, began SBC work in the Missouri city.

Southern Baptist work, as such, originated in Kansas City, Kans., in 1950 when the Berean Baptist Church was organized.

The Missouri city being the larger of the two, Southern Baptists naturally have more churches and more members there. There is a difference, too, in the Baptist picture in the two cities.

Although back-to-back in business and residential areas, one is more characteristically American Baptist Convention and the other more characteristically Southern Convention.

In Kansas City, Mo., where there are 61 churches and missions, only two churches are dually-affiliated, that is, with ties both to American and Southern Baptist Conventions. There is only one strictly American Convention church.

In this larger city, there are 33,280 Baptists and 30,506 of them may be considered Southern Baptists.

Scene Next Door

The scene is different next door. There are a dozen Southern Baptist churches in the Kansas metropolis. There are 41 American Convention churches, and no churches with dual ties.

Membership of the SBC churches is 2172 of the total Baptist membership of 13,958 in Kansas City, Kans.

Southern Baptist Convention visitors to the two Kansas Cities may be interested in seeing Baptist-owned properties.

The Baptist Building in Kansas City, Mo., is at 1017 Grand Ave., in walking distance of the Municipal Auditorium, where the Convention meets. William Jewell College, Southern Baptist institution, is just north of Kansas City in Liberty, Mo.

There is a branch of the Missouri Baptist Children's Home and Missouri Southern Baptists last Fall progressed with plans for a Baptist hospital in Kansas City. The state Woman's Missionary Union is developing a camp site.

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Central Baptist Seminary, ABC affiliate although having a large number of Southern Convention students, is in Kansas City, Kans. The American Convention also has a neighborhood center in the Bethel area of that city.

The Southern Convention also carries on a Baptist Student Union program in Kansas City, Mo.

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ALLIANCE OFFICERS PLAN
ROUND-THE-WORLD TRAVEL

RICHMOND--(BP)--Baptist World Alliance President Theodore F. Adams and Bob Denny, associate Alliance secretary for youth work, have announced plans for a round-the-world trip this summer.

Adams, pastor of Richmond's First Baptist Church, and Denny, of Washington, D. C., will leave about July 24.

They plan stops in Spain, Italy, Greece, Palestine, India, Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Philippines, Hong Kong, Formosa, Japan, Korea, and Hawaii.

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EUROPEAN CONFERENCE
FOR STUDENTS PLANNED

WASHINGTON--(BP)--A European Baptist student conference will meet July 24-Aug. 1 at Ruschlikon, Switzerland, site of the European Baptist Seminary.

Bob Denny, associate secretary for youth at the Baptist World Alliance office here, says that up to 20 Baptist students from the United States may attend. They will have to go on a "pay-their-own-way" basis.

Purpose of this conference is for mutual inspiration and fellowship among Baptist students from many countries. Joel Sorenson, of Stockholm, Sweden, and a BWA youth leader, will be conference chairman.

Interested American students should contact Denny at once at the Alliance office, 1628 Sixteenth St. N. W.

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.....Miss Betty Mitchell, associate editor for the Baptist Beacon, Arizona state Baptist paper, has been named interim editor while Editor Barry Garrett serves as interim executive secretary of the Arizona convention.

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.....Thomas E. Cuttino, assistant pastor of Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Ala., assumed pastorate of First Baptist Church, Quincy, Fla., Apr. 1.

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SEMINARY CHANGE---Ralph W. Riley will resign as president of American Baptist (Negro) Seminary, Nashville, on June 1 after a dozen years in that position. He will be succeeded by Victor T. Glass, professor and dean at the seminary, who will have the title of acting president. Glass is the first white person to head the institution, affiliated with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., (Negro) and the Southern Baptist Convention.--Baptist Press