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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Annual Meeting

June 7-8, 1981

Los Angeles Convention Center

Petree Room

Los Angeles, Calif.

THEME: "Watch"

Music Director: Jon Enloe, Salt Lake City, Utah

Pianist: Ron Cockrill, Franklin, Va.

Sunday Afternoon, June 7, 5:00

Special Music: Children's Choir, Mandarin Baptist Church, Samuel Lin, director, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bible Study: Francis M. DuBose, professor of missions, Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Prayertime: Cherry Y. K. Chang, Asian worker, Language Missions Department, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, serving in Los Angeles

Los Angeles in Multi-Media: Introduced by Stanley O. White, director of missions, Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association

Special Music: Youth Chorus, First Filipino Baptist Church, Leon Ison, minister of music, Los Angeles, Calif.

Introduction of Acteens National Advisory Panel:

- Pamela Link, Jefferson City, Mo.
- Michele Cherry, Washington, N.C.
- Janet Sheryl Harris, Cary, N.C.
- Rebecca Hughes, Green River, Wyo.
- Marsha Herrod, Eupora, Miss.
- Allison Leigh Griffin, Pensacola, Fla.

Missions Dialogue: "It Is Happening Now in Women's Work," Judy Rice, executive director, Alaska Woman's Missionary Union, Anchorage, Alaska; Barbara Epperson, missionary, Ibadan, Nigeria

Sunday Afternoon, June 7, continued

Solo: Holly Jeanne Mercadante, San Bernardino, Calif.

Message: "A New Day," Charles Bryan, vice president, office of overseas operations, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Benediction: Beverly Goss, executive director, Arizona Woman's Missionary Union, Phoenix, Ariz.

Monday Morning, June 8, 9:45

Special Music: Choir, New Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Lonnie Dawson, pastor, Los Angeles, Calif.

Bible Study: Francis M. DuBose

Prayer: Augustine Salazar, director, Migrant Ministries, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno

Business: Election of Officers

Missions Feature: "Watch, It's Happening in California," Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church, William H. Smith, pastor; Japanese Mission of Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Nobuo Kuriyama, pastor; Mandarin Baptist Church, Henry Mu, pastor; Vietnamese Mission of Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Nga Nguyen, pastor—San Francisco, Calif.

Solo: "Missionary Medley," Flota D. Jordan, Norwalk, Calif.

Message: "You Can See It Now in Indonesia," Catherine Walker, former missionary to Indonesia, serving now at the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Benediction: Dixie Hunke, executive director, California Woman's Missionary Union, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno

Monday Afternoon, June 8, 2:00

Special Music: Choir, Berendo Street Baptist Church, Don M. Kim, pastor, Los Angeles, Calif.

Prayer: Sara Wisdom, executive director, Northwest Woman's Missionary Union, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Ore.

Report of WMU Executive Director: Carolyn Weatherford, Woman's Missionary Union, SBC, Birmingham, Ala.

Solo: Marva Simmons, Compton, Calif.

Symposium: "Watch, It's Happening in California," Lonnie Chavez, director, Language Missions Department, Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno; Khalil (Charlie) Hanna, Arabic worker, Santa Anna, Calif.; Theo Patnaik, Internationals, Clovis, Calif.

Benediction: Betty Lynn Cadle, executive director, Maryland Woman's Missionary Union, Baltimore, Md.

Monday Evening, June 8, 7:00

Prayer: Joy Fenner, executive director, Texas Woman's Missionary Union, Dallas

Message: "You Can See It Now in Peru," Steve and Shirley Ditmore, missionaries, Lima, Peru

Testimony: "Watch, It's Happening in California," Petru Popovici, pastor, Bellflower
Romanian Baptist Church, Bellflower, Calif.

Message: "You Can See It Now in Tanzania," David and Betty Ann Whitson, missionaries,
Bukoba, Tanzania

Gavel Presentation

Benediction

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'Watch' Is Theme
For WMU Meeting

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LOS ANGELES (BP)—Southern Baptist missions work in the nation's most populous state—California—will be featured at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Woman's Missionary Union, June 7-8, in the Petree Room of the Los Angeles Convention Center.

The meeting also will feature the election of two national officers, a president to succeed Mrs. A. Harrison Gregory of Danville, Va., and a recording secretary to succeed Mrs. William Ellis of Shelbyville, Ky. Both women will complete their sixth year in office.

"Watch" is the theme for the national meeting of the 1.1 million member auxiliary to the SBC.

The opening session, at 5 p.m., June 7, will feature a keynote address by Charles Bryan, vice president of overseas operations at the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Others on the Sunday program will be Stanley O. White, director of missions with the Los Angeles Southern Baptist Association, Cherry Y. K. Chang, Asian church worker for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California; and Francis M. Dubose, professor of missions at Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Special music will be performed by the Children's Choir of the Mandarin Baptist Church, Los Angeles; the Youth Chorus for the First Filipino Baptist Church, Los Angeles; and Holly Jeanne Mercadante, San Bernadino, Calif.

The WMU annual meeting will include three sessions on Monday, June 8.

The morning session at 9:45 will focus on Southern Baptist work among Asians in San Francisco. Keynoting the session will be ministers from Nineteenth Avenue Baptist Church in San Francisco: William H. Smith, pastor; Nobuo Kuriyama, pastor, Japanese mission; Henry Mu, pastor, Mandarin Baptist Church; and Nga Nguyen, pastor of the Vietnamese mission.

Also featured during the morning service will be Catherine Walker, foreign missionary to Indonesia, now special assistant to the president of the Foreign Mission Board; and Judy Rice, executive director of the Alaska WMU.

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Special music will be performed by the New Mount Calvary Baptist Church choir of Los Angeles and by soloist Flota D. Jordan, Norwalk, Calif.

The afternoon session at 2 p.m. will highlight Southern Baptist work among California ethnic people. Speakers include Lonnie Chavez, director of the language missions department of the Southern Baptist General Convention of California, Fresno; Khalil (Charlie) Hanna, who works with Arabic-speaking people in Santa Anna; and Theo Patnaik, who works with internationals in Clovis.

Also during the afternoon session, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director of the WMU, will report on the work of the WMU executive board.

Special music will be performed by the Church Choir of Berendo Street Baptist Church in Los Angeles, and soloist Marva Simmons of Compton, Calif.

The closing session at 7 p.m., Monday, will feature the presentation of the new national president and recording secretary.

Speaking during the evening session will be Petru Popovici, pastor of Bellflower Romanian Baptist Church, Bellflower, Calif.; Steve and Shirley Ditmore, Southern Baptist missionaries to Peru; and David and Betty Ann Whitson, Southern Baptist missionaries to Tanzania.

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SBC Will Lose Diversity
Unless Materials Printed

By Everett Hullum

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HOUSTON (BP)—Southern Baptists will lose their growing ethnic diversity unless materials are created to meet the needs of ethnic congregations, language missions leader Oscar Romo says.

Speaking to the 24th annual Language Missions Conference, Romo, director of language missions for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, challenged the denomination to begin a "language materials consortium" to produce and distribute literature to language congregations.

Emphasizing the growth of ethnic congregations, Romo said more than 1,300 language/culture churches have joined the SBC in the past five years. Korean congregations have grown from two units to 175 in nine years and 40 Laotian groups have formed since 1975; despite widespread prejudice against Arabs as a result of the Iranian hostage crisis and U.S. energy problems, he said 23 Arabic units began in 1980.

Romo said statistics prove the need for specialized language materials will increase. He added that more than 90 million Americans now classify themselves as ethnics affiliated with one of the 200 different ethnic groups recognized in the United States. Unstable world conditions and a steady influx of immigrant/refugees daily expands the number of ethnic persons in the United States.

"We must recognize the global dimensions of our witness," Romo urged. "Evangelization cannot be confused with Americanization, as it has been so much in the past. We have only one message, but it must be delivered with multicultural dimensions."

Romo said materials currently are limited to only a few languages. He said Sunday School materials are available in Spanish, but pointed to recent plans to produce literature in Korean and Vietnamese.

He also cited a decision by the Woman's Missionary Union to produce a four-language pamphlet on the Cooperative Program for distribution to language/culture churches.

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Romo also challenged the Southern Baptist Convention to make room for "ethnic fellowships." A number of these groups of congregations have formed in the past few years, because of what he called "insensitivity" by local churches and associations to the needs of ethnic congregations.

Romo charged many SBC associations are not "culturally sensitive and linguistically capable of meeting the needs of all churches." He encouraged SBC associations to extend operations beyond the standard "8 to 5, Monday through Friday, so that ethnic pastors, many of whom are bivocational, could be encouraged to participate."

Failure to actively involve ethnics, Romo said, hurts both the association and ethnics. He pointed to increased giving to SBC offerings by ethnics, but noted the relatively small amounts contributed to the Cooperative Program evidences ethnic churches "were not involved in Southern Baptist life in a meaningful way."

Romo told participants at least three nations are considering sending language missionaries to the United States. Already a Korean couple, assigned by the Korean Baptist Convention, is serving in American Samoa alongside home missionary Ray Viliamu. Brazil and Portugal Baptists are discussing sending missionaries to the United States to work with Portuguese-speaking people here.

Baptists around the world are awakening to the global dimensions of missions in America," Romo said, adding that if Southern Baptists respond as they are capable, "global Americans who have had an experience with Jesus Christ could influence the world."

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(Hullum is managing editor of MissionsUSA, publication of the Home Mission Board.)

Corder Receives
Language Award

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HOUSTON (BP)—Loyd Corder, recently retired from the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board after 42 years in missions, has been given the 1980 Missions-in-Context award.

The Missions-in-Context award is given each year by the HMB language missions division to a person who has made significant contributions to the advancement of work among language/culture people in the United States.

"Loyd Corder laid the foundation for modern Southern Baptist language missions," said Oscar Romo, HMB director of language missions.

Corder began his career as a Spanish-speaking missionary in Texas in the 1940s. He also was superintendent of city missions to Houston and superintendent of Spanish missions in the Southwest before coming to the HMB in 1950 to become secretary of direct missions. During his tenure with the board, he was secretary of language missions, associate director of the missions division, director of the association missions division and special assistant to the director of the missions section.

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