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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Annual Meeting

June 12-13, 1983

National Prayer Conference, June 11, 1983
Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel and Stanley Theatre
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

THEME: "Building Bridges"

National Prayer Conference

Saturday Morning, June 11, 1983, Pittsburgh Hilton Grand Ballroom

"Building Bridges Through Unity"

- 10:00--Why WMU Prays, Dorothy E. Sample, WMU, SBC president
--Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks, author, Richmond, VA
--Music for Meditation, Randall Atcheson, concert artist and minister of music, Greenwich, CT
--Why We Pray for Unity, Carolyn Weatherford, executive director, WMU, Birmingham, AL
--Testimony, Vanita Baldwin, executive director of Florida WMU, Jacksonville, FL
--Prayer for the SBC, Helen Allan, executive director of Ohio WMU, Columbus, OH

10:45--Break

"Building Bridges Through Giving"

- 11:00--Music, Ellen Roweton, cellist, Bolivar, MO, and Randall Atcheson
--Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks
--Coming Events, June Whitlow, associate executive director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, AL
--Why We Pray About Money, Christine Gregory, president of Baptist General Association of Virginia, former president of WMU, SBC, Danville VA
--Special Music, Ellen Roweton
--Prayer About Missions Finances, Maxine Bumgarner, executive director of West Virginia WMU, St. Albans, WV

12:00--Luncheon (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)

- Food and Feedback, Beverly Sutton, field services director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, AL

"Building Bridges Through Mission Action"

- 1:00--Music, Major McDaniel, music missionary, Korea, and Randall Atcheson
--Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks
--Coming Events, Bobbie Sorrill, associate executive director, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, AL
--Ruth Miller, author
--Why We Pray About Ministry and Witness, Lillian Isaacs, home missionary and literacy trainer, Tallahassee, FL
--Testimony, Grady Cox, president, WMU of Pennsylvania-South Jersey, Bensalem, PA
--Prayer About Mission Action, Nona Bickerstaff, executive director of WMU of New York, Syracuse, NY

1:45--Break

"Building Bridges Through New Work"

- 2:00--Music, Ellen Roweton and Randall Atcheson
--Intercession for Missions, Helen J. Parks
--Coming Events, Evelyn Blount, director of WMU National Enlargement Plan, Birmingham, AL
--Why We Pray About New Work, Helen Fling, promotion associate for new areas, WMU, SBC, Birmingham, AL
--Special music, Ruth and Richard Piscopo, Ronkonkoma, NY
--Prayer for New Work, Joyce Mitchell, executive director of Michigan WMU, Southfield, MI

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2:45--Summary, Dorothy E. Sample

(Note: Foreign and home missionaries appearing on the WMU program will be featured participants in the Prayer Conference.)

Sunday, June 12, 1983, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Worship Internationale

10:30--Music for meditation, Randall Atcheson

--Call to worship, Dorothy E. Sample

--Music, Major McDaniel

--Scripture and Prayer, June Totten, executive director of the Women's Department of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D.C.

--Congregational music and special music, Randall Atcheson

--Bridges Binding the Baptist World, Gerhard Claas, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, Washington, D.C.

First General Session, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom

Theme: "The Bridge of New Work"

2:00--Building Bridges, Peggy Masters, WMU director, Pennsylvania-South Jersey

--Bridge Builders of Pittsburgh, Cheryl Steele, WMU director of Pittsburgh Association; Paul Baxter, Pittsburgh Penguins hockey star; Hollis Half, chaplain of the Pittsburgh Steelers; James Cravens, director of missions for Greater Pittsburgh Baptist Association; Ann Cravens, former president of Pennsylvania-South Jersey WMU

--Featuring the Slavjane Ensemble, ethnic musicians of Eastern European descent

--Congregational music

--Prayer, Samuel Simpson, missionary, HMB's Church Extension Division and Baptist Convention of New York

--Building the Bridge of New Work, Grady Cox, president of Pennsylvania-South Jersey WMU and school teacher, Bensalem, PA

--Special music, Ellen Roweton

--Spanning the Century--Brazilian Baptist Centennial, Charlotte Vaughan, National Children's Leader, Brazil WMU, Rio de Janeiro

--Congregational hymn

--Processional of church planter apprentices, Randall Atcheson

Commissioning Service

--Message from HMB, Margrette Stevenson, personnel division director, HMB, Atlanta, GA

--The church planter apprentice program, David Benham, associate director and administrative assistant, HMB, Atlanta, GA

--Introduction of Missionaries

--Presentation of certificates, Irvin Dawson, missionary personnel department director, HMB, Atlanta, GA

--Testimonies by missionaries, to be announced

--Music

--Charge to missionaries and to mission supporters, Jack Redford, church extension division director, HMB, Atlanta, GA

--Prayer of dedication, Betty Gilreath

--Reflections from Lottie Moon--Meditating on Today with Wisdom of Yesterday, monologue by Sheila Bailey, actress in "Journey Home"

4:30--Adjournment

6:00--Banquet for associational WMU directors, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.) For current and incoming associational WMU directors only.

--Speaker, James V. Hamblen, associate director, association missions division, HMB, Atlanta, GA

7:30--Conference on Baptist Women Mission Projects, Pittsburgh Hilton, Grand ballroom

--Featuring state Baptist women directors. (Advance ticket purchase necessary for dessert fellowship which follows conference.)

Monday, June 13, 1983

7:00--Breakfast for WMU, SBC executive board members, Pittsburgh Hilton, King's Garden North (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)

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Second General Session, Pittsburgh Hilton Hot 1, Grand Ballroom
Theme: "The Bridge of Giving"

- 9:30--Building Bridges, Yvonne Parker, Zambia
 --Congregational music
 --Prayer, Betty Smith, Israel
 --Financial pillars in missions, Panel interview featuring Robert T. Banks Jr., associate to the president, HMB; Carl Johnson, vice president, office of finance, FMB; James L. Powell Jr., director, Cooperative Program promotion, Stewardship Commission
 --Special music, Major McDaniel
 --Address: Building on the Foundations of Baptist Cooperation, James H. Currin, executive director for Baptist General Association of New England, Northboro, MA
 --Musical Drama: World Premier of "A Call to My People," commissioned for dedication, Luther Rice Homesite, Northborough, MA. Written by Bob and Esther Burroughs, performed by Eastside Baptist Church adult choir and orchestra, Marietta, GA, conducted by Billy Jack Green
 --Congregational music
 --Business, election of officers
 --Special music, Ruth and Richard Piscopo
 --Laborers Building Together, executive director's report and address, Carolyn Weatherford
 --Reflections from Lottie Moon-Meditating on Today with the Wisdom of Yesterday, Sheila Bailey
- 11:30--Adjournment

Third General Session, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Grand Ballroom
Theme: "The Bridge of Mission Action"

- 2:00--Building Bridges, Betty Smith, Israel
 --Prayer, Rosalie Hunt, Hong Kong
 --Bridges to The New Poor, Paul R. Adkins, director, Christian social ministries department, HMB, Atlanta, GA
 --Bridges into Burned-Out Bronx, Samuel Simpson, missionary of church extension division, HMB and Baptist Convention of New York, NY
 --Bridges into Inner-city Philadelphia, Gaynor Yancey, director of Christian social ministries, Philadelphia, PA
 --Special music, Ellen Roweton
 --The 25th Anniversary of Literacy Missions in the SBC, M. Wendell Belew, director of missions ministries division, HMB; Mildred Blankenship, assistant director of Christian social ministries department, HMB; Lillian Isaacs, literacy missions field missionary, HMB, Bea Cagle, associational WMU director and literacy teacher, Traveler's Rest, SC
 --Introducing "The Mission Action Book," Ruth Miller, author, Marietta, GA
 --Special music and congregational music, Major McDaniel
 --Meeting Human Need in the Philippines, Harold Watson, missionary, Davao City, Philippines
 --Reflections from Lottie Moon-Meditating on Today with the Wisdom of Yesterday, Sheila Bailey
- 4:15--Adjournment
- 4:30--Acteen Riverboat Dinner, Station Square at Carson and Smithfield Streets. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.) Featuring missionaries and National Acteens Panelists
- 5:30--Banquet for church WMU directors, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, Ballrooms 1 and 2. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)
- 5:30--Baptist Young Women Annual Get-Together Banquet, Pittsburgh Hilton Hotel, King's Garden North and South/Le Bateau. (Advance ticket purchase necessary.)

Fourth General Session, Stanley Theater. (Free tickets distributed by state and national WMU offices.)

Theme: "The Bridge of Unity"

- 7:30--Building Bridges, Christine Gregory
 --Congregational music
 --Prayer, David Parker, Zambia

- Introducing "Holding the Ropes," Helen J. Parks, author, Richmond, VA
- Met the missionaries, introductions of foreign missionaries
- Presenting Acteens
- Why We Want Unity, president's address, Dorothy E. Sample
- Special music, Yoido Women's Choir, Korea
- Prayer, Dorothy Neal, president of Women's Department, Baptist World Alliance, Toronto, Canada
- The Faith that Overcomes, Gerhard Class
- Special music, Randall Atcheson
- The China Legacy--Bridging Time, Carter Morgan, foreign missionary, Hong Kong and Philippines
- China Today--Bridging the Great Wall, Bob and Rosalie Hunt, foreign missionaries, Hong Kong
- Introduction of "Journey Home," William R. O'Brien, executive vice-president of office of administration, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, VA
- Reflections from Lottie Moon, Sheila Bailey
- World Premier of "Journey Home," Color film on the life of Lottie Moon, produced by FMB

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WMU Announces 1983
 Annual Meeting Plans

By Carol Sisson

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (BP)--"Building Bridges" will be the theme for the 1983 Woman's Missionary Union national annual meeting June 12-13 in Pittsburgh, Pa., the city which boasts more bridges than any other in the country.

The meeting of the auxiliary at the Pittsburgh Hilton is one of the meetings prior to the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14-16 at the Pittsburgh Civic Arena.

"The theme is what the Southern Baptist Convention needs to remember today," said Carolyn Weatherford, WMU, SBC executive director, adding, "Baptist women can build bridges to make a strong network for missions."

Promoting unity among Southern Baptists around the call of missions will be a major meeting thrust.

The annual meeting general session will begin at 2 p.m. Sunday and continue through Monday morning, afternoon and evening with the concept of bridge building dominating all activities.

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A major addition to the regular format will be WMU's first national prayer conference from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. It is designed for the WMU Executive Board, leaders in state and associational WMU work and women in a five-state driving area of Pittsburgh. Helen Jean Parks, wife of Foreign Mission Board President R. Keith Parks and author of "Holding The Ropes," will be a featured speaker.

Sunday's annual meeting session will feature a special commissioning service for two dozen Home Mission Board church planter apprentices. "This unique service will allow us to feature congregationalizing as a way of building bridges," Weatherford said.

"Journey Home," the premier showing of a new Foreign Mission Board movie about the life of Lottie Moon, will be shown at the Monday evening general session, held in the Stanley Theater.

On Monday, WMU will host another world premier, "A Call To My People," a musical drama commissioned by the Home Mission Board for the dedication of the Luther Rice Homesite and written by Bob and Esther Burroughs. It will be performed in the morning session by Eastside Baptist Church choir and orchestra from Marietta, Ga.

To accommodate convention goers who cannot get to a Southern Baptist church, WMU will host an international Sunday worship service at 10:30 a.m. featuring Baptist World Alliance leaders Gerhard Claas, general secretary, and June Totten, executive director of the Women's Department.

WMU will help celebrate the Brazilian Baptist centennial with an appearance in Sunday's session of Charlotte Vaughan, national children's leader, Brazil WMU, Rio de Janeiro.

WMU will sponsor seven meal events, including an Acteen Riverboat dinner and a banquet for associational WMU directors. Advance ticket purchase is necessary for all meal events through: WMU Meal Tickets, P.O. Box C-10, Birmingham, Ala. 35283-0010.

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Teacher Fired For Leading
Class Worship Loses Appeal

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WASHINGTON (BP)--A public school teacher who lost his job for conducting devotional exercises in the classroom lost his final legal appeal when the U.S. Supreme Court declined to review lower rulings upholding his dismissal.

Lloyd Fink, a tenured elementary school teacher in the Warren County School District in northwestern Pennsylvania, was warned by the acting superintendent of schools to stop his practice of reciting the Lord's Prayer and reading devotionally from the Bible twice each school day. He altered the practice by saying extemporaneous prayers and by reading from a Bible story book, once daily, a change his attorney said was "an attempt to reach an acceptable accommodation, but without giving up his rights completely."

When he insisted on continuing the activities, he was fired. Both the state secretary of education and a state court upheld the dismissal and the Pennsylvania Supreme Court refused an appeal to review the case.

By its similar action, the nation's high court let stand the lower rulings against Fink.

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