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WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION
AUXILIARY TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
ANNUAL SESSION
MAY 26-28, 1957
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS
MEDINAH TEMPLE

Music Director. C. A. Holcomb
Soloist Adele Norman Siske
Organist. James McCain
Pianist Elizabeth Gill White
Reader. Betty Deen Stull

Sunday Night, May 26, 1957

7:30 Worship
 Memorial Service - Mrs. John L. Slaughter
 Sermon - C. Oscar Johnson

Monday Morning, May 27, 1957

9:30 Worship
 Organization
 Recognition of Hostess Committees - Mrs. Paul Hays
 Report of Treasurer - La Venia Neal
 Report of Committee on Revision of By-Laws - Almarine Brown
 The Bible Speaks Today - Eugene A. Nida

Monday Afternoon, May 27, 1957

2:00 Worship
 World Missions -- In Foreign Lands
 Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions
 "For God So Loved" - Mrs. D. C. Bomar
 The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering at Work
 In Brazil - Dorine Hawkins
 In Europe - J. D. Hughey
 In the Near East - Finlay Graham
 World Missions and Woman's Missionary Union - Baker James Cauthen

Monday Night, May 27, 1957

8:00 Worship
 Young Woman's Auxiliary Fiftieth Anniversary Pageant
 "Challenge and Response", written and directed by Ramsey Yelvington

Tuesday Morning, May 28, 1957

9:30 Worship
 World Missions -- and You
 In Woman's Missionary Union
 Alma Hunt
 Mrs. William McMurry
 Margaret Bruce
 Doris DeVault
 Betty Brewer
 Elsie Rives

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Building Christian Homes
In America - Mrs. Howard E. Butt, Jr.
In Nigeria - Josephine Skaggs
12:00 Carver School of Missions and Social Work Fiftieth Anniversary Luncheon
(To be held in Medinah Temple, tickets available from all state W.M.U.
officers, price \$2.50)

Tuesday Afternoon, May 28, 1957

2:00 Worship
Election of Officers
World Missions -- in the Homeland
Week of Prayer for Home Missions
"Faith Working Through Love" -- Edwina Robinson
The Annie Armstrong Offering at Work
Among the Indians - Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Branch
On the New Orleans Riverfront - Amelia Rappold
World Missions and Woman's Missionary Union - Courts Redford

Tuesday Evening, May 28, 1957

6:45 Following the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention and the President's
address there will be a joint session with Woman's Missionary Union. The pro-
gram will be presented by Woman's Missionary Union and the Foreign Mission Board
as follows:

Theme: "Into All The World" - Mark 16:15
Report of Foreign Mission Board - Baker James Cauthen
Love Extended Into All the World - The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
-- a dramatic presentation
Message - George W. Sadler
God's Grace Reaches Into All the World
Josephine Skaggs
Ronald Hill
James D. Crane
Solo - Adele Norman Siske
We Follow Our Lord - Presentation of appointees
Christ Calls Us Now - J. Howard Williams
Closing Meditation.

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PRESENT OPPORTUNITIES IN FOREIGN MISSIONS
By Baker J. Cauthen
Executive Secretary, SBC Foreign Mission Board

(Editors Note: For Southern Baptists, 1957 is being emphasized as World Missions Year. In response to a request from Baptist Press, Baker James Cauthen has written the following article, showing the opportunities that are open on foreign fields in connection with the special world missions emphasis.)

Opportunity is found wherever there are people. The basic strategy of world missions is to go into all the world. Sometimes difficult places become the most fruitful as God's servants pay the price of Christian witness.

At times special opportunities are found due to prevailing circumstances. In Japan, for instance, the door for Christian service remains open throughout the entire length of the land. Even though the post-war curiosity concerning America has subsided, the gospel of Christ can be preached freely.

In Korea the terrible suffering of the war caused many people to realize their spiritual needs. The response in Korea has been most encouraging, and ministries of relief and medical service have helped many people to understand more about Christian love.

In Formosa there is an opportunity unlike anything prevailing elsewhere. Many of the people in Formosa represent the leadership of Free China. They have been made more aware of spiritual needs than ever before. Numbers of Christians with strong personal influence are found, and a remarkable interest in the gospel of Christ prevails.

Indonesia, having newly gained her independence, feels the need of spiritual help. There is opportunity for Christians in Indonesia to demonstrate that the gospel of Christ is needed to solve their personal and national problems.

Nigeria is facing independence, and there is new recognition of the importance of Christian influence in that land. In the Near East where so much discord and hate abound there is remarkable opportunity for Christian witness. Ministries to human suffering in the hospitals during troublous days have attracted wide attention. The superiority of Christian love to hate is being manifest in these areas.

In Eastern Europe due to the crisis in Hungary thousands of refugees have come into Austria and Germany, and relief work has provided a strategic opportunity of demonstrating the character of the Christian faith.

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There is also opportunity in this day to strengthen the work being done in lands where service has been well-established. In Brazil, for instance, there is opportunity as the nation grows for Baptists to make a major contribution to its life.

In Hong Kong Baptist work has produced churches, schools, a clinic, publications, and theological training. A college has recently been established. Its influence is reaching throughout Southeast Asia.

In many places emerging Baptist bodies are feeling the need of strengthening the program of local church work. We are in position to accelerate those efforts as we share with them the best we know about evangelism, Sunday school, training union work, and all aspects of organized church life.

We also face the opportunity of entering new areas. Already we have entered East Africa in Kenya and Tanganyika. We have placed our first missionaries in East Pakistan. This, however, represents only a few of the necessary steps. We must study afresh the map of Africa. We must keep our eyes upon the Middle East. We must continue praying for entry to India, and should continue to look forward to work in West Pakistan.

While entering new areas we need to keep in mind that in the areas where we are already serving, great strides forward need to be taken.

Open doors call for resources with which to enter them. This means there must be more missionaries and funds to support them. It is the objective of the Foreign Mission Board to appoint a minimum of 130 missionaries in 1957.

Opportunity does not wait. We either enter open doors, or else they ultimately become closed. God holds us responsible for the use we make of the opportunities he sets before us.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG WOMEN THROUGH WMU
By Margaret Bruce
Secretary, Department of Youth, W.M.U.

Are you a young woman interested in missions as a career? Even though not under appointment of our Home or Foreign Mission Board or a state mission board, you will find a variety of opportunities available through Woman's Missionary Union.

Some churches employ full-time workers for their WMU organizations. There are associations which have field workers carrying on Woman's Missionary Union work among women and young people.

In almost every state in the Southern Baptist Convention, Woman's Missionary Union offers the positions of executive secretary and youth secretary. More and more of the states are seeking Sunbeam Band secretaries, Girls' Auxiliary secretaries, and Young Woman's Auxiliary secretaries. In addition to these, there are field representatives and other associates in the state Woman's Missionary Union offices.

Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, is in an expansion program. In the very near future it is expected that at least six new promotional and editorial staff members will be added. At this convention-wide level there are opportunities for vocational service in the field of publication, art, promotion, and business.

Has the Lord called you to a mission task here at home or overseas? If so, you can still engage in missionary education of women and young people by working in Woman's Missionary Union organizations. There are numerous mission stations where the work is advanced and young women are needed as executive secretaries and youth secretaries.

To be active in promoting Christian missions through a program of mission study, prayer, stewardship and community missions is the object of Woman's Missionary Union. Young women who commit themselves to church-related vocations will find real satisfaction in entering the work of Woman's Missionary Union.