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### Adams Announces 1960 Baptist Congress Theme

ZURICH, Switzerland--(BP)--The theme for the Baptist World Alliance Congress to be held in Rio de Janeiro in 1960 will be "Jesus Christ Is Lord." The Scripture text theme is Phil. 2:10-11, Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Alliance president announced at the meeting in nearby Ruschlikon. Dates of this tenth meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Congress will be June 26-July 3.

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### Mrs. Mathis Elected To Alliance Committee

ZURICH, Switzerland--(BP)--Mrs. R. L. Mathis, Waco, Tex., president of the Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, was elected to the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance to take the place of the late Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Mathis will be the second Southern Baptist woman on the Alliance's executive committee. Mrs. George Martin, Norfolk, Va., whom she succeeded as WMU president, is also a member. Other women on the committee are Mrs. Edgar Bates of Hamilton, Ontario; Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, Portland, Ore., president of the American Baptist Convention, and Miss Lois Chapple of London.

Kearnie Keegan of Nashville, secretary of student work for the Baptist Sunday School Board, was also elected a member of the executive committee to take the place of Forrest B. Fordham of Philadelphia, Pa., who resigned.

Keegan will be one of the two representatives from the Alliance youth department. The other representative is Joel Sorenson, Stockholm, Sweden.

Erik Ruden was elected as the associate secretary for the Alliance in Europe. Ruden has been the general secretary for Baptists in Sweden. He is expected to give his answer within the next few weeks about accepting the new position.

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### Two Baptist Churches And A Helpful Pastor

BRUSSELS, Belgium--(BP)--Any Baptist attending the World Exposition in Brussels, Belgium will find two Baptist churches and a helpful pastor, Robert Catinus, who speaks English very well.

One of the Baptist churches is located on the main street of Brussels between the Exposition and downtown, at 106 Boulevard Emile Bockstael in the Laeken District. The other Baptist church is located at 42 Rue Dautzenberg in the Ixelles District.

Both of these churches are in rented buildings. Pastor Catinus has his first service in the church on Boulevard Emile Bockstael at 9:30 A.M. on Sunday, then hurries in a cab to the church on Rue Dautzenberg across town for the 11 o'clock service.

There is also a service on Sunday evening at 7:30 at the church on Rue Dautzenberg. A number of young people who are preparing for mission service in the Belgian Congo must attend language school in Brussels for a year, and they attend the church on Rue Dautzenberg.

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Pastor Catinus started an English service at 8:30 Sunday morning at the beginning of this summer, hoping that Americans attending the Exposition would attend church on Sunday. After several weeks of services no Americans had appeared, so the 8:30 service was dropped. He indicated that it would be started again if there was any demand for it.

The young Baptist pastor, who lives at 37 Rue Karel Bogaerd, comes from a long line of evangelicals, although he has been a Baptist only a few years, and both of the churches he supplies are very young.

Pastor Catinus expressed appreciation to Southern Baptists for the gift which will enable Belgian Baptists to have a larger part in the Protestant Pavilion at the International Exposition.

He indicated that the gift had already made it possible for Baptists to have more representation among the guides at the evangelical center and would be helpful to them in their continued witness.

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## BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE MESSAGE

To our Baptist people in all parts of the world,  
greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The members of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance, assembled in August 1958 in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, meet in a mood of thanksgiving that so many have been able to come together from such widely-scattered areas. The world of our day is in a state of tension: on every hand there are fears and misgivings; yet in our fellowship we represent a vital and growing community of 23 million in which the ties that bind are strong and enduring.

We desire to affirm once again our conviction that our Savior, crucified, risen, and exalted, is our only hope, both for the present and the future; that the fellowship of His Church is a voluntary association of those who acknowledge Him as Savior and Lord, and in their obedience in baptism have pledged themselves to His way of life, both as individuals and communities; that our belief in the Fatherhood of God commits us not only to human brotherhood but, also, to those principles of liberty in which alone are recognized the rights and duties of men as children of God.

In our deliberations we have surveyed our Baptist life and witness bearing in mind not only our great heritage but, also, the challenge of youth movements and new areas of opportunity. We have rejoiced in reports of progress both in home churches and on the mission field. We have been moved to admiration and gratitude as we have learned of our brethren who, in situations of difficulty and even persecution, have shown their loyalty to Christ, often at great cost.

To all ministers of the Gospel and members of our churches of every race and color we send affectionate greetings. Assuring them of our constant remembrance and prayers, we ask of all our people throughout the world continuing prayer for our work. We believe that the greatest contribution we can make to the peace and happiness of our world is by exalting Christ our Lord and Master.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.