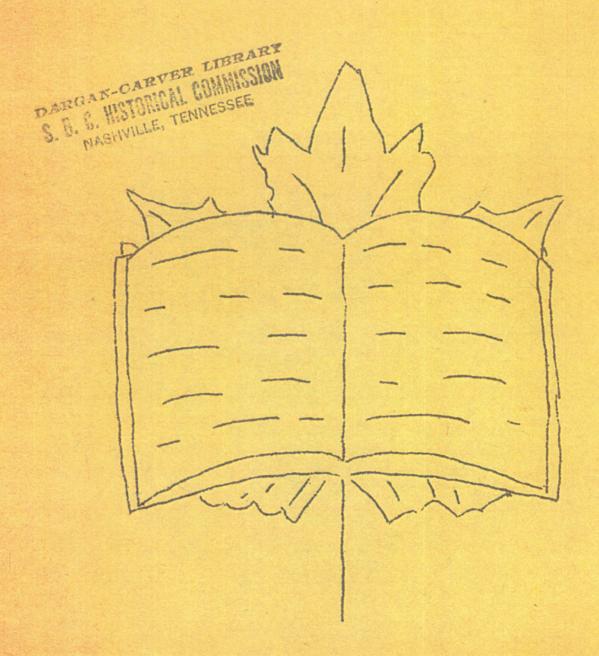
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CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE

May 1 - 3, 1973 Vancouver, B.C.



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Rev. Art Newsham Ken Deptford Jamie Osborne

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Rev. Howard Cooper Jewel Cooper Marlene Muir

Crossroads Baptist Church, Prince George, B.C.

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The Towers Baptist Church, Richmond, B.C.
Rev. Jim Yoder Jim Thomas Vivienne Yoder

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Rev. Harold Nightingale, Lydia epp June Price Stan North

First Baptist Church, North Surrey, B.C.
Rev. Lawrence Wilkes Nancy Wilkes Pat Knowlton Evelyn Ways

Armstrong Baptist Church, Burnaby, B.C.
Bessie Robertson William Robertson Myrtle Evertt Ben Evertt
Christina Ewert Gus Ewert

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Rev. Allen Schmidt Mrs. Thomson Bob Dove Doug Owens

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Scarborough Baptist Fellowship, Prince Albert, Sask.

Uplands Baptist Church, Terrace, B.C. Rev. Len Koster Ruth Koster

Grovedale Baptist Fellowship, Gravedale, Alta.
Rev. Ken From Mrs. From

First Baptist Church, Williams Lake, B.C.

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** The list of messengers was not given to the Secretary at the meeting so these were left blank.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVERENCE

- Article 1 Name: This body shall be called "The Canadian Southern Baptist Conference."
- Article 2 Purpose: This Conference is a co-operative body which furnishes a channel for closer fellowship among Canadian Southern Baptists: through mutual encouragement seeks to strengthen our initiative in our Master's work; and seeks to foster a spirit of expansion.
- Article 3 Doctrinal Statement: Refer to "The Baptist Faith and Message, adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, 1963.

Article 4 Membership:

- (a) This Conference shall be composed of messengers elected by Baptist churches co-operating with the work of this Conference, providing that the church electing the same shall subscribe to and be in harmony with the constitution of this Conference.
- (b) Each co-operating church may send the pastor and two messengers for the first 50 members or fraction thereof, and one additional messenger for each additional 50 members or fraction thereof, providing no church shall have more than 10 messengers inclusive.
- (c) Messengers from new churches may be seated at any Annual Conference Session by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote. Co-operation is voluntary and any church may withdraw at its discretion.
- Article 5 Officers: The officers of this Conference shall be President,
 First and Second Vice-presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and
 Historian. Other officers may be elected as is deemed necessary
 by the Conference. The officers shall transact any and all business
 of the Conference between its sessions, providing that nothing
 shall be done by the officers contrary to this Constitution or the
 expressed will of the Conference.

CONSTITUTION OF THE CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION cont'd

- Article 6 Committees: The Conference shall elect or the President appoint such committees as are deemed necessary or advisable to facilitate the work of the Conference.
- Article 7 Sessions and meetings: The Conference shall meet annually at such time and place as it may determine, or at the call of the officers.
- Article 8 Baptist Horizon: The official publication of the Conference shall be the Baptist Horizon. The editor shall be elected for indefinite tenure and be responsible to the Conference.
- Article 9 Amendments: This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the messengers present at any annual session, providing that the proposed amendment is published to the churches at least 30 days in advance with this exception, that it may be amended by a unanimous vote at any annual session.
- Article 10 Parliamentary Procedure: All parliamentary procedure, except
 as provided for in this Constitution, shall be governed by Kerfoot's
 Parliamentary Law.

Footnote: The above constitution is as amended at Sixth Annual Session, Kamloops, May 7-9, 1968.

HISTORICAL TABLES

Canadian Pastors! Conference

Date	Place	Secretary
1959	Kamloops	Jim Yoder
1960	Kamloops	Charles Jinks
1961	Vancouver	Jim Yoder
1962	Edmonton	Don Mulkey
1969	Quilchena	
1972	Sorrento	

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Date	Place	President	Secretary
1963	Kamloops	Jack McKay	J.Sunningham
1964	Calgary	Jack McKay	Jim Yoder
1965	Penticton	Jack McKay	Jim Yoder
1966	Vancouver	Jim Yoder	Calvin Namken
1967	Edmonton	Len Koster	Calvin Namken
1968	Kamloops	Len Koster	Herb Giffin
1969	Prince George	Bill Bye	Herb Giffin
1970	Pike Road	Allen Schmidt	Herb Giffin **
1971	Cambrian H.	Vern Vinyard	Howard Cooper
1972	Penticton	Bill Youell	Howard Cooper
1973	Kingcrest	Bill Youell	Howard Cooper

** Howard Cooper took the position.

PROGRAM

Eleventh Annual Session CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE

meeting with

Vancouver Chinese Baptist Church 4798 Gladstone Street Vancouver, B. C.

MAY 1 - 3, 1973

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"GOD'S WORD FOR CANADIAN NEEDS"

Tuesday Evening, May 1,1973

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3:30	Committee Meetings	
5:30	Conference Supper Meeting - Celeb	rating 20 years of ministry.
700	Sacred Music Concert	Gus Ewert
7:10	Devotional: "The Word for the W	orld" Jack Conner
7:20	Song of Praise	
7:25	Message: "Human Resources God Car	n Use" Jerald White
7: 555	Testimonies: Armstrong Avenue, Cochrane, Alberta Royal Heights, Del	
	Uplands, Terrece	va
8:25	Song Optands, lettaes	
8:30	Special Music	
8:35	Message	Howard Ramsay
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Wednesday 1	Morning, May 2nd, 1973	
9:00		Watchman"
9:05	Devotional "The Word is Living"	Len Koster
9:15	Song	
9:20	Testimonies: First, Surrey	
	Cambrian Heights	
	Crossroads, Prin	
	Winnipeg, Manito	ba
9:55	Prayer Session	
10:10	Song	-
10:15	"Sharing the Word 1972 & 1973"	Bob Dove
10:45	Break	
11:00	Song	
11:05	B.S.U.Report	Joe Rust
11:20	Reaching People Thro Bible Study	
12:10	"It Works in Canada"	Billy Heath
12:30	Adjourn	

Program Continued

Wednesday Evening, May 2, 1973 Afternoon free for tour of church facilities and survey of mission opportunities in Greater Vancouver area and other sight-seeing under the sun. 7:00 Sacred Music Concert Bill Goebel 7:10 Devotional "The Word Changes Lives" John Cunningham 7:20 Hymn and Prayer 7:25 Testimonies: Vancouver Chinese Worsley, Alberta Willow Park, Calgary Spanish Chapel, Vancouver 8:20 Baptist Church Builders Report 8:40 Hymn 8:45 Special Music - Vancouver Chinese Baptist Youth Choir 8:55 Message Dan Stringer 9:20 Adjourn Thursday Morning, May 3, 1973 9:00 Meditation: "We are Labourers Together, Under God" 9:05 Devotional "The Word Gives Direction" Art Newsham 9:15 Song 9:20 Testimonies: Westlynn, North Vancouver Eckhardt Avenue, Penticton Westwood, Edmonton The Towers, Richmond 10:00 Prayer Session 10:15 Break 10:30 Calendar Proposals Bob Dove 10:50 Business 11:45 Song 11:50 "Training for Service" Henry Blackaby 12:15 Adjourn Thursday Afternoon, May 3, 1973 1:30 Sacred Music Concert Jim Yoder 1:40 Devotional "Be Doers of the Word, Not Hearers Only" Allen Schmidt 1:50 Song L:55 Testimonies: St. Albert, Alberta Faith, Saskatoon Jasper Place, Edmonton Dovercourt, Edmonton Carroll Memorial, North Battleford 2:45 Song and Prayer 2:55 Break 3:10 Testimonies: Cochin, Saskatchewan Scarborough, Prince Albert Blaine Lake, Saskatchewan Kingcrest, Vancouver Pike Road, Surrey 3:45 Prayer 3:55 Song

4:00 Message "What Will We Do About It?" W.C.Carpenter, Jr.

4:30 Adjournment

PROGRAM PERSONALITIES

Jack Conner Pastor, Prince Albert, Sask. Jerald White Pastor, Altavista, Virginia

Evangelism Director, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland Howard Ramsay

Len Koster Pastor, Terrace, B.C.

Boc Dove Supt. of Church Ministries in Western Canada,

Northwest Convention (Delta, B.C.)

Gus Ewert Music Teacher, Armstrong Secondary School, Burnaby, B.C.

Joe Rust Campus Minister, Saskatoon, Sask. Director, Church Services Division, Bob Flegal

Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland, Ore.

Pastor, Willow Park Church, Calgary, Alberta Billy Heath

Dan Stringer Executive Secretary-Treasurer,

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Missions Director, Northwest Baptist Convention, Portland. W.C.Carpenter, Jr. Art Newsham

Pastor, Kamloops, B. C.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVERENCE

Tuesday, May 1st, 1973

7:10 Hymn #41 "To God be the Glory" led by Jim Yoder President Bill Youell Presiding.

Devotional led by Rev. Jack Connor

Psalm 119:129, John 1 - "Jesus was the Word, the Way, the Truth and the Light"

7:35 Rev. Len Koster led in prayer.

The President welcomed the messengers and called for a motion to seat the messengers.

Moved by Rev. Bill By, seconded by Rev. Jim Yoder that the messengers be seated. Motion carried.

President Youell called on Johanthon Chung to welcome the Conference to their church.

- 7:30 Rev. Chung issued a warm friendly welcome to Vancouver and the church on behalf of the Chinese Baptist Church, The Kingcrest Baptist and the Spanish Mission.
- 7:35 Hymn #180 "Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet" led by Gus Ewert
- 7:38 Bob Dove introduced Bro. & Mrs. Don Reed of the Convention of Regular Baptists. Bob Dove also introduced Rev. Jerald White
- 7:40 Rev. Jerald White message "Human Resources God Can Use"
 - 1. The Ministry of Jesus is to the whole of man to make man whole
 - 2. Jesus Baptism. He was submitting his humanity to God. Also totally identified with sinful man
 - 3. This is open declaration of war against Satin to set his people free. In the willderness He stood alone as a human being before Satin. It is not a physical struggle, rather

a legal hassle. His task was to make man whole in spirit, soul and body and to proclaim the acceptable day of the Lord. Jesus gave the apostles authority and power. The 12, the 70 sent out, the New Testament church's ministry was to spirit, soul and body. There is no scripture that indicates the church of today is to have a different ministry. "As th Father hath sent me even so send I you." It is time for us to consider that the ministry of Jesus has not changed.

8:15 President thanked Rev. White for the challenge given

Special music by Gus Ewert - "Fill My Cup Lord"

8:35 President Youell appointed the following committees:

Program: Ken Branton, Lawrence Wilks

Bob Shaddox, Arthur Clark

Resolutions Committee: Len Koster, Art Newsham

D. Hamel, Jewel Cooper

Nominating Committee: Bill Bye, Bill Goebel, Jim Yoder,

Bob Dove introduced new pastors:
Art Newsham, Kamloops
Bill Goebel, Williams Lake
Darrel Hamel, Jasper Place
Ken From, Groverdale
Antonio Geion, Spanish Mission
Pat Mil, Dovercourt
Eugene Laird, Winnipeg
Marvin Thompson, North Battleford
Arthur Clark, Blaine Lake

- 8:40 Reports from Churches
 - 1. Armstrong: Ben Evertt, interim pastor
 Work started in 1939. No pastor, preaching is rotated
 among three of our laymen. This church is debt free.
 - 2. Cochrane: John Cunningham for Bill Epp
 Four baptisms this last year. Forty attend, high of 50.
 Because of a new highway between Calgary and Cochrane
 the city of Cochrane is growing. The group there is
 seriously thinking of buying and building.
 - 3. Royal Heights: Allen Schmidt
 Seven by letter, one by statement, three baptisms this year.
 We set a new high attendance record. G.A.groups for all
 ages. Paid \$15,000 last year and \$25,000 this year over
 regular payments. Complete lay witnessing program. Conducted survey of community. This summer the youth choir
 from East Grand Baptist Church, Dallas is to be with us for
 one week.

4. Terrace: Len Koster

Bob Dove said - "Len, I want you to get acquainted with Terrace." I have been there 6 years. The work remains small; when the supplement dropped, I started selling brushes. Then I sold office furnishings. Night work in a service station. We have coffee time after the morning service. God's blessings were withheld which caused us to do two things: one, really exercise Christian love; two, keep our eye on Jesus. God has led us into the lives of many new couples in our town.

9:10 Brother Howard Ramsay - "Acts 20:17-27"

How are we going to reach the people where they are? Jesus showed us how. Paul showed us how. If we are going to reach the people like Jesus wants us to we must have a vital relationship with this person, Jesus. Paul always told of his experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. The reason for error today is the lack of the knowledge of the Word of God.

- 2. We will have to have a Christ-like compassion for the lost.
- 3. We must share what God has commissioned us to share.
- 9:43 Bill Youell, president, announced for all pastors to give the Secretary a list of messengers.

Session dismissed.

Wednesday Morning, May 2, 1973

9:05 President Youell presiding

Quiet meditation "I Have set you for a watchman"

- 9:07 Devotional led by Rev. Len Koster "The Word is Living" Heb. 10:18-24
- 9:25 Rev.Allen Schmidt presiding (asked to serve in absence of the first and second vice-presidents).

 Hymn #415 "Stand Up for Jesus" led by Bill Goebel
- 9:27 Testimonies:
 - 1. Surrey: Lawrence Wilkes

One year today I was led into the Spirit-filled life by Bertha Smith which was the beginning of the new happening at First Baptist. Our church began to take off when the people began to get excited about God. Our motto is "Put your Hang-up on the one that was Hung up for you!" We have received nine new members in the last month.

- 2. Cambrian Heights: John Cunningham

 The past year has been the best in the past 13 years. Moved the youth department to a school across the street. Will begin an educational unit on October 1st. Established a class for young pouples. 18 in attendance. This has caused a crowded situation in our nursery.
- 3. Williams Lake: Bill Gobel
 God called me back into the pastorate and to Williams Lake.
 He told my wife two weeks before. God had worked it all out.
 People are friendly but slow to commit themselves to any type

of service. People are beginning to think about the Spirit-filled life.

4. Crossroads: Bob Dove

They have paid off a long overdue bill though small in numbers.

5. Winnipeg: Henry Blackaby
Gerry Laird is the pastor. He is able to get a grip on
the city rather than just a community. They are 1500 miles
away - we sponsor them - rather God does. This city has a

population of 600,000. 17,000,000 lay east of this city.

10:17 Prayer time led by Steve Grover

10:22 Hymn #137 "Praise Him, Praise Him"

Bob Dove: Sharing the Word 1972-1973 See REPORT on pages 18 and 19

10:54 Break time

11:14 Hymn #203 "Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim it"

11:16 Presiding, Rev. Allen Schmidt
Dr. Ken Branton was thanked for continuing as Program Chairman.
Reminded committee chairman to prepare for tomorrow's report.

11:20 Joe Rust, B.S.U., Saskatoon. God is not interested in geography,
He is interested in people. It does not matter where you begin,
the important thing is that you begin.
Testimony by Bev

"The first five years of my Christian life was filled with frust-rations. My life had not changed a great deal. Two years ago, Joe Rust began to share some of the things God has for me. This came as I began to spend time in God's word. My task was to pick out one girl and share with her what God had done in my life."

Joe Rust: A ministry is an outgrowth or a by-product of a life. We would like to send revival teams to Edmonton, Calgary and Vancouver this year if the pastors in these cities are interested.

11:38 Allen Schmidt introduced Bob Flegal who brought a message on "Reaching people through Bible study"

"We must have a vision or a correct concept of the function of the church."

1. God can reach people and we need to know our priorities.

2. We ought to look at the possibilities.

3. We ought to have an effective visitation program.

4. Provide something for the people when they get there.

We need to take pride in our church building.

Effective Bible study

The teacher's quarterly has no place in the church.

The teacher's quarterly has no place in the church house on Sunday morning

5. Methods, plans, organization, unblessed by God, will fail.

(a) Introduce "Backyard Bible club"

(b) Introduce "Fellowship Bible class starter kit"

(c) Have an up-to-date prospect file.

Ideas for training S.S. leaders is a good book for each church to have.

- 12:25 Jack Conner invited all to Edmonton to attend Pastors Study in August.
- 12:30 Don Reed (Convention of Regular Baptists) He spoke appreciation for Southern Baptists and their work. We must learn to accept one another and appreciate one another in the Lord's work. He extended an invitation for the messengers of the conference to attend the convention of the Regular Baptists which will be held in Vancouver on June 18-21.

Allen Schmidt thanked Don Reed for this sharing with us.

12:37 Billy Heath - "It Works in Canada" 2 Cor: 11:23

To make it work we need....

Men with a call

Men to stay on the job

Men to burn themselves out for God

12:55 Prayer led by Howard Ramsay

Wednesday Evening, May 2, 1973

Henry Blackaby presiding in the absence of the 1st and 2nd vice-presidents.

Session opened with a music concert led by Bill Gobel

- 7:07 Hymn #202 "In Løving Kindness Jesus Came."
 Hymn #58 "He Leadeth Me O Blessed Thought"
 Hymn #187 "The Heavens Declare Thy Glory"
 Hymn #251 "My Jesus As Thou Wilt"
- 7:20 Devotional led by John Cunningham
 "The Word Changes Life." 1 Peter 1:22
 An experience in a man's life does not change his life, but it is the word of God that changes it. Two ways which the Word of God changes a life.
 - 1. Regeneration
 - 2. The change God brings to a man's life after he is saved.

2 Cor: 3 Experiences are good, but they will never stand.

Hymn #188 "Amazing Grace" led by Bil Gobel Henry Blackaby introduced Northwest Baptist facaulty Harry Bonner led in prayer.

Testimonies:

We have been given the commission to reach all Chinese people in Vancouver. We have had to put more chairs in front and rear. Last year Sunday School was only for young people. This year-Adult Sunday School for men and women. This year our first V.B.S. A regular children's service is held each Sunday. We have each month a special service in Mandrine dialect. Every other Sunday

evening we broadcast a Chinese service. We are setting up a library especially for Chinese young people. We concentrate on teaching the Bible rather than socialize.

- 2. Kamloops: Jamie Osborn

 We have one summer missionary coming from Calgary to help this summer. The Banff Youth retreat was a great help for our youth.

 We are providing a room to have coffee time after service.
- 3. Willow Park: Brother Tuck

 Last month we averaged 127 in Sunday school, the month before that
 was 132. We have two R.A. chapters. Ladies developing a leadership
 training program within the Sunday School. Two G.A. groups and one
 Acteens group. Improvements continue on the building. Sunday
 School and worship attendance increase when our visitation increases.
- 4. Spanish Mission: Antonia Geion spoke in Spanish. His son translated. A beautiful testimony.

W.C.Carpenter led us in prayer for Bro. Antonia and his work.

Bob Dove shared with us that a minister will be coming to Vancouver to start a church for the deaf.

- 8:30 Bill Youell B.C.B.A. report. A film was shown Jack Taylor's "Spirit Giving".
- 8:57 Hymn #349 "I am Thine O Lord" led by Bil Gobel
 Offering
- 9:00 Special music by the Chinese Choir. The choir sang one song in English "Ivory Palaces" and "Praise the Lord" in Chinese. 90% of the youth in the choir were saved in this church.
- 9:10 Message by Dan Stringer 2 Kings 7:1

It is time again for us to look at our mission. A look at people or groups of people.

1. The prophet (believed the God he served)

- 2. The King's servant (did not believe God would bless)
- 3. The lepers in spite of their malignancy, God used them
 The King He was in charge
 Lepers understood the
 Romembered a city in need
 They remembered the King
 The King hesitated from fear
 While we ait God has already provided
 Prophet responded correctly. He didn't know how he just knew God was going to.
- 9:52 Time of quiet prayer and invitation

Closed with prayer - Henry Blackaby

10:04 Adjourned.

Thursday morning, May 3, 1973

Bill Youel presiding

- 9:05 Session opened with meditation and quiet time.
- 9:07 Devotional led by Rev. Art Newsham
 "The Word Gives Direction" John 15
- 9:27 Hymn #268 "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"
- 9:32 Testimonies:

Westlynn - Stan North Eckhardt - Howard Cooper

Westwood - Bill Bye

\$8,000 was given to put in a building fund and to purchase an organ

Towers - Jim Yoder Grovedale - Ken From

- 10:37 Prayer led by Dr. Ken Branton
- 10:43 Harry Bonner introduced a packet of Stewartship Literature.
- 10:45 Break
- 10:57 Bob Dove presented proposed calendar for 1973-74
 See report on pages 20-21
 Moved by Bob Dove, seconded by Steve Steve Gover we adopt this report.
 carried.
- 11:24 Business:
 - Financial report see page 21
 Read by Bill Youell
 Moved by Clarence Parkin, seconded by Al Schmidt. Carried.
 - 2. Program Committee report by Allen Schmidt

April23-25, 1974 at Westwood Baptist Church, "Edmonton, Alta.
Theme - "Co-labours with Christ Seeking the Lost"

April 29-May 1,1975 - Kamloops

Moved by Allen Schmidt, seconded by Clarence Parkin we adopt this report. Carried.

3. Nominating Committee report by Jack Conner. See page 21.

Moved by Jack Conner, seconded by Len Koster we adopt this report. Carried.

4. Resolutions Committee report. See page 22

Moved by Art Newsham, seconded by Bob Dove we adopt this report. Carried.

5. Missions Committee Report - see pages 22-27 - Henry Blackaby Allen Schmidt reported on the first major division Jim Yoder presented the second division Henry Blackaby presented the third division

12:37 Adjourned.

Thursday Afternoon, May 3, 1973

Rev. Henry Blackaby presiding

1:35 Solo - "The King is Coming" by Jim Yoder

Message by Henry Blackaby - 2 Cor. 3:2-6 "Training for Service"

Business: - Bill Youel presiding Missions committee report continued.

Jack Connors moved the adoption of this report. Seconded by Allan Tuck. Carried.

Bob Dove moved that we invite other Baptist bodies to attend our Evangelism Conference in 1974. Seconded by Allan Schmidt. Carried.

Bob Dove moved that the treasurer solicit the Association and churches which have not participated with the financial support of the conference. Seconded by Jim Yoder. Carried.

Jim Yoder moved that we send a letter of Christian love to the Regular Baptists as they meet in June in Vancouver. Seconded by Brian Wright.

A. Smith moved that the Executive Committee set up a budget to operate on this year. Seconded by Bill Bye. Carried.

2:24 Testimonies of churches:

Faith Baptist Church - Rev. Henry Blackaby Jasper Place - Darrel Hamil (coffee house ministry) St. Albert - Mrs. Miln Dovercourt -North Battleford - Paul Johnson

- 2:45 Hymn #265 "Standing on the Promises" led by Bill Gobel
- 2:50 Prayer by Grace Bye

Break

3:07 Testimonies from churches
Prince Albert - Rev. Jack Conner (Acts 2)
Blaine Lake - Rev. Henry Blackaby
Kingcrest - B. Wright (2 Cor. 12:6)

3:25 Season of Prayer

It was brought to the attention of the Conference that the following churches were pastorless. Pike Road, Armstrong, Westlynn.

3:40 Dr. Ken Branton expressed his appreciation for having been in the Conference.

It was moved that we send a communication to the B.C. Baptist Convention which is to be held May 23-25. Seconded by Allen Schmidt. Carried.

3:44 Rev. Bill Bye introduced W.C.Carpenter as our speaker.

Message: "What shall we do about it."
There are three things you can do:

1. Go backward

2. Keep on with what you have been doing.

3. Or you can go forward. Mark 2:1-12

There are many ways to express the same experience. Experience of God has a beginning, but there is a continuing Christian experience.

The Lordship of Christ The Spirit filled life The walk of faith.

As I am filled with the Spirit I am made more conscious of the fact that this gives me the power to walk the walk of faith.

v: 1-2 Jesus was preaching the Word to the people

- v: 3 Because of faith Jesus did some things that he otherwise could not have done. The four men had faith to believe that Jesus could help this man.
- v: 5 What Jesus said when he saw their (the four men) faith he said to the sick man "Thy sins be forgiven thee."

 Jesus did everything that needed to be done.

 He took his sins away

 Because of faith, God will do all that needs to be done.

 When I laid down my life it was then that God began to use me.

4:20 Closing Hymn #257 "My Faith Looks up to Thee"

4:25 Closing Prayer led by D. Hamil

4:27 Adjourned

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT Capilano Plateau Midwest	2471 1023 478 970	2633 2282 1002 781 566 446 1065 1055	
SUNDAY SCHOOL AVERAGE ATTENDANCE Capilano (% of S.S.Enro. "52%) Plateau ("43%) Midwest ("56%)	1129 398 216 515	1148 1194 421 408 223 194 504 592	
CHURCH TRAINING ENROLLMENT Capilano (% of Res.Mem." 63%) Plateau (" 23%) Midwest (" 20%)	672 338 238 96	468 459 175 265 140 59 153 1 35	
VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY Capilano Plateau Midwest	aminus of the second se	435,722 583,000 218,722 634,000	
RECEMPTS ALL PURPOSES Capilano Plateau Midwest		360,682 111,241 56,792 192,649	

SHARING THE WORD - BOB DOVE cont'd			
CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM GIVING Capilano Plateau Midwest	197 \$10,345 4,616 2,735 2,991	12,007 4,765 3,389	1972 13,750 5,529 3,543 4,678
DESIGNATED GIVING Capilano Plateau Midwest	5;848 2,100 1,440 2,300	1,158	6,885 2,883 1,666 2,336
TOTAL CANADIAN GIVING (Per Res.Member Capilano (PerRes.Mem - \$20) Plateau (" - \$20) Midwest (" \$10)	r -\$15) <u>16;193</u> 6,722 4,175 5,296	5,904 5,058	20,635 8,412 5,209 7,014
CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS - Dec. 31, 1972	Original Loan	Balance	Monthly
Armstrong Cambrian Heights Crossroads Dovercourt Eckhardt Jasper Place North Surrey (land) Pike Road Royal Heights Ridgecrest Towers Thornhill Mission Uplands Westlynne Williams Lake Willow Park Land Loan Willow Park Building Loan	\$40,000 30,690 11,112 20,300 20,865 31,500 10,631 23,200 23,000 50,000 38,007 6,500 16,000 35,455 18,520 17,622 46,000	Paid out 9,313 6,782 18,830 16,115 27,584 Paid out 18,556 15,105 46,047 23,938 6,261 13,424 34,000 11,889 Paid out 45,955	274.15 99.24 158.00 149.27 244.00 171.82 171.49 387.00 339.44 35.21 130.20 316.72 160.47
Totals	\$439,403	\$294,913	(\$144,490.00)

Total Cumulative Gifts to Canadian Mission Projects from the Fleming Church Loan General Aid Fund through 1972 - \$368,660 + direct help to church libraries and nurseries.

CALENDAR PROPOSALS FOR 1973-1974

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1973	May	18-19 25 thru Jun 29	Assoc. Leadership Clinic 6 - Marion Warren Tour Capilano Semi-Annual Meeting
	June July	7-15 18 16 17-24	Sam DeBord, FMB, Richmond in Vancouver Summer Worker Orientation at Crestview Summer Workers to fields of service Missions Rally - Vancouver Foreign Missionary Tours Canadian Committee Meeting
	Aug.	17 31 - Sep 1	End of Summer Worker Ten Weeks Capilano Mount Baker Retreat
	Sept.	4-14	Church Finance Clinics (Budget, Stewardship Planning Co-op. Program)
	Oct.	16-23 1-7 9-10 12-13 19-20 22-23 26-31	Midwest S.S.Enlargement Campaign Capilano S.S.Enlargement Effort Capilano Annual Meeting at Pke (Wilkes) Plateau Annual Meeting at Williams Lake (Goebel) Midwest Annual Meeting at Willow Park (Connor) Capilano Pastors and Wives Retreat - Thetis Island Music Workshops
	Nov. Dec.		Canadian Committee Meeting Executive Comm. of each Association meeting with Bob Dove.
1974	Jan.	24-25	Canadian Committee Meeting Canadian Evangelistic Conference, Vancouver
	Feb.	17-Mar2	Western Regional Simultaneous Crusades
	Mar.	11-12 1 4-15 24-Apr.7 3-10	Sunday School Conference - Calgary Sunday School Conference - Edmonton Eastern R _e gional Simultaneous Crusades Canadian Home Mission Week of Prayer and Offering
	Apr.		Emphasis on Lay Training - TAKE THE STAND by Tull (April Doctrinal Study)
		23 – 25 26 – 28	Canadian Baptist Conference, Edmonton Lay Training Institute at Crestview
	May	18-20	Banff Youth Retreat (Peter Lord, Titusville, Florida (1975 speaker - Jack Taylor)
	June	24 - 25 6 - 8	Capilano-Plateau Pastors Retreat (Fri.evening thru Sat.aft) Summer Worker Oreintation
	July	8-12	(Supt.starts a church in July & Aug) "SHARE HIS LOVE NOW" Pastoral Refresher Retret '74-'75 Theme (Mon.ev thru Fri aft)
		ul31-4 16 30-31 22-26	8th Baptist World Youth Conference, Portland End of Summer worker ten weeks Campus - Career Youth Retreat, Canada "REACH OUT" week in the churches (six week follow through) Emphasis on "OPERATION ONE" and "PEOPLE TO PEOPLE (1973)"
		27	Start a Tuesday Night Church Operation one - Commitment Day (One Lord, People, Mission, Day)

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance, April 1972 Receipts:	\$ 104.40
Penticton Offering Plateau Association Capilano Association Churches* Interest	86.75 25.00 25.00 40.00
Total	\$281.59
Expenses: J.W.McKay Dr. DuBose Eckhardt Ave.Church Service Chrage	21.00 136.00 44.12 .47
Total Bank Balance	201,59 80,00 \$281,59

*Churches contributing - Westwood, Crossroads, Willow Park, Grovedale, Dovercourt, Ridgecrest.

The 1971-72 Book of Reports shows the balance as of April 1972 as \$313.65. This should be \$104.40 as given in this year's report.

Harold Nightingale, Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

	and the state of the section of the		PROGRAM	COMMITTEE
President - lst Vice-Pr. 2nd Vice-Pr.	B.Bye L.Wilkes Thompson	3	years	B.Wright A.Newsham
Historian Secretary Treasurer	H.Blackaby H.Cooper H.Nightingale	2	years	A.Schmidt L. Wilks
		1	year	D.Hamil



REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

- 1. Be it Resolved that we express thanks to the host church and pastors for the courtesies they have extended to the messengers and friends of the Canadian Conference. Thank you for the fellowship supper on Tuesday, the tours arranged for Wednesday, and for the hospitality provided for lodging.
- 2. Be it Resolved that we thank the Baptist Foundation of Texas and Mrs. William Fleming for their continued interest and support for the Canadian Work.
- 3. Be it Resolved that we thank the Northwest Baptist Convention for their support and personal interest and involvement in all areas of the work in Canada.
- 4. Be it Resolved that we of this conference endeavour to have a deeper concern for fellowship between our churches through prayer and personal communications.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Study Committee - CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONFERENCE

INTRODUCTION: The following was the motion made at our last annual meeting: "Recognizing the urgency of the hour and the yet unmet spiritual need of Canada and recognizing the continuing urgent need for a stronger and more coordinated effort in winning
Canada to Christ and believing God so clearly and redemptively is at work now in Canada.

I move that the President appoint a representative Home Missions Committee to consider and recommend to the churches on the following areas of our work:

1. the best possible use of all funds available to our Canadian work;

2: the best possible arrangement for leadership and oversight of our work;

3. an annual promotion of a week of prayer for Home Missions, including objectives and goals for giving;

4. a definite approach to enlisting and training Canadian young men and women for Christian service in Canada;

5. a long range approach to winning Canada with stated priorities as God's Spirit reveals them:

6. a long range outline of purpose and objectives for a permanent Home Missions Committee of our Canadian Conference.

NOTE: Recommendations from the committee be brought to pastors and churches as early as possible in part or in whole.

Incorporate Canadian Conference and still remain a part of Northwest Convention!

The following committee was appointed by the President to carry out this motion:
Henry Blackaby, Chairman

Allen Schmidt

Des Price

Jim Yoder

Evans Griffith

The committee met and made assignments to each member. However, the extent of the work involved caused the committee to feel that information and some recommendations be made most of which will require detailed and specific planning during the coming year with reports and recommendations being brought to the next annual meeting in Edmonton in 1974.

The responsibility for implementing the recommendations will be on the Conference Executive elected for the coming year.

Due to the far-reaching nature of several of the proposals, we felt a response from the messengers was needed, so included this on the final page.

This report is given with a deep sense of incompleteness, but with the conviction that matters contained in it are of crucial importance, and require the closest consideration by each messenger and the clear leading of the Holy Spirit.

I. DISCOVERING THE BEST POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENT OF LEADERSHIP

PREFACE: It is difficult to set out a "job description" for any position in Baptist life and then find a man to fill the position. The work a man in fact does will be affected ultimately by his background, his training, and his capabilities, regardless of the "job description" given him. However, having said this, we still need to:

1. determine some priority areas of need where the possibility of accomplishment exists:

2. seek to enlist and match leadership to those priorities;

3. be looking to the future and be plotting strategies to enlist the right kind of leadership to work effectively in reaching Canadians for Christ.

BASIC NEEDS INCUMBENT UPON LEADERSHIP:

1. To strengthen our existing churches by creating a spirit of faith, expectancy, enthusiasm and evangelism;

2. To follow this spirit up with continual personal help and "know-how" of educational expertise..., or as Jesus said, "Teaching them to observe all things..." (Mat.28:20)

3. Establishing new chruches. To evangelize Canada we need strong, growing churches and we need more churches;

4. The leadership in the churches and the Conference is the key to meeting these basic needs, and therefore careful attention must be given to enlist strong leaders.

ARRANGEMENT AND USE OF LEADERSHIP PRINCIPLES:

I. A leader who is forced to spend major portions of his time travelling is not being effectively used.

2. Though our Conference does not appear to have resources to place "area men" in each province or area, resources should be sought to place such men in each province or area at the soonest possible time.

3. Some pastors have ability to give leadership beyond their own church.

4. Starting a new work right takes much leadership skill and concentrated effort.

5. The "team" spirit and approach in both the churches and areas of work make for strong aggressive mission expansion.

SOME POSSIBLE PLANS FOR LEADERSHIP ENLISTMENT AND USE:

PLAN A: Broaden the enlistment of "pastoral missionaries." In Cooperation with their churches, enlist key men in key areas (i.e., one in Saskatchewan, on in Alberta, three in B.C. -- coast, east, central-north) and provide some expense funds for them to connsel and assist other churches in their area, building a "team" of co-labourers in their area. These men could be assisted and their work "co-ordinated" through the "Canadian Missionary." In this plan the Canadian Missionary would continue to be responsible to cover the entire Conference area, but some of the local needs coul be met by the pastoral missionaries. The planning and arranging of Conference-wide activities and much of the contact outside the Conference would still be carried by the missionary, in consultation with the pastoral missionaries. There would need to be one or two basic planning sessions each year involving these pastoral missionaries and the Canadian Missionary. These pastoral missionaries and the Canadian Missionary would assist churches and associations in planning needed educational clinics and in enlisting persons (local and outside) to conduct such clinics.

PLAN B: In lieu of a "Canadian Missionary" enlist pastoral missionaries similar to Plan A, and then use them and Canadian Southern Baptist Conference Executive to plan and coordinate the work Conference-wide. These pastor missionaries would seek to assist in building a "team" of leadership in the churches of his area, including the enlisting of "missionary pastors" to areas of key need for new work, as God makes resources available. He (missionary pastor) would be on full salary and give his 'ful time' to starting new churches. He would serve with a local church in its mission outreach to new areas, beginning a work in a new community, and when this was strong, move to another community and start another work in that area, the mother church enlisting a pastor for the work started.

This plan would place added responsibility on the postoral missionaries and Conference Executive; especially for contact and coordination among all the churches of our Canadian work. It would reduce some travelling and give added responsibility, strength and impetus to existing work, and in the starting of new work. Education clinics and conferences would be arranged by pastoral missionaries and Conference Executive with perhaps more reliance on the Portland staff and the associations.

PLAN C: A third plan could be a combination of the two plans above. This would require more resources. It would probably be needed when more churches are established.

IK. THE EXTENT AND USE OF RESOURCES

- PRINCIPLES: 1. In the final analysis our TOTAL resources are GOD HIMSELF. He is our "strength and shield, our rock." It is still true today, that it is "not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zechariah 4:6) The "Word of God is quick and powerful." (Hebrews 4:12). And again, the words of Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8 -- the Holy Spirit is our great Source of Power. We must do everything to keep our eyes and hearts turned to HIM for our needs to be met. These spiritual resources -- the Word and the Holy Spirit -- are basic and primary to all else.
 - 2. God delights in giving of the storehouse of His Grace to meet all our needs: Psalm 84:11,12 -- "...no good thing will He withold from them that walk uprightly." Philippians 4:19 -- "My God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus."
 - Philippians 4:13 -- "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."
 3. God calls others to join their lives and resources with us in the work He has called us to do, and because of this we need to be alert to those God may lead to be co-labourers with us.
 - 4. When God brings resources --- persons or finances, etc., -- we must be sensitive and good stewards of them.
 - 5. Good stewardship may demand that major portions of resources be allotted to a given area or project where God is working and the Spirit is leading.

RESOURCES PRESENTLY AVAILABLE TO US

NWBC	Other	Total
\$6,200	\$2,100	\$8,300
	6,700	6,700
•	30,000	30,000
\$6,200	\$38,800	\$45.000

- 2. Potention of a HOME MISSION OFFERING ---- if averaging \$100 per church and \$50 per mission \$2,500.
- 3. Special gifts for summer missions would add significant resources for concentrated mission outreach. If each Association placed \$500 a year in their budget, \$1,500 would be available each summer.
- 4. Many individual churches in the Southern Baptist Convention desire an opportunity to be directly involved in mission work in Canada. We should be available to share mission "vision" and hear with our brethren and be ready to be good stewards of any sharing with us they do. For example: Billy Heath's home church in Texas has for several years provided \$100 per month to support his ministry. Also, three churchs (in Arkansas, Texas and Georgia) are presently assisting in support for Winnipeg for a total of \$6,000 a year, plus special gifts.
- 5. World Mission Conferences may continue to provide a door of opportunity to lay before God's people the dreams, goals and leading of God in reaching our great nation. If our pastors and churches would be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading, here would be an on-going source of TOTAL resources.
- 6. Choirs -- as they feel led to come to Canada, pray and work toward the end that God would lay Canada on their hearts in an on-going partnership to reach Canada for the Saviour.

Example: in 1971 a choir came to Saskatchewan from Fayetteville, Arkansas. On returning, this church put Saskatchewan missions in their World Mission Offering, and sent \$1,100 that helped move Jack Connor to Prince Albert. This year they voted to share \$200 a month to Winnipeg, and will be sending their choir there this summer. They have made other gifts to the work as well.

- 7. Fleming Trust Fund -- is a God-given resource available for loans to make possible the purchase of land and buildings.
- 8. Baptist Church Builders Association -- an organization and fund of our Canadian Southern Baptist Churches for investment of funds by our people, to be used for mission support and expansion in Canada.
- 9. Contact with individuals and groups with a desire to make gifts to specialprojects such as camps, campus ministry, bus ministry, hass media, training opportunities, building churches, provision of youth directors, etc.
- 10. Special ministry resources from Departments of our Northwest Baptist Convention such as: Sunday School Dept. -- assistance for leaders going to Glorieta

 Missions division -- assistance for summer missions, etc.

 Student Dept. -- assistance for campus ministries

 These departments also share workers from Nashville and the Convention office with churches and associations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. that our churches and asociations recognize that God has made available to us many wonderful resources, and thus give close attention to these available resources.
- 2. that the moderators, Canadian Conference Executive and the Canadian Committee work together in the use of and securing of the above resources.
- 3. that more direct contacts be made by area leadership with the Northwest Baptist Convention in meeting needs.
- 4. that constant evaluation be made of the use of our available resources, in keeping with priorities and objectives and program of work.

III THE PROGRAMS OF WORK OF OUR CONFERENCE

A. HOME MISSIONS

It is felt that a Home Missions strategy is needed for our Canadian Southern Baptist Conference, which should include goals and objectives, as well as specific programs. The following we present for your consideration:

1. Goals and Objectives

(a) that we seek to strengthn our existing work

- (b) that we develop a spirit of a TEAM (spiritual togetherness and fellowship) in each area of our work
- (c) that we maintain a strong missionary heart in the life and work of our churches.

(d) that we develop an agressive evangelism

- 2. On-going Programs -- we encourage each church to:
- (a) maintain the Cooperative Program as our main thrust in World Missions
- (b) maintain the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to undergird Foreign Missions

(c) maintain an Easter Offering for Home Missions

(d) maintain our special relationship to the Northwest Baptist Convention through participation in the Northwest Convention Offering

3. Specific Recommendations

- (a) that in every way we strengthen our relationship to our Northwest Baptist Convention
- (b) that we accept the offer of the Baptist Church Builders Association to come under the responsibility of the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference. To this end we recommend that the CSBC be formally incorporated. Consideration could be given to the us of the name CANADIAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE. Affiliated with the Northwest Baptist Convention of Southern Baptists.
- (c) that we elect a Home Missions Committee for our Conference, composed of the Conference Executive plus the moderators and chairmen of the missions committees of each association, to be responsible for the planning, coordinating and promoting of mission advance in our Conference and in Canada. This should be done with close planning and sharing with the Canadian Committee.

(d) that we look upon CANADA as our HOME MISSIONS, and:

- (i) make provision on a Conference-wide basis for coordination of Home Mission work
- (ii) make available annual study materials for a Week of Prayer for Home Missions.
- (iii) present at the annual meeting, suggestions for an offering goal, and the best possible use of the monies share in Home Missions Offering
- (iv) provide on-going resource materials for both our churches and other interested personal groups. This could include pamphlets, slides, tapes, maps, etc.

(e) that we provide a correlated calendar each year for our total work

(f) that we revive the BAPTIST HORIZON and elect John Cunningham, editor and

Jack Conner, assistant editor

(g) that specific and thorough "orientation" be made available to those entering our work who are not familiar with our customs, history, objectives, and present program of work

(h) USE OF MEDIA:

(i) that we recognize the vital place of radio and E.V. in any immediate and/or long-range reaching of Canada for Christ

(ii) that a study be made of available resources and opportunities and plans for churches, associations and/or our Conference to initiate such ministries, and a report be brought back at the next annual meeting

(i) MINISTRY TO LANGUAGE GROUPS

(i) that a study be made of existing language ministries with a view to strengthening and expanding them, and a report and recommendations be brought to our next annual meeting.

(ii) a study, with the language division of the NWBC be made of language group needs in Western Canada and a report and recommendations be

shared at the next annual meeting

(j) CAMPUS MINISTRY

That we recognize the significance of reaching college youth and launch a planned approach to a coordinated B.S.U. campus ministry throughout our Conference area, and report to the next annual meeting.

(k) CAMP MINISTRY

That a brief be presented next year on the values and opportunities for a camping ministry for our churches, along with personnel and other resources available; recommendations should be made regarding effective principles, organization, leadership and planning for a thorough-going camping program.

IV TRAINING and YOUTH

Recognizing the great need for Canadian leadership for the immediate expansion of our work and the ultimate reaching of Canada for Christ, we recommend the following:

- 1. that we continue the annual Banff Youth Retreat, and ask the Conference Executive to do the planning of it with our Director of Chruch Ministries.
- 2. that we provide a way, through the Conference and associations, to "conserve" those who are surrendering their lives for Christian service.
- 3. that we endorse, as a Conference, the Christian Training Centre in Saskatoon, and that a report be brought back to our next annual meeting as to any on-going specific relationships it should have with the Conference.

4. that we encourage our churches and areas of work to do more study of Biblical doctrine, with youth as well as adults and leaders.

5. that we continue an annual pastors' retreat, with an emphasis upon meeting the spiritual growth needs of our pastoral leadership

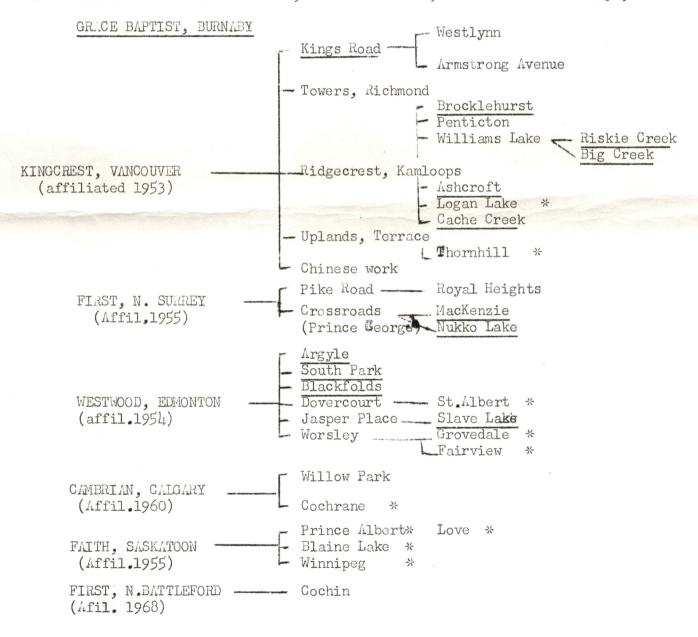
6. that periodic Bible Conferences be held throughout our Conference area, with key leaders enlisted, as a part of an on-going program of leadership strengthening and development (pastors and laymen).

7. that we provide Seminary Extension Centers in each area of work.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT - MAY 1973 - Rev. Henry T. Blackaby

This Conference is an historic one (as each one is) - but in a very special sense. It was twenty years ago this year, that the first Canadian Southern Baptist Church was received into the Northwest Baptist Convention (then called Oregon-Washington Convention), and then years ago since the organization of the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference. It is always beneficial to see where we have come, and to anticipate where we shall be going. The following is shared to help us in both directions. I. OUR CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST WORK AND HOW IT HAS GROWN

The following chart shows the churches which united with our work as churches (left), and the missions started from these churches. Those underlined, are no longer in existance. Some, by their nature, were short-lived, but reached many people just the same. Some may once again have an active ministry. Those marked by (*) are missions now, many which may become organized churches in the future. This does not include other ministries such as resthomes, rescue missions, Home Bible fellowships, etc.



II A BRIEF HISTORY OF OUR WORK

Organized Southern Baptist work had its beginnings in Canada in October, 1953, when the Sixth Annual Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington voted to receive into affiliation and fellowship the Kingcrest Southern Baptist Church of Vancouver, B.C. The church had 75 members, under pastor Ross MacPherson.

In November, 1953, with the aid of missionary Horace Burns, a mission was sponsored by Kingcrest in North Vancouver. The mission organized into a church in November, 1954, with George Irvin, pastor. During 1955, Grace Baptist Church, North Burnaby, and Whalley Baptist Church, (now First Baptist Church), Whalley, B.C., affiliated with the Convention. In this same year, the first Canadian Southern Baptist Association (called Capilano) was organized by these four churches, in a meeting held in Grace Baptist Church, North Burnaby, with 77 present. Ross MacPherson was the first Moderator.

In 1958, the Midwest Baptist Association was organized, with two churches, Westwood, Edmonton, and Faith Baptist, Saskatoon. This Association was to cover the two provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. In 1960, the Plateau Association was formed with two churches: Ridgecrest, Kamloops, and Eckhardt Avenue, Penticton; and two missions: Brocklehurst, Kamloops, and Williams Lake.

The first Canadian Southern Baptist Conference was held in Kamloops, February 10-11, 1959, with 12 pastors present, from 15 churches and missions in Canada. The testimonies and discussions of doctrine and missionary strategy revealed a marked unity of belief and purpose. The second annual meeting of the pastors was in Kingcrest, February 13-15, 1961, with all but one of the pastors of the 18 churches and missions present. Mr. and Mrs. W.Fleming were present, giving much encouragement to the work. From this time, the Flemings have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars for pastoral supplements and loans for property and buildings.

February 5-6, 1963, in Kamloops, 26 messengers met and formed the Canadian Southern Baptist Conference (up until now, it was a pastors! meeting).

September, 1966, saw the beginning of the ministry of Bob Dove as Superintendent of Church Ministries. He has given support, counsel, training, and inspiration to our churches ever since.

Canadian Southern Baptist work has at present: 9 churches and one mission in Capilano Association; 4 churches and one mission in Plateau Association; and 9 churches and 8 missions in Midwest Association for a total of 27 churches and 10 missions.

It is interesting to note, that the Oregon-Washington Convention changed its name recently to Northwest Baptist Convention, primarily to include our Canadian work in its name.

III. STATISTICS OF INTEREST

Year	Churches/Missions	Baptisms	Membership	S.S.Enrol.	Missions
1954 1955 1960 1970 1972	4 6 18 30 32	33 100 112 137 158	156 473 854 1,604 1,626	448 \$ 1,351 1;672 2,471 2,282 (\$14,000	755 5,050 10,559 19,770 58,076 to Co-op)

With records available incomplete (the following are therefore given as a fairly accurate guess) the following ACCUMULATIVE figures are given by way of ENCOURAGEMENT and VISION:

Baptisms since 1954 - 2,000

Mission Giving since 1954 - \$285,400

Amount of support received from: State Offering - @ \$60,000

Northwest Conv. - @ \$61,000

Fleming Trust - @ \$380,000

(in addition, there is presently about \$300,000 on loan to our churches through the Texas Baptist Foundation, with several new loans pending)

IV. DEVELOPMENTS DURING 1972

To list them all would be "impossible" -- but some significant developments are worth noting.

- (1) Always at the top of the list are co-labourers. This year (1972) the following men came to work with us: Art Newsham, Marvin Thompson, Jack Conner, Eugene Laird, Arthur Clark, Darrel Hamil, Pat Milne. "Thank you, Lord!"
- (2) New work was begun in: Blaine Lake and Love, Saskatchewan; a Spanish work in Vancouver, and we entered a new province, with the beginning of a work in Winnipeg.
- (3) There began a Southern Baptist Christian Training Centre, located in Saskatoon, to prepare and train young people and adults for effective Christian service to Canada and our world.
- (4) Our Cooperative Program gifts reached almost \$14,000.
- (5) Willow Park, Calgary, completed a lovely new building. (Note: new buildings are being planned for Royal Heights, Delta; Cambrian Heights, Calgary; Prince Albert, Saskatchewan)

V. THE FUTURE OF OUR CANADIAN SOUTHERN BAPTIST WORK

The needs remain the same -- even more pressing!

In 1954, Jack McKay, pastor of Westwood Baptist Church, Edmonton, Alberta, wrote as part of his reason for uniting with the Northwest Baptist Convention:

"Canada needs more than 5,000 new Baptist churches within the next 10 years to even keep pace with the growth in population. The average Canadian Baptist church has a membership of just over 100 and thus 5,000 new churches would meet the needs of only 500,000 which is only 2½% of what the population is expected to be in 10 years hence. But at the present rate that Baptists in Canada are training preachers, if we subtract those who will be missionaries, 5,000 new preachers would take us two hundred years to train...."

From the time our work began in 1954, the population will have almost doubled in 20 years (1974).

The present population of:

British Columbia = 2,190,000 or 1 SB church or mission for every 129,000 or 1 SB church or mission for every 148,000 or 1 SB church or mission for every 232,500 canada = 21,689,000 or 1 SB church or mission for every 677,800

The percentage of evangelical Christians in Canada is decreasing with every passing year.

The University population:

British Columbia = 37,350 Albert = 37,000 Saskatchewan = 17;470

CANADA = 367,100 + 170,00 part time students

1970	Births	Deaths
British Columbia Alberta Saskatchewan	36,690 31,944 16,318	17,032 10,101 7,540
Total	84,952	34,673
Canada	370,861	156,272

Since we began work in 1954, to present in B.C., Alberta, and Saskatchewan:

Births = 1,530,000 Deaths = 610,000

VI. PRAY FOR OUR PRESSING NEEDS

- (1) more STRONG churches, that can then become centres for mission expansion to other communities/cities/ provinces, eta.
- (2) a deeper and closer FELLOWSHIP among our churches ("one heart & one mind" Acts 4:32)
- (3) the calling out and response of our young people to church related vocations -- especially pastors, education/ music/ youth
- (4) a strong VISION for the winning of CANADA
 - every church with a vision to win its city
 - every church with a vision to win its province
 - every church with a vision to win its nation
 - every church with a vision to win its world
- (5) a deep sense of GRATITUDE to God for blessings experienced thus far
- (6) for stable, long-term pastoral leadership for our churches
- (7) a strategy of HOME MISSIONS for winning our nation
- (8) entrance into a ministry through MASS MEDIA (radio/television)
- (9) advance in LANGUAGE MISSIONS
- (10) a strong CAMPUS MINISTRY -- for the future of our work rests with the reaching of youth NOW
- (11) development of our Canadian Southern Baptist Training Centre for Southern Baptists
- (12) for a wise stewardship of the many resources that continue to be made available to us by Southern Baptists

VI. CONCLUSION

We say with Paul the Apostle,

"What shall we say to these things?

If God be for us, who can be against us?

He that spared not His own Son,
but delivered Him up for us all,
how shall He not with Him
freely give us all things?"

Romans 8:31-32

We also feel as Solomon, (1 Kings 8:54-61)

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES CAPILANO ASSOCATION

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First Baptist Church 13260 - 108 Ave., Surrey, B.C. Lawrence Wilkes, Pastor

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