November 12, 1954

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn 1628 - 16th Street, N.W. Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ohrn:

This is to state that the Foreign Mission Board yesterday appropriated the sum of \$2,000 to assist the Baptist World Alliance in bringing nationals to the London Conference from areas where no mission boards are represented.

This is in response to your letter of October 7 calling our attention to the fact that a similar contribution was made in 1950 in connection with the last meeting of the Alliance.

Mr. Everett Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, will be sending you a check for this sum.

Cordially,

Baker J. Cauthen

BJC:it cc: Mr. Everett Deane

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Foreign Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention 2037 Monument Avenue Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Friends:

This is to inform you that the London Committee on arrangements for the 1955 Congress has decided that missionaries, regardless of their nationality, are to pay the registration fee applicable to the land in which they have their work. The fee for missionaries stationed, for instance, in Latin American countries, or in Asia, or in Africa (outside of the Union of South Africa) is thus 10 shillings.

In applying for membership in the Congress, such missionaries should use the yellow ("buff")application form, obtainable either from 4 Southampton Row, London, W. C. 1, England, or from 1628-16th Street, N. W., Washington 9, D. C.

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P. S. For list of fees, see Part 3 in enclosed form.

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Dr. Baker J. Cauthen 2037 Monument Avenue Richmond 20, Virginia

Dear Dr. Cauthen:

May I on behalf of the Baptist World Alliance express our hearty thanks for the fine contribution of \$2,000.00 to assist in bringing nationals to the Jubilee Congress next year from areas where no missionary society can give assistance.

Please convey our thanks to your Board when the opportunity offers.

Cordially yours, Arnold T. Olum

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November 23, 1954

Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn
Baptist World Alliance
1628 Sixteenth Street, N. W.
Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Dr. Ohrn:

Dr. Sadler returned to the office this morning. He tells me that the prospect is that Dr. J. T. Ayorinde of Nigeria will be in London for the Jubilee Congress. I know this is good news to you, as well as the Commission on World Missions.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

Frank K. Means

FKM/tsb

THE BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

MINUTES THE MEETING OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

Washington, D. C. November 23, 1954

The Administrative Committee was called to order at 9:30 A.M. by the Chairman, Dr. C. O. Johnson.

- 1. DEVOTIONS. Dr. Duke K. McCall read the Scripture and led in prayer.
- 2. ROLL CALL. Members of the Administrative Committee present were: C. Oscar Johnson, Arnold T. Ohrn, T. F. Adams, W. H. Jernagin, Reuben E. Nelson, Edward H. Pruden, Duke K. McCall, Mrs. George R. Martin, and Treasurer Edward B. Willingham. Visitor: R. Dean Goodwin of New York.
- 3. REGRETS. The General Secretary reported a letter from Dr. Louie D. Newton expressing his regret at not being present, due to two funerals in his church.

(NOTE: Later a telegram was received from Mrs. Edgar Bates, expressing her regrets at not being present due to serious illness in her family.)

- 4. REMARKS BY THE CHAIRMAN. The Chairman stated that he wished again to emphasize the importance of the work we are trying to do through the Baptist World Alliance. He said he did not see any brighter ray of hope for the work of the Lord than through the Baptist World Alliance, and he believed that he should go the full length to keep it alive. He stated that he believed it important that the work which the Baptist World Alliance has done and for which it was set up be maintained in love and devotion. There are greater things yet to be done. "I pray that the unity may increase, and our fellowship may be multiplied and strengthened. I hope we will be guided by prayer to make the program for next year one which will give a sense of oneness."
- 5. DEATH OF MR. LE QUESNE. The General Secretary read a cable from Dr. Lewis received November 22nd, reporting the death of Mr. C. T. LeQuesne, the Eastern Treasurer of the Alliance.

MOTION was made and adopted that a cable of sympathy be sent to Mrs. Le Quesne, and that a memorial be prepared for the Executive Committee meeting to be held in London, July 1955.

6. ELECTION OF INTERIM EASTERN TREASURER. After some discussion as to the handling of finances between now and the meeting of the Executive next year,

MCTION was made and unanimously adopted that Dr. W. O. Lewis be authorized to serve as Acting Eastern Treasurer until the next meeting of the Executive, and that the Chairman and General Secretary confer with British Baptists regarding a possible successor to Mr. LeQuesne.

7. CORRESPONDENCE WITH MR. RONALD BELL, DRS. PAYNE AND LEWIS. The General Secretary read letters from Mr. Ronald Bell of London, from Dr. Payne and from Dr. Lewis regarding various matters relating to the London Congress. Dr. Ohrn also read his replies.

MOTION was made and adopted that the Administrative Committee invite Dr. Payne to be present at its next meeting, the expense to be borne by the committee. It was also decided to inform the brethren in London that if their committee wished to send others besides Dr. Payne, they would be most welcome, though the Administrative Committee did not see its way to pay their expenses.

8. ASSOCIATE SECRETARYSHIP. The General Secretary read a letter from Dr. W. O. Lewis, drafted on behalf of the European Baptist Federation by a committee consisting of Dr. Lewis, Dr. Sorenson, Dr. Nordenhaug and Rev. Ruben Swedberg, regarding the appointment, as a successor to Dr. Lewis, of a man who could be joint Secretary for Europe of the Baptist World Alliance and the European Baptist Federation. Possible financial participation to the extent of providing one third of the salary from the European Baptist Federation was intimated.

This project was discussed at length, and the views of the Administrative Committee may be summed up as follows: 1) There would be no need for two secretaries, both having their field of work in Europe. The Alliance ought, therefore, to give the proposal for co-operation between the Baptist World Alliance and the European Baptist Federation most cordial consideration. 2) A double appointment, with a joint secretary being responsible to two separate bodies, might easily lead to confusion. The Alliance ought therefore to act in calling a new secretary, but in close consultation with the Council of the European Baptist Federation. 3) For this reason the Alliance ought to be responsible for the salary of the Secretary; the European Baptist Federation could assist in providing funds for office and travel expenses.

MOTION was made and adopted that the matter be referred to the special committee appointed to study the matter of secretaryships and bring recommendations to the Administrative and Executive Committee. (The chairman of this committee is Dr. Theodore F. Adams.)

9. LETTER FROM ALEXANDER KAREV. The General Secretary read a letter he had received from A. Karev of Moscow, General Secretary of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists, regarding the possibility of sending ministerial students from Russia to theological schools outside Russia. All expressed their warm interest in making suitable provision.

MOTION was made and adopted that the Baptist World Alliance make available from the annual income of its Seminary funds, financial aid to such Russian students.

10. LONDON CONGRESS. ROLL CALL. The question of whether each of the various conventions in the United States should have a separate speaker, or whether there should be one speaker for the whole group, was raised. The opinion seemed to be that it would be best for each convention to have one person to step forth and say that he represented such and such a convention, and then after all had been presented to have one person speak for the whole U. S. group.

11. DR. JOHNSON'S JOURNEY TO FINLAND. Dr. Johnson explained that he expected to leave for Finland on November 29th in connection with certain matters pertaining to our Baptist Work.

MOTION was made and adopted that a letter of recommendation be written "to whom it may concern."

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 1:00 P.M.

At 2:00 P.M. the meeting reconvened, with Dr. Adams in the chair during the absence of Dr. Johnson at the State Department.

12. LETTER FROM DR. LORD. The General Secretary read a letter from Dr. Lord written from New Zealand, which had just arrived by the morning mail.

Dr. Jernagin was asked to lead in prayer for God's blessing on Dr. and Mrs. Lord during the final days of their journey.

- 13. LONDON CONGRESS. PROGRAM. The program of the plenary sessions was discussed thoroughly, and a number of speakers chosen. (See revised draft program as of November 23.)
- 14. LONDON CONGRESS. COMMISSION MEETINGS. The General Secretary reported that the Commission on Religious Liberty was planning for two public conferences on Monday and Tuesday afternoons. No other such open conferences seemed to be contemplated. It was decided that it would be best to hold the conferences on religious liberty on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, July 19 and 22. There was agreement that the time of service of the various commissions had better terminate at the end of the Congress, and that such commissions as the new Executive Committee might decide to continue, should then be reorganized.
- 15. LONDON CONGRESS. PAMPHLET ON WORLD MISSIONS. The General Secretary read a letter from Mrs. Wigginton regarding the preparation of a pamphlet on world missions as decided upon at the Louisville meeting. Mrs. Wigginton stated that the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society and the Women's Society were ready to do their part in the preparation of this pamphlet and in the sharing of the expense. It was requested that the General Secretary get in touch with Dr. Frank Means of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond and find out just what is being done in this matter.
- 16. LONDON CONGRESS. BRITISH BIBLE SOCIETY. The General Secretary referred to a letter from The British Bible Society in connection with some part on the program. It was felt that some word regarding this Society might be incorporated in one of the other addresses.
- 17. LONDON CONGRESS. FRATERNAL DELEGATES. The General Secretary referred to letters received regarding fraternal delegates.

MOTION was made and adopted that the action taken at the Louisville meeting regarding fraternal delegates be reaffirmed.

- 18. IONDON CONGRESS. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION. This matter was presented by the General Secretary, who quoted prices made to the British Baptists for simultaneous translation service. It was agreed that the committee would look with favor on such an arrangement, and would express the hope that it might be worked out. The committee would like to have more information on the subject and hear what has been done by the time of its next meeting.
- 19. LONDON CONGRESS. INVITATION FROM PLYMOUTH. The General Secretary read a letter inviting about 50 delegates to the Congress to be the guests of Plymouth Baptists prior to the Congress. It was felt that the committee should express its appreciation of the invitation, but that it could not see how it would be possible for it to convey the invitation effectively.
- 20. LONDON CONGRESS. FREACHERS' MEETING AT RUSCHLIKON. A letter from Dr. Hughey of Ruschlikon was read, suggesting the holding of a missions conference at Ruschlikon just prior to the London Meeting. It was felt that the Baptist World Alliance could not sponsor such a conference, but that the Seminary would be free to invite such missionary leaders as they might wish to attend such a conference.
- 21. LONDON CONGRESS. POOL FOR ASSISTANCE TO DELEGATES. The General Secretary reported that \$2,500.00 had been received up to the present time. It was decided that it should be left to the discretion of the General Secretary to use this money as wisely as possible.
- 22. NEXT MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. It was suggested that possibly a meeting could be held early in the next year, and that in the meantime if possible as many of the members of the committee as could be gotten together be called to meet with Dr. Lord on his way to New York to depart for London. The date was not finally fixed.
 - 23. The meeting adjourned about 4:15 P.M. with prayer by Dr. Jernagin.

(NOTE: The next meeting of the Administrative Committee has since been called for February 4th)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

DRAFT PROGRAM, as of November 23, 1954.

Note: This draft is based on the decisions made at the March 30 meeting of the Program Committee; on correspondence with members of the Executive Committee; on the decisions made at the September 9 meeting of the Executive Committee, and at the November 23 meeting of the Administrative Committee.

GOLDEN JUBILEE BAPTIST CONGRESS

(Ninth World Assembly)

London, England

July 16-22, 1955.

Congress Theme: "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and for ever" -- Hebrews 13:8.

(Unless otherwise announced, all plenary sessions take place in the Royal Albert Hall, Kensington.)

FIRST SESSION

Saturday, July 16, at 2:30 p.m.

Opening session

Chairman: The President of the Baptist World Alliance,

Dr. F. Townley Lord, London, England.

Devotional opening: Song, prayer, Scripture reading.

Addresses of welcome: (In all approximately 30 minutes)

Response by Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Georgia

Vice-president of the B.W.A.

Keynote address: "The Changeless Christ in a Changing World"

Speaker: Rev. L. A. North, Wellington, New Zealand.

Business: Election of committees on business, on nominations, on resolutions.

Messages.

Roll Call of nations, first part.

SECOND SESSION

Saturday, July 16, at 7:30 p.m.

Scripture reading and prayer.

Address: "A Faith for Today."

Speaker: Dr. Herbert Gezork, President, Andover Newton

Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts.

Roll Call of nations, second part. (A reversal of the order of the last two items may be considered)

Sunday morning, July 17

Worship services in Baptist and other churches in the Metropolitan area, with visiting preachers.

THIRD SESSION

Sunday, July 17, at 2:30 p.m.

Golden Jubilee Service.

Chairman: Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Missouri, Past President of the B.W.A.

Scripture reading and prayer.

Devotional meditation: Dr. Gilbert Laws, Norwich, England.

Jubilee Address. Speaker: The President of the Baptist World Alliance.

FOURTH SESSION

Sunday, July 17, at 8:00 p.m. (song service starting at 7:30 p.m.)

Theme: "Personal Experience of Christ."

Brief testimonies by an international and interracial team of youth, women, and laymen.

Closing sermon: "The Fullness of Christ" (John 1:16).

Speaker: Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, President, Baptist Theological Seminary, Rüschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland

FIFTH SESSION

Monday, July 18, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32) Speaker: Rev. Guy Moore, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas. (Invited)

Business:

Report and address by the General Secretary.

Address: "Christ in the Bible."

Speaker: Prof. Dr. H. H. Rowley, University of Manchester, England. (Invited)

Monday, July 18, at 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings: Youth

Women

Laymen (Stewardship)

Ministers

SIXTH SESSION

Monday, July 18, at 7:30 p.m.

Address: "Freedom"

Speaker: Dr. Walter Pope Binns, President, William Jewell College,

Liberty, Missouri.

Address: "Peace"

Speaker: Rev. F. A. Marsh, General Secretary, Baptist Foreign

Mission Board, Australia. (Invited)

SEVENTH SESSION

Tuesday, July 19, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will make you fishers of men" (Matt. 4:19). Speaker: Dr. Elmer Fridell, Secretary, American Baptist Foreign

Mission Society, New York, N. Y. (Invited)

Business: (Constitution?)

"Baptist Work in Asia." Two or three short addresses by nationals.

Address: "Christ in Every Day Life."

Speaker: Dr. Joseph H. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois, President,

National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (Invited)

Tuesday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings: Youth

Women

Men (laymen and ministers)

Theme: "Winning men for Christ."
Theological Teachers' Conference
Conference on Religious Liberty

EIGHTH SESSION

Tuesday, July 19, at 7:30 p.m.

Short address by Mrs. Ba Maung Chain of Burma. (Invited)

The Congress Sermon. Preacher: Dr. Joao Soren, pastor, First Baptist Church, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

NINTH SESSION

Wednesday, July 20, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will manifest myself" (John 14:15-21)
Speaker: Rev. John Williams Hughes, B.A., B.D., M.A., Principal,
Baptist College, Bangor, North Wales (Invited)

Business:

"Baptist Work in Europe." Two or three brief addresses.

Address: "Christ in the Home."

Speaker: Mrs. Maurice B. Hodge, Portland, Oregon., President,

National Council of American Baptist Women.

TENTH SESSION

Wednesday, July 20, at 2:30 p.m.

Reports: Relief Committee

Women's Committee
Youth Committee

Election of officers and Executive Committee members

Address: "Christ and the Refugees."

Speaker: Dr. W. O. Lewis, Associate Secretary of the B.W.A.

ELEVENTH SESSION

Wednesday, July 20, at 7:30 p.m.

The Pageant.

TWELFTH SESSION

Thursday, July 21, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "I will build my Church" (Matt. 16:18). Speaker: Rev. Johannes Arndt, Germany (Invited)

"Baptist Work in Africa." Two or three brief addresses by nationals.

Address: "Christ in the Church."

Speaker: Rev. Alexander Karev, Moscow, General Secretary, All-

Union Council of Evangelical Christian Baptists,

Soviet-Russia. (Invited)

Thursday, July 21, 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings by Continents.

THIRTEENTH SESSION

Thursday, July 21, at 7:30 p.m.

World Missions night.

- Speakers: (1) Rev. Erik Ruden, General Secretary, Baptist Union of Sweden. (Invited)
 - (2) Rev. W.M.P. Jayatunga, Colombo, Ceylon, Principal, Carey College
 - (3) Rev. John Middlebrook, General Home Secretary,
 Baptist Missionary Society, London, England.
 (Invited)

FOURTEENTH SESSION

Friday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m.

Devotional address: "Lo, I am with you always" (Matt. 28:20) Speaker: Dr. G. L. Prince, Texas, President, National Baptist Convention of America.

Business: Resolutions?

"Baptist Work in Latin America." Two or three brief addresses.

Address: "Christ in the Social Order."

Speaker: Mrs. Edgar Bates, Dean of Women, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. (Invited)

Friday, July 22, at 2:30 p.m.

Sectional meetings: Conference on Baptist History

Conference on Radio and Television Conference on Religious Liberty

Missionary Conference

FIFTEENTH SESSION

Friday, July 22, at 7:30 p.m.

Closing mass meeting at Arsenal football grounds, Highbury Hill, or in some similar place of assembly.

Introduction of President-elect. Remarks.

Words of thanks and appreciation. Speaker: Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, Missouri, Past President of the B.W.A.

Coronation address: Speaker: Dr. Billy Graham

Benediction: Incoming President