A Personal Word from the GENERAL SECRETARY

The Lord is moving in powerful ways in these pivotal years. As Habakkuk wrote in 3:2, “Lord, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O Lord. Renew them in our day.” It is humbling to see Baptist men and women serve with Holy Spirit creativity, conviction, and faithful calling no matter the circumstance.

Through our worldwide partnership, we share the love of Christ, celebrating 29% growth of the Baptist movement over the last decade even while pressing for greater mission engagement as three billion remain unreached. We work with the persecuted, providing aid to the imprisoned, standing where racial injustice persists, and advocating with government leaders where religious persecution is threatened. We are equipping a new generation of leaders and provided humanitarian aid in 84 countries in the last year alone.

After more than 115 years, the opportunities for the Baptist World Alliance and BWA Baptists to pursue our mission “to impact the world for Christ” remain as vibrant and as vital today as ever.

Please join me in celebrating how God is moving and in praying for God’s call to missional renewal as we serve together!

Partnering Together,

Rev. Elijah M. Brown, PhD
General Secretary & CEO
115
YEAR HISTORY

1
UNIFIED MISSION

126
COUNTRIES & TERRITORIES

241
CONVENTIONS & UNIONS

170,000
BAPTIST CHURCHES

49,000,000
BAPTISTS WORLDWIDE
Centered in Jesus Christ and rooted in deep spiritual life, we strengthen our worldwide family through ongoing gatherings, pastoral presence, mutual friendships, and the cultivation of worship, fellowship, and unity.

**LET US PRAY**

*When COVID-19 began to spread across the world, the Baptist family mobilized in prayer.*

- Hosted a 24-hour global prayer marathon with more than 600 people from 44 countries praying contiguously for 24 hours
- Launched a global prayer team that responded to more than 3,000 individual prayer requests from around the world
- 2000+ prayer warriors united weekly to pray for the world with our “One in Prayer” email guide

Become a global prayer warrior today at BaptistWorld.org/prayer
OUR GROWING FAMILY

In July, we welcomed our 241st member body – St. Kitts Baptist Association – to the BWA family, expanding the number of represented countries and territories to 126.

The BWA responded to the pandemic by launching the “Standing Together” Global Response Plan, which included aid and advocacy responses, online church resources, and virtual worship opportunities. Over Pentecost weekend, we offered the first fully virtual worship gatherings in our history, calling Baptists around the world to stand together in prayer, worship, and giving. Like many of our members around the world, we pivoted to offer our annual General Council Meeting online as well as onboarding orientations for the hundreds of commission and committee members beginning their quinquennial ministry positions.

10,000+ people from more than 100 countries united online in worship and prayer at our Standing Together at Pentecost Worship Gatherings

116 members from 48 countries participated in our first virtual General Council, representing 61 member bodies

25,000+ people engaged with us online through one or more of our social media channels. Join the conversation on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram: @BaptistWorld

22nd BAPTIST WORLD CONGRESS

With more than 1,000 people already registered from over 50 countries, we are on our way to having registrants from more than 100 countries and making the first fully virtual Congress the most international celebration of Baptists in our 400-year history as a Baptist movement.

Register Today: BWA2021.org

BaptistWorld.org

In 2020, we launched a mobile-optimized website to encourage greater communication and connection within the global Baptist family. The site includes language translation, individual pages for each member body, and archives of important resources – including ecumenical dialogue reports, statistical research such as the vulnerability index, and a searchable BWA resolution repository.
Compelled by the Great Commission, we lead with a passionate commitment to Gospel witness in every context and people group, foster multidirectional partnerships that connect individuals and churches, and encourage global mission and evangelism.

DIRECTOR OF INTEGRAL MISSION

Following an extensive global search with applicants from every region, Everton Jackson was appointed to serve as Director of Integral Mission – beginning his new role in July 2020. The executive-level position is a reflection of the BWA’s longstanding and continued commitment to lead in evangelism and mission.

Before joining the BWA team, Jackson served for ten years as BWA Regional Secretary / Executive Secretary & Treasurer for the Caribbean Baptist Fellowship and as President of the Jamaican Baptist Union from 2000-2002.

Pictured is a time of prayer and commissioning for Everton Jackson at the 2020 March Executive Meeting in Falls Church, VA, USA.

Over the last year, the BWA...

- Provided an evangelism grant to support the establishment of a new congregation in the Middle East
- Provided an evangelism grant in support of an evangelism and discipleship training conference for church leaders in South Sudan
- Supported 30 Venezuelan Baptist missionaries as full-time church planters in Venezuela
- Assembled a globally-representative committee to initiate planning for a School of Evangelism series to be rolled out during the quinquennium in the six regions of the BWA
- Assembled a globally-representative committee to develop a Mission Guide in response to the challenges of ministering during COVID-19 to be released May 2021 as part of our Pentecost conviction to be a global church on God’s global mission
- Supported Go2020 – a call to Baptists worldwide to share the Gospel throughout the month of May 2020. This challenge was especially received by the All Africa Baptist Youth Fellowship, which mobilized and prayed for young leaders across the continent to share the Gospel.

The BWA family has grown 29% in the last ten years.
Help Us Reach Cities of Global Impact

39 megacities around the world house 9% of the world’s population and 15% of the world’s total gross domestic product. 20 of the 39 are in a country where 10% or less claim any form of Christianity.
Challenged to generously love our neighbor, we respond to people in need, collaborate in times of crisis, network agencies, support sustainability and creation care, build capacity, empower local church engagement and resource aid, relief, and community development.

Baptists around the world responded to the coronavirus pandemic with holistic Gospel ministry.

- Baptists across Africa, the Caribbean, and beyond provided thousands of pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- Baptists in Mexico sent life-saving medicine into remote areas where there was no medicine.
- Baptists in Indonesia provided food to widows of Baptist pastors.
- Baptists in Latvia broadcast a Baptist worship service on national television for the first time in the country’s history and set up a phone bank to provide counseling and prayer for those watching.
In 2020, BWAid supported 151 PROJECTS in 84 COUNTRIES impacting more than 138,000 PEOPLE.

In a year in which we celebrated the 100-year anniversary of Baptist World Aid, the need for this ministry was confirmed yet again as our world struggled to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Committed to a biblical understanding of the image of God in every person, we defend an ethic of life, support religious freedom for all, stand in solidarity with the marginalized, advocate at every level, train and network proactively, and mobilize for religious freedom, human rights, and justice.

In 2020, the BWA launched the 21Wilberforce Global Freedom Center, a new BWA Center to advance religious freedom around the world. Modeling the advocacy of abolitionist William Wilberforce, the center mobilizes grassroots networks to collaboratively support persecuted communities, challenge repression, and expand freedom of religion and belief globally.

Through the 21Wilberforce Global Freedom Center, the BWA significantly deepened and expanded our direct high-level advocacy and engagement on behalf of those facing persecution around the world.

- Represented BWA Member Bodies at the International Religious Freedom (IRF) Roundtable in Washington DC, helped develop roundtables across the globe, and equipped IRF advocates with collaborative online tools

- Coordinated religious freedom civil society events, including the 2020 Governmental Ministerial to Advance Religious Freedom hosted by Poland, and a partnership event with the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum designed to help faith communities mobilize youth for international religious freedom advocacy


- Equipped nine university students through the 21Wilberforce Emerging Leaders Program, an interactive virtual training initiative to raise up a new generation of religious freedom advocates
ENHANCED RELIGIOUS FREEDOM MONITORING AROUND THE WORLD

Through our 21Wilberforce partnership, we enhanced religious freedom monitoring in all 126 countries and territories where there is a BWA member body.

Using our newly launched violation report process, local Baptists informed us of a pastor in Nepal who was unjustly arrested and incarcerated for praying. We responded with family support, offer of bail money, and direct advocacy. We also provided help to a Baptist leader arrested in Belarus and supported religious freedom statements with the United Nations related to Kyrgyzstan, Egypt, Austria, and Ukraine.

UNITED NATIONS
Supported 6 representatives actively engaged in service and advocacy through the United Nations, including advocacy highlighting the negative consequences of COVID-19 on religious minorities around the world

REFUGEES
Distributed emergency grants to 6 Baptist conventions and organizations working alongside Venezuelan refugees

BAPTISTS AGAINST RACISM
The BWA has a long history of standing against racial injustice, but there is still much work to be done. In June, we cosigned a statement with the North American Baptist Fellowship denouncing the deaths of Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and George Floyd. We then hosted a global prayer call and webinar led by Cassandra Jones, Chair of the BWA Commission on Racial, Gender and Economic Justice, and published a leadership resource to help leaders listen, learn, and engage. In October 2020, we launched the BWA Action Group on Racial Justice to ensure racial justice is a continued priority in the years to come.
Called to discipleship, we advance multicultural and multilingual training, empower next generation leaders, encourage meaningful dialogue and praxis, and engage in relevant theological reflection and transformational leadership.

BWAHORIZONS.ORG
Visit to learn more about Horizons Training for youth and children’s ministry leaders.
In 2020, we released the new Horizons website, introducing the capability to complete courses on mobile devices. This increased accessibility has opened the door to reach many who do not own a computer. Since the launch, 50% of all new participants are studying with this new feature.

- Welcomed our new quinquennial leadership, including President Tomás Mackey from Argentina and First Vice President Karl Johnson from Jamaica
- Launched 14 new BWA Commissions with Baptists around the world working together to address the most critical issues today such as evangelism and mission, religious freedom, peace building, racial justice, doctrine and theology, and dialogue with other Christian worldwide communions

Horizons has launched in 26 African nations with training offered in both French and English.

Curated with content from global experts and practitioners of youth and children’s ministry, Horizons is a virtual training program offered at no cost in more than ten languages.
PARTNERING TOGETHER | FISCAL REPORT

We are incredibly thankful for the faithful and generous support of our ministry partners around the world. Together we are making a global impact!

I support the BWA not only because I am Baptist but because the BWA is touching lives and leading in Christlike capacity, networking the globe with its resources. Above all, the BWA is committed to fulfilling the Great Commission.

– Adeoye Gbenga Adigun
   BWA Committee Member
   President, All Africa Baptist Youth Fellowship

SUPPORT & REVENUE
$1,580,968*

- $626,622 Churches, Individuals & Others
- $259,437 Miscellaneous Income
- $388,068 Member Organizations
- $298,646 Rental Income

* Support revenue totals do not include investment UR gains or losses

EXPENSES
$1,561,207

- $1,099,623 Program Services
- $251,369 Administration
- $78,150 Building
- $132,065 Fundraising

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• We believe in the importance of **STEWARDSHIP**, so we endeavor to prayerfully and wisely utilize the generous gifts of God’s people for the greatest kingdom impact around the world.

• We believe in the value of **TRANSPARENCY** and are committed to consistently sharing fiscal stewardship reports and results.

• We believe in the need for **ACCOUNTABILITY** and engage in fiscally responsible budget preparation and tracking processes in addition to annual external audits.

An overview of our financial position, including assets and investments, is outlined below.

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* unaudited (all figures in the report reflect United States dollars)

“I believe in the mission of the Baptist World Alliance. I enjoy meeting and getting to know people from around the world, and I believe that service on the audit committee is one place I am able to make a contribution to the global work of the BWA.”

- Mel Harris, Audit Committee Chair

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