



Seventh Day Baptist World Federation

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Member Groups

Australia Association
Brazil Conference
British Conference
Burundi Conference
Guyana Conference
India Conference (Andhra Pradesh)
India: Malankara Churches. Kerala
Jamaica Conference
Kenya Conference
Malawi: Central Africa Conference
Netherlands Conference
New Zealand Churches
Nigeria Churches
Philippines United Churches
Polish Conference
South Africa Conference
USA & Canada Conference
Zambia Conference



2008 Delegates in Kenosha,, Wisconsin, USA

Unity in Christ

Seventh Day Baptist World Federation

“Seventh Day Baptist unity in Christ and a vigorous witness throughout the world”—That was the broad goal stated by the founders of the SDB World Federation in 1964.

Members of the Federation are Seventh Day Baptist conferences or groups in all parts of the world who agree to cooperate in the purposes and program of the Federation. At the time of the 45th anniversary in 2010 there were twenty members representing churches in twenty-three countries on six continents.

Purpose

For forty-five years the purposes of the international body remain essentially the same:

1. To provide increased communication among Seventh Day Baptist groups around the world.
2. To promote projects for mutual interest which will benefit from international cooperation.
3. To stimulate fellowship among Seventh Day Baptist Christians.

Sessions

Delegates from the member groups as well as many observers, particularly from the host country, gather approximately every five years for general sessions usually lasting about one week. Sessions were held in the United States in 1971, 1978, and 1986; in New Zealand in 1992, Jamaica in 1997, Brazil in 2003, and USA in 2008.

In 2017 delegates will meet in Brazil for the eighth Federation session. Activities will include worship, Bible study, training workshops, reports from each country, election of officers and other business.

History

Representatives from seven countries responded to the invitation from the United States conference to meet with them in 1964 to discuss missionary effort and cooperation on a global scale. They drafted a constitution to be submitted to the national conferences and groups who might be interested in joining. By the end of the following year (1965) eleven groups had become charter members of the new federation.



Signers of the World Federation Constitution in 1964--from Great Britain, Germany, Guyana, Jamaica, Malawi, Netherlands, and USA.

Executive Committee

The executive committee meets at least once between sessions, communicating regularly through Internet connections or airmail. It is made up of officers including vice presidents from each of the seven regions: Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Europe, North America, South Pacific, and South America.

All officers currently work entirely on a voluntary basis with some expenses paid. Contributions support travel and other sessions' expenses with the goal of having each member group represented at each meeting even though that ideal is seldom achieved.



Friends in Christ--Partners in Ministry--2008

Publications

An annual Week of Prayer sponsored by the Federation promotes unity of Christian spirit among all Seventh Day Baptists each January. The published prayer booklet, written by someone from a different country each year, is translated into several languages. The Federation newsletter, *Seventh Day Baptist World*, highlights Federation activities and news from member groups. Both are available in digital format on the Federation's Web site: <http://www.sdbwf.org>.

Projects

Projects supported by the Federation have included leadership education programs or publishing in specific countries, travel funding for evangelistic missions within or between countries, disaster relief through member groups, and sending of officers or “ambassadors” to encourage the growth of work in new and existing locations. Money for projects comes through voluntary contributions from member conferences and individuals as they respond to a need that is communicated.

Contributions may be made through PayPal on the Web site or through a local church.

**Unity in Christ
Worldwide Witness**