

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Baptist Youth World Conferences



1. **First** Baptist World Youth Conference, August 1-4, **1931** in **Prague, Czechoslovakia** (Europe) 400 delegates, 16 nations, Leadership: Dr. T. G. Dunning, UK, Frank H. Leavell, USA
2. **Second** Baptist World Youth Conference, August 9-13, **1937** in **Zurich, Switzerland** (Europe) 1564 delegates, 28 nations, Leadership: Dr. T. G. Dunning, UK, Frank H. Leavell, USA
3. **Third** Baptist World Youth Conference, August 3-9, **1949** in **Stockholm, Sweden** (Europe) 1222 delegates, 22 nations, Leadership: Dr. T. G. Dunning, UK, Frank H. Leavell, USA
Speakers: W. H. Preston, USA; W. H. Jernagin, USA; David B. S. Chu, China; M. Jackson, USA
Townley Lord, England; Joel Sorenson, Sweden. *Theme: Baptist Youth Facing the Future*
4. **Fourth** Baptist World Youth Conference, July 15-22, **1953** in **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil** (South America) 1411 delegates, 30 nations, Leadership: Robert S. Denny, USA (1950-1955), Joel Sorenson, Sweden. *Speakers:* David Gomez, Brazil; Roger Fredrickson, USA; Byron Ragsdale, USA; John Knights, Australia; Peter Dienel, Germany; Howard E. Butt, Jr., USA; Robert S. Denny, USA; Arnoldo Canclini, Argentina; C. Oscar Johnson, USA; R. J. Robinson, USA; Duke McCall, USA; Joel Sorenson, Sweden. *Theme: The Living Christ Must Reign*
5. **Fifth** Baptist World Youth Conference, June 27-July 2, **1958** in **Toronto, Canada** (North America) 8022 delegates, 67 nations, Leadership: Joel Sorenson, Sweden (1955-1960) and Robert S. Denny. *Speakers:* Joel Sorenson, Sweden; David Gomez, Brazil; Prime Minister John Diefenbaker, Canada; Lien Chow, China; Joseph Adejumobi Adegbite, Nigeria; Theodore F. Adams, USA. *Theme: Christ for The World – Now!*
6. **Sixth** Baptist World Youth Conference, July 15-20, **1963** in **Beirut, Lebanon** (Asia) 3000 delegates, 50 nations, Leadership: W. G. Wickramasinghe, Sri Lanka (1960-1965) and Robert S. Denny. *Speakers:* Charles Malik, USA/Lebanon; Miss Renuka Mukerji, India; Robert A. Hingston, USA; William A. Lawson, USA; W. G. Wickramasinghe, Sri Lanka; Robert S. Denny, USA; Emanuel Ajayi Dahunsi, Nigeria; Josef Nordenhaug, Norway; Joao Filson Soren, Brazil; Theodore F. Adams, USA; (M. L. King Jr. was unable to come due to the critical stage of the civil rights events in USA). *Theme: Jesus Christ In A Changing World*
7. **Seventh** Baptist World Youth Conference, July 22-28, **1968** in **Berne, Switzerland** (Europe) 6,000 delegates, 59 nations, Leadership: Gunner Hogland, USA (1965-1970) Robert S. Denny, USA, *Speakers:* Robert S. Denny, USA; Samuel D. Proctor, USA; Paul Tournier, Switzerland; Gerhard Claas, Germany; C. Ronald Goulding, UK; Carl H. Lundquist, USA; Othelo de Leon, Philippines; Solomon N. Gwei, Cameroon; Nilson Fanini, Brazil; Kenneth L. Chafin, USA; Billy Graham, USA. *Theme: One World, One Lord, One Witness*

8. **Eighth** Baptist World Youth Conference, July 31 - August 4, **1974** in **Portland, Oregon, USA** (North America), 5,000 delegates, 54 nations, Leadership: Karl-Heinz Walter, West Germany (1970-1975); Theo Patnaik, India, Associate Secretary. *Speakers:* Don Kim, Korea; Roger Velasquez, El Salvador; Masamba ma Mpolo, Zaire. *Theme: Christ Our Challenge To Live*

9. **Ninth** Baptist Youth World Conference, July 19-23, **1978** in **Manila, Philippines** (Asia) 1,500 delegates 34 nations, Leadership: Daltro Keidann, Brazil (1975-1980), Betty Lee Smith, USA, Assistant Secretary. *Speakers:* Lien Hwa Chow, Taiwan; Larsake W. Persson, Sweden; Peter McLeod, USA; Paul Nichols, USA. *Theme: Jesus Christ--The One Light For All People*

10. **Tenth** Baptist World Youth Conference, July 11-15, **1984** in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**, (Latin America) 4,000 delegates, 68 nations, Leadership: Bob Taylor, USA (1980-1984), Raul Scialabba, Argentina (1984-1985) Youth Director: Denton Lotz, USA; Samson Mathangani, Kenya, Assistant. *Speakers:* Pablo Alberto Deiros, Argentina; Lucy Po Ba, Burma; Douglas Waruta, Tanzania; Uwe Kühne, Federal Republic of Germany; Charles Booth, USA. *Theme: Jesus Christ, The Truth, Our Faith, Our Commitment, Our Peace*

11. **Eleventh** Baptist Youth World Conference, July 27-31, **1988** in **Glasgow, Scotland**, (Europe) 7,000 delegates, 84 nations, Leadership: Paul Montacute, Great Britain, (1985-1988), Youth Director Denton Lotz, USA. *Speakers:* Douglas Waruta, Tanzania; Frank Polland, USA; Tomas Mackey, Argentina; Johnson Lim, Singapore; David Coffey, UK. *Theme: Jesus Christ Rules*

12. **Twelfth** Baptist Youth World Conference, August 11-15, **1993** in **Harare, Zimbabwe**, (Africa) 3,000 delegates, 44 nations, Leadership: Chamunorwa H. Chiromo, Zimbabwe (1988-1993) Youth Director Paul Montacute, UK, Regina Claas, Germany. *Speakers:* Tony Campolo USA; Steve Chalke, UK; Anne Wilkinson-Hayes, UK; Noah Pashapa, Zimbabwe; Wati Aier, India; Paul Negrut, Romania; Samuel Olaniyan Fadeji, Nigeria; Ronald Bobo, USA. *Theme: Risking All For Christ...Our Only Hope*

13. **Thirteenth** Baptist Youth World Conference, July 22 - 26, **1998** in **Houston, Texas, USA** (North America) 8,000 delegates, 87 nations, Leadership: Ronald Bobo, USA (1993-1998), Emmett Dunn, Liberia Youth Director. *Speakers:* Stephen Gaukroger, UK; Frederick Haynes, USA; Chamunorwa Chiromo, Zimbabwe; Yamina Apolinaris-Concepcion, Puerto Rico; Louie Giglio USA. *Theme: Now Is The Time*

14. **Fourteenth** Baptist Youth World Conference, August 4-8, **2004** in **Hong Kong, China** (Asia) 4,000 delegates, 67 nations, Leadership: Donald Lawrence, Jamaica (1998-2004); Naomi Tyler-Lloyd, USA, Emmett Dunn, Liberia, Youth Director. *Speakers:* Donald Lawrence, Jamaica; Karin Olofsdotter, Sweden; Emile Sam Peal, Liberia; Bart Campolo, USA; Enoch Lam, Hong Kong, China. *Theme: Jesus Christ is the Life...LIVE*

15. **Fifteenth** Baptist Youth World Conference, July 3-August 3, **2008** in **Leipzig, Germany**, 6300 delegates, 88 nations, Leadership: Eiji Osato, Japan (2004-2008), Dean Miller, USA; Emmett Dunn, Liberia, Youth Director. *Speakers:* Aaron George, Grenada; Shane Claiborne, USA; Denise Vasconcelos, Brazil; Edward Alabi, Nigeria; Nick Lear, UK. *Theme: Dive Deeper*

16. **Sixteenth** Baptist Youth World Conference, July 17-21, **2013** in **Singapore**, Leadership: Denise Vasconcelos, Brazil (2008-2013), Debra Berry, USA; Emmett Dunn, Liberia, Youth Director. *Speakers:* Edmund Chan, Singapore; Diana Francis, Bahamas; Thembelani Jentile, South Africa; Lucas Leys, Argentina; Dave Overholt, Canada; Christian Rommert, Germany; Rachael Tan, Taiwan. *Theme: REACH!*