



Baptist Convention of South Sudan

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Event: The Annual General Meeting of the Baptist Convention of South Sudan 2025.

Venue: Juba First Baptist Church, Hai Baraka, Juba, South Sudan.

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Preamble

I recognize the presence of our elder and mentor Dr. Michael Okwakol, the IMB representatives, president of the Baptist Union of Uganda Abel Segirinya, the Executive Members of the Baptist Convention of South Sudan, delegates from the different regions and associations across and beyond the borders of this country, ladies and gentlemen.

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ! Thank you for honoring this important event marking the third Annual General Meeting after a long delay due to circumstances beyond our control. Above all, praise be to God. Allow me to deliver a report on and for this occasion.

The Baptist Convention of South Sudan is an assembly of Bible-believing Evangelical churches with the vision to see its member churches spiritually mature, unified, established, effectively proclaiming Jesus Christ, reaching the lost, and glorifying God (Ephesians 4:11-16; Matt 28:19-20). Its mission is to empower, strengthen, and serve the member churches to fulfill their God intended purposes through the objectives outlined below: Equipping the leaders of member churches so that they are sufficiently prepared to shepherd and develop their churches towards maturity, encourage local church leaders and member churches in their effort to shepherd and develop their local churches to maturity, and finally serve member churches with specialized administrative services so that they may be freed up to focus on the spiritual development and transformation of their churches and communities.

Brief background of the Baptist Convention of South Sudan

The Baptist Convention of South Sudan traces its official formation back to 2006 when it got registered as the Baptist Church of Sudan” by some notable leaders. The first official general meeting was conducted in Rumbek in 2007 in which a leadership team was officially formed paving a way for the (2011) second general meeting in KajoKeji. The Convention changed its registration status to the Baptist Convention of South Sudan in 2013 subsequently.

The First Executive members

1. Pastor Elijah Riak the President
2. Pastor Edward Dima Leju the Vice President
3. Pastor Ding Gatluak
4. Pastor Mathew Dhol
5. Pastor John Monchol
6. Mr. Juma David, National Secretary
7. Pastor Kaya David Daniel an Advisor

The Second Executive Members

1. Pastor Edward Dima the President
2. Pastor Ding Gatluak the Vice President
3. Pastor Ismail Ruman the National Secretary
4. Pastor Mathew Dhol the Vice National Secretary
5. Pastor Duku Kenneth the Treasurer
6. Pastor Elijah Riak the Vice Treasurer
7. Pastor Kaya David Daniel an Advisor

The Leaders of the Specialized Ministries of the Convention/Task Forces

1. Pastor Angalafa Sunlight the Team Leader for Men
2. Sister Rose Asio Edward the Team Leader for Women
3. Simon Gatluak Thill the Team Leader for Youth (Now vacant)
4. Inyani Martine the Team Leader for Children

The Baptist Convention channels its activities to the local churches through the established regions and the associations. As a newly born convention, it embarked on evangelism, missions, church planting and discipleship. As per the statistics of 2024, the number of local churches stood at 317 with a total of 34,870 believers. We are yet to compile the statistics for the year 2025.

The Activities Accomplished/Achievements

The number of local churches increased to about 317 by 2024 as a result of intensive evangelism, missions, church planting and discipleship.

A good number of church leaders for the different ministries trained in both the Biblical and Theological disciplines.

The Convention representatives made strengthening visits to some regions by the help of partner ministries.

The Convention developed and passed the Constitution to govern the Baptist Convention of South Sudan, its departments/Ministries, Levels and the local churches.

The Convention leadership has signed an agreement with Glory Baptist church Jondoru to have a temporary office space.

The Convention managed to secure both informal and formal partnerships with the following sister Baptist ministries.

1. Baptist World Alliance
2. All African Baptist Fellowship
3. The International Missions Board
4. E3 and later Empower one (Notable benefit The Flagship churches)
5. Sufficiency of Scripture Ministries Uganda
6. CRM
7. Living Water Community Transformation
8. HHA
9. On Mission Global
10. The Slavic Baptist churches and Moldova
11. Christ Cares Ministries etc.
12. ZOE Empower (under the Convention)
13. Rivernile Baptist Ministry, Juba
14. Samaritan Purse (SP) – to support with booking of travels to remote areas.

The Convention has been receiving Leadership Development Training from the following Seminaries:

1. Kenya Baptist Theological College Limuru
2. Global Theological Seminary Uganda
3. Uganda Baptist Theological Seminary Jinja
4. Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary through UBS Jinja
5. North East Theological Seminary KajoKeji (Locally founded)
6. World Hope Bible Institute
7. Timothy Logos Bible Training Institute Moyo Uganda (Locally and newly founded)

Institutions founded either by the Convention or local churches within the Convention include the following:

1. Kakuma Bible School in Kenya
2. The NEATs
3. Timothy Logos Bible Institute
4. Ebenezer Senior Secondary School, KajoKeji
5. Ebenezer Senior Secondary School, Nimule
6. Ebenezer Senior Secondary School, Bidibidi
7. Ebenezer Senior Secondary School, Obongi, Uganda
8. River Baptist Senior Secondary School, Juba
9. Glorious Baptist Secondary School, Juba
10. Ebenezer Primary School, KajoKeji
11. Ebenezer Primary School, Nimule
12. Glorious Baptist Academy Nursery and Primary School, Juba
13. River Baptist Nursery and Primary School, Juba
14. Amazing Grace Nursery and Primary School, Yumbe, Uganda

The Flagship churches construction fully supported by Empower One include but not only the below:

1. First Baptist Baptist, KajoKeji – completed and dedicated
2. Salvation Baptist Church, Malakal - completed and dedicated
3. First Baptist Church, Nimule - completed and dedicated
4. First Baptist Church, Yei - completed and dedicated
5. First Baptist Church, Juba – in pipeline
6. First Baptist Church, Yambio – in pipeline
7. Mvolo - in pipeline
8. Wau - in pipeline
9. Bentiu - in pipeline
10. Torit - in pipeline
11. Renk - in pipeline

The Baptist Convention of South Sudan has acquired land for development.

1. A plot of Land in Nesitu along Juba-Nimule Road for a Seminary.
2. A plot of Land in Lomenga along Juba-KajoKeji for Baptist House/Conference Centre
3. A plot of Land in Lomenga along Juba-KajoKeji Road for Baptist Residential

Challenges

The Bye-Laws to regulate the Constitution have not been worked out yet.

Many partner organizations operate with the Baptist Convention of South Sudan on friendly basis without official partnership agreements.

Inadequate financial resources to support the activities of the Convention such starting a Seminary, construction of the Baptist Convention Centre and an office for the Convention headquarter.

The Convention does not have a furnished office for both the executive and Secretariat services which has made communication and data archive difficult.

The evangelism, discipleship, missions and church planting activities have been slow due to inadequate logistics, literature and production equipment.

The Convention Leadership team failed to visit all the regions due to the insufficiency of finance and mobility.

The Convention has operated without a drawn strategic plan for records, evaluation and accountability purposes.

Ways forward

The Convention with all its levels should engage actively in prayer, evangelism, missions and discipleship to strengthen the believers and the local churches in order to continue carrying on the commission of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All the levels of the Convention should strengthen relationships, work hard and mobilize the resources needed for running and execution of the infrastructural projects; the Seminary and the Centre or Baptist House on the plots acquired, and the establishment of the secretariat.

The Leadership should liaise with the authorities to secure or draw plans for the properties available to match the government housing policies.

The leadership of the Convention should lovingly strengthen the partnerships with agreements for record purposes, projection, follow-ups, evaluation and procedural accountability in the course of time and during Annual General Meetings.

A long-term strategic plan should be drawn whose goals, clear outcomes, evidence, experiences or activities and budget projections can direct the execution of the quarterly, both bi-annual, and annual ministry activities.

The Convention Leadership and its legal counsel should expedite the By-Laws as it's fitting legal framework for the Constitution.

Conclusion

This report has tried to give a brief background, the vision, mission, and objectives of the Baptist Convention of South Sudan, its formation and legal status, with the first and second leadership teams mentioned herein. It has tried to outline achievements, failures and provided some ways forward to move the Convention towards realization of its grand God-given vision. It should be noted that the leadership of the Convention is grateful for your support (Mission partners, the local church leaders and General Assembly) in every way possible. This report acknowledges your collective, sacrificial and generous endeavors in the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ.

One more call for all here is that we should strive to keep the unity of the Spirit (Eph. 4:3-6), uphold the Biblical doctrines (1Tim. 4:16), in love which binds us together in a perfect unity (Col. 3:14), and run the race to the finishing line (Heb. 12:1-2; 1Cor.9:12; Phi. 3:12-14; 2Tim.4:7).

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever! Amen (Eph. 3:20-21).

The General Secretary,
Pastor David Taban Oliver Manash.