

**News Release by Baptist World Alliance, written by Eron Henry, BWA Associate Director, Communications**

Washington, DC (BWA)--Moreen Sharp, a Canadian and president of the North American Baptist Women's Union (NABWU) and a vice president of the Baptist World Alliance Women's Department (BWAWD), has been appointed Interim Executive Director of the BWAWD.

Sharp currently volunteers part-time as BWAWD Acting Executive Director and will become full time Interim Executive Director in November. Her appointment lasts until July 2020.

She succeeds American Patsy Davis, who retired December 31, 2015, after working as BWAWD executive director for 17 years.

Sharp has had longstanding involvement in women's ministry. From 2008-2010, she was president of Women in Focus, the Women's Department of Canadian Baptists of Western Canada. During that time she was also on the boards of Canadian Baptist Ministries, Canadian Baptist Women and NABWU, one of seven continental unions of BWAWD.

In 2012, Sharp was elected NABWU president for a five-year term that ends October 2017. She is a member of the BWA General Council and the Commission on Human Rights Advocacy, as well as the Executive Committee of the North American Baptist Fellowship.

"Moreen has an excellent testimony of Christian character and is recognized by the Baptist family as 'capable, organized, relational and visionary,'" said BWAWD President Ksenija Magda of Croatia. "She will be a great Women's Department advocate and a gracious colleague to the BWA General Secretary and staff."

She and her husband, Paul, have been ministry partners for more than 30 years in several countries. Moreen has led teaching, music and drama ministries in Japan, India and Canada. The couple has engaged in transitional pastoral ministry, serving various congregations in Canada on a short term basis.

She graduated from Regent College, an International Graduate School of Theology in the city of Vancouver in Canada.

