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Howard Norton selected as next president of Baxter Institute

Tegucigalpa, Honduras – The board of directors of Baxter Institute is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. Howard W. Norton as the next president of Baxter Institute, effective June 1, 2009. Norton will serve as the fourth president of the Institute and as president of Association Amicus, a Honduran not-for-profit organization that also oversees the James Moody Adams Clinic. JMA Clinic partners with Virginia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Blacksburg, Virginia, to provide medical services to the population of Honduras. Each year, the Clinic hosts numerous medical brigades and students.

Norton brings many years of missions, ministry, and academic experience to his new role. Beginning in 1977, he served as a faculty member at Oklahoma Christian, and later as Dean of the College of Bible. He served as editor of *The Christian Chronicle* from 1981 to 1996. He has most recently served as professor of Bible and Assistant Dean for Church Relations at Harding University. He has served as a minister, missionary, and elder. He serves on the board of Continent of Great Cities and World Bible School.

Bob Young, chairman of the board of directors, said, “We are grateful for the work done by Dr. Steve White during the five years of his presidency, and for the progress we have made. As we build on that foundation, we are pleased to have someone with Howard’s experience and skills to lead us into the future. We are especially thankful that Harding University has granted Howard a leave of absence to assist with this important work. Howard is a great team builder. His experiences in missions, ministry, and church leadership make him a wonderful mentor and teacher. His leadership and influence will bless the people and churches of Latin America into future generations.”

Baxter Institute, established in Mexico in 1964 and moved to Honduras in 1978, offers a four-year ministry and missions training program which attracts students from across Latin America and now has over 500 graduates working in North, Central, and South America. Baxter Institute fulfills its mission to serve and strengthen churches and Christians in Latin America by training ministers and leaders, providing resources to plant and strengthen churches, partnering with missions and educational organizations to reach shared goals, and providing a base for Latin American missions. Additional information about Baxter Institute can be found at www.baxterinstitute.edu.