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KALAMAZOO, Mich. -- Dr. W. Haydn Ambrose, director of the Department of Campus Christian Life of the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication, has been named assistant to the president for church relations at Kalamazoo College.

He also will serve as director of financial aid, according to Dr. Weimer K. Hicks, Kalamazoo College president. Dr. Ambrose will begin his duties this summer.

As assistant to the president for church relations, Dr. Ambrose will maintain active liaison with churches and with ecumenical agencies, represent the College at various church-related events, and will seek to interpret to churchmen the educational program of the College. Robert Porter served as the College's director of church relations until December, 1965. Baptist in origin and non-sectarian in practice, Kalamazoo actively maintains its historic connection with the American Baptist Convention.

As director of financial aid, Dr. Ambrose will be responsible for the administration of financial aid to students now divided among different administrative offices of the College.

Dr. Ambrose joined the staff of the American Baptist Board of Education and Publication in 1962. He helped to develop and implement the Board's current ecumenical philosophy of campus

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ministry.

Under his guidance, the Baptist Campus Ministers Association became a part of the National Campus Ministry Association, the professional organization for campus ministers of all denominations. Also, the Baptist Student Movement became a charter member of the University Christian Movement. During his tenure, state wide and national strategy developments provided for more cooperation with other denominations through the National Council of Churches and the United Ministries in Higher Education. Within the American Baptist Convention, Dr. Ambrose has served as chairman and administrator for American Baptist Volunteer Services.

He served as pastor of churches in Pennsylvania from 1945 to 1952. He then entered upon the campus ministry, first as minister of the First Baptist Church of Mankato, Minn., and then as minister of the University Baptist Church of Champaign, Ill.

Dr. Ambrose was born in Ammonford, South Wales, in 1922 and is a naturalized American citizen. He received the Bachelor of Arts degree from Eastern Baptist College in 1943, the Bachelor of Theology degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1945, the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Lancaster Seminary (United Church of Christ) in 1950, and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by California Baptist Seminary in 1963.

Dr. Ambrose is married and has two daughters.