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OF THE  
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE  
OF THE  
Original Free Will Baptists  
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## OFFICERS FOR THE 1969 SESSION

MODERATOR—Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR—Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.

SECRETARY—Mr. Oscar Webster, Pinetown, N. C.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY—Mr. J. T. Keech, Pantego, N. C.

TREASURER—Mr. Isaac Furlough, Creswell, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert May, Rev. Charlie Overton, Mr. Oscar Webster, Mr. Isaac Furlough, the Moderator of the Albemarle Union Meeting, the President of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, the President of the Albemarle League Union, and the President of the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. J. T. Keech (70), Rev. L. E. Ambrose (71),  
Rev. John A. Owens (72)

## BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. James Martin (70), Rev. W. L. Brickhouse (71),  
Mrs. Toleda Chappell (72)

## BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Robert May (70), Rev. A. B. Chandler (71),  
Rev. Charlie Overton (72)

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mrs. Amanda Willoughby (70), Mr. Hilton Simmons (71),  
Rev. Robert May (72), Rev. James N. Webster (73),  
Mr. Bill Gurganus (73)

## BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Mrs. Minnie Mae Chandler (70), Mrs. Ella Rae Foreman (71),  
Mrs. Lou Ellen Parker (72)

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.  
Rev. A. B. Chandler, Winterville, N. C.  
Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.  
Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.  
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Columbia, N. C.  
Rev. James N. Webster, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.  
Rev. Bill Gaylord, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.  
Rev. Cecil Rose, Route 2, Creswell, N. C.  
Rev. John Owens, Elizabeth City, N. C.  
Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Virginia Beach, Va.  
Rev. Linwood Boyette, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.

## ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

### MARTIN COUNTY

*Corinth*—Mr. R. L. Waters, Clerk, Route 1, Jamesville, North Carolina  
Rev. E. H. Fordham, Pastor, New Bern, North Carolina

### WASHINGTON COUNTY

*Mt. Tabor*—Mrs. Naomi Ambrose, Clerk, Route 2, Box 169, Creswell, North Carolina  
Rev. Cecil Rose, Pastor, Creswell, North Carolina  
*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Route 2, Box 21, Plymouth, North Carolina  
Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor, 811 Academy Street, Ahoskie, North Carolina  
*Piney Grove*—Mrs. Ester Barber, Clerk, Route 1, Box 185-A, Roper, North Carolina  
No regular pastor.  
*First Church of Plymouth*—Mrs. Bill Alligood, Clerk, 113 Latham Avenue, Plymouth, North Carolina  
Rev. H. A. Grubbs, Pastor, Kinston, North Carolina  
*Union Chapel*—Mr. Bill Gurganus, Clerk, Plymouth, North Carolina  
Rev. R. L. Norville, Pastor, Greenville, North Carolina

### TYRRELL COUNTY

*Sound Side*—Mr. Marvin Sawyer, Clerk, P. O. Box 47, Columbia, North Carolina  
Rev. Ray Harrison, Pastor, Grifton, North Carolina.  
*Gum Neck*—Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, Clerk, Route 3, Box 120-A, Columbia, North Carolina  
No regular pastor.  
*Malachi's Chapel*—Mr. W. Braxton Voliva, Clerk, Box 394, Columbia, North Carolina  
Rev. Jimmie Barfield, Pastor, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina

#### BEAUFORT COUNTY

*Free Union*—Mr. Darrell M. Windley, Clerk, Pantego, North Carolina  
Rev. Linwood C. Boyette, Pastor, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina

*Trinity*—Mr. Talmage Cooper, Clerk, Route 1, Pantego, North Carolina

Rev. Billy Ray Jordan, Fremont, North Carolina

*Sidney*—Mrs. Eugene S. Linton, Clerk, Belhaven, North Carolina

Rev. James N. Webster, Pastor, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina

*Belhaven*—Mrs. Douglass Spencer, Clerk, Route 1, Box 42, Belhaven, North Carolina

Rev. Kenneth Carter, Pastor, Belhaven, North Carolina

*Shiloh*—Mrs. Hallet H. Harris, Clerk, Route 1, Box 20, Pinetown, North Carolina

Rev. Bill Gaylord, Pastor, Pinetown, North Carolina

#### HERTFORD COUNTY

*Hickory Chapel*—Mr. W. O. Dilday, Clerk, Route 4, Ahoskie, North Carolina

Rev. Robert May, Pastor, Route 4, Ahoskie, North Carolina

#### PASQUOTANK COUNTY

*St. Paul*—Mrs. Eunice Ambrose, Clerk, 106-W Cypress Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Rev. John Owens, Pastor, 211 Harrell Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

#### VIRGINIA

*Virginia Beach Church*—Mrs. Coretta Martin, Clerk, 2712 Tidewater Drive, Norfolk, Virginia

Rev. Fred Rivenbark, Pastor, 190 Hill Prince Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia



# PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-fifth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened with Sound Side Church, R. F. D., Columbia, North Carolina, October 9, 1969.

## THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Cecil Rose; followed with a song by the congregation, "At the Cross." Scripture, comments, and prayer were by Brother Rose.

The welcome was given by Rev. Ray Harrison, pastor of the host church.

The response to the welcome was given by Rev. Robert May.

The conference was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Robert May.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the printed program as the order of the day.

The list of churches was called with fourteen churches reporting and the Albemarle Union Meeting.

The list of ministers was called with nine present.

Visiting ministers were recognized with nine present.

A motion was made and carried to enroll Rev. Linwood Boyette with the list of ministers, pending his letter from his present conference.

The moderator's remarks were made by the moderator, Rev. Robert May.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

*Resolutions*—Rev. James N. Webster, Rev. Winifred Brickhouse, and Mrs. Toleda Chappell.

*Temperance*—Rev. Cecil Rose, Mrs. Marvin Barnett, and Mrs. Minnie Mac Chandler.

*Nominating*—Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. John Owens, and Mrs. Ruth Ambrose.

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by Rev. Charlie Overton. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The Boards of Trustees, Education, Missions, and Youth Evangelism reported that they had no report.

Rev. Joe Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Missions, gave a report of the work the board was doing. A motion was made and carried to adopt the printed part of the report. (See report.)

Rev. Harold Jones, missionary candidate, made some remarks on his calling to the mission field and his soon departure for the field.

A letter was read from Rev. Fred Rivenbark expressing his regrets that he could not be present at this session of the conference because he was in a revival in Durham, North Carolina.

Rev. Willis Wilson, president of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, gave a report of the work of that body. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report as information.

Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Press Foundation, gave a report of the business of the foundation. A motion was made and carried to adopt this report as information.

Rev. Walter Reynolds, chairman-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, gave a report of the work of this board. A motion was made and carried to adopt this report as information.

Rev. Walter Reynolds, president of the Church Finance Association, gave a report of the business of the association. A motion was made and carried to adopt this report as information.

An offering was taken for the general fund of the conference. Prayer for the offering was offered by Rev. A. B. Chandler.

The business session of the conference was called off for the worship service.

Special music was rendered by a trio from Mt. Zion Church.

The conference message was delivered by Rev. Charlie Overton. Brother Overton used for his Scripture Ezekiel 22:30. His subject was "God's Search for a Man." The worship service closed with the congregation singing "Just as I Am."

The benediction was offered by Rev. Joe Ingram.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION, 1:00 P. M.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Linwood Boyette. The congregation sang "Power in the Blood." Scripture was read from Psalm 8:5, 6. Comments and prayer was offered by Brother Boyette.

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. James N. Webster. Prayer, Scripture, and comments were offered by Brother Webster.

A report of Mount Olive College was given by Rev. Linwood Boyette.

Rev. Edward W. Miles, superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, gave a report of the home. A motion was made and carried to adopt this report as information.

Rev. Austin Carter, director of development at Mount Olive College, gave a report of the progress of the college. A motion was made and carried to adopt this report as information. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried that the expenses of the office of the secretary be paid over and separate from the \$35 paid the secretary, which is the annual secretary's fee.

Mr. Isaac Furlough, conference treasurer, gave his annual treasurer's report. A motion was made and carried to adopt this report. (See report.)

Mrs. Lou Ellen Parker, delegate to the annual meeting of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, gave a brief report on the events of the 1969 session of the convention.

Rev. James N. Webster gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Rev. Cecil Rose gave the report of the Temperance Committee. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)



Rev. Charlie Overton gave the report of the Nominating Committee. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Mrs. Douglass Spencer and Mrs. Lou Ellen Parker were appointed as delegates to the 1970 annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The new officers were installed by Rev. Robert May. Prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Carter.

A motion was made that the conference meet on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October instead of Thursday. Since the passage of this motion would cause a constitutional change, it was laid on the table to be taken up at the 1970 session.

The minutes of the session were read by the secretary. A motion was made and carried to adopt the minutes as read.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

The benediction was offered by Rev. Austin Carter.

## REPORTS

### TREASURER'S REPORT

(Conference Year 1968-1969)

#### GENERAL FUND

Brought Forward	\$210.57
Received from Various Churches	137.00
Received from Public Offering	18.46

Total to Account For	\$366.03
Paid Out During the Year	175.36

Balance in General Fund	\$190.67
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#### MISSIONS FUND

Brought Forward	\$385.77
Received Since Last Conference	125.35

Balance in Missions Funds	\$511.12
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#### COMBINED FUNDS

Balance in General Fund	\$190.67
Balance in Missions Fund	511.12

Balance in Combined Funds	\$701.79
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Respectfully submitted,  
Isaac Furlough, *Treasurer*

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, beg leave to submit the following recommendations for nomination to the respective boards:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—Rev. John Owens (72)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION—Mrs. Toleda Chappell (72)

BOARD OF ORDINATION—Rev. Charlie Overton (72)

BOARD OF MISSIONS—Mr. Bill Gurganus (74)

BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM—Mrs. Lou Ellen Parker (72)

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Charlie Overton

Rev. John Owens

Mrs. Ruth Ambrose

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, wish to submit the following recommendations:

1. That our people continue to oppose communism as one of the major enemies of Christianity.

2. That we instruct the young people in the importance of appropriate Christian attire, and to shun the places of worldly amusements.

3. That our people observe more closely and comply with the standard of living as taught by the Word of God and our Free Will Baptist Treatise.

4. That the Free Will Baptists of the Albemarle Conference take a firmer stand as taught in the Treatise and the Word of God in opposition to any sale, use, or manufacture of any form of intoxicating beverage. Also, to periodically, through church literature or other methods deemed wise, instruct our young people of its ever-present evil and danger.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Cecil E. Rose

Mrs. Minnie Mae Chandler

Mr. Marvin Barnett

### REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION

We, the Board of Ordination, submit the following report:

April 4, 1969, a letter was written to Rev. Wade McCracken by the Ordination Board asking him to appear before the said board to discuss his ministry relative to the Free Will Baptist work and doctrine.

April 7, 1969, Rev. Wade McCracken called the chairman of the Ordination Board, the Rev. Charlie Overton, stating that he had rather turn in his credentials than to appear before the board. His credentials were received April 12, 1969.

April 4, 1969, a letter was written to Rev. J. D. Woodruff relative to his work with the Albemarle Conference and State Association, asking him to meet with the board.

Brother Woodruff stated in his letter received April 12, 1969, that he was not affiliated with the Albemarle Conference, and that he wanted to remain as he was and to do evangelist work, also that he would not appear before the said board.

June 28, 1969, we met with the Rev. Mister and a delegation from the Oak Grove Mission. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the Free Will Baptist doctrine and the Independent doctrine. After much discussion

it was learned that the Oak Grove Mission was not willing to accept the Free Will Baptist doctrine. Therefore, we recommend that the mission withdraw from our conference, which they agreed to do.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Charlie Overton, *Chairman*  
Rev. A. B. Chandler  
Rev. Robert May

## REPORT OF THE STATE CONVENTION MISSION BOARD

Greetings to the people and churches of the Albemarle Conference of the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

We express our appreciation to you for making this year one of the most successful in the history of our church. We have seen many great accomplishments this year that have been possible because you and your churches have stood behind the work with both your prayers and financial support.

*Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow* are now in Rhodesia. They have been concerned the past few months with the health of Joe. Joe, soon after reaching the country, went on a hiking trip and was infected with a serious condition of infectious hepatitis. This disease leaves a person in a weakened condition that sometimes takes months for full recovery of the patient. In our letters from Faye and Joe, they say his condition is progressive and he will now assume teaching responsibilities. Pray much for them in their work.

*Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones* are now looking forward to the time of their departure. We feel that they will leave on October 21, 1969, arriving in the Philippines the following day. They are now making last minute preparation for leaving. By the last of this month, Free Will Baptists will be represented on the Island of Mindanao. We will then have missionaries in Mexico, Rhodesia, and the Philippines.

*The Free Will Baptist Bible Institute* is enjoying a remarkable success on the border of Mexico and Texas. Rev. J. E. Timmons remarks that this is the best program that we have worked on in the country of Mexico. The pastors are now learning to be better workers for God. Their attendance in the churches have increased and there are more conversions than in the past. They have just finished their vacation Bible school sessions and there is remarkable increase in interest and attendance in each of these. There is also a continued need of used clothing in the work in Mexico. Any church or auxiliary that would wish to send used clothing to the work in Mexico can do so. For information concerning sending clothing to the work in Mexico, please contact North Carolina Free Will Baptist Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530.

Miss Deborah Hines is enrolled in Mount Olive Junior College this fall to begin her preparation for the mission field. She has not yet decided as to the field that she will go, but we feel that God will reveal this to her as her preparation continues.

As director, it is our responsibility to seek those places that our work should expand into. We are now concerned about a home missionary to work in establishing churches in the area at home. We hope that you will join us in prayer that God will call forth a home missionary for the work in the near future.

RECORD OF GIVING IN THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE  
AND SUGGESTED QUOTAS

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Amount Given 1968-1969</i>	<i>Suggested Quotas 1969-1970</i>
Belhaven	\$ 5.00	\$ 100.00
Corinth		100.00
Free Union (Tyrrell)		100.00
Free Union (Beaufort)	63.52	100.00
Gum Neck	30.00	100.00
Hickory Chapel	1,981.24	2,000.00
Malachi's Chapel	5.00	100.00
Mt. Tabor	35.00	100.00
Mt. Zion	70.00	125.00
Piney Grove		100.00
Plymouth	105.21	150.00
St. Paul	30.00	100.00
Shiloh	488.80	550.00
Sidney	622.35	750.00
Sound Side	334.13	400.00
Trinity	112.00	150.00
Union Chapel		100.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	32.70	100.00
Virginia Beach	433.79	500.00
Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention	609.14	700.00
Oak Grove	69.51	125.00
Albemarle Conference		100.00
Albemarle District Sunday School Convention	20.00	100.00
Totals	\$5,047.39	\$6,750.00

The above report is for all contributions to the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board for the period of July 1, 1968, through June 30, 1969. If there are questions or corrections, I shall be glad to discuss them with the representative of the church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Joseph Ingram,  
*Director-Treasurer*

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Albemarle Conference for the year 1968-69:



1. We have seven ministers who receive regular pension checks, of this number none are from the Albemarle Conference.

2. We have thirteen ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number one is from the Albemarle Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

(1) Churches	\$ 571.22
(2) Auxiliaries	11.00
(3) Sunday Schools	144.00
(4) Individuals	319.38
(5) Free Will Baptist League	38.00
(6) Union	69.37

Total	\$1,152.97
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4. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

5. The budget for 1969-70 is \$20,000 based on 75¢ per member of the churches of this state.

6. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds, *Chairman-Treasurer*

#### REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive College believes that its primary purpose is to provide a comprehensive program of Christian education for Free Will Baptists. These services include:

1. *Educational opportunities*, including financial assistance, for every student who has the desire and potential to attain a college education. No other college can do for Free Will Baptists young people what Mount Olive College can and we ask that you encourage students from your church to attend our own College.

2. *Ministerial students* and others preparing for church-related vocations are offered two years of basic education plus practical experience.

3. *Extension courses* in Bible are offered upon request when possible.

4. A *Ministers' Institute* for pastors, their wives, and interested laymen is offered each summer.

5. A *Youth Conference* for high school students is also available to all Free Will Baptist students each summer.

6. *Pulpit supply and speakers* for special occasions are provided by members of the faculty and students upon requests.

7. *Auxiliary programs and study courses* are given by College personnel on a one-night basis when several auxiliaries in an area wish to come together for this purpose.

8. *Library services* are also available. The Moye Library contains approximately 19,000 volumes and the Free Will Baptist Historical Collection. Although materials in the Historical Collection may not be checked out, others books are available on loan.



The College is grateful to the Albemarle Conference for its support last year and below is a report of gifts by each church as well as the suggested challenges for 1969-70. Special tribute is paid to the late Mrs. Nancy B. Foreman of Shiloh Church for including the College in her will. The income from her bequest has been used to establish a student aid fund in her memory.

A \$500,000 dormitory project to accommodate 126 men is now under construction and is scheduled to be put into use in the fall of 1970. This building is necessary for the College to continue its growth.

To assist churches in meeting their challenges to the College for both the general budget and the building program, the following dinners involving churches in the Albemarle Conference have been planned:

Beaufort County, Chocowinity School, October 18, 7 p. m., Mr. Oscar Webster, chairman.

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, and Pasquotank Counties, Plymouth High School, November 20, 7:30 p. m., Mr. David Cahoon and Mr. Bill Gurganus, cochairmen.

The Albemarle Conference is represented on the Mount Olive College Board of Directors by Mrs. John A. Wirfield of Pinetown.

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Member- ship</i>	<i>Gifts 1968-69</i>	<i>Per Capita</i>	<i>Challenge 1969-70</i>
Belhaven	50	\$ 132.17	\$ 2.65	\$ 150
Corinth	50	127.44	2.55	150
Free Union	182	1,145.25	6.29	1,000
Gum Neck	128	120.00	.94	200
Hickory Chapel	211	994.48	4.71	950
Malachi's Chapel	233	222.30	.95	500
Mount Tabor	187	280.50	1.50	400
Mount Zion	72	237.00	3.63	225
Oak Grove	33	13.73	.42	50
Piney Grove	78	600.00	7.69	600
Plymouth, First	82	175.00	2.13	245
Saint Paul	70	150.00	2.14	210
Shiloh	234	3,873.13	16.55	500
Sidney	125	495.00	3.96	500
Sound Side	172	139.82	.81	200
Trinity	70	600.00	8.57	600
Union Chapel	111	150.00	1.35	200
Virginia Beach	108			150
Subtotal	2,196	\$9,455.82		\$6,975
Other Gifts		395.44		
Total	2,196	\$9,848.26		\$6,975

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Burkette, Raper, *President*

## REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

On March 5, 1969, at 7:30 p. m., the Virginia Beach Free Will Baptist Mission, Virginia Beach, Virginia, was organized into a church by the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference. The mission had requested that they become a church, and after a satisfactory investigation by the committee, the church was organized. All who have watched the progress of this church have marveled at its rapid growth.

At the organizational service the officers of the church were chosen by the pastor, Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark. Brother Fred is truly a man of God.

The Rev. Earl Minchew presented the Bible to the church and the pastor read the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists. The Church Covenant was read and explained by Rev. Charlie Overton. This was followed with the prayer of consecration by Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina State Mission Board.

After the prayer of dedication, the right hand of fellowship was given by the moderator of the Albemarle Conference, Rev. Robert May, and the members of the conference's Executive Committee. In the remarks made by the moderator, he stated, "No longer a mission church, but a church with a mission."

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Robert May,  
*Conference Moderator*

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved, that we as Christian parents, Christian laymen, women, and ministers, instruct our children in the beliefs and doctrines of our church.

Be it resolved, that we encourage our children to attend the camp at Cragmont Assembly and the Youth Conference at Mount Olive College; also, to attend our college to further their education.

Be it resolved, that we extend to Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for their hospitality, Christian fellowship, and for the delicious meal.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. James N. Webster  
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse  
Mrs. Toleda Chappell

# Constitution of Albemarle Conference

## ARTICLE I

### SECTION 1—NAME

This organization shall be known as the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

## SECTION 2—PURPOSE

The general purpose of this conference shall be to promote the great cause of Christ among men by means in conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

## ARTICLE II

### SECTION 1—COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of the ordained and licensed ministers who are members of churches that belong to the conference, all general officers of the conference, the members of standing boards or committees, the president or moderator of each subordinate general organization and the churches that hold their membership with the conference, together with those that may subsequently be admitted.

### SECTION 2—REPRESENTATION

Every church affiliated with the Albemarle Conference shall represent in its annual session with two delegates, and each subordinate general organization shall represent with one delegate. A report from each church and subordinate organization shall be rendered at the annual session of the conference.

## ARTICLE III

### OFFICERS

The officers of this conference shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of two years. The term of office for all officers shall begin at the close of the annual session at which they are elected.

Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purpose deemed essential.

## ARTICLE IV

### STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

It shall be the method of this conference to simplify its works by the assignment of specific work to representative units of authority which shall hereafter be known as standing boards and committees.

A board of trustees, a board of education and a board of ordination consisting of three (3) members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

A board of missions, consisting of five members shall be elected. The term of office for member of this board shall be five years, but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

### SECTION 1

Standing boards shall have authority to write their own bylaws and administer their respective programs of works, but each shall remain subject to the authority and approval of the conference.

### SECTION 2

The executive committee shall be composed of the general officers of the conference and the moderator or president of each subordinate general organization.



### SECTION 3

Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the conference for whatever deemed necessary.

## ARTICLE V

### FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the conference program according to its membership.

Conference funds shall be used for the work and general expense of the conference. The used of all funds to be approved by the conference.

## ARTICLE VI

### ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Free Will Baptists and desires to help promote the program and work of the Albemarle Conference may submit its petition for membership through an official delegation at any annual session of the conference. If the petition for membership be approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates and declare them duly seated.

## ARTICLE VII

### FRATERNAL DELEGATIONS AND VISITORS

Fraternal delegations and visitors shall be extended all the privileges of the conference except that of voting, serving on committees or holding elective offices.

## ARTICLE VIII

### MEETINGS

The Albemarle Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday before the second Sunday in October of each year. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should such a change become necessary.

## BYLAWS

### SECTION 1

The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Albemarle Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates and representatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and subordinate general organizations; and to sign official documents that require the signature of the moderator.

### SECTION 2

The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present and assist the moderator when called upon.

### SECTION 3

The secretary shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the Albemarle Conference and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose. He shall prepare and cause to be published

the minutes of the annual sessions of the conference; hold in trust all documents, not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the conference; conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature.

#### SECTION 4

The duties of the assistant secretary shall be the duties of the recording secretary when that officer is not present and to assist the secretary when called upon.

#### SECTION 5

The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference and pay out same by order of the conference, the executive committee or any standing board invested with the authority to authorize the disbursement of funds. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the conference.

#### SECTION 6

The executive committee shall have power to act in the behalf of and for the Albemarle Conference from one regular session to another. It shall organize at will and discharge the administrative duties assigned to it. It shall plan the programs of the conference. The executive committee shall meet as often as necessary for the good of the conference.

#### SECTION 7

The board of trustees shall hold title to all property belonging to this conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the conference.

#### SECTION 8

The following temporary committees shall be appointed annually by the moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the conference: obituary, temperance, resolutions, nominating and finance.

#### SECTION 9

All reports, resolutions and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

#### SECTION 10

No minister, officer or delegate shall be at liberty to retire from the building during a session of the conference without the consent of the moderator.

#### SECTION 11

If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his rights during the remaining part of that session of the conference.

#### SECTION 12

This constitution and bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-third favorable vote of the members present in a regular session. All amendments shall be on the table not less than three hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read at least one time.

A REMINDER: Every 20 sessions of the conference minutes shall be bound together into a book for the permanent records of the conference.



No.	Members	Members Received	Members Lost	Pastor's Salary	Denominational Causes	Church Causes	To Conference	Value of Property	No. Minutes
Naomi Ambrose	50			\$1,320.00	\$ 302.00	\$1,779.70	\$	\$ 8,000	6
	191	3	2	1,650.00	1,045.10	5,376.54	10	40,000	10
	81	2	1	1,750.00	514.37	4,361.72	5	25,000	6
	20			860.00	122.00	1,178.40		5,000	6
	78	4	2	3,085.00	64.00	4,185.19	5	25,000	8
	133	5	3	1,725.00	724.13	4,776.78	10	8,500	8
	172	4	2	1,939.50	737.99	4,067.39	5	18,000	10
Lia Reynolds	180	3	1	1,200.00	2,215.42	2,278.92	10	35,000	10
	103	2	5	665.00	7.00	1,025.50	5	10,000	6
	185	8	8	4,545.00	812.41	9,001.18	10	90,000	10
	66			2,680.00	1,114.31	2,116.75	10	15,000	7
n Barnett	136	9	1	2,000.00	1,685.16	6,657.12	10	25,000	8
	36			1,200.00	238.00	2,074.00	5	20,000	6
	95	15	4	2,210.00	1,118.81	3,422.40	25	30,000	10
	208	10	6	5,675.00	2,701.71	8,489.66	10	100,000	10
	76	32	2	4,160.00	307.00	6,183.62	10	43,000	8
	205			5,010.60	485.04	5,161.60	5 10	125,000	10

