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OFFICERS FOR THE 1971 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—Rev. Larry Barbour, Creswell, 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

Rev. John A. Owens (72), Mr. J. T. Keech (73), Rev. L. E. Ambrose (74)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Toleda Chappell (72), Mr. James Martin (73),
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse (74)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Charlie Overton (72), Rev. Robert May (73), Rev. John Owens (74)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Robert May (72) Rev. James N. Webster (73)
Mr. Bill Gurganus (74) Mr. David Furlough (75)
Mr. Hilton Simmons (76)

BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Mrs. Ella Rae Foreman (72) Mrs. Lou Ellen Parker (73)
Miss Beckie Joe Sumner (74)

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. John Owens, Elizabeth City, N. C.
Rev. Larry Barbour, Creswell, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTER

Mr. Fred Bates

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth—Mr. R. L. Waters, Clerk, Route 1, Jamesville, North Carolina
Rev. Earl Minshew, Fremont, North Carolina

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Tabor—Mrs. Naomi Ambrose, Clerk, Route 2, Box 169, Creswell, North Carolina

Rev. William Littleton, 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. Mr. Isaac Furlough, layman, supplies.

First Church of Plymouth—Mrs. Bill Alligood, Clerk, 113 Latham Avenue, Plymouth, North Carolina

Rev. Robert Langley, Plymouth, 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. N. D. Wiggs, Pastor, Kinston, North Carolina

Gum Neck—Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, Clerk, Route 3, Box 120-A, Columbia, North Carolina

Rev. Earl Minchew, Pastor, Fremont, North Carolina

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. Robert Rollins, Pastor, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina

Trinity—Mr. Talmage Cooper, Clerk, Route 1, Pantego, North Carolina
Rev. Ray Harrison, Grafton, North Carolina

Sidnev—Mr. 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. E. H. Fordham, Pastor, New Bern, North Carolina

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

Rev. Fred Bates, Virginia Beach, Virginia

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. Harry Jones, Pastor, 190 Hill Prince Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia

PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-seventh annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the Gum Neck Church, Route 3, Columbia, North Carolina, on October 6, 1971.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Larry Barbour. The congregation sang "Jesus Saves." Brother Barbour read from Scripture, Romans 8:1-9. A brief talk on the Scripture was given by Brother Barbour. In conclusion, the prayer was by Brother Barbour.

The welcoming address was given by Mr. Len T. Jones.

Response to the welcome was given by Mr. Isaac Furlough.

The conference was opened for business by the secretary, Oscar Webster.

The printed program was adopted as the order of business, with any necessary changes to be made by the moderator.

The roll of churches was called and seven were represented.

Visiting ministers were recognized and six were present.

A motion was made and carried that Rev. Lynwood Bovette be dropped from the list of ministers because he is no longer a Free Will Baptist.

The moderator's address was given by Rev. Robert May.

Temporary committees were appointed by the moderator.

An offering was taken for the general fund of the conference.

The moderator called for reports from the standing boards.

There were no reports from any of the boards except the Board of Ordination.

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by Rev. Charlie Overton.

The motion was made and passed to adopt the reports (see reports).

A letter was read from Brother Fred Bates stating that because of occupational reasons he would not be able to attend the conference session.

A report of the work of the North Carolina Mission Board was given by the Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the report (see reports).

Mr. Isaac Furlough, treasurer, gave his annual report.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the report (see reports).

A report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., superintendent.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the report (see reports).

Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, gave a report of the work of the Foundation.

A motion was made and carried to receive this report.

Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, gave a report of the ministry of that board.

A motion was made and passed to adopt this report (see reports).

Rev. Frank R. Harreson, chaplain of students, Mount Olive College, gave a report of the progress of the College.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the report (see reports).

Rev. Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer, gave a report of the work of the Church Finance Association as information.

A motion was made and passed to receive the report.

The business of the conference was called off for worship.

Rev. Charlie Overton led the congregation in singing "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

Special music was given by the local church.

The conference sermon was preached by the Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr. The Scripture was Luke 18:1-8, and the subject, "If Jesus Should Come Today."

The benediction was offered by Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. John Owens. He read for a Scripture, Psalm 23. Remarks and prayer were made by Brother Owens.

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Charlie Overton.

The congregation sang "Rock of Ages." Scripture was read by Brother Overton. The prayer was by Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark. Remarks were made by Brother Overton. Special music was offered by a duet from Mt. Zion Church. The song was "Build My Mansion."

A report of the 1971 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was given by Oscar Webster.

Announcements of various interests were made by several people.

A motion was made and passed to grant Rev. Fred A. Rivenbark a letter of transfer to the Western Conference.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. Jimmy Webster.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the report (see reports).

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Mrs. Laura C. Webster.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the reports (see reports).

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Charlie Overton.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the report (see reports).

A motion was made and passed to elect Rev. John Owens delegate to the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

By a motion Mrs. Laura C. Webster was elected delegate to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

A report was given by Rev. Johnnie Bullman, general director of Home Missions of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

A motion was made and passed to receive this report as information.

A motion was made and passed to hold the 1972 session with Mt. Zion Church, Roper, North Carolina.

A motion was made and passed to adopt the minutes as read.

The secretary was instructed to notify the new officers.

A motion was made and passed to adjourn.

Benediction was prayed by Rev. Jimmy Webster.

REPORTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

(October 6, 1971)

General Fund

Brought Forward	\$345.33	
Amount Disbursed	<u>200.08</u>	
Balance in General Fund		\$145.25

Mission Fund

Brought Forward	\$547.36	
Amount Received	<u>159.03</u>	
Total in Mission Fund		\$606.39
Total in Treasury		<u>\$751.64</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Isaac Furlough, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at the Sound Side Community Building on October 30, 1971.

Those present were Rev. Robert May, Rev. Charlie Overton, Mr. Isaac Furlough, Miss Alice Webster, and Oscar Webster.

A motion was made and passed to grant Rev. Cecil Rose a letter of transfer to the Eastern Conference.

A motion was made and passed to buy a filing cabinet for the conference records.

Respectfully submitted,
Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following resolutions:

1. That we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for its splendid hospitality and the fine meal served without the aid of a professional caterer.
2. That we resolve to support the entire program of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Jimmy Webster

Rev. Fred Rivenbark

Mrs. Mary Furlough

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Assistant Secretary—Rev. Larry Barbour

Board of Trustees—Rev. L. E. Ambrose

Board of Ordination—Rev. John Owens

Board of Missions—Mr. Hilton Simmons

Board of Youth Evangelism—Miss Beckie Joe Sumner

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Charlie Overton, *Chairman*

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Be it resolved:

1. We the Free Will Baptists of the Albemarle Conference strive to work together more in the future than in the past to promote Christ and His cause in our churches;
2. That we respect the feelings of others during our business sessions; and
3. To promote greater spiritual relationships among our people.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Larry Barbour

Mrs. Laura Webster

Mrs. Beulah Whitson

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION

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

On November 28, 1970, the board met at the Plymouth Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, to question Brother Fred Bates relative to becoming a licensed minister. After questioning Brother Bates and also after a lengthy discussion relative to the ministry, the board recommended that he wait for awhile and that we would let him know when to

appear before us at a later date. Since Brother Robert May was not present, we thought best to wait for the complete board to make the decision.

On January 30, 1971, the complete board met with Brother Fred Bates at Saint Paul Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, to talk to him and to discuss the possibility of him becoming a licensed minister. After much discussion, the board voted two in favor of Brother Bates's becoming a licensed minister and one against.

On March 10, the board received a letter and certificate of license from Robert E. Smith stating that he was no longer desiring to be connected with the Albemarle Conference. He is affiliated with the National Association and a member of the Fairmount Church.

On May 29, 1971, the board met Johnnie Sexton to discuss and to question him relative to becoming a licensed minister. We recommended that he appear at a later date. Brother John Owens was absent.

On August 28, 1971, Brother Johnnie Sexton appeared before the said board at the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, North Carolina, to talk to the board about his license to preach. The board recommended that he get the sufficient letter of recommendation from his church and appear before the board at a later date.

On August 28, 1971, Brother Isaac Furlough appeared before the board to discuss with us relative to him preaching at Pine Grove Church. The board suggested that Brother Larry Barbour be called as pastor and Brother Isaac act as lay speaker since Brother Furlough is not a licensed minister.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Charlie Overton, *Chairman*
Rev. John Owens
Rev. Robert May

811 Academy Street
Ahoskie, N. C.
February 3, 1971

Free Union Free Will Baptist Church
Pinetown, North Carolina

Dear Friends:

Your pastor met with the Ordination Board on Saturday, January 29, relative to Mr. Harry Winders appearing before the Ordination Board for examination for license to preach the gospel. To take such action the board would be out of order.

He should appear before the church, stating his calling to preach the gospel. Then the church, being completely satisfied that he is qualified in every respect, should write a letter to the Ordination Board, asking him to appear before the board for examination for license to preach the gospel.

After such action has been taken by the church and the board has received the letter, a date will be set by the board asking him to appear for examination for license to preach.

Trusting this will be helpful to you.

Sincerely in Christ,

W. C. Overton, *Chairman*

Robert May

John Owens

REPORT OF STATE MISSION BOARD

Record of giving in the Albemarle Conference and suggested quotas:

	Amount Given	Suggested Quota for
Churches	1970-1971	1971-1972
Belhaven	\$	\$ 100.00
Corinth	25.00	100.00
Free Union	70.20	125.00
Gum Neck	25.00	100.00
Hickory Chapel	1,405.99	1,475.00
Malachi's Chapel	25.00	100.00
Mt. Tabor	45.00	100.00
Mt. Zion	216.34	275.00
Piney Grove		100.00
Plymouth		100.00
St. Paul	50.00	125.00
Shiloh	193.69	250.00
Sidney	800.30	850.00
Sound Side	403.35	450.00
Trinity	135.00	175.00
Union Chapel	25.00	100.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	66.27	125.00
Virginia Beach	640.56	700.00
Albemarle District Auxiliary Convention	584.44	625.00
Albemarle Conference	25.00	100.00
Albemarle District Sunday School Convention	72.25	100.00
Totals	\$4,808.39	\$6,075.00

The above report is for all contributions to the North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board for the period of July 1, 1970, through June 30, 1971. If there are questions or corrections, I shall be glad to discuss them with the representative of your church.

Respectively submitted,

Rev. Joseph Ingram, *Director-Treasurer*

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

(October 6, 1971)

The following is a report of gifts received from the Albemarle Conference for the years 1969-70 and 1970-71, plus the suggested quotas for the year 1971-72. The quotas for 1971-72 are based upon the continuing needs

to meet the ever-growing needs of our children. The cost of child care continues to increase, and all of us at the Children's Home are counting on you for your continuing support.

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Gifts 1969-1970</i>	<i>Gifts 1970-1971</i>	<i>Suggested Quotas 1971-72.</i>
Belhaven	\$ 69.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 500.00
Corinth	133.00	41.00	500.00
Free Union	389.96	85.00	500.00
Gum Neck	150.00	175.00	500.00
Hickory Chapel	685.47	566.40	1,500.00
Malachi's Chapel	750.00	670.00	1,500.00
Mt. Tabor	704.54	907.63	1,500.00
Mt. Zion	255.09	225.00	500.00
Piney Grove	118.00	113.50	500.00
Plymouth	237.75	162.79	500.00
Shiloh	80.92	32.80	500.00
Sidney	349.00	518.95	1,000.00
Sound Side	325.77	350.69	1,000.00
St. Paul	125.00	211.00	500.00
Trinity	263.00	300.00	1,000.00
Union Chapel	598.70	619.88	1,000.00
Virginia Beach	60.00	215.00	1,000.00
Miscellaneous	707.80	843.58	1,000.00
Totals	\$6,003.00	\$6,138.22	\$15,000.00

Respectively submitted,

Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr., *Superintendent*

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(July 1, 1970—June 30, 1971)

This has been a good year and the Lord has blessed the superannuation program in many ways. We are grateful to God for His blessings and to you for your prayers and support of this work.

Our work is needful. At the present time there are five ministers and twelve ministers' widows receiving over two hundred sixty-nine dollars on an average each month. We have life insurance on sixty of our ministers with an annual premium of over fifty-five hundred dollars; and the board pays two thirds of this premium. This life insurance amounts to more than one hundred ten thousand dollars. There are eighteen ministers' families and fifty-one individual ministers and ministers' wives participating in the group hospital program. The monthly premium is more than eight hundred dollars, paid by those participating. There are seventy-six ministers enrolled in the *Ministerial Retirement System* in the approximate amount of fifty-six hundred dollars. Thus the board is liable for about twenty-eight hundred

dollars each year to insure the retirement and death benefits of the retirement program.

We have two primary needs. The *first* is more funds to increase every phase of our superannuation work. We need over sixteen hundred fifty dollars in gifts (not premium payments) each month from our churches to reach the budget of twenty-thousand dollars adopted by the State Convention. *Second*: there is a need for more and greater participation on the part of our ministers in the *Threefold Superannuation Program*. There are almost two hundred ministers associated with the State Convention, but only seventy-six have enrolled in all or a part of this program.

YOU CAN HELP:

1. You can and should pray for the work of superannuation and for the members of the Board of Superannuation. You should pray for the ministers of our denomination, and especially for your pastor.

2. You should assist your pastor in preparing for retirement through the superannuation program as recommended by the State Convention, either by paying the total premiums or by paying a percentage of the premiums.

3. You can assist your church and pastor in making regular offerings to this most worthy cause. Be sure that this cause is included in the budget of your church in proportion to meet our needs. To insure the benefits we are offering to our ministers, we need the support of every Free Will Baptist.

4. Remember that October is *SUPERANNUATION MONTH*. Send your contribution to: North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

REPORT OF CONTRIBUTIONS

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Challenge</i>
Belhaven	\$ 3.00	\$ 50.00
Corinth		50.00
Free Union	50.00	100.00
Gum Neck		50.00
Hickory Chapel		150.00
Malachi's Chapel	66.73	100.00
Mount Tabor		100.00
Mount Zion	105.00	150.00
Piney Grove		50.00
Plymouth, First		50.00
Saint Paul		50.00
Shiloh		100.00
Sidney	200.00	225.00
Sound Side	28.43	100.00
Trinity		75.00
Union Chapel	15.00	75.00
Virginia Beach	30.00	50.00
Sunday School Convention	39.00	50.00

Union Meeting	65.01	75.00
Totals	<u>\$602.17</u>	<u>\$1,650.00</u>

Respectively submitted,
Rev. Walter Reynolds, *Chairman-Treasurer*

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE
(July 1, 1970—June 30, 1971)

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Member- ship</i>	<i>Gifts 1970-71</i>	<i>Per Capita</i>	<i>Challenge 1971-72</i>
Belhaven	39	\$ 100.00	\$ 2.56	\$ 150
Corinth	49	155.51	3.17	150
Free Union	187	799.92	4.28	1,000
Gum Neck	128	100.00	.78	150
Hickory Chapel	220	1,008.36	4.58	1,000
Malachi's Chapel	233	216.44	.93	250
Mount Tabor	184	253.64	1.38	300
Mount Zion	93	150.00	1.61	200
Piney Grove	73	168.19	2.30	200
Plymouth, First	77	82.68	1.07	200
Saint Paul	89	210.00	2.36	210
Shiloh	80	56.00	.70	300
Sidney	140	535.00	3.82	500
Sound Side	173	82.79	.48	150
Trinity	65	654.97	10.08	600
Union Chapel	111	36.50	.33	200
Virginia Beach	246	150.00	.61	150
Sub Total	2,187	4,760.00		5,710
*Other Gifts		1,319.04		
Totals	2,187	\$6,079.04		\$5,710

*Includes a bequest from Mr. Tom West of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth.

Washington, Tyrrell, Martin, and Pasquotank Counties Dinner—Thursday, November 18, 7:30 p.m., Plymouth High School Cafeteria.

Beaufort County Dinner—To be arranged.

Respectively submitted,
Rev. Frank R. Harrison, *Chaplain of Students*

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 members 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 use 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 Wednesday 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.

Churches	Counties	Delegates	No. Members	Members Received	Members Lost	Pastor's Salary	Denominational Causes	Church Causes	To Conference	Value of Property	No. Minutes
Corinth	Washington	Letter	46	3	5	\$1,440.00	\$ 208.00	\$ 1,699.27	\$15	\$ 10,000	6
Mt. Tabor	Washington	Mrs. Mary Furlough	184	4	1	4,060.00	1,230.19	6,586.68	10	40,000	10
Mt. Zion	Washington	Mrs. Beulah Whitson, Mrs. Odelle Peele	96	10	3	3,440.00	764.20	5,235.13	5	25,000	6
Piney Grove	Washington	Mr. Seaton Patrick	25	5	2			3,839.42	10	12,500	6
Plymouth	Washington	Mr. Charlie Spruill Jr.	100	9	2	2,825.00	525.09	10,855.79	5	25,000	8
Union Chapel	Washington	Mrs. Pricilla Sexton, Mrs. Maxine Bowen	137	9	3	1,920.00	152.00	3,716.90	10	3,500	8
Sound Side	Tyrrell	Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brickhouse	187	15	1	1,090.00	803.75	3,211.17	5	18,000	10
Gum Neck	Tyrrell	Host Church	97		5	995.00	402.00	1,932.48	10	10,000	10
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Spencer	204		1	1,419.20	182.50	1,719.20	10	50,000	10
Free Union	Beaufort	Mr. J. T. Keech	187	10	6	5,400.00	1,108.14	10,037.33	10	87,000	10
Trinity	Beaufort	Mrs. Laura Webster	65			1,680.00	1,353.97	2,167.00	10	15,000	7
Sidney	Beaufort	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Daw	140	5	3	2,985.00	2,001.44	5,006.77	10	30,500	8
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. Emma Maniner	39		1	820.00	278.00	2,048.00	5	6,000	6
Shiloh	Beaufort	Mrs. Irene Howard, Mrs. Salathiel Windley	216	1	4	1,800.00	545.39	4,373.32	25	30,000	10
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Letter	222	8	8	6,240.00	2,282.30	10,963.93	10	105,000	10
St. Paul	Pasquotank	Letter	103	13		4,680.00	564.40	8,737.86	10	48,000	8
Virginia Beach	Virginia	Mr. James E. Jones, Mr. Hubert Davenport	276	43	13	6,552.00	1,431.36	24,288.56	5	275,000	10
Albemarle Union Meeting	All	Mrs. Laura Webster	2,111	131	56	2,709.13	\$13,737.73	\$106,669.39	165	\$775,500	143

