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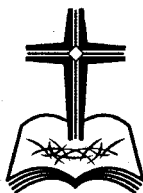


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**October 4, 2017**

Moderator: The Reverend Al Markuson  
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Royce Reynolds  
Clerk: Mrs. Shirley Pelletier  
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Kathy Markuson  
Treasurer: Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.

### Proceedings

The 73<sup>rd</sup> annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held at Malachi Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, North Carolina on Wednesday October 4, 2017, with the Reverend Al Markuson moderating.

The session convened at 9:30 a.m. with the singing of the hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" led by Brother Lloyd Jones Jr., with Sister Lucy Jones serving as pianist. The morning devotion was brought by The Reverend Keith Pelletier of Malachi Chapel Church, speaking on the topic of "the importance of relationships" from the Book of Ecclesiastes, closing with prayer. The moderator recognized The Reverend Keith Pelletier of the host church for the welcome. Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. gave the response thanking Malachi Chapel Church for their hospitality.

The session was called to order by the clerk Sister Shirley Pelletier, using the call to order established by the late Brother Oscar Webster, "I, Shirley Pelletier, clerk of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, do declare the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Conference is now officially in session; for prayer and praise to God, for the preaching of His Word, and for the transaction of any business pertinent to the ongoing business of said conference. May God to our good and His Glory bless our coming together. The Reverend Al Markuson now presiding." The moderator presented the program for the annual session. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the program.

The moderator called for the roll call of churches. There were 9 churches with delegates present. They included Free Union, Hickory Chapel, Malachi Chapel, Mt. Tabor, Mt. Zion, First Plymouth, Soundside, Trinity, and Union Chapel. Saint Paul Church and Sidney Church were represented by letter. The moderator called for the roll call of ministers. There were 5 ministers present, 1 absent, 2 excused and 1 licensed minister. Six (6) visiting ministers were recognized; they included The Reverend Otis Hamm, Jr., The Reverend Bobby Taylor, The Reverend Harold Jones, The Reverend Ronnie Taylor, The Reverend Tim Heath, and Brother Santiago Arias.

The moderator, Reverend Al Markuson brought the moderator's address from James 1:22, speaking on the need for our working together for God and the growth of His Kingdom. He challenged the attendees to "consider the vision for the next generation."

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. led the session in singing the offertory hymn, "Victory in Jesus." The moderator, The Reverend Al Markuson led the offertory prayer. Reverend Keith Pelletier and Brother David Furlough served as ushers.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees. Sister Carolyn Reynolds and Sister Kathy Markuson were appointed to the Memorial Committee. Reverend Keith Pelletier and Reverend Jim Skipper were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

The moderator opened the floor for the presentation of reports:

- Executive Committee, Sister Shirley Pelletier, Clerk, read the minutes from the Executive Committee Meetings.
- Trustees, No Report
- Board of Ordination, Rev. Royce Reynolds reported on the work of the Ordaining Council
- Board of Home Missions, Rev. Al Markuson and Brother Santiago Arias reported on the Mt. Sinai Mission and asked for continued prayers for that work.
- Convention Ministry Reports were presented from the following:
  - Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and Executive Committee by Sister Lynn Paul
  - Children's Home by Brother Gary Lee
  - Foreign Missions by Reverend Harold Jones
  - Retirement Homes by Reverend Ronnie Taylor
  - Christian Education by Sister Gail Heath
  - Women's Auxiliary by Sister Sarah Jane Parker

After a short intermission, the Conference continued with the Business Session.

The Conference Memorial Service was led by Sister Kathy Markuson, speaking from John 14:1. She read the names of the deceased members and led the session in prayer. Nine (9) brethren were remembered. Sister Markuson led the congregation in the singing of "Sweet Hour of Prayer" and closed with prayer.

The moderator called for the Resolutions Committee report which was given by the Reverend Jim Skipper. One (1) resolution was presented, resolving a rising vote of thanks to Malachi Chapel for being gracious hosts to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference. The resolution passed unanimously with a rising vote of all in attendance.

The moderator called for the Nominating Committee report. The moderator opened the floor for nominations for Officer and Board positions. Being none, a motion was extended, seconded and passed for the reelection of current Conference Officers and current Board members to succeed themselves.

The moderator asked for the Treasurer's report which was given by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. He reported a general fund balance of \$4,615.24 and a Mission's Fund Balance of \$10,752.28, moving that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

The moderator called for old business:

- Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. gave a short report on the status of Belhaven Church Property; ownership has now been transferred to the Albemarle Conference.
- Reverend Al Markuson reported that the OFWB Historical Marker has been placed in Chowan County.

The moderator then called for new business:

- The Reverend Royce Reynolds made a motion that the members of the Board of Ordination be allowed to succeed themselves. The motion was seconded and passed.
- The moderator asked if any church was interested in hosting the 2018 Annual Session on October 10, 2018. Soundside OFWB Church volunteered to host the 2018 Annual Session. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close the business session.

The Conference Worship Service began with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the session in singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Brother David Furlough and members of the choir from the host church provided special music. The moderator then introduced Brother David Furlough, licensed minister of the host church to bring the Worship Message. Brother Furlough spoke from Ephesians Chapter 1. He spoke on the "guarantees of" and "the power of God and His Word" reminding the congregants that "only in Jesus could we get day to day encouragement." Brother Furlough closed with prayer. The Worship Service closed with the singing of "Amazing Grace."

The moderator asked for the reading of the minutes. The minutes were read by the clerk, Sister Shirley Pelletier. Reverend Keith Pelletier made a motion to accept the minutes as read. The motion was seconded and passed. The moderator recognized the Reverend Royce Reynolds who led the Conference in the closing prayer. The Conference then enjoyed lunch and fellowship with the host church.

Respectfully Submitted:

*Shirley T. Pelletier, Clerk*

*Al Markuson, Moderator*

## **Report of the Executive Committee**

### **August 31, 2017**

The Executive Committee met on Thursday evening, August 31, 2017 for the purpose of planning the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Albemarle Conference program for October 4, 2017 to be hosted at Malachi Chapel OFWB Church. The conference program was determined. Plans were made for the 2018 Albemarle Conference-wide Revival to be held at Union Chapel OFWB Church on March 25, 2018. Union Chapel OFWB has volunteered to host the 75<sup>th</sup> Annual Albemarle Conference on October 9, 2019. Closing prayer was given by Rev. Keith Pelletier.

*Al Markuson, Moderator*

*Shirley Pelletier, Clerk*

#### **Treasurer's Report**

##### **General Fund**

Brought forward from 2016	\$4575.49
Amount received after Conference	111.54
Amount received from churches	523.86
Amount received in Conference offering	<u>92.00</u>
Total Received	\$5302.89
Amount Paid Out	<u>-687.65</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$4615.24

##### **Mission Fund**

Brought forward from 2016	\$10748.72
Amount received during year	0.00
Bank Interest	<u>3.56</u>
Total Received	\$10752.28

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lloyd Jones, Jr.*