

**The**  
**Canadian Association**  
**of**  
**Free Will Baptists**

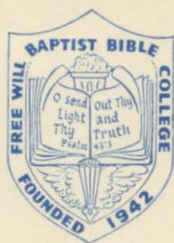
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**1943**

**Proceedings of the**  
**38th Annual Session**

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**Convened at**  
**Jackson Church**  
**Near Holdenville, Oklahoma**



FREE WILL BAPTIST  
BIBLE COLLEGE

*Presented by*

Rev. John H. West

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# MINUTES

OF THE  
THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE  
CANADIAN ASSOCIATION

OF  
CHURCH OF GOD  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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HELD WITH

Jackson Church, located four miles west and a fourth south of Holdenville, Oklahoma, beginning on Wednesday night before the second Sunday in August, 1943.

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## OFFICERS

Moderator	Elder W. M. Stevenson
Ass't. Moderator	Elder J. T. Champion
Clerk	Sister Bonita Sharp
Ass't. Clerk	Elder W. E. Wilson

## Executive Board

Elder Odis Robinson .....	One Year
Elder Arvis DeArmond .....	Two Years
Elder J. T. Champion .....	Three Years
Elder W. M. Stevenson .....	Four Years
Elder D. C. Sharp .....	Five Years

The next Annual Session of this Association will meet with Hill Top Church, located three miles west and a half mile south of Wewoka, Oklahoma, beginning on Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1944.

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## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

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1. Introductory Sermon.
  2. House called to order by the Moderator.
  3. Letters called for, read and received.
  4. Right hand of fellowship and seating delegates.
  5. Election of Officers.
  6. Petitionary letters called for.
  7. Reading Rules of Order.
  8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in council.
  9. Appointment of Committees.
  10. Unfinished Business.
  11. New Business.
  12. Reports of Committees.
  13. Miscellaneous Business.
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### **A Presbytery for Ordaining Ministers and Deacons**

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1. The Presbytery for ordaining an Elder shall consist of two ordained ministers and one ordained Deacon.
  2. A Presbytery for ordaining a Deacon must be composed of two ordained Deacons and one ordained Minister.
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## **RULES FOR ORDAINING**

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1. To present the candidate.
  2. To examine the candidate on doctrine and qualifications.
  3. Praying and laying on of hands by Presbytery.
  4. Presentation of Bible.
  5. To deliver him the charge.
  6. To extend to him the right hand of fellowship.
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## **RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCES**

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1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Invite visiting Brethren to seats in Council.
3. Reading of minutes of last meeting.
4. Report of Treasurer or Finance Committee.
5. Unfinished business.
6. New business.
7. Any sick or in need.

## PROCEEDINGS

### WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE

Moderator, Eld. J. T. Champion, called house to order. Services opened by song and prayer. Moderator introduced Elder W. M. Stevenson, who delivered the introductory sermon. Subject: "The Blessedness of Man." Psalms first chapter. Closed by song and prayer.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened by singing "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer by Elder W. E. Wilson. Song "How Firm a Foundation." Moderator, Elder J. T. Champion, called house into conference then read the twenty-third chapter of Psalms.

Letters called for and the following churches responded: Jackson, Hill Top, Cross Roads, Spring Creek, Paden, and Allen.

Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates.

Song called for and the right hand of Christian fellowship was given.

### Election of Officers

Moderator ..... Eld. W. M. Stevenson  
Assistant Moderator ..... Eld. J. T. Champion  
Clerk ..... Sister Bonita Sharp  
Assistant Clerk ..... Eld. W. E. Wilson

Petitionary letters called for. No response.

Rules of order read and moderator invited visiting Brethern to seat in council.

The following committees were appointed:

Arrangement—Sister W. E. Wilson, Sister Roberts, and Brother Ed Roberts.

Devotional—Sister G. W. Reich, Sister W. E. Wilson, and Brother F. V. Smith.

Resolutions—Elder D. C. Sharp, Elder W. P. Scott, and Brother Dee Blaylock.

Finance—Sister D. C. Sharp, Sister Josie Blaylock, and Sister Roberts.

Temperance—Brother F. V. Smith, Sister W. E. Wilson, and Sister F. V. Smith.

Sunday School—Brother D. C. Sharp, Elder J. T. Champion, Sister Norma Lee Wilson.

Obituary — Elder W. P. Scott, Elder J. T. Champion, and Elder W. E. Wilson.

Devotional Committee reported, Elder W. E. Wilson to preach followed by Elder John West at the 11 o'clock hour.

Motion carried to adjourn business until 2 p.m.

Dismissed by song and prayer by Elder Marion Caton.

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#### THURSDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with song, "It Won't be Very Long." Elder W. M. Stevenson introduced the speakers of the hour, Elder W. E. Wilson and Elder John West. The text was Proverbs 29:25, "The fear of man bringeth a snare but who so putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."

Service was then turned back to the moderator.

Song and old time hand shake. Dismissed in prayer by Elder Cecil McKenzie.

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#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened by song, "The Glory-land Way." Prayer by Sister Josie Blaylock. Song, "Precious Memories." Prayer by Elder D. C. Sharp. Song, "The Pearly White City." The moderator read scripture, reading Isaiah the fifty-third chapter. Moderator led a devotional service. Moderator declared conference ready for business.

Moderator called for a talk from Elder John West on the State Associational Work. Elder West gave an interesting talk.

The following were elected by acclamation as State delegates: Sister D. C. Sharp, Sister G. W. Reich, Sister Roberts, and Sister W. M. Stevenson.

Talk by Elder John West on revival work.

Devotional committee reported Elder D. C. Sharp to preach, followed by Elder J. T. Champion, in the evening service.

Motion carried to adjourn business until nine o'clock Friday morning. Dismissed by song, and prayer by Elder W. P. Scott.

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#### THURSDAY EVENING SERVICE

House called to order by moderator, Elder W. M. Stevenson. Opening song, "Tis so Sweet to Trust in

Jesus." Prayer by Elder John West. Song by choir, "Leaning on the Ever Lasting Arms."

Two special songs by the Wewoka Quartett.

Prayer by Brother F. V. Smith.

Moderator introduced the speakers of the hour, Elder D. C. Sharp and Elder J. T. Champion. Subject, "Tithing."

Dismissed by song and prayer.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Opened with song, "Oh Yes I Live in Glory."

Prayer by Elder John West. Song, "Precious Memories." Prayer by Elder Scott Jones. Moderator, Elder W. M. Stevenson, declared conference opened for business. Prayer by Sister D. C. Sharp.

Several songs were sung. Elder John West talked a few minutes.

Devotional committee reported Elder Harris of the Allen church to preach, followed by Elder Scott Johnes, at the eleven o'clock service.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Sunday School committee and discharge the same.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Obituary Committee and discharge the same.

Motion carried to set the place for the next annual session of the Canadian Association.

Motion carried to grant the Hill Top church the privilege of having the next annual association at their church.

Motion carried to meet at the next annual session of the association on Thursday night instead of Wednesday night and remain in session until Sunday night.

Elder J. T. Champion was elected to preach the introductory sermon with Elder W. P. Scott as his assistant at the next annual Association.

Motion carried to change the memorial service from Friday night to Sunday morning at eleven at the next association.

Motion carried for the Quarterly Meetings to be set forward same as the Associations.

The Quarterly Meetings were set for the ensuing year at the following places: Spring Creek Church the first quarterly meeting, Jackson Church the second quarterly

meeting, and Paden Church the third quarterly meeting.

Motion carried to adjourn business until the 2 o'clock session.

Dismissed in song and prayer.

#### FRIDAY ELEVEN O'CLOCK SERVICE

Opened with song, "This World is not My Home." Prayer by Elder John West. Song, "Some Glad Day."

Moderator introduced the speakers of the hour, Elder Harris and Elder Scott Jones. Scripture reading, Matthew 27:48-55.

Dismissed in song and prayer.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Moderator, Elder W. M. Stevenson, in charge. Opened with song, "Standing on the Promises." Prayer. Song, "I'd Rather be an Old Time Christian."

Resolution number one read and adopted.

The following were elected as fellowship delegates from this Association: Elder W. M. Stevenson for the Mission Association, Elder W. E. Wilson for the Center Association, and Elder J. T. Champion for the First Oklahoma Association.

Elder W. E. Wilson was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the First Quarterly Meeting. Elder W. M. Stevenson, alternate.

Resolution number two read and adopted.

Elder W. E. Wilson was elected as the associational evangelist.

Motion carried for each church of the Association to pay Elder W. E. Wilson \$2.00 for each week he preached in revivals.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Temperance Committee and discharge same.

Final report of the Finance Committee read, approved, and committee discharged.

Resolution number 3 read and adopted.

Motion carried to receive the report of the Resolution Committee and discharge same.

Motion carried to receive the minutes as read with the necessary corrections.

Motion carried to discharge the committees that were out.



Motion carried to cut out article number 13 and leave article number 15.

Motion carried to adjourn business until Thursday before the second Sunday in August 1944, when convened with the Hill Top church.

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## CHURCH LETTERS

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**SPRING CREEK CHURCH**, Calvin, Oklahoma — Meeting is on the third Sunday of each month. Received by confession, none; by letter, none; dismissed by letter, none; excluded, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; resident members, 14; non-resident members, 20; total in full fellowship, 34. Sister Maudie Hood and Sister Minnie Peters were chosen as delegates and Sister Reatha McEuin as alternate to the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson church.

Elder W. P. Scott, moderator

Sister Reatha McEuin, clerk

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**CROSS ROADS CHURCH**, Calvin, Oklahoma — Meeting is on the first Sunday of each month. Received by confession, none; withdrawn, none; died, none; resident members, 43; non-resident members, 2; total in full fellowship, 45; contribution for Minutes, \$1.00; for State Minutes, \$1.00. Brother Richard Dooley and Brother Dee Blaylock were chosen delegates and Brother Tom Abercombria and Sister Lula Dooley as alternates, to the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson church. No pastor for the ensuing year has been chosen.

Elder W. M. Stevenson, moderator

Sister Josie Blaylock, clerk

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**JACKSON CHURCH**, Holdenville, Oklahoma — Meeting days are straight time. Received by confession, none; by letter, none; by statement, 2; dismissed by letter, none; excluded, none; died, 1; total in full fellowship, 156; contribution for Minutes, \$4.00; for State Minutes, \$1.00. Brother Dewey Bankston, Brother Edd Roberts, and Sister Jack Arnold were chosen as delegates. Elder Marion Caton was chosen pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Marion Caton, moderator

Sister E. S. Roberts, clerk

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**HILL TOP CHURCH**, Wewoka, Oklahoma — Meeting days

are straight time. Received by confession, 9; by letter, none; excluded, none; died, none; resident members, 45; non-resident members, 10; total in full fellowship, 55; contribution for Minutes, \$4.00; for State Minutes, \$3.00. Brother Otis Hume, Brother G. W. Reich, and Brother D. S. Dodd were chosen delegates and Sister George Campbell, Sister Maudie Sharp, and Sister Artie Smith as alternates to the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson church. Elder D. C. Sharp was chosen pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder D. C. Sharp, moderator  
Sister Artie Smith, clerk

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ALLEN CHURCH, Weleetka, Oklahoma — Meeting days are on the second Sunday of each month. Received by confession, none; by letter, none; excluded, none; died, none; total in full fellowship, 61. Brother Ernest Harrison and Brother Bill Harvil were chosen delegates to the Annual Association when convened with the Jackson church. Elder Arvis DeArmond was chosen pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Arvis DeArmond, moderator  
Sister Marie Story, clerk

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PADEN CHURCH, Paden, Oklahoma — Meeting days are straight time. Received by confession, 10; by letter, none; excluded, none; died, none; total in full fellowship, 85. Sister Myrtee Rogers, Sister Bevena Case, and Sister Odis Robinson were chosen delegates to the Annual Session when convened with the Jackson church. Elder Odis Robinson was chosen pastor for the ensuing year.

Elder Odis Robinson, moderator  
Sister Ella Wallis, clerk

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### **MINISTERS ROLL**

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Elder W. M. Stevenson .....	Box 452, Henryetta, Okla.
Elder W. P. Scott .....	Star Route, Calvin, Okla.
Elder J. T. Champion .....	Okemah, Okla.
Elder W. E. Wilson .....	Holdenville, Okla.
Elder Arvis A. DeArmond .....	Route 1, Weleetka, Okla.
Elder D. C. Sharp .....	Route 1, Box 41B, Wewoka, Okla.

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### **Ministers Absent at Association**

Elder Henry Pendley .....	Paden, Okla.
Elder Frank Dawson .....	Paden, Okla.

Elder George Davidson ..... Route 3, Checotah, Okla.  
 Elder Odis Robinson ..... Route 3, Okemah, Okla.  
 Elder Thomas J. Bradley ..... Route 4, Okemah, Okla.  
 Elder O. P. Westbrook ..... Okemah, Okla.  
 Elder W. D. McCready ..... Paden, Okla.  
 Elder Arthur Reid ..... Maud, Okla.  
 Elder Emmett M. Gray ..... Route 1, Okemah, Okla.  
 Elder A. E. Downs ..... Route 1, Earlsboro, Okla.  
 Elder Melvin Mousier

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**FINANCIAL** — Paden, \$5.00; Spring Creek, \$5.65; Cross Roads, \$2.00; Hill Top, \$7.00; Jackson, \$5.00; Donations, \$4.70; Pledges, \$10.00; Cash on hands, \$4.16; Total, \$43.51.

**RESOLUTIONS** — (1943) Resolution No. 1: Resolved, That we the Canadian Association, send a letter with a corresponding delegate to sister associations to help to bring about a better spirit of Christian friendship and brotherly love.

Resolution No. 2: Resolved, That this association elect an evangelist and recommend him to the churches as such to help evangelize this association.

(1940) Second Quarterly Meeting, Resolution No. 1: Be it Resolved, That this Association require it's licensed preachers to preach at least ten sermons on church government before they are ordained.

Thirty-fifth Annual Session. No. 1. Be it Resolved, That the devotional committee select no preacher more than one time in any one Association or Quarterly Meeting.

No. 2. Be it Resolved, That each church of this Association make an annual report on all deaths in their church to the Annual Association in their annual letter.

No. 3. Be it, Resolved, That each church of this Association send at least \$2.00 with their letter to be used by the Association for miscellaneous expenses.

No. 4. Be it Resolved, That this Association furnish blanks to give to ministers to show their years work.

(1939) No. 1. Resolved, That this Association so order that all the churches in this Association prohibit the use of tobacco in any form inside of the church building and that the pastor and deacons see that this ruling be enforced.

No. 2. Resolved, That this Association demand that all min

isters, pastoring in the Canadian Association and belonging to some other Association abide by the Canadian Association laws during their pastoral care in it, and that they be forbidden to organize a church in the boundry lines of the Canadian Association and then take it to some other Association.

(1938) No. 2. Resolved, That no church sell or dispose of church property without first bringing it before the Association.

(1937) No. 2. Be it Resolved, That God's plan be carried out concerning Tithing, Matt. 23:23.

No. 3. Be it Resolved, That all ministers and deacons go before the examining board on qualifications before ordination.

(1936) No. 2. Be it Resolved, That each minister make a written report to the Annual Session of his year's work.

(1925) No. 1. That each pastor preach as many as two doctrinal sermons during the year to his church.

No. 2. That the churches of this Association, that do not pay the amount promised the pastor, if he fills his part of the agreement, shall not have another pastor until they pay for the deficit.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL—We, the Committee on Sunday School, submit the following: Where as the Sunday school is the greatest means of reaching the youth of our land we beg to recommend that we use Christian teachers and officers that will encourage our faith and doctrine. The future of our churches and government depends upon the loyalty of it's subjects and we recommend that loyalty to God our Lord be taught and encouraged in our Sunday schools and if possible use Free Will Baptist literature.

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TEMPERANCE—We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following: We believe that a majority of the crimes are caused by the sale and use of intoxicating drinks, whether lawful or unlawfully sold. We believe it is detrimental to the cause of Christianity, morality, and decency. It clouds the mind and corrupts the morals of both young and old, and

Whereas, the officials of our government are encouraging the sale and use:

Be it Resolved, That we, the Free Will Baptists, go on record as opposing the sale and use of same, and that we do all in our power to prevent spread of this curse over the nation (Heb. 2:15) and

Whereas, the people of our nation are becoming careless and

indecent in dress, we urge our women to dress as becometh godliness and urge the younger women to be sober, grave and temperate, and to discourage the wearing of scanty clothing and we urge our people to stay away from public swimming pools and nudist parties (1st Timothy 2:8-10) and that our ministers preach one or more sermons on temperance to churches they pastor during the year.

Be it Resolved, That we place ourselves on record as a denomination that opposes anything that is detrimental to a growth in grace, and that we discourage the sale and use of cigarettes to our boys and girls.

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

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1. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practice.— 2 Tim. 3:16, 17; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the God-Head or Divine Essence, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.— Gen. 17:1, 1 John 5:7.

3. That we are fallen and depraved creatures, and cannot extricate ourselves from our fallen situation by any ability we possess by nature.— Eph. 5:1, 19.

4. That Salvation, Regeneration, Sanctification, Justification and Redemption are by the Life, Death, Resurrection, Ascension and Intercession of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.— Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he that shall endure to the end, the same shall be saved.— Matt. 22:13; Rev. 2:10.

6. That the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked shall be eternal.— Matt. 25:46.

7. That Baptism and the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saint's feet are the ordinances of Jesus Christ, appointed in the church, and none but true believers are proper subjects, and the only proper mode of baptism is Immersion.— Mark 1:4, 9, 10; Luke 23:30; John 13:14.

8. We believe in the sanctity of the first day of the week or the Lord's Day, and that it ought to be observed and spent in the public or private worship of God, and that on it we should abstain from our worldly concerns except in cases of necessity and mercy.— Ex. 31:15; Deut. 5:12; Matt. 12:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and unjust, but every one in his own order, those who have done evil to the resurrection of damnation, and that God

has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ. — 1 Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; 1 Thess. 4:16

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general, and to be singly engaged to promote the honor of God. — John 13:35; Gal. 6:10.

11. We believe that Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for every man; yet none can partake of his divine benefit only by his repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, infants and idiots excepted. — Acts 20:21; 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; John 3:14-16; 1 Cor. 15:20, 22; Romans 5:15.

12. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ is the door into the church, that Baptism is a duty in answer to a good conscience. — John 10:7; 1 Peter 3:21.

13. We believe that the Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table. — 1 Cor. 1:1, 11, 27, 28; John 17:11.

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## CONSTITUTION

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From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better associational government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the churches or quarterly meetings of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers and deacons of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and assembled with the ministers and deacons, to be denominated the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, being composed of the several churches of our union, the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor having any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number of members received upon profession of faith, by letter or recommendation, by restoration or denominational choice; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, and those having died

since last Association. Churches, in sending their letters, may send obituaries of any who died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association to have a Moderator, a Clerk, and a Treasurer, who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association, the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for that purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

Art. 12. ORDINANCES. The pastor of the church shall preach on the ordinances of the church once a year, and one discourse on the support of the ministry.

Art. 13. FIFTH SUNDAY MEETINGS. This Association shall hold three Fifth Sunday Meetings each year, and the ministers and deacons shall make a written report of their work, and it shall be the duty of each quarterly conference to look after the necessities of the widows and orphans, and the order of the ministry, and the quarterly conference shall make a written report to the Association annually.

Art. 14. TREASURY. Resolved, That each church have a treasurer, and come together and subscribe the amount they are willing to pay into the treasury during the year for the support of the ministry, widows, orphans, and incidental expenses, and that said amount be paid quarterly, and that said funds shall not be paid out except by order of the church.

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We Promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid the appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## **RULES OF ORDER**

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1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
3. Any person shall not be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator, until he is through speaking; nor shall the Moderator unless he breaks order.
4. Any person speaking shall adhere to the subject in question and shall not cast any reflections on him who may have spoken before him.
5. No person shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the Association.
6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speaking.
7. The members shall be addressed by the appellation of brothers or sisters.
8. No members shall absent himself from the Association while in session without leave.
9. The names of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called over as the Association deems it necessary.
10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Association.
11. Any person who knowingly breaks any of these rules shall be reproved by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

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## **LETTER OF DISMISSION**

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This is to certify that ..... is a member in good standing of the Free Will Baptist Church at ..... and as such we recommend him (or her) to the fellowship of God's people, and is dismissed from us when united with another church.

Done in Church Conference this ..... day of ..... 19.....

....., Pastor

....., Clerk

## LETTER TO ASSOCIATION

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at .....  
..... county of ..... this (date) .....  
P.O. address ..... Sends greetings to  
the ..... Annual Session of the brethren and sis-  
ters composing the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists,  
to let you know of our love and fellowship and our zeal for  
the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year \$..... Meeting  
day is on the ..... Sundays of each month. We have  
received by Confession .....; Letter .....; Excluded .....;  
Died .....; Resident Members .....; Non-resident Mem-  
bers .....; Total in full Fellowship ..... We have  
in our membership, Ministers ....., names .....;  
Ordained Deacons ....., names ..... We have  
paid out for Evangelistic Work \$.....; Missions \$.....;  
Support of the Association \$..... Total Amount Paid  
out by the Church \$..... We (have or have not) a  
F.W.B. Sunday School. We (have or have not) F.W.B.  
League. Value of Church Property \$..... Contribu-  
tion for Minutes \$.....; State Minutes \$..... We  
have chosen (brothers or sisters) .....  
as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session when  
convened with ..... church. We  
have chosen Elder ..... for our pastor  
for the ensuing year. (Here ask for the next Association or  
Quarterly if wanted). Pray for us. Done in conference this  
..... day of ..... 19.....

....., Moderator  
....., Address  
....., Clerk  
....., Address

