

**Canadian Association
of
Free Will Baptist
Church of God**



1952

**Proceedings of the 47th
Annual Session**



**CONVENED WITH WELEETKA CHURCH
Weleetka, Oklahoma, Beginning on
Wednesday Night Before the Second Sunday
in August, 1952**

M I N U T E S

OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE CANADIAN ASSOCIATION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH of God

OFFICERS

Moderator -----	Elder Cecil McKenzie
Ass't. Moderator -----	Elder W. E. Wilson
Clerk -----	Sister Martha Crow
Ass't. Clerk -----	Sister Audrey Overlease

The next annual session of this Association will be held with the Calvin Church on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in August, 1953.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Elder Leonard Bean -----	One Year
Elder Olin Bevon -----	One Year
Elder Dale Burden -----	One Year
Elder Jimmy Searcy -----	Two Years
Elder George Mitchell -----	Two Year

ORPHANAGE BOARD

Elder Gene Overlease -----	One Year
Bro. Johnny Strickland -----	One Year
Elder Albert Collier -----	One Year
Bro. Dee Blaylock -----	Two Years
Elder George Taylor -----	Two Years

EXAMINING BOARD

Bro. Ben Tabor -----	One Year
Elder Ernest Harrison -----	Two Years
Elder Carl Shivers -----	Three Years

FINANCE BOARD

Elder Claud Chisum (Chairman) -----	One Year
Bro. Weyland Bogle (Treasurer) -----	One Year
Elder O. P. Westbrook -----	One Year
Bro. Gilbert Priest -----	Two Years
Bro. Albert Hibbs -----	Two Years

CAMP GROUND COMMITTEE

Bro. Norman Beaulieu -----	One Year
Bro. L. L. Berry -----	One Year
Bro. George Hughes -----	Two Years

ORDER OF BUSINESS /

1. Introductory Sermon
2. House called to order by Moderator
3. Letters called for, read and received
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of Delegates
5. Election of Officers
6. Petitionary letters called for
7. Reading rules of order. (By-Laws)
8. Invite visiting brethren to seats in Council
9. Appointment of committees
10. Unfinished business
11. New business
12. Report of Committees
13. Miscellaneous business

Thursday morning session of the Canadian Association opened with singing led by Elder Claud Chisum. Prayer by Bro. Carter. Bro. Dodson chose for the devotional the 23rd Psalm.

Moderator Cecil McKenzie called for the letters from the various churches at this time. And Weleetka, Non, Vanzant, Hanna, Cross Roads, Prague, Allen, Spring Creek, Okemah, Calvin, Holdenville, Paden and Schoolton responded.

Motion carried we accept letters as read. Motion carried we receive delegates and give them the right hand of fellowship.

The temporary Divine committee reports that Elder Elvis Priest and Elder W. D. McCready will bring the eleven o'clock message.

Body declared in order for the election of Moderator and Assistant; Clerk and Assistant. Moderator: Bro. McKenzie. Ass't. Moderator, Bro. W. E. Wilson. Clerk: Enola Martin. Assistant Clerk, Sis. Audrey Overlease.

Motion carried we adjourn business until 1:30. Bro. Lonnie Hall dismissed us in prayer for 5 minute recess. Body called back into order and song service was led by Bro. Caton.

A special, "Never Be Lonesome," was sung by Bro. Searcy, Bro. Wilson, Bro. Caton and Sister Elliott. Bro. Elvis Priest chose as his message "Sanctification" and Bro. McCready followed on same message. Both were wonderful messages. Right hand of fellowship was given to the two ministers. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wilson. Lunch was served at the church.

Thursday afternoon session was opened with congregational singing and specials by Bro. Lonnie Hall, Bro. Marion Caton, Bro. Elvis Priest and Bro. W. E. Wilson. Altar prayer led by Bro. Tom Priest.

Bro. Albert Collier in charge of the devotional chose the 46 Psalm. The moderator then declared body ready for business.

Motion carried we receive Sis. Enola Martin's resignation from the clerk's position.

Officers elected were as follows: Elder Cecil McKenzie, Moderator; Elder W. E. Wilson, Assistant Moderator; Sister Martha Crow, Clerk, and Sister Audrey Overlease, Assistant Clerk.

Committees appointed were as follows: Divine Committee: Bro. Ben Tabor, Bro. Tom Priest and Bro. Blaylock.

Resolution Committee: Bro. Marion Caton, Bro. W. T. Walden and Bro. Claud Chisum.

Sunday School Committee: Sis. Lillie Watkins, Sis. Mildred Searcy and Sis. Ollie Russell.

Finance Committee: Sis. Lyle Berry, Sis. Weyland Bogle and Sis. Marie Morrow.

Temperance Committee: Bro. W. D. McCready, Bro. Carl Shivers and Bro. Olin Bevons.

League Committee: Bro. Ernest Harrison, Bro. Milford Blaylock and Bro. Jimmy Searcy.

Obituary Committee: Bro. Jim Martin, Sis. Mildred Willbanks and Sis. Birdie Harrington.

Motion carried that all who hold more than one office or board resign from all but one.

Motion carried we adjourn business until Friday morning at 9:30.

Thursday night session opened with congregational singing and several specials enjoyed by all. Bro. Carter and Bro. Collier brought the messages that were enjoyed by all. Bro. Hibbs was ordained as a Deacon in a very spiritual service. After placing the delegates in homes for the night Bro. Ernest Harrison dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Friday morning opened with singing led by Bro. Chisum. Prayer by Westbrook. Moderator W. E. Wilson in charge and he chose Romans 12:1-5 as his scripture.

Letters called for and Hill Top responded. Right hand of fellowship given to delegates.

Motion carried we receive Finance Board Report as read. Bro. Claud Chisum returned as chairman and Bro. Bogle as treasurer. Bro. Albert Hibbs, Bro. Gilbert Priest and Bro. O. P. Westbrook elected by acclamation.

Motion carried we accept Bro. Wilson's resignation from Executive board. Motion carried Bro. George Mitchell, Bro. Jimmy Searcy and Bro. Dale Burden be elected by acclamation.

Motion carried we elect Bro. Dee Blaylock, Bro. George Taylor and Bro. Albert Collier to the Orphanage Board by acclamation.

Motion carried we accept Bro. Wilson's resignation from the Examining Board and fill the one year vacancy. Bro. Ben Tabor was elected.

Motion carried we receive Bro. Jim Martin's resignation from Camp Ground Committee. Bro. Norman Beaulieu elected to fill the one year vacancy.

Motion carried we recess business until 1:30. Divine Committee

reports Bro. Bevons to be followed by Bro. Caton. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jensen for a fifteen minute recess.

Called back into service by congregational singing directed by Bro. Ben Tabor. Prayer led by Bro. Champion and Bro. Bevons.

Wonderful sermons by both Bro. Bevons and Bro. Caton. Sermons that were inspiring and heart-searching. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bean. Lunch served at the church.

Friday evening session opened with singing led by Bro. Jimmy Searcy. Prayer by Bro. Jensen.

Motion carried Annual Association will convene at Calvin. Elder Carl shivers and Elder Albert Colliers were chosen to bring introductory messages.

Motion carried that the quarterly meetings be placed as follows:

FIRST quarterly meeting to convene at Hanna on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in November, 1952. Elder Bevon and Elder Mouser to bring introductory messages.

SECOND quarterly meeting to be held at Hill Top on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in February, 1953.

THIRD quarterly meeting to be held at Vanzant on Thursday night before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1953.

Motion carried that we accept report of the Committees appointed and discharge same.

Delegates elected to the State Association convening in McAlester were as follows: Bro. Ben Bolin, Sis. Cyprene Green, Sis. Mavis Chisum, Sis. Irma Smith, Bro. R. P. Lancaster, Hiram Liles, Sis. L. L. Berry, Sis. Stella Dodd, Sis. Leonard Bean, Bro. Weyland Bogle, Bro. Jim Martin and Bro. Dotson.

Motion carried that minutes were to be accepted as read. Motion carried assistant clerk be paid \$10.00 extra for composing minutes.

Divine Committee reports Bro. Champion, Bro. W. T. Walden and Bro. O. P. Westbrook bring the afternoon message.

Motion carried we give Weleetka a standing vote of thanks for their kindness and hospitality shown during this session.

Motion carried we adjourn until our next Annual Session to be held with the Calvin church on Wednesday night before the 2nd Sunday in August 1953.

The three eldest ministers brought the afternoon messages—pointing the way to Christ.

Friday night session was brought to a close by two outstanding ministers: Bro. Bean and Bro. Jensen. Their messages were on Communion and foot-washing. And the messages were followed by the Communion and foot washing. It was an humble and a wonderful service! Surely each person who was present left feeling it was truly good to be in the House of the Lord.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday School: We, the Sunday School Committee recommend the parents bring their children to Sunday School, teaching them memory verses from the Bible, for each Sunday. We recommend cards to be sent to absentees. And we recommend contests to help boost attendance.

Signed by Committee

League Committee: We, the League Committee recommend that the older folks get behind the young Leaguers with their prayers; realizing how important the League is to the church. We recommend that they be present in all meetings with their own League.

Signed by Committee

Temperance Committee: We, the temperance committee recommend that we observe more closely the law we have in our Minutes concerning temperance. And the ministers stress the need for each member to realize his responsibility.

Signed by Committee

Obituary Committee: We humbly submit to God's wisdom in calling from our midst our brothers and our sisters in Christ: Sis. Nanie Laura Munsey, Sis. Lottie Bailey, Sis. Cleaton Huckabay and Bro. Andy Alley.

Signed by Committee

Examining Board: We, the examining board have examined Bro. L. A. Hibbs on the qualification for a Deacon and recommend him for ordination.

Signed by Committee

Finance Board: We, the Finance Board, wish to report Bro. Claud Chisum elected as chairman; Bro. Weyland Bogle as treasurer. Committee voted to give one-half of the funds in the treasury to any new church coming into the Canadian Association.

Signed by Committee

Finance Committee: We, the Finance Committee, wish to report that various churches have sent the following amounts:

Church	State Min.	Canadian Min.
Allen -----	\$ 3.00	\$ 5.00
Calvin -----	5.00	10.00
Cross Roads -----	5.00	10.00
Hanna -----	5.00	10.00
Hill Top -----	5.00	10.00
Holdenville -----	5.00	10.00
Non -----	5.00	10.00
Okemah -----	5.00	10.00
Paden -----	2.00	5.00
Prague -----	5.00	10.00
Spring Creek -----	5.00	10.00
Schoolton -----	5.00	10.00
Vanzant -----	5.00	10.00
Weleetka -----	5.00	10.00
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	\$65.00	\$130.00
		65.00

TOTAL ----- \$195.00

Signed by Committee

Clerk's Financial Report:

1952 Balance brought forth: ----- 143.33
 Canadian Minutes ----- 130.00
 State Minutes ----- 65.00

BALANCE ----- \$338.33

RESOLUTIONS

(1925) No. 1. Be it resolved that each pastor preach at least two doctrinal sermons each year.

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

(1936) No. 1. Be it resolved that each minister make a written report of his work to the annual Association.

No. 3. Be it resolved that only ordained ministers and deacons administer Ordinance of the church.

(1937) No. 2. Be it resolved that we carry out God's plan on tithing.

No. 3. Be it resolved that all ministers and Deacons go before the Examining board for qualification before ordination.

Resolved by Executive board on August 22, 1950, that resolution No. 2 of 1938, be abolished.

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

No. 2. Resolved that this Association demand all ministers, pastoring in Canadian Association, while belonging to another association, abide by Canadian Association laws, during their pastoral care in it.

(1940) Annual No. 1. Be it resolved that the devotional committee select no minister more than one time in any Association or quarterly meeting.

Annual No. 2. Be it resolved that each church make a report of all deaths in their letter to the Annual session.

Resolved by Executive board August 22, 1950 to abolish resolution No. 1. 1st quarterly meeting.

(1940) 1st quarterly meeting. Be it resolved any person or persons trying to obstruct the duty of this Association, shall not hold a seat in Association until they make their acknowledgment and apologies for same.

(1940) 2nd quarterly. No. 1. Be it resolved that this Association require its licensed ministers to preach at least ten sermons on church government before ordination.

Resolved by Executive board August 22, 1950 to abolish resolution No. 3, 1940.

(1942) No. 1. Be it resolved that when an individual church calls the executive board they pay the expense of the board.

Resolution by Executive board, August 22, 1950, that No. 1 of first quarterly be abolished.

2nd quarterly. Be it resolved that each church send letters to our quarterly meetings like the form in our minutes.

(1943) No. 1. Be it resolved that we the Canadian Association, send a letter with a corresponding delegate to sister associations to help bring about a better spirit of Christian friendship and brotherly love.

(1948) Be it resolved that each church send \$15.00 minute and

association expenses to the annual session.

(1949) annual. Be it resolved that this association elect ministers to preach only for the first quarterly meeting and one quarterly thereafter.

2nd quarterly No. 1. Be it resolved that we carry out the plans of our state association.

(1950) 2nd quarterly. Be it resolved that the Canadian Association start a building fund for the purpose of building new churches and be it further resolved, we elect a board of five to administer these funds. Be it also resolved that we ask each resident member to contribute one dollar per member each year.

(1951) No. 1. Be it resolved that the Association elect a new moderator and clerk each year. (Not to succeed themselves.)

No. 2. Be it resolved that the Association does not leave more than two men on any board for more than two years at one time with the exception of the Credential Committee to stand as it is in the Constitution.

No. 3. Be it resolved that no one hold more than one office in this Association in any one year.

No. 4. Be it resolved that this Association leave Article One of the Constitution on this Association to read exactly as they are in the Minutes with the exception that the clerk and assistant shall also be regular members.

(1952) No. 1. Be it resolved that our Assistant Clerk, Sis. Overlease, keep the books and have the minutes printed; then turn the books over to the new clerk at the first quarterly meeting. And this program to be continued.

No. 2. Be it resolved that we extend to the Weleetka church our heart-felt thanks for their hearty welcome and hospitality during the 47th Session of the Canadian Association.—Signed by Committee.

MINISTER'S DIRECTORY

Leonard Bean, Box 264	Wetumka, Okla.
Olen Bevon, Route 2	Seminole, Okla.
Dale Burden, Route 1	Weleetka, Okla.
Marion Caton, Route 4	Holdenville, Okla.
J. P. Champion	Okemah, Okla.
Claud Chisum	Non, Okla.
Albert Collier	Okemah, Okla.
C. F. Dodson	Non, Okla.
J. T. Elliot, Box 225	Calvin, Okla.
Ernest Harrison	Weleetka, Okla.
Austin Jensen, Route 1	Indianola, Okla.
W. D. McCready, Route 2	Okemah, Okla.
C. E. McKenzie, Route 2	Sasakwa, Okla.
Carrie May	Weleetka, Okla.
Melvin Mouser	Hanna, Okla.
Gene Overlease, Box 344	Weleetka, Okla.
S. D. Pendergraft, Route 4	Okemah, Okla.
Elvis Priest	Holdenville, Okla.
Arthur Reid	Weleetka, Okla.

Odis Robinson -----	Okemah, Okla.
Carl Shivers, Route 1 -----	Paden, Okla.
George Taylor, Box 86 -----	Snomae, Okla.
W. T. Walden -----	Weleetka, Okla.
O. P. Westbrook, 222 N. 2nd -----	Okemah, Okla.
W. E. Wilson, Box 103 -----	Holdenville, Okla.

Visiting Ministers

Bro. Jensen, McAlester	Bro. Hall, Drumright
Bro. Reddick, California	

DEACONS DIRECTORY

Vernice May, Allen	Lloyd Mauldin, Non
Russell Richardson, Allen	L. L. Berry, Okemah
Sam Milum, Allen	A. C. Hibbs, Okemah
Henry Patterson, Allen	Albert Hibbs, Okemah
C. A. Hallway, Calvin	Lester Burks, Okemah
Abra Willbanks, Calvin	Trevor Case, Paden
Bee Blaylock, Cross Roads	George Mitchell, Paden
Dee Blaylock, Cross Roads	Clarence Day, Prague
Richard Dooley, Cross Roads	Dick Smith, Prague
Ben Tabor, Hanna	Melton Vaughn, Prague
George Wills, Hanna	Tom McDonald, Prague
Sample Layman, Hanna	L. A. Lankford, Schoolton
Otis Hume, Hill Top	Bro. Stewart, Schoolton
Nathaniel Vanzant, Hill Top	Edd Phillips, Spring Creek
Howard Gaines, Hill Top	J. S. Searcy, Spring Creek
Ed Roberts, Holdenville	Raymond Vanzant, Vanzant
George Rogers, Holdenville	Arthur Vanzant, Vanzant
E. J. Howell, Holdenville	Pete Hatfield, Vanzant
A. L. Wilson, Holdenville	Johnnie Stricklin, Vanzant
T. A. Priest, Non	Norman Beaulieu, Weleetka
Ed Chisum, Non	Erby Burden, Weleetka
G. A. Priest, Non	M. Reid, Weleetka

Church	Pastor	Clerk	No. on Roll	Received	Dismissed	Deceased	Meeting Date	Value of Church Property
Allen	W. T. Walden	Carrie May	48	7	2		Full Time	
Calvin	Marion Caton	Lizzie Hanks	40			1		2500
Cross Roads	W. E. Wilson	Josie Blaylock	56	10	4		2nd, 4th Sun.	
Hanna	Austin Jensen	Wanda Masengale	45					3000
Hill Top	George Taylor	Ethel Hume	89					2000
Holdenville	Elvis Priest	Vicie Robinson	121	29	4	1	Full Time	8000
Non	Ben Pixley	Mable Priest	185	32	9	1	3rd Sun.	4000
Okemah	Leonard Bean	Ida Berry	30	4	1	1	Full Time	1500
Paden	Carl Shivers	Sylvia Loney	47	1	8	1	Full Time	4000
Prague	Odus Robinson	Myrtle Day	49	8		1	Full Time	4000
Schoolton	Albert Collier	Jewel Hinkle	74					17 34
Spring Creek	Claud Chisum	Cyprene Green	32				2nd Sun.	2000
Vanzant	Marion Caton	Gertrude Liles	45					
Weleetka	Ernest Harrison	Audrey Overlease	211	26			Full Time	15000
TOTALS:			1072	117	28	6		\$46,000

DELEGATES DIRECTORY

Sis. Othel Milam, Allen	Sis. Ida Mae Bevons, Okemah
Sis. Naomi Hahn, Allen	Bro. Garlin Reed, Okemah
Sis. Ruth Richardson, Allen	Bro. Franklin Neel, Okemah
Bro. R. P. Lancaster, Calvin	Sis. Clara Case, Paden
Sis. Mildred Willbanks, Calvin	Sis. Mattie Harriman, Paden
Sis. Tom Elliot, Calvin	Sis. Bell Dukes, Paden
Sis. Marie Morrow, Cross Road	Sis. Irma Smith, Prague
Sis. Lula Dooley, Cross Road	Sis. Bertha Mobley, Prague
Sis. Della Smith, Cross Road	Sis. Aleane Smith, Prague
Bro. George Hughes, Hanna	Sis. Hinkle, Schoolton
Bro. Otis Shaffer, Hanna	Sis. Young, Schoolton
Sis. Minnie Bogle, Hanna	Bro. Garvin Collier, Schoolton
Bro. Sherman Guess, Hill Top	Sis. Mildred Searcy, Spring Creek
Sis. Stella Dodd, Hilltop	Sis. Retha McEwin, Spring Creek
Sis. Sherman Guess, Hill Top	Sis. Floyd Green, Spring Creek
Bro. Jim Martin, Holdenville	Bro. H. T. Vanzant, Vanzant
Bro. Milford Blaylock, Holdenville	Sis. Lillie Bell Watkins, Vanzant
Sis. Vicie Robinson, Holdenville	Sis. Marie Stricklin, Vanzant
Sis. Velma Priest, Non	Sis. Jim Haynes, Weleetka
Bro. Edd Campbell, Non	Sis. Birdie Harrington, Weleetka
Sis. Ollie Russell, Non	Sis. Jim Griffin, Weleetka

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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; 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 Saviour Jesus Christ.—Acts 4:12; Titus 3:5.

5. That he 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 the damnation, and that God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness by Jesus Christ—I Cor. 15:34; John 5:28; I 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 infants and idiots excepted.—Acts 20:21; Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14,16; 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; I Peter 3:21.

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

RULES OF ORDER

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 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 reprov'd by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

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.

LETTER OF DISMISSION

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 sisters 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 Members _____; Total in full Fellowship _____ We have in our membership, Ministers _____, names _____ Ordained Deacons _____, names _____ We have paid our 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 \$_____. Contribution 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

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptised upon a profession of our faith in 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 Church government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches 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 Baptist, 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 has a Moderator, a clerk, and a Credential Committee of three ordained elected by the suffrage of the members of the Association at each annual association. The Credentials Committee shall be elected as follows: One for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Then one each year following to succeed the outgoing members.

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 questions 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 members who made it.

Art. 8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the amount paid by 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. 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. 12. 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. 13. 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.

Art. 14. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

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.

