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of the

Canadian Association

of

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The next session of this Association will meet at the Hanna Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in November, 1976. Rev. Alvin Murphy will bring the Introductory Message.

Second Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Prague Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in February, 1977.

Third Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Paden Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in May, 1977.

The Annual Association Meeting will be held at the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church on Friday night before the second Sunday in August, 1977.

HISTORY

The Canadian Association was organized at Yeager, Oklahoma, in the year of 1905, by Brother Tom Townsend, Brother Taylor Champion, Brother Tom Mitchell, Brother Mancher, and Brother Rogers.

OFFICERS OF CANADIAN ASSOCIATION 1976 - 77

Moderator	Rev. Alvin Murphy
	Rt. 1, Norman, Okla. 73069
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Tony Adams
	Rt. 3, Box 211 Okemah, Okla. 74859
Clerk	Sis. Clara Foster
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Juanita Hudson
	9408 N. E. 28th St. Okla. City, Okla. 73141

EXECUTIVE BOARD

PHONE NO.

Bro. Amos Hayes	5 years ..	677-4812
Bro. O.J. McCullar	4 years ..	657-2284
Bro. Phillip Iker	3 years ..	645-2462
Rev. Albert Collier	2 years ..	623-1194
Bro. Johnny Stricklin	1 year ...	unknown

EXAMINING BOARD

Rev. Alvin Murphy	3 years
Bro. Orbra Wilbanks	2 years
Rev. Tony Adams	1 year

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the obituary committee, report that God has called from our midst the past year, the following:

Bro. Bill Foster	Calvin Church
Sis. Clementine Phillips	Calvin Church
Sis. Ora Mitchell	Paden Church
Sis. Helen Vanzant	Paden Church
Sis. Eva Perry	Prague Church
Bro. Frank Coulter	Prague Church
Sis. Ida Thornton	Prague Church
Sis. Lucille Vaughn	Prague Church

Signed: Mary Jo Guinn
Gladys Atterberry
Kathy Iker

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 delegates
5. Petitionary letters called for
6. Reading Rules of Order
7. Invite visiting brethren to seat in council
8. Appointment of Committees
9. Reading of minutes
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Reports of Committees
13. Miscellaneous Business
14. Selection of Officers

RULES OF ORDER

1. The Association when met shall be opened and closed by singing and praying.
2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
3. Any person shall not be interrupted by anyone except the Moderator, until he is thru 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 application of "brothers or sisters".
8. No member shall absent himself from the Association while in session without leave.
9. The name of the members of the Association shall be enrolled and called as the Association deems necessary.
10. No member shall speak more than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Association.
11. Any person who breaks any of these rules shall be reprovred by the Moderator according to direction of the Association.

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

Adams, Tony Rt. 3 Box 211, Okemah, Okla. 74859
 Bean, Leonard 617 E. Porter, Wetumda, Okla. 74883
 Collier, Albert 511 N. 3rd, Okemah, Okla. 74859
 Elliot, Tom Calvin, Okla. 74531
 Hardin, Ronald Paden, Okla. 74860
 Miller, Randall P.O. Box, 817 Prague, Okla. 74864
 Murphy, Alvin Rt. 1, Norman, Okla. 73069
 Parsons, Harlen Shawnee, Okla. 74801
 Pettyjohn, George 2501 Eagle Dr. Del City, Okla.
 Qualls, Euell 1055 Chickasha, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447
 Riddle, Fred Stigler, Okla.
 Reid, Havner L. 621 W. 13th, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447
 True, Burl McCloud, Okla.
 Vanzant, Roy Rt. 1, Prague, Okla. 74867
 Wood, Raymond 1416 Sandra Dr. Midwest City, Okla.

DIRECTORY OF DEACONS

Bean, Wiley Box 162, Hanna, Okla. 74845
 Bise, Lloyd Rt. 2, Holdenville, Okla. 74845
 Bogard, J.C. Rt. 3, Hanna, Okla. 74845
 Caton, Jimmy P.O. Box 62, Holdenville, Okla. 74848
 Coulter, Dennis Rt. 1, Prague, Okla. 74864
 Hayes, Amos 1501 Adeline, Del City, Okla. 73115
 Harden, Bill Rt. 3, Holdenville, Okla. 74848
 Hibbs, Allen Wetumka, Okla 74883
 Iker, Phillip Calvin, Okla. 74531
 Lawrence, Frank Atwood, Okla. 74827
 Martin, Robert Prague, Okla. 74864
 McCullar, O.J. Rt. 3, Hanna, Okla. 74845
 Mendenhall, Earl 621 E. 1st, Chandler, Okla. 74845
 Mitchell, George Paden, Okla. 74860
 Patterson, Mutt Rt. 1, Weleetka, Okla. 74880
 Redford, Grover Box 915, Henryetta, Okla. 74437
 Smith, Dick Prague, Okla. 74864
 Stricklin, Johnny Rt. 1, Paden Okla. 74860
 Vaughn, Milton,..... Prague, Okla. 74864
 Wells, George Rt. 1, Hanna, Okla. 75845
 White, Frank Rt. 1, Box 101A, Weleetka, Okla. 74880
 Wilbanks, Orbra Atwood, Okla. 74827

DIRECTORY OF CHURCH CLERKS

NAME	CHURCH	ADDRESS
Adamson, Freda	Calvin	Box 247, Calvin, Okla. 74531
Bean, Carlyn	Hanna	P.O. Box 162, Hanna, Okla. 74845
Carter, Eula	Prague	P.O. Box 348, Prague, Okla. 74864
Hinds, Frances	Paden	Rt. 1, Paden, Okla. 74860
Mendenhall, Laura	Chandler	621 E. 1st, Chandler, Okla. 74834
Redford, Martha	Allen	Box 151, Weleetka, Okla. 74880
Walton, Walter	Shady Nook	9930 N.E. 27th, Okla. City, Okla. 73141

FINANCE REPORT -- ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	TITHES
Allen	\$ 30.00
Calvin	119.23
Hanna	57.98
Paden	56.35
Prague	217.99
Shady Nook	150.39

TOTAL RECEIVED AT ANNUAL MEETING.....\$631.94

Signed: Mable Pettyjohn
Frances Hinds
Kathy Iker

CLERK FINANCE REPORT

Balance from 1975	\$292.51
Received 1st Quarter	614.56
Received 2nd Quarter	774.33
Received 3rd Quarter	803.91
Received Annual Meeting	631.94

TOTAL RECEIVED\$3,117.25

EXPENSES:

Tithes To Coop	\$462.36
Mission Fund	256.36
Scholarship Fund	100.00
State Association Fees	180.00
Building Fund	480.00
Enid Land Project	700.00
Bro. Powell of MacAllen Texas Church	100.00
Clerk	50.00
Assistant Clerk	20.00
	<u>\$2,348.72</u>

Balance Before Printing Minutes \$768.53

CHURCH	PASTOR	No. On Roll	Confes.	Letter	Dism.	Died
Allen - Charles Brazeal		86	11	1	0	0
Calvin - Randall Miller		91	4	0	2	2
Hanna - Euell Qualls		39	0	2	0	0
Paden - Tony Adams		63	2	2	0	2
Prague - Albert Collier		68	1	1	4	4
Shady Nook - Alvin Murphy		95	12	5	0	0

August 6, 1976: Friday Night Services

Friday evening services introductory message was brought by Rev. Alvin Murphy.

August 7, 1976: Saturday Morning Services

Services were opened by the moderator, with singing and prayer by Bro. Johnny Stricklin. Devotional was brought by Bro. Tony Adams, reading from the first book of Psalms, followed by special singing. Letters from the following churches were read: Allen, Calvin, Hanna, Paden, Prague and Shady Nook. Motion made and second to accept letters as read and seat the delegates. The Rules of Order were read. Bro. Moderator invited visiting brethren to seat in council. Followed by the appointing of committees. The Devine Committee selected Bro. Euell Qualls as speaker for the morning services. Business session was adjourned until one o'clock. Meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Phillip Iker.

11:00 Services

Services were opened with congregational and special singing by the Shady Nook, Calvin and Hanna churches. Message was brought by Bro. Euell Qualls, reading from I Kings 18:21. Morning services were dismissed for the noon meal with prayer by Bro. Tony Adams.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session opened with prayer by Bro. Randall Miller and with congregational and special singing. Minutes and financial reports read and approved. Reports from all committees were read and approved. Election of officers for 1976-77 was held. Association adjourned by singing a verse of Amazing Grace, until November 1976.

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We recommend that each church get out and visit and invite people to church and Sunday School and let us get more interested in going to Sunday School. To visit the absentees of your church and get them back in church.

Signed: Betty Ben
Velma Adams,
Opal Wood

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Calvin Church	Onema Bland
Prague Church	Irma Smith
Shady Nook Church	Relta Walton
Canadian Association	Clara Foster

LETTERS TO ASSOCIATION

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, Worshipping at Allen County of Okfuskee, this August 1, 1976, P.O. Box 151, Weleetka, Okla. c/o Martha Radford 74880, sends greetings to the 71st 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 zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year, \$480.00. Meeting days 48. We have received by Confession 11; Letter 1; Dismissed 0; Died 0; Active Members 15; Non-active Members 50; Total in full membership 86. Our average Sunday School attendance is 34. Our average CTS attendance is 0. We have 1 Minister in our membership. Rev. Havner L. Reid 621 W. 13th, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447. We have 2 Ordained Deacons. Frank White Rt. 1, Box 101A, Weleetka, Okla. 74880 and Mutt Patterson Rt. 1, Weleetka, Okla. 74880.

We have paid out for Evangelistic work 0; Missions 0; Support of the Association \$50.00; Total paid out by the Church \$80.00; Value of Church Property \$3500.00; Contribution for Association minutes \$10.00; State Minutes \$10.00; Other \$10.00. We have chosen Gladys Atteberry, Ida Crawford and Betty Ben as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session. Alternates Eva Likowski, Naomi White, Martha Radford. We have chosen none as our delegate to State Association. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Charles Brazeal.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 1 day of August 1976.

Moderator - Odis Robinson

Wetumka, Okla. 74883

Clerk -

Martha Radford

Box 151, Weleetka, Okla.
74880

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, Worshipping at Calvin, County of Hughes, this August 7, 1976, P.O. Box 274, Calvin, Okla. 74531, sends greetings to the 71st 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 zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year, \$1,820.00. Meeting days Sunday and Wednesday. We have received by Confession 4; Letter 0; Dismissed 2; Died 2; Active Members 51; Non-active Members 40; Total in full membership 91. Our average Sunday School attendance is 70. Our average CTS attendance is 39. We have 1 Minister in our membership. Rev. Randall Miller Calvin, Okla. We have 3 Ordained Deacons. Bro. Obra Wilbanks Atwood, Okla., Bro. Frank Lawrence Calvin, Okla. and Bro. Phillip Iker, Calvin, Okla. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$177.00; Missions \$95.00; Support of the Association \$792.78; Total paid out by the Church \$7,098.28. Value of Church Property \$14,500.00; Contribution for Association minutes \$0; State Minutes \$0; Other 0. We have chosen Sis. Minnie Brock, Sis. Kathy Iker and Sis. Clara Foster as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session. Alternates Sis. Onema Bland, Sis. Teresa Searcy and Sis. Grace Howell. We have chosen Sis. Onema Bland as our delegate to State Association. Bro. Miller resigned August 1, 1976.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 28th day of July, 1976.

Moderator - Rev. Randall Miller

P.O. Box 265, Calvin, Okla.

Clerk -

Freda Adamson

P.O. Box 274, Calvin, Okla.

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, Worshipping at Hanna, County of McIntosh, this August 1, 1976, P.O. Box 162, Hanna, Okla. 74845, sends greetings to the 71st 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 zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year, none. Meeting days full time. We have received by Confession none; Letter 2; Dismissed none; Died none; Active Members 24; Non-active Members 15; Total in full membership 39. Our average Sunday School attendance is 30. Our average CTS attendance is none. We have 2 Ministers in our membership. Rev Euell Qualls 1055 Chicksha, Okmulgee, Okla. 74447 and Rev. Fred Riddle Stigler, Okla. They are both ordained. We have 4 Ordained Deacons. Bro. Geo Wells Rt. 1, Hanna, Okla. 74845, Bro. Wiley Bean Box 162, Hanna, Okla. 74845, Bro. O.J. McCullar Rt. 3, Hanna, Okla. 74845 and Bro. J.C. Bogard Rt. 1, Hanna, Okla. 74845. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$0; Mission \$18.45; Support of the Association \$190.72; Total paid out by the Church \$2154.91. Value of Church Property \$7000.00; Contribution for Association minutes \$0; State minutes \$0; Other Support of Association \$57.98. We have chosen Sister Ilene McCullar, Sister Betty Qualls and Sister Jay Branch as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session. Alternates Sister Ethel Mouser, Sister Ann Wells and Sister Minnie Bogle. We have chosen no delegate to State Association. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder O.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 1st day of August 1976.

Moderator - Bro Geo Wells

Rt.1 Hanna, Okla. 74845

Clerk - Sister Carlyn Bean

P.O. Box 162, Hanna, Okla. 74845

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, Worshipping at Paden, County of Okfuskee, this August 4, 1976, Paden, Oklahoma, sends greetings to the 71st 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 zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year, \$25.00 per week. Meeting days _____. We have received by Confession 2; Letter 2; Dismissed 0; Died 2; Active Members 16; Non-active Members 47; Total in full membership 63. Our average Sunday School attendance is 30. Our average CTS attendance is 0. We have 4 Ministers in our membership. Rev. Tony W. Adams Rt. 3, Box 211, Okemah, Okla., Rev. Ronald Hardin Paden, Okla., Rev. Burl True McCloud, Okla., Rev. Roy Vanzant Prague, Okla. We have 1 Ordained Deacon. Bro. George Mitchell Paden, Okla. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$0; Missions \$0; Support of the Association \$159.01; Total paid out by the Church \$2874.19; Value of Church Property \$9000.00; Contribution for Association minutes \$56.35; State Minutes \$0; Other 0. We have chosen Sis. Velma Adams, Sis. Grace Hinds and Sis. Frances Hinds as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session. Alternates Sis. Cleeta Hinds, Sis. Emma Vanzant and Sis. Lillie Belle Watkins. We have chosen no delegate to State Association. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Tony W. Adams.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 4th day of August.

Moderator - Rev. Tony W. Adams

Rt 3, Box 211, Okemah, Okla.

Clerk - Sis. Frances Hinds

Rt. 1, Paden, Okla. 74860

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, Worshipping at Prague, County of Lincoln, this August 7, 1976, P.O. Box 348, Prague, Oklahoma 74864, sends greetings to the 71st 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 zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year, \$3,900.00. Meeting days full time. We have received by Confession 1; Letter 1; Dismissed 4; Died 4; Active Members 45; Non-active Members 23; Total in full membership 68. Our average Sunday School attendance is 45. Our average CTS attendance is 0. We have 1 Minister in our membership. Rev. Albert Collier. We have 5 Ordained Deacons. Bro. Dick Smith, Prague, Okla., Bro. Robert Martin, Prague, Okla., Bro. Johnny Stricklin, Rt. 1, Paden, Okla., Bro. Dennis Coulter, Prague, Okla. and Bro. Milton Vaughn, Prague, Okla. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$175.00; Missions \$215.93; Support of the Association \$1,222.91; Total paid out by the Church \$5,513.84. Value of Church Property \$20,000.00; Contribution for Association \$217.99; State Minutes \$0; Other 0. We have chosen Bro. Howard Guinn, Sis. Mary Jo Guinn and Sis. Marie Stricklin as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session. Alternates Sis. Cora Shivers, Bro. George Carter and Sis. Eula Carter. We have chosen Sis. Irma Smith as our delegate to State Association. Sis. Bernice Smith as alternate. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder no pastor as of now.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 4 day of August, 1976.

Moderator - Robert Martin

Prague, Okla.

Clerk - Eula Carter

P.O. Box 348, Prague, Okla.
74864

The Free Will Baptist Church of God, Worshipping at Shady Nook, County of Oklahoma, this August 7, 1976, 2609 Outpost Drive, Okla. City, Okla, sends greetings to the 71st 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 zeal for the cause of Christ.

Pastor's salary for the coming year \$3120.00. Meeting days Sunday and Wednesday. We have received by Confession 12; Letter 5; Dismissed 0; Died 0; Active Members 50; Non-active Members 45; Total in full membership 95. Our average Sunday School attendance is 35. Our average CTS attendance is 20. We have 3 Ministers in our membership. Rev. Alvin Murphy, Rt. 1, Norman, Okla. 79364, Rev. George Pettyjohn 2501 Eagle Dr., Del City, Okla. 73115 and Rev. Raymond Woods, 1416 Sandra Dr., Midwest City, Okla. We have 2 Ordained Deacons. Amos Hays, 1501 Adeline Dr., Del City, Okla. and Jimmy Caton, Box 62, Holdenville, Okla. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$0; Missions \$0; Support of the Association \$397.69; Total paid out by the Church \$4945.27. Value of Church Property \$10,000.00; Contribution for Association minutes \$0; State minutes \$0; Other 10% of offering to Association. We have chosen Sis. Opal Woods, Sis. Mable Pettyjohn and Sis. Kay Hamilton as our delegates to represent us in the Annual Session. Alternates Sis. Clara Caton, Sis. Reita Walton and Sis. Betty Smith. We have chosen Reita Walton as our delegate to State Association. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Elder Alvin Murphy.

Pray for us. Done in conference this 28th day of July, 1976.

Moderator - Alvin Murphy

Rt 1, Norman, Okla

Clerk -

Walter L. Walton

9930 N.E. 27th, Okla. City,
Oklahoma 73141

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved, That only ordained ministers and deacons administer ordinance of the church.
2. Be it resolved, That we carry out God's plan on tithing.
3. Be it resolved, That all ministers and deacons go before the Examining Board for qualification before ordination.
4. Be it resolved, That this Association demand all ministers pastoring in Canadian Association, whil belonging to another Association, abide by all Canadian Association laws, during their pastoral care in it.
5. Be it resolved, That each church make a report of all deaths in their letter to the Annual Session.
6. Be it resolved, Any person or persons trying to obstruct the duty of his Association, shall not hold a seat in Association until they make their acknowledgment and apologies for same.
7. Be it resolved, That when an individual church calls the Executive Board, they pay the expense of the Board.
8. Be it resolved, That this Association elect ministers to preach only the first quarterly and annual.
9. Be it resolved, That this Association leave article one of the Constitution in this Association to read exactly as they are in the minutes with the exception of the clerk and assistant shall also be regular members.
10. Be it resolved, That we abolish Resolution No. 2 of 1951. Be it further resolved, That we elect all Boards for 1-2-3-4-5 years.
11. Be it resolved, That no one hold more than one office in this Association in any one year, except the Moderator and Assistant Moderator.
12. Be it resolved, That all Standing Boards addresses be printed in the minutes.
13. Be it resolved, That Resolution No. 2 of Second Quarterly of 1952 be abolished. Now be it resolved, That we have a skeleton letter also printed in our minutes of the quarterly meeting of each church to abide along with the one to the annual.
14. Be it resolved, That when the clerk reads a repost of the committee that they made the motion that the report be approved.
15. Be it resolved, That we abolish Resolution No. 1 of 1952. Now be it resolved, That the outgoing clerk keep the books and have the minutes printed then turn the books over to the new clerk at the First Quarterly meeting.
16. Be it resolved, That any question of misunderstanding or conflict with Association be presented to the Executive Board and studied before coming before the Association for action.
17. Be it resolved, That we replace members of the Examining Board that do not attend meetings, with ones that will put forth an effort to be in attendance.
18. Resolution committee recommends that the new moderator and assistant moderator take office at the First Quarterly meeting.
19. Be it resolved, That we all take more interest in our meeting on Friday night before business meeting on Saturday.
20. Be it resolved, That each church be more concerned about their delegates getting to meetings.
21. Be it resolved, That this Association send 10 percent of all funds to the Co-op Plan.
22. Be it resolved, That there be no more than one Executive Board members from any one church.

23. Be it resolved, That any church desiring to have the annual or one of the quarterly meetings do so by asking for it in their letter to the Annual Association.
24. Amend to a motion that assistant clerk move up to the clerk the following year.
25. Be it resolved, That the Canadian Association sponsor \$100.00 scholarship annually to Hillsdale Bible College to a person to be selected by the Executive Board.
26. Be it resolved, That any delegate seated by the Association shall be eligible to serve on any committee.
27. Be it resolved, That each church in the Canadian Association send twenty dollars to the Association prior to the annual meeting in August. The money will be sent to the State Association prior to October so the Canadian Association delegates may be seated the State Association. The Association will be responsible for the money of each member church.
28. Be it resolved, That we create a standing Sunday School Board. Those elected to this board will serve until our annual meeting, and then be treated as all our committees. Also that each committee be told what its function is.
29. Motion to investigate the churches that have not been in attendance, to admonish them in the Lord Jesus Christ to come and fellowship with us, and if they refuse, to break fellowship with these churches.
30. Motion that the Executive Board be made responsible to contact absentee churches to find out why they haven't been in attendance, Also, to offer any and all help that might be needed in these churches from the Association.
31. Be it resolved, That the clerk write up the responsibilities of each committee.
32. Be it resolved, That each church send their Cooperative money to the Association clerk to be forwarded to the State Executive, so the Association can be credited with their giving.
33. Be it resolved, That the host church supply the noon meal for both the Annual and Quarterly Associations.
34. Be it resolved, That the Association be reaffirmed by confirmation letters from each member church designed to continue as a member. This resolution to be administered by a letter from the clerk of each present member church asking for continuance at each annual meeting hereafter.
35. Motion to amend Resolution that the dues be \$20.00, also \$5.00 sent to the scholarship fund.
36. Be it resolved, That each church carry out the Resolutions we already have.
37. Motion made to send \$480.00 to Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College through the Canadian Association, to be paid quarterly and each member church in Association be responsible for the money requested.
38. Be it resolved that resolution No's 21 and 35 of the 1975 minutes be abolished. Be it further resolved, That 10 percent of that taken in by each church be sent to cover Association dues.
39. Be it resolved, That resolution No. 28, be abolished, of the 1975 minutes.
40. Motion made, second and carried to delete articles 12 and 13 of the 1975 minutes.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe the Scripture of the Old and New Testaments are the infallible Word of God, and the only safe rule of faith and practise II Tim. 3:16; II Peter 1:20-21.

2. That there is but one true and living God, and in the Godhead 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 Savior Jesus Christ. --Acts 5:12; 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 Saints' 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; 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. 31:16; Matt. 12:12; Deut. 5:12.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the body, both of the just and unjust, but everyone 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. 15:28; I Thes. 4:16.

10. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of people of God in general, and to singly engaged to promote the honor of God. --John 8.

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; I Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14, 16; 15:10-22; and 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; John 17:11.

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats in the 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.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the members of the Church of God (denomination Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 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.

Article 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 demoninational 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.

Article 4. OFFICERS: This Association has a Moderator, a Clerk and a Credential Committee of three ordained elected by the sufferage 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.

Article 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.

Article 6. QUESTIONS: No questions from any church shall come under consideration of the association unless it has been first considered in its own church.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 10. SIGNATURES: The minutes of the association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the moderators and clerk before the close of the association.

Article 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.

Article 12. AMENDMENTS: Amendments of this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by two-thirds of the members present at any regular session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CONVENANT

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 love and 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, to provide "all 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 careful of one another's happiness and reputation, seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and the gospel, we will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligation and enterprise supreme: counting 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 study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family worship and social worship, by self denial, faith and good works, endeavor "to grow in grace and 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 of its benevolent work.

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

