

Minutes
of the
Eighty-Fifth Annual Session
of the
Canadian Association
of
Free Will Baptist
Church of God
when convened at the
Minneha Free Will Baptist Church

August 11, 1990

MINUTES

The eighty-fifth annual session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist Church of God was convened at the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church. The next session of this association will meet at the Shadynook Church on November 9th and 10th, 1990. Speaker for the Friday night service will be Brother Raymond Coats with Jimmy Ticer as alternate. The second quarterly meeting will be at the Western Avenue Church on February 8th and 9th, 1991. The third quarterly meeting will be at the Hanna Church on April 27th and 28th, 1991. The next annual session will be at the Prague Church on August 9th and 10th, 1991. Brother Randy Haas will be the speaker at the Friday night service with Kenneth Breshears as alternate. All Friday night services begin at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday morning sessions begin at 9:30 a.m.

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 The Canadian Association 1990-91

Moderator Reverend Randall Miller
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Glenn Hamilton 1 year
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Examining and Credential Board

Reverend Raymond Coats	3 year
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Reverend Harold Haas	2 year
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Youth Camp Board

Junior Reid	5 year
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Glenn Hamilton	4 year
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Randall Miller	3 year
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Raymond Coats	2 year
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Atha Brooks	1 year
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Directory of Church Clerks

Hanna	(918) 657-2221	Faye Branch
Shady Nook	(405) 454-3185	Larry Sawyer
Prague	(405) 932-4202	Nelma Young
Minneha	(405) 677-7767	Freda Woodruff
Earlsboro	(405) 382-7132	Kathy Bleer
Western Avenue	(405) 751-7012	Conni Haas
Crossroads		Grace Sanford

Canadian Association Directory of Active Ordained Ministers

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Havner Reid, Jr.
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Directory of Active Deacons

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George Wells
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Jimmy Lackey
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General Board Member
October 1990
Randall Miller (405) 567-4271

Order of Business

1. House called to order
2. Song and Prayer
3. Ordained sign in
4. Letters called for, read and received
5. Right hand of fellowship and seating of Delegates
6. (A) Reading of Recommendations from the Examining and Credential Board
(B) Reading of Requests from Churches
7. Host Pastor to give Welcome and Devotion
8. Petitionary Letters called for
9. Reading of Rules of Order
10. Invitation to visiting brethren to sit in Council
11. Appointment of Committees: (A) Pulpit Committee, (B) Finance Committee, (C) Resolution Committee, (D) Obituary Committee
12. Reading of Minutes and Financial Report
13. Worship Service
14. Unfinished Business
15. New Business
16. Reports from Committees
17. Miscellaneous Business
18. 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. No person shall 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 he 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 "Brother" or "Sister."
8. No member shall absent himself without leave from the Association while in session.
9. The names of members of the Association shall be enrolled and called as the Association deems necessary.
10. No members 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 reproved by the Moderator, according to direction of the Association.

Obituary Committee Report

We, the Obituary Committee, find that God in His infinite Wisdom, has called from our midst the following: Brenda Lakins, Cleo Carpenter, Susan Coulter, Wilma Qualls and Sylvia Giza

Delegates to State Association

Minneha	^e Marcia Brooks
Earlsboro	Goldie LeForce
Hanna	Anita Reid
Shady Nook	Sonny Ticer
Prague	John Young
Western Avenue	Connie Haas

1990 Annual Financial Report

Church	Tithes
Earlsboro	\$ 84.00
Hanna	238.00
Minneha	522.00
Prague	722.00
Shady Nook	380.00
Western Avenue	105.59
Total Received	\$2,051.59
Balance brought forward from 3rd Qtr.	43.76
Total	\$2,095.35

Expenses for Annual

Youth Camp Land Fund	\$50.00
Youth Camp Fund	825.00
Scholarship Fund	50.00
State Co-op	205.16
State Missions	205.16
Hillsdale	205.16
Secretary	160.00
Treasurer	160.00
State and National Fees	210.00
Total Expenses	\$2,070.48
Account Balance	\$ 24.87

1989-90 Financial Report General Fund

Receipts

Balance brought forward from 1989 Annual	\$ 60.08
Received from 1st quarter	1,720.51
Received from 2nd quarter	1,943.53
Received from 3rd quarter	1,695.42
Received from Annual	2,051.59
Total Receipts	\$7,471.13

Disbursements

Co-op Fund	\$ 741.12
State Missions	741.12
Hillsdale	741.12
Youth Camp Fund	3,900.00
Youth Camp Land Fund	200.00
Scholarship Fund	200.00
Clerk	160.00
Treasurer	160.00
State and National Fees	210.00
Printing of Minutes	367.90
Hugo Mission	25.00
Total Disbursements	\$7,446.26
Account Balance	\$ 24.87

**1989-90 Financial Report
Youth Camp Fund (Checking Account)**

Receipts

Balance brought forward from 1989 Annual	\$1,078.91
Association Contribution	3,900.00
Camper's Fees	<u>2,330.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$7,308.91

Disbursements

Camp Rental, Cabins, Damages	\$2,025.50
Evangelist	250.00
Cooks	650.00
Camp Director	250.00
Assistant Camp Director	125.00
Food and Kitchen Supplies	1,921.42
Literature and Materials	92.57
Trophies, Ribbons, Recreation Materials	162.44
Camp Supplies & Misc.	275.54
Insurance	<u>210.00</u>
Total Expense for Youth Camp	5,962.47
Service Charges	36.00
Greg Ogle's Hospital Bill	<u>309.25</u>
Total Disbursements	\$6,307.72
Account Balance	\$1,001.19

Youth Camp Land Fund (Savings Account)

Receipts

Balance brought forward from 1989 Annual	\$ 968.57
Interest earned on C.D.	1,023.82
Interest earned on Account	35.06
Association Contribution	<u>200.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$2,227.45

Disbursements

Added to C.D.	\$1,500.00
Account Balance	<u>\$ 727.45</u>

Youth Camp Attendance

Campers	68
Sponsors	14
Evangelist	1
Pre-school Children	<u>12</u>
Total Number in Camp	95

Number on Church Roll

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Roll</u>	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Letter</u>	<u>Dis.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>
Shady Nook	Raymond Coats	60	4	0	0	2
Prague	Randall Miller	84	2	0	2	2
Minneha	Olen Woodruff	63	0	0	0	0
Hanna	Junior Reid	45	3	7	0	0
Earlsboro	Don LeForce	43	1	0	2	0
Western Avenue	Harold Haas	44	6	0	0	2
Crossroads	Unknown	-	-	-	-	-

Business Done in Quarterly Meetings

First Quarterly Meeting - November 11, 1989

The Hanna Church requested that Junior Reid be examined for ordination. Motion to have Brother Reid examined carried. A letter was received from the Hitchita FWB Church requesting to join with our Association. Motion to have the Orthodox Committee meet with Hitchita at their convenience was carried. In the afternoon session the Examining and Credential Board reported that they had met with Junior Reid and found him sound in doctrine and recommended that he be referred back to his home church for ordination. Motion to accept this report carried. Motion to send 10% of current bank balance or \$25.00 (whichever is greater) to the Hugo Project. Motion carried. After announcements we were dismissed in prayer.

Second Quarterly Meeting - February 10, 1990

The Orthodox Committee reported that they had met with Hitchita FWB Church and found them sound in faith and doctrine. They recommended that the Hitchita Church be accepted into the Canadian Association. Motion carried. The Hitchita Church asked that Pastor Andy Campbell be examined for membership in the Canadian Association. Motion concerning Brother Campbell carried. The Hanna Church requested that Brother Havner Reid be examined for membership in Canadian Association. Motion concerning Havner Reid Carried. The Treasurer recommended that we place \$1500.00 in our C.D. the next time it matures. Motion to follow treasurers recommendation carried. We were dismissed in a circle of prayer.

Third Quarterly Meeting - April 28, 1990

The Examining and Credential Board recommended that Havner Reid be accepted into full fellowship of the Canadian Association. Motion to follow recommendation carried. Shadynook Church asked that Larry Sawyer be examined for office of deacon. Motion to have Brother Sawyer go before examining board carried. The Shadynook church also ask that Jimmy Ticer be re-licensed to preach for one year. Motion to re-license Brother Ticer carried. In the afternoon session the Examining Board reported that they had met with Larry Sawyer and recommended that he be ordained as deacon. Motion to follow recommendation carried. The Hitchita FWB Church sent a letter withdrawing from the Association. Harold Haas, Larry Sawyer and Junior Reid were elected as a "Historical Committee" to locate copies of "old" minutes books. After a standing vote of thanks to the Earlsboro Church for the noon meal we were dismissed in prayer by George Wells.

**Annual Meeting
Minneha F.W.B.
Friday, August 10, 1990**

Service opened with Moderator in charge. Singing was led by Bernice Geroski and Opal Billins with Marcie Brooks at the piano. There were specials by Jimmy Ticer, Sonny Ticer, Violet Miller, Helen Pridemore and Brother and Sister Haas. Brother Atha Brooks message was from Romans entitled "Walk by Faith."

**Saturday Morning Service
August 11, 1990**

Brother Miller called the meeting to order. Song service was led by Helen Pridemore with Connie Haas at the piano. The ordained were asked to sign in and we were led in prayer by Don LeForce. Letters from the churches were called for and read. The delegates were seated. Brother Harold Haas was asked to sit in as "Acting" Assistant Moderator as Glen Hamilton was absent. Request from churches were called for. There was a request from the Western Avenue Church to have Randy Haas go before the examining board to preach the gospel. Motion to have Randy Haas be examined was carried.

The host pastor Brother Olen Woodruff gave the welcome and a devotion from John 5:30 over the importance of *"Listening to God the first time he speaks to us!"*

The pulpit was then returned to the Moderator who called for petitionary letters — there were none. "Acting" Assistant Moderator read the rules of order and committees were appointed as follows:

Pulpit Committee:	Tina Posey, Deion Bleer, Faye Branch
Finance Committee:	Jimmy Lackey, Jimmy Ticer, Scott Haas
Resolution Committee:	Sonny Ticer, Don LeForce, Edna Reid
Obituary Committee:	Raymond Coats, Helen Pridemore, Bob Haynes

Brother Miller asked Harold Haas to give us a report on the progress of our Historical Committee who is searching for copies of the "old" minutes books. He asked us all to contact people to search for these old books.

The financial report was called for and read. Motion to accept report as read carried. The pulpit committee chose Harold Haas to preach the 11:00 o'clock worship service. We were then dismissed for a short break before the worship hour.

Eleven O'Clock Service

Service was opened with "acting" Assistant Moderator in charge. We were led in prayer by Bobby Haynes. After special singing Brother Harold Haas brought a good message from Acts 11:19-26 entitled, *"What Do We Purpose in Our Hearts."* We were then dismissed in prayer for the noon meal by Deion Bleer.

Afternoon Session

Meeting opened with Moderator in charge. Congregational singing led by Helen Pridemore with Connie Haas at the piano. We were led in prayer by Raymond Coats. Unfinished business was called for – there was none. Motion to send Sonny Ticer, Goldie LeForce, Anita Reid, and Marcie Brooks as delegates to the State Meeting. Motion carried. Brother Randall Miller was elected as General Board Member. The Scholarship was awarded to Christy Miller who is attending Hillsdale. Reports from the committees were called for. *The Finance Committee* reported \$2051.49 in tithes. *The Resolution Committee* reported no resolutions. *The Obituary Committee* reported that God had called home - Brenda Lakins, Susan Coulter, Wilma Qualls, Sylvia Giza and Cleo Carpenter. Reports were accepted and committees were dismissed.

Raymond Coats gave a short report on Youth Camp. This year there were 80 campers and 14 sponsors. There were 12 saved and 12 re-dedicated. The date for next year's camp will be July 14-19.

Meeting places for the upcoming year will be as follows:

1st Quarterly	Shady Nook	November 9 & 10, 1990
2nd Quarterly	Western Avenue	February 8 & 9, 1991
3rd Quarterly	Hanna	April 27 & 28, 1991
Annual Meeting	Prague	August 9 & 10, 1991

Speaker for the Friday night service at the 1st Quarterly will be Raymond Coats with Jimmy Ticer as alternate. Speaker for the Friday night service at the Annual will be Randy Haas with Kenneth Breshears as alternate.

The election of Board Members were as follows:

Executive Board:

Junior Branch 5 year member

Examining and Credential Board:

Raymond Coats 3 year member

Youth Camp Board:

Junior Reid 1 year member

Officers for the coming year will be:

Moderator Randall Miller
Assistant Moderator Glenn Hamilton
Treasurer Marcie Brooks
Clerk Kathy Bleer

Moderator asked us to give Minneha a standing vote of thanks for the noon meal. After the announcements we were dismissed with the right hand of fellowship.

Letters to the Association

We, the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, County of Oklahoma, send greetings to the 85th 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 when convened with the Minneha Freewill Baptist Church on this 11th day of August, 1990. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$5,200.00. Meeting days Sunday and Wednesday. We have received by confession 4; by letter 0; dismissed 0; deceased 0. Active members 48; non-active 12; Total in full membership 60. Our Average Sunday School Attendance is 59. We have two ministers in our membership: Raymond Coats 20080 Palmer St., Harrah, OK 73045 (454-3589) and Jimmy Ticer (736-1044). We have two deacons in membership: Glenn Hamilton and Larry Sawyer. We have paid out for Evangelistic work \$100.00. For Missions \$600.00. Support of the Association \$380.00. Value of church property \$65,000.00. We have chosen to represent us at the Annual Session: Sonny Ticer, Jimmy Ticer and Carolyn Ticer. Tithes to the Association are \$380.00. Our Pastor for the coming year is Raymond Coats. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Done in conference this 1st day of August, 1990. Glenn Hamilton, Moderator; Larry Sawyer, Clerk.

We the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at McLoud, Oklahoma, County of Pottawatomie, send greetings to the 85th Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists, to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church this 11th day of August 1990. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$3,000.00. Active members 50; non-active 13; Total in full membership 63. Our average Sunday School attendance is 18. We have two ministers in our membership: Olen Woodruff and Atha Brooks. We have three deacons: Melvin Billins, Jimmy Lackey and Tommy Thompson. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$587.14. For missions \$600.70. Value of church property \$85,000.00. Support of the Association \$1757.00. We have chosen to represent us at the Annual Session: Jimmy Lackey, Opal Billins, and Bernice Geroski. Tithes to the Association are \$522.00. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Olen Woodruff. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Done in conference this 8th day of August, 1990. Olen Woodruff, Moderator; Freda Woodruff, Clerk

We, the Earlsboro Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Earlsboro, County of Pottawatomie, send greetings to the 85th Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God this 11th day of August 1990. Active members 36; non-active 7; total in full membership 43. Our average Sunday School Attendance is 25. We have one minister in our membership - Don LeForce. We have two deacons in our membership: Bobby Haynes and Deion Bleer. Value of Church property \$85,000.00. We have chosen to represent us at the Annual Session: Bobby Haynes, Deion Bleer, and Phyllis Haynes. Tithes to the Association are \$84.00. Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Don LeForce. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the coming year. Done in conference this 1st day of August 1990. Moderator, Don LeForce; Clerk, Kathy Bleer.

We the **Prague Free Will Baptist Church** of god, worshipping at Prague, Oklahoma, County of Lincoln; send greetings to the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church this 11th day of August 1990. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$5,200.00. We have received by confession 2; dismissed 2; deceased 2. Active members 72; non-active 12; total in full membership 84. Average Sunday School Attendance is 56. We have one minister in our membership: Randall Miller. We have one deacon in membership: Don Hadley. We have paid for evangelistic work \$640.00. For Missions \$725.00. Value of Church property \$300,000.00. We have chosen to represent us at the Annual Session: Tina Posey, Helen Pridemore, and Jodie Shaner. Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Randall Miller. We wish to remain in the Association for the coming year. Done in conference this 9th day of August 1990. Randell Miller, Moderator; Nelma Young, Clerk.

We the **Hanna Free Will Baptist Church of God**, worshipping at Hanna, Oklahoma, County of McIntosh; send greetings to the 85th Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptists to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God this 11th day of August 1990. Pastor's salary for the ensuing year \$3,600.00. We have received by confession 3; by letter 7. Active members 21; non-active 24; total in full membership 45. Our average Sunday School attendance is 25. We have three ministers in our membership: J. R. Reid, Havner Reid and John Eversole. We have three deacons in membership: George Wells, Junior Branch, and J. C. Bogard. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$500.00 Value of church property \$98,000.00. Tithes to the association are \$238.00. We have chosen to represent us at the Annual Session: Edna Reid, Faye Branch, and Wilma Stone. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Junior Reid. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the coming year. Done in conference on this 29th day of July 1990. J. R. Reid, Moderator; Faye Branch, Clerk.

We the **Western Avenue Free Will Baptist Church of God**, worshipping at 12601 North Western Avenue, Oklahoma City, County of Oklahoma, send greetings to the 85th Annual Session of the Canadian Association to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Minneha Free Will Baptist Church of God this 11th day of 1990. We have received by confession 6; deceased 2. Active members 40; non-active 4; Total in full membership 44. Our average Sunday School attendance is 12. We have one minister in our membership Harold Haas. We have no deacons. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$184.00; For missions \$62.05; Value of church property \$200,000.00. We have chosen to represent us at the Annual Session; Flo Alkire, Jack Long, and Scott Haas. Tithes to the Association are \$105.49. Our pastor for the coming year is Harold Haas. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association for the ensuing year. Done in conference this 8th day of August 1990, Harold Haas, Moderator; Connie Haas, Clerk.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

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 the 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 church government. We have adopted the Treaties of The Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptist as our rule of faith and practice.

Article I

Membership: This Association shall be composed of members chosen by different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church; and upon presenting 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. A Minister or Deacon listed on the Association Roll as Inactive shall have no standing vote. A Minister or Deacon will be placed on the Inactive list if he absent himself from his church or the Association for one year. A Minister or Deacon coming to this Association from another association shall bring with him a Letter of Recommendation from the association he is leaving, and go before the Examining and Credential Board. At the Annual Association Meeting, each member church must reaffirm its desire to continue as a member in the Letter to Association. The Clerk and Treasurer shall be regular members of the Association. Any member church not attending shall be contacted to encourage and admonish them in the Lord to come and fellowship with us; and if they refuse, the Association shall break fellowship with these churches. The Association shall send separate Letters of Recommendation for the Church and Ordained Ministers when leaving the Association.

All ministers and deacons on the inactive list must come before the examining and credential board before being received back into the association.

Article II

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 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 and reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly.

Article III

Letters: Letters from the different churches represented 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 or by restoration or denominational choice, the members dismissed by Letter, Ministers or Deacons dropped or inactive and those having died since the last Association meeting. Churches sending their Letters, may send obituaries of any who have died during the year so that we may keep up on the memorial of our dead. Any church desiring to have the Annual Meeting, or one of the Quarterly Meetings, should ask for such in the Annual Letter.

Article IV

Officers, Boards and Committees: The Association has a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, an Executive Board, an Examining and Credential Board, a Youth Camp Board, and the following committees: Orthodox, Resolution, Finance and Pulpit, appointed at each Quarterly Meeting, with an Obituary Committee appointed only at the Annual Meeting. No one in the Association shall hold more than one office, except the Moderator, Assistant Moderator and the Youth Camp Board. Any Delegate seated by the Association shall be eligible to serve on any committee, except the Orthodox Committee.

Article V

New Churches: Newly constituted churches, which are to petition by Letter and Delegates, may be admitted to the Association; and if, upon examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received into the Association with the Moderator giving the Right Hand of Fellowship. Please see *Article IV, Section H, Orthodox Committee*, for the above-mentioned examination.

Article VI

Questions: No question from any church shall come under consideration of the Association, unless it has been first discussed in its local church.

Article VII

Motions: Every Motion made and seconded shall come under consideration of the Association, except if it be withdrawn by that member making it. *MOTION (Definition): A proposal made only toward a single action.*

Article VIII

Minutes: That the Association endeavors to furnish the churches, equally, with Minutes of the Local, State and National Associations. The Association Clerk shall send two copies of the Minutes to the Historical Commission.

Article IX

Ordinances: The Pastor of the church shall preach on the Ordinance of the Church once a year, and discourse on the support of the ministry. Only Ordained Ministers and Deacons shall administer the Ordinance of the Church.

Article X

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

Article XI

Support: Be it resolved that we carry out God's plan on tithing. The Association is supported by a 10% tithe sent by each church from its quarterly tithes and offerings. The Association supports the cooperative plan with 10% of the tithes received into the Association.

Article XII

Discipline: Any person or persons trying to obstruct the duty of this Association shall not hold a seat in the Association until he or she makes acknowledgement and apologies for the same. Any question of misunderstanding or conflict with the Association will be presented to the Executive Board and studied before coming before the Association for action.

Article XIII

Qualification of Ministers and Deacons: By granted right from each member church, the Canadian Association will examine upon written request any man being considered by that member church as a Minister or Deacon. The Canadian Association has adopted the following qualifications:

- A. That women be not ordained in this Association, or pastor a church belonging to this Association (1 Cor. 14:34-35; 1 Tim. 2:11-15).
- B. That no man known as homosexual be considered in any way for a Minister or Deacon.
- C. That no may be ordained who does not have total abstinence from intoxicating drink or misuse of drugs.
- D. That we go on record against the use of tobacco in any form, and ask our Pastors and Deacons to set the example.

A. Moderator

The Moderator shall preside over the business and worship of the Association while in session. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit, or when he thinks it will cause discord or division. Questions of this nature shall be referred to the Executive Board by the Moderator. The Moderator shall have the right to appoint at any time someone to fill the vacancy of an office or a member of a board. The Moderator-Elect shall take office at the First Quarterly Meeting (elected annually).

B. Assistant Moderator

The Assistant Moderator shall act by the direction of the Moderator, and shall assume the moderation of the Association in the absence of the Moderator (elected annually).

C. Clerk

The Clerk shall have the responsibility of the Association Minutes. The Clerk shall read all letters received, keep a list of seated Delegates, requests made by each Church and Petitionary Letters. All committee reports shall be read by the Clerk. The Clerk shall move that the report be approved and the committee dismissed.

The clerk shall have the responsibility of making a list of the Active Ordained at Quarterly Meetings.

D. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall have responsibility for the Association monies and all financial related matters shall go through this office. The Treasurer shall set up a separate account for the Youth Camp funds.

E. Executive Board

The Executive Board shall be the delegated power of the Association while not in session, but shall make no final decision without the approval of the majority of the member churches. The Executive Board shall be elected on one-, two-, three-, four- and five-year rotation terms. There is to be no more than one Executive Board Member from any one church. The Executive Board shall be responsible for contacting absentee churches to find out why they have not been in attendance, to encourage or admonish, and offer any assistance or help that might be needed from the Association. When an individual church calls the Executive Board in matters of dispute, it pays the expense of the Board. The Executive Board will have the responsibility to accept and deal with any question taken from the floor by the Moderator. The Executive Board members shall be Standing Members, along with the Examining and Credential Board and Moderator as Chairman of the Orthodox Committee to examine all churches desiring to unite with the

Association. The Board shall also act as an organizing council for newly-organized churches. The Scholarship Fund to Hillsdale from the Association will be under the direction of this Board, with priority given to any student from this Association, and has the responsibility to direct it to the college as a Scholarship Fund for a needy student.

F. Examining and Credential Board

All Ministers and Deacons must go before the Board for qualification before ordination. The Association will not ordain a minister until a specific Christian work arises requiring ordination (usually as a pastor, evangelist or missionary). The Association has the granted right to replace a member or members of the Examining and Credential Board who do not attend meetings. The Examining and Credential Board shall use the Questionnaire listed in the Minutes, and also those qualifications listed in this Constitution, in the examining of a candidate. All Ministers and Deacons must answer the Questionnaire in writing, and such must be open for review to any member of the Association with voting rights upon request. The Examining and Credential Board may meet for the given purpose of examining any candidate by a written request from the church, the candidate and the Board (when possible, the church sending the candidate would be an ideal setting). The Moderator shall set a time and day for the Examining and Credential Board to meet.

G. Youth Camp Board

The Association shall have a standing Youth Camp Board of five persons to be elected on rotation terms on one, two, three, four, and five years. The elected Director and Assistant Director shall be ex-officio members. The Board is to have full responsibility for the Canadian Youth Camp, with consideration to:

1. Recommend a Camp Director, who is to choose his Assistant.
2. Plan for the camp site.
3. Select the time.
4. Determine cost for camp and other expenses.
5. Set curriculum, schedule, worship, classes, activities and rules.
6. Call the Evangelist.
7. Secure: teachers, sponsors, cooks, all other needed help.
8. Purchase all needed material for camp: food, literature, insurance, awards.
9. Plan housing for the Evangelist and cooks.
10. Promote the Youth Camp throughout the year.
 - A. *The Director* shall be responsible to the Board and Association for administering the camp in: worship, classes, needs, rules, and activities.
 - B. *The Assistant Director* shall have responsibility as assigned by the Director.

H. Orthodox Committee

The Orthodox Committee shall be composed of at least five of the following: the Executive Board, the Examining and Credential Board and the Moderator (who shall serve as Chairman). Any church desiring membership into the Canadian Association will be examined by this Orthodox Committee at a regular set service of the church desiring membership, and must bring a written Recommendation back for the Association to accept or not accept. The Recommendation must pass by a two-thirds majority.

I. Resolution Committee

A Resolution Committee of three persons shall be appointed by the Moderator to make or receive Resolutions for consideration of this body. Be it understood that there may not always be Resolutions.

Resolution (Definition): A proposal having fixed purpose, lasting, firm, directed into being legislated into law. (Constitution).

J. Finance Committee

A Finance Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Moderator to audit monies received at the Quarterly and Annual Meetings, and assist the Treasurer in any computation needed.

K. Pulpit Committee

A Pulpit Committee of three members shall be appointed by the Moderator at each Quarterly and Annual Meeting, to select from the Ministers present the Ministers to preach the message of God for the day.

L. Obituary Committee

An Obituary Committee shall be appointed at the Annual Meeting by the Moderator to compose a list of those deaths since the last meeting, and move the Association have a time of silence for those who have gained the crown.

RESOLUTIONS

1. Be It Resolved: that the Association elect a Minister to preach only the First Quarterly and Annual Meetings.
2. Be It Resolved: that the Canadian Association sponsor a \$200.00 Scholarship, annually, to Hillsdale Bible College, for a person selected by the Executive Board (with preference given to students from the Canadian Association).
3. Be It Resolved: that the Home Church supply the Noon meal for both the Annual and Quarterly Association Meetings.
4. Be It Resolved: that we meet beginning at 9:30 a.m., on Saturday mornings.
5. Be it Resolved: to set the Clerk's salary at \$160.00 per year, and the Treasurer salary at \$160.00 per year.
6. Be it Resolved: that the churches that are members of the Canadian Association that fail to attend fellowship and support the association for one year be dropped from the association roll. Churches dropped may be reinstated by a letter, fellowship and support at any quarterly meeting of the Canadian Association.
7. Be It Resolved: that all meetings of the Examining and Credential Board and Executive Board be put on tape for a permanent record available to anyone in the association upon request.

RULES FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call Church into Conference.
2. Invite visiting brethren to their seats in the Council.
3. Read 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/her to the Fellowship of God's People, and is dismissed from us when united with another association.

Done in Church conference, this _____ day of _____, 19____.
_____, Pastor
_____, Clerk

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 practice. — II Tim. 3:16 I 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 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 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, 9-10; Luke 22:30; John 13:14
8. We believe in the sancity 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 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. — Acts 20:21; I Tim. 2:5-6; John 3:14, 16, 15:10-22; 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 Lord's people are one in Him, and therefore should be one at His table. — I Cor. 1:11, 27; John 17:11
14. We, as the Canadian Association, adopt and abide by the Treaties of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptist.

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 and 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, to 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 of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We will not forget the assembling or ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; not fail to pay, according to our ability, for the support of the church or its poor and all its benevolent works.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of education 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.

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE ORDAINED

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Age _____

Member of _____ Church

1. Do you have licenses? _____
2. If you have licenses, how long have you carried them? _____
3. By what Association were they issued? _____
4. How many sermons have you preached? _____
5. Where are you preaching now? _____
6. Why do you want to be ordained? _____
7. Are you married? _____ How many times? _____
8. If you have been married more than once is a former companion living? _____
9. How many children do you have? _____
10. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? _____
11. How long have you been a Christian? _____
12. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
13. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained? _____
14. Do you or your wife have any habits that would hinder your ministry? _____
15. If you have belong to another demonination, give the name of each and the length of time with each. _____

16. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing his work? _____

17. Do you tithe to the church of which you are a member? _____
18. Are you willing to make any sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? _____
19. Are you willing to abstain from any indulgences that might hinder your effective influence in the ministry? _____
20. Will your financial circumstances hinder you in taking the pastoral care of a church? _____

21. How much education do you have? _____
22. Have you had any special training in doctrinal and pastoral theology? _____
23. Have you had any courses in Homiletics? _____
24. Do you have plans to better qualify yourself for the ministry? _____
25. If so, what are your plans. _____

26. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to the ministry? _____
27. Would you be willing to continue preaching under license if this Committee felt that it was best? _____
28. Have you completed the Minister's Preparation Course? _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR MINISTERS TO BE LICENSED

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Age _____

Member of _____ Church

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____
2. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
3. Is your wife a Christian? _____
4. Is your wife a member of the church? _____
5. How many times have you been married? _____
6. How many times has your wife been married? _____
7. Do you or your wife have former companions living? _____
8. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained as a Minister? _____
9. How many children do you have? _____
10. If your children have reached the age of accountability, are they Christians? _____
11. Are your children members of the church? _____
12. Do you use tobacco? _____
13. How long have you been serving as a minister? _____
14. What is God's Plan for financing the work? _____
15. Do you tithe? _____
16. What is tithing? _____
17. If you are licensed, will you teach tithing? _____
18. Do you believe that your church should support the overall denominational program? _____

19. What are the Bible qualifications for a minister? _____

20. Do you feel that you are qualified for the office of Minister? _____
21. Name some of the duties of a Minister. _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR DEACONS TO BE ORDAINED

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Age _____

Member of _____ Church

1. How long have you been a Christian? _____
2. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
3. Is your wife a Christian? _____
4. Is your wife a member of the church? _____
5. How many times have you been married? _____
6. How many times has your wife been married? _____
7. Do you or your wife have former companions living? _____
8. Is your wife willing for you to be ordained as Deacon? _____
9. How many children do you have? _____
10. If your children have reached the age of accountability, are they Christians? _____
11. Are your children members of the church? _____
12. Do you use tobacco? _____
13. Does your wife use tobacco? _____
14. How long have you been serving as a deacon? _____
15. What is God's Plan for financing the work? _____
16. Do you tithe? _____
17. What is tithing? _____
18. If you are ordained, will you teach tithing? _____
19. Do you believe that your church should support the overall denominational program? _____

20. What are the Bible qualifications for a Deacon? _____

21. Do you feel that you are qualified for the office of Deacon? _____
22. Name some of the duties of a Deacon. _____

QUESTIONS ON DOCTRINE

1. Do you believe that the Scriptures of both the Old and the New Testaments are the infallible word of God and the only safe rule of faith and practice? _____
2. Do you believe that there are three persons in the God Head? _____
3. Name the God Head. _____
4. Is salvation obtained only through the blood of Christ? _____
5. Name the conditions of salvation. _____

6. Do you believe in a second work of Grace or Baptism of the Holy Ghost, separate and apart of regeneration? _____
7. Do you believe in the doctrine of the Unknown Tongue, as is taught and practiced today? _____
8. What composes the body of Christ? _____
9. Does the bible teach that God has an organized church on this earth? _____
10. Do you believe that baptism is a Gospel ordinance? _____
11. Who are the proper subjects for baptism? _____
12. What is the Bible mode of baptism? _____
13. Do you believe that the Lord's Supper and Feet Washing are Gospel ordinances, and should be observed perpetually? _____
14. Do you teach and practice these ordinances? _____
15. Do you believe that a believer could so apostatize that he would be lost? _____
16. Do you believe in the resurrection of the bodies of all men? _____
17. Do you believe that there will be a Judgement when time and man's probation will close forever, and then all men will be judged according to their works? _____
18. Do you believe that immediately after the Judgement, the righteous will enter into Eternal Life, and wicked into a state of endless punishment? _____
19. Do you believe that Christ, at His second coming, will close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints and judge the world? _____
20. I pledge myself to preach and defend the Free Will Baptist Doctrine to the best of my ability. If at any future time I preach or teach any doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith, I will surrender my credentials to the Quarterly Conference of which I am a member.

Signed _____

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR ORDAINED MINISTERS AND DEACONS

1. Are you married? _____ How many times? _____
2. If you have been married more than once, is a former companion living? _____
3. Is your wife a member of the Free Will Baptist Church? _____
4. How long have you been a Christian? _____
5. How long have you been a Free Will Baptist? _____
6. How long have you been a preacher or deacon? _____
7. If you have belonged to other denominations, give name of each and length of time with each. _____
8. In your opinion, what is God's plan for financing His work? _____
9. Do you tithe to the church you are a member of? _____
10. Are you willing to make sacrifice that may be involved in this ministry? _____
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Signed _____ Date _____

