

**Minutes**  
of the  
**Eighty-Seventh Annual Session**  
of the  
**Canadian Association**  
of  
**Free Will Baptist**  
**Church of God**  
when convened at the  
**Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church**

**August 8, 1992**

## MINUTES

The eighty-seventh annual session of the Canadian Association of Free Will Baptist was convened at the Shady Nook Church on August 8, 1992. The next session of this Association will meet at the Earlsboro Church on November 6th and 7th, 1992. Speaker for the Friday night service will be Jimmy Ticer with Don LeForce as alternate. The second quarterly meeting will be at the Western Avenue Church on February 12th and 13th, 1993. The third quarterly meeting will be held at the Hanna Church on April 24th and 25th, 1993. The next annual meeting will be held at the Prague Church on August 6th and 7th, 1993. All Friday night services begin at 7:30 p.m. The Saturday 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

Moderator .....	Reverend Randall Miller
	Rt. 2, Box 242B2, Prague, OK 74864 (405) 567-4169 or (405) 567-4271
Assistant Moderator .....	Glenn Hamilton
	9430 N.E. 28th, Oklahoma City, OK 73141 (405) 769-3173
Clerk .....	Kathy Bleer
	Rt. 1, Box 218 A, Earlsboro, OK 74840 (405) 382-7132
Treasurer .....	Marcie Brooks
	P.O. Box 554, McLoud, OK 74851 (405) 964-5116

### Executive Board

Jack Long .....	5 years
	9929 N. Shartel, Oklahoma City, OK 73114 (405) 848-5121
Glenn Hamilton .....	4 years
	9430 N.E. 28th, Oklahoma City, OK 73141 (405) 769-3173
Junior Branch .....	3 years
	Box 252, Hanna, OK 74845 (918) 657-2221
Deion Bleer .....	2 years
	Rt. 1, Box 218 A, Earlsboro, OK (405) 382-7132
Olen Woodruff .....	1 year
	3935 S.E. 12th, Del City, OK (405) 677-7767

### Examining and Credential Board

Harold Haas .....	3 years
32 Bainbridge, Oklahoma City, OK (405) 751-7012	
Don LeForce .....	2 years
Box 176, Earlsboro, OK 74840 (405) 997-5464	
Raymond Coats .....	1 year
20080 Palmer St., Harrah, OK 73045 (405) 454-3589	

### Youth Camp Board

Kyle Anderson .....	5 years
Rt. 1, Box 753, Harrah, OK 73045 (405) 964-5738	
Robert Schmidkofer.....	4 years
(405) 997-5544	
Junior Reid .....	3 years
(918) 657-2534	
Glenn Hamilton .....	2 years
(405) 769-3173	
Randall Miller .....	1 year
(405) 567-4169	

### Canadian Association Directory of Active Ordained Ministers

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Randall Miller  
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Atha Brooks  
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Don LeForce  
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Raymond Coats  
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Havner Reid  
Box 286, Hanna, OK 74845 (918) 657-2558

Havner Reid, Jr.  
Box 305, Hanna, OK 74845 (918) 657-2534

### **Licensed to Preach**

Jimmy Ticer

1810 N. Harrison, Apt. 240-A, Shawnee, OK 74801 (405) 273-6436

Kenneth Breshears

270 Echo Lane, Harrah, OK 73045 (405) 454-0112

Kyle Anderson

Rt. 1 Box 753, Harrah, OK 73045 (405) 964-5738

Randy Haas

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### **Directory of Active Deacons**

Glenn Hamilton

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George Wells

Rt. 1, Hanna, OK 74845 (918) 657-2233

Tommy Thompson

3100 S.E. 20th, Del City, OK (405) 672-2878

James M. Billins

Rt. 1, Box 211, McLoud, OK 74851 (405) 391-5268

Junior Branch

Box 252, Hanna, OK (918) 657-2221

Larry Sawyer

Rt. 1, Box 701, Harrah, OK 73110 (405) 454-3185

Jimmy Lackey

Rt. 2 Box 119A, McLoud, OK 74851

### **Church Address**

Earlesboro ..... P.O. Box 125, Earlsboro, OK 74840

Hanna ..... P.O. Box 252, Hanna, OK 74845

Minneha ..... P.O. Box 554, McLoud, OK 74851

Prague ..... NBU 6109, Prague, OK 74864

Shady Nook ..... 2609 Outpost Drive, Oklahoma City, OK 73141

Western Avenue ..... 12601 N. Western, Oklahoma City, OK 73114

### Directory of Church Clerks

Hanna .....	(918) 657-2250 .....	Wilma Stone
Shady Nook .....	(405) 454-3185 .....	Larry Sawyer
Earlsboro .....	(405) 382-7132 .....	Kathy Bleer
Western Avenue .....	(405) 751-7012 .....	Connie Haas
Minneha .....	(405) 964-5116 .....	Marcie Brooks
Prague .....	(405) 567-4762 .....	Eunice Cannon

### General Board Member

October 1993

Raymond Coats (405) 454-3589

### Delegates to the State Association

Minneha .....	James Billins
Earlsboro .....	Robert Schmidtkofer
Hanna .....	Edna Reid
Shady Nook .....	Sonny Ticer
Prague .....	Violet Miller
Western Avenue .....	Scot Haas

### 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:

Bessie Foster of Prague.

### **Number on Church Roll**

<b>Church</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Roll</b>	<b>Confession</b>	<b>Letter</b>	<b>Dismissed</b>	<b>Deceased</b>
Shady Nook	Raymond Coats	73	10	0	2	0
Prague	Randell Miller	59	1	1	30	1
Minneha	Atha Brooks	74	9	0	0	0
Hanna	Junior Reid	32	1	0	0	0
Earlsboro	Don LeForce	37	5	2	0	0
Western Ave.	Harold Haas	28	1	0	2	0

## 1991 Annual Financial Report

Church	Tithes
Earlsboro .....	\$ 114.40
Hanna .....	138.80
Minneha .....	221.00
Prague .....	597.70
Shady Nook .....	320.00
Western Avenue .....	184.87
Total Received .....	<u>\$1,576.77</u>
Balance brought forward from 3rd Qtr. ....	128.09
Total .....	<u>\$1,704.86</u>

### Expenses for Annual

Youth Camp Fund .....	\$ 575.00
Youth Camp Land Fund .....	50.00
Scholarship Fund .....	50.00
Hillsdale .....	157.68
State Missions .....	157.68
State Co-op .....	157.68
Secretary .....	160.00
Treasurer .....	160.00
State and National Fees .....	210.00
Total Expenses .....	<u>\$1,678.04</u>
Account Balance .....	<u>\$ 26.82</u>

## 1991-92 Financial Report General Fund

### Receipts

Balance brought forward from 1991 Annual .....	\$ 45.33
Received from 1st quarter .....	1,654.48
Received from 2nd quarter .....	1,620.53
Received from 3rd quarter .....	1,752.79
Received from 4th quarter .....	1,576.77
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$6,649.90</u>

### Disbursements

Youth Camp Fund .....	\$ 3,350.00
Youth Camp Land Fund .....	200.00
Scholarship Fund .....	200.00
State Missions .....	660.46
Co-op Fund .....	660.46
Hillsdale .....	660.46
Secretary .....	160.00
Treasurer .....	160.00
State and National Fees .....	210.00
Printing of Minutes .....	361.70
Total Disbursements .....	<u>\$6,623.08</u>
Account Balance .....	<u>\$ 26.82</u>

**1991-92 Financial Report  
Youth Camp Fund (Checking Account)**

**Receipts**

Balance brought forward from 1991 Annual .....	\$ 596.63
Association Contribution .....	3,350.00
Camper's Fees .....	1,830.00
Made on concessions .....	556.51
Transferred from savings (Land Fund) .....	425.00
Refunds .....	67.30
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b><u>\$6,825.44</u></b>

**Disbursements**

Camp rental and deposit .....	\$1,051.18
Evangelist .....	250.00
Cooks .....	650.00
Camp Director .....	250.00
Assistant Camp Director .....	125.00
Food and Kitchen Supplies .....	2,714.94
Literature and Materials .....	151.66
Trophies, Ribbons, Recreation Materials .....	170.79
Camp Supplies & Misc. Expenses .....	190.04
Concessions .....	540.19
Insurance .....	220.50
Doctor Bill .....	49.00
<b>Total Expense for Youth Camp .....</b>	<b><u>6,363.30</u></b>
Service Charges .....	54.03
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b><u>\$6,417.33</u></b>
<b>Account Balance .....</b>	<b><u>\$408.11</u></b>

**Youth Camp Land Fund (Savings Account)**

**Receipts**

Balance brought forward from 1991 Annual .....	\$ 282.55
Interest earned on C.D. ....	663.92
Interest earned on Account .....	21.12
Association Contribution .....	200.00
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b><u>\$1,167.59</u></b>

**Disbursements**

Youth Camp .....	\$ 425.00
Added to C.D. ....	500.00
<b>Total Disbursements .....</b>	<b><u>925.00</u></b>
<b>Account Balance .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 242.59</u></b>

**Youth Camp Attendance**

Campers .....	61
Sponsors .....	26
Evangelist .....	1
Pre-school Children .....	3
<b>Total Number in Camp .....</b>	<b><u>90</u></b>

## **Business Done in Quarterly Meetings**

### **First Quarterly Meeting - November 9, 1991**

The Western Avenue requested that Brother Randy Haas be re-licensed to preach. Motion to re-license carried. Treasurer explained how Co-op money is divided. Discussion about where and when to have youth camp.

### **Second Quarterly Meeting - February 8, 1992**

Shady Nook Church requested that Kenneth Breshears be re-licensed. Motion to re-license carried. Motion to put \$500.00 in the C.D. (land fund) for a 3-month period. Motion carried. Brother Junior Reid suggested that each pastor contact Brother Richie to discuss the financial aspects of Hillsdale.

### **Third Quarterly Meeting - April 25, 1992**

The Minneha Church requested that Brother Kyle Anderson be re-licensed. Motion to re-license carried. Brother Raymond Coats announced that youth camp would be held at Red Rock Canyon June 22-26. Earlsboro Church requested that Brother Jimmy Ticer be re-licensed. Motion to re-license carried.

### **Annual Meeting - August 8, 1992**

Congregational singing led by Sonny Ticer with Connie Haas at the piano. We were led in prayer by Junior Reid. The ordained were signed in and the delegates seated. Letters were called for and read. Shady Nook Church requested that Brother Reford Ticer be licensed to preach. Motion to have Brother Ticer go before the examining board carried.

Host Pastor Raymond Coats welcomed everyone and gave a devotion from Ephesians 1:2 and 2:4. Brother Glen Hamilton read the rules of order. Visiting brethren were asked to sit in council. Committees were appointed as follows:

<b>Pulpit Committee:</b>	Goldie LeForce, Scot Haas, Mary Jo Guinn
<b>Obituary Committee:</b>	Ginger Schmidkofer, Sonny Ticer, Eunice Cannon
<b>Finance Committee:</b>	Opal Billins, Reford Ticer, Jack Long
<b>Resolution Committee:</b>	Deion Bleer, Larry Sawyer, Raymond Coats

Minutes were read and accepted. The Pulpit Committee reported that they had chosen Brother Junior Reid for the worship hour speaker. The Financial Report was read and accepted.

Motion was made to dismiss our business until after the eleven o'clock worship service. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Deion Bleer.

### **Eleven o'clock Service**

The worship hour opened with congregational singing led by Sonny Ticer with Connie Haas at the piano. Don LeForce led us in prayer. There was special singing by Sonny Ticer; Connie Haas

with Scot, John and Randy; Ginger Schmidlkofer; and Glen Hamilton after which Brother Jack Long recited a short story and a poem called the "Third Man."

Brother Junior Reid brought a good message from II Timothy 1:5. After which we were dismissed in prayer by Sonny Ticer.

**Afternoon Session**

After congregational singing, we all sang Happy Birthday to Sister Opal Billins, Motion made to give scholarship to Trina Miller. Motion carried.

Brother Raymond Coats reported that there were 61 campers, 25 adults and 2 pre-schoolers at Youth Camp. 14 people were saved. Brother Coats encouraged us all to start preparing for next year.

Meeting places for the coming year were chosen as follows:

- 1st Quarterly    November 6-7 at Earlsboro
- 2nd Quarterly    February 12-13 at Western Avenue
- 3rd Quarterly    April 23-24 at Shady Nook
- Annual            August 6-7 at Prague

Speaker for the Friday night service at the first Quarterly will be Jimmy Ticer with Don LeForce as alternate. For the Friday night speaker at the annual session Kyle Anderson was chosen with Randall Miller as alternate.

Brother Harold Haas reported that he had drafted a letter to be sent to various businesses to see if we could get some financial help concerning the purchase of land for our own Youth Camp sight near Shawnee. Motion to authorize Brother Haas to send out these letters. Motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** reported \$1,576.77 in tithes. Motion to accept report and dismiss committee carried.

**Resolution Committee** reported no resolutions. Motion to accept report and dismiss committee carried.

**Obituary Committee** reported that Bessie Foster of Prague had passed away. Report was accepted and committee dismissed.

Brother Raymond Coats noted that Kent Jalo had moved to another Association and we need to remove his name from our book,

Delegates to the state were chosen as follows:

Edna Reid, Hanna; Violet Miller, Prague; Robert Schmidlkofer, Earlsboro; Scot Haas, Western Avenue; Jamie Billins, Minneha; Sonny Ticer, Shady Nook.

Our General Board member for 1993 will be Raymond Coats.  
Officers and Board Members were elected as follows:

**Youth Camp Board:**

Kyle Anderson ..... 5 year member

**Examining and Credential Board:**

Harold Haas ..... 3 year member

**Executive Board:**

Jack Long ..... 5 year member

**Treasurer and Clerk** – Motion by Brother Haas that we retain our current clerk and treasurer.  
Motion carried.

**Assistant Moderator** – Brother Glen Hamilton was elected by acclamation.

Pulpit was turned over to Glen Hamilton who opened the floor for nominations for the office of moderator.

Randall Miller was elected for the office of Moderator.

After announcements were were dismissed in prayer by Kyle Anderson.

## 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 87th Annual Session of the Canadian Association, to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for the cause of Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Church on this 8th day of August, 1992. Pastor's salary – \$5,200.00. Meeting days Sunday and Wednesday. We have received by confession 10. Active members 60; Non-Active 13; Full membership 73. Our Average Sunday School Attendance is 65. We have three ministers in our membership: Raymond Coats, Reford Ticer and Kenneth Breshears. We have two deacons: Glenn Hamilton and Larry Sawyer. We have paid \$150.00 for evangelistic work; \$300.00 for missions. Support of the Association \$1,500.00. We have chosen Sonny Ticer as our delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are \$320.00.. Our Pastor for the coming year is Raymond Coats. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association. Pray for us. Done in Church Conference this 5th day of August, 1992. Raymond Coats, Moderator; Larry Sawyer, Clerk.

We the **Minneha** Free Will Baptist Church of God, worshipping at McLoud, Oklahoma, County of Pottawatomie, send greetings to the 87th Annual Session of the Canadian Association of Free Will, to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Free Will Baptist Church this 8th day of August 1992. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$3,000.00. Meeting days full time. We have received by confession, 9; by letter, 0; dismissed, 0; deceased, 0. Active members 40; non-active 34; Total in full membership 74. Our average Sunday School attendance is 25. We have two ministers in our membership: Atha Brooks and Olen Woodruff. We have three deacons: Melvin Billins, Jimmy Lackey and Tommy Thompson. We have paid out for evangelistic work \$180.00. For missions \$1,533.00. Support of the Association \$1,102.00. We have chosen Jamie Billins as our Delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are \$221.00. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Atha Brooks. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association. Pray for us. Done in church conference. Atha Brooks, moderator; Freda Woodruff, Clerk.

We, the **Earlsboro** Free Will Baptist Church of God worshipping at Earlsboro, Oklahoma, County of Pottawatomie, send greetings to the 87th Annual Session of the Canadian Association, to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Church this 8th day of August 1992. We have received by confession 5; by letter 2; dismissed 0; deceased 0. Active members 32; non-active 5; total in full membership 37. Our average Sunday School Attendance is 27. Average CTS 20. We have two ministers in membership: Don LeForce and Jimmy Ticer. We have one deacon: Deion Bleer. We have chosen Robert Schmidtkofer as our delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are \$114.40. Our Pastor for the ensuing year is Don LeForce. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association. Pray for us. Done in church conference July 15, 1992. Don LeForce, Moderator; Kathy Bleer, Clerk.

We the **Prague Free Will Baptist Church of God**, worshipping at Prague, Oklahoma, County of Lincoln, send greetings to the Canadian Association, to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Church on the 8th day of August 1992. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$5,200.00. We have received by confession 1; by letter 1; dismissed 30; deceased 1. Active members 40; non-active 19; total in full membership 59. Our average Sunday School attendance is 40. We have two ministers in our membership: Randall Miller and Kyle Anderson. We have one deacon in membership: Don Hadley. We have paid for evangelistic work \$105.00. For Missions \$176.23. Support of the Association \$2,465.74. Total paid out \$7,946.97. We have chosen Violet Miller as our delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are \$597.70. Pastor for the ensuing year is Randell Miller. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association. Pray for us. Done in church conference August 5, 1992. Randell Miller, Moderator; Eunice Cannon, Clerk.

We the **Hanna Free Will Baptist Church of God**, worshipping at Hanna, Oklahoma, County of McIntosh, send greetings to the 87th Annual Session of the Canadian Association, to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Church this 8th day of August 1992. Pastor's salary for the coming year \$6,000.00. Meeting days Sunday and Wednesday. Active members 24; non-active 8; total in full membership 33. Our average Sunday School attendance is 30. We have two ministers in our membership: Junior Reid and Havner Reid. We have two deacons: Junior Branch and George Wells. We have chosen Edna Reid as our delegate to the State Association. Tithes to the Association are \$138.80. Pastor for the ensuing year is Junior Reid. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association. Done in conference July 29, 1992. Junior Reid, Moderator; Wilma Stone, 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 87th Annual Session of the Canadian Association, to let you know of our love and fellowship and zeal for Christ, when convened with the Shady Nook Church of God this 8th day of 1992. We have received by confession 1. Active members 16; non-active 12; Total in full membership 28. Our average Sunday School attendance is 16. We have two ministers in our membership: Harold Haas and Randy Haas. We have no deacons. We have paid out \$500.00 for evangelistic work. Support of the Association \$782.79. We have chosen Scot Haas as our delegate to the State association. Our pastor for the ensuing year is Harold Haas. We wish to remain in the Canadian Association. Pray for us. Done in conference this 4th day of August, 1992. 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, along with the Canadian Association Youth President acting as the sixth member. The elected Director and Assistant Director shall be ex-officiate 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 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 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 of 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. \_\_\_\_\_  
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  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. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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? \_\_\_\_\_
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Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

