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of the  
ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINTH SESSION  
of the  
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE  
of  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
of  
NORTH CAROLINA**

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Robert's Grove Church  
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- A Pauley, Wayne (Goldsboro)
- A Wilkins, Theodore, Route 2, Box 131, Four Oaks, NC 27524 (Faith)

### PROCEEDINGS

The Cape Fear Conference opened its one hundred and twenty-ninth session on Thursday morning, November 3, 1983, at 9 a.m. with the congregation singing the hymn, "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story." The session was held at Robert's Grove Free Will Baptist Church, with the Rev. C. Felton Godwin, moderator, presiding.

The opening prayer and Scripture were given by the Rev. Donald Venable.

The welcome was extended by the host pastor, the Rev. Jerry Allen.

The response to the welcome was given by Mr. Nelson Stewart.

The session was called to order by the moderator, and the Rev. Philip Wood, chairman of the Credentials Committee, explained the registration procedures adopted by the one hundred and fourteenth session as offered by the Resolutions Committee, which stated:

"Be it resolved, that in all future sessions of the Cape Fear Conference, the Credentials Committee be instructed to issue a badge of identification to all duly registered ministers, delegates, and visitors.

"Be it further resolved, that no person will be allowed to vote who does not properly display said badge. It is understood that visitors shall be granted all rights and privileges except that of voting.

"Be it further resolved, that upon the adoption of this resolution, it shall become the duty of the Credentials Committee to explain the registration at the opening of each session of the Cape Fear Conference."

The enrollment of the officers and standing boards were called as follows:

*Executive Committee:* C. Felton Godwin, Philip Wood, H. T. Hinson, Dewey Boling, Dola Dudley, and Helen W. Smith.

*Board of Trustees:* R. Ray Warrick, Luby Tyner, Raymond Godwin, Paul Lassiter, and S. D. Allen.

*Board of Education:* Milton Wiggs, Ruth Warrick, Jeff Scarborough, J. B. Caton, and C. Nelson Stewart.

*Ordaining Council:* Davie Brinson, Foy C. Futrelle, John Rayford Lee, C. M. Coats, and L. B. Woodall Jr.

The enrollment of ordained and licensed ministers were called. (See listing.)

The roll call of churches included delegates as follows: Bethel 2, Casey's Chapel 2, Catalpa 4, Daly's Chapel 1, Eastwood 0, Faith 1, Goldsboro 3, Haymount 3, Hopewell 2, Johnston Union 4, Lanwood Chapel 0, Lee's Chapel 3, Mount Olive 2, Oak Grove 6, Palmer Memorial 4, Pleasant Grove 1, Powhatan 4, Robert's Grove 3, St. Mary's Grove 5, Saint Paul 0, Shady Grove 4, Smithfield 1, Smyrna 1, Steven's Chapel 0, Tee's Chapel 5, Victory 0, West Clinton 1, Wooten's Chapel 0, Yelverton Grove 2.

The moderator extended greetings to the visiting ministers and other visitors present.

Following the moderator's remarks of challenge to those present to work for complete unity through love, using Scripture from John 17, the temporary committee appointments were made by the moderator, with the first person named on the committee to serve as the chairman:

*Temperance Committee:* Jeff Scarborough, T. C. Farmer, and Mike Scott.

*Resolutions Committee:* Dewey Boling, C. M. Coats and Hubert Stanley.

*Obituary Committee:* Frank Harrison, Alton Howard, and Edward W. Miles.

*Credentials Committee:* Philip Wood, Kenneth Littleton, and Bryant Hines.

*Nominating Committee:* L. B. Woodall Jr., W. A. Martin, and Foy C. Futrelle.

*Ushers for Conference:* Gary Faircloth and Corbin Barefoot.

*Song Leader:* Johnny Woodall.

*Pianist:* Jean Wise.

*Organist:* Gary Barefoot.

Denominational reports included the report of the Retirement Homes by Mr. Peyton Lee.

A partial report of the State Home Missions board was given by the Rev. Alton Howard. The report was received as information.

The Cragmont Assembly report was given by the Rev. John Williams and was received as information.

The Mount Olive College report was given by the president, Dr. W. Burkette Raper. The report was received as information and is recorded in the book of reports.

The Foreign Missions report was given by the director, the Rev. Harold Jones.

The moderator declared a ten-minute break for a time of fellowship, and the Conference resumed with the singing of the hymn, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

Following the morning offering and offertory prayer by the Rev. Edward C. Taylor, the host church provided special music, rendered by Dixie Honeycutt, accompanied by Gary Barefoot.

Dr. Burkette Raper, president of Mount Olive College, preached the morning sermon, using Scripture from Mark 10:43-45, and the topic "The Ministry and the Saints."

Following the sermon, the host pastor made announcements concerning the noon meal. The benediction and blessing on the food and a moment of silence asking the Holy Spirit to abide with all, was led by the Rev. Frank Ray Harrison.

The afternoon session was introduced by a musical prelude by Gary Barefoot, organist, and Jean Wise, pianist.

The Rev. Edward W. Miles was in charge of the opening prayer and Scripture for the afternoon.

With reporting from denominational enterprises continuing, the Rev. Gary Bailey, president of the State Convention, brought greetings and remarks from the State Convention. The report was received as information.

The Rev. Charles Crisp, director of State Home Missions, gave the final report for that department.

The Rev. Walter Sutton gave the report of the Retirement Homes which was received as information.

The Church Finance report was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. The report was received as information.

The moderator called for reports from standing committees:

The minutes of the executive committee were read by the Conference secretary. The minutes were approved. (See Reports.)

The Ordaining Council's report was given by the secretary of the Council, the Rev. Davie Brinson. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The 105th Sunday School Convention report was given by the president of the Convention, the Rev. Jerry Allen. The report was accepted and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Alton Howard presented the Cape Fear Missions Board report. The report was adopted. (See Reports.) Following the missions report, Mr. Howard moved that the Princeton Free Will Baptist Mission become a part of the Cape Fear Conference. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The Woman's Auxiliary's report was given by Mrs. Grace Barbour. The report was received as information and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference report was given by the Rev. T. C. Farmer. The report was received as information. (See Reports.)

The Board of Education report was given by Mr. Nelson Stewart. The report was received as information and is recorded. (See Reports.)

The moderator called for reports from the appointed temporary committees:

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. T. C. Farmer. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Resolutions Committee report was given by the Rev. Dewey Boling. A total of three resolutions were presented to the session and each was adopted and recorded. (See Reports.)

The Obituary Committee's report included a memorial service in memory of the Rev. Taylor Hill, which was led by the Rev. Alton Howard. The report was adopted. (See Reports.)

The Credentials Committee report was given by the chairman of the committee, the Rev. Philip Wood. (See Reports.)



The Rev. Foy C. Futrelle gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. moved that the report be received by acclamation. The motion was seconded and carried. (See Reports.)

The moderator opened the business session and asked for any business that should be presented to the session. Mr. H. T. Hinson, Conference treasurer, presented the financial report which was accepted. (See Reports.)

The Rev. Edward W. Miles moved that Dr. Raper's morning message be printed in the minutes and forwarded to *The Free Will Baptist* for printing. The motion was seconded and carried.

The invitation for the 1984 session was reaffirmed by the pastor of Tee's Chapel.

An invitation for the 1985 session was extended by the pastor of Palmer Memorial.

The Rev. Philip Wood moved that the Rev. Floyd Smith, pastor of the new mission in Princeton, be given the right hand of fellowship into the Conference.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Danny Braswell.

Respectfully submitted,

C. Felton Godwin, *Moderator*

Mrs. Ray G. (Helen) Smith, *Secretary*

## REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(December 8, 1982)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met December 8, 1982, for the purpose of reviewing the minutes of the 1982 session.

The Rev. Dewey Boling prayed the opening prayer and the moderator, C. Felton Godwin, called the meeting to order.

H. T. Hinson, Conference treasurer, moved that the minutes presented be accepted and be printed as read for the *Yearbook*. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Dewey Boling and approved.

Dola Dudley moved that 120 copies of the *Yearbook* be ordered for distribution with three copies to each church and mission in the Conference who submit contributions as outlined in the constitution, to include a copy for the pastor, the church clerk and chairman of the deacon board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hinson and carried.

The moderator prayed the closing prayer and adjourned the meeting.

(June 7, 1983)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met June 7, 1983, for the purpose of planning the program for Haymount Mission to become a church.

All members of the committee were present along with the Rev. Dean Kennedy, pastor of the mission.

Moderator C. Felton Godwin called the meeting to order and Brother Dean Kennedy prayed the opening prayer.

Brother Kennedy reported to the board the desire of the membership of Haymount Mission to become a church and requested the date of the service to be August 21 at 3 p.m.

The Rev. Dewey Boling moved to accept the request and that the program be planned. H. T. Hinson seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

The committee proceeded with planning the program.

Mr. Boling moved that any board in the future not make any major decision or investment amounting to more than \$500 without the knowledge of members of the Executive Committee of the Conference. The Rev. Philip Wood seconded the motion which was carried.

Brother Wood moved that the Home Missions Director be notified to inform our people through *The Free Will Baptist* of the status of the Eastwood Church. The motion was seconded by the Rev. Dewey Boling and accepted.

By motion the meeting adjourned with Brother Boling praying the closing prayer.

(August 21, 1983)

The Executive Committee met August 21, 1983, at Haymount Mission for the purpose of assisting with the program of the mission becoming a church.

(October 8, 1983)

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met October 8, 1983, for the purpose of planning the program for the 129th session to be held November 3, 1983, at Robert's Grove Church.

Following planning the program, the moderator asked for recommendation for temporary committees.

The meeting adjourned with the Rev. Philip Wood praying the closing prayer.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

(November 4, 1982)

A called meeting was held at Lee's Chapel Church for the purpose of electing a Council chairman, secretary, vice chairman. The Rev.

C. M. Coats was elected chairman. The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. was elected vice chairman. The Rev. Davie Brinson was elected Council secretary. Final plans were also made for the ordination of the Rev. Dean Kennedy. The service will be conducted at Haymount Mission on Sunday, November 7, 1982, at 3 p.m.

(November 7, 1982)

The Ordaining Council met at 3 p.m., at Haymount Mission and ordained the Rev. Dean Kennedy.

(January 24, 1983)

The Rev. C. M. Coats called the meeting to order at the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. He led in prayer. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A letter was read to the Council requesting the Conference membership of the Rev. Henry Armstrong. Motion was made and approved to grant a letter of transfer.

The Rev. Al Markuson came before the board asking that he be reinstated on the list of ordained ministers of the Cape Fear Conference and that he be approved to pastor Victory Mission in Fayetteville. After carefully reviewing Mr. Markuson's case and advising him of Conference procedure for the future, a motion was made to:

1. Approve the Rev. Al Markuson for pastoral work in the Conference.

2. That he serve a probationary period until the next Conference in November, 1983.

3. And at that time if Brother Markuson is in good standing with his church, conference work and the Board of Ordination, the Board shall advise the Conference to add his name to the list of duly ordained ministers in the Cape Fear Conference. The motion carried.

A letter was read to the Council presenting Mr. Kenneth Carl Littleton as a candidate for consideration as a licensed minister. The letter was from Yelverton Grove Church. After reviewing Mr. Littleton's letter of application and qualifications and upon giving him an oral examination, a motion was made to give his church the approval to grant him a minister's license. The motion carried.

The Rev. Roy Futrelle closed the meeting with prayer.

(May 23, 1983)

The Rev. C. M. Coats called the meeting to order at the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore Conference Room at 1:30 p.m. The Rev. F. B. Cherry led in prayer.

The Rev. F. B. Cherry appeared before the Council from the Western Conference to be approved by the Board of Ordination to serve

Johnston Union Church as the supply pastor. Upon hearing his request, a motion was made that we welcome Brother Cherry and grant him that request. The motion carried.

A letter from Smyrna Church was read to the Council asking that James Cecil Blackmon's ministerial license be renewed. Upon motion this was approved.

A letter was read to the Council requesting the transfer of Conference membership of the Rev. Mike Scott to the Eastern Conference. Motion was made and carried.

A letter of transfer was read to the Council regarding the Rev. W. S. Burns, transferring his Conference membership from the Central Conference to the Cape Fear Conference. Upon a motion to receive him into the Conference, the motion was carried.

A letter was read to the Council presented by the Rev. Don Venable. The letter was a transfer of membership from the Eastern Conference into the Cape Fear Conference of the Rev. Don Venable. He stated that had moved his church membership to the Powhatan Church in the Cape Fear Conference and was now its new pastor. Upon motion to receive him, the motion carried.

The Rev. C. M. Coats dismissed the meeting with prayer.

(July 25, 1983)

The Rev. C. M. Coats called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. The Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. led in prayer. The Rev. Dennis Pollock came before the Council for approval to pastor Riverside Church. Motion made and carried to welcome Brother Pollock to his work in the Conference. The motion carried.

A review was made by the Council of the ministers who have been absent from the Conference for two years. According to the Conference rule, all ministers who absent themselves for two years without being excused shall be dropped from the list of duly ordained ministers of the Cape Fear Conference. (This excuse can only be granted upon request.) The following ministers are subject to this action: William Barrow, Alton C. Bennett, Roger Heath, Robert David Jones, Edward L. Painter, Wilson Parker, William Jasper Tyner. The chairman instructed the secretary to write a letter to these men requesting them to meet with the Council at the October 24, meeting, to discuss the matter of being absent from the Conference for the past two years. No final action will be taken until after that meeting. Motion carried.

The Rev. Foy Futrelle closed the meeting with prayer.

(October 24, 1983)

The chairman, the Rev. C. M. Coats, called the Council meeting to order. The meeting was held at the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore Conference Room, Smithfield. The Rev. Dewey Boling led the Council in prayer. The minutes of the May and July meetings were read and approved.

The following ministers were present or represented by letter and asked to be excused for being absent from past Conference meetings and to be excused for not being present at the 1983 Conference. Their request was granted and the motion carried by a vote: The Revs. William Barrow, Edward L. Painter, Wilson Parker, William J. Tyner, Al Markuson, Alton C. Bennett.

The following ministers are to be dropped from the list of duly ordained ministers in good standing with the Cape Fear Conference, by motion, which carried: The Revs. Roger Heath and Robert David Jones.

A letter presented by the Rev. Kenneth Littleton was read to the Council. The letter was from the Yelverton Grove Church. They requested that Brother Littleton be allowed to take the ordination examination. By motion, this request was approved.

The chairman directed the Council secretary to write a letter to the Rev. Alton C. Bennett, stating to him that unless we receive some word from him regarding his interest and status as a minister, we will have no alternative but to recommend to the Conference that he be dropped as a minister in good standing with the Cape Fear Conference. Note that his response should be made before the 1983 session of the Conference to be held November 3, 1983.

The Rev. Davie Brinson closed the meeting with prayer.

Notations: The following ministers have transferred to other conferences. Henry Armstrong to Western Conference and Mike Scott to Eastern Conference.

The following ministers are to be added to our Conference: W. S. Burns from Central Conference, Don Venable from Eastern Conference, Danny Braswell, pending a transfer from his Conference.

C. M. Coats, *Chairman*  
Davie Brinson, *Secretary*  
Foy C. Futrelle  
John Rayford Lee  
L. B. Woodall Jr.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The 105th session of the Cape Fear Sunday School Convention convened with Palmer Memorial Church in Garner, October 8, 1983. The Rev. Philip Wood, president, opened the Convention with the congregation singing "Footsteps of Jesus." The theme of the Convention was: "AIM"—Activate, Include, Motivate—Aiming for a More Effective Sunday School Program. A very warm welcome was given by the Rev. Dewey Boling, pastor of Palmer Memorial Church. Response was given by the Rev. Jerry Allen. The Rev. Ted Bryant brought the devotion. His Scripture was taken from Hebrews 10:19-25. His main points of the Scripture were: (1) that we draw near, (2) hold fast to our faith, (3) consider one another, (4) lift up the name of Jesus, for (5) His return is soon coming.

Mr. Wood then remarked on the theme of the Convention—"AIM." As John 3:16 is a guide for us, the greatest extension of the church is winning the lost to Jesus. He stated that we should seriously think, and take the Word of God seriously as the gospel is the best motivating force we have to guide us.

The following committees were then appointed:

*Resolutions Committee:* The Rev. Dean Kennedy, the Rev. Ted Bryant

*Nominating Committee:* Mr. Milton Wiggs, Mr. Delma McLamb, Mr. Cecil Sherrod

*Finance Committee:* The Rev. Alton Howard, Mr. Bobby Johnson, Mr. Steve Beasley

Offering was then received.

The business session was called to order with the secretary calling the roll and reading the minutes of the 1982 meeting. Minutes were approved as read. Nine churches were present at the Convention, and three were represented by letter.

There was not any old business presented.

Under new business, Mr. Milton Wiggs reported on the State Sunday School Convention and encouraged everyone to take part in the workshops sponsored by the Convention. He also mentioned the opening for the field secretary, and if anyone was interested in the position to let it be known.

The President then recognized the 17 teachers, 8 superintendents, 3 assistant superintendents, and 7 ministers who were present. The plaques for the largest average increase in Sunday school attendance and the largest attendance at the Convention both went to Robert's Grove Church. They are to be commended for their fine work.

Before the program, the Rev. and Mrs. Dean Kennedy rendered a very touching song, "Please Search the Book Again." The program

consisted of three workshops. The first session, offered the congregation two choices: (1) Opening Assembly for Superintendents, conducted by Mrs. Pat Wall, or (2) Overview of Sunday School Lessons for Teachers, conducted by Mrs. Sheryll Wood. Both of these sessions were very informative and helpful to those attending. The third workshop, with all attending, was conducted by the Rev. Bass Mitchell. His topic, "Creating a Motivational Climate," was very informative in that he presented many suggestions for keeping up the morale of students, teachers, superintendents, and pastors in the Sunday school work.

Mrs. Pat Wall, the vice president of the Convention, reconvened the business session in the absence of the president, Philip Wood, who was called away on an emergency.

### Committee Reports

The Treasurer's Report was given with a balance of \$324.91 at the beginning of the Convention. With registrations, offerings, and the disbursements, the new balance was \$430.94.

The Resolutions Committee presented the following resolutions which were adopted.

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that all people who come to church be encouraged to come to Sunday school and participate,
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that a full report of this Convention be presented by the delegates to their churches,
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that a report of this Convention be compiled for the yearbook,
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that since reports are being sent to the churches, that the reading of the minutes at each session be eliminated except for the unfinished business so that as much time can be put to worship and motivational messages as possible,
5. BE IT RESOLVED, that the importance of being on time for Sunday school be stressed for our members,
6. BE IT RESOLVED, that this Cape Fear Sunday School Convention encourage each superintendent of our Sunday schools to set an attendance goal and work to accomplish this goal,
7. BE IT RESOLVED, that the work of the Sunday school be kept before our people in the form of announcements, and special presentations, and
8. BE IT RESOLVED, that we give the host church, Palmer Memorial, a rising vote of thanks for hosting this Convention.

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers for the new term: President, the Rev. Jerry Allen; Vice

President, the Rev. Philip Wood; Secretary, Mrs. Elaine Smith; Treasurer, Mr. Steve Beasley. These were accepted by acclamation.

A motion was made and seconded to give a rising vote of thanks to Palmer Memorial for hosting the Convention.

Robert's Grove Church graciously volunteered to host the Convention in 1984.

There being no further business, the Rev. Dean Kennedy conducted an installation service for the new slate of officers. Benediction and grace were then given by Mrs. Pat Wall. A bountiful lunch was served by the host church, Palmer Memorial.

Respectfully submitted,  
Philip Wood, *President*  
Elaine Smith, *Secretary*

### CAPE FEAR MISSIONS BOARD

The Cape Fear Missions Board met as often as was deemed necessary to carry on its work during the past year.

We met on March 19, 1983, at Highway 13 and 95 to look for a place to start a new work. We located the old Wade Motel. We talked with the owners and they made us an offer of \$35,000 which was a very good price.

We met again with Brother Charles Crisp on March 30, 1983. He is from the State Home Missions Board. We looked at the motel together. We asked for a loan from Church Finance for the State Home Missions Board and the Cape Fear Missions Board. After talking with Brother Charles Crisp, we found that the State Home Missions Board could not help at this time. We then sent a letter to Church Finance asking if we could drop the State Home Missions Board from our project, resulting in the denial of the loan.

We met on June 25, 1983, at the Bible and Bookstore Conference Room in Smithfield, NC. It was there that we decided to purchase a mobile home with our existing funds and to use it to begin new churches in the Cape Fear Conference. Subsequently, the trailer was purchased for \$2,000 from T. W. Shirley in Smithfield. It needed painting, so we asked George A. Baker, a contractor, to paint it for us at \$800 with a discount of \$50. We sent letters to all the churches and missions in the Cape Fear Conference asking them to be a mother church to this work and to help support it. Since the Missions Board members are by the Conference, the trailer belongs to the Conference. When the missions are ready to purchase land and build, we will move the trailer to a new location. It is insured for \$3,000 on the trailer and \$3,000 on the contents. There is no way we can lose on this purchase.



We located the mobile home in Princeton, NC, but had to move it to another location in Princeton. We worked very hard to secure this work. Catalpa Church of Fayetteville donated the pulpit, songbooks and money. Tee's Chapel Church of Smithfield donated chairs and some plumbing and an outside light, and Northern Church of Bahama donated chairs and songbooks. Others have given donations as well.

After a lot of hard work and diligent praying to God to send us a missionary, Brother Floyd Smith of Selma, accepted this mission. We met with the State Home Missions Board in Greenville, August 19, 1983. They endorsed the work at Princeton and said that they would help in any way that they could. Our first service was held on September 4, 1983. A revival started on Monday, September 5, 1983, through September 9, 1983. We had other churches to visit, including Lanwood Chapel, who had a singing group; Catalpa Church, who had a singing group; and Tee's Chapel, who also had a singing group. We had a great revival.

Please pray for this work and send donations to: Brother H. T. Hinson, Treasurer, Cape Fear Conference, earmarked for the Cape Fear Missions Board. The name of the new work is the Princeton Original Free Will Baptist Mission.

Thank you for your support through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Pray for us.

Submitted by,  
Alton Howard, *Chairman*  
Arnold Price  
T. C. Farmer  
Leo Bass  
Mike Scott

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Cape Fear Woman's Auxiliary Convention held two meetings in 1983. The spring meeting was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Goldsboro, on April 13, 1983. The theme for the day was "The Spirit-Filled Life" (Romans 5:5).

The fall convention convened on October 12, 1983, with Haymount Church in Fayetteville. The theme for the day was, "Feasting on God's Word" (Psalm 22:26).

We have supported each phase of the denominational work and have met our quota for each project this year.

We sponsor the Youth Fellowship. They meet the first Saturday night in each month, with good attendance.

Two study courses have been held this year at Yelverton Grove Church with good attendance.

We have four A-1 Auxiliaries.

Our life membership award went to Mrs. Bernice Godwin this year. Mrs. Godwin is a good worker for our denomination, her home, community and her church, Oak Grove.

Pray for our youth and us as an Auxiliary that we will live and work for the glory of God and His cause.

Respectfully submitted,  
Grace Barbour, *President*  
Sadie Daughtry, *Secretary*

### CAPE FEAR MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The Cape Fear Ministers' Conference met regularly during the year on the Mondays before the fifth Sunday in each month in the conference room of the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore in Smithfield. There was an average attendance of 14 ministers attending.

During the year, we heard from Brother Charles Crisp concerning the work of Home Missions and from Sister Janie Sowers regarding the work and operation of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation. We also had visiting with us and reporting the work at the Children's Home, Brother Bobby Taylor, and Brother Frank Ray Harrison from Mount Olive College.

This year, the Ministers' Conference took on as a project to help remodel the new location of the Smithfield Bible and Bookstore. Some ministers supported both by labor and money.

A Valentine banquet, which has become an annual function, was held at the Golden Corral Steak House in Smithfield on February 11, 1983. The program for the evening was given by a representative from The American Cancer Society.

All ministers are encouraged to attend our meetings.

Respectfully submitted,  
T. C. Farmer, *President*  
Ted Bryant, *Secretary*

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Board of Education met at Johnston Union Church, October 29, 1983, for the purpose of reviewing applications and selecting the recipient of the Cape Fear Scholarship in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300).

After we examined the applications, Mr. Micheal Allen Logan of 1833 Faber Street, Fayetteville, NC 28304 was awarded the scholarship.

Mr. Logan is an active member of Haymount Church where he was an assistant Sunday school teacher as well as being active in many church projects for four years. He was very active in high school projects as well as in athletics. He is highly recommended.

Respectfully submitted,  
Nelson Stewart, *Chairman*  
J. B. Caton  
Jeff Scarborough  
Ruth Warwick  
Milton Wiggs

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee, urge everyone in our Conference, especially ministers, Sunday school teachers, and members of our standing boards, to take time daily for Bible study, prayer, and meditation, that we might live exemplary Christian lives in a world of turmoil, hatred, and sin, remembering Paul's word to the Romans in Romans 12:1, 2, "May each of us be the light shining in darkness that our Saviour, Jesus Christ, would have us be."

Respectfully submitted,  
Jeff Scarborough  
T. C. Farmer  
Mike Scott

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, respectfully submit the following:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cape Fear Conference extend a heartfelt vote of thanks to the outgoing officers of this Conference.

BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Cape Fear Conference, donate \$100 to the Christian Action League.

BE IT RESOLVED, that this Cape Fear Conference give a rising vote of thanks to the membership of Robert's Grove Church for their hospitality and generosity during this 1983 session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dewey C. Boling  
C. M. Coats  
Hubert Stanley

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The Rev. William Taylor Hill was born in Greene County, North Carolina, on February 24, 1927, and died on Saturday, December 4, 1982. He was married to Lois Radford Hill and is survived by three



children: Miss Taylor LaNelle Hill, Mrs. Janice Glenn Borden, and Mr. William Kenneth Hill.

Brother Hill was ordained into the gospel ministry on November 5, 1965, in the Cape Fear Conference. He established the Eastwood Free Will Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, which he served as pastor for many years. He served as chairman of the Cape Fear Conference Missions Board, president of the State Sunday School Convention, and secretary of the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

He served as pastor of the Haymount Free Will Baptist Mission in Fayetteville after he served Eastwood Church.

Mr. Hill served as Director/Treasurer of Home Missions and the Church Extension Board until his resignation, which was effective November 16, 1981, due to declining health.

His funeral was on Tuesday, December 7, 1982, 2 p.m., First Free Will Baptist Church, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Burial was in Wayne Memorial Park, Goldsboro, North Carolina.

Brother Taylor Hill served the Lord with gladness, giving of his best to the Master, and remained a faithful soldier of the Cross until the Lord took him home.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frank R. Harrison  
Alton Howard  
Ed Miles

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee submits the following report:

|  |    |
|--|----|
| Total delegates and visitors present                       | 64 |
| Ministers present  | 33 |
| Absent without notification                                | 1  |
| Represented by letter                                      | 2  |
| Reported sick  | 3  |
| Asked to be excused due to situations beyond their control | 3  |

Visiting ministers included:

Walter Sutton, representing Retirement Homes; John Williams, representing Cragmont; Walter Reynolds, representing Church Finance; Charles Crisp, representing Home Missions; Gary Bailey, representing State Convention; Harold Jones, representing Foreign Missions; Harry Brown, from Central Conference.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following slate:

Officers for Conference:

*Moderator:* C. Felton Godwin

*Assistant Moderator:* Philip Wood

*Treasurer:* H. T. Hinson

*Secretary:* Dola Dudley

*Assistant Secretary:* Helen W. Smith

*Executive Committee:* replacing Helen W. Smith, Dola Dudley; and member at large, Frank Harrison

*Board of Missions:* Ted Bryant, 1985 and Dean Kennedy, 1988

*Board of Trustees:* Ray G. Smith, 1988

*Board of Education:* Peyton Lee, 1988

*Board of Ordination:* Dewey Boling, 1988

L. B. Woodall Jr., *Chairman*

Foy C. Futrelle

W. A. Martin

## TREASURER'S REPORT

(July 1, 1982—June 30, 1983)

Administrative Department

Balance on hand, July 1, 1982 \$ 121.18

*Receipts*

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| 50% Union funds at Hopewell          | \$ 162.44 |
| 50% Union funds at Goldsboro         | 156.64    |
| 50% Conference funds at Lee's Chapel | 353.80    |

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|   |               |                   |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| 50% Union funds at Lanwood Chapel         | 160.81        |                   |
| Refund from sales tax on <i>Yearbooks</i> | 31.20         |                   |
| Transferred from Educational Fund         | 500.00        |                   |
| Transferred from Cape Fear Missions       | 500.00        |                   |
| 50% Union funds at Lee's Chapel           | <u>135.38</u> |                   |
| Total Receipts                            |               | <u>\$2,000.27</u> |
| Total for which to account                |               | <u>\$2,121.45</u> |

*Disbursements*

|   |               |                   |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| American Cancer Society (in lieu of flowers<br>for J. Walter Stanley) | \$ 25.00      |                   |
| Postage for treasurer   | 12.00         |                   |
| C. J. Hanna Associates, treasurer's bond                              | 25.00         |                   |
| Helen Smith, postage, telephone, supplies for<br>1981-82              | 118.10        |                   |
| Christian Action League   | 100.00        |                   |
| Helen W. Smith, secretarial services                                  | 150.00        |                   |
| H. T. Hinson, treasurer's allowance                                   | 125.00        |                   |
| H. T. Hinson, 20 miles  | 4.00          |                   |
| American Cancer Society<br>(In memory of the Rev. Taylor Hill)        | 25.00         |                   |
| Free Will Baptist Press, supplies for<br>Ordaining Council            | 6.94          |                   |
| Smithfield Book and Biblestore, supplies for<br>Ordaining Council     | 5.72          |                   |
| Free Will Baptist Press, <i>Yearbooks</i>                             | 691.98        |                   |
| Ruth Warrick, 70 miles  | 14.00         |                   |
| Helen Smith, postage, telephone, supplies<br>for 1982-83              | <u>144.80</u> |                   |
| Total Disbursements   |               | <u>\$1,447.54</u> |
| Balance in Administrative Fund  |               | <u>\$ 673.91</u>  |

## Education Department

|                         |                   |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Balance brought forward | <u>\$2,951.68</u> |
|-------------------------|-------------------|

*Receipts*

|                                      |               |                  |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 20% Union funds at Hopewell          | \$ 64.97      |                  |
| 20% Union funds at Goldsboro         | 62.65         |                  |
| 20% Union funds at Lanwood Chapel    | 64.32         |                  |
| 20% Union funds at Lee's Chapel      | 54.15         |                  |
| 20% Conference funds at Lee's Chapel | <u>141.00</u> |                  |
| Total Receipts                       |               | <u>\$ 387.09</u> |

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|----------------------------|--|------------|
| Total for which to account |  | \$3,338.77 |
|----------------------------|--|------------|

*Disbursements*

|                                    |               |                   |
|------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Joane Mitchell, Scholarship        | \$300.00      |                   |
| Transferred to Administrative Fund | <u>500.00</u> |                   |
| Total Disbursements                |               | 800.00            |
| Total for which to account         |               | <u>\$2,538.77</u> |

## Student Loan Fund

|                                 |               |           |
|---------------------------------|---------------|-----------|
| Balance on hand last Conference | \$ 140.66     |           |
| Paid on loan                    | <u>450.00</u> |           |
| Balance on Hand                 |               | \$ 590.66 |

## Missions Department

|                         |  |            |
|-------------------------|--|------------|
| Balance brought forward |  | \$3,393.75 |
|-------------------------|--|------------|

*Receipts*

|  |               |                   |
|--|---------------|-------------------|
| 20% of 30% Union funds at Hopewell                   | \$ 19.50      |                   |
| 20% of 30% Union funds at Goldsboro                  | 18.79         |                   |
| 20% of 30% Union funds at Lanwood Chapel             | 19.29         |                   |
| 20% of 30% Union funds at Lee's Chapel               | 16.26         |                   |
| 20% of 30% Conference funds at Lee's Chapel          | 42.40         |                   |
| Yelverton Grove                                      | 10.00         |                   |
| C. M. Coats  | 30.00         |                   |
| Tee's Chapel   | 200.00        |                   |
| Special offering at Union meeting<br>at Lee's Chapel | <u>142.05</u> |                   |
| Total Receipts                                       |               | \$ 498.29         |
| Total for which to account                           |               | <u>\$3,892.04</u> |

*Disbursements*

|   |              |                  |
|---|--------------|------------------|
| 7 months at \$75 per month to Home Missions<br>for Eastwood | \$ 525.00    |                  |
| Transferred to Administrative Fund                          | 500.00       |                  |
| Alton Howard, appraisal and postage                         | 55.00        |                  |
| T. W. Shirley for mobile unit                               | 2,000.00     |                  |
| Dera Hinnant for August rent on lot                         | <u>40.00</u> |                  |
| Total Disbursements   |              | \$3,120.00       |
| Balance in Mission Funds                                    |              | <u>\$ 772.04</u> |

## Cape Fear Conference

## Summary

Total Balances in all departments as of June 30 1983:

|                            |               |
|----------------------------|---------------|
| Administrative Fund        | \$ 673.91     |
| Educational Department     | 2,538.77      |
| Cape Fear Missions         | 772.04        |
| Student Loan Fund          | <u>590.66</u> |
| Total for which to account | \$4,575.38    |

H. T. Hinson, *Treasurer*



## CONSTITUTION

### PREAMBLE

We, the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this constitution.

### NAME

This shall be the constitution of the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina.

### PURPOSE

The object of the Cape Fear Conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

### ARTICLE I. COMPOSITION

This conference shall be composed of affiliated ordained ministers and churches within its bounds, who are in good standing, and of all general officers, and members of standing boards or committees of the conference. It shall operate under the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*. No church corporation whose articles of incorporation or constitution and bylaws conflict with the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* shall be permitted membership in the Cape Fear Conference.

### ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATION

Each church shall represent with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church, together with a statement of all funds received and disbursed for denomination and benevolent purposes during the year.

### ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the session in which they are elected. Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purposes deemed essential.

#### ARTICLE IV. STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

It shall be the policy of this conference to elect as many boards and committees as may be necessary in carrying out its program. These shall keep records of their proceedings and make a report at each annual session of the conference.

A board of trustees, a board of Christian education, a board of missions and church extension, and a board of ordination consisting of five members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years, but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the tenure of office of one member annually.

*Section 1*—Standing boards shall write their own bylaws and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to their conference.

*Section 2*—The executive committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, secretary, treasurer, and one member elected by the conference at the time of the official election of officers.

*Section 3*—Temporary committees shall be appointed at option of the conference for whatever purpose deemed necessary.

#### ARTICLE V. FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the conference annually according to its membership.

#### ARTICLE VI. ADMISSION OF CHURCHES

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and desires to help promote the program and work of the Cape Fear Conference and the North Carolina State Convention may present its petition to the regular session of the conference. If the petition for membership is approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates.

#### ARTICLE VII. DISMISSION OF CHURCHES

A church may be dismissed from membership in the conference by vote of the conference.

#### ARTICLE VIII. VISITORS

The Cape Fear Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting and holding office.

## ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

The Cape Fear Conference shall meet in annual session on Thursday before the first Sunday in November. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should such a change become necessary.

## BYLAWS

*Section 1:* The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Cape Fear Conference; to appoint temporary committees, delegates, and representatives; to serve as ex officio member of all standing boards and committees; and, in general, to perform the duties of the office of moderator.

*Section 2*—The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present, and he shall assist the moderator when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the moderator, the assistant moderator shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

*Section 3*—The secretary shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the Cape Fear Conference and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose. The secretary shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the conference; hold in trust all documents not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the conference; conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require the secretary's signature; and serve as a member of the executive board.

*Section 4*—The duties of the assistant secretary shall be the duties of the secretary when that officer is not present, and he shall assist the secretary when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the secretary, the assistant secretary shall fill the vacancy until the next session of the conference.

*Section 5*—The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference and pay out same by order of the conference, the executive committee, or any standing board invested with the authority to authorize the disbursement of funds. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report to the conference.

*Section 6*—It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact the business of the conference when the conference is not in

session, and make report at annual conference. The executive committee shall plan the program for the annual session of the conference.

**Section 7**—The board of trustees shall hold in trust all conference and real property, gifts and bequests of the conference, and convey or expend said property or assets as the Cape Fear Conference may direct.

**Section 8**—It shall be the duty of the board of ordination to examine, ordain, and discipline ministers in keeping with the provisions of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, along with whatever additional requirements may be made by the conference. The board of ordination shall examine ordained ministers seeking membership in this conference and make recommendations in keeping with their findings.

**Section 9**—It shall be the duty of the board of missions and church extension to cooperate with the churches of the conference to promote the establishment of churches within the bounds of the conference. The board of missions and church extension shall cooperate with the state board of missions to raise money, arrange itineraries, and keep the work of missions before our churches.

**Section 10**: It shall be the duty of the board of Christian education to keep our people informed as to our educational needs, and endeavor to promote the cause of and stimulate interest among our people in the cause of Christian education. The board of Christian education shall cooperate with the educational institutions of our denomination and use all funds for the best interests of Christian education.

**Section 11**—The following temporary committees shall be appointed annually by the moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the conference: credentials, nominating, resolutions, temperance, obituary, and letter digest.

**Section 12**—A board or committee will be recognized as having a quorum when there is a majority of the members present for a meeting, providing all the members of said board or committee have been duly notified concerning the said meeting.

**Section 13**—All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

**Section 14**—Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the conference is in session or be subjected to censure by the conference and reported to his local church.

**Section 15**—If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

*Section 16*—No member shall be excused from any session of the conference without leave of the moderator.

*Section 17*—The conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

*Section 18*—Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference.

*Section 19*—The conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

*Section 20*—This constitution and its bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present, provided that said amendment shall be presented on the first day of the annual session for action on the following day.

## UNION MEETING

### CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS CONSTITUTION

#### ARTICLE I

*Name*—This organization shall be known as the Union Meeting of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

#### ARTICLE II

*Purpose*—The purpose of this union meeting is the creation of an effective agency through which the Cape Fear Conference may successfully promote its work. It shall thus be and remain subject to the authority and use of the conference—except in the election of its general officers—as a consistent medium devoted to the advancement of the conference program of evangelism, education, benevolence and church extension.

#### ARTICLE III

*Composition*—This union meeting shall be composed of churches affiliated with the Cape Fear Conference, the ordained and licensed ministers who are members of churches that belong to the conference, and all general officers and members of standing committees of both the conference and the union meeting.

#### ARTICLE IV

*Representation*—The churches of the Cape Fear Conference shall represent in the quarterly sessions of the union meeting with one

delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. Sunday schools, leagues, and auxiliaries shall each represent with one delegate.

#### ARTICLE V

*Finance*—Each church shall send with its delegation to the quarterly sessions of this union meeting one percent of its annual budget exclusive of funds for building and equipment, or a total of four percent of the church budget for the full year of four union meeting sessions. Sunday schools, leagues, and auxiliaries shall represent with whatever amounts they may choose. All funds shall be allocated by the executive board of the conference, but said allocations shall be approved by the union meeting in regular session or by the conference.

#### ARTICLE VI

*Officers*—The general officers of this union meeting shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary, and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of one year, at the last session of the union meeting before the annual session of the Cape Fear Conference.

#### ARTICLE VII

*Boards and Committees*—All standing committees and boards created by the conference shall avail themselves of the advantage of promoting their work through the union meeting.

The general officers of the union meeting shall be added to the executive board of the conference and this composite committee shall constitute the executive committee of the union meeting. This committee shall have power to act for and on the behalf of the union meeting between its regular sessions. It shall also be the duty of the executive committee to prepare and supervise the programs of the union meeting and to allocate all undesignated funds.

#### ARTICLE VIII

*Meetings*—The union meeting shall hold its regular sessions Saturday before each fifth Sunday in the churches of the Cape Fear Conference. The host church shall be selected from time to time, according to the alphabetic succession of the initial letter of the name of each church. This method of selecting the place of meeting may be changed when deemed expedient or necessary, by an act of the union in session or the executive committee.

## ARTICLE IX

*Amendment*—This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Cape Fear Conference by a majority vote of the members present, provided that the proposed amendment be presented in writing by the union meeting.

**Bylaws Governing the Board of Education**

1. The board shall be composed of five members. Their terms of office shall be as provided for in the constitution of the conference.

2. The officers shall be chairman, assistant chairman, recording secretary, assistant recording secretary, and executive secretary, who shall have charge of the promotional work of the board; provided, however, that any two offices may be combined at the option of the board, and provided further, that the executive secretary, may, or may not be, a member of this board.

3. The treasurer of the conference shall, unless otherwise provided for, hold all funds of the board and disburse same on order of the board, or when duly signed by the chairman and secretary of the board. Annual reports of all receipts and disbursements shall be made to the conference in session and interim reports to the executive board when requested.

4. The board shall meet as often as necessary for the proper dispatch of the work assigned to it by conference direction, but must meet at least twice a year.

5. The board shall make, or cause to be made, adequate records of meetings of this board, detail records, reports, etc., of all activities of the board and its officers, and preserve same as permanent records.

6. This board shall be charged with the responsibility of cooperating with our state and national education institutions in the promotion of general Christian education.

7. The organization, direction, and the training program of the Free Will Baptist League shall be under the direction and supervision of this board.

8. The general supervision of the Sunday school promotional activities, organization of new Sunday schools, training programs for workers, and any and all other Sunday school promotional programming shall be the responsibility of this board.

9. This board shall be charged with the responsibility of making or cause to be made emphasis on the Christian family life.

10. This board shall be responsible for conducting area institutes and conferences, on a conference scale, annually to instruct and help

our people when necessary to have a better understanding of our conference, state, or national programs.

11. It shall be the responsibility of this board to direct and supervise all training programs of the conference.

12. The board shall be empowered to make such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient for the proper prosecution of the responsibilities assigned to it, provided, however, that the same shall not be inconsistent with bylaws, nor the constitution of the conference.

13. The board shall be responsible for the promotion and administration of a Student's Loan Fund with which to aid worthy students in securing an education.

14. The board shall lend money only upon the following terms and conditions:

a. Students must be adjudged worthy as to character and ability, and must attend an institution of learning approved by this board.

b. A promissory note must be made by the student, with one or more good endorsements or other good security satisfactory to the board. The rate of interest shall be 1 percent while the student is in training. After completion of training, a new note shall be made bearing 6 percent interest with monthly or quarterly payments to be made until obligations are fully discharged.

15. These bylaws may be amended or revised at any annual session of the conference, provided that such amendments, or revisions, as may be deemed necessary, shall lie on the table at least three hours before a vote is taken, during which time they shall be read twice, and provided further that such amendments or revisions shall require a two-thirds vote.

### **Bylaws Governing the Board of Missions**

1. The board shall be composed of five members. The first named shall serve for a term of one year, the second for two years, the third for three years, the fourth for four years, the fifth for five years, and thereafter, each for a term of five years.

2. The officers shall be chairman, assistant chairman, recording secretary, and an executive secretary, who shall have general charge of the promotional work of the board, provided, however, that any two offices may be combined at the option of the board, and provided, further, that the executive secretary may, or may not, be a member of the board.

3. The board shall meet as often as may be deemed necessary to attend to all matters pertaining to missions within the territory of the



Cape Fear Conference and mission points that have been approved for membership in the Cape Fear Conference.

4. The treasurer of the conference shall hold all funds designated for Cape Fear missions and pay out same on order of the board, or when said order is duly signed by the chairman and the secretary of the board. Annual reports shall be rendered to the conference of all funds received and disbursed by the treasurer.

5. Churches and/or individuals are encouraged to expedite the work of missions in the fulfillment of the Great Commission of our Lord in appropriate communities throughout the conference. No reimbursement, however, shall be made for expenses incurred without the approval of the Board of Missions.

6. Mission points, or stations, may be opened and maintained by the board for such a length of time as may be deemed best, and evangelists, missionaries, and such field workers as may be deemed necessary for the proper promotion of the mission work may be employed.

7. The board shall not make any investment in property, nor promote any investment in property, without first giving due consideration to the safety of the investment, property titles, and other matters relative to the security of any investment.

8. The board shall render annual reports to the conference and interim reports to the executive board when requested.

9. The board shall be empowered to make such rules and regulations as it may deem expedient for the proper prosecution of the mission program, provided that same shall not be inconsistent with these bylaws.