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## Dedication



This minute is dedicated to the memory of the late Rev. J. C. Moye, who passed away to his eternal reward during the month of May, 1961; and the late Rev. D. A. Windham, who passed on to his eternal reward in June, 1961. The obituary of these two soldiers of the cross is found in the list of Reports.

# Officers of the Conference

## MODERATOR

Rev. Walter Reynolds, Snow Hill, N. C.

## ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. C. L. Patrick, Walstonburg, N. C.

## CLERK

Rev. C. H. Overman, Ayden, N. C.

## ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. Jerry Rowe, Greenville, N. C.

## TREASURER

Rev. C. J. Harris, Greenville, N. C.

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Rev. Walter Reynolds

Rev. C. L. Patrick

Rev. C. H. Overman

Rev. C. J. Harris

Rev. R. B. Crawford

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Rev. J. W. Everton

Rev. Michael Pelt

Rev. F. B. Cherry

Rev. Henry Melvin

Rev. Willis Wilson

Rev. Ed Miles

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Rev. Raymond Gaskins

Mr. Luther Dail

### TO REPRESENT STOCK IN PRESS

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Mr. C. F. Little

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Rev. Adam Scott

### CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Rev. Hubert Burriss

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Rev. N. B. Barrow

# Roll of Churches with Clerk and Address

## PITT COUNTY

- \*Ayden—Mrs. Marie W. Harris, Lee St., Ayden
- Bethany—Mrs. Dorothy Dail, Route 1, Winterville
- Black Jack—A. G. Gaskins, Route 3, Box 296, Greenville
- Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Edna Horton, Macclesfield
- Elm Grove—Gerald Briley, Route 1, Ayden
- Greenville—Mrs. James Crawford, 305 Elizabeth St., Greenville
- \*Grifton—Mrs. J. V. Braswell, Route 2, Grifton
- Gum Swamp—Mrs. Viola Brown, Route 4, Greenville
- Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, P. O. Box 32, Conetoe
- King's Cross Roads—Mrs. I. E. Tugwell, Route 2, Farmville
- Marlboro—Mrs. Alice C. Parker, Route 1, Box 329, Farmville
- \*Parker's Chapel—James H. Vernelson, Route 5, Box 356, Greenville
- Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Norman Stanley, Route 3, Box 438, Greenville
- Piney Grove—Mrs. Bettie T. Forrest, Route 2, Box 59B, Greenville
- Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette Jr., Route 1, Box 86, Winterville
- Rose Hill—Charles C. Hardee, Route 1, Box 596, Ayden
- Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Lewis Whitehurst, Route 5, Box 231, Greenville
- Winterville—Mrs. Barbara Manning, Winterville
- \*Maranatha—Mrs. Earl Garris, Route 3, Box 611, Greenville
- \*No Report

## GREENE COUNTY

- Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg
- Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Route 1, Farmville
- Grimsley—Jimmie Lee Jones, Route 1, Box 237, Farmville
- Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill
- Howell Swamp—James E. Shackelford, Walstonburg
- Hull Road—M. C. McCoy, Route 1, LaGrange
- Little Creek—Roy T. Forrest, Route 1, Ayden
- Maury—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury
- Ormondsville—John Stephens, Route 1, Ayden
- Spring Branch—Mrs. Mildred Owens, Walstonburg
- Sts. Delight—Mrs. C. H. Cox, Route 1, Snow Hill
- Mt. Calvary—Bobby Jones, Route 1, Hookerton

## EDGECOMBE COUNTY

- \*Edgewood—Raymond Webb, Farmville
- \*Otters Creek—Raymond Jefferson, Fountain
- Peace—Iring Wooten, Pinetops
- Rocky Mount—Robert Pierce, 304 Cokey Road, Rocky Mount
- Tarboro—Mrs. Billy Trevathan, 112 Hope Lodge St., Tarboro
- \*No Report

## LENOIR COUNTY

- Faith—Herman Spence Jr., Route 1, Kinston

Hugo—Mrs. Howard Holt, Route 1, Box 496, Kinston  
LaGrange—Mrs. Lessie Aldridge, Route 1, LaGrange

#### WAYNE COUNTY

Antioch—Mrs. T. B. Lancaster, Pikeville  
\*Watery Branch—Raymond T. Pender, Box 727, Fremont  
Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, Route 2, LaGrange  
\*No Report

#### WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Farmville  
Daniel's Chapel—Charlie Pittman, Route 3, Wilson  
Owen's Chapel—Arthur R. Walston, Route 3, Elm City  
Saratoga—Mrs. Paul Thigpen, Route 1, Stantonsburg

#### MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Rachel E. Warren, Everetts  
Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston  
Williamston—Mrs. Simon Stephenson, Route 2, Williamston

#### BEAUFORT COUNTY

Piney Grove—Alton G. Ausbon, Route 5, Box 256, Greenville  
Washington—Mrs. Charlie Corey, Route 1, Box 493, Washington

#### HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—Hubert R. Dickens, Route 1, Enfield  
\*Hope—Mrs. Bessie Strickland, 201 N. Chestnut St., Scotland Neck  
Community—Paul Holland, Maple St., Weldon  
\*No Report

### ROLL OF MINISTERS

D. W. Alexander, Bethel, N. C. (Retired)  
J. E. Wooten, Ayden, N. C.  
E. L. Abrams, Black Mountain, N. C.  
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C.  
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C.  
W. G. Ennis, 430 N. Second St., Smithfield, N. C.  
N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.  
Marshall Joyner, Winterville, N. C.  
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.  
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C.  
L. E. Ballard, Box 338, Scotland Neck, N. C.  
Leonard Earl Harris, 269 Tarboro St., Rocky Mount, N. C.  
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C.  
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C.  
C. J. Harris, 601 E. 9th St., Greenville, N. C.  
T. P. Ellis, Route 1, Fountain, N. C.  
Clarence Little, Greenville, N. C.  
N. B. Barrow, Snow Hill, N. C.  
W. B. Raper, Mount Olive, N. C.  
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

Henry Melvin, New Bern, N. C.  
 Charles E. Keith, Route 3, Box 10, Washington, N. C.  
 R. L. Norville, Route 4, Greenville, N. C.  
 R. B. Crawford, 303 Meade St., Greenville, N. C.  
 J. B. Narron  
 R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro St., Rocky Mount, N. C.  
 Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C.  
 F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Greenville, N. C.  
 J. C. Lynn, Box 99, Elm City, N. C.  
 J. W. Everton, Middlesex, N. C.  
 Willis Wilson, Robersonville, N. C.  
 Jack Paramore, Greenville, N. C.  
 Gordon Hart, Smithfield, Mississippi  
 C. H. Overman, Ayden, N. C.  
 Walter Reynolds, Snow Hill, N. C.  
 Melvin Worthington, Route 1, Chocowinity, N. C.  
 Milton Worthington, Greenville, N. C.  
 Guy Owens, Route 6, Greenville, N. C.  
 Billy Jackson, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Raymond Gaskins, Ayden, N. C.  
 Rev. Robert E. Edwards, 1424 Rosewood Ave., Rocky Mount, N. C.  
 W. M. Fulcher, Foreign Missions Dept., 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.  
 Carroll Alexander, Route 1, Kinston, N. C.  
 Ed Miles, Walstonburg, N. C.  
 Robert Paul Smith, Ayden, N. C.  
 Walter Sutton Jr., Beulaville, N. C.  
 Henry Hagan, 1207 Franklin St., Greenville, N. C.  
 R. J. Kennedy, Greenville, N. C.  
 Ray Harrison, Grifton, N. C.  
 William Thomas Godley, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.  
 W. H. Willis, Greenville, N. C.  
 Garland Teasley, Winterville, N. C.  
 Fred S. Powers, Saratoga, N. C.  
 Jerry Rowe, Route 1, Greenville, N. C.  
 Charles Sapp, Winterville, N. C.  
 Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge St., Tarboro, N. C.  
 Melvin Moore, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tenn.  
 Robert May, Mount Olive, N. C.  
 Jack Mayo, Route 2, Box T-2, Tarboro, N. C.  
 Frank Ray Harrison, 402 Broad St., Wilson, N. C.  
 Johnny Vernelson

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

Charles Doss, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee  
 Ward Sutton, F.W.B. Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee  
 James Levy Corey, Winterville, N. C.  
 Lloyd W. Johnson  
 William Futch, Grifton, N. C.  
 E. J. Hollowell, Washington, N. C.



# PROCEEDINGS

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened in its two hundred thirteenth session with the Greenville Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, North Carolina, Pitt County, November 8, 9, 1961. The moderator, the Rev. Walter Reynolds, presided.

The opening session began at 10:00, with the song service led by the Rev. Willis Wilson. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. Jerry Rowe.

The clerk officially opened the conference, and presented the moderator.

The welcome was given by the Rev. R. B. Crawford, pastor of the host church.

The response was given by Mrs. T. E. Tyndall.

The moderator's message was then given in which he expressed appreciation for the conference being able to attend the Greenville Church. 1 Corinthians 14:40 was used as an expression of the moderator's prayer for the conference. Attention was called to the five principles of parliamentary law.

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Albemarle Conference—Allen Bryan; Blue Ridge Association—Wayne Smith; Eastern Conference—Jerry Rowe, David Hansley, Carroll Hansley, S. A. Smith, Ralph Lightsey, and Johnny Floyd; Cape Fear—C. F. Bowen; Western Conference—W. L. Poytress, R. H. Jackson, and M. L. Johnson; out-of-state—Rufus Coffey, Homer Willis, Rollo Smith, Lee Whaley, and Bill Gardner.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

*Children's Home:* Rev. R. P. Harris, Mrs. Raymond Sasser, Mrs. T. E. Tyndall.

*Temperance:* Rev. C. L. Patrick, Rev. J. C. Lynn, Rev. Fred S. Powers.

*Resolutions:* Rev. W. B. Raper, Rev. L. B. Manning, Rev. Wilbert Everton, Rev. Robert May, Rev. Walter Sutton.

The report of the State Convention was given by the Rev. S. A. Smith as information.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by the Rev. N. B. Barrow as information.

The report of East Carolina Fellowship was given by the Rev. R. B. Crawford as information.

The report of the Children's Home was given by the Rev. J. W. Everton. (See report.) An offering was received for the Home.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. Bobby Jackson. His text was 2 Kings, Chapter 6.

The conference adjourned for lunch at 12:15.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service was led by the Rev. Willis Wilson. Devotions were conducted by the Rev. L. B. Manning.

The partial report of the credentials committee was given by the Rev.

Hubert Burress. By motion the report was adopted by a vote of 100 to 3. (See report.)

The report of the executive committee was given by the clerk, C. H. Overman. By motion it was adopted. (See report.) (This included the adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws as contained in the last section of this minute.)

The report of the ordaining council was given by the Rev. Henry Melvin.

An amendment to the council's report was adopted which called for the adding of the word, "accredited," in Section 3 of the recommendations.

An additional amendment was made and accepted that in adopting the report of the ordaining council, the ministers recommended for membership be voted on one by one.

Jack Mayo was received.

A. C. Morgan declined membership.

Melvin Moore was received pending a letter of application as approved by the ordaining council and the executive committee.

Frank Ray Harrison was received.

Mack Humbles was received pending a letter of application as approved by the ordaining council and the executive committee.

Ronnie Dail was received pending a letter of application as approved by the ordaining council and the executive committee.

Robert May was received.

Johnny Vernelson was reinstated as a minister of the conference.

By motion the entire report was adopted as amended. (See report.)

The report of the conference mission board was given by the Rev. Charles Keith and by motion it was adopted.

The resignations of Revs. Charles Keith and R. L. Norville were accepted on the mission board.

The report of the conference historian was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress. By motion the report was accepted and the recommendations adopted.

By motion the resignation of the Rev. LaRue Davis as assistant clerk was accepted.

By motion that the Central Conference make it clear that it has not purposed and cannot possess property of any local church or assign pastors thereto; and that the executive committee clarify and correct this conception or propaganda in each community where it has been propagated.

The conference adjourned the afternoon session.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The song service was led by Willis Wilson. Devotions were led by the Rev. Ed. Miles.

The minutes of the first day's session were read and approved.

By motion the reports as given on the previous morning's session were adopted as information.

By motion the Community Free Will Baptist Church of Weldon was received into the full fellowship of the conference. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the pastor, the Rev. Jack Mayo.

By motion the conference expressed appreciation to the Spring Branch Church for its complimentary copy of its history.

The visiting ministers were recognized. (The visiting ministers are given on the first page of the proceedings.)

The report of the board of trustees was given by A. G. Mangum. By motion the report was adopted. (See report.)

The resignation of the Rev. Rashie Kennedy on the mission board was accepted.

The report of the obituary committee was given. (See report.)

The recommendation from the obituary committee that the 1961 minutes be dedicated to the late Revs. J. C. Moye and D. A. Windham was adopted. (See report.)

The temperance committee report was given by the Rev. C. L. Patrick. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The final report of the credentials committee was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress. By motion the report was adopted.

The report of the resolutions committee was given by the Rev. W. B. Raper. By motion resolutions 1 through 4 were adopted. (The report was discontinued until the afternoon session.)

The report of Mount Olive Junior College was given by the Rev. W. B. Raper, after which an offering was received for the college.

The conference message was delivered by the Rev. Fred S. Powers. His text was Joshua 22:29-31.

The conference adjourned for the noon hour.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon song service was led by Willis Wilson. Devotions were led by the moderator in the absence of the Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

The report of the resolutions committee was continued. By motion the remainder of the report was adopted. (See report.)

By motion the request to supply a copy of resolution No. 5 to Ronald Creech was denied.

The report of the state mission board was given by Revs. R. H. Jackson and A. B. Bryan as information.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. By motion it was received. (See report.)

The report of the Church Finance Association, Inc. was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The report of the finance committee was given by Leo Tripp and by motion it was adopted. (See report.)

The treasurer's report was given by the Rev. C. J. Harris. By motion it was adopted as read.

By motion the conference accepted the invitation of Saratoga Church for the 1962 session.

The report of the nominations committee was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. By motion it was received and each one as nominated was elected. (See report.)

By motion that if any item has been overlooked it shall be taken care of by the executive committee, and that the committee approve the minutes of the second day's session.

The report of the Children's Home Committee was given by Mrs. T. E. Tyndall. By motion it was adopted. (See report.)

By motion the conference adjourned the 1961 session.

## REPORTS

### CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

The following is a list of individual church contributions from the Central Conference from September 1, 1960, through August 1, 1961.

| CHURCH                 | AMOUNT      |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Ayden .....            | \$ 1,011.41 |
| Aspen Grove .....      | 1,066.41    |
| Antioch .....          | 260.16      |
| Bethany .....          | 251.22      |
| Black Jack .....       | 1,378.90    |
| Cedar Grove .....      | 67.00       |
| Dildy's Grove .....    | 504.80      |
| Daniel's Chapel .....  | 533.60      |
| Dawson Grove .....     | 218.10      |
| Elm Grove .....        | 689.99      |
| Edgewood .....         | 283.08      |
| Free Union .....       | 879.46      |
| Friendship .....       | 542.26      |
| Faith .....            | 235.27      |
| Grace .....            | 311.90      |
| Greenville .....       | 873.78      |
| Gritton .....          | 52.80       |
| Grimsley .....         | 364.64      |
| Gum Swamp .....        | 917.45      |
| Hickory Grove .....    | 180.95      |
| Harrell's Chapel ..... | 287.05      |
| Hugo .....             | 138.88      |
| Howell Swamp .....     | 320.64      |

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|---|--------------------|
| Hull Road .....   | 1,134.42           |
| King's Cross Roads .....                                  | 681.62             |
| LaGrange .....  | 78.16              |
| Marlboro .....  | 532.85             |
| Maury .....   | 51.80              |
| Miscellaneous .....                                       | 1,024.01           |
| Mount Calvary .....                                       | 156.44             |
| Ormondsville .....  | 829.44             |
| Otter's Creek .....                                       | 212.59             |
| Owen's Chapel .....                                       | 432.52             |
| Parker's Chapel .....                                     | 213.00             |
| Peace .....   | 40.30              |
| Piney Grove (Pitt County) .....                           | 693.47             |
| Pleasant Hill .....                                       | 250.00             |
| Piney Grove (Beaufort County) .....                       | 91.98              |
| Reedy Branch .....  | 554.15             |
| Rose Hill .....   | 873.94             |
| Rocky Mount .....   | 230.00             |
| Rose of Sharon .....                                      | 176.00             |
| Sweet Gum Grove .....                                     | 320.00             |
| Saratoga .....  | 370.29             |
| Saint's Delight .....                                     | 197.39             |
| Spring Branch .....                                       | 426.67             |
| Tarboro .....   | 133.44             |
| Winterville .....   | 567.42             |
| Walnut Creek .....  | 100.00             |
| Watery Branch .....                                       | 125.13             |
| Washington .....  | 300.92             |
| Williamston .....   | 42.15              |
| <b>Total .....</b>  | <b>\$22,209.85</b> |
| Amount Received for the Central Conference Building ..... | \$ 5,201.10        |

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. W. Everton, Superintendent

#### PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, realizing that this annual session of the Central Conference faces unusual problems, recommend:

1. That this, the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, do reaffirm our faith in, continue to be governed by, and adhere to, the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*.

2. That all delegates representing churches in this Conference, adhering to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* be seated in this, the two hundred thirteenth annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina,

with the privileges of voting or discussing any issue coming to the floor of said Conference.

3. That all ordained ministers in good standing, holding membership in this Conference and adhering to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* be seated in this, the two hundred thirteenth annual session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina with the privilege of voting or discussing any issue coming to the floor of said Conference.

4. We call your attention to the constitutional provision of this Conference: Article 1, which reads as follows: "The conference or association shall be composed of affiliated ministers and churches within its bounds. Each church representing with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof."

5. Membership in this Conference is open to any minister willing to adhere to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, even though the local church of which he is a member has disqualified itself.

If such involves you as a minister, please see the credentials committee immediately.

6. It is our opinion that a church corporation, under a charter that conflicts with the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, is an independent unit separate and apart from the union meeting and conference or association; as such, it cannot be in good standing with the annual conference. We, therefore, recommend that any church having so incorporated itself shall not be privileged a seat in this, the two hundred thirteenth annual session, of this Conference. This recommendation includes both pastor and delegates of such church.

7. It is our opinion that those ministers and churches which walked out of the recent session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and actively participated in the formation of, or have aligned themselves with, the purported Conservative Fellowship of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists or any other such group, have in fact violated the established customs, usages and practices of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and, as such, cannot be in good standing with the conference and associations which are affiliated with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. We, therefore, recommend that any minister or church of this Conference which participated in the formation of, or have aligned themselves with, the said purported Conservation Fellowship shall not be privileged a seat in this, the two hundred thirteenth annual session, of this Conference.

8. We recommend that the Moderator of this Conference arrange for the seating of all voting personnel, ministers, and delegates, in an area of this sanctuary so all votes may be correctly tabulated; that all having voting privileges visibly wear their identification cards for verification.

9. We recommend any person or church not permitted a seat in another conference. (or under probation) not be granted a seat in this conference until

the case is thoroughly investigated and reported to this conference in session for clarity.

10. We recommend any person wearing identification cards be seated.

Signed:

Hubert Burress, *Chairman*

N. B. Barrow

Michael Pelt

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NOVEMBER 14, 1960

The executive committee approved the last day's session of the Conference. The moderator, assistant moderator, and clerk were chosen to draw up the proposed constitution and bylaws.

JULY 31, 1961

The committee met with all members present. It was decided to seek to secure copies of the Articles of Incorporation of those churches that had incorporated.

Since the facilities of the Greenville Church were available for the next session of the conference, it was decided that the 1961 session of the conference meet there.

It was also decided to notify Grace Church concerning the decision of the National Association and the North Carolina State Convention relative to using ministers in good standing and those being Free Will Baptist ministers. This was done in view of the scheduled revival with Ronald Creech.

The assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer were appointed to go to Weldon to investigate the mission in view of the mission board's recommendation for its organization. Delegates were also appointed to the state convention. A motion was passed that a memorial contribution be sent to Mount Olive Junior College in memory of the Rev. J. C. Moye, and to the Children's Home in memory of the Rev. D. A. Windham.

AUGUST 7, 1961

Motion was made and carried to accept the resignation of the Rev. D. W. Alexander on the board of ordination. By motion the Rev. J. W. Everton was elected to fill the unexpired term. By motion that members of the committee accept the invitation of the pastor of the Ayden church to sit in on the business meeting of the church on August 30.

SEPTEMBER 6, 1961

At this meeting, the Rev. Ed. Miles sat in as proxy for Brother Crawford. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the matter of church corporations. The pastors of those churches that had incorporated were invited to meet with the committee. After discussing the matter with each minister of the churches that had incorporated, it was decided to write the following letter to each church:

"Whereas the \_\_\_\_\_ Church has incorporated under

the laws of the state of North Carolina; and whereas there are things set forth in the Articles of Incorporation that are not in harmony with our established doctrines, practices and policies, as set forth in the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*; therefore, the Executive Committee of the Central Conference recommends that said corporation be dissolved or the Articles of Incorporation and the Constitution and Bylaws of same be revised so they will harmonize with our *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* under which this conference operates."

Letters were sent to Grace, Gum Swamp, Rocky Mount, and Grifton. (Grifton's corporation was only proposed at this time. A letter was later sent to Hope Church.)

A statement was adopted concerning the stand of the Ayden church on church government, in which the committee endorsed the decision of the church.

By motion the committee voted to proceed with the organization of Weldon mission.

#### SEPTEMBER 19, 1961

The proposed constitution and bylaws were discussed and tentatively adopted. The conference program was arranged and adopted. A credentials committee was elected as follows: Revs. N. B. Barrow, Hubert Burress, and Michael Pelt.

#### OCTOBER 8, 1961

The committee consisting of Walter Reynolds, C. H. Overman, R. B. Crawford, and C. J. Harris met at the Weldon mission for the purpose of organizing it into a church. The organization was as follows:

The service was led by the moderator, Walter Reynolds; the Bible was presented by R. B. Crawford, the *Statement of Faith and Discipline* was presented by Raymond Sasser; the Covenant was read by C. H. Overman; and the prayer of dedication was offered by C. J. Harris. The church was named Community Free Will Baptist Church, with 27 charter members. The deacons and officers were elected. The pastor is the Rev. Jack Mayo who serves on first, third and fifth Sundays.

#### OCTOBER 17, 1961

The conference program was reviewed and slight alterations were made.

Recommendation was made that the constitution and bylaws be adopted with the exception of the election of officers which will become effective at the 1962 session.

By motion that the following recommendation be made to the conference:

"That the hand of fellowship be suspended from Grace, Grifton, and Hope Churches and pastors, since said churches have incorporated, until such time as each church dissolves the corporation or alters it to harmonize with the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, and the pastor gives evidence of his willingness to adhere to the



practices, customs, and procedures of this conference, as set forth in the Statement of Faith; further, that the suspending of the hand of fellowship be until the next regular business meeting of each church, when each shall have opportunity to comply with the recommendation.

Walter Reynolds, Moderator

C. H. Overman, Clerk

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the council, have ordained during the year, Jack Mayo, A. C. Morgan, Melvin Moore, Frank Ray Harrison, Mack Humbles, Ronnie Dail, and Robert May. We recommend that these names be listed with the ordained ministers of this Conference.

The council recommends that Brother Johnny Vernelson be reinstated as a minister in the Central Conference.

The council requested Elm Grove Church to issue a certificate of license to William Futch. The council requested the Washington Church to issue a certificate of license to E. J. Hollowell. The council requested the Tarboro Church to issue a certificate of license to Donald Ray Abrams. We recommend these names be listed with the licensed ministers of this conference.

We recommend that any applicant for license or ordination who presents diplomas or transcripts from correspondence schools be required to present a statement from the State Department of Education as to the standing of the school in the state where the school is located.

We recommend that the following brethren be received, by letter of transfer, into full fellowship of the conference: Rev. Jerry Rowe, from the Eastern Conference of N. C.; Rev. Charles Sapp, from the Tidewater Quarterly Conference of Virginia; Rev. Raymond Sasser, from the Western Conference of N. C.

The council recommends that we have one ordination service per year and that we have it on the second day of the Conference.

Inasmuch as the Tarboro Church has recalled the license of Bobby and Donald Abrams, we recommend that their names be dropped from the list of licensed ministers.

We submit the attached recommendation to be adopted by the conference as the educational requirements for licensed and ordained ministers.

Henry Melvin, Chairman

Willis Wilson, Secretary

### RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council, realizing:

1. That we are living in a growing and fast changing world;
2. That the ministry is more competitive today than ever before;
3. That today's ministers are called upon to fill many places of service other than preaching, which is really another way of rendering genuine service to our Lord;

| Churches                | Delegates  | Contributions | No. of Members | S. S. Members | League Members | W. A. Members | Members Gained | Members Lost | Value of Church Property | Paid Pastor | To Evangelist | To Orphanage | To Education | To Superannuation | To Church Finance | To Missions | To Cragmont | To Promotional Work | Paid Out for Repair And Improvements | Total Paid Out for All Purposes |
|-------------------------|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>Pitt County</b>      |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Ayden                   | No Report  | \$            | 10.00          | 214           | 102            | 50            | 25             | 7            | 2                        | \$ 69,000   | \$3,900.00    | \$           | \$ 169.06    | \$ 10.72          | \$                | \$          | \$          | \$                  | \$ 7,307.91                          | \$12,904.07                     |
| Bethany                 | Mrs. Dot Dail, Mrs. Mildred Savage   |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Black Jack              | Glenn Gaskins, Inetta Hudson, Jasper Hudson, Pattie Ruth Mills, Morris Elks  | 10.00         | 500            | 402           | 88             | 73            | 19             | 16           | 100,000                  | 4,200.00    | 440.00        | 1,398.90     | 217.46       | 102.35            |                   | 325.35      | 5.00        |                     | 16,497.15                            | 23,186.21                       |
| Dilda's Grove           | Charlie Harris   | 10.00         | 82             | 107           | 21             | 32            | 6              | 2            | 15,000                   | 1,115.00    | 100.00        | 529.94       | 48.91        | 89.46             | 92.60             | 283.00      | 26.99       | 21.42               | 55.59                                | 17,372.91                       |
| Elm Grove               | Gerald Briley, Edgar Dennis, Levi Worthington, Mrs. J. T. Beddard  | 15.00         | 391            | 254           | 45             | 25            | 49             | 20           | 99,000                   | 3,775.00    | 200.00        | 520.58       | 189.27       | 31.91             |                   | 146.74      | 5.00        | 5.00                | 1,664.28                             | 9,525.92                        |
| Grace                   | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Greenville              | Alton Vincent, Rev. Bobby Jackson, Mrs. Claude Joyner, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Moore, Mr. R. A. Calhoun                | 10.00         | 899            | 525           | 121            | 80            | 36             | 17           | 115,000                  | 4,500.00    | 200.00        | 782.99       | 770.44       | 27.00             |                   | 2,996.42    | 8.00        | 122.00              | 13,126.56                            | 22,533.41                       |
| Grifton                 | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Gum Swamp               | J. F. Hathaway, Floyd Harris, Mrs. Ray Brewer, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Gurganis   | 8.00          | 556            | 325           | 60             | 52            | 26             | 8            | 40,000                   | 3,465.00    | 640.32        | 105.00       | 177.00       | 75.00             | 25.00             | 541.99      |             | 24.00               | 1,068.66                             | 6,121.97                        |
| Hickory Grove           | Mrs. Athelene Whitehurst, Mrs. Lucille Harris  | 10.00         | 133            | 108           | 20             | 17            | 4              |              | 15,000                   | 1,200.00    | 349.92        | 259.99       | 94.01        | 18.65             |                   | 16.15       | 95.00       | 37.40               | 2,416.61                             | 4,497.73                        |
| King's Cross Roads      | Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Mrs. J. J. Wooten  | 10.00         | 201            | 177           | 45             | 33            | 8              | 6            | 25,000                   | 1,662.00    | 320.00        | 596.57       | 150.00       | 20.00             |                   | 40.00       |             | 12.00               | 575.97                               | 2,922.12                        |
| Marlboro                | Mrs. J. C. Brock, Mrs. Clyde Brooks  | 5.00          | 168            | 219           | 32             | 13            | 8              |              | 6,000                    | 1,950.00    | 200.00        | 431.35       | 362.15       | 73.00             |                   | 98.50       |             |                     | 46.84                                | 3,161.84                        |
| Parker's Chapel         | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Pleasant Hill           | L. D. Stanley  | 5.00          | .95            | 87            |                | 18            |                |              | 25,000                   | 1,680.00    | 200.00        | 250.00       | 50.00        | 60.00             |                   | 60.00       |             |                     | 1,200.00                             | 3,505.00                        |
| Piney Grove             | Johnny Cassick, Harry Avery  | 10.00         | 255            | 184           | 25             | 46            | 11             | 8            | 48,000                   | 1,545.00    | 200.00        | 639.47       | 316.84       | 85.50             |                   | 304.79      | 11.75       | 5.00                | 6,951.02                             | 11,656.16                       |
| Reedy Branch            | Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Tripp, Mrs. Rebecca Davenport, Mrs. Louise Ston   | 25.00         | 289            | 268           | 23             | 45            | 28             | 16           | 123,000                  | 3,900.00    |               | 554.15       | 135.76       | 5.00              |                   | 420.85      |             |                     | 5,330.52                             | 13,357.30                       |
| Rose Hill               | No Delegates   | 10.00         | 317            | 194           |                | 12            | 5              |              | 35,000                   | 1,800.00    | 275.00        | 829.00       | 100.00       | 100.00            |                   | 100.00      |             | 25.00               | 500.00                               | 3,839.00                        |
| Sweet Gum Grove         | Mrs. A. C. Barnhill, Mrs. Clarence Barnhill  | 10.00         | 199            | 160           | 38             | 4             | 2              |              | 18,000                   | 1,440.00    | 100.00        | 403.22       | 110.00       | 39.00             | 2.00              | 64.00       | 7.00        | 4.00                | 10,108.28                            | 13,401.93                       |
| Winterville             | Mrs. Edith Nobles, Leo Tripp   | 10.00         | 234            | 243           | 35             | 60            | 9              | 7            | 47,000                   | 3,900.00    | 200.00        | 400.00       | 130.00       | 50.00             | 2,215.00          | 490.00      |             |                     |                                      | 8,413.00                        |
| Maranatha               | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| <b>Greene County</b>    |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Free Union              | Mrs. Sallie Murphy, Mrs. Lucy Tyndall, Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Tyndall, Mr. and Mrs. Patrick | 35.00         | 506            | 331           |                | 77            | 32             | 11           | 73,000                   | 3,950.00    | 200.00        | 902.26       | 438.87       | 30.00             |                   | 45.27       | 11.00       | 15.00               | 1,742.39                             | 10,160.91                       |
| Friendship              | J. Lynwood Cobb, Carlyle Oakley  | 15.00         | 164            | 155           | 76             | 23            | 7              | 7            | 12,000                   | 1,760.00    | 200.00        | 559.36       | 118.36       | 46.81             |                   | 491.57      |             |                     | 2,207.97                             | 5,384.07                        |
| Grimsley                | Mr. Bruce Dail, Mrs. Sally Meadows   | 10.00         | 171            | 112           | 20             |               |                |              | 15,000                   | 1,887.50    | 200.00        | 345.69       | 121.14       | 11.71             |                   | 75.64       | 13.99       | 11.78               | 2,677.50                             | 5,384.07                        |
| Harrell's Chapel        | Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Hart  | 8.00          | 120            | 138           | 10             | 3             | 1              |              | 20,000                   | 700.00      | 200.00        | 287.00       | 300.00       | 25.00             | 10.00             | 50.00       | 50.00       | 10.00               | 500.00                               | 2,090.00                        |
| Howell Swamp            | John T. Craft Jr., E. E. Gay   | 10.00         | 131            | 86            | 34             | 4             |                |              | 20,000                   | 1,800.00    | 100.00        | 330.33       | 221.45       | 65.00             |                   | 120.94      |             |                     | 24.30                                | 2,712.02                        |
| Hull Road               | George Harrison, Mrs. P. L. Barrow, Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Mrs. Evelyn Hill, Mrs. Carl Barrow                       | 10.00         | 472            | 286           | 46             | 15            | 15             | 11           | 40,000                   | 4,505.00    | 175.00        | 1,052.35     | 2,643.53     | 155.50            | 6.00              | 1,241.32    | 29.00       | 6.00                | 247.55                               | 14,658.90                       |
| Little Creek            | Roy T. Forrest, C. T. Dail, J. B. McLawhorn  | 10.00         | 113            | 157           |                |               |                |              | 40,000                   | 2,400.00    | 100.00        | 145.00       | 185.00       | 31.00             |                   | 26.00       |             |                     | 1,518.50                             | 4,425.50                        |
| Mauzy                   | Mr. and Mrs. Alton Wade, Mrs. Cora Lee Spivey (2nd day)  | 10.00         | 35             | 75            | 8              | 7             | 1              |              | 5,000                    | 836.50      |               | 405.00       | 51.80        | 29.70             |                   | 23.51       |             |                     | 680.00                               | 2,203.51                        |
| Ormondsville            | Mrs. Effie Wooten, Mrs. Nora Lee Newton  | 10.00         | 281            | 129           | 42             | 4             | 13             |              | 20,000                   | 1,800.00    | 281.00        | 795.00       | 292.00       | 36.00             | 10.00             | 183.00      | 25.00       | 10.00               | 1,792.00                             | 6,997.00                        |
| Spring Branch           | Paul Galloway, Mrs. Ruby Ellis   | 25.00         | 235            | 184           | 55             | 20            | 14             | 3            | 37,000                   | 1,730.00    | 325.00        | 778.82       | 60.00        | 65.00             | 40.00             | 161.95      | 35.00       | 103.69              | 4,776.86                             | 10,861.60                       |
| Sts. Delight            | No Delegates   | 5.00          | 143            | 115           | 29             | 11            | 19             |              | 10,000                   | 1,597.38    | 415.00        | 197.39       |              |                   |                   | 408.50      |             | 254.60              | 230.12                               | 3,157.99                        |
| Mt. Calvary             | No Delegates   | 8.00          | 162            | 174           |                | 19            | 2              |              | 35,000                   | 1,704.95    | 480.33        | 122.64       | 38.00        |                   |                   | 349.00      |             | 316.67              | 3,420.11                             | 9,098.54                        |
| <b>Edgecombe County</b> |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Edgewood                | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Otter's Creek           | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Peace                   | Lester Langley, Mrs. Irving Wooten (alt.)  | 5.00          | 45             | 90            |                | 9             | 7              | 1            | 20,000                   | 1,380.00    | 130.00        | 83.71        | 15.00        | 5.57              | 5.00              | 40.80       |             | 5.00                | 67.50                                | 3,262.66                        |
| Rocky Mount             | Mrs. Felton Dunbar, Mrs. Ruth Walker   | 10.00         | 107            | 134           | 34             | 22            | 11             | 7            | 45,000                   | 3,640.00    | 225.00        | 250.00       | 250.00       | 70.00             |                   | 1,947.58    |             |                     | 59.75                                | 9,800.57                        |
| Tarboro                 | Mrs. L. E. Dail, Mrs. A. L. Sumerlin, Mrs. R. T. Sasser  | 10.00         | 288            | 246           | 40             | 35            | 40             | 4            | 75,000                   | 3,900.00    | 245.00        | 198.19       | 255.00       | 10.00             |                   | 250.00      | 35.00       |                     | 731.77                               | 12,552.94                       |
| <b>Lenoir County</b>    |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Faith                   | Donald Taylor, Ray Miller  | 5.00          | 104            | 115           | 30             | 18            | 12             | 1            | 20,000                   | 3,120.00    | 320.00        | 238.77       | 148.45       |                   |                   | 739.62      |             | 31.00               | 829.99                               | 7,036.50                        |
| Hugo                    | Mrs. Howard Holt, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks   | 10.00         | 122            | 142           |                | 1             | 7              |              | 16,500                   | 1,680.00    | 120.00        |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     | 72.00                                | 1,937.00                        |
| LaGrange                | J. W. Wilson, Milford Singleton  | 5.00          | 181            | 175           | 24             | 31            | 2              |              | 30,000                   | 3,900.00    | 515.00        | 350.00       | 50.00        | 75.00             |                   | 250.00      |             | 50.00               | 3,300.00                             | 8,495.00                        |
| <b>Wayne County</b>     |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Antioch                 | Marvin Smith, John E. Edmundson  | 10.00         | 100            | 113           | 20             | 33            | 7              |              | 25,000                   | 1,440.00    | 200.00        | 149.16       | 229.58       |                   |                   | 253.37      |             | 36.68               | 215.69                               | 4,412.44                        |
| Watery Branch           | Raymond R. Pender  | 10.00         | 78             | 90            | 21             | 18            | 2              |              | 7,075                    | 840.00      | 140.00        | 125.13       | 45.00        | 15.00             |                   | 20.00       |             | 22.00               | 52.45                                | 1,269.58                        |
| Walnut Creek            | No Delegates   | 5.00          | 59             | 99            | 2              | 1             |                |              | 12,000                   | 865.42      | 100.00        | 100.00       | 125.00       | 70.00             |                   | 312.00      |             |                     | 322.72                               | 2,607.65                        |
| <b>Wilson County</b>    |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Aspen Grove             | Henry Bailey, Rufus Everette, Fred Moore   | 10.00         | 218            | 194           | 34             | 13            | 1              | 4            | 30,000                   | 1,500.00    | 150.00        | 756.92       | 215.75       | 25.00             |                   | 60.60       |             |                     | 486.53                               | 4,127.73                        |
| Daniel's Chapel         | Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pittman, Mrs. Howard Pittman  | 10.00         | 203            | 197           | 20             | 27            | 5              | 3            | 40,000                   | 3,575.00    | 200.00        | 533.60       | 112.20       | 50.00             |                   | 220.00      |             |                     | 1,975.89                             | 6,666.69                        |
| Owen's Chapel           | Mrs. Daisy Owens, Mrs. J. C. Lynn  | 5.00          | 170            | 162           | 10             | 21            |                |              | 50,000                   | 3,120.00    | 220.00        | 432.52       | 60.00        | 15.00             | 15.00             | 232.00      | 25.00       | 10.00               | 1,400.00                             | 4,857.39                        |
| Saratoga                | Mrs. Fred Pittman, Mrs. Albert Proctor, Mrs. Clyde Cobb  | 10.00         | 228            | 178           | 44             | 27            | 7              | 9            | 45,000                   | 4,275.00    | 265.00        | 336.79       | 675.23       | 39.40             |                   | 189.82      | 5.00        | 76.73               | 272.91                               | 8,065.38                        |
| <b>Martin County</b>    |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Cedar Grove             | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Rose of Sharon          | Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Cowan   | 10.00         | 150            | 76            |                | 1             | 3              |              | 7,000                    | 1,035.00    | 190.00        | 110.00       | 182.00       |                   |                   | 15.00       |             |                     | 228.00                               | 2,487.00                        |
| Williamston             | Miss Ruby Barnhill, Nellie Rogerson  | 5.00          | 105            | 96            | 26             | 8             | 8              |              | 15,000                   | 1,935.00    | 150.00        | 42.15        | 10.00        |                   |                   | 35.00       |             | 22.00               | 25.52                                | 2,813.89                        |
| <b>Beaufort County</b>  |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Piney Grove             | No Delegates   | 10.00         | 90             | 80            | 51             | 21            | 5              | 3            | 8,000                    | 1,030.00    | 138.27        | 140.63       | 78.66        |                   |                   | 12.00       |             | 38.00               | 183.82                               | 1,848.41                        |
| Washington              | Mrs. Earl Gaskins, Mrs. Charles Keith, Mrs. Jim Bell   | 10.00         | 272            | 248           | 50             | 25            | 42             | 14           | 4,600                    | 4,205.31    | 224.86        | 400.00       | 200.00       | 180.00            | 60.00             | 396.00      | 100.00      | 100.00              | 636.11                               | 11,070.97                       |
| <b>Halifax County</b>   |  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Dawson Grove            | Mrs. Henry Harris Jr., Mrs. Charlie Harris   | 10.00         | 75             | 76            | 24             | 26            | 3              |              | 18,500                   | 1,645.00    | 180.00        | 251.00       | 179.05       | 24.00             | 3.00              | 341.70      | 195.66      | 50.28               | 378.80                               | 5,234.21                        |
| Hope                    | No Report  |               |                |               |                |               |                |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |
| Community               | No Delegates   | 3.00          | 33             | 36            |                |               | 33             |              |                          |             |               |              |              |                   |                   |             |             |                     |                                      |                                 |

4. That our churches are requiring better prepared ministers;
5. That there are many loans that will provide a sincere person an opportunity to obtain an education;
6. And that we believe the Central Conference has not spoken satisfactorily on the educational requirements for our ministers;

We therefore recommend that this Conference go on record adopting the following as our educational requirements for all future ministers of the Central Conference and that these requirements will supercede all other requirements.

1. Ministers to be licensed must possess good, natural, and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and make report of same to the church of which he is a member. The church shall call for the ordaining council from the conference of which the church is a member, provided the applicant has given the church full satisfaction on the above, plus at least a high school education from an accredited high school or one whose credits are recognized by the State Department of Education. Then, the council shall give the applicant an examination embracing matters of piety, doctrine, conviction and purpose respecting the work of the ministry; and also investigate the reputation and ability of the candidate and his present and prospective educational and professional qualifications. After the examination, if the council is satisfied, the local church shall issue to the applicant a license for one year, and at the expiration of one year, if the licensed minister has developed and proved his ability and usefulness, then the church of which he is a member may request the ordaining council of the conference of which the church is a member to give the licensed minister an examination concerning the matters already set forth for a licensed minister, and in addition, as to his knowledge of the doctrines and history of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination, together with theology, homiletics, and his attained literary qualifications,

*Provided that:*

1. The minister's license have not been allowed to lapse for any period of time prior to ordination.
2. The minister has been extended a call to pastor or to do evangelistic work.
3. The minister has completed at least sixty semester hours of accredited college work unless there be reason to believe that the applicant could pass the examination for ordination as stated below.

Be it understood that this Conference go on record as requiring sixty semester hours of college work and that we recommend more preparation, if possible, prior to ordination. However, in the event that there are satisfactory reasons which make it appear impossible for the applicant to attain the above educational requirements, the Ordaining Council shall have the power to ordain an applicant provided that the applicant receives the endorsement of no less than four members of the Council.

Council Members: Henry Melvin, Willis Wilson, Floyd Cherry, Michael Pelt, Edward Miles, Wilbert Everton.

### MISSION BOARD REPORT

Your mission board has been busy during this year within the bounds of the conference. Several mission points have been surveyed, with one church being organized in the town of Weldon. The name of the church is Community Free Will Baptist. We do appreciate the efforts that have been put forth during the year. Every prayer that has been offered, every gift that has been given, we thank you. We urge each church in the conference to send us at least \$2.00 per week that there might be sufficient funds to carry on in a greater way next year.

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| Amount Received This Year .....                       | \$1,387.59 |
| Balance Forwarded .....                               | 2,727.00   |
| Paid Out .....  | 1,310.83   |
| Balance in Checking Account .....                     | 803.76     |
| Savings Account in Building Loan (Beaufort Co.) ..... | 2,000.00   |
| October 31 Checking and Savings Account .....         | 2,803.76   |

Submitted by,  
Charles E. Keith, *Treasurer*

### REPORT OF HISTORIAN

1. Your historian has received a number of church histories and urge each church to send one to the historian.

2. We recommend that the historical collection of the Central Conference be placed in the fireproof file cabinet of the State Historical Commission at Mt. Olive College under the custody of the conference historian and Mt. Olive College. It is understood that this collection remains the property of the Central Conference and can be removed at the will of the Conference.

3. We recommend the Harrison-Barfield history of North Carolina Free Will Baptists, published by the Free Will Baptist Press, Price \$2.25, plus tax.

Hubert Burress, *Conference Historian*

### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On October 23, 1961, the Board of Trustees met at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Greenville, N. C. Those present were Brothers Rashie Kennedy, J. T. Beddard, Clarence J. Little, L. B. Manning and A. G. Mangum.

We did not complete our business at that time due to some information that we did not have. We met again on November 8, 1961 and Brother C. J. Harris met with us. At this time Brother LaRue Davis assured us that the money that Maranatha Church owes the Central Conference would be paid in full, with interest, within a week, which amounts to \$2,524.95. That will be all monies that the Central Conference has loaned out.

There is now \$773.45 in the treasury of the Central Conference. With the addition of the \$2,524.95 that will be paid, will make a balance of \$3,298.40.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed with prayer by Brother C. J. Harris.

A. G. Mangum, Secretary

### REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Your obituary committee offers the following obituary report:

#### REV. J. C. MOYE

The Rev. J. C. Moyer was born in Greene County in the year 1890. After finishing the local schools, he attended Whitsett Institute for two years.

He was married to Ethel Brooks in 1912. From 1912 to 1916, he attended the Ayden Seminary. Mr. Moyer pastored a number of churches in Greene, Pitt, Lenoir, and Tyrrell Counties. He also served as moderator of the Central Conference for two years.

Mr. Moyer moved to Snow Hill around 1916. During his active years as a minister and pastor, he served as mayor of Snow Hill for six years. He also served as Greene County Representative to the general assembly in Raleigh for six years.

Mr. Moyer was on the orphanage board at Middlesex, North Carolina, from 1939 to 1946. He served as pastor of churches for forty years, as long as his health would allow. He passed on to be with the Lord in May of 1961, at the age of 70 years.

#### REV. D. A. WINDHAM

The Rev. D. A. Windham was born in Wilson County in the year 1887. He joined Saratoga Church in 1905. He was married to Bessie Lovina Moore in 1910. He attended The Free Will Baptist Seminary in Ayden in 1906 and 1907. He attended East Carolina College the year it began operation, in 1909. He taught school in Greene and Pitt Counties, one year each.

Mr. Windham was ordained in the Saratoga Church in the year of 1906. The ordaining council was composed of Mr. C. E. Orton, J. D. Eason, and J. T. Bundy.

Mr. Windham organized three churches: namely, Winterville, Dawson's Grove, and Rocky Mount. In addition, he served a number of other churches as pastor. He served as moderator of the Second and Fourth Union Meetings of the Central Conference; also, as president of the North Carolina State Convention for one year. Mr. Windham finished his work after about forty-five years of pastoring, and went to be with the Lord at the age of 73, in the month of June, 1961.

#### RECOMMENDATION

We, the committee, recommend that this Conference vote to dedicate the 1961 minutes of the Central Conference to the memory of these two brethren, and that ample space be provided to carry the pictures of each.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Garland Teasley

Adam Scott

N. D. Beaman

## REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The Temperance Committee, appointed at this session of the Central Conference, wishes to make the following recommendations to the ministers and churches of this conference:

1. We recommend that ministers and other community leaders among our people inform themselves concerning the availability of literature which may be used in our local churches, in our public schools and in our community organizations that would teach against the use and sale of intoxicating beverages.

2. We recommend that our ministers familiarize themselves with the problem of alcoholism as a sin, and as a disease as some teach; and that we teach that rehabilitation may be brought about through Christ. We recommend Hebron Colony and Grace Home, Boone, North Carolina, as a good place for men and women.

3. We recommend that the ministers and other church leaders of the Central Conference teach their people the principles of self-control in word and deed, as set forth in the Bible and church covenant.

4. Whereas the various media of communication such as radio, television, billboards, daily and weekly papers and magazines have been used as a means of advertising the sale of intoxicating beverages, and whereas grocery stores, supermarkets, service stations, and eating places display beer and wine among their other products for sale; be it resolved that we go on record in this 1961 session of the Central Conference as opposing and detesting such advertising.

5. Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to our papers, and to representatives of the various newspapers which serve the area of the Central Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. C. L. Patrick, *Chairman*  
Rev. J. C. Lynn  
Rev. Fred Powers

## FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The number of visitors who registered at this session is twenty-four. The total number of delegates registering is 112. Five withdrew. A total of 36 ministers have registered.

The Rev. W. G. Ennis reported by phone that he is sick and desires his card.

Seven ministers were not seated because they would not comply with Conference requirements.

Church delegates from Ayden Free Will Baptist Church, Brother Hubert Hart, and Sister J. E. Wooten withdrew themselves as delegates. Wilber Worthington also withdrew.

The delegate from Maranatha Church withdrew, Mrs. LaRue Davis.

One delegate from Faith Church withdrew, Brother Ray Miller.

Credentials Committee,

Hubert Burress

Michael Pelt

N. B. Barrow

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given to the following:
  - a. The moderator for the capable and Christian manner in which he has presided during this Conference;
  - b. The executive committee and all officers and boards for their faithful service during the past year and during this session of the Conference;
  - c. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Greenville for serving as host to the Conference;
  - d. All persons appearing on the program for their contributions in helping to make this Conference an informative and inspiring experience.

2. Whereas we believe that some of our ministers and churches have been misinformed and misled relative to church government and the denominational program in North Carolina and consequently may be out of fellowship with the Central Conference, therefore, be it resolved that we

a. Authorize the executive committee of this Conference to readmit to good fellowship any church willing to adopt the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* and the Constitution and Bylaws of this Conference;

b. Authorize the ordaining council and the executive committee to readmit to good fellowship any minister willing to abide by the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* and the Constitution and Bylaws of this Conference

3. Whereas the Central Conference is a member of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, and

Whereas the Central Conference operates under the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, therefore be it resolved:

a. That should any church belonging to this Conference take membership in or affiliate itself with any district or state denominational conference or association not in good standing with the North Carolina State Convention, said church shall be automatically declared out of fellowship with the Central Conference;

b. That should any minister belonging to this Conference take membership in or affiliate himself with any district or state denominational conference or association not in good standing with the North Carolina State Convention, said minister shall automatically be declared excommunicated from the Conference and shall be respectfully requested to surrender his certificate of ordination to the Ordaining Council;

c. That we request the clerk to prepare as early as possible a list of the ministers who are in good standing with this Conference, said list to be mailed to the clerk of each church in the Conference and also submitted to *The Free Will Baptist* for publication;

d. That we pledge our full support and co-operation to the North Carolina State Convention and its executive committee in seeking a Christian and honorable solution to the problem now existing between the State Convention and the National Association of Free Will Baptists as a result of the actions of the 1961 session of the National Association in making demands on the State of North Carolina regarding our historic forms of church government;

e. That in event it should be determined that the North Carolina State Convention is not in good standing with the National Association, we hereby authorize the executive committee of this Conference to co-operate with the State Convention in formulating plans and policies for a complete denominational program with other Original Free Will Baptists who may desire fellowship with us.

4. Whereas Mount Olive College is in need of building funds in order to provide additional facilities for its expanding student body, and

Whereas the \$1,000 Club has been advanced as a means of securing building funds for the College; therefore be it resolved:

That this Conference recommend the \$1,000 Club to its member churches as a plan for raising capital funds for Mount Olive College over and above regular support to the general fund.

5. We recommend that this Conference go on record as protesting the action of the executive department of the National Association in printing and distributing literature containing defamatory and misleading statements relative to internal denominational affairs in North Carolina.

6. Whereas the issues involving Ronald Creech, Edgemont Church, and the Western Conference have become a subject of concern for Original Free Will Baptists throughout North Carolina, and

Whereas members of this Conference have been implicated by Mr. Creech and the National Association of Free Will Baptists, therefore be it resolved:

a. That the 1961 session of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists go on record as registering our disapproval of the lawsuits filed by Mr. Creech in the amount of \$400,000 against the officials of our sister conference;

b. That this Conference go on record as affirming the position and supporting the action of those members of our Conference who signed affidavits in the spring of this year in behalf of the Western Conference;

c. That we approve the resolution passed by the 1961 session of the North Carolina State Convention which restated our positions on church government and called upon all parties concerned to withdraw denominational disputes from the civil courts and asked that they be settled according to the



*Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina;*

d. That this Conference hereby go on record as humbly asking the courts to immediately dismiss or non-suit the libel suits in the amount of \$400,000 brought by Mr. Creech against the officials of the Western Conference;

e. That this Conference further go on record as humbly asking the courts to immediately dismiss or non-suit the restraining order brought by Mr. Creech against the Western Conference; and

f. That we authorize the moderator and clerk of this Conference to prepare and submit in affidavit form any and all resolutions passed by this Conference.

Members of the Resolutions Committee:

W. Burkette Raper, Chairman

J. W. Everton

Walter Sutton

Robert May

L. B. Manning

REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Greetings:

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1960-1961.

1. We now have 20 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number none are from your conference.

2. We now have 28 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number three are from your conference.

3. Contributions made by the Conference to superannuation:

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Churches .....       | \$1,209.77 |
| Sunday Schools ..... | 429.65     |
| Leagues .....        | 22.40      |
| Auxiliaries .....    | 115.96     |
| Union Meetings ..... | 73.12      |
| Conference .....     | 50.00      |
| Individuals .....    | 20.00      |

Total .....\$1,920.90

4. The budget for 1961-1962 is \$20,000.00 based on 50¢ per member of the churches of this state.

5. Please send all Superannuation Funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

6. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for Superannuation.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

The Church Finance Association, Inc. was founded in April, 1940, under the direction, and with the approval of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and has been endorsed and approved by the State Convention as the agency for helping in church extension in this state.

The purpose of the Church Finance Association, Inc., is to "finance or assist in financing" church buildings, equipment and furnishings, institutional property or equipment and furnishings, and other denominational property. The Certificate of Incorporation stipulates that the services of this association apply only to the denominational property of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. (For a complete listing of the Objects and Purposes of the Association see the minutes of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists for 1960.)

During the years of its operation, the Church Finance Association, Inc. has made 77 different loans for a total of \$337,982.45.

Our Annual Report as of January 1, 1961, showed the following financial condition of the Church Finance Association, Inc.:

|                                  |              |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Total Assets .....               | \$120,341.56 |
| Total Liabilities .....          | 109,486.77   |
| Surplus, or Earned Profits ..... | 10,854.79    |

We continue to have more good applications for loans than we can approve. We need more funds for use in making loans. Any individual or organization having money to invest is invited to consider investing it with the Church Finance Association, Inc. Details will be furnished upon request.

Our next annual meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 1962. The place is yet to be selected by the Board of Directors, and will be announced later. All members are urged to represent. Visitors are invited to attend.

The Central Conference has \$50 in the Association, for which it holds two (2) Certificates of Membership Stock.

Church Finance Association, Inc.  
R. N. Hinnant, President  
M. L. Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Balance Brought Forward .....               | \$ 80.53 |
| Contributions from Churches .....           | 457.00   |
| Offering for Children's Home .....          | 155.59   |
| Offering for Mount Olive College .....      | 129.12   |
| Total Received .....                        | \$826.24 |
| Paid Out as Follows:                        |          |
| Expense of Executive Committee .....        | \$ 84.40 |
| Charles Keith (Telephone and Mileage) ..... | 65.75    |

|  |        |
|--|--------|
| Clerk (Salary) .....                   | 35.00  |
| Hubert Burress (Mileage) .....         | 5.74   |
| Expense of Ordaining Council .....     | 98.27  |
| To Press for Minutes .....             | 153.00 |
| To Press for Conference Supplies ..... | 22.15  |

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|--|----------|
| Total Conference Expense .....         | \$464.31 |
| Offering for Children's Home .....     | 155.59   |
| Offering for Mount Olive College ..... | 129.12   |
| Total Paid Out .....                   | \$749.02 |
| Balance .....                          | \$ 70.22 |

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

Luther Dail

M. L. Barrow

M. S. Cowan

### REPORT OF TREASURER

|                              |          |
|------------------------------|----------|
| Balance in Bank, 1960 .....  | \$128.39 |
| Offerings .....              | 249.55   |
| Received from Churches ..... | 517.00   |
| Total .....                  | \$894.94 |

#### Conference Expenses:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| Free Will Baptist Press .....                         | \$219.86 |
| Mount Olive College .....                             | 83.19    |
| Free Will Baptist Bible College .....                 | 83.19    |
| Mount Olive College .....                             | 83.19    |
| Palmer Memorial .....                                 | 50.00    |
| Central Conference Missions .....                     | 50.00    |
| E. C. C. Fellowship .....                             | 50.00    |
| Superannuation .....                                  | 50.00    |
| Cragmont Assembly .....                               | 50.00    |
| Free Will Baptist Children's Home .....               | 25.00    |
| Alcoholic Rehabilitation .....                        | 50.00    |
| Memorial for Revs. D. A. Windham and J. C. Moye ..... | 20.00    |

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|---------------|----------|
| Total .....   | \$814.14 |
| Balance ..... | 80.53    |
| Error .....   | .19      |

\$ 80.34

C. J. Harris, Treasurer

## REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

We, the Children's Home Committee of the Central Conference wish to make this report and these recommendations:

1. Urgency—Each church to take steps immediately to raise all they possibly can. Use your own ideas and methods, but do something now.

Would it be asking too much for every church member to give 1 penny for each of the 75 children there?

2. Co-operation—Enlist all organizations of the church to help in this campaign.

3. Goal—\$10,000 by Christmas! Send as much as possible by Thanksgiving so the building might begin.

Remember these contributions are to be over and above all regular contributions. Please earmark these contributions for the Central Conference Building Fund. You heard Mr. Everton say yesterday that his fund was started in 1958, so let's do all we can now. Send your contributions to the Children's Home and send a report of same to Mrs. J. C. Moye, Snow Hill, N. C., who will act as our chairman of Central Conference Building for the Children's Home.

Children's Home Committee

R. P. Harris

Mrs. Raymond Sasser

Mrs. T. E. Tyndall

## REPORT OF NOMINATION COMMITTEE

To fill the vacancies on the mission board—Revs. Fred Powers and Raymond Sasser. Assistant clerk—Rev. Jerry Rowe. Board of Trustees—Rev. Charles Sapp.

The Committee



# CONSTITUTION

## PREAMBLE

We, the Central 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 Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina.

## PURPOSE

The object of the Central 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 Baptist of North Carolina* shall be permitted membership in the Central 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 denominational and benevolent purposes during the year.

## ARTICLE III. OFFICERS

The officers shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, an assistant clerk, 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.

## 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 ordination, a board of finance, and a board of missions, consisting of five members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be five years but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

A committee to represent the Conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press, a credentials committee, and an obituary committee, consisting of three members each, shall be elected. The term of office for members shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

A committee of one shall be elected to serve as Conference Historian; the term of office shall be two years.

A committee of one shall be elected to serve as publicity committee; the term of office shall be two years.

The executive committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, treasurer and one member elected by the Conference at the time of the official election of officers.

Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the Conference for whatever purpose may be deemed necessary.

#### ARTICLE V. FINANCE

Each church shall contribute to the Conference 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 Central 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 Central Conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

#### ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS

The Central Conference shall meet in annual session on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in November of each year. 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.

#### ARTICLE X. DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Central 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 clerk shall record and preserve a permanent record of the proceedings of all sessions of the Central Conference. He 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. He shall conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature.

Section 4. The duties of the assistant clerk shall be the duties of the clerk when that officer is not present, and he shall assist the clerk when called upon. In the event of the resignation or death of the clerk, the assistant clerk 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, except that held by other boards and committees of the Conference. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly 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. The executive committee shall plan the program for the annual session of the Conference.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the board of trustees to hold in trust title to all tangible property belonging to this Conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the Conference.

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 finance to check and verify all money to be received by the treasurer; they shall make recommended allocations and report same to the Conference.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the board of missions to co-operate with the churches and the Conference in furthering the establishment of churches within the bounds of the Conference. The mission board shall endeavor through co-operating with the State Board of Missions to raise money, arrange itineraries, and keep the work of missions before our churches.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the committee to represent the Conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press to do so at any stock holders' meeting.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the credentials committee to check each church report for verification as to their delegates and make recommenda-



tions to the Conference as regarding their seat during the annual session. The credentials committee shall check registration cards of the enrolling minister and make recommendations of same to the Conference.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the obituary committee to prepare suitable memorial services for all ministers who die during the year preceding the Conference and to present to the Conference a suitable obituary for publication in the Conference minutes and in the *Free Will Baptist*. Copies of the obituary are to be presented to the family of the deceased and to his local church.

Section 14. It shall be the duty of the Conference historian to collect and preserve any historical data concerning the Conference.

Section 15. It shall be the duty of the publicity committee to see that proper publicity is given to the activities and work of the Conference.

## BYLAWS

Section 1. 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 2. All reports, resolutions, and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the Conference in written form only.

Section 3. Each minister and delegate in good standing shall duly attend each day while the Conference is in session or be subject to censure by the Conference and reported to his local church.

Section 4. 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 5. No member shall be excused from any session of the Conference without leave of the moderator.

Section 6. The Conference shall adjourn by a majority vote.

Section 7. Each officer and member of standing committees and boards in good standing shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the Conference.

Section 8. The Conference shall open and close with suitable devotional services.

Section 9. The minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

Section 10. 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.

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The Executive Committee recommends that this Constitution and bylaws be adopted; and that the provisions for the election of standing boards and committees not be put into effect until the 1962 session of the Conference.



