

MINUTES  
OF THE  
217th Annual Session  
OF THE  
CENTRAL CONFERENCE  
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Free Will Baptist Church  
OF  
North Carolina

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THE MARLBORO CHURCH, PITT COUNTY  
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## Officers of the Conference

### MODERATOR

Rev. F. B. Cherry, Greenville, N. C.

### ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. N. B. Barrow, Ayden, N. C.

### CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

### ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. Sheldon Howard, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

### TREASURER

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

# Boards and Committees

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. R. B. Cherry  
Rev. C. J. Harris

Rev. N. B. Barrow

Rev. Hubert Burress  
Rev. L. B. Manning

## BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Willis Wilson (1970)  
Rev. Charles Sapp (1968)

Rev. Edward Miles (1969)  
Rev. Michael Pelt (1967)

Rev. Norman Ard (1966)

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Guy Corbett (1970)

Earl W. Skinner (1969)

Roy T. Forrest (1968)

A. G. Mangum (1967)

Mrs. J. C. Moye (1966)

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Albert Proctor (1970)

Daniel Barrow (1969)

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1968)

Rev. Cecil Rose (1967)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1966)

## BOARD OF FINANCE

Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. (1970)

Randolph Harris (1969)

Mrs. T. E. Tyndall (1968)

Luther Dail (1967)

M. S. Cowan (1966)

## REPRESENTATIVE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

Willard Eller (1968)

Rev. N. D. Beaman (1967)

McCoy Tripp (1966)

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. C. H. Overman (1966)

Leo Tripp (1967)

Rev. W. H. Willis (1968)

## OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Mrs. R. L. Norville (1966)

Rev. Melvin Moore (1967)

Rev. Joe Barrow (1968)

## CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1966)

## PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Ralph A. Bowen (1966)

## STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Rev. W. S. Burns

(It is understood that the first named person on any committee is temporary chairman.)

# Roll of Churches with Clerk and Address

## PITT COUNTY

- Ayden—Mrs. Thelbert Hart, Route 1, Box 192, Ayden 28513  
Bethany—Mrs. Dorothy Dail, Route 1, Winterville 28590  
Black Jack—Morris Elks, Route 3, Box 356, Greenville 27834  
Dilda's Grove—Mrs. Edna Horton, Macclesfield  
Elm Grove—Gerald Briley, Route 1, Box 157-A, Ayden 28513  
Greenville—Mrs. Lurline Averette, 108 N. Warren Street, Greenville 27834  
Gum Swamp—Floyd Harris, Route 6, Greenville 27834  
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Box 32, Conetoe  
King's Cross Roads—Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Route 2, Farmville 27828  
Marlboro—Mrs. Alice Parker, Route 1, Farmville 27828  
Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Norman Stanley, Route 3, Box 438, Greenville 27834  
Piney Grove—Mrs. Frances Cassick, Route 1, Box 379, Greenville 27834  
Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette, Route 1, Box 86, Winterville 28590  
Rose Hill—D. R. Wilson, Route 1, Winterville 28590  
Sweet Gum Grove—Mrs. Lewis Whitehurst, Route 5, Box 231, Greenville 27834  
Winterville—Miss Leah McGlohon, P. O. Box 2, Winterville 28590

## GREENE COUNTY

- Free Union—Mrs. Frank L. Walston, Route 2, Walstonburg 27888  
Friendship—H. Carl Tyson, Route 1, Farmville 27828  
Grimsley—Jimmie Lee Jones, Route 1, Box 239, Farmville 27828  
Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill 28580  
Howell Swamp—James E. Shackleford, Walstonburg 27888  
Hull Road—Cicero McCoy, Route 2, Snow Hill 28580  
Little Creek—Roy T. Forrest, Route 1, Ayden 28513  
Maury—Mrs. H. L. Spivey, Maury 28554  
Ormondsville—John R. Stephens, Route 1, Box 425, Ayden 28513  
Spring Branch—Mrs. Richard E. Owens, Walstonburg 27888  
Sts. Delight—Miss Dessie Bowen, Route 5, Greenville 27834

## EDGECOMBE COUNTY

- Edgewood—Travis Wooten, Route 4, Greenville 27834  
Otter's Creek—Mrs. Edna Ruth Pittman, Route 1, Box 295, Macclesfield  
Peace—Mrs. Edward Walston, Pinetops  
Rocky Mount—Mrs. M. A. Armstrong, 421 Oakdale Road, Rocky Mount 27801  
Tarboro—Mrs. Dot Webb, 712 South Avenue, Tarboro 27886

## LENIOR COUNTY

- Faith—Mrs. Pearl Hemby, Route 1, Kinston 28501  
Hugo—Mrs. Bertha Harris, Route 1, Box 494, Kinston 28501  
LaGrange—Mrs. Joyce Cherry, Box 321, LaGrange 28551

## WAYNE COUNTY

Walnut Creek—Miss Ina Ruth Langston, Route 2, LaGrange 28551  
Watery Branch—Mrs. Robert Finch, Route 3, Wilson 27893

## WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Farmville 27828  
Daniel's Chapel—C. W. Pittman, Jr., Route 3, Wilson 27893  
Owen's Chapel—Mrs. Jeanette Braswell, Route 3, Elm City  
Saratoga—Mrs. Clinton O. Proctor, Saratoga 27873

## MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Rachel E. Wynn, Route 3, Williamston 27892  
Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston 27892  
Williamston—Mrs. Nellie Rogerson, 111 Plum Street, Williamston 27892

## BEAUFORT COUNTY

Piney Grove—Alton G. Ausbon, Route 5, Box 256, Greenville 27834

## HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—Mrs. Hubert R. Dickens, Route 1, Enfield 27823  
Community—Mrs. Francis Harp, Route 2, Box 199-A, Halifax

# Roll of Ministers

	1964	1965
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	P
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
W. G. Ennis, Winterville, N. C. 28590	A	A
N. D. Beaman, Route 1, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Marshall Joyner, Route 1, Winterville, N. C. 28590	A	A
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn.	L	L
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C. 27829	A	P
L. E. Ballard, 1225 S. Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
R. C. Proctor, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	A
C. L. Patrick, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
C. J. Harris, 601 E. Ninth Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Clarence Little, Route 1, Greenville, N. C. 27834	A	A
N. B. Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.	P	P
R. L. Norville, Route 4, Box 124, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Capt. J. B. Narron, 50th Tactical Fighter Wing (USAFE) APO New York 09109	P	A
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	P
Michael Pelt, 2107 Hillandale Road, Durham, N. C.	P	P
F. B. Cherry, Route 3, Box 325, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P



Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Edward Miles, 305 W. James Street, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	A	A
Ray Harrison, Route 2, Box 340, Grifton, N. C. 28530	P	P
W. H. Willis, 1121 Dunn Road, Kinston, N. C. 28501	P	P
Charles Sapp, 705 W. Main Street, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	P
Raymond T. Sasser, 108 Hope Lodge Street, Tarboro, N. C. 27886	P	P
Melvin Moore, Middlesex, N. C. 27557	P	P
Jack Mayo, Route 4, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	P	P
Sheldon Howard, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557	P	P
Noah Brown, 517 Jewell Street, Roanoke Rapids, N. C. 27870	P	P
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 120, Enfield, N. C. 27823	L	P
William Futch, Route 2, Walstonburg, N. C. 27888	P	P
R. W. Allman, Route 3, Elm City, N. C.	P	P
Cary Cheshire, Williamston, N. C. 27892	A	
N. W. Ard, Route 1, Box 149, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
C. H. Overman, 703 Montague Avenue, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
W. A. Burns, Route 3, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
Cecil E. Rose, Saratoga, N. C. 27873	P	P
Joe Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	A
L. B. Woodall Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580		P
Robert Rollins, LaGrange, N. C. 28551		P

#### LICENSED MINISTERS

W. M. Polland, Roland Smith, Edgar Benton, J. S. Humphrey, Danny Hooks, Harry Brown, James W. Pittman, and Horace Becton.

(NOTE: Any minister who does not represent either in person or by letter for three consecutive conferences his name will be dropped from the roll by order of the conference.)

# PROCEEDINGS

## WEDNESDAY MORNING SESSION

The Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, being the continuation of the General Conference, convened in its 217th session with the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Farmville, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 10, 11, 1965.

The clerk officially opened the the conference and presented the assistant moderator, the Rev. N. B. Barrow.

The opening song service was under the direction of the Rev. Willis Wilson, song leader for the conference.

The devotional was given by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr., pastor of Hull Road Church.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Melvin Moore, host pastor, The response was given by the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

The conference, by motion, voted to accept the program with the moderator having privilege to make any changes he deemed necessary.

The moderator's address was given at this time.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

*Resolutions:* Michael Pelt, L. B. Manning, and N. D. Beaman.

*Temperance:* Willis Wilson, C. J. Harris, and Norman Ard.

*Nominating:* C. L. Patrick, R. P. Harris, and Melvin Moore.

*Children's Home:* Mrs. Queenie Clark, Mrs. Addie Mae Coggins, and J. T. Beddard Jr.

The following visiting ministers were recognized:

*Western Conference:* W. L. Poythress, Wayne West, M. L. Johnson, Dewy Boling, Cedric Pierce Jr., Harold Jones, Robert Rollins, and R. H. Jackson.

*Eastern Conference:* D. W. Hansley, W. L. Moretz, Lloyd Vernon, A. B. Bryan, and C. B. Hansley.

*Cape Fear Conference:* W. B. Raper, J. W. Everton, Walter Reynolds, and Kemery Ard.

*Piedmont Conference:* Walter Carter.

*Evangelical Baptist:* Robert Durham.

A report of the North Carolina State Convention was given by the president, the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

A report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by the manager, the Rev. N. B. Barrow. (See report No. 2.)

The East Carolina Fellowship report was given by the Rev. D. W. Hansley. (See report No. 3.)

The report of Mount Olive College was given by the president, Dr.

W. Burkette Raper. (See report No. 4.) An offering was received for the college at this time.

The morning message was delivered by the Rev. N. B. Barrow, taking his text from 1 Peter 2:1-10.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was given by the Rev. C. D. Hamilton.

The following were appointed to serve this conference on the board of finance in the absence of some of the members: Daniel Barrow, in place of M. S. Cowan; Leo Tripp, in place of Luther Dail; W. S. Burns, in place of Mrs. T. E. Tyndall; and Edward Bowen, in place of Randolph Harris.

A partial report of the credentials committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 5.)

The report of the executive committee was given by the clerk, the Rev. Hubert Burress. This report was adopted by motion. (See report No. 1.)

A report of the conference missions board was given by Albert Proctor. (See report No. 6-A and 6-B.)

The report of the superannuation board was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report No. 7.)

The report of the historian was read by the secretary. (See report No. 8.)

A report of Cragmont Assembly was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson.

A report of the Church Finance Association, Inc., was given by the Rev. M. L. Johnson. (See report No. 9.)

The minutes of today's session were read by the clerk and approved by the conference.

The Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr. spoke on behalf of the national General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning devotional was given by the Rev. Harold Jones.

Randolph Harris was appointed to serve on the nominating committee in place of the Rev. R. P. Harris.

The report of the obituary committee was given by the Rev. Melvin Moore. (See report No. 10.)

The report of the temperance committee was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. (See report No. 11.)

The Rev. R. W. Allman was appointed to serve on the resolutions committee in place of Rev. Michael Pelt.

A report of the ordaining council was given by the Rev. Charles Sapp. (See report No. 12.)

The report of the North Carolina Ministers' Conference was given by the Rev. D. W. Hansley.

The report of the board of trustees was given by A. G. Mangum. (See report No. 13.)

The conference voted to accept the invitation from the Hull Road Church to convene with them in 1966.

The report of the resolutions committee was given by the Rev. N. D. Beaman. (See report No. 14.)

The report of the state missions board was given by the Rev. A. B. Bryan. (See report No. 15.)

A report of the Children's Home committee was given by J. T. Beddard Jr. This report to be acted on in the afternoon session.

A report of the Children's Home was given by the superintendent, the Rev. M. L. Johnson. (See report No. 16.)

The morning worship service was under the direction of the ordaining council with the Rev. Willis Wilson presiding. The Rev. Charles Sapp delivered the message using for his text, 2 Corinthians 3:17.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotional was conducted by the Rev. W. H. Willis.

The final report of the credentials committee was read by the clerk. (See report No. 17.)

The report of the Children's Home committee was referred back to the committee.

The report of the finance committee was given by Mrs. Leon Dunn. (See report No. 18.)

Mrs. J. C. Moyer resigned from the building committee of the Central Conference Building at the Children's Home. Her resignation was accepted by motion.

The report of the Children's Home committee was read by the clerk and adopted by motion. (See report No. 19.)

The treasurer's report was given by the Rev. C. J. Harris. (See report No. 20.)

The nominating committee's report was given by the Rev. Melvin Moore. (See report No. 21.) This report was received by motion.

The conference adjourned with prayer by the Rev. L. B. Manning.

Rev. F. B. Cherry, *Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burrell, *Clerk*

# Reports

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Number 1)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, at 10 a. m., September 21, 1965.

Members present were as follows: N. B. Barrow, Hubert Burrell, L. B. Manning, and C. J. Harris. Prayer was offered by Brother Harris.

The program for the Central Conference was presented and adopted as follows:

### *Wednesday Morning, November 10, 1965*

- 9:00—Registration of Ministers and Delegates
- 10:00—Devotions, the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.
- 10:15—Welcome Address, the Rev. Melvin Moore
- 10:20—Response, the Rev. N. D. Beaman
- 10:25—Moderator's Message, the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry
  - Recognition of Visitors.
  - Appointment of Committees
- 10:45—Report of State Convention, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 10:55—Report of Free Will Baptist Press, the Rev. N. B. Barrow
- 11:05—Report of East Carolina Fellowship, the Rev. D. W. Hansley
- 11:15—Report of Mount Olive College, Dr. W. Burkette Raper
- 11:30—Morning Worship:
  - Introductory Sermon, the Rev. N. B. Barrow
- 12:00—Lunch

### *Wednesday Afternoon*

- 1:15—Devotions, the Rev. C. D. Hamilton
- 1:25—Business Period:
  - Partial Report of Credentials Committee
  - Report of Executive Committee
  - Report of Conference Missions
  - Report of Trustees
  - Report of Central Conference Ministers' Conference, the Rev. Vance Link
  - Report of Historian, Mrs. H. L. Spivey
  - Report of Cragmont Assembly, the Rev. Willis Wilson
  - Report of Superannuation Board, the Rev. Walter Reynolds
- 3:15—Adjournment

### *Thursday Morning, November 11, 1965*

- 9:00—Final Registration
- 9:30—Devotions, the Rev. Harold Jones
- 9:40—Business Period:

Reading of Minutes of Previous Day and Business Period  
 Recognition of Visitors  
 Report of Obituary Committee  
 Report of Temperance Committee  
 Report of Resolutions Committee  
 Report of Finance Committee  
 10:40—Report of State Missions Board, the Rev. R. H. Jackson  
 10:50—Report of Church Finance Association, the Rev. M. L. Johnson  
 11:00—Report of Children's Home, the Rev. M. L. Johnson  
 11:15—Morning Worship, Ordaining Council  
 12:00—Lunch

#### *Thursday Afternoon*

1:15—Devotions, the Rev. W. H. Willis  
 1:30—Business Period:  
     Final Report of Credentials Committee  
     Report of Treasurer, the Rev. C. J. Harris  
 —Final Business and Adjournment

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Brother Burress.

Rev. N. B. Barrow, *Assistant Moderator*

Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

### REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS

(Number 2)

The Free Will Baptist Press makes the following report for the year July 1, 1964—June 30, 1965: Amount of gross income, \$191,000; depreciations for the year, \$10,000; net surplus for expansion, \$3,600.

The press distributes over one million pieces of Christian literature yearly. It is equipped to furnish your church with all of its needs in printing, books, and church furniture. If we can be of any service to you, please feel free to call on us. We are badly in need of writers and subscriptions to our weekly paper, *The Free Will Baptist*.

N. B. Barrow, *Manager*

### REPORT OF EAST CAROLINA COLLEGE FELLOWSHIP

(Number 3)

There are 60 Free Will Baptist students enrolled at East Carolina College. Twenty of these students attend the fellowship meetings held each Monday at 5:15 p. m. in the campus Y-Hut. Churches of the Central Conference serve these students each Monday. An offering is received at each of these meetings which is used for the students on special occasions for food.

Between five and fifteen of these students attend church services.

A student center is badly needed for these students which will take a reasonable amount of money.

### *Fellowship's Treasurer's Report*

Balance on Hand November, 1964	\$1,745.87
Interest Received on Savings Account	79.36
Total to Account For	\$1,825.23
Paid Out to F. B. Cherry Insurance Agency	7.00
Balance on Hand November, 1965	1,818.23
<i>Reconciliation</i>	
Checking Account—State Bank and Trust Co.	\$ 179.64
Savings Account—First Federal Savings and Loan Association	1,638.59
Total in Both Accounts	\$1,818.23

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. J. C. Boyd, *Treasurer*

### REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(Number 4)

The hopes and dreams of Original Free Will Baptists for an educational program that can meet the needs of our youth are rapidly being fulfilled at Mount Olive College. We are grateful to our friends in the Central Conference for sharing with us in this great ministry of Christian higher education.

*New campus.* After eleven years of operation in an old elementary school building, the college moved this fall the major portion of its activities to a new 90-acre campus valued at \$1 million.

The campus site was purchased at a cost of \$112,000, the Henderson Academic Building was constructed at a cost of \$400,000, and a \$500,000 dormitory complex is nearing completion. The office of the president, dean, faculty, and all departments of instruction except music are in the Henderson Building. One unit of the dormitory complex is now occupied by 47 men and the other two units, which will house 83 women, are scheduled to be completed by Thanksgiving.

These buildings are the first phase of a long-range development program. Future buildings include a library, cafeteria-student union, chapel, gymnasium, auditorium, and additional academic buildings and dormitories.

*Enrollment* for the fall semester has totaled 352 students. High school seniors who wish to attend Mount Olive next year should file their applications for admissions early. It is the desire of the college to serve every qualified Free Will Baptist student who wants the advantage of attending a Christian college.

*Development fund dinners* are being held again this year throughout the state for the purpose of giving every Free Will Baptist an opportunity

to share in the growth and services of the college. Forthcoming dinners include:

Martin, Pasquotank, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties, Saturday, November 13, 7 p. m., Plymouth School Cafeteria

Wilson County, Monday, November 15, 7:30 p. m., American Legion Building, Highway 301 South, Wilson

Edgemcombe and Halifax Counties, Friday, December 3, 7 p. m., Tarboro Free Will Baptist Church, Tarboro

Beaufort County, Saturday, December 4, 7, p. m., High School Lunch-room, Chocowinity

*A Christian education is the best security we can provide for our children.*

W. Burkette Raper, *President*

## REPORT OF SUPPORT TO MOUNT COLLEGE

(July 1, 1964—June 30, 1965)

Churches	Development Fund		General Fund	
	1964-65	1965-66	1964-65	1965-66
	Gifts	Quota	Gifts	Quota
Aspen Grove	\$ 493	\$ 600	\$ 167	\$ 400
Ayden	3,779	4,000	344	1,000
Bethany	836	1,000	429	750
Black Jack	1,026	1,200	31	600
Cedar Grove		25		25
Community	90	100		25
Daniel's Chapel	216	400	181	300
Dawson's Grove	471	475	156	250
Dilda's Grove	254	250	72	200
Edgewood	357	350	40	150
Elm Grove	405	500	358	500
Faith	50	225	101	150
Free Union	466	600	721	750
Friendship	915	900	321	400
Greenville	548	900	310	600
Grimsley	365	400	84	200
Gum Swamp	752	1,000	330	1,000
Harrell's Chapel	424	425	400	400
Hickory Grove	421	425	274	325
Howell Swamp	619	650	288	400
Hugo	215	225	83	150
Hull Road	1,043	1,200	1,594	1,750
King's Cross Roads	810	850	95	400
LaGrange	220	225	94	150
Little Creek	459	500	123	300
Marlboro	209	300	110	250



Maury	190	150	21	100
Ormondsville	441	500	251	500
Otter's Creek	172	200		50
Owen's Chapel	105	125	5	150
Peace	122	200	145	300
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	66	100	10	50
Pleasant Hill	107	125	100	150
Reedy Branch	854	1,000	785	1,000
Roanoke Rapids Mission		50		50
Rocky Mount	254	300	15	200
Rose Hill	636	750	266	500
Rose of Sharon	245	250	78	150
Saratoga	535	500	57	250
Saints' Delight		25		25
Spring Branch	646	650	15	250
Sweet Gum Grove	158	250	80	250
Tarboro	436	475	84	275
Winterville	582	750	298	400
Walnut Creek	101	200	200	200
Watery Branch	101	150	144	150
Williamston	175	175		125
Piney Grove (Pitt)	2,219	2,200	576	800
Miscellaneous	195	150	502	150
Total	\$23,783	\$27,000	\$10,338	\$18,500

### *The Rewards of Giving*

"This thing of giving I do not understand, any more than you do, but there is something about it that blesses us . . . . Those who give most, have most left . . . . I believe that everyone who dries a tear will be spared the shedding of a thousand tears . . . . I believe that every sacrifice we make will so enrich us in the future that our regret will be that we did not enrich the sacrifice the more . . . .

"Give—and somewhere, from out of the clouds, or from the sacred depths of human hearts, a melody divine will reach your ears, and gladden all your days upon the earth."—*George F. Burba.*

### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 5)

We, the credentials committee, submit the following report:

We recommend that all delegates who have properly registered for this 217th annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1965 session.

We further recommend that all ministers in good standing in this conference be seated in this 1965 session.

Registered today are 29 ministers of the Central Conference, 70 delegates, and 9 visiting ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

C. H. Overman

R. W. Allman

## CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

(Number 6-A)

Today we wish to express our sincere thanks to each of you for your cooperation again this year to make our mission work a success. We would like to mention the following goals which you have made possible:

1. The woman's auxiliaries of the state who gave the metal building that has been erected at Roanoke Rapids. This has aided in providing a nice place of worship; whereas, before all we had was a large room in the house we now use for Sunday school rooms.

2. The State Mission Board for allowing us to be the first to use the metal building, as it was given to them by the State Woman's Auxiliary Conventions.

3. Each one who helped in any way in the installation work. Many came from great distances to aid in the construction and installation work.

4. To all who had a part in making our rally and open house a great success. This rally was held April 4, 1965, and marked a great day for our mission work. Thirteen churches were represented, as well as representatives of the Church Finance Association, State Mission Board, and the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

5. For the cooperation of the Church Finance Association. This association felt that our project was a sound one, and they have financed on two occasions: First, the property at Roanoke Rapids, and second, the new church building at Weldon, which was built with funds you sent in to our mission program. This loan has now been repaid by Weldon and the money is being used to operate our work at Roanoke Rapids.

6. We are thankful to report that the bills we owed as reported last year have been paid. However, there is no time to stop now, we have a good foundation for our work at Roanoke Rapids, but like a youth growing up, there is always something he needs and must have; therefore, parents manage to provide it for him. Our conference is like a parent for Roanoke Rapids and Weldon, they are under our watch care and depend on us for guidance and some support. Our treasurer will give report of our financial condition and needs for next year.

We have one recommendation: That each church continue to give as much or more support as it has this past year, in order that our annual payment of about \$1,000 may be met on time, and that our mission work may continue to be operated on a sound basis, to the glory of God, and as

another step to achieve our goal: AN ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH IN EVERY TOWN.

Respectfully submitted,  
Albert Proctor, *Chairman*

TREASURER'S REPORT  
CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSIONS BOARD

Year Ending October 31, 1965

(Number 6-B)

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Total Amount</i>
Ayden	\$ 5.00
Aspen Grove	50.00
Bethany	25.00
Black Jack	28.00
Cedar Grove	
Community (Weldon)	43.27
Daniel's Chapel	45.00
Dawson's Grove	261.00
Dilda's Grove	78.12
Edgewood	37.50
Elm Grove	27.32
Faith (Lenoir)	27.25
Free Union	77.23
Friendship	120.69
Greenville	27.00
Grimsley	17.69
Gum Swamp	177.80
Harrell's Chapel	35.00
Hickory Grove	183.68
Howell Swamp	
Hugo	10.00
Hull Road	312.02
King's Cross Roads	142.38
LaGrange	
Little Creek	
Marlboro	35.00
Mauy	
Otter's Creek	
Ormondsville	
Owen's Chapel	112.00
Peace	62.35
Piney Grove (Beaufort)	45.00
Piney Grove (Pitt)	97.50
Pleasant Hill	57.40
Reedy Branch	368.10

Roanoke Rapids (Church Offerings)	1,422.00
Rocky Mount	30.00
Rose Hill	107.00
Rose of Sharon	39.00
Saratoga	249.57
Sweet Gum Grove	
Spring Branch	100.13
Sts. Delight	10.00
Tarboro	190.39
Watery Branch	
Walnut Creek	100.00
Winterville	86.26
Williamston	
Ministers	80.00
Second Union Meeting	83.70
Fourth Union Meeting	25.00
Second Union Meeting and Sunday School Convention	122.66
Other Conferences	15.00
State Mission Board (See Below)	900.00
Miscellaneous	66.14
Fifth Sunday Singing Convention	35.16
Central District Auxiliary Convention	30.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$6,200.31</b>
Balance in Bank November 1, 1964	\$ 607.49

#### *Receipts*

State Missions Board (Salary at Roanoke Rapids)	\$ 600.00
State Missions Board (Metal Building at Roanoke Rapids)	300.00
Churches, Union Meetings, etc. (See Above)	5,300.31
Weldon Loan Repaid	4,045.01
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>10,245.32</b>
<b>Total for Which to Account</b>	<b>\$10,852.81</b>

#### *Disbursements*

Weldon:	
Building Project (Loan with Interest)	\$ 490.00
Roanoke Rapids:	
Metal Building	1,049.39
Annual Payment with Interest	970.20
Furniture	85.40
Final Payment of Property Taxes	62.40
Missionary's Salary	3,995.00
Missionary's Rent and Utilities	1,200.00
Insurance, Literature, etc.	281.21

Mission's Utilities	110.65
Mission Board Office Expenses	71.15
Loan Repaid	1,000.00
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Total Disbursed	9,315.40
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Balance in Edgecombe Bank & Trust Co., October 31, 1965	\$1,537.41
Respectfully submitted,	
Raymond T. Sasser, <i>Secretary-Treasurer</i>	

## SUPERANNUATION REPORT

(Number 7)

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1964-1965:

1. We have 10 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks; of this number none are from the Central Conference.

2. We have 17 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks; of this number three are from the Central Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

Churches	\$ 890.94
Auxiliaries	78.05
Sunday Schools	650.81
Leagues	41.53
Layman's Leagues	10.00
Individuals	3,590.03
Unions	294.31

Total	<hr/> \$5,555.67
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4. The budget for 1965-1966 is \$20,000, based on 75¢ per member of the churches of this state.

5. October was Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

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, *Chairman-Treasurer*

## REPORT OF CENTRAL CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

(Number 8)

Our historical collection is growing. On file at Mount Olive College we have lots of old state and district minutes. Anyone desiring information and data of various churches may go to the library at the college and use this material. Librarian Gary Barefoot will assist you with this catalogued material. However, none of this material can be taken from the library as it

Churches	Delegates	No. Church Members	S. S. Members	League Members	W. A. Members	Members Gained	Members Lost	Contributions to Conference	Value of Church Property	Paid to Pastor	Paid to Evangelist	To Children's Home	To Education	To Superannuation
<b>PITT COUNTY</b>														
Ayden	Mrs. Leon Dunn, Mrs. E. L. Hill	204	140	36	23	2	1	\$10.00	\$106,500	\$4,680.00	\$100.00	\$175.00	\$	\$
Bethany	Mrs. Anna B. Nobles, Bill McLawhorn	202	67	16	3	1	7	5.00	70,000	3,815.00	100.00	139.46	533.41	25.00
Black Jack	Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Boyd, Mrs. Queenie Clark, Mrs. Mamie D. Boyd	502	447	67	14	17	15	15.00	165,000	4,550.00	460.00	1,527.22	2,049.00	113.00
Dilda's Grove		79	83	20	22	1	1	10.00	17,500	1,320.00	200.00	563.84	548.38	96.76
Elm Grove	Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Levi Worthington	276	264	79	23	27	12	25.00	99,000	4,420.00	200.00	542.25	854.50	
Greenville	Mrs. Harvey Moore, Mrs. C. J. Harris, Mrs. J. R. Hawkins	550	223	57	29	2	102	20.00	85,000	4,500.00	225.00	872.69	645.73	
Gum Swamp	Charlie Spain, Roosevelt Spain	395	116					10.00	50,000	3,246.00	300.00	703.59	1,561.51	
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Martha Rollins, Mrs. Lucille Harris	116	79	15	2	2	2	10.00	17,000	1,515.00	357.74	264.56	692.36	27.69
King's Cross Roads	Mrs. Joe Jones, Mrs. Johnnie J. Wooten	203	169	25	1	3	3	10.00	25,000	3,544.88	200.00	1,175.00	737.00	72.49
Marlboro	Mrs. Dessie Little	150	166	46	35	3	9	5.00	25,000	4,410.00	470.00	573.12	186.00	
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. W. L. Haddock, Mrs. Amos Sutton, Mrs. Roy Page Gaskins	125	72	20				5.00	25,000	1,950.00	200.00	200.00	100.00	60.00
Reedy Branch	Charlie Little, Mrs. Lena Hooks, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. Pearl Worthington	269	197		25	11	8	25.00	117,000	5,200.00	100.00	762.54	1,198.87	40.00
Rose Hill	Myra Stanley, Mrs. Julia F. Branch													
Sweet Gum Grove														
Piney Grove	Ruby Joyner, Evelyn Nobles, Mrs. Irene Joyner	297	203	38	40	13	5	10.00	50,000	3,119.40	260.00	962.73	2,895.96	160.35
Winterville	Mrs. Juanita Tripp, Mrs. Edith Nobles, W. R. Harris	191	157	35	56	5		10.00	62,000	3,775.00	100.00	1,066.45	853.47	39.00
<b>GREENE COUNTY</b>														
Free Union	Mrs. Noah S. Beaman, Mrs. Alton Beaman, Mrs. C. L. Patrick, Mrs. Archie Coggins, Mrs. Ida Jones	460	336	93	22	11	25.00	100,000	4,420.00	300.00	1,443.00	1,100.00	8.00	
Friendship	J. E. Norman, Carlos Tyson	178	215	91	34			18.00	18,000	1,920.00	250.00	676.21	1,146.54	20.00
Grimsley		93	74	18	21	3	3	10.00	20,000	1,880.00	225.00	258.13	349.34	12.22
Harrell's Chapel	R. E. Hart	125	170	23	15	10	8.00	25,000	1,200.00	300.00	343.00	824.00	25.00	
Howell Swamp		130	83	34		5	5	10.00	40,000	1,755.00	100.00	572.75	537.39	136.00
Hull Road	Mrs. Grace Symour, Emma Mae Phillips, J. Alford Ginn, Mrs. Bessie Woodall	472	245	50	20	5	2	25.00	76,900	3,700.00	200.00	500.00	1,500.00	50.00
Spring Branch	Paul Galloway, Ralph Beaman	232	173	24	18	3	3	25.00	47,000	1,597.50	225.00	695.70	595.00	74.25
Sis. Delight	Mrs. Fred Tripp, Miss Judy Ann Bowen	52	52					5.00	7,000	300.00	150.00	15.00	25.00	
Little Creek		117	106	17	25	1	1	10.00	50,000	1,800.00	125.00	450.00	468.00	85.00
Maury	Mrs. R. L. Spivey, Mrs. Claud Tyson	20	30			2		10.00	5,000	130.00	100.00		10.00	
Ormondsville	Edward Bowen, G. E. Mooring	157	127		50	9	4	10.00	25,000	3,450.00	300.00	788.00	597.00	66.00
<b>EDGEcombe COUNTY</b>														
Edgewood	J. L. Baker	127	103	28	2	1	1	10.00	12,000	1,560.00	100.00	270.00	507.00	
Otter's Creek	Mrs. Bell Hinson, Mrs. Mary Wooten	69	54	9	16	1	2	5.00	25,000	890.00	100.00	100.00	234.00	
Peace	Mrs. Hubert Burress	35	70	11		1	1		23,000	1,515.00	75.00	103.46	167.15	54.65
Rocky Mount	Mrs. Nancy Holmes, C. D. Pierce Jr.	120	96	10	51	9	4	5.00	45,000	3,040.00	65.00	140.00	169.00	12.00
Tarboro	Mrs. L. E. Dail, Mrs. Allen Deal	292	246	75	50	16	7	20.00	113,500	3,900.00	200.00	125.00	455.00	10.00
<b>LENOIR COUNTY</b>														
Faith	Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Hedgepeth	100	100	10				5.00	20,000	4,310.00	200.00	20.00	199.02	
Hugo	Mrs. Bertha Harris, Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. Howard Holt, Mrs. Welton Faulkner	123	150	30	3	5	5	10.00	22,000	983.28	95.00	139.46	231.54	5.00
LaGrange	Mrs. Sudie Wiggins, Annie Ruth Herring	153	165	20	19	3	6	5.00	30,000	3,835.00	200.00	354.52	389.81	26.60
<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>														
Walnut Creek		50	90					10.00	15,000	1,060.00	100.00	150.00	135.00	200.00
Watery Branch	Mrs. Edgar Denton	103	97	21	3	3	3	10.00	12,000	1,452.00	135.57	125.00	193.66	10.00
<b>WILSON COUNTY</b>														
Aspen Grove	A. G. Mangum, Mrs. Lester Gay	198	204	39	17	2	2	10.00	30,000	1,680.00	150.00	977.50	298.36	98.86
Daniel's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Charlie W. Pittman Jr.	204	180	25	7	2	2	10.00	30,000	4,219.25	200.00	300.00	361.45	
Owen's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Walston, Mrs. James Everett	194	139	20	18	23	2	10.00	20,000	3,380.00	275.00	300.00	95.00	125.00
Saratoga	Mrs. Everett Brice, Mrs. Joel Ellis	191	141	33	1	9	9	10.00	50,000	3,900.00	260.00	461.84	349.00	2.53
<b>MARTIN COUNTY</b>														
Cedar Grove	Mayo Howell	60	74	12	7	1	1	5.00	8,000	840.00	150.00	25.00		5.00
Rose of Sharon	M. S. Cowan, Gilbert Rawls	141	90		12	11	11	10.00	12,000	1,250.00	100.00	180.00	235.00	40.00
Williamston	Mrs. Carrie Leggett	113	85	20	18	4	1	5.00	20,000	3,570.00	150.00	172.01	175.00	12.00
<b>BEAUFORT COUNTY</b>														
Piney Grove														
<b>HALIFAX COUNTY</b>														
Dawson's Grove														
Community		47	53	24		3	3	10.00	21,000	1,580.00	100.00	240.29	614.92	3.60
Panola Rapids Mission	Mrs. Noah Brown, Mrs. Nell Duncan	121	134	76	20	42	4	10.00	15,000	1,260.00	165.00	24.50	130.00	

Churches	To Church Finance Association	To Missions	To Cragmont Assembly	To Promotional Work	Repairs and Improvements	Miscellaneous	Paid Out for All Purposes
<b>PITT COUNTY</b>							
Ayden	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Bethany		55.92	25.00		341.34	2,512.04	10,813.31
Black Jack		700.06				4,720.29	7,210.93
Dilda's Grove		287.12	37.38	2.00	3,438.32	784.92	16,537.88
Elm Grove	10.00	248.36	23.00		10,148.04	373.55	21,250.39
Greenville		607.90	87.40		5,092.27	4,209.82	29,463.22
Gum Swamp		236.05	50.00		3,820.90	687.25	16,249.72
Hickory Grove	9.78	380.04	57.01	12.87	142.53	598.55	11,521.50
King's Cross Roads		340.00	20.00		170.00	342.41	4,058.10
Marlboro		60.00			368.00	946.30	6,601.76
Pleasant Hill					900.00	350.00	6,952.42
Reedy Branch		400.00	50.00		15,155.47	3,269.16	3,765.00
Rose Hill							25,751.04
Sweet Gum Grove							
Piney Grove	5.00	629.51	81.36	5.00	1,661.97	2,825.19	12,606.47
Winterville		195.96	92.50		2,970.80	1,470.80	10,563.93
<b>GREENE COUNTY</b>							
Free Union		439.00	36.00	28.00	11,215.00	1,243.00	21,842.00
Friendship		533.26			453.14	407.06	6,107.36
Grimsley		124.52	35.00		410.00	875.04	4,169.85
Harrell's Chapel		100.00	35.00		2,500.00	200.00	5,727.00
Howell Swamp		186.00	36.00		1,713.00	348.25	5,851.35
Hull Road		1,000.00	25.00	50.00	250.00	500.00	
Spring Branch	20.00	200.81	30.00	15.00	1,240.52	2,927.31	7,621.09
Sts. Delight							
Little Creek		12.00			146.00	1,544.95	4,630.95
Maury		10.00			6.38	29.00	
Ormondsville	25.00	199.00	25.00	25.00	632.00	1,723.00	7,825.00
<b>EDGECOMBE COUNTY</b>							
Edgewood		175.50	30.00		800.00	858.00	4,300.00
Otter's Creek					2,251.54	454.54	4,030.08
Peace	10.00	166.00	25.00	15.00	401.70	189.55	2,722.51
Rocky Mount	25.00	81.31	85.00		514.49	2,520.45	8,125.48
Tarboro		400.00	50.00		2,505.09	8,051.63	15,696.72
<b>LENOIR COUNTY</b>							
Faith	1,078.00	40.25			581.23	946.45	7,375.00
Hugo		55.00	20.00				1,423.01
LaGrange		162.48	9.40		63.25	1,288.11	6,228.17
<b>WAYNE COUNTY</b>							
Walnut Creek		500.00				361.00	2,506.00
Watery Branch		50.00	10.00		81.70	308.89	2,376.82
<b>WILSON COUNTY</b>							
Aspen Grove	45.77	385.38	66.93	36.20	692.41	610.77	6,749.22
Daniel's Chapel		180.00			919.45	2,335.20	8,515.11
Owen's Chapel		181.00	20.00		1,222.00	700.00	6,298.00
Saratoga	17.00	262.59	9.40	4.18	874.07	562.48	7,790.60
<b>MARTIN COUNTY</b>							
Cedar Grove	15.00	20.00		50.00	405.00	246.96	1,756.96
Rose of Sharon		19.00				760.00	2,600.00
Williamston		5.00			20.97	1,563.06	6,431.14
<b>BEAUFORT COUNTY</b>							
Piney Grove							
<b>HALIFAX COUNTY</b>							
Dawson's Grove							
Community		547.64	57.80	60.00	217.51	427.75	4,571.91
Roanoke Rapids Mission		76.00		10.00	993.58	486.55	2,728.00

is under lock and key in fire-proof cabinets. This material is of untold value to us as a denomination as it cannot be duplicated.

Several years ago we passed a motion that each local church appoint a church historian. His duty was to write a complete history of his church and send a copy to the conference historian with all this material to be bound in one large book. I suggest that you pastors present this plan to your churches and appoint a historian whose duty will be to make contact with your now living oldest members and secure all the information you can from them; also collect all clerk records. Then you may go to Mount Olive College library and secure what information you can there.

We have been very fortunate, after much searching throughout our denomination, to finally secure three original red, hardback copies of Harrison-Barfield Free Will Baptist History. We have found several individuals who have given liberal donations to our collection. Sometimes we have found materials in bookstores which we had to buy since they were out of print. One individual sometime ago gave \$100 to be used as needed for our collection. The same person has recently donated \$50 for this purpose.

Each pastor and delegate, please go home and tell our people to join in this drive and send me any old minutes, papers, disciplines, or any other material you may have or know about. We are now in need of a 1912 discipline. If you know of anyone who might have one, please contact me at once.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. L. Spivey, *Historian*  
Maury, North Carolina

(I am sorry I can't be meeting with you, but due to illness I am deprived fellowshiping with you at this time. I trust you may have a glorious session with many wonderful blessings.—Mrs. H. L. Spivey.)

## REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(Number 9)

The Church Finance Association, Inc., has now completed twenty-five years—one quarter of a century—of service to Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

The association was formed in April 1940, by action of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and was endorsed by the convention in September 1940, as the agency for helping in church extension within this state.

The Church Finance Association was formed:

- "a. To finance or assist in financing church buildings and other denominational property with the express stipulation that this section and the matter hereinafter set out apply only to the denominational property of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina."

The extent to which the association has fulfilled its purpose can be



seen from the fact that it has made a total of 102 loans for a total amount of \$533,982.45.

The solvency of this agency is attested to by its financial condition as of January 1, 1965, as follows:

Total Assets	\$164,200.90
Total Liabilities	150,145.15
Surplus, or Earned Profits	\$ 14,055.75

The confidence of our people in this agency is attested by the fact that we now have 295 members who have placed almost \$20,000 in membership fees in the association; and Free Will Baptist organizations and individuals have almost \$150,000 deposited with the association for its use. Deposit loans to the association will currently draw interest at 4 percent per annum.

We continue to have applications for more good loans than we have funds to take care of. We invite those who can to help make these funds available through memberships and/or deposit loans.

The Central Conference has \$50 in the Church Finance Association, Inc., as membership fees, for which it holds two membership certificates.

The next annual meeting of the membership of the Church Finance Association, Inc., will be held at Mount Olive College on Tuesday, January 11, 1966.

For information write Church Finance Association, Inc., Box 220, Middlesex, North Carolina 27557.

Respectfully submitted,

R. N. Hinnant, *President*

M. L. Johnson, *Secretary-Treasurer*

## OBITUARY REPORT

(Number 10)

At this time a memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Melvin Moore for Mrs. Nettie Thigpen, a member of the Saratago Free Will Baptist Church. The service opened with the hymn, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," which was followed with Scripture, Hebrews 11:8-17, by the Rev. R. L. Norville. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Melvin Moore. The service closed with Mrs. J. C. Moye singing "Beyond the Sunset."

## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(Number 11)

Since our discipline teaches us to abstain from the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and realizing the effect it is having upon the youth of our nation; we recommend the following to our churches, ministers, and leaders:

1. Educate our youth to the evil of strong drink.
2. Call their attention to the tragedies it causes.

3. Teach total abstinence rather than moderation.
4. Use the teaching agencies of our church, such as YFA, AFC, league, Sunday school, and pulpit to constructively channel the energies of our youth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Willis Wilson, *Chairman*  
Norman Ard  
C. J. Harris

## REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL (Number 12)

The report of the ordaining council to the Central Conference when in session with the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church, Marlboro, North Carolina, this sixth day of November, 1965.

The officers of the ordaining council this year have been the Revs. Edward Miles, chairman; and Charles Sapp, secretary. The other members comprising the board are the Revs. Michael Pelt, Willis Wilson, and Norman Ard.

The board has seconded the licensing of Mr. Edgar Benton, Mr. Harry Brown, and Mr. James W. Pittman; and has granted its approval of Mr. Stewart Humphrey for ordination, with the understanding that his ordination will take place upon the completion of his college requirements.

The board of ordination met at the Central Conference when in session with the Marlboro Free Will Baptist Church and reports the following action:

1. The Rev. Kemery Ard is recommended for membership in the conference upon receipt of a letter from the Cape Fear Conference. He is now serving the Ayden Church.
2. The Rev. Leonard Woodall is recommended for membership in the conference. He transfers from the Western Conference, and presently serves the Hull Road Church. (Letter received November 11, 1965.)
3. The Rev. Cedric D. Pierce is recommended for membership in the conference on receipt of a letter from the Western Conference.
4. The Rev. W. L. Poythress is recommended for membership in the conference on receipt of a letter from the Western Conference.
5. The board voted to license Brother Horace Benton.
6. The Rev. Harold Jones is recommended for membership in the conference on the receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Western Conference.
7. The Rev. Robert Rollins is recommended for membership in the conference on the receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Western Conference.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward Miles, *Chairman*  
Charles Sapp, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

(Number 13)

There has been one meeting of the board of trustees this year.

The board made a loan of \$2,500 to the Weldon Church which was paid back with interest in March, 1965. The chairman of the board turned this amount into the treasury of the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. Mangum, *Chairman*

Mrs. J. C. Moye, *Secretary*

## REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

(Number 14)

Resolve that we give a rising vote of thanks to this church for its kind hospitality in taking care of this conference in such a nice way.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Manning

R. W. Allman

N. D. Beaman

## STATE CONVENTION MISSIONS REPORT

(Number 15)

Those of us who are committed to the responsibility of directing the missions program of the convention are very grateful of the support the Central Conference churches have given. The missions program is not ours. It is yours; we are your servants to administer the missions and church extension program to the best of our ability, only under the leadership of the Holy Spirit. With your continued prayers and financial support we shall advance the cause of missions as becoming to the church at large, and as you make possible this ministry. We welcome your advice and suggestions in ways to better administer the program and meet the challenge before us.

We especially commend the people of the Central Conference for your efforts and support of a conference missions program designed to build a church of the like faith in every community.

The coordinated missions effort of the State Convention, including all extended missions work, on the local conference level is composed of the following: There are eleven adults in Spanish missions work, seven of whom are full-time paid workers; the other four are wives of ministers. There are twenty-eight ministers, including their wives, working in the home missions department. Not all of these workers are receiving funds. Those in the Central Conference area are supported jointly by your conference and the convention mission department. Some are receiving designated funds only, and others are being assisted by their local conferences. So far, we have been able to assist in every area where an urgent appeal for funds has been presented; however, in most of these areas we have not been able to amply use the opportunities presented to us because of the lack of funds and qualified missions

personnel: We are persuaded that our ministers and churches should earnestly seek spiritual guidance in encouraging more of our younger people to enter the ministry and the field of missions to fulfill their life's calling.

In the home missions department there are fifteen mission church organizations. In Mexico there are eight mission organizations under the Rev. J. E. Timmons, director. Progress is being made in the work there. A scheduled trip will be made to this work to dedicate a recently constructed building. We are hoping several ministers will make the trip. No support is going to Arizona-Mexico Missions work. Under the present circumstances it is not wise to invest more funds there. No support is scheduled to be given until complete settlement is made for the past support. Just when we felt we were approaching a state of security—the investment was becoming to be valuable to us in a missionary endeavor—and that we could begin to move on with a stable work, we were forced into a legal contest to prove the legal value of existing contracts and work agreements. The only alternate to this would have been to forego our right to investments we have made in the amount of \$32,621.69. Should we not have taken action, the harvest was scheduled to be reaped by the management of Arizona-Mexico Missions.

With legal advice and ample reason to believe we are protected we have attached the real properties appraised at more than \$30,000 and are proceeding to judgment for protection, either to take charge of the properties or to force the sale of same. This move we did reluctantly and after prayerful consideration of previous relationship. We have been promised some disposition and status change the first of the calendar year.

Letters, pleas, and other information have been sent over the country and to many of our people from Nogales, Arizona, in an effort to get support for the work there independent of the convention's missions department. Much of this misleading information has been designed to create doubt as to the mission board's Christian honesty and integrity in dealing with Arizona-Mexico Missions. We have received no criticism whatsoever in our relationship with Arizona-Mexico Missions except such as we have received concerning stopping funds and our efforts to protect the investment. If funds are sent to Arizona-Mexico Missions, they will be used in an attempt to gain the investment we have already made. If any group has forwarded funds for Arizona-Mexico Missions work since June 1, 1965, you may redesignate or recall such funds if you so desire; however, they are being used for general Mexico missions work under the Rev. J. E. Timmons.

The budget last year was \$50,000. Our total income was \$37,491.74. We fell short \$12,058.26; however, receipts were approximately \$8,000 above the previous year. The convention has adopted a total budget of \$50,000 again this year. We look forward, with your support, to reaching our complete budget this year.

On any given Sunday there are approximately 1,100 people attending missions organizations sponsored by Original Free Will Baptists in the State Convention. During the last two years more than \$90,000 in church properties have been purchased in new areas by mission organizations in the con-

vention. Within weeks we shall approach \$105,000 in purchases. During this two year period only \$61,787.54 has been given through this department for all purposes. There is no doubt that progress is being made. The great need is for more of our ministers and laymen to measure the returns and give systematic and regular support to the missions cause. Only by establishing missions-minded churches and ordaining those who will support the missions cause can we meet the challenge and survive as a denomination. We must evangelize or be evangelized by those who build their organizations at the expense of our neglect.

Our main concern and concentration this year will be on assisting the work at Roanoke Rapids, and Palmer Memorial, Raleigh; assisting in erecting an educational building and providing for a minister at Jackson Heights, Kinston; and assisting the people at Wildwood near Newport in erecting an educational building. We must assist the organization in Virginia Beach, Virginia, for them to keep up payments on a recent purchase of \$25,000 in properties. They must build a building soon to eliminate rent of \$200 per month. Hillsberry Church in Clinton, which is a little more than two years old, is having more than sixty in attendance at present. They need our assistance for another year. There are several young organizations in the Piedmont and Western part of the state which are requesting our support. Unless we expend some funds in those areas we shall never hope to be of lasting service and establish supporting churches there. The area of Aurora is in need of ground work for a new organization. In the last few years there is predicted to be an increase of nearly a million in population in Eastern North Carolina due to phosphate mining and other related products. We shall keep an eye on the new church in Fayetteville. The church there will occupy a recently purchased church building on November 14. The building and all furnishings were purchased for \$25,500.

We shall continue in Spanish missions work as rapidly as constructive progress can be made. There are 40,000,000 people in Mexico, approximately 40 percent of which are under 15 years of age. More than 85 percent of all religious belief in Mexico is of Roman Catholic persuasion; however, a small percentage are influenced by the State Church. We hope by the end of the church year to have a \$5,000 fund built up to place Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow on a new mission field. They are at present ready for our commitment and support. We are confronted with other candidates for mission service. What would each of us as parents do if our son or daughter were aspiring to the mission field if our denomination was not able to send them? Employment is dependent upon our mission support.

The fields are white unto harvest. Are we standing in the gap, or are we standing in the way of the dying and failing to respond to the gospel call? I am persuaded that we can be used in a greater way if we are willing to accept the responsibility and commit ourselves to the task.

The following is a list of contributions from the Central Conference area, along with a list of total contributions from other areas for your information:

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Amounts</i>
Aspen Grove	\$ 369.25
Ayden	107.08
Bethany	92.93
Black Jack	647.07
Cedar Grove	
Community	
Daniel's- Chapel	235.00
Dawson's Grove	75.00
Dilda's Grove	247.70
Edgewood	10.00
Elm Grove	251.03
Faith	
First, Greenville	622.39
First, Rocky Mount	51.31
First, Tarboro	300.00
Free Union	241.00
Friendship	366.05
Grimsley	110.74
Gum Swamp	5.00
Harrell's Chapel	
Hickory Grove	92.83
Howell Swamp	150.00
Hugo	25.00
Hull Road	440.87
King's Cross Roads	311.88
LaGrange	39.12
Little Creek	
Marlboro	10.00
Maury	
Ormondsville	179.00
Otter's Creek	
Owen's Chapel	60.00
Peace	87.35
Piney Grove (Pitt County)	632.55
Pleasant Hill	
Reedy Branch	27.30
Roanoke Rapids	
Rose Hill	75.00
Rose of Sharon	40.00
Saints Delight	
Saratoga	17.25
Spring Branch	74.55
Sweet Gum Grove	
Walnut Creek	405.00
Watery Branch	25.00
Williamston	5.00

Winterville	86.50
Youth Rally	97.98
Fourth Union	23.83
Fourth Sunday School Conventon	30.00
Fourth Auxiliary Convention	20.00
Second Union	77.36
Individuals, Churches Unknown	160.00

Total	\$6,824.92
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Albemarle Conference, 19 Churches	\$ 2,725.29
Cape Fear Conference, 27 Churches	2,733.25
Central Conference, 47 Churches	6,824.92
Eastern Conference, 80 Churches	10,346.05
Pee Dee Association, 16 Churches	212.37
Piedmont Conference, 19 Churches	65.38
Rockfish Conference, 3 Churches	
Western Conference, 41 Churches	6,441.91
North Carolina Woman's Auxiliary Convention	4,469.76
Miscellaneous, Churches, Individuals, Interest, and Out of State Donations	4,152.81

Total Receipts for Missions	\$37,941.74
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Non-participating churches by conferences were: Albemarle, 8; Cape Fear, 9; Central, 10; Eastern, 18; Pee Dee, 14; Piedmont, 16; Rockfish, 3; Western, 11. A total of 89 churches did not participate in the mission's program.

Churches giving \$50 or less, 58; giving between \$100 and \$500, 59; giving between \$500 and \$1,000, 5; giving more than \$1,000, 5.

Respectfully submitted,

R. H. Jackson, *Chairman*

A. B. Bryan, *Director-Treasurer*

## REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(Number 16)

We thank you for the valuable support you gave this Children's Home last year. Our records show that during the year ending August 31, 1965, we received a total of \$24,654.00 from individuals, churches, and other organizations of your district. (This includes gifts from all sources and for all purposes and is the amount actually received in our office, but does not include funds that were en route at the close of August.) Of this amount, \$475.78 was designated for the Central Conference Building Fund. Forty-seven of your churches were represented by these gifts.

In addition to the cash given by you during the year, many of you also remembered this Home with coupons, foods, linens, clothing, visits, prayers,

and in many other ways. All of these have been very helpful and are deeply appreciated.

We now have seventy-eight children in our care. Applications are pending for several children more than we will be able to care for.

The total number of children who have been admitted to this Home since it was opened on May 23, 1920, is now 539. Applications have been made for many others who were worthy, but for whom we had no room. We need to enlarge our facilities if we are to serve all those who look to us and are worthy.

#### GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Our Golden Anniversary Development Program includes a building schedule that will provide the additional facilities needed to care for one hundred children.

We are happy to report that this building schedule is well underway. We have the new staff residence and the new boys' cottage both "dried in" and hope to complete them by early spring. The next building called for in our schedule is the new girls' cottage. We would like to begin construction on this building during 1966. This is the building for which this conference has been raising a special fund. You have \$8,555.61 in this fund as of November 1, 1965.

#### REPORT OF GIFTS THIS YEAR AND SUGGESTED QUOTAS FOR NEXT YEAR

The following is a report of the gifts received from this district during last year and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1965-1966.

The suggested quotas are the same as those for 1964-1965. They are based upon our needs for general operating funds and to help reach the goals established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program. We hope to be able to complete our development program without a special building fund campaign. We also hope to do the above without the use of special building fund quotas, or the necessity of "going in debt."

Church	Gifts During 1964-1965	Suggested Quota 1965-1966
Aspen Grove	\$ 1,007.50	\$ 1,250.00
Ayden	813.19	1,250.00
Bethany	322.13	500.00
Black Jack	1,612.21	1,250.00
Cedar Grove	35.00	275.00
Community	31.17	100.00
Daniel's Chapel	408.11	550.00
Dawson's Grove	188.95	300.00
Dilda's Grove	462.77	500.00
Edgewood	301.36	400.00
Elm Grove	669.01	700.00
Faith	72.90	250.00



Free Union	1,464.41	1,500.00
Friendship	651.21	1,000.00
Greenville	899.38	1,500.00
Grimsley	259.13	350.00
Gum Swamp	1,124.94	1,200.00
Harrell's Chapel	558.00	500.00
Hickory Grove	309.21	250.00
Howell Swamp	627.75	500.00
Hugo	263.49	350.00
Hull Road	914.83	1,000.00
King's Cross Roads	1,196.16	1,200.00
LaGrange	354.52	550.00
Little Creek	390.00	450.00
Marlboro	773.29	750.00
Maury	22.00	150.00
Ordmondsville	697.92	1,200.00
Otter's Creek	107.00	250.00
Owen's Chapel	347.63	400.00
Peace	108.46	200.00
Piney Grove, Beaufort County	152.33	200.00
Piney Grove, Pitt County	879.35	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	207.00	300.00
Reedy Branch	958.99	1,000.00
Rocky Mount	130.00	375.00
Rose Hill	710.19	800.00
Rose of Sharon	201.35	300.00
Saints Delight	10.00	100.00
Saratoga	622.24	500.00
Spring Branch	406.03	500.00
Sweet Gum Grove	550.81	500.00
Tarboro	85.00	250.00
Walnut Creek	150.00	150.00
Watery Branch	85.00	200.00
Williamston	158.93	250.00
Winterville	902.00	800.00
Miscellaneous	1,450.63	2,150.00

Totals

\$24,654.00

\$30,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

## FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 17)

The credentials committee reports the total registration for this 1965 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Ministers

34

Delegates	88
Visiting Ministers	13
Churches Represented	38
Churches Represented by Letter	7
Respectfully submitted,	
R. W. Allman	
C. H. Overman	
Leo Tripp	

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 18)

### Receipts

By Church Letters	\$503.00
Mount Olive College Offering	81.16
Children's Home Offering	84.20
Total to Be Account For	\$688.36

### Disbursements

Clerk	\$35.00
Mount Olive College	81.16
Children's Home	84.20
Hubert Burruss (Expenses)	10.94
L. B. Manning (Mileage)	3.00
Total Disbursed	214.30

Amount Turned Over to Treasurer \$454.06

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Leon Dunn, *Chairman*

Leo Tripp

D. W. Barrow

Edward Bowen

## REPORT OF CHILDREN'S HOME COMMITTEE

(Number 19)

We, the Children's Home committee, wish to make the following report and recommendations:

During the year 1964-1965, the people of our Central Conference gave a total of \$24,654 to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Of this amount, \$475.78 was designated for the Central Conference Building Fund.

About seven years ago this conference started a special fund at the Children's Home for the purpose of building a cottage for older girls. There was \$8,555.61 in this fund as of November 1, 1965.

A new cottage for older boys is now under construction at the Children's Home and is expected to be ready for use by early spring. The proposed cottage for older girls is greatly needed now. It is included in the schedule of the Golden Anniversary Development Program of the Children's Home. We believe this cottage should be built just as soon as possible.

In view of the above, we recommend:

1. That we reaffirm our desire to make possible the cottage mentioned above.
2. That we specifically authorize our executive committee to work with the superintendent and building committee of the Children's Home in mutual efforts to begin the above mentioned cottage during 1966.
3. That we urge the management of the Children's Home and our executive committee to conduct a special campaign in our churches during the early part of 1966 to solicit special funds for this project. We also urge our people to give their best possible support during the campaign.

Respectfully submitted,

J. T. Beddard, Jr.

Mrs. Queenie Clark

Mrs. Addie Mae Coggins

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Number 20)

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 211.51
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#### *Receipts*

Contributions from Churches	508.00
Cragmont Assembly	109.14
Mount Olive College	83.62
Children's Home	134.80

Total to Account For	\$1,047.07
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#### *Disbursements*

Cragmont Assembly	\$109.14
Mount Olive College	83.62
Children's Home	134.80
Free Will Baptist Press	221.02
Hubert Burress	46.36
C. L. Patrick	25.00
Free Will Baptist Press (5-4-65)	271.18
Free Will Baptist Press (11-8-65)	58.28

Total Disbursed

949.40

Balance in Treasury

\$ 97.67

Respectfully submitted,

C. J. Harris, *Treasurer*

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Number 21)

**Board of Ordination:** The Rev. Willis Wilson to succeed himself.

**Board of Trustees:** Mr. Guy Corbett to succeed Mr. Floyd Harris.

**Board of Missions:** Mr. Albert Proctor to succeed himself.

**Board of Finance:** Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr. to succeed Mrs. Leon Dunn.

**To Represent Free Will Baptist Foundation:** Mr. Willard Ellis to succeed Mr. Levi Worthington.

**Credentials Committee:** The Rev. W. H. Willis to succeed the Rev. R. W. Allman.

**Obituary Committee:** The Rev. Joe Barrow to succeed the Rev. R. P. Harris.

**To Represent Finance Association:** The Rev. W. S. Burns to succeed himself.

Respectfully submitted,

C. L. Patrick

Melvin Moore

Randolph Harris

# 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 Church 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 Baptists 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 the 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 cooperate with the churches and the Conference in furthering the establishment of

churches within the bounds of the Conference. The mission board shall endeavor through cooperating 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 stockholders' 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 recommendations 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.



that 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.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the members of the Conference to attend the annual session and to be present for the entire session. The members shall be notified of the time and place of the annual session by the secretary of the Conference at least thirty days before the session begins.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the members of the Conference to pay the dues and to contribute to the support of the Conference. The dues shall be determined by the Conference at its annual session. The members shall be notified of the amount of the dues by the secretary of the Conference at least thirty days before the session begins.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the members of the Conference to be present at the annual session and to be present for the entire session. The members shall be notified of the time and place of the annual session by the secretary of the Conference at least thirty days before the session begins.

## BYLAWS

Section 1. The members of the Conference shall be organized into local chapters. The local chapters shall be organized in accordance with the bylaws of the Conference. The members shall be notified of the time and place of the annual session by the secretary of the Conference at least thirty days before the session begins.

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