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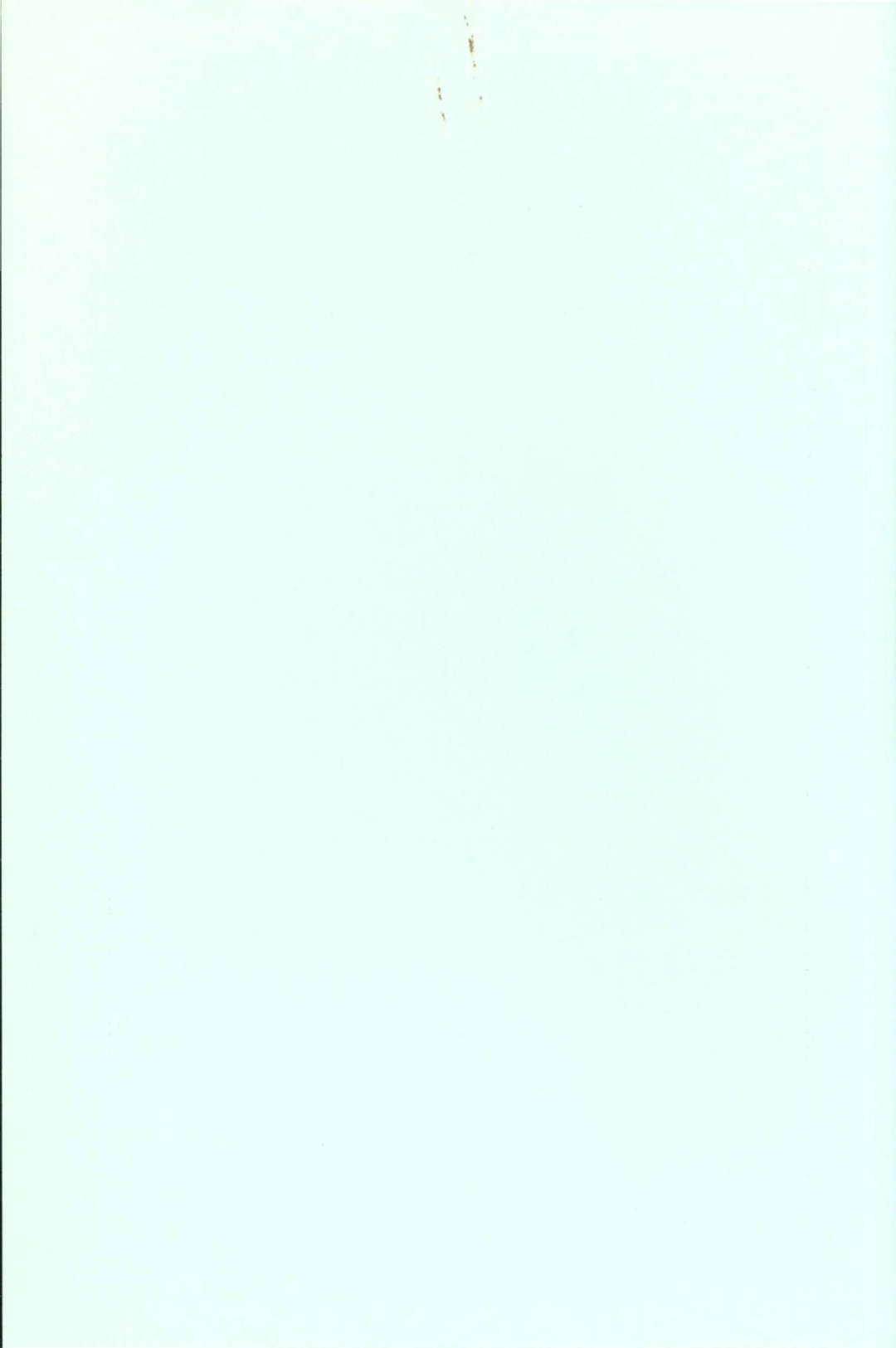
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Officers of the Conference

MODERATOR

Rev. N. D. Beaman, Snow Hill, N. C.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR

Rev. R. W. Allman, Saratoga, N. C.

CLERK

Rev. Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C.

ASSISTANT CLERK

Rev. James W. Pittman, Wilson, N. C.

TREASURER

Rev. L. B. Woodall, Snow Hill, N. C.

Boards and Committees

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. L. B. Manning

Rev. N. D. Beaman

Rev. Hubert Burress

Rev. L. B. Woodall

Rev. R. W. Allman

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. C. H. Overman (1973)

Rev. F. B. Cherry (1972)

Rev. N. B. Barrow (1971)

Rev. Willis Wilson (1970)

Rev. C. L. Patrick (1974)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Roy T. Forrest (1973)

A. G. Mangum (1972)

Mrs. J. C. Moye (1971)

Guy Corbett (1970)

Earl Skinner (1974)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. L. E. Ballard (1973)

Rev. Vance Link (1972)

Rev. Raymond T. Sasser (1971)

Albert Proctor (1970)

Daniel Barrow (1974)

BOARD OF FINANCE

J. B. Rouse (1973)

Rev. Kemery Ard (1972)

M. S. Cowan (1971)

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

Mrs. Randolph Harris (1974)

REPRESENTATIVE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Lee Jones (1971)

Floyd Harris (1970)

Rev. Robert Rollins (1972)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. Jack Mayo (1971)

Leo Tripp (1970)

Rev. Joseph Lehmann (1972)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Rev. J. W. Everton (1971)

Rev. James Pittman (1970)

Rev. R. L. Norville (1972)

CONFERENCE HISTORIAN

Mrs. H. L. Spivey (1970)

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN

Ralph A. Bowen (1970)

STOCK IN CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

Rev. Harry Jones Sr.

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

Roll of Churches with Clerks and Addresses

PITT COUNTY

- Ayden—Mrs. J. W. Barfield, 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 27852
Elm Grove—Gerald Briley, Route 1, Box 157-A, Ayden 28513
Greenville—Alton P. Stocks, 1617 E. Wright Road, Greenville 27834
Gum Swamp—Mrs. Patsy S. James, Route 1, Tarboro 27886
Hickory Grove—B. E. Dixon, Route 1, Box 414, Bethel 27812
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—Ernest Leroy Avery, 3004 S. Elm Street, Greenville 27834
Reedy Branch—E. C. Averette, Route 1, Box 86, Winterville 28590
Rose Hill—Mrs. Lester Adams, 1810 Sulgrave Road, Greenville 27834
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—Mrs. Mary G. Taylor, Maury 28554
Harrell's Chapel—R. E. Hart, Route 3, Snow Hill 28580
Howell Swmap—James E. Shackelford, Walstonburg 27888
Hull Road—Cicero McCoy, Route 2, Snow Hill 28580
Little Creek—Mrs. Wanda 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—Mrs. Lucille Stanley, Route 1, Farmville 27828

EDGECOMBE COUNTY

- Edgewood—Mrs. Jean Wooten, Route 1, Pinetops 27864
Otter's Creek—Mrs. Edna Ruth Pittman, Route 1, Box 295, Macclesfield 27852
Peace—Mrs. Edward Walston, Pinetops 27864
Rocky Mount—Mrs. C. R. Jenkins, Box 192, Tarboro Highway, Rocky Mount 27801
Tarboro—Mrs. Lillie Mae Case, 2203 Panola Street, Tarboro 27886

LENOIR 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—R. B. Lancaster Jr., Route 2, Stantonsburg 27883

WILSON COUNTY

Aspen Grove—Robert Oakley, Route 2, Fairville 27828
Daniel's Chapel—C. W. Pittman Jr., Route 3, Wilson 27893
Owen's Chapel—Mrs. Jeanette Braswell, Route 3, Elm City 27822
Saratoga—Mrs. Fred Pittman, Route 1, Statonsburg 27883

MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove—Rachel E. Wynn, Route 3, Williamston 27892
Rose of Sharon—Seth Bailey, Route 2, Williamston 27892
Williamston—Mrs. Doris H. Stevenson, 509 Warren Street, Williams-
ton 27892

BEAUFORT COUNTY

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

HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawson's Grove—Mrs. Jean H. Moore, Route 1, Scotland Neck 27874
Community—Mrs. Francis Harp, Route 2, Box 199-A, Halifax 27839
Roanoke Rapids—Mrs. Margaret Hobgood, 1201 Washington Street,
Roanoke Rapids 27870

Roll of Ministers

	1968	1969
L. B. Manning, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	P
R. H. Mason, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
N. D. Beaman, Route 1, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
*Marshall Joyner, Route 1, Winterville, N. C. 28590		
J. P. Barrow, 3824 Richland Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37200	L	A
C. D. Hamilton, Fountain, N. C. 27829	P	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		
N. B. Barrow, Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Hubert Burress, Pinetops, N. C. 27864	P	P
R. L. Norville, Route 4, Box 124, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Capt. J. B. Narron, 351 Combat Support Group (SAC), Whiteman Air Force Base, Missouri 65301	L	L
R. P. Harris, 1200 Tarboro Street Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801	P	P
Michael Pelt, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	A	P
F. B. Cherry, 303 Meade Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834	P	P
Willis Wilson, Route 1, Box 18, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Edward Miles, Box 220 Middlesex, N. C. 27557	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
Jack Mayo, Route 1, Grantsboro, N. C. 28529	P	A
Sheldon Howard, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365		P
Vance Link, Route 1, Box 120, Enfield, N. C. 27823	A	P
William Futch, Kenly, N. C. 27542		A

R. W. Allman Saratoga, N. C. 27873	P	P
Cary Chesire, 607 East Highland Avenue, Kinston, N. C. 28501	A	A
C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Drive, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Joe Barrow, Biriiri Mission Station, P. B. M. 7295, Umtali Rhodesia	P	A
L. B. Woodall Jr., Route 2, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580	P	P
Robert Rollins, Route 3, Elm City, N. C. 27822	P	P
James W. Pittman, 116 Boswell Street, Wilson N. C. 27893	P	P
Austin Carter, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365	A	P
Kemery Ard, 614 Park Avenue, Ayden, N. C. 28513	P	P
Joseph H. Lehmann, 407 E. Church Street, Farmville, N. C. 27828	P	P
J. W. Everton, Wilson, N. C. 27893	P	P
James Lupton, Winterville, N. C. 28590	P	P
Walter Pollard, 1200 Broad Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834		A
Charles Edwin Branch, Route 1, Box 290, Winter- ville, N. C. 28590		L
Charles Crisp, 1424 Rosewood Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801		P
Harry Jones Sr., Route 6, Greenville, N. C. 27834		P
Cedric D. Pierce Jr., Route 3, Box 325, Green- ville, N. C. 27834		P
Ray Wells, 104 Spruce Street, Williamston, N. C. 27892		P
N. D. Wiggs, Route 7, Box 465, Kinston, N. C. 28501		P
Dallas Carter, Weldon, N. C. 27591		P

LICENSED MINISTERS

David Pittman, Tex Barrow, Chris Singleton, Clinton David, and Lewis Sprouse.

(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 of the conference and he is requested to turn in his credentials.)

* Retired or Disabled

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 221st session with the Hugo Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Kinston, North Carolina, on Wednesday and Thursday, November 5, 6, 1969, at 10 a. m.

The clerk officially opened the conference and presented the moderator, the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

The devotional was given by the Rev. L. E. Ballard.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, the Rev. A. B. Bryan. The response was given by Albert Proctor.

The conference, by motion, voted to accept the printed program with the moderator having the privilege of making any change he deems necessary.

The moderator's address was given by the Rev. N. D. Beaman.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Resolutions: L. B. Manning, Robert Rollins, and Joseph Lehmann.

Temperance: R. T. Sasser, R. P. Harris, and L. B. Woodall Jr.

Nominating: James Pittman, N. B. Barrow, and James Lupton.

Parliamentarian: N. B. Barrow.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows:

Eastern Conference: A. B. Bryan.

Western Conference: R. L. Moore, John Swain, N. D. Wiggs, R. H. Jackson, and Floyd Futrell.

Cape Fear Conference: Walter Reynolds and E. C. Morris.

Albemarle: A. B. Chandler.

The report of the North Carolina State Convention was given by the president, the Rev. Willis Wilson.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was given by the manager, the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The report of the Superannuation Board was given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. (See report No. 2.)

The report of Mount Olive College was given by the Rev. Michael Pelt. (See Report No. 3.)

A worship offering was received for the college in the amount of \$72.95.

The Rev. Willis Wilson brought the morning message on the subject, "Christ, the Unlimited Saviour" (Matthew 28:16-20).

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. James Lupton.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 4.)

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress. (See report No. 1.)

The conference voted to accept the invitation to meet with Daniel's Chapel Church for the 1970 session.

The report of the Central Conference Mission Board was given by the Rev. R. T. Sasser. (See report No. 5.)

The Board of Trustees had no report to be given.

The report of the Central Conference Historian was given by Mrs. H. L. Spivey.

Letters of transfer were granted to the Revs. Melvin T. Moore and Bobby Bazen to the Cape Fear Conference.

A motion was made to give the clerk the authority to issue letters of dismissal to any minister requesting such a letter unless there were charges pending.

A motion was made to lay on the table the revision of Article X, Section 8, until Thursday, November 6, 1969.

A motion was carried to adjourn the conference until 9:30 a. m., Thursday, November 6, 1969.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Thursday morning's devotional was conducted by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr.

The minutes of the previous day's session were read by the clerk and adopted by motion.

The report of the Obituary Committee was given by the moderator. He reported that no ministers of the conference had died during the conference year. The Rev. L. E. Ballard led in a prayer of thankfulness.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. (See report No. 6.) A motion was carried to send a copy of this report to "Thee Free Will Baptist" for publication.

The report of the treasurer was given by the Rev. L. B. Woodall Jr. and adopted by the conference. (See report No. 7.)

The report of the State Mission Board was given by the Rev. R. H. Jackson. He stated that a total of \$16,934.57 had been given to mission work in the past conference year by the Central Conference churches.

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the superintendent, the Rev. Edward Miles. This report was received as information.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. L. B. Manning. (See report No. 10.)

A report of the Finance Committee was given by Mrs. Randolph Harris. (See report No. 8.)

The report of the Church Finance Association was given by the Rev. Hubert Burress.

An offering for the Children's Home was received in the amount of \$79.71.

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by the Rev. Willis Wilson. (See report No. 9.)

The Board of Ordination was in charge of the morning worship service in which the Rev. Dallas J. Carter was ordained to the ministry. Carter is a member of the Community Free Will Baptist Church in Weldon. The sermon was brought by the Rev. C. L. Patrick. The presentation of the Bible was by the Rev. Willis Wilson and the charge was by the Rev. N. B. Barrow. A prayer of consecration was offered by the Rev. F. B. Cherry. The right hand of fellowship was extended by brother ministers and others. The benediction was prayed by the Rev. Vance Link, pastor of Brother Carter's church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon devotional was conducted by the Rev. Robert Rollins.

The report of Cragmont Assembly Inc., was given by the Rev. Cedric D. Pierce Jr.

A motion was made and carried that the names and addresses of our state missionaries be inserted in our minutes.

A motion was made and carried that the note that was due September, 1969, on the East Carolina Fellowship building be extended to September, 1970, as per request by the Rev. F. B. Cherry.

A motion was carried to send the Rev. P. C. Wiggs a love offering of \$50. (A letter of appreciation has been received from Brother Wiggs for the gift.)

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Leo Tripp. (See report No. 11.)

A motion was made and carried to remove from the table the Constitution amendment. By vote the amendment was carried. (See Constitution, Article X, Section 8.)

A motion to give to Cragmont Assembly a gift of \$50 was tabled. An offering for Cragmont was received in the amount of \$100.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. N. B. Barrow and adopted by the conference. (See report No. 12.)

Delegates were appointed to other conferences as follows:

Cape Fear: C. L. Patrick.

Western: Hubert Burress.

Eastern: L. B. Woodall Jr.

Albemarle: Willis Wilson.

Pee Dee: N. B. Barrow.

Rockfish: N. B. Barrow.

Piedmont: Harry Jones Sr.

A motion was carried to adjourn the 1969 session of the Central Conference to meet with the Daniel's Chapel Church for the 222nd session.

The Rev. N. D. Beaman, *Moderator*

The Rev. Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

R E P O R T S

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Number 1)

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met in joint session with the Board of Ordination in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation building on December 6, 1968, at 10 a. m. Members present were N. D. Beaman, L. B. Manning, L. B. Woodlall Jr., and Hubert Burress. Members of the Board of Ordination present were F. B. Cherry, C. L. Patrick, N. B. Barrow, Willis Wilson, and C. H. Overman. Visiting was the Rev. David C. Hansley. Prayer was offered by N. B. Barrow.

The purpose of the meeting was to answer the request of the Rocky Mount Church in regards to the Rev. Charles Crisp of the General Baptist denomination becoming pastor of the church. The clerk was instructed to write the church and deliver a letter giving the information in keeping with our Constitution, Faith, and Discipline. This was done by the clerk.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

N. D. Beaman, *Moderator*

Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

The Executive Committee of the Central Conference met at the Bar-B-Q Barn in Wilson, North Carolina, October 16, 1969, to arrange the program for the Central Conference. Members present were N. D. Beaman, L. B. Woodall Jr., and Hubert Burress.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

N. D. Beaman, *Moderator*

Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

The following business was transacted through a poll: January 15, 1969, the Rev. Norman Ard was granted a letter of transfer to the Eastern Conference. March 26, 1969, the Rev. Edmund Gonzalez was granted a letter of transfer to the Cape Fear Conference.

A motion was passed for the treasurer to place the Conference Loan Fund on deposit with the Church Finance Association Inc. until such time that it may be needed by the conference.

N. D. Beaman, *Moderator*

Hubert Burress, *Clerk*

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

(Number 2)

Greetings: *from the Board of Directors of the Central Conference*

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Central Conference for the year 1968-69.

1. We have 7 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks; of this number none are from the Central Conference.

2. We have 13 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks; of this number one (1) is from the Central Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

(1) Churches	\$1,514.05
(2) Auxiliaries	42.00
(3) Sunday Schools	497.77
(4) Leagues	32.50
(5) Individuals	6,071.73
(6) Unions	176.52

Total \$8,316.57

4. The budget for 1969-70 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, Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

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 MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(Number 3)

The Central Conference is represented on the Mount Olive College Board of Directors by Mrs. Frances Cassick, Piney Grove Church; the Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, First Church of Greenville; Mr. Jack J. Dail, Bethany Church; the Rev. David W. Hansley, LaGrange Church; Mr. E. L. Jones, Howell Swamp Church; and the Rev. Leonard B. Woodall Jr., Hull Road Church. The College is grateful for their dedicated services and they will welcome opportunities to discuss with you your interest in the College and how it might better serve Free Will Baptists.

The Central Conference gave a total of \$28,057.87 to Mount Olive College during the conference year, 1968-69.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Burkette Raper, *President*

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

(Number 4)

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report:

1. We recommend that all delegates who have been properly registered for the 221st annual session of the Central Conference be seated in this 1969 session.

3. We recommend that all ministers who are in good standing be seated.

3. We further recommend that all ministers and delegates having identification cards and have registered be seated.

Registered today: 27 Central Conference ministers, 9 visiting ministers, 64 delegates, with 34 churches represented.

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

C. H. Overman

Jack Mayo (absent)

CENTRAL CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

(Number 5)

Balance November 1, 1968 \$3,533.69

Receipts

Churches \$1,697.02

Second Union Meeting 31.74

Interest on Savings 32.07

Total Receipts 1,760.83

Total to Account For \$5,294.52

Disbursements

Community Church (Weldon) Interest \$ 135.00

Roanoke Rapids Church:

Annual Payment and Interest 819.00

Pastoral Supplement 1,125.00

Insurance on Property 23.20

Office Expense 40.00

Board Expense 5.00

Miscellaneous 6.18

Total Disbursements 2,153.38

Balance in Bank June 30, 1969 \$3,141.14

(Note: Of this amount \$2,500 is in a savings account with the Church Finance Association.)

CHURCH	AMOUNT	CHURCH	AMOUNT
Back Jack	\$229.00	Piney Grove	
Community (Weldon)	72.71	(Beaufort County)	35.00
Dawson's Grove	50.00	Piney Grove	
Dilda's Grove	51.48	(Pitt County)	31.75
Elm Grove	2.00	Pleasant Hill	56.69
Free Union	33.36	Reedy Branch	29.65
Friendship	70.00	Rose Hill	20.00
Greenville	175.00	Rocky Mount	5.00
Gump Swamp	76.00	Rose of Sharon	15.00
Hickory Grove	38.44	Tarboro	175.00
Hull Road	12.05	Winterville	354.20
King's Cross Roads	38.91	Second Union Meeting	31.74
Ormondsville	26.00	Miscellaneous (interest)	32.07
Owen's Chapel	72.00		
Peace	27.00	Total	\$1,760.83

Respectfully submitted,
 Albert Proctor, *Chairman*
 R. T. Sasser, *Treasurer*
 Daniel Barrow
 L. E. Ballard
 Vance Link

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 6)

We, the Temperance Committee of the 1969 Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, encourage personal temperance for all people; and especially all Free Will Baptist Church people, as temperance is taught to be practiced in the second paragraph of the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, which reads as follows: "We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, and to 'provide things honest in the sight of all men.'"

We further encourage Free Will Baptists to use their influence by means of letter, petition, spoken word, and vote before and during the 1970 primary and election to nominate and elect, if possible, people to the 1971 North Carolina State Legislature who will promise to use their influence and voting in the North Carolina State Legislature to keep North Carolina from legalizing further outlets for the sale of any kind of alcoholic beverages in North Carolina.

Churches	Delegates	No. Church Members	No. S. S. Members	No. League Members	No. W. A. Members	No. Members Gained	No. Members Lost	Contribution to Conf.	Value Church Property	Paid to Pastor	Paid to Evangelist	Paid to Children's Home	Paid to M. O. College
PITT COUNTY													
Ayden	Mrs. Wilbur Barfield, Mrs. J. W. Heuay	219	121		25	1	\$10	\$106,500	\$5,200.00	\$150.00	\$40.15	\$429.18	
Bethany		180	61		20				3,375.00	180.00	117.60	651.90	
Black Jack	Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Elks, Mrs. Mamie Dixon, Mrs. Queenie Clark, Mrs. Alice Mills, Mrs. Sophie Boyd	537	433	104	37	11	15	195,000	6,600.00	290.00	1,435.03	576.93	
Dilda's Grove	Mrs. Glenwood Wooten	91	73	20	15	3	2	19,000	1,355.00	150.00	618.91	487.65	
Elm Grove	Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr., Mrs. Ernest Carraway, Mrs. Zelbert Cox	257	188	60	25	5	8	15	190,000	4,965.00	250.00	106.03	127.75
Greenville, First	Mrs. E. D. Griffin, Mrs. Harvey Moore, Mrs. C. J. Harris	225	208		41	22	13	10	112,000	5,300.00	238.69	1,124.50	1,383.38
Gum Swamp	Ashley Carraway, Mrs. Marie Carraway, Mrs. Bernice Clark, Mrs. Lillie F. Jones	368	160	22	55	6	2	10	103,000	5,720.00	368.50	644.04	127.44
Hickory Grove	Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dixon	113	85		15	1	5	10	45,000	1,755.00	154.00	318.20	91.99
King's Cross Roads	Mrs. I. C. Tugwell, Mrs. Sam Hobgood	194	134		22	18	5	10	25,000	3,900.00	260.00	1,548.00	1,172.69
Marlboro	Mrs. Ella Shirley, Mrs. Annie Hobgood, Mrs. Pat Moore		191		45	9	7	5	25,000	5,200.00	440.00	352.24	100.00
Pleasant Hill	Mrs. Ray Page Gaskins, Mrs. Dessie Stanley	121	52		20	3	5	5	25,000	1,950.00	200.00	331.50	200.00
Piney Grove		286	198	40	40	5	7	20	65,000	3,125.00	200.00	1,061.80	2,250.00
Reedy Branch	Mrs. Lena Hooks, Mrs. M. A. Woodard, Mrs. Mae Averette	287	195		30	17	1	25	130,000	5,720.00	100.00	423.00	878.00
Rose Hill	Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams, A. D. Adams	227	170	21	20			20	65,000	3,800.00	425.00	717.09	655.00
Winterville	Mrs. Randolph Harris, Mrs. Leo Tripp	199	143	58	49	11	4	10	60,000	5,375.00	100.00	965.40	930.07
GREENE COUNTY													
Free Union	Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris, Mrs. C. L. Patrick	285	282		82	22	3	15	105,000	5,400.00	200.00	1,315.00	380.00
Friendship	Mrs. J. O. Beaman, Mrs. J. L. Cobb, Mrs. A. H. Cobb	239	212	101	35	2	25	25	50,000	1,800.00	370.00	1,437.42	822.00
Grimsley	Mrs. Blanie Harper, Mrs. J. E. Sugg, Floyd Roberson	147	85		21	6	2	10	30,000	3,785.64	260.00	550.78	441.78
Harrell's Chapel	Mrs. Sarah Moore	150	200	38	27	28	24	10	40,000	4,800.00	300.00	471.00	666.00
Howell Swamp		124			3	3	3	10	40,000	1,875.00	100.00	250.00	150.00
Hull Road	Clyde Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Barrow, Titus Harrison, Mrs. Emma Phillips, Glenn Hill	441	178		25	9	34	10	95,000	5,560.00	250.00	678.32	2,044.96
Little Creek		113	105	17	29	5	6	10	65,000	2,730.00	200.00	358.00	225.00
Maury		70	50		10	2	1	13	7,000	500.00	100.00		50.00
Sts. Delight		168	96		36	12	10	10	35,000	4,750.00	320.00	756.00	315.00
Ormondsville	Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Skinner	228	143	14	20	3	5	25	47,000	1,950.00	250.00	548.17	372.80
Spring Branch	Mrs. Robert Bynum, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Davis												
EDGECOMBE COUNTY													
Edgewood		89	120		29	3		10	10,000	2,360.00	200.00	496.41	355.00
Rocky Mount, First		124	85	18	75	7	13	10	75,000	3,602.50	100.00	150.00	105.00
Tarboro, First	Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Dail, Mrs. Nellie Morris	293	240	40	75	21	15	20	113,500	5,200.00	200.00	400.00	468.75
Otter's Creek		70	56		20	1	1	5	25,000	840.00	131.00	5.00	12.00
Peace		33	70		14	3	5	10	40,000	1,455.00	100.00	175.00	113.00
LENOIR COUNTY													
LaGrange		183	158		9	1	10	10	43,000	5,200.00	200.00	150.00	202.95
Faith	Floyd Taylor, Mrs. C. D. Hedgepeth	120	113		12	10	5	5	20,000	4,875.00	200.00	110.08	9.26
Hugo	Mrs. C. A. Eubanks, Mrs. Jessie Ray Harris	120	121		15	6	6	10	22,400	1,945.00	100.00	175.50	489.77
HALIFAX COUNTY													
Dawson's Grove		41	28		14			10	25,000	1,375.00	150.00	165.00	353.46
Roanoke Rapids, First								10					
Community	Mrs. Carl Bland	142	160	60	65	24		10	25,000	2,550.00	375.00	25.00	184.00
WILSON COUNTY													
Aspen Grove													
Daniel's Chapel	Mr. and Mrs. Clemon Daniel	257	195		30	27	8	20	167,000	6,760.00	125.00	500.00	500.00
Owen's Chapel		144			18	26	5	10	20,000	4,160.00	200.00	223.78	228.00
Saratoga	Beasley Beaman, W. R. Owens	176	104		16	7	5	10	50,000	4,220.00	245.00	391.49	665.00
MARTIN COUNTY													
Cedar Grove		63	78		15			10	12,000	1,200.00	300.00	100.00	193.55
Rose of Sharon	Mr. and Mrs. Seth Bailey	155	108		3	1	10	10	20,000	1,800.00	125.00	311.21	138.00
Williamston, First	Julie Wells	57	59		18	4	3	5	30,000	3,975.00	200.00	157.52	170.02
WAYNE COUNTY													
Walnut Creek		74	74		7	1		10	35,000	1,350.00	100.00	175.00	210.00
Watery Branch	Carl Moye	76	101	35	18	3	2	10	50,000	1,800.00	200.00	150.98	
BEAUFORT COUNTY													
Pineau Grove		51			15		3	5		1,465.00	100.00		60.00

	Paid to Superannuation	Paid to Church Finance Association	Paid to Missions	Paid to Cragmont Assembly	Paid to Promotional Work	Repairs and Improvements	Miscellaneous	Paid Out for All Purposes
PITT COUNTY								
Ayden	\$150.00	\$	\$ 38.66	\$100.00	\$363.81	\$ 919.45	\$ 133.86	\$ 9,363.20
Bethany			128.54					7,372.02
Black Jack	71.60		1,031.06	410.20	60.00	13,320.00	2,017.08	25,826.90
Dilda's Grove	118.86		981.15	46.66		370.05	821.17	4,459.45
Elm Grove	78.31		434.83	3.73		5,014.27	967.92	15,225.01
Greenville, First	6.00	25.00	1,098.58	32.00	120.00	784.72	6,318.36	16,430.43
Gum Swamp	41.64		448.90	82.00	90.00	249.52	893.23	23,254.98
Hickory Grove	13.20	13.20	140.40		13.20	6,471.79	859.40	9,831.04
King's Cross Roads	23.77		1,200.85	25.00		287.67	33.13	7,524.45
Marlboro			150.00		450.00	771.00	2,591.34	9,649.58
Pleasant Hill	60.00		56.69			1,791.00	538.71	5,132.00
Piney Grove	127.10	45.70	874.00	127.10	120.00	234.70	185.93	12,566.12
Reedy Branch	25.00		600.00	113.00	90.00	1,953.00	1,493.75	11,420.75
Rose Hill	262.34	10.00	310.00	25.00	15.00	447.62	2,119.11	8,796.16
Winterville	61.00		2,174.56	373.83	25.00	1,845.68	2,771.62	14,622.16
GREENE COUNTY								
Free Union	63.00		578.00	15.00	28.00	3,784.00	2,420.00	17,343.00
Friendship	218.75		956.27	40.00	90.00	90.98	5,732.38	11,557.80
Grimley	40.00	25.00	274.81	60.00	20.00	1,979.48	1,823.83	8,209.77
Harrell's Chapel	70.00		815.00		60.00	1,420.00	1,480.00	10,082.00
Howell Swamp	50.00		50.00			18.68	845.62	3,339.30
Hull Road	100.00		1,776.51	50.00		6,709.91	2,171.07	19,340.77
Little Creek	35.00	424.00	70.00	10.00		1,352.35	1,463.42	6,847.57
Maury								
Sts. Delight						250.00		900.00
Ormondsville	50.00		174.00			3,735.00	2,817.00	12,917.00
Spring Branch	65.00	35.00	150.00	35.00	30.00	2,588.42	427.23	6,504.67
EDGECOMBE COUNTY								
Edgewood	60.00		56.69			1,791.00	538.71	5,132.00
Rocky Mount, First	25.00		150.00	25.00		1,588.30	16.54	11,147.39
Tarboro, First	50.00		956.35	65.00	50.00	520.81	11,781.09	19,642.00
Otter's Creek						187.08	353.02	1,534.10
Peace	20.14		235.67			641.95	2,620.99	6,051.42
LENOIR COUNTY								
LaGrange	25.00		198.00	20.00		3,137.80	2,520.34	11,664.09
Faith	18.25	1,052.92	314.83		23.88	5,267.38	1,351.91	13,228.51
Hugo	27.68		69.51	40.13	25.00	143.57	695.79	3,711.95
HALIFAX COUNTY								
Dawson's Grove			249.30	25.00	30.00	423.83		3,617.01
Roanoke Rapids, First								
Community		1,200.00	549.26	25.00	10.00	1,039.46	661.39	10,451.48
WILSON COUNTY								
Aspen Grove								
Daniel's Chapel	125.00	25.00	750.00	100.00	90.00	78,215.85	5,833.16	93,024.01
Owen's Chapel	50.00		138.00			1,533.51	1,278.43	7,933.62
Saratoga	16.00		101.83			344.32	966.51	6,950.15
MARTIN COUNTY								
Cedar Grove			20.00					
Rose of Sharon	20.00		107.12			453.07	426.97	2,683.59
Williamston, First		1,351.50	90.65			45.76	1,856.94	3,695.15
WAYNE COUNTY								
Walnut Creek		25.00	83.88			7,523.83	520.11	9,987.54
Watery Branch	48.37	1,180.00	60.00	28.50	100.00	90.00	858.88	4,526.72
BEAUFORT COUNTY								
Piney Grove						200.00		1,787.00

Besides, we encourage all people, and especially Free Will Baptist Church people, to learn by the most current teaching materials and methods all that they can about the proper sale and use and the *illegal sale and use* of drugs in our nation, state, and local areas that all of us can teach ourselves, other adults, the young people and children of our areas the physical and emotional dangers of using drugs without the close supervision of competent physicians and pharmacists.

Furthermore, we recommend that the Central Conference send a \$25 contribution to the Christian Action League, Raleigh, North Carolina, to help it with its work against the sale and use of alcoholic beverages and the illegal sale and use of drugs in North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

R. T. Sasser

R. P. Harris

L. B. Woodall Jr.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(Number 7)

Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co., Greenville, N. C., November 7, 1968	\$ 615.18
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Receipts

From 1968 Conference	\$ 547.71
From Churches After the 1968 Conference	65.00
From Central Conference Ministerial Association	9.00
From Savings Account with First Federal Savings and Loan Association	1,436.58
Interest from Savings Account	30.69

Total Receipts	2,088.98

Total to Account For	<u>\$2,704.16</u>
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Disbursements

1968 Minutes	\$ 290.66
Christian Action League	25.00
Conference Clerk's Salary	35.00
Children's Home Offering at 1968 Conference	57.49
Press for 1968 Bulletins	2.32
Loan Certificate with Church Finance Association	1,500.00
Travel and Miscellaneous Expenses	55.57
Mount Olive College at 1968 Conference	74.22

Total Disbursements	2,040.26

Balance in Wachovia Bank and Trust Co.,
Snow Hill, N. C. \$ 663.90

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. Woodall Jr., Treasurer

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

(Number 8)

Receipts by Church Letters \$ 470.00

Disbursements

Hubert Burress, (Clerk's Salary)	\$ 35.00
Hubert Burress (Expenses)	25.89
N. D. Beaman, Moderator	8.65
L. B. Manning	3.00
L. B. Woodall Jr., Treasurer	16.89

Total Disbursements 89.43

Balance \$ 380.57

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. Cowan

Mrs. J. T. Beddard Jr.

Mrs. J. W. Shirley

Mrs. Randolph Harris

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

(Number 9)

The Ordaining Council met on December 30, 1968, at the Free Will Baptist Press. At this meeting Christ Singleton from the LaGrange Church appeared before the Council seeking license to preach. It was passed by motion to ask the LaGrange Church to grant Chris license for one year.

Also at the December meeting the ordination service for Charles Edwin Branch was planned. It was to be with the Rose Hill Church near Winterville on Sunday, January 5, at 3 p. m. The Rev. F. B. Cherry was to preach the sermon at Charles' request. Services were held on the above date.

The Council met again on May 12, 1969, at the Press. At this meeting a letter was read from the Weldon Church recommending Brother Lewis Sprouse for license to preach. Brother Sprouse was questioned by the Council and by motion it was decided to recommend that the Weldon Church license him to preach for one year.

The Council decided to meet on June 2, at 2 p. m., to give to Dallas J. Carter his examination for ordination.

At the May meeting a letter was read from Brother Charles W. Crisp now pastoring the Rocky Mount Church. Brother Crisp was desiring to come into the Central Conference from the General Association of General Baptist. The secretary was asked to write Brother Crisp to appear at the next meeting.

The Council met again at the Press on August 18, 1969. By motion it was decided to recommend to Elm Grove Church that Walter Bruce Jones Jr., be granted a license to preach for one year.

The Rev. Charles Crisp appeared before the Council and satisfied the Council in his application for membership in the Central Conference. It was decided by motion to recommend to the Central Conference that they receive him into full fellowship, all papers and letters being in order.

By motion it was decided to grant the Rev. Bobby Bazen a letter of transfer to the Cape Fear Conference.

The Council met on October 20, 1969, at the Press. Brother Clinton Davis from Harrell's Chapel Church was present and was questioned by the Council for license to preach. It was decided by motion to recommend to the Harrell's Chapel Church to grant him license to preach.

Plans were made for the ordination service of Dallas J. Carter on Thursday, November 6, 1969, at the Conference.

The licensed ministers now on roll are: David Pittman, Tex Barrow, Chris Singleton, Clinton Davis, and Lewis Sprouse.

The Revs. Harry Jones Sr. and C. D. Pierce Jr. appeared before the Council with their letters from the Cape Fear Conference. By motion it was decided to recommend to the conference that these men be accepted, and that their names be added to the list of ordained ministers.

By motion it was decided to recommend to the conference that the Revs. Ray Wells and N. D. Wiggs be accepted into this conference pending a letter from their respective conferences.

By motion the Council recommended to the conference that the name of the Rev. Dallas J. Carter be added to the list of ordained ministers.

Respectfully submitted,
F. B. Cherry, *Chairman*
Willis Wilson, *Secretary*
C. L. Patrick
N. B. Barrow

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE (Number 10)

We, the Resolutions Committee, resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the members of the Hugo Church for their hospitality in entertaining this conference.

Respectfully submitted,
L. B. Manning
Robert Rollins
Joseph Lehmann

FINAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

(Number 11)

We, the Credentials Committee, report the total registration of the 1969 session of the Central Conference as follows:

Conference Ministers Present	31
Visiting Ministers	14
Licensed Ministers	3
Churches Represented	30
Delegates	74

Respectfully submitted,

Leo Tripp

Jack Mayo

C. H. Overman

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(Number 12)

Board of Ordination: C. L. Patrick

Board of Trustees: Earl Skinner

Board of Missions: D. W. Barrow

Finance Committee: Mrs. Randolph Harris

Free Will Baptist Press Foundation: Robert Rollins

Credentials Committee: Joseph Lehmann

Obituary Committee: R. L. Norville

Publicity Chairman: Ralph A. Bowen

Conference Historian: Mrs. H. L. Spivey

Church Finance Association Inc.: Harry Jones Sr.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. Barrow

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 chairman; 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 titles 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 (1) to examine and recommend the license of ministers; (2) 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*; and (3) 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 Free Will Baptist Press Foundation committee to represent the Conference's stock in the Free Will Baptist Press and 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.

B Y L A W S

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.

