

MINUTES
of the
CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1950

Forty-Fifth Annual Session when
Convened with Bright Light Free
Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas
October 13-14, 1950

OFFICERS

Reverend Alvin F. Halbrook	Moderator
Reverend W. F. McDuffie	Vice-Moderator
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell	Clerk

The next session is to be held with
the Blue Lake Free Will Baptist Church,
Anderson, Texas, on Friday and Saturday,
October 19-20, 1951.

PROCEEDINGS

The Forty-Fifth Annual session of the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists convened with Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas, October 13-14, 1950.

As it met in joint session with the Central Texas Quarterly meeting which conducted its business Friday morning, the Association began its program at 1:15 p. m.

The song service was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

The devotional was brought by Mrs. Harry Edge who closed it with prayer.

The program was adopted.

Minutes were read and approved.

Letters from all nine churches were read and received. They were:

North Zulch	\$15.00	Evergreen	\$ 9.00
Bryan	15.00	Bright Light	6.00
Houston	12.00	Blue Lake	6.00
Huntsville	9.00	Cross	6.00
Pine Prairie	9.00		

The Delegates, Ministers and Deacons were seated and registered.

All business transactions were made through motion, second and a majority vote.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

1. Digest of Reports
2. Nominating Committee
3. Resolutions Committee
4. Auditing Committee

The Constitution and By-Laws were read by the clerk.

The treasurer's report was read and received.

The Unified Program report, given by

C. F. Goen was received.

The Student Loan fund report by W. C. Holmes was read by Mrs. C. R. Maxwell.

After discussion of the Student Loan Fund, a song service was led by Rev. W. F. McDuffie.

The report of Layman's work by Reverend H. M. McAdams was received.

The Quarterly Meeting was granted time to read its Digest report.

A duet, "Take the World but Give Me Jeasus," was rendered by Mrs. Eddie Beene and Miss La Nell Rice.

After benediction by Tatum Trant, Association was recessed until 7:30.

Friday Evening

The song service was led by Millie Johnson.

Rev. Gaston Clary brought the Evening Message.

Saturday Morning

The Song Service was led by Rev. J. L. Bounds.

The devotional was brought by Miss Fleta Wood. She read for scripture, Judges 7:15-21 and closed with prayer.

Prayer was led by Rev. J. L. Bounds.

Delegates and Ministers who were not present Friday were seated.

The Clerk was asked to check records to see if By-Laws were changed to give ministers' wives a seat in the Association.

Report: They were not changed.

The Foreign Missions report was given by Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelly. It was received.

The report on Superannuation by Rev. Gaston Clary was received.

A short recess was given.

A solo, "More Love to Thee", was rendered by Miss Jane Berry.

An offering for Foreign Missions of \$51.31 was given.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Tiff Covington of Bowie, Texas. He read for Scripture Joshua 4. His Text was "What Mean Ye by these Stones."

A song was led by Rev. J. L. Bounds.

Benediction was pronounced by Wiley Lefevre and Association was recessed for lunch.

Saturday Afternoon

The devotional was led by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams. Prayer was offered by Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelly.

The following reports were read and received:

Report of Sunday Schools	C. F. Goen
Report of Auditing Committee	N. C. Cole
Report of Digest Committee	
Report of Director of Education	Mrs. H. Ray Berry
Report of Resolutions Committee	Rev. Gaston Clary
Report of Ordaining Council	Rev. J. L. Bounds
Report of Executive Committee	Rev. A. F.

Halbrook

The report of the Nominating Committee was received with the exception of the Sunday School director, president of the Sunday School Convention to be director.

Rev. Mrs. Lilly Kelly requested that we all pray that we have \$1,000.00 for Foreign Missions next year.

Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook was elected to succeed himself on the Ordaining Council. His term to expire 1953. The other members are Rev. H. M. McAdams, 1951, Rev. J. L. Bounds, 1952.

A special prayer was offered by Rev. Mrs. Lizzie McAdams for our nation and our leaders

and the affair in Korea.

An extension of 15 minutes time was granted to finish business of the Association.

The Executive Committee was to locate a place for the 1951 Association.

The following Delegates to the State Association were elected: Mrs. Arvie Brimberry, Mrs. Earnestine Crawford, L. M. McAdams, Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Mrs. N. C. Cole, Mrs. W. O. Withers, Mrs. Melvin Nevills, alt. Mrs. Bob Davis.

The Executive Committee are to approve minutes and arrange for printing them.

An announcement of work days for the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was made. These are to be the third Saturday in each month.

The resolutions committee asked that a moment of silent prayer be observed in memory of our deceased.

Benediction by N. C. Cole.

REPORTS

COMMITTEES

Nominating:

We, the committee on Nominations, recommend the following officers for the ensuing year:

ModeratorRev. Alvin F. Halbrook

Vice-Moderator . . .Rev. W. F. McDuffie

Clerk-Treasurer . . .Mrs. C. R. Maxwell

Directors:

Home MissionsMiss Tommie Franklin

Foreign Missions . .Rev. Mrs. Lillie Kelly

Superannuation . . .Rev. Gaston Clary

Social Justice . . .Mrs. Carlton Hibbetts

Layman's Work . . .L. M. Adams

EducationMrs. H. Ray Berry

LeagueD. Revette, L. M. Adams

F. L. Lawson, Mrs. Tatum Trant

UNIFIED PROGRAM REPORT

October 5, 1949 to October 13, 1950

Collected for Bible College 10/1/49	
to 12/20/49	\$111.60
Collected for Foreign Missions	
10/1/49 to 12/20/49	222.67
Collected for Home Missions 10/1/49	
to 12/20/49	55.80
Collected for Superannuation	
10/1/49 to 12/20/49	<u>27.90</u>
Sent all this quarter 11/10 to	
above places	\$317.97
Collected for Bible College 12/20/49	
to 2/21/50.	\$ 42.77
Collected for Foreign Missions	
12/20/49 to 2/21/50	55.98
Collected for Home Missions 12/20/49	
to 2/21/50.	21.38
Collected for Superannuation	
12/20/49 to 2/21/50	<u>10.69</u>
2/21/51 - Sent all money this	
quarter to the various places	\$130.82
Collected for Bible College 2/21/50	
to 4/29/50.	\$ 46.35
Collected for Foreign Missions	
2/21/50 to 4/29/50.	37.63
Collected for Home Missions	
2/21/50 to 4/29/50.	22.42
Collected for Superannuation	
2/21/50 to 4/29/50.	<u>11.21</u>
4/29/50 - Sent all money to the	
above places	\$117.61
Collected for Bible College 4/29/50	
to 7/15/50.	\$ 57.27
Collected for Foreign Missions	
4/29/50 to 7/15/50.	46.70
Collected for Home Missions 4/29/50	
to 7/15/50.	28.63

Collected for Superannuation
 4/29/50 to 7/15/50. \$ 14.31
 8/6/50 - Sent all money to the
 various places \$146.91
 TOTAL COLLECTIONS FOR FOUR QUARTERS. . \$713.31

C. F. Goen, Quarterly
 Meeting Clerk

Treasurer's Report:

October 15, 1949 - October 13, 1950

Collected 10/15/49 \$64.00
 Debit: 10/15/49. 20.55
 Balance \$43.45
 Quarterly Meeting. 23.45
 Huntsville Church. 5.00
 Bryan Church 3.00
 Mrs. Halbrook.50
 Total. \$75.40

Expenses:

Minutes. \$42.00
 State Association. 15.00
 Clerk. 10.00
 Total. \$67.00
 Balance in Treasury 10/13/50 . . \$ 8.40

Mrs. C. R. Maxwell

Treasurer's Report - October 13-14, 1950

North Zulch. \$15.00
 Bryan. 15.00
 Houston. 12.00
 Huntsville 9.00
 Bright Light : 6.00
 Evergreen. 9.00
 Blue Lake. 6.00
 Cross. 6.00
 Pine Prairie 9.00
 Total. \$87.00
 Balance from 1949-1950 8.40
 \$95.40

J. W. LeFevre
 Fleta Wood

Approved by Auditing Committee:
Noah C. Cole, Chairman Aud. Comm.

We, the Auditing Committee, have checked the secretary's books for the Student Loan Association and Unified Program and find them in good condition and well kept:

Auditing Committee
Noah C. Cole, Chairman
Miss Fleta Wood
J. W. LeFevre

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENT LOAN FUND

October 1, 1949 to September 30, 1950

RECEIVED:
Brought forward from Sept. \$767.38
Jess Hensarling 287.50
Gaston Clary 224.00
Herbert Richards 100.00
Bryan Church 58.50
Circle #1, Bryan Church 10.00
Evergreen Church 28.62
Brightlight Church 15.32
TOTAL \$1491.32

PAID OUT:
Jess Hensarling \$ 2.50
Wesley Calvery 132.00
134.50
Balance on hand 10/1/50 \$1356.82
Notes Receivable 497.60
Grand Total \$1854.42

Only three churches participated this year. Surely would be nice if all churches were interested in this wonderful work and would make donations next year.

W. C. Holmes, Sec.-Tres.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Report of the Executive Committee to the Central Texas District Association, convening

with the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church of Route 3, Bryan, Texas, October 13-14, 1950.

On October 29, 1949, at the Evergreen Church at Keith, the Executive Committee, acting upon a request from the Huntsville Church, authorized the Ordaining Council to examine Mrs. Robert Welch to determine her qualifications for license to preach the Gospel.

Alvin F. Halbrook
N. B. Barrow
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell

On July 1, 1950, at the Evergreen Church at Keith the Executive Committee, acting upon a request from the Central Texas Quarterly Meeting, granted the Quarterly Meeting the privilege to meet jointly, on the District Association's time, with the Central Texas District Association at the Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church, October 13-14, 1950.

Alvin F. Halbrook
N. B. Barrow
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell

On August 27, 1950, at the Evergreen Church at Keith two members of the Executive Committee accepted the resignation of Rev. N. B. Barrow as Assistant Moderator of the Central Texas District Association.

Alvin F. Halbrook
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell

ORDINATION COUNCIL:

We find these eligible for cards: Bro. H. Ray Berry, Bro. Gaston Clary, Bro. H. M. McAdams, Sister Lizzie McAdams, Bro. W. F. McDuffie, Bro. Alvin Halbrook, Bro. J. L. Bounds, Sister Lillie Kelly.

J. L. Bounds, Alvin F.

- 8 - Halbrook, H. M. McAdams

SUPERANNUATION:

The Superannuation Program is administered by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

The purpose of the program is to make possible protection for the loved ones of ministers in case of untimely death, income in case of disability, and income from retirement to death.

The plan is financed by contributions from individual churches through the State Superannuation Board to the National Treasurer, Rev. J. O. Fort. Most of the funds from Texas come through our Unified Program.

The following is a statement of funds paid through the Unified Program taken from letters to the District Association.

Bright Light	\$9.00	Houston	\$6.00
Blue Lake	2.33	Huntsville	2.50
Evergreen	5.35	Pine Prairie	3.60
Bryan	42.50		

Respectfully submitted,
Gaston Clary

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

The Sunday School is the very pulse of the church. Show me a church with a good live Sunday School, and I will show you a church that is doing something toward the work of the Lord. Every church should have a Sunday School well organized, with good teachers and officers. Every Christian parent should go to Sunday School and carry their children with them and not send them. Children can learn the Bible and remember it in their teen age better than at any time in life, I believe.

Last year's regular enrollment. . . 386

This year's regular enrollment. . . 463

Last Year's offering \$3,500.00 Est.
This year's offering \$4,151.59

C. F. Goen

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Daily Vacation Bible Schools: (Average Attendance.)

Bryan 84

Evergreen 36

Bright Light. 34

North Zulch 25

Huntsville. 45

Total 224

Free Will Baptist State Encampment:

Registered. 139

Stayed the week 84

The State Association received the gift of 20 acres of land at Nacogdoches for development as a Free Will Baptist Encampment and year round denominational activities.

The churches are enthusiastically responding to the call for help in the Expansion program of the Bible College in adding a 4th year to the work, and building a larger Administration Building.

Financial reports regarding literature, donations and endowments, etc., are given in other reports.

The Student Loan Fund has assets amounting to over \$1,800.00 and at this time are helping Rev. and Mrs. Wesley Calvery and Mr. Jess Hensarling to attend College furthering their Christian Education.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. Ray Berry

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

We find our National Treasury is nearly depleted. Circular letters have been sent out calling for special collection and renewed effort to keep the treasury in good

shape. The Central Texas Association paid \$499.56 for Foreign Missions besides the percentage in the Unified Program. As a special collection at the Association \$51.31 was taken up.

We should be reminded that the greatest man who ever walked this earth died leaving a will. Some of the heirs live across the sea who have never heard. Shall we withhold this good news from them just because it costs something?

Lilly S. Kelly

RESOLUTIONS:

1. Be it resolved that the Central Texas Association recommend to the State Association that Directors of the different phases of National work be made active members of the different State Boards which they represent.

2. Be it resolved that the clerk of this Association be paid the sum of \$10.00 for services rendered.

3. Be it resolved that the District Association recommend that each local church display a prominent sign bearing the name of the church.

4. Be it resolved that the Central Texas District Association recommend to the State Association that a Promotional Secretary be placed on the field to promote every phase of our denominational work.

5. Be it resolved that this body extend a rising vote of thanks to the Brightlight church and others, for the splendid way in which they have entertained this Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Gaston Clary
Mrs. Ovie Brimberry
Mrs. Asa Berry

DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

- Rev. R. B. Crawford, Pastor, Bryan, 109 S. Baylor, Bryan, Texas
- Rev. J. L. Bounds, Pastor, Houston, 412 E. 28th Street, Houston, Texas
- Rev. Lizzie McAdams, Pastor, Huntsville, 916 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas
- Rev. Hiram McAdams, Pastor, Huntsville, 916 Avenue M, Huntsville, Texas
- Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, 1304 10th Street, Huntsville, Texas
- Rev. W. F. McDuffie, Pastor, North Zulch, North Zulch, Texas
- Rev. J. J. Dowell, Box 1098, Confederate Home for Men, Austin, Texas
- Rev. Alvin F. Halbrook, Pastor, Evergreen Bright Light, Blue Lake, Route 3, Bryan, Texas
- Rev. Lilly Kelly, 1127 20th Street, Huntsville, Texas
- Rev. J. W. Handey, Huntsville, Texas
- Rev. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th Street, Houston, Texas
- Rev. Gaston Clary, Pastor, Cross, Pine Prairie, 305A Homestead, Bryan, Texas

CHURCH CLERK DIRECTORY

for 1950-1951

- Bryan: Mrs. Mary Ruth Patranella, 408 N. Coulter Drive, Bryan, Texas
- Houston: Mrs. H. Ray Berry, 1031 E. 14th Street, Houston, Texas
- Huntsville: Rev. Miss Tommie Franklin, 1304 10th Street, Huntsville, Texas
- North Zulch: Mrs. Carlton Hibbetts, North Zulch, Texas
- Evergreen: Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, Route 2, Iola, Texas
- Bright Light: Mrs. N. C. Cole, Route 3, Bryan, Texas

Pine Prairie: Miss Fleta Wood, Route 3,
Box 200, Huntsville, Texas

Cross: Mrs. Claude Denman, Iola, Texas

Blue Lake: Mrs. John Moody, Anderson,
Texas

REPRESENTATION

Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates

Bryan: Rev. Gaston Clary, Mrs. W. H. Johnson,
Mrs. W. O. Withers, Mrs. Lefevre, Thos. A.
Cloud.

Houston: Rev. J. L. Bounds, Mrs. H. Ray
Berry, Mrs. Kate Brotherton, Mrs. Viola
Kent, Jane Berry.

North Zulch: Rev. W. F. McDuffie, L. M.
Adams, Mrs. L. M. Adams, Mrs. J. A. Boswell,
J. W. LeFevre.

Huntsville: Rev. Hiram McAdams, Rev. Lizzie
McAdams, Mrs. Orvie Brimberry, Rev. Tommie
Franklin, Rev. Lilly Kelly, Mrs. Browne.

Pine Prairie: Miss Fleta Wood.

Cross: Mrs. Truby D. Neville, Mrs. F. Neville,

Bright Light: Rev. Alvin F. Halbbrook, Mr.
and Mrs. N. C. Cole, Mr. and Mrs. C. F.
Goen, Mary Louise Hyden, Mrs. T. H.
Huden, Kan Kelly.

Evergreen: Mr. and Mrs. Roy T. Trant, E. R.
Rice, Mrs. Bob Trant, Mrs. Henry Singletary,
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell.

Blue Lake: Mrs. S. H. Davis, Miss Allen,
W. K. O'Brien.

MINISTER REPORT FOR 1949-50

No. Aux.	1	1	2	1
No. S. S.	1	1	2	1
No. Leagues	1	1		
Marriages Solemnized	3	2	2	3
Funerals Conducted	4	5	1	3
Amount Salary	\$995.87	2400.00	1249.00	1200.00
Received Otherwise	6	6	1	5
Members by Baptism	2	3	5	2
Revivals Held	2	1	2	2
Churches Pastored	1	1	3	1
Sermons Preached	127	114	108	88
Rev. H. M. and Lizzie McAdams	24			
Rev. J. L. Bounds	85			
Rev. Alvin Halbrook	42			
Rev. W. F. McDuffie	1			
Mrs. Lilly Kelly	1			
Rev. Gaston Clary	1			
Rev. H. Ray Berry	1			
Rev. N. Bruce Barrow	1			
Rev. Tommie Franklin	5			

CHURCH STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	No. Churches	Churches Reporting	Members Received	Members Deceased or Dismissed	Resident Members	Non-Resident Members	Total Members	League Members
Brightlight	1	1	2	2	48		48	18
Piedmont	1	1	1	1	22	9	30	
Evergreen	1	1	2	3	48	34	82	
Cross	1	1			35		35	
North Zulch	1	1	3	4	47		47	
Pine Prairie	1	1	9	2	35	20	55	20
Bryan	1	1	22	19	204	35	239	29
Houston	1	1	8	3	71	27	98	30
Huntsville	1	1	10		45	15	60	
TOTAL	9	9	57	34	555	139	694	97

REPORT

Student Loan
Fund

Amount
Benevolence

Offering

Average S. S.
Attendance

Offering

\$ 75.84	44	\$ 136.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 17.02
	34	201.43	39.50	13.36
	25	125.00		
	60	1040.00	65.00	
	50	75.00	30.00	
	141	713.02		74.50
124.87	44	1770.14		
	65	97.00	15.25	
\$199.71	463	\$4157.59	\$159.75	\$104.88

CHURCH STATISTICAL

CHURCHES	Literature	Bible College	Children's Home	Members Woman's Auxiliary
Brightlight	\$ 35.00		\$ 18.00	10
Piedmont		\$ 61.00		
Evergreen	20.00		48.34	8
Cross				
North Zulch	60.00	60.00	14.15	12
Pine Prairie	20.00			8
Bryan	368.44		56.35	10
Houston	14.60	62.00	87.00	18
Huntsville	7.25	11.00	26.00	12
TOTAL	\$525.29	\$194.00	\$249.84	78

REPORT

Offering

Amount Paid Pastor

Amount Evans.
Work

Amount Building
and Repairs

\$ 64.98	\$ 360.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 7.75
	269.50	84.00	
54.38	600.00	210.00	3174.55
	205.00	127.00	
120.00	1000.00	185.45	323.00
	360.00	216.00	215.00
174.16	4205.00	250.00	2870.68
128.60	2400.00	150.00	724.73
83.45	995.87	150.00	278.12
\$625.57	\$10395.37	\$1587.45	\$1918.66

CHURCH STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Amount Incidentals	Value Church Property	Unified Program	Foreign Missions
Brightlight	\$130.00	\$ 5500.00	\$ 70.09	\$ 12.00
Piedmont	14.00	2000.00	23.35	72.50
Evergreen	44.10	7500.00	53.59	23.38
Cross	4.00	1000.00		
North Zulch	144.00	7000.00	5.00	3.75
Pine Prairie	36.00	1500.00	36.00	50.00
Bryan	861.41	25000.00	425.00	104.00
Houston	475.03	7000.00	60.00	11.93
Huntsville	278.12	4000.00	25.20	132.00
TOTAL	\$1918.66	\$60500.00	\$698.23	\$499.56

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF CENTRAL TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE - We, the believers in Christ according to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, having been baptized upon a like profession of faith in Jesus Christ and properly organized into churches, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us for preservation of the "Faith Once Delivered Unto the Saints," and the spreading of the Gospel of Christ upon earth, do therefore ordain and establish this Constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME - This organization shall be known as the Central Texas Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE --The purpose of the organization shall be to unify the work of the churches composing this Association by devising and executing such measures as will best spread the Gospel of Christ as we interpret it.

ARTICLE III

COMPOSITION: - This Association shall consist of the delegates duly appointed or elected by regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches who may embody themselves under this Constitution; regularly licensed and ordained Free Will Baptist ministers; and regularly ordained deacons in churches composing this body.

ARTICLE IV

REPRESENTATION - Each church composed of fifty members or less shall be entitled to three delegates to this Association. Those churches composed of more than fifty members shall be entitled to one additional delegate for each additional fifty members or fractional part thereof.

FINANCE - Each church entitled to three delegates shall send to the clerk of the Association, one week in advance of its annual session, six dollars together with a written report of its statistics for the year. Each church entitled to more than three delegates shall send to the clerk of the Association, one week in advance of its annual session, three dollars for each additional delegate to which it is entitled together with a written report of its statistics for the year.

ARTICLE VI

DISCIPLINE - This Association shall have power to discipline the churches of which it is composed and to withdraw fellowship from a church as a whole when its action is inconsistent with the doctrine of the Christian policy, if labor with it is unsuccessful, but in no case can it reverse a decision of a church.

MINISTERS - Section 1. The pastor of every church in the Association should be a member of a church under his care.

Section 2. When a church desires that one of its members be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel, it should request the Association through its Ordaining Council to examine such member, and should agree to abide by the commendation of the Ordaining Council.

Section 3. A minister of this Association who is subject to discipline for un-Christian doctrine or practices shall be brought to trial by the Church of which he is a member. However, the Ordaining Council must sit in the church conference, in an advisory capacity, which brings a minister to trial.

Section 4. All Ministers of this Association shall make annual reports in writing to each regular session of the Association.

ARTICLE VII

OFFICERS - The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, and a Clerk-Treasurer. These officers shall be elected near the close of each regular session of the Association and shall serve as Executive Committee of the Association to transact business between sessions. This committee shall make written reports to each regular session of all business transacted between sessions.

ARTICLE IX

SESSIONS - The regular sessions of this Association shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October of each year at the place designaged by vote of the Association at its previous regular session. The Association shall receive written reports from the churches of which it is composed as to progress made and service rendered in the spreading of the Gospel of Christ, and to attend to such other business as does not violate this Constitution. Adjourned sessions may be called by order of the Moderator or by a majority of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE X

AMENDMENTS - This Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular session provided the proposed amendment has been made in writing and presented to the body the day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1. Each session and adjournment session of this Association shall be called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer. Each session shall be closed with prayer.

ARTICLE 2. This Association shall hold correspondence by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies as it may deem advisable.

ARTICLE 3. Conference will sit with open doors except when it may go into committee of the whole.

ARTICLE 4. Any person not of this conference may be allowed to take part in its discussion by obtaining permission of the conference.

ARTICLE 5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to furnish the Association with a book of records containing the doings of its previous sessions.

ARTICLE 6. The Conference may determine the time when its daily sessions commence and close.

ARTICLE 7. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each daily session, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the Moderator.

ARTICLE 8. No member shall absent himself from conference during its session without first obtaining permission from the conference.

ARTICLE 9. A member wishing to make a motion or to speak in conference shall first rise, address the Moderator, and be recognized by him.

before proceeding. A member may second a motion without rising and addressing the Moderator.

ARTICLE 10. No person shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any one subject without leave of the conference.

ARTICLE 11. No debate shall be allowed on any motion except the same be submitted in writing and seconded by a member of the conference.

ARTICLE 12. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one person or member on any committee, provided the one nominated be elected.

ARTICLE 13. The Constitution and By-Laws of this Conference shall be read each session near its commencement.

ARTICLE 14. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session, provided the proposed amendment has been presented to the body in writing the day before the vote is taken.

