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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI

ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

— 1951 —

When Convened With
WAGONER F. W. B. CHURCH
August 21 - 23, 1951

The Forty-Fourth Annual Session will convene with the Hannon F. W. B. Church near Liberal, Missouri, beginning on Tuesday night before the Fourth Sunday in August, 1952 (August 19).

Introductory Message Rev. Kenneth Turner
Alternate Rev. H. S. Ford

Ministers' Conference Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys
Alternate Rev. Alice Dickey

League Message Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys
Alternate Rev. Lowell Martin

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.

CENTRAL WESTERN MISSOURI

OFFICERS

Moderator	Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.
Assistant	Dea. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer	Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.
Assistant Clerk	Sis. Thora Grider, Greenfield, Mo.
Statistician	Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.

HOME MISSION AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Sec'y.-Treas.	1956
Dea. Ottis Martin	1955
Rev. Robert L. Nutting	1954
Dea. Willie Bowman	1953
Dea. John Bough, Chairman	1952

CHURCH CLERKS

Hannon	Zola Truskett, Liberal, Mo.
Hickory Grove	Iris Jones, R 3, Harrisonville, Mo.
Independence	Wilbia Sell, R 4, Stockton, Mo.
Kansas City	Alice Snyder, 3914 Norledge, K. C., Mo.
Mt. Olive	Jewell Maberry, Greenfield, Mo.
Verdella	Ruby Smith, Liberal, Mo.
Wagoner	Fay Marshall, R 4, Stockton, Mo.

CHURCH PASTORS

Hannon	Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Hickory Grove	Rev. Marie Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Independence	Rev. Virgil Greenway, Wentworth, Mo.
Kansas City	Rev. Alice Dickey, 3914 Norledge, K. C., Mo.
Mt. Olive	vacant
Verdella	Rev. Lowell Martin, Greenfield, Mo.
Wagoner	Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.

PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday Evening—August 21

The Forty-Third Annual Session of Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptist convened Tuesday night, August 21, 1951 with the Wagoner Church Southwest of Stockton, Missouri.

The session was called to order by the clerk, Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, who called for the peace of the body, announced a quorum present, declared the session convened for business, and turned the proceedings to the moderator, Dea. John Bough.

The devotional was directed by the pastor, Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys. Congregational singing, "Love Lifted Me," and Draw Me Nearer." Welcome by the pastor. Prayer by Rev. B. F. Brown of Indian Creek Association. Congregational number, "We Have An Anchor." Prayer by Rev. Roena Thomas. Message by Rev. Lowell Martin from Matt. 14:15-21; subject, "Pass the Bread of Life." A timely message was enjoyed by all. An altar of prayer led by Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys. Service turned to the moderator. Dismissed to assemble at 9:00 o'clock Wednesday.

Wednesday Morning—August 22

Session called to order by congregational singing, led by Bro. Junior Shipley. Devotional reading, Psalm 34, by Rev. Lorene Bowman. Prayer by Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys. Congregational number.

The moderator took charge of the business session. He appointed a Committee on Committees. By-Laws read by Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys. Letters from Hannon, Hickory Grove, Mt. Olive and Wagoner read, recieved and delegates seated. Delegates from Independence and Verdella also seated pending arrival of their letters.

Election of Officers:

Moderator Dea. John Bough, Stockton, Mo.
Assistant Dea. Myron Hyatt, Centerview, Mo.
Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Monett, Mo.
Assistant Clerk* Sis. Thora Grider, Greenfield, Mo.
* Selection left to clerk.

Executive Board report read. Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys re-elected to Executive Board for five year term. Letter from Verdella read, received and delegates seated. Standing vote of thangs given to the Association's officers for

faithful service during the past year. Minister's reports read and motion carried to turn them to the Committee on Ministerial Standing. Letter from Independence read, recieved and delegates seated. Motion carried to recieve partial report of Committee on Committees. Moderator declared business adjourned to meet on call. Dismissed by Bro. W. H. Potts.

Wednesday—11:00 O'Clock

(See Ministers' Conference)

Wednesday Afternoon

Time was given to the Ministers' Conference. (See Ministers' Conference.) Business was resumed at the close of the Ministers' session. Congregational number. Report of Sis. Alice Dickey recieved and turned to the Committee on Ministerial Standing. Letter from Kansas City Church read, recieved and delegates seated. Motion carried to adopt report of the Sunday School Committee. Motion carried to adopt report of Christian Education Committee. Motion carried to adopt report of Temperance Committee. Motion carried to adopt report of Committee on Ministerial Standing. Motion carried to adopt report of Obituary Committee. Prayer was offered by Rev. Alice Dickey. Delegates elected to the State Association: Orville Foger, Mrs. Bessie Buntin, Izola Zellmer, Glenn Howard, Romona Bough and Theo Bough. Bro. J. K. Stevens recommended to State Association as delegate to the National Association. Moderator declared business adjourned. Dismissed by Bro. Joe Cockrell.

Wednesday Night

Service opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Lowell Martin. Prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey. Congregation number. Rev. Kenneth Turner presented the picture, "Letter to Melitino." Rev. Lorene Bowman brought the message from Eph. 3:20, 21; subject, "Give God a chance." Congregational number, "Bring Them In." A Foreign Mission offering taken amounting to \$55.67. Prayer by Sis. Hazel Bowman. Dismissed by Sis. Myrl York.

Thursday Morning—August 23

Came together with congregational singing led by Sis. Arlene Smith. Prayer by Rev. Alice Dickey. Congrega-

tional number, "I believe the Bible." Scripture, Gal. 6:1-10, by Sis. Juanita Smith.

Moderator took charge. Motion carried to receive report of Foreign Missions Committee to be discussed item by item. Motions carried to adopt items 1, 2 and 3. Prayer by Bro. Willie Bowman. Motion carried to adopt report of Committee on Publications. Report of Home Missions Committee received to be discussed item by item. Motions to adopt items 1, 2 and 3. Statistician's report read and received. Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys re-elected statistician. Motion carried to receive Treasurer's report. Motion carried to receive report of Business Committee to be discussed item by item. Motions carried to adopt items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Motion carried Moderator appoint committee of three to comply with item one (W. E. Bowman, chm.; Rev. Lowell Martin and Preston Cross, appointed). Motion carried item 5 be carried out at discretion of moderator. Rev. Kenneth Turner elected to bring introductory message at 1952 session; Rev. H. S. Ford, alternate. Dismissed in prayer.

Thursday—11:00 O'clock

(See League Convention.)

Thursday Afternoon

(See League Convention.)

Thursday Evening

Services preceded by a film, "A Day at the Gem Office." Congregational singing led by Sis. Arlene Smith. Prayer by Sis. Hazel Bowman. Congregational singing, "I Love Him Because He First Loved Me." Minutes read, corrected and approved. Standing vote of thanks given the Wagoner Church and community for their hospitality. Solo, "Take Up Thy Cross," by Jerry Grider. Rev. Kenneth Turner brought the message from Acts 15:6-16; Hosea 3; subject, "When is the Lord Coming?" Services turned to the church pastor, Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys. Dismissed by Bro. Albert Whistance.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

Wednesday—11:00 O'Clock

The Fourteenth Annual Session was called to order Wednesday morning, August 22, 1951 by the President,

Rev. Lowell Martin. Congregational singing was led by Rev. Kenneth Turner. Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Warren. Solo, "Ready," was rendered by Rev. Lorene Bowman. Prayer by Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys followed be congregational singing. A very instructive message was given from John 2:5, by Rev. Robert Nutting. Dismissed by Rev. Callie Achord for the noon hour.

Called to order by the President, followed with congregational singing. Devotional, Romans 12, by Rev. Callie Achord. Prayer by by Rev. Kenneth Turner; Constitution and By-Laws read by the Secretary.

Officers elected for 1951-52:

President Rev. Lowell Martin
 Vice President Rev. Lorene Bowman
 Secretary-Treasurer Rev. Opal E. Jeffreys

Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys was elected to bring the introductory message at the 1952 session; Rev. Alice Dickey, alternate.

An offering of \$14.19 was taken to defray expenses of the Conference. Motion carried that amount in treasury be left in hands of officers to be distributed as they feel necessary.

Topic for discussion—"Tithing." "Orgin of Tithing," Rev. Roena Thomas. "Confirmed under Law," Rev. Kenneth Turner. "Re-affirmed under Grace," Rev. Lloyd T. Jeffreys. Rev. B. F. Brown made some very interesting comments on the topic. Solo, "Home sweet Home," by Romona Bough.

Motion carried to adjourn until the 1952 session.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Article 1. This organization shall be known as the Ministers' Conference of Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article 2. The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the Ministry and their work in the Central Western Missouri Association.

Article 3. The Ministers' Conference shall consist of ordained and licensed ministers in good standing.

Article 4. Representation to the Ministers' Conference is to be standing delegates of this Association.

Article 5. A free will offering is to be taken during each session of this Ministers' Conference, which is to be used to defray the expenses of this organization.

Article 6. The officers of the Ministers' Conference shall consist of a President, Vice President, and Secretary-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the beginning of each regular session.

Sec. 2. The Program Committee shall be composed of the above officers whose duty it shall be to prepare the program of the Ministers' Conference for the ensuing year.

Article 7. The Ministers' Conference shall hold its regular session annually during the time of the setting of the Central Western Missouri Association.

Article 8. This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the Ministers' Conference by a two-thirds vote of members present.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

Thursday Morning—11.00 O'clock

The Central Western Missouri League Convention met in annual session with the Wagoner Free Will Baptist Church August 23, 1951. Congregational singing was led by Sis. Ramona Bough. Prayer by Sis. Myrl York. Introductory message by Rev. Alice Dickey; I Tim.6.

Thursday Afternoon

Congregational singing led by Bro. Dee York. Devotional by Sis. Jeanne Barton. Prayer by Sis. Opal Jeffreys. The business session was called to order by the president, Sis. Lorene Bowman. Prayer by Sis. Roena Thomas. Letters were read, accepted and delegates were seated from Hickory Grove, Independence, Wagoner, Verdella, Hannon and Kansas City Leagues. Kansas City League was accepted into the Convention.

Election of Officers as follows:

President Bro. Charlie Hoover, Hannon
Vice President Sis. Lorene Bowman, Hannon
Secretary-Treasurer Sis. Shirley Cross, Wagoner
Field Worker Sis. Ramona Bough, Independence

Delegates to the State League Convention are: Rosemond Bough, Teddy Zellmer, Ramona Bough, Lois Davis,

Christian Education Committee:

We, the Committee on Christian Education, wish to recommend the following:

1. We recommend that we take more time in reading and studying our Bible in our homes and churches.
2. We recommend that our churches urge our young people to attend the Youth Camp.
3. We recommend that all churches in our Association sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School.

/s/ Joe Cockrell, Mary Lewis, Phyllis Fast

Temperance Committee:

1. We recommend that as a denomination we oppose all worldly pleasures and amusements on the Sabbath Day.
2. We recommend that as far as possible we refuse to patronize places of business that sell liquors.
3. We recommend our ministers to devote one Sunday each year in an all day program and temperance message.

/s/ Edith Mayfield, Hazel Bowman, L. R. Black

Ministerial Standing Committee:

We, your Committee, recommend that the following ministers be given Certificates of Ministerial Standing: Opal E. Jeffreys, Marie Hyatt, Roena Thomas, Lloyd T. Jeffreys, Lowell Martin, H. S. Ford, Callie Achord, R. L. Nutting, Alice Dickey and Lorene Bowman (licensed).

The Committee recommends that Rev. Arlie Hoover be placed on the superannuated list.

Other superannuated: Rev. Edith Mayfield.

/s/ J. K. Stevens, W. H. Potts, W. O. Martin, Mrs. Scott Weddington, Mrs. Janie Fast

Foreign Missions Committee:

The Committee recommends:

1. That we, the churches of Central Western Missouri Association, extend our full support toward the goal set for the Missouri State Association in Foreign Missions.
2. That each pastor conduct at least one special Foreign Missionary service during the year with an offering received for the Foreign Missions treasury. If possible this service should be in the month designated as Foreign Missions month by the National Association.
3. That we at this time offer special prayer for—

- (a) The safety and welfare of our missionaries.
 - (b) Increased vision and zeal on the part of our people.
- /s/ Kenneth Turner, Lowell Martin, Lloyd T. Jeffreys

Publication Committee:

We recommend, because of the trend towards modernism in union literature, that, where possible, all Sunday Schools and churches use Free Will Baptist literature.

We recommend that all literature published at our Free Will Baptist Gem be used more fully in our homes and churches.

We recommend that the Bible be read more regularly in every home and that more time be spent in studying.

We recommend that the pastor of each church appoint someone to secure subscriptions for the Gem.

/s/ Lloyd T. Jeffreys, John Bough, Alberta Hoover

Home Mission Committee:

1. We recommend that our churches continue to send in Home Mission offerings to be used to promote the work of Central Western Missouri.

2. Realizing the financial need for a church to grow, we recommend that our churches help support the Kansas City Church through offerings and personal giving.

3. We recommend that the pastors, ministers and Christian workers move into new fields and try to strengthen our Association, as well as God's army by organizing new Free Will Baptist churches.

/s/ Lorene Bowman, A. B. Whistance, Glenna Jones

Business Committee:

1. We recommend that a Revision Committee be selected to revise and simplify the Constitution and By-Laws, their report to be submitted to this body at the next Association. (See Thursday morning for committee named.)

2. We recommend that each church of this Association secure a list of tithers in their churches and include this in their next church report.

3. We recommend that the 1952 setting of Central Western Missouri Association meet with Hannon Church.

4. We recommend that the names of deceased members be included in the yearly report.

5. We recommend that the Association give a standing vote of thanks to the Wagoner Church and community for their gracious hospitality.

/s/ Lloyd Warren, Zona Lee Shipley, Roena Thomas, R. L. Nutting, Lowell Martin

Hazel Bough, Arlene Smith, Betty Dickey, Glenna Jones, LaRue Thomas, Phyllis Fast and Jeanne Barton. Power was given to the delegates to appoint their own alternates.

Our field worker, Sis. Lorene Bowman, introduced a point system last year. The champion Leaguer, Charlie Hoover, recieved a F. W. B. L. emblem pin. Other awards were to Mrs. Georgia Rickman of Independence, Joan Davis of Verdella, John Bough of Wagoner, and Rev. Alice Dickey of Kansas City. Report of field worker was read and accepted with commendation. Sis. Opal E. Jeffreys was elected to bring the introductory message at the League Convention at Hannon in 1952; Sis Lowell Martin, alternate. Motion carried that the officers be empowered to use the money as needed. Five dollars was given toward the printing of minutes.

Program presented as follows: Playlet by Wagoner, poem by Alberta Hoover, solo by Phyllis Fast, musical reading by Hazel Bough, piano solo by Sis. Myrl York, solo by Ramona Bough. Motion carried to adjourn.

LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

Article I. This organization shall be known as the Central Western Missouri League Convention, to be composed of the Leagues of the Central Western Missouri Association.

Article II.—Sec. 1. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, who shall preside over all meetings and appoint all committees; a Vice President, who shall preside over the meetings in the absence of the President and generally assist in the supervision of the work, and a Secretary-Treasurer, who shall record proceedings of all meetings, edit minutes, send in annual report to the State League Convention, and give an accurate account of all funds received and disbursed.

Sec. 2. These officers shall compose the Executive Board of the Convention.

Sec. 3. All officers shall be elected annually at the beginning of the regular session.

Article III. The standing delegates of this Convention shall be the General officers of the Convention, the President and Secretaries of each League, and all Free Will Baptist ministers in good standing.

BY-LAWS

1. **Representation**—Each local League shall be entitled to one (1) delegate for each five (5) members of their League.

2. **Dues**—It shall be the duty of each League to send yearly to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Convention an amount equal to twenty (20¢) cents per member to be divided as follows, one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) to be sent to the State League Convention, and the remaining half to be used by the local Convention.

These By-Laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the League Convention by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday School Committee:

1. We recommend that everybody take their Bible to Sunday School for more Bible study.

2. We recommend the building of class rooms or the use of curtains where needed.

3. We recommend prayer at the beginning of classes.

4. We recommend more committing of Bible verses to memory by Sunday School pupils.

5. We recommend that teachers of small children use flannel board pictures with Bible stories.

/s/ Beatrice Bough, Opal Jeffreys, Juanita Smith

Obituary Committee:

Since our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call home some of our beloved members, we bow in submission and extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved families of those who have gone from us, and point them to the Great Comforter. We ask them to look to God who is our refuge and strength in time of trouble.

From the following churches these have been called: Hannon—Fred Reed; Mt. Olive—Anna Smith, Barbara Kay Jeffreys; Independence—Alice Wynes; Hickory Grove—In loving memory of Donnie Vern Jones the Association extends its deepest sympathy and requests a special prayer for the bereaved family. We request that this Association send a card of sympathy to the Jones family.

/s/ Jewell Maberry, Shirley Cross, Junior Shipley

Executive Board:

The Executive Board met August 24, 1950 at the Verdella Church and organized. Bro. John Bough elected chairman; Bro. Lloyd T. Jeffreys, clerk-treasurer. Clerk was instructed to work out the time and place of the meeting to transact the business committed to it from the Committee on Ministerial Standing (1950 session). Item of business committed to the Board by the Business Committee (1950 session) discussed. Bro. John Bough directed to make necessary inquiry into the matter.

Board next met December 31, 1950 at the home of Wes Mayfield east of Verdella. Bro. John Bough, Bro. Ottis Martin and Bro. Lloyd T. Jeffreys were absent: vacancies filled by Bro. Arlie Hoover, Bro. Joe Cockrell and Bro. Kenneth Smith. Sis. Callie Achord appeared as requested, and doctrinal views were discussed, particularly on the second work of grace, on sanctification, and on unknown tongues. All answers being commensurate with Free Will Baptist doctrine as interpreted from the Articles of Faith and Practices, an annual card of good standing was recommended. Bro. Carl Bough, Bro. Joe Rickman and Bro. Alfred Bough were examined and recommended for ordination as deacons of Independence Church. The Board acted as the ordaining council.

The Board met at the home of W. E. Bowman east of Hannon on April 29, 1951. Bro. Bowman vacated his position which was filled by Rev. Roena Thomas. Sis. Lorene Bowman appeared and declared her call to the gospel ministry, and was questioned as to Christian experience, divine call, and doctrinal views. Answers were found satisfactory and one year license granted to preach.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Opal E. Jeffreys—Due to a few months illness I have failed to have a full year of activity. We were called to pastor Wagoner Church, half time and Mt. Olive Church quarter time. During this time I have preached 56 sermons, traveled 6,319 miles, recieved \$420.49. Have performed one marriage. I humbly request the prayer of all that I may know the will of our Christ at all times.

Marie Hyatt—I have pastored Hickory Grove Church half time the past year; delivered 32 messages; traveled 1,320 miles; witnessed 12 professions; conducted one funeral; recieved \$370.00.

Roena Thomas—I humbly submit this report, which is very limited. I have supplied a few times for other ministers. I also have been a supply pastor for the Monett Church full time for this month of August. Besides this I have conducted three funerals; performed one wedding; traveled 700 or 800 miles; recieved \$150.00 in offerings. Since my health is much improved I trust I may have more to do for the Lord this coming year, when He opens a way for me.

Lloyd T. Jeffreys—In the past year I have delivered 25 messages, baptized one, traveled 1,917 miles in this service, and recieved \$190.30. Beside the above I have traveled extensively with Mrs. Jeffreys in her pastoral duties. I have remained in full time service with the Free Will Baptist Gem and traveled some in its interest also.

Lowell Martin—I have pastored two churches this past year, Hannon and Verdella, with services twice monthly at each. I have conducted services at two community churches on two Wednesday nights each month. I have been recalled by the same churches for the coming year's work. The following is a summary of my work: Sermons preached, 115; conversions witnessed, 5; united with church, 5; funerals, 10; miles traveled, 16,400. I have made 94 calls on sick and aged, as well as doing visitation work during revivals. Money recieved from Hannon and Verdella for pastoral work, \$920.00 and also recieved other gifts for services elsewhere.

H. S. Ford—I wish to submit my report for the past year. I have preached 120 sermons, have witnessed 19 professions, conducted two funerals, and performed three marriages.

Callie Achord—I wish to report for the year. I have pastored at Independence Church twice monthly, also twice monthly at the Fowler (union) church. At Independence Church I held one revival, saw 10 souls pray through to victory during year, baptized six, had eight additions to church, and the spirit of God greatly manifest in hearts of Christian people, recieved \$355.49 for work there. For

other church work I couldn't just say the amount received.

Alice Dickey—I have pastored the First Free Will Baptist Church of Kansas City full time the past year, held one revival at Pitcher, Oklahoma. Witnessed three professions, received 10 new members into the church at Kansas City, preached 121 sermons and received \$280.98.

Arlie Hoover—I wish to report my work for the past year, which has been very little indeed. Sermons preached, none. Have made a few sick calls, have attended Sunday School regularly when health would permit. I humbly request that the Association will place my name on the superannuated list.

Lorene Bowman—I preached my first sermon in September and in April of this year, I received my license. I have only supplied for pastors and taken advantage of opportunities that have been given me to preach my first few messages. I have preached 14 messages, traveled approximately 1,536 miles, and received \$59.39. I have also been active in Local and State Sunday School and League work. This past summer I have been employed at our F. W. B. Gem office at Monett.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Central Western Missouri Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such consistent, well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall from time to time unite with the body and agree to this Constitution.

Article 2. The acting members of this Association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which it is composed. Each acting church being entitled to one delegate, and each church having twenty-five (25) resident members two delegates, and one delegate for each additional twenty-five resident members or major part thereof, together with all ordained deacons, ordained and licensed ministers, and their companions who are members in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church and church clerks of the several churches composing this Association.

Section 2. A resident member shall be a member in good standing who discharges his or her obligations to the church, and who resides near enough to attend church services or who resides at a distance, but discharges his or her obligations to the church, unless feeble minded or invalids. All other members shall be considered non-resident members.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, and a Treasurer, all of said officers to be elected annually at the regular session of the Association, and shall hold office until their successors are elected and qualified.

Article 4. This Association shall elect a board of five members, two of them shall be ministers. This board shall be called the Home Mission and Executive Board of this Association: One member of this board shall be elected to hold office for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. After the first election, one member shall be elected each year and hold office for five years or until his successor is elected. This board shall have charge of the work of the Association when it is not in session.

Section 2. The Home Mission Board of this Association shall be Trustees of the Association, and shall have charge of its property.

Article 5. This Association shall meet annually at such time and place as shall meet with the approval of the Association, and it shall be the duty of the churches of which it is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates.

Section 2. It shall be required of the ministers of this Association to adhere to sound doctrine in both their preaching and practice as embraced in our Treatise of Faith and Practices. It shall further be the duty of the active ministers to report each year by letter and at least once in three years in person. All ministers meeting these requirements shall be granted a Certificate of Ministerial Standing when and if approved by the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

Article 6. This Constitution may be altered or amended by vote at any regular session of the Association, notice of such intended change having been given in writing not less than three months before such change shall be voted on to the Executive Board.

BY-LAWS

1. Each annual session of this Association shall be called to order by the Clerk or in his or her absence the Assistant Clerk and in his or her absence, the standing member having seniority in years of service. After the Clerk or the one calling the assembly to order shall declare a quorum, he or she shall call the Moderator to the chair, and in his or her absence the standing member having seniority in years of service.

2. Each session of this Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

3. Five (5) delegates from three (3) or more churches shall constitute a quorum to transact business for the Association, but any less number may adjourn from time to time.

4. A member wishing to speak in conference shall arise and address the Moderator, and shall be recognized by him, and shall not be allowed to speak longer than five minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without the consent of the conference.

5. New churches may be admitted to this Association by a majority vote of the Association.

6. The yeas and nays may be taken on any question when requested by one-third of the members present.

7. A committee of five lay members, delegates present at the Association, shall be elected to look into the standing of the ministry of the Association and shall report to the Association before it adjourns for approval.

8. No one shall be ordained to the ministry in this Association until they have carried minister's license at least one year and must receive a call to pastor some church or be active in evangelistic efforts. The call for ordination must come from the church that called him or her to pastor it or from the church in which he or she holds membership.

9. All committees or a Committee on Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator, unless otherwise provided for by the Association.

10. Whenever practicable, all business of importance coming before the local churches shall be decided by secret ballot, a majority shall decide.

11. It shall be the duty of the churches of this Association to accompany their church letter with \$3.00 per church plus twenty-five (25¢) cents per resident member for Central Western Missouri Budget Fund to be allocated thus: 15% for Missouri State General Associational expense, 15% honorarium for Central Western Missouri Associational Clerk, and 70% for Central Western Missouri Associational expense.

12. It shall be the duty of the ministers and the churches of this Association to try to work in harmony with the Home Mission Board of this Association.

13. A request from the church that a brother or sister be examined for license or ordination to preach the Gospel shall not mean that he or she shall be licensed or ordained, but that a council be appointed to examine him or her and if after examination, the council thinks best, he or she may be licensed or ordained.

14. It shall be the duty of each church of this Association to have its pastoral year end with the annual session of the Association and to hold its annual business meeting before the Association meets each year.

15. When a church fails to report to the Association, its last report shall be carried in the minutes.

16. All aged or afflicted ministers, who so desire, may be enrolled on a superannuated list, and not be required to report to the Association in order to receive an Annual Certificate of Ministerial Standing.

17. It shall be the duty of the ministers belonging to this Association to present their ordination papers to the Clerk that a correct copy can be secured and become a part of our permanent record for a future reference and use.

18. No one shall be licensed or ordained to preach the Gospel or deacon ordained who is a user of tobacco.

19. These By-Laws may be amended at any session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.