

**Eastern Conference
Of Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina
One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Annual Session
Bethlehem OFWB Church
Chinquapin, NC 28521
March 10, 2022**

Minutes

Prelude: The Willing Heart trio sang several songs before the Moderator's welcome.

Moderator's Welcome: Moderator Mitchell Parker welcomed everyone to Conference Meeting and thanked Bethlehem Church for hosting the 126 Eastern Conference Meeting.

Call To Order: At Nine A.M., Clerk Grady Simpson called the One Hundred and Twenty-Sixth Annual Session to order.

Orders: Moderator Parker gave the Orders of the Day by explaining the reason for the 126 Eastern Conference Meeting and the agenda for the meeting.

Brother Craig Simmons, song leader, lead the Congregation, singing "To God Be the Glory." Mrs. Gail Heath, Pianist.

Devotion: Brother Duane Howard of Smith's New Home OFWB Church gave the morning devotion. He read Scripture from Acts 17 and centered on Apostle Paul's sermon about the unknown God.

Welcome: Pastor Tim Heath of Bethlehem Church gave a warm welcome greeting to the Conference. He informed the Congregation concerning lunch and the accommodation of Bethlehem Church.

Response: Brother Calvin Heath, Pastor of Wintergreen OFWB, gave a cordial response to Bethlehem Church for hosting the Eastern Conference Meeting.

Recognition of Visitors: Moderator Mitchell Parker recognized visiting ministers, convention enterprises, guests, and licensed ministers.

Appointment of Committees: Moderator Mitchell Parker appointed the following committees and officers: Ushers Gabriel Fountain and Jody Horne, Resolution Committee Reverend Ashley Trogdon, Reverend Donald Fader, and the Reverend Chris Singleton. Parliamentarians Reverend Water Pence and Brother John Hawkins.

Concert of Prayer: Reverend David Smith led in a time of prayer and worship. He read the scripture aloud from Psalms 18:6. His theme was when you are in distress. Brother Smith led the Congregation in a time of prayer where everyone was allowed to pray aloud as the Holy Spirit moved them. Brother Smith closed in leading the Congregation in singing the "Doxology."

Camp Vandemere Report: Brother Jody Horne presented the report for Camp Vandemere. He reported the event honoring Colby Tucker, new playground equipment, and plans for Camp Vandemere. Brother Horne presented the report to the Conference as information.

Treasurer's Report: Reverend Donald Fader, Treasurer for the Eastern Conference, presented the Conference treasurer report. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Treasurer's report.

Eastern Conference Budget: Brother Fader also presented a budget for the Eastern Conference. A motion was made and passed to accept the Conference budget for the coming year.

Finance Committee Report: Brother John Hawkins submitted the Eastern Conference Finance committee report. Brother Hawkins reported that the finance committee recommended changing Article 6, Section 14 of the Eastern Conference Constitution to reflect changing from a physical year report to a calendar year report. A motion was made and seconded to reflect the Constitutional change. After discussing the motion, a new motion was made and seconded passed to lay the original motion on the table until the afternoon session. Motion passed.

Executive Committee Minutes: Brother Grady Simpson presented the Executive Committee minutes for approval. A motion was made and seconded passed to accept the Executive Committee minutes.

Ordaining Counsel Report: The Reverend Doctor Ashley Trogdon, Secretary of the Eastern Conference Ordaining Council, presented a report, information, and recommendation for adopting a Lay Speaker Ministry. A motion was made and second to accept the report and all recommendations. After discussion, an amendment to the original motion was made to separate page 3, numbers 1 and 2, and considered in a

different motion for approval. A motion was made and second to lay the motion and the amendment on the table until the afternoon session. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee Report: Reverend Jimmy Sowers presented the nominating committee's report and recommendations for Eastern Conferences Officer for the coming year. Motion made and second to lay on the table the nominating report until the afternoon session. Motion passed.

Ladies Auxiliary Report: Mrs. Judith Kennedy gave the Eastern Conference Ladies Auxiliary's report. The report was received as information.

Break: The Moderator declared a Fifteen Minute Break.

Moderator Mitchell Parker called the Conference back in session. The Willing Heart Trio led the Congregation in several songs of praise and worship.

Message: Assistant Moderator Reverend Crandall Fountain introduced Reverend David Smith as the speaker for the morning worship service. Reverend Smith used Ezekiel 37 as his primary text. His points of emphasis were "dry bones," "The hand of the Lord was on me." and "The Awakening." Reverend Smith invited all people to receive the "Awakening" from the Lord.

The Willing Heart trio provided songs for a Time of Reflection.

Lunch Break:

Afternoon Session: Intro to the afternoon session, The Reverend Craig Simmons led the Congregation in singing, "Love Lifted Me."

Devotion: Brother Jody Horne of Whaley's Chapel OFWB Church lead in Devotion. His selected scriptural text was Colossians 4:6. His main point was, "Let your conversation be full of grace."

Memorial Committee Report: The Memorial Committee reported three Ministers went home to the Lord since our last Conference meeting. Reverend Jerry English, Reverend Frances Garner, and the Reverend Charles Hardison. Many Ministers expressed wonderful testimonies in memory of these Ministers of the Lord.

The following Convention Ministries made reports to the Eastern Conference: Convention report, Foreign Mission, Children's Home, Ministers Program, University of Mount Olive, Retirement Homes, Cragmont Assembly, Sunday School, and Training

report, Church Revitalization and Church Planting, Brad Williamson video, Biker Ministries, Church Finance,

Roll Call: The Reverend Doctor Ashley Trogon, Secretary for the Ordaining Council, called Ministers' roll.

Credentials Committee Report: The Credentials Committee submitted their report. (Report attached)

Digest Committee Report: The Digest Committee submitted their report. (Report attached)

Resolution Committee Report: The Resolution Committee submitted the following resolution:

"Whereas people of Bethlehem OFWB Church have graciously provided their wonderful Church facilities to host the 126th Annual Eastern Conference of OFWB,

Whereas they have met each of us with a welcoming spirit, provided wonderful hospitality to all participants of the Conference,

Be it further resolved; we give a rising vote of confidence to show our appreciation for their graciousness."

Service Awards: Craig Simmons, Chairman of the Eastern Conference Ordaining Council, presented the Pastor's Service Awards. (See attachment of recipients)

Business:

Nomination Committee Report: A motion was made and second to remove the Nomination report off the table for consideration. Motion passed. Moderator Mitchell Parker asked for nomination for Conference Officer positions from the floor. No nominations were received. The motion was made and seconded to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. Motion passed.

Ordaining Counsel Report: Motion made, seconded and passed to remove from the table the Ordaining Council motion and amendment to divide their report leaving page 3 and section one and two being separate items. Motion passed. Motion made and second to separate the Eastern Conference Ordaining Council's report into two separate identities. The Ordaining Council's report and information are pages one and two. Page 3, sections one and two being a separate and a particular matter concerning a "Lay Speaker Ministry" and adoption of change to the "Educational Requirements for Ministers aged 60 or above, and Ministers transferring to the Eastern Conference from another conference 60 years old or above. Motion made and second to accept The

Eastern Conference Ordaining Council's report and information on pages one and two numbers 1-8. Motion passed.

Motion made and second to accept page 3, sections one and two as Lay Speaker Ministries and education requirement changes for Ministers in the Eastern Conference and those transferring into the Eastern Conference. Motion passed.

Motion made and seconded to remove from the table the motion to change the Eastern Conference Constitution Article 6, section 14 to read; "The committee will submit a report of their findings, for the previous calendar ending December 31st, to the Eastern Conference Executive Committee by June 30th of the following year."

Lane School of Theology Report: Reverend Doctor Ashley Trogon submitted the Lane School of Christian Theology report as reported in the information packet mailed to churches and ministers before the Conference Meeting. Motion made seconded and passed.

Adjournment: Having no other business before the Conference, Moderator Mitchell Parker dismissed the 126th Eastern Conference meeting with prayer.

Grady Simpson, Clerk
Eastern Conference of OFWB.
03/10/22

2022 Eastern Conference Meeting at Bethlehem OFWB Church 03/10/22
Attachments

March 9, 2023

Greetings Eastern Conference Ministers, delegates & churches:

The executive committee of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists has made a commitment to implement a program of vocational education to help those preparing for Christian ministry. The executive committee proposes to create the Eastern Conference School of Ministry that will fall under the administrative control of the Eastern Conference.

So, it is necessary to have a curriculum that is college level and vocational in its very nature. Each course developed has to meet the educational requirements for ordination of the Eastern Conference. It is the desire of the executive committee that these courses help candidates to build a solid foundation for their life and ministry.

The School of Ministry will be governed by the Eastern Conference and will operate under the guidance of a board of directors elected by the Eastern Conference in its annual meeting.

The following individuals are nominated to serve on the board of directors of the Eastern Conference School of Ministry:

Rev. Mike Barnhill
Rev. Duane Howard
Mrs. Diane Heath
Mrs. Lori Poplin
Mrs. _____

RESPONSE:

The previous entity no longer qualifies for tax exempt status with the IRS. In fact, this was the case when the previous executive committee made a decision to move forward with a plan for a school of ministry in 2016. It is not cost efficient to go back and pay the fees due to re-establish it. Therefore, it is necessary to create a new entity under the tax-exempt status of the Eastern Conference.

The information received at that time about restarting the previous entity was incorrect and was not verified with legal counsel. The former executive committee trusted the advice of others. The main focus at that time was on developing vocational curriculum and beginning to aid ministerial students.

After the curriculum was completed, we began to study how to best bring a school of ministry under the eastern conference.

This School of Ministry will not claim to be an academic institution.

Motions before the 3-9-23 Annual Eastern Conference of OFWB

CareNet Counseling East

I move that the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists enter into an agreement with CareNet Counseling East. And that the details of the agreement be worked out between the Eastern Conference Ordaining Council, Executive Committee and CareNet Counseling East, with a budget of \$3,000.

Annual Membership Fee

I move that in lieu of annual registration fees for ministers and delegates, an annual membership fee of \$175.00 be paid by each church in the conference. Any church that is unable to make the annual membership fee may petition for sponsorship to be reviewed and approved by the Executive Committee.

**EASTERN CONFERENCE ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT
TO THE 2022-2023 ANNUAL SESSION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE
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PART I. FOR INFORMATION (1 – 10)

1. HIRING A PASTOR

From *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists (Of the English General Baptist Heritage)*: **“THE CHURCH SHALL CALL ITS OWN PASTOR FROM AMONG THE DULY ORDAINED ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS WHO ARE APPROVED BY THE CONFERENCE OF WHICH THE CHURCH IS A MEMBER. “**

Therefore the Ordaining Council reminds our churches that they NOT CALL ORDAINED OR LICENSED MINISTERS FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS TO SERVE AS PASTORS, INTERIMS, OR TO DO SUPPLY WORK as this is in direct opposition to our Articles of Faith.

2. LICENSED MINISTERS

Gabriel Fountain	Bethlehem OFWB Church
Gray Harrison	British Chapel OFWB Church
Tanner Poplin	Wintergreen OFWB Church
Jody Horne	Whaley’s Chapel OFWB Church

3. NEWLY ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Tim Whealton	October 22, 2022
Rev. Duane Howard	February 26, 2023

4. MINISTERS WORKING UNDER THE CERTIFICATE OF ENDORSEMENT

Rev. Ray Griffin	Trent, OFWB Church
Rev. Jonathon Ipock	New Haven, OFWB Church
Rev. Chris Schneider	Folkstone OFWB Church

5. MINISTERS CLEARED TO PASTOR IN THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Rev. John Butler	Sarecta OFWB Church
Rev. Sherman Dilley	Beaulaville OFWB Church
Rev. Scott Satterfield	Daly’s Chapel OFWB Church
Rev. Bryan Wheeler	Northeast OFWB Church
Rev. Richard Glosson	Mount Zion OFWB Church

6. MINISTERS TRANSFERRING CREDENTIALS FROM THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

Rev. Ronnie Aycock	To The Albemarle Conference
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7. NAMES REMOVED FROM THE LIST OF ORDAINED AND LICENSED MINISTERS

Jim Elmore

8. EASTERN CONFERENCE POLICY ON CANDIDATES FOR LICENSING AND TRANSFERRING FROM ANOTHER DENOMINATION WHO ARE 60 YEARS OLD OR OLDER

(ADOPTED AT THE 2022 SESSION – VERBATIM COPY)

Any person who is a candidate for licensing into the ministry and is 60 years old or older, and any ordained minister desiring to transfer to the OFWB denomination from another denomination and is 60 years old or older must fulfill the following educational requirements from a school approved by the Ordaining Council:

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| 1. Old Testament Survey | 5. Original Free Will Baptist Theology |
| 2. New Testament Survey / | 6. Beginning Homiletics |
| 3. The Life of Paul | 7. The Work of the Pastor (Pastoral Theo) |
| 4. The History of Original Free Will Baptist | 8. The Life of Christ and the Gospels |

9. ANNUAL CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINAR

The Required Annual Continuing Education Seminar is Thursday, August 17, 2023 at Pilgrim Home OFWB Church in Dover, NC. Refreshments start at 6:00 pm and the seminar begins at 7:00. This year's seminar will address the topic of "Stress Management."

10. THREE MEETINGS THAT ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED BY THE EASTERN CONFERENCE

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| 1. The Annual Eastern Conference | 2. The Convention of OFWB | 3. Continuing Education Seminar |
| Thursday, March 9, 2023 | Wednesday, May 24, 2023 | Thursday, August 17, 2023 |

PART II: TO BE VOTED ON BY THE CONFERENCE (1 – 3)

1. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR AN EASTERN CONFERENCE CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER BE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. The candidate must read the Articles of Faith and be prepared to answer questions concerning OFWB Doctrine.
- B. The candidate must read the book, "A Brief Survey of the Bible: Discovering the Big Picture of God's Story from Genesis to Revelation," and watch the accompanying DVD. This book and DVD are by John H. Walton and Mark L. Strauss. The candidate must answer questions that are given in each chapter of the book.
- C. The candidate must attend a morning OR afternoon seminar that has the following classes:
 - 1. An Introduction to Homiletics
 - 2. The Difference Between Exegesis and Eisegesis
 - 3. The candidate will be required to write and deliver a sermon
- D. The candidate must interview representatives from our Denominational Ministries

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE EASTERN CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ORDINATION READ AS FOLLOWS. (This recommendation only affects the General Study Requirements)

A. GENERAL STUDY REQUIREMENTS:

PRESENT

1. Two English Courses
2. One Math Course
3. One Science Course
4. Two Social Studies Courses
5. Two Humanities Courses

RECOMMENDED

1. One English Course
2. One Math Course
3. One Science Course
4. One Social Studies Course

B. PROFESSIONAL STUDY REQUIREMENTS: (*Stays the Same*)

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| 1. Old Testament Survey | 5. Original Free Will Baptist Theology |
| 2. New Testament Survey | 6. Beginning Homiletics |
| 3. The Life of Paul | 7. Pastoral Theology |
| 4. The History of Original Free Will Baptist | 8. The Life of Christ and the Gospels |

C. ELECTIVES ... SELECT FOUR (4) OF THE FOLLOWING: (*Stays the Same*)

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| 1. Biblical Understanding | 8. Principles of Christian Life (Ethics) |
| 2. Bible Study Methods | 9. Principles of Church Growth & Evangelism |
| 3. Basic Christian Doctrine | 10. Introduction to Christian Education |
| 4. Systematic Theology | 11. Church History |
| 5. Introduction to Worship | 12. Christian Worldview |
| 6. Introduction to Old Testament Prophets | 13. Beginning Hermeneutics |
| 7. Comparative Religions | 14. A Treasury of Evangelical Writings |

3. WE RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO THE "POLICY FOR UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FROM REQUIRED EASTERN CONFERENCE MEETINGS:"

A. Because of the number of "I had to work" excuses for missing required Eastern Conference meetings, we recommend that all ministers who cannot get off work to attend these meetings have a signed letter from their employer, supervisor or boss that says the minister could not get off work to attend the required meeting. The Ordaining Council has been operating under this guideline but would like for it to be voted on by the Conference.

B. Any minister that has one or more strikes against them because of missing a required meeting without a proper excuse, can have one strike removed by attending three (3) consecutive required Eastern Conference meetings. (These meetings are listed in #10 above.)

EASTERN CONFERENCE ORDAINING COUNCIL

Craig Simmons, Mike Scott, Ashley Trogon, Jimmy Sowers, Harry Bryan

Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Treasurer's Report

PENDING REVIEW BY FINANCE COMMITTEE

January 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

INCOME AND EXPENSE

RECEIPTS	2022	2021
Donations and Registration Fees	\$ 5,530	\$ 5,840
Lane School Income	825	973
Leland Property (Utility Reimbursement)	904	2,486
Sale of Property (Leland Property)	-0-	(25,361)
Interest (Wilmington Endowment, Eastern Conference, General)	849	991
Refunds (Duke Energy)	122	47
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,230	(\$15,024)
DISBURSEMENTS		
Administration (Executive Committee/Examining Board)		
Bank Svc Charge	\$ 76	60
Office Expenses	1,134	390
Printing	1,706	1,281
Computer and Software Expenses	300	2,077
Legal (Lease/title work, revenue stamps, etc)	-0-	-0-
Postage	292	176
Rent	1,200	900
Sub-Total	\$ 4,708	4,884
Camp Vandemere Expense	32,264	\$ 3,600
Lane School Expense	863	151
Convention Wall of Honor	-0-	-0-
Conference Expenses	542	1,204
Property Maintenance and Utilities		
Utilities: (Leland)	-0-	3,390
Insurance	-0-	202
Sub-Total	\$ 33,669	8,549
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 38,377	\$ 13,434
TOTAL EARNINGS (LOSS)	\$ (30,147)	\$(28,457)

BALANCE SHEET

Current Assets	2022	2021
First Citizens Checking	\$ 298,076	\$ 397,440
Wilmington Endowment Restricted (see note-1)	\$ 125,998	56,780
Total Current Assets	\$ 424,074	\$ 454,221
Total Fixed Assets	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Total Assets	\$ 424,074	\$ 454,221
Liabilities		
Wilmington Endowment	\$ 125,998	\$ 69,217
Total Liabilities	\$ 125,998	\$ 69,217
Conference Equity	\$ 298,076	\$ 385,003
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 424,074	\$ 454,221

NOTES

This report has been prepared by the treasurer of the Conference and presented to the Executive Committee and Finance Committee and will be submitted to the Conference for approval. This report represents a 12 month period (2022) and it is being compared to the previous 12 months (2021) reporting period. The Finance Committee is an independent review board elected by the Conference and will address questions and inquiries relating to this report.

Related Transactions: The treasurer of the Eastern Conference, Donald Fader, is also the Executive Director of the Church Finance Association, Inc which maintains deposits on behalf of the Conference and holds a mortgage on Camp Vandemere.

Note 1 The Wilmington Endowment: The Conference maintains a restricted endowment with the Church Finance Association named "The Wilmington Endowment". The corpus of this endowment was established by members of the Wilmington Mission when that church was sold. The purpose of the endowment is to provide funding for an Original Free Will Baptist work in New Hanover County, North Carolina or the surrounding area.

Proposed Budget Eastern Conference 2022

Income

Conference Registration	\$2,250
Interest Income	850
Contributions	4,250
Total	\$7,350

Expense

Vandemere	\$3,960
Conference Expense	1,250
Office Expense	2,500
Total	\$7,350

Proposed Budget
Eastern Conference
2023

Income	2022 Budget	Actual Income	2023 Budget
Conference Registration (1)	\$2,250	\$2,510	\$ -0-
Interest Income	850	849	11,500
Contributions (In lieu registration fees) (2)	4,250	3,020	8,000
Lane School	-0-	825	-0-
Other		1,026	-0-
Total	\$7,350	\$8,230	
Expense		Actual Expense	
Vandemere	\$3,600	\$32,264	\$ 3,600
Conference Expense	1,250	2,540	2,500
Office Expense	2,500	2,710	2,500
CareNet (3)	-0-	-0-	3,000
Lane Expense	-0-	863	-0-
Total	\$7,350	\$38,377	\$11,600
Transfer to Ministry Fund (4)			7,900

NOTES

- (1) The Executive Committee is proposing that all registration fees (ministers and delegates) and that this loss of revenue be replaced by a voluntary contribution from member churches in the amount of \$175.00 per year.
- (2) The contribution amount is based on the average registration of 55 ministers and 45 churches per year.
- (3) The expense allotted to CareNet is subject to the approval of the Executive Committee's proposal to the Conference. Should the proposal be declined then this amount would be removed from the budget.
- (4) "Ministry Fund" is the term the Executive Committee has adopted for the funds in the Wilmington Endowment and the Raymond James account. It is the intent that these funds be reserved, to the extent possible, for use in Kingdom building activities and capitol expenditures for Camp Vandemere.

Eastern Conference Financial Review

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

- 1 Checks out of sequence: 2144-2170 Written; 2219-2242 Written; 2171-2218 Unused and available for future use.
- 2 Did not appear to pay Core Creek Church \$300.00 for 3rd Qtr 2021.
- 3 Paid Cross & Crown \$1,232.72 per Statement dated 08/02/21 (Ck #2230); Current charges were \$74.90; Previous unpaid Balance of \$1,157.82...No invoice(s) to support unpaid balance.

Recommendations

Eastern Conference Financial Review

January 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021

- 1 Investments should earn an annual return rate of 4.5% or greater.
- 2 Reimbursements to individuals should be limited to small amounts. Capital purchases should be purchased directly with a company check whenever possible.
- 3 A payment voucher should be included in the files for payments made without an invoice.

{Core Creek FWB Church, guest speakers, etc.}. Authorization for such payments should be documented on the voucher.
- 4 The EC Executive Committee should prepare an annual operating budget for the next fiscal year at least 4 months prior to the beginning of the next year.
- 5 The EC should file for a semi-annual sales tax refund from the NC Department of Revenue. The Finance Committee is prepared to provide assistance with this matter.
- 6 The Lane School should provide the EC Executive Committee with an annual operating budget and quarterly financial reports reflecting revenues and expenditures of the School.
- 7 A copy of the minutes authorizing the sale of real property should be included with the other sales documents.

Mr. Mitchell Parker, Moderator
Eastern Conference Executive Committee

We have reviewed the financial statements of the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, including the balance sheet and the related statement of income and cash flows for the calendar year ended December 31, 2021. A review basically includes applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The Eastern Conference Executive Committee is responsible for the fair and accurate preparation of these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Finance Committee's Responsibility

Note that the Finance Committee is not an independent body, but a committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of providing oversight of the Conference's financial reporting. Our responsibility is to conduct an annual review by performing procedures to obtain limited assurance as to the accuracy of the financial statements and whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Finance Committee's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John C. Hawkins". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent part.

John C. Hawkins, Chairman
Eastern Conference Finance Committee

EASTERN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT:

I bring greetings to you from all the members of the Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, women who prayerfully and financially support all our Denominational Ministries.

This past year, we have supported our Denominational work in the amount of \$8,011.51. Our main purpose is to serve our church and community by sharing the love of God in all we do. We are thankful for all the support and hard work of our Women in the Eastern District.

We also want to thank all our Ministries for their support in helping our District receive up to date information about our Denominational work.

Our District Officers are working together to encourage and support our women as they work in their local auxiliaries and serve their Church and Community. Standing by our watchword which states I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. Phil. 4:13

This coming June 5-8, 2023 we plan to have our Retreat at Camp Vandemere. Our speaker will be Mrs. Linda Herring our theme will be Girl Friendship, based on Luke 9:23. We look forward to having a wonderful week as we share God's love with one another.

Our Spring Convention will be on Saturday March 18, 2023 hosted by Sarecta OFWB Church in Kenansville, N.C

We are still having our Woman's Day Retreats with our theme being "Renewal through Joy." Our Retreat this year will be on Saturday September 16, 2023 hosted by Sound View OFWB Church Newport, N.C.

To conclude, due to hard work and encouragement, our women are hosting successful conventions for which we are thankful.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED: Eastern District Woman's Auxiliary Convention

Judith Kennedy, President

Resolution 1. 03-09-23 Eastern Conference Meeting, Sound View Church

Whereas The Eastern Conference of The North Carolina Convention of Original Free Will Baptist 127th Annual Meeting, hosted by Sound View Original Free Will Baptist Church in Carteret County, NC, and their gracious hospitality showing their Love for the Lord Jesus Christ, the forgoing resolution is adopted.

Therefore, be it resolved, in showing appreciation to Sound View Original Free Will Baptist Church of Carteret County, North Carolina, for hosting the 127th Annual Conference Meeting; the Eastern Conference gives a standing ovation to Sound View Free Will Baptist Church.

We Submit this Ninth Day of March, Two Thousand and Twenty-Three, By Reverend Calvin Heath for the 127th Eastern Conference Annual Meeting Resolution Committee for approval.

Signatures:



Reverend Calvin Heath, Chairman

Reverend Mitchell Parker, Moderator of the Eastern Conference

Resolution passed. Date: March 9th, 2023

Report of the Resolutions Committee: March 9, 2023 Sound View O.F.W.B. Church

The Eastern Conference has been fortunate to have benefited from the leadership of two individuals who served on the Executive Committee. Mitchell Parker has exhibited wisdom and patience in leading the work of the Executive Committee and as Moderator of the Conference. Grady Simpson worked diligently in organizing our records and processes as secretary of the conference. We will miss their efforts as we go forward.

Therefore, be it so resolved that the 127 seating of the Eastern Conference honor their dedication by placing their names on the Wall of Honor of the Convention of O.F.W. B.

We submit this on the 9th day of March 2023. (Resolution Committee: Donald Fader and Calvin A. Heath.

Calvin A. Heath, chairman

Crandall Fountain, Assistant Moderator