

THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1981-1982

**Minutes of the Year
and Annual Session**



**When convened with
Trinity FWB Church
410 Oregon Street
Ypsilanti, MI 48197**

MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

**Moderator..... Rev. George Johnson
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

**Call to Order by Moderator
Call for letters from Churches
Election of Officers
Rules of Decorum
Corresponding letters
Board Reports
Unfinished Business
New Business**

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Rev. Oscar Cummings	5 years
Rev. John Griffith	4 years
Rev. Winford French	3 years
Rev. Rudolph Shankle	2 years
Rev. Charles Cooper	1 year

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. J. D. Tolbert	5 years
Rev. John Pruitt	4 years
Rev. Curtis Lilly	3 years
Rev. Ralph Nix	2 years
Rev. Rick Locklear	1 year

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

Rev. Rudolph Shankle	4 years
Rev. Oscar Cummings	3 years
Rev. Charles Cooper	2 years
Rev. George Johnson	1 year

YOUTH CAMP BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Jimmie L. Tolbert

**Minutes of Quarterly Session of
Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist
when convened with
TEN MILE FWB CHURCH
74 W. Ten Mile Rd.
Madison Hgts., MI
July 31, 1981-August 1, 1981**

Bro. G. Johnson, Moderator, welcomed the congregation to open the services. Bro. Don Whittaker led the congregation in singing "There's Power in the Blood". Bro. Roger Cooper, Bro. Donnie Whittaker and Sis. Brenda French served as musicians. Prayer led by Bro. Curtis Lilly followed by "Victory in Jesus".

Bro. Johnson called the conference to order. He announced that the Presbytery Board was meeting if there was anyone to be examined and had not joined them, to be excused. Bro. Johnson read Scriptures from Acts 4:12-20 and spoke on "Boldness to Speak for Jesus". An Altar Of Prayer was led by Bro. Curtis Lilly.

The congregation joined in singing "When He Put a Little Sunshine In". Sis. Blanche Lindsey gave an inspirational testimony followed by singing "Goodbye World—Hello Heaven". Bro. Roger Cooper gave a musical selection while an offering was received. Bro. Rudy Shankle prayed over the offering. All committees that needed to meet were excused.

Bro. J. D. Tolbert preached from Isaiah 43:1-2 on the "Divine Presence of God" and opened the altar for prayer.

Bro. Loyd Locklear gave a partial report from the Presbytery Board which recommended Bro. Rick Locklear to be ordained. A motion carried to accept this recommendation. Bro. Rick and Sis. Donna Locklear were asked to come forward where Bro. Loyd Locklear read the charge to Bro. Rick. He read from 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and 4:1-5 and spoke for a few moments. The Presbytery Board "laid hands on the couple" and Bro. Rudy Shankle led in prayer, following by Bro. John Griffith and closed by Bro. Ray Adkins. "I Feel Like Traveling On" was sang as the right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. and Sis. Locklear.

Announcements were made and Bro. Winford French closed with prayer.

**Saturday,
August 1, 1981**

Services were opened with the congregation singing "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms". Bro. Ray Adkins read from 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, the Love Chapter. Bro. Adkins closed the Devotions with prayer.

Bro. Johnson called the Association to order and asked for the reading of the church letters by the Clerk. All churches lettered in with the exception of Fifteen Mile FWB and Eastside FWB Churches. A motion carried to accept the letters as read. "That Will Be A Glad Reunion Day" was sung as the right hand of fellowship was extended and the delegates seated. An Altar of Prayer followed with Bro. Ron Ramey leading. Bro. Johnson recognized the visitors.

The minutes were read by Sis. Dean and a motion carried to accept them as read. Bro. Garrett gave the Treasurers Report and a motion carried to accept the report.

Placement for the next setting will be Adrian FWB Church; 3240 Sharp Rd.; Adrian Michigan with Bro. Gary Hill preaching the Friday night message and Bro. Ron Ramey as the Alternate. A motion carried to change the date of the conference to November 6, 7, 1981.

Bro. Loyd Locklear gave the rest of the report from the PRESBYTERY BOARD. A licensed Minister from one of our churches has left the church and joined with another church that is not FWB. We recommend the Clerk write for his credentials and license. A motion carried to accept this recommendation.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Bro. Curtis Lilly gave the following recommendations from the Board. (1) Friday nights offering to go to the Home Missions. A motion carried to accept the recommendation. (2) A standing vote of thanks to the TEN MILE FWB CHURCH for hosting this setting of the Association. A motion carried to accept.

YOUTH CAMP

There are still some openings in camp. Senior Camp is in need of workers.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Sis. Lois Mungle gave information on the Pine Hills Retreat in October. She also asked special prayer for Sis. Lucille Stewart.

HOME MISSIONS

Bro. Charles Cooper gave a report and comments on the Lewiston Mission. A motion carried to accept his report.

Bro. Johnson gave information from the State Association Meeting. A Home Mission Board will be in the state and delegates from each association will set on the board.

BREAK

Services opened with singing "He Set Me Free" with Bro. Ron Ramey leading in prayer. Bro. J. D. and Sis. Von Tolbert gave the Special Singing of "The Rock" with Bro. Roger Cooper at the piano.

Bro. Rick Locklear read from Acts 14:19-27 and preached a very inspiring message. The Spirit of God was felt by all who heard the message. "Pass Me Not" was chosen as an invitational. An offering was received with Bro. Charles Miller praying.

Announcements were made. Bro. Rick Locklear gave directions to the Noon Meal, and Bro. Charles Cooper asked God's Blessing on the meal.

**Minutes of the Liberty Association of FWB
when convened with the
First FWB Church of Adrian,
3240 Sharp Rd., Adrian, MI
November 6, 1981
7:30 P.M.**

Bro. John Griffith, Pastor of the Host Church, welcomed everyone to the opening of the service and asked that Bro. Ron Ramey lead in prayer. The congregation joined in singing "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In".

Bro. Johnson, Moderator, thanked the church for hosting the conference. Devotions from Hebrews 10:27-35. Bro. Johnson spoke for a few minutes on "Don't Give Up or Get Discouraged". An Altar of Prayer followed with Bro. Winford French leading the prayer.

An offering was received with Bro. Rudy Shankle praying and the congregation joined in singing "What A Happy Time".

All Committees were dismissed.

Special singing was presented by Sis. Pam Griffith, singing "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings on Me". Bro. Gary Hill read from Matthew 19:13-15 and preached an inspirational message of "Growing in Jesus". "Just As I Am" was given as an invitational hymn, opening the altar for prayer. Announcements were made and Bro. Billy Anderson prayed the Benediction.

Saturday, November 7, 1981

9:30 A.M.

Services opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Bro. Leon Cook, accompanied by Sis. Leola Cook and Sis. Brenda Smith. Devotions were given by Bro. Ralph Nix who chose Hebrews 8:7-10 for his text, and spoke on "Covenant with God", and closed with prayer.

Bro. Johnson called the conference to order. Letters from the churches were read by the clerk and a motion accepted the reading. Two churches did not letter into this conference: Mt. Olive FWB and First FWB of Ray Township. An announcement was made by Bro. Johnson concerning the packets made up for the clerks of each church with conference supplies. The right hand of fellowship was extended, with the congregation singing "Glory To His Name", and the delegates were seated. An Altar of Prayer was led by Bro. Carson Whittaker.

Bro. Johnson recognized the visitors, Sis. Arilla Wode and Bro. Carson Whittaker. The Rules of Decorum were read and Bro. Johnson called for the reading of the Minutes. The Minutes were accepted as read. The Treasurers Report was given and accepted as read.

Placement for the next setting will be CRUSADERS FWB CHURCH, 1555 Butternut, Detroit, MI on February 5-6, 1982. Preaching for the Friday night service will be Bro. Ollie Lafferty with Bro. Jeff Hill as the Alternate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

EXECUTIVE BOARD

No report.

PRESBYTERY BOARD

Bro. French gave the report and a motion carried to accept Bro. Ollie Lafferty and Bro. Jim Robinson into the Liberty Association.

HOME MISSION BOARD

Bro. Rudy Shankle gave the report on the standing of the Mission in Lewiston. There are still outstanding bills. Bro. Johnson also commented on the need to support the Board in their efforts to clear out the Mission's bills. The property is up for sale at this time.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Sis. Arilla Wode shared some of her work in the Ivory Coast with the Association. The need for support for all missionaries should be in all of the prayers of the Christians.

YOUTH CAMP

Bro. Rudy Shankle gave a brief report on the planning for the camp of 1982. Bro. Bob Trimble is the Senior Camp Director and Bro. Curtis Lilly is the Junior Camp Director. The dates that are being sought are August 2-6, 1982 for Jr. Camp and August 9-13, 1982 for Senior Camp. These dates are scheduled for sure. More will come out at a later date.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Sis. Treva Prater expounded upon the events for the ladies that have transpired and will be upcoming in the future. The Retreat in October was a huge success. The tally for the Provision Closet was \$16,500.00 from the state of Michigan. Liberty District Auxiliary meeting will be in February at the TEN MILE FWB CHURCH. The State Meeting will be in Pontiac in the month of May, 1982. The National Conference will be in Hot Springs, Arkansas in September of 1982 and the next retreat in the Fall of 1982 will be in Grand Rapids. More will be out on these dates as they approach.

BREAK

Services opened with the congregation singing "Redeemed". Special singing was provided by the Host Church. Bro. Walter Ellison, a missionary to Uruguay, brought the message from Luke 19:11-27, rereading the words, "Occupy til I come" and preaching "What is Your Occupaton?" An Altar of prayer was given and Bro. Ellison closed in prayer.

A standing vote of "thanks" was given to the Host Church. An offering was received with Bro. Rudy Shankle praying over it. A motion carried to split the offering received in both services, between Sis. Arilla Wode and Bro. Walter Ellison. Announcements were made and Bro. John Griffith gave the blessing on the noon meal.

**Minutes of the Liberty Association
of Free Will Baptist
when convened with the
CRUSADERS FWB CHURCH
1555 Butternut
Detroit, MI
February 12, 1982**

Bro. Gary Hill, Pastor, welcomed everyone to this setting of the conference. "I'd rather be an old time Christian" was chosen to open the service with Bro. Lowell Williams leading in prayer.

Bro. George Johnson, Moderator, called the conference to order and read from Revelation 3:7-8 and 1 John 1 for devotions speaking upon "The Open Door of the Church". "Amazing Grace" was sung as everyone gathered for an Altar of Prayer.

All committees were excused.

An offering was received while the congregation sang "A Beautiful Life". Special music was given by a trio from the Flint Church and Sis. Hill from the host church.

Bro. Ollie Lafferty read from Matthew 16:13-20 and preached on "THE CHURCH THAT JESUS BUILT". An invitation was given with the singing of "Let My Life Be a Light".

Announcements were made and the benediction was given by Bro. Curtis Lilly.

**Saturday, February 13, 1982
9:30 A.M.**

Services were opened with the congregation singing "I Never Shall Forget The Day" and prayer by Bro. Bob Trimble. Devotions were given by Bro. Winford French from John 1:1-12 on "THE WORD".

Bro. Johnson called the conference to order for business. Sis. Connie Dean, Clerk read the letters from the churches. One church, Eastside FWB Church, did not letter into this conference. Information that Mt. Olive FWB Church had merged with the Free Will Baptist Chapel with Bro. Curtis Lilly as their Pastor. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the delegates and they were seated, while singing "He Set Me Free". Bro. Locklear led in prayer.

The Home Mission Board was excused at this time. Bro. Johnson asked that Bro. French set on the Board for him at this time. Visitors were recognized at this time: Bro. Bob Trimble from the Friendship FWB Church in Flint. Bro. Johnson read the Rules of Decorum.

Minutes were read by the Clerk. A motion carried to accept. The Treasurers Report was read by Bro. Vernon Garrett. A motion carried to accept.

PLACEMENT

The July 30-31, 1982 setting will be at FLINT FWB CHURCH, FLINT, MI with Bro. Rick Locklear preaching on Friday night and Bro. Roger Cooper as an alternate.

The Annual Setting will be hosted by the TRINITY FWB CHURCH of Ypsilanti, MI on April 30-May 1, 1982 with Bro. Oscar Cummings preaching the Friday night message and Bro. John Griffith as the alternate.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

YOUTH CAMP

Bro. Rudy Shankle reported that the dates previously announced for Youth Camp is still tentative for the first two weeks of August. Now is the time to make plans for Camp. When renting the camp this year, an agreement will be written as to what we expect from the camp owners in addition to the rules that we must follow.

EXECUTIVE REPORT

Bro. Curtis Lilly gave the following recommendations.

(1) The three vacancies on the Boards be filled at the annual meeting. Accepted.

(2) A Spring Fellowship Revival be planned with the churches and with the Moderator. Bro. Johnson asked that if any churches would like to host the Revival to contact him and plans will be announced at the Annual Meeting. Accepted.

(3) Standing vote of "THANKS" to the Host Church for this conference. Accepted.

HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Bro. Charles Cooper reported that the Lewiston property has not sold yet but some equipment has been sold. Payments are up to date on the mortgage. Report accepted.

STATE ASSOCIATION

Bro. Cooper also spoke on the work of the State and its support. As promotional secretary, he gave several ideas on the work. Accepted.

LADIES AUXILIARY

Sis. Treva Prater announced the Liberty District Meeting for Friday night, February 19, 1982 at the TEN MILE FWB CHURCH, with Sharon Ferguson speaking. Also plans will be laid for the Provision Closet which will be May 15 in Pontiac. Accepted.

Correspondence was read from the Students, thanking the Association for their support.

BREAK

Services were opened with singing "I Feel Like Traveling On" with prayer led by Bro. Jimmie L. Tolbert. Special singing was from the MINISTERS QUARTET with Bro. Roger Cooper at the piano.

Bro. Bob Trimble read from 2 Timothy chapter 1 and preached an inspiring message, closing with prayer.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT

Recommendations as follows.

(1) To send a letter of recommendation for Bro. Joe Wilson—Wolverine Association. Accepted.

(2) To send a letter of recommendation for Bro. Ron Ramey—New Hope Association. Accepted.

(3) To request a letter of recommendation for Bro. Jimmie Tolbert from the St. Francois District Association. Accepted.

(4) To license Bro. Wayne Miracle (Monroe Church) to preach the Gospel. Accepted.

(5) POINT OF INFORMATION. Someone has requested that the Association study the books that are being given to the Licensed Ministers.

An offering was received with Bro. Quenton Shown praying. Announcements were made. Bro. Hill gave directions to the noon meal and prayed God's blessing on the food.

**Minutes of the 32nd Annual Setting
of the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist
when convened at the
TRINITY FWB CHURCH
410 Oregon St.
Ypsilanti, MI
April 30-May 1, 1982**

Services opened with singing "I'll Meet You In the Morning" and prayer by Bro. Louis Tolbert. Bro. Winford French, Host Pastor, welcomed everyone and introduced the Moderator, Bro. George Johnson. Bro. Johnson called the conference to order and read from Acts 2:40-47 and spoke for a few minutes on "THE NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH", closing with prayer.

Prayer requests were taken and an Altar of Prayer was led by Bro. Don Marsee. Bro. Jim Bruce prayed over the offering which was received at this time. The congregation joined in singing "Amazing Grace" followed by special singing from the Host Church.

Bro. Oscar Cummings preached an inspiring message from Matthew 16:13-17 on "The Greatness and That of God". "Just As I Am" was sung for the invitation. Announcements were made and Bro. J. D. Tolbert closed in prayer.

**Saturday
9:00 A.M.**

Bro. John Pruitt led in singing "Victory in Jesus" to open the service. Bro. Troy Head led in the opening prayer. Devotions were given by Bro. Rudolph Shankle from 1 Peter 2:9.

Bro. Johnson called the conference to order. Letters from the churches were read and accepted. The right hand of fellowship was extended to the Delegates with singing "At Calvary". An Altar of Prayer was led by Bro. Quenton Shown. Bro. Johnson recognized the visitors, followed by reading the Rules of Decorum. The Minutes of the last meeting were read by Sis. Connie Dean and accepted as read. Bro. Vernon Garrett gave the Treasurer's Report and a motion carried to accept the report as read.

Placement for the next Annual Setting May 6-7, 1983 will be at the OLD FASHION FWB CHURCH with the Friday night message by Bro. Jimmie Tolbert with Bro. John Pruitt as the alternate. The next quarterly session will be at the 1st FWB of Flint with Bro. Rick Locklear preaching on Friday night.

Bro. French gave the **PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT**. (1) Recommendation to change the book given to the licensed Ministers from "The Great Doctrines of the Bible" to "Systematics" by Leroy Forlines. Accepted. (2) Recommendation that Bro. J. D. Tolbert fill the vacancy on the Executive Board. Accepted. (3) Recommended that the Liberty Association give Bro. Charles Bohanon a letter of good standing to join the New Hope Association. Accepted.

Bro. Charles Cooper gave the **HOME MISSIONS REPORT**. For information, the Lewiston property has not sold yet but the mortgage is paid up to date. We still have a responsibility to pay for the property until further dates. Bro. Cooper spoke on the State Work. He explained how each church is supposed to give to help support the State Work. The basis was set up in the State Convention of giving \$10.00 per month to help the state work. The Annual State Conference is June 18-19, 1982 at the 7th Street FWB. Bro. Roy Thomas and Bro. Charles Thigpen will be with us in that meeting.

The **YOUTH CAMP REPORT** was given by Bro. Rudolph Shankle. Definite dates on camp are Junior Camp, August 2-6, 1982 with Bro. Curtis Lilly as Director; Senior Camp August 9-13, 1982 with Bro. Bob Trimble as Director. Evangelists will be Bro. Bruce White (Jr. Camp) and Bro. Tim Trimble (Sr. Camp). Price is \$35.00 but no physical is required. Workers and Campers please get your applications in as soon as possible. Report accepted.

Sis. Lois Mungle gave the **LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT** announcing the State Auxiliary Conference on May 15, 1982 at the 1st FWB of Pontiac. This will also be the Provision Closet collection for the Missionaries. Accepted as given.

BREAK

Services begin with singing "He Keeps Me Singing".

Bro. Curtis Lilly gave the **EXECUTIVE REPORT**.

Election Of Officers

Moderator: Bob George Johnson

Ass't. Moderator: Bro. Rudy Shankle

Clerk: Sis. Connie Dean

Treasurer: Bro. Vernon Garrett

5-year term on Presbytery Board: Bro. Oscar Cummings

Youth Camp Representative: Bro. Jimmie Tolbert

Recommendation of board elected by acclamation.

(2) Recommendation that the Association pay the social security taxes owed to Bro. Bobby Green in the amount of \$463.00. Accepted.

(3) Recommendation of following contributions.

Minister's Retreat	\$100.00	accepted
Youth Camp	100.00	accepted
Home Mission (Liberty)	100.00	accepted
State Mission	100.00	accepted
Moderator	100.00	accepted
Clerk	50.00	accepted
Treasurer	50.00	accepted

(4) Recommendation to give Host Church a standing vote of Thanks for hosting this conference. Accepted.

(5) Liberty Spring Revival to be hosted by FWB Chapel. Pastor Lilly. June 21-25, 1982. Accepted.

(6) State Delegate will be Bro. Gary Shown.

Services resumed with singing "The Old Gospel Ship" followed by special singing from the Host Church. An offering was received with Bro. Vernon Garrett praying. Bro. J. B. Varney (Kirby FWB Church) preached an inspiring message on "Man's Privilege to Work God's Plan" (Total Family Care). Bro. Johnson spoke of a commitment to work for the Lord and Bro. Lilly closed in prayer. Announcements were made and Bro. French gave directions to the noon meal and prayed the blessing on the food.

TREASURERS REPORT

EXPENSES:

Supplies	67.20
Clerk's Fee	100.00
Hall Rental	159.00
Connie S. Dean, Gratuity	50.00
Clinton V. Garrett, Gratuity	50.00
Rev. George Johnson, Gratuity	100.00
Bro. J. B. Varney, Appreciation	35.00
Printing of Minutes	440.00
National Co-op	254.04
State of Michigan	15.00
Rev. Bobby Green, Social Security Taxes	463.00
Michigan State Association of FWB	405.00
Rev. Bob Trimble, Honorarium	50.00
Department of Foreign Missions	284.21
Liberty Home Missions	623.91
National Home Missions Board	45.00

Post Office.....	61.61
Bank Service Charge.....	3.49
Bible College Students:	
Oleda Williams	90.00
Doug Guellim.....	90.00
Bruce Locklear	90.00
Mike Locklear	90.00
Brenda Barnett.....	90.00
Tim Steele.....	90.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,746.46

Total Income	<u>4,191.68</u>
Balance	\$ 445.22

INCOME

Special Offerings	234.74
Beginning Balance	686.17
Crusaders FWB	100.00
Eastside FWB	45.00
Faith FWB of Ray Township	45.00
Fifteen Mile FWB	86.80
1st FWB of Adrian.....	100.00
1st FWB of Flint.....	568.12
1st FWB of Monroe	55.00
1st FWB of South Haven	131.00
FWB Chapel.....	85.00
Memorial FWB	75.00
Mt. Olive FWB	30.00
Old Fashion FWB.....	514.00
Ten Mile FWB.....	321.98
Trinity FWB	456.25
Troy FWB.....	100.00
Whittaker FWB	137.62
Woodhaven FWB	200.00
Grace FWB.....	<u>220.00</u>
	4,191.68

RULES OF DECORUM

- 1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.**
- 2. Only one person shall speak at a time who shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator and not proceed until recognized by the Moderator.**
- 3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech except by the Moderator, until he gets through, nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.**
- 4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.**
- 5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.**
- 6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.**
- 7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethren, or sisters.**
- 8. No member of this Association shall absent himself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.**
- 9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association thinks it necessary.**
- 10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without leave of the Moderator.**

CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. This Association, when properly convened, shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, whom shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly and take the vote thereon; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote.

The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association. The assistants to the Moderator or Clerk shall be to assist, or occupy their respective seats when vacant, or otherwise necessary.

2. This Association shall be composed of ordained Ministers, Deacons, and Licentiates, together with messengers duly chosen by the church of their membership in our union, who the members judge best qualified to represent them. Said messengers bearing letters certifying to their appointment.

Said Ministers and Licentiates shall be men of good report, within and without, of honest integrity and full of the Holy Ghost, meeting the qualifications to that of 1 Tim. 3. Coming under the hands, or approval of the Ordaining Council. Pastors shall be chosen by the suffrage of the church, or churches they serve; whose tenure of service shall be faithfully maintained until terminated, and that effected only by a 60 days notice of said intention, and the selection of an active Minister within the bounds of this Association to succeed him. It is agreed, however, one may be selected from other sources, being approved by the Ordaining Council of this Association.

3. In the letters from the churches shall be expressed their respective number in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded, or died since the last setting of the Association, day of church meeting, Pastor or Clerk.
4. No query shall be received by this Association from any church until it has been acted upon by said church and referred to the Association. In which case the Association shall take up the matter, acting as advisory counsel to promote peace and harmony according to true discipline of Divine grace.
5. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to a representation of Messengers not exceeding five; together with said clerk and ordained authority.
6. This Association shall maintain a Presbytery Board selected from the ordained authority, preferably Ministers; five in number; also

an Executive Board consisting of five, selected from the body, whose tenure of office shall be ranging from one to five years. The Association shall select, annually, to supply the vacancies as they occur.

7. Every motion, when in order and properly sustained, shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover; that is to say, to present matters for discussion, trying the merits of the same, and, if found worth and orthodox, to adopt it.
8. This Association shall not exercise power so as to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on the eternal rights of any. Maintaining the rights and privileges, and relationships to each church to that of individual members; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; whereupon, if a reconciliation cannot be effected, the said church in default shall be dropped from our counsel.
9. We agree to do all regular business by a majority of members present.
10. Any church may be admitted into this Association by a petitionary letter and messengers, if however, said church is found to be orthodox and orderly. Such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship to said messengers.
11. This Association shall sit as an advisory council, to advise, if prudent, in all matters of difficulty; to ascertain the cause of non-representation, to select from this body such committees deemed necessary to the functioning of the body; to invite and entertain counsel with all brother ministers commensurate with safety; to exclude, or disannul any member not conforming to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his, or their conduct to the church of which they held membership.
12. This Association shall not, at any time, engage in what may seem to be of a commercial nature. However, it shall be the duty of each church to provide the means for defraying current expenses of the Association.
13. This Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all matters concerning the Ministers of the council, as touching their qualification, of his many character and general conduct; strict adherence to the principles and doctrine of faith and practice, not deviating from that set forth in the Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptist. Particularly that of the plan of redemption, of the Christian fellowship in the unity of Spirit and the bounds of peace; or failing to keep the Ordinances, and the perseverance in faith, ready to be revealed in glory at the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ; when both saints and the wicked dead shall be resurrected, the saints to everlasting life and the wicked to eternal damnation.

14. This Association shall advise, or recommend the support of denominational enterprises according to the ability, or means otherwise provided, and under the jurisdiction of the local church.
15. This Association shall possess the rights to repel, or exclude anyone coming unto us preaching, or advocating any other doctrine then that set forth in the original Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptists.
16. This constitution shall not be changed, or amended, only by a three-fourths majority of Ministers, as also the Deacons, and likewise the duly elected representatives at the regular annual setting of the Association.

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