



MINUTES
OF THE
NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



Covering the period of

JANUARY 12, 1963 to November 13, 1965



SECTION I
MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE
NORTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

JANUARY 12, 1963

Delegates from four Free Will Baptist churches met at the Vancouver Free Will Baptist Church on January 12, 1963 for the purpose of organizing the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists. The following churches were represented: East Wenatchee Free Will Baptist Church, Liberty Free Will Baptist Church of Rockport, Yakima Free Will Baptist Church and First Free Will Baptist Church of Vancouver, Washington.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. John J. Postlewaite, host pastor. A congregational song was sung after which Rev. Homer E. Willis, National Home Missions Director, Nashville, Tennessee, was introduced by Rev. J. T. Hurst, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of East Wenatchee, Washington. Rev. Willis was chosen by a vote of the body to act as moderator of the day.

The moderator then appointed Rev. Winston Lawless, Executive Secretary for California Free Will Baptists, and Rev. Virgil Florence of Hughson, California, to serve as a council in the organization.

Arlene Norris was elected to serve as clerk for the day.

The printed program was adopted as a flexible guide for the proceedings of the day. Reports were heard and accepted from all four churches, after which the ordained authority and delegates went forward and were extended the right hand of church fellowship by the council members. The congregation then knelt in a prayer of dedication, led by Mrs. Hurst.

The proposed Constitution and By-Laws were presented and adopted item by item. (See Constitution and By-Laws)

The moderator then appointed the following committees and boards. Nominating: Ernie Lewis, Ernest Stafford, Roy Dobson and Mrs. Alice Moore. Missions Board: Mrs. Joan Hurst, three years; Mrs. Leah Postlewaite, two years; and Mrs. Neakita Snowden, one year.

Motion carried that each church use the official report form of the National Association in making the reports at each session of this body.

Motion carried that we accept the Norwester as the official paper of the Northwest Association and retain Mrs. Joan Hurst as editor.

Motion carried to hold the next meeting in the East Wenatchee Church, May the tenth and eleventh.

Motion carried to accept the nomination committee's report. The following men were elected as an Examining Board. Rev. J. T.

Hurst, three years; Rev. Fred Dellinger, two years and Rev. Ernest Snowder, one year.

The following persons were elected as general officers for the coming year. Moderator, Rev. John J. Postlewaite, Assistant Moderator, Rev. J. T. Hurst; Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Joan Hurst.

The moderator appointed the general officers to serve as a program committee for the next session.

The business session was adjourned for the worship service.

The eleven o'clock worship service was opened by congregational singing. Rev. Homer E. Willis brought the message and all present enjoyed the blessings of the Lord upon this first session of the Northwest association of Free Will Baptists.

Arlene Norris, Clerk

SECTION II — MAY 11, 1963

The first regularly scheduled meeting of the Northwest Association since the organizational meeting of Jan. 12, 1963, met at First Free Will Baptist Church, East Wenatchee, on Friday evening and Saturday, May 10-11, 1963.

The Association was officially called into session by the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Joe Hurst, on Friday evening.

Rev. John Postlewaite, Moderator, brought greetings to the Association. The congregation sang a hymn and was led in prayer by Rev. Ernest Snowden.

Special music was a duet by Misses Joyce Taylor and Emma Nolan.

Pastor Hurst of the host church recognized visitors from other churches who were then present.

A Scripture portion from St. John 4:12-24 was read by the moderator, who admonished the Association to remember throughout the convention the words Christ spoke to the Samaritan woman at the well.

The message was by Rev. Doyle Goldy whose text was II Kings 23:7, who compared the sins of society today with those of Sodom and Gomorrah.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:
RESOLUTIONS - Ed Powers, Chairman, Norman Wright, T. E. Moore, members.

PULPIT - Mrs. T. E. Moore, Mrs. Postlewaite, Lowell Davis.

REGISTRATION - Misses Joyce Taylor and Emma Nolan, named by pastor Hurst.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Brother Moore. A fellowship supper was enjoyed and guest assignments were announced by Mrs. Joy Horner, hospitality chairman.

Saturday's session was opened by a congregational hymn, "To the Work", and prayer was offered by Brother Moore.

I Corinthians 12:12-31 was read by the moderator as a devotional scripture.

Mr. Earnie Lewis of Wenatchee expressed the pleasure of the church to be host to this meeting and gave a hearty welcome to all. Responding to the welcome in behalf of the visitors was Rev. Fred Dellinger, who called upon Rev. Snowden to lead in prayer.

A call for the church letters was given by the moderator and letters from all member churches, Yakima, Rockport, Vancouver and East Wenatchee, were received and read. Delegates were given a hand of fellowship and seated to transact the official business of the association.

The By-Laws of the Association were read by the clerk. The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Pulpit Committee Rev. E. F. Snowden as the messenger for the worship service. MSC to receive and adopt the report.

The Home Missions Board reported with the following resolution:

"The Home Missions Board recommends that each church in the association decide upon a certain amount which they will strive to contribute regularly for this area's mission fund.

It is further recommended that the contributions be retained in savings to be used exclusively for missions and church extension work in the Northwest area.

The board also recommends that certain rules and stipulations be drafted by this board and presented to this association at a later date, to govern the disbursements of these funds and the eligibility of all parties petitioning these funds." signed Jo Ann Hurst, Chairman, Leah Mae Postlewaite, Neakita Snowden.

A motion carried to adopt the report. Following a discussion the report was adopted.

Mrs. Jo Ann Hurst resigned as chairman of the home mission board because of her election as clerk.

Adam Warnett of Wenatchee was unanimously elected to succeed Mrs. Hurst as chairman of the home mission board.

The Examining Board's report was given by chairman Joe Hurst. MSC to receive the report and adopt item by item.

Item 1 — adopted.

Item 2 — adopted.

Item 3 — adopted.

The Resolutions Committee gave a partial report. "Be it resolved that the minutes of each session be read before the close of said session.

MSC to adopt.

The treasurer's report was given. MSC to receive as read.

A report of The Nor'wester publication was given by Mrs. Hurst as information.

MSC that the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists petition the National Association of Free Will Baptists for membership, and that the moderator of this association appoint the delegates at a future time.

Placement invitations for the November 8-9 meeting were received from Yakima and Liberty Church. The body voted to go to Liberty Church in Rockport.

MSC to elect a messenger for the Friday evening service next.

MSC to elect Rev. Joe Hurst by acclamation. Rev. Ernest Snowder was elected alternate messenger by acclamation.

The resolution committee's final report gave a resolution that that appreciation be expressed to the host church for the hospitality shown visitors, MSC to receive and adopt the report.

A request was made and granted by general consent to give a few minutes of time on the program to Rev. Ernest Snowder to present the work of the Yakima church.

Rev. Snowder told of a most unusual opportunity which had come to them. It would be possible to purchase property consisting of an inadequate church building with classrooms and a two story house for parsonage and class rooms. A need for \$100 to complete the transactions for the down-payment and closing expense was stated.

A special offering was received from the present assembly which amounted to \$38.51. Pledges amounting to \$115.00 were received.

The registration committee reported 4 ministers, 11 delegates and 48 visitors had registered for the Saturday session. This total of 63 did not include many visitors on Friday evening who were unable to return.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

The Postlewaite family sang a special song for the worship service.

Rev. Ernest Snowder delivered the message from Isaiah.

The session was closed with prayer by Rev. Joe Hurst. Dinner was served in the fellowship rooms of the church.

Mrs. Joe T. Hurst, Clerk

SECTION III — November 8-9, 1963

For the first annual meeting, the Northwest Association was called to order Friday evening, November 8, 1963, by Moderator John J. Postlewaite, at the Liberty Free Will Baptist Church of Rockport, Washington.

Following a congregational hymn, the moderator read from St. Mark 1:16-20 for devotional meditation. Prayer was led by Rev. E. F. Snowden.

Delegates were named and seated so that certain committees could be appointed. They were as follows: Pulpit Committee - Dan Dellinger, Milan Ruble, Vic Horner. Nominating Committee: Adam Warnett, chairman, E. F. Snowden, Fred Dellinger. Registration Committee: Starlet Snowden, Cathy Lewis, Gay Dellinger, Susan Postlewaite.

After further singing by the congregation, special music was provided by Rev. & Mrs. Hurst, Rev. & Mrs. Postlewaite, and Victor Horner.

An offering of \$10.25 was received.

The message of the evening was brought by Rev. Joe Hurst of Wenatchee, whose text, "Filled With Knowledge of His Will" was taken from Collosians 1:9.

The Pulpit Committee recommended Rev. Postlewaite for the 11:00 message Saturday morning.

Pastor Fred Dellinger gave the arrangements for lodging the visitors.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

The Saturday session of the Association was opened with congregational singing. Bro. Milan Ruble of Yakima brought devotions from Hebrews 11. An official welcome was extended by Pastor Fred Dellinger and Rev. Joe Hurst responded for the visiting delegation.

Letters from all member churches were received. The treasurer's report was read and received on motion.

Letters of greetings to the Association from the National Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Director, were read.

On motion the Association voted to hold the May meeting at the F. W. B. Church in Yakima.

MSC that the motion to change the By-Laws be brought off the table.

MSC to change the By-Laws, Article 1, to read as follows: "Each session of the Association shall be called to order by the moderator, or in his absence, by his representative, who shall announce the order of business.

On motion, the following resolution of the Northwest Home Mission Board was adopted: "Whereas, Rev. John J. Postlewaite is no

longer salaried as the Director of Northwest Missions, and whereas, the National Home Missions Board has no other workers in the Northwest area,

Therefore, be it resolved that the Northwest Association petition said national home missions board to employ a worker for the Northwest area of Washington and Oregon.

Be it further resolved that the Northwest Association determine an amount which it will pledge as monthly support and offer this amount to the National Home Mission Board to help pay a portion of the said worker's salary.

At Rev. Postlewaite's request be it resolved that we recommend that he would not be the worker considered by the National Home Mission Board.

Be it further resolved that the contributions of the churches of the Northwest Association be sent to the local treasurer who will send the designated amount regularly to the National Home Mission Board, or if this proposal is denied, that said funds be dispersed for missions within the association as directed by the association. "Signed Adam Warnett, Chairman, Leah Postlewaite, Neakita Snowder.

The congregation stood in prayer as a gesture of appreciation of the work of the Postlewaites.

The Nominating Committee submitted its report which was received. Pastor Joe Hurst declined the nomination as moderator and Rev. E. F. Snowder was elected. Assistant Moderator - Rev. Fred Dellinger, Clerk-Treasurer, Mrs. Joe Hurst. Editor of Nor'wester, Mrs. Joe Hurst. Member of examining Committee - Rev. John Postlewaite for a 3 year term.

MSC to retain the present Home Mission Board with terms of office designated as follows: Adam Warnett - 3 years, Mrs. E. F. Snowder - 2 years, Mrs. Johnny Postlewaite - 1 year.

On motion, Rev. Fred Dellinger was elected as speaker at the Friday night service at the May session of the Association.

The worship hour was begun by congregational singing and with special music from a quartet from the Yakima church. Rev. Postlewaite brought the message from Mark 6:9 and further directed comments for the dedication of the lovely church building of the Rockport church. A prayer of dedication was offered.

Upon requested from the Yakima church that action toward a work in Christian Education, the following study committee was appointed: Mrs. Hurst, Mrs. Postlewaite and Rev. Ernest Snowder.

MSC that the delegates present report to their respective churches concerning the resolutions of the Northwest Home Mission Board and report the amount the churches would strive to raise to chairman

Adam Warnett, as soon as possible, preferably within a week.

MSC that all churches be urged to contribute to National Home Missions during the month of November.

Registration Committee reported 4 ministers registered and 23 visitors and delegates.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Mrs. Joe Hurst, Clerk

SECTION IV — MAY 8-9, 1964

The choir from Vancouver, directed by Rev. John Postlewaite led the congregation in hymns to open the spring session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists, convened at First church, Yakima, May 8, 1964.

Rev. Snowden, moderator, called the body to order. Brother Pipkin of the host church read Psalms 112 for devotions and Rev. Joe Hurst led in prayer.

The Vancouver church choir sang, "Such Wonderful Love", "Christ Returneth", and "Wonderful Grace of Jesus", as special music.

The Moderator called for a list of delegates from which to appoint committees. Those appointed were as follows: Pulpit: Raymond Reed (Vancouver), Brother Hudson, (Rockport), and Milan Ruble (Yakima). Registration: Evelyn Moore, Judy Hurst, and Joy Wade. Resolution: Mrs. Reed (Vancouver), Ernie Lewis (Wenatchee), and Rev. Snowden, (Yakima).

Rev. Fred Dellinger brought the message for worship, introducing and enlarging on the history of Free Will Baptists to the congregation. His theme, "What is in Thine Hand?" was from Exodus 4. The congregation was admonished to remember its heritage and use the "rod of God" in the Northwest as faithfully as Moses did.

Following the worship service, guests were served refreshments in the parsonage and assignments for the night's lodging were made.

SATURDAY:

The Saturday session was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Brother Ernie Lewis. Brother Burl Halliburton read Psalms 24 for devotions.

The moderator called for the letters from the churches and all churches of the association presented letters which were read and received. The delegates were seated for business deliberations.

Minutes of the two previous meetings were read and approved.

Greetings from the Executive Secretary of the National Association were read to the association. Also a report of the financial support from the Executive Secretary's office, stating the amount received from Washington for the years previous.

The treasurer's report was read and received.

Old Business called for by the moderator: The Board of Christian Education which was established at the previous meeting recommended that any plans for that area be delayed at the present time and that the board be dissolved.

By motion the recommendation was adopted.

The Moderator called for reports from boards and committees. The Nor'wester report was given by Mrs. Hurst who then offered her resignation as editor due to inadequate printing facilities.

On motion the resignation was accepted.

Brother Edwin Wade of Vancouver was nominated as editor of Nor'wester and was elected by acclamation.

The Home Mission Board report was given by Mrs. Postlewaite who reported that there had been some progress made with the National Home Mission Board as follows: "Northwest Home Mission Board has received word from the National Home Mission Board that plans are being made to send a worker to the Northwest as soon as possible. We recommend that the churches continue support to the Northwest Missions account and pray that through our combined efforts we will see more churches established in the Northwest." Signed Leah Mae Postlewaite and Neakita Snowder.

The floor was opened to new business.

The treasurer made a motion that the executive board of the association serve as an auditing committee to examine the treasurer's books at each yearly meeting. Motion carried.

Motion carried that moderator be empowered to appoint delegates to the National Association.

Invitations for the November meeting were received from Wenatchee and Vancouver. The assembly voted to go to Wenatchee.

The messenger elected for the Friday evening service November 6, was Rev. Milan Ruble.

The report of the credentials committee was read and adopted item by item.

1. We the examining board have examined Rev. Edwin Wade and do recommend him to the fellowship of this body as an ordained minister. Adopted.

2. We the examining board have examined Bro. Milan J. Ruble and do hereby recommend him for ordination by this body. Adopted.

3. We the examining board have examined Bro. T. E. Moore and do recommend him for license to preach the gospel for one year. Adopted.

Rev. John J. Postlewaite was appointed by the moderator to deliver the charge to ordain Bro. Milan Ruble as a minister. Other ordained ministers served as the ordaining council. Following the ordination, the meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Mrs. J. T. Hurst, Clerk

SECTION V — November 6-7, 1964

The annual session of the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists opened Friday evening, November 6, at First Free Will Baptist Church in East Wenatchee. The congregation sang "Send the Light" along with a choir of teen-agers.

Following prayer and other singing, the choir sang "Christ Returneth" and Brother Postlewaite sang "When They Ring Those Golden Bells" as special music.

The message of the evening was delivered by Milan Ruble of Toppenish. His text was Romans 1:16 and Christians were challenged not to be ashamed of Christ but to be steadfast in Christian living.

Following the message Rev. Snower, moderator, declared the session open for business as follows:

Letters from the churches were received and accepted as read. All churches of the Association reported by regular letter. The delegates as listed were seated for business and the hand of fellowship extended.

The new church of Toppenish, Washington, requested by letter to unite with the association.

On motion, it was voted to receive the church into fellowship and seat the delegates.

On motion, the moderator was empowered to appoint committees which were as follows: Nominating Committee: Fred Dellinger, Chairman, Burl Halliburton and Mrs. Cecelia Carlisle.

On motion the moderator appointed a resolution committee to serve this session only, which was composed as follows: T. E. Moore, Norman Wright, and Mrs. Cress.

The Pulpit Committee composed of Nathan Ruble, Mrs. Ernie Lewis and Mrs. T. E. Moore selected Johnnie Postlewaite as messenger for the Saturday session.

The floor was turned to the host pastor, Joe Hurst, to announce the hospitality plans for care of the visitors.

On motion, the session was adjourned until 9:00 A. M. Saturday, by prayer led by Nathan Ruble.

The Saturday session of the Association opened with prayer and devotions. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was read and received.

No old business was reported.

The Home Missions Board reported as follows: "Whereas, the churches of the Northwest Association pledged support for home missions within the association in the amount of \$65.00 per month for the current year, it is hereby recommended that each church determine the amount it will pledge for next year and notify the chairman of

this mission board no later than December 15.

"It is also recommended that, since no missionary was assigned to the Northwest this year, that the funds received so far, be retained in the state's treasury for emergency and other local missionary expenses, to be approved by the association. It is recommended that payments of support to the National Home Mission Board be started with the month that a missionary be employed for this area.

Further, in regard to a letter received from Bro. Lloyd Plunket, stating that he has made application with the national Home Missions Board to come to the Seattle area next June to begin a F. W. B. Church, and asking permission of the Northwest Mission Board to come to this area, we recommend that permission be granted."

Signed, Adam Warnett, Chairman

On motion, the home mission Board's report was received and adopted. There was considerable discussion on this motion as there needs to be a clarification of some points with the national Home Missions Board. Brother Postlewaite had received communication requesting him to serve as missionary in the state of Oregon, under the directorship of Rev. Wade Jernigan, located in Idaho. It was Bro. Postlewaite's understanding that the Washington missionary would not be under the Director, Rev. Jernigan. Since the Northwest Association was set up to embrace Washington and Oregon, but not Idaho, it was agreed that we should know what the national Board considers as the Northwest. The Moderator asked Brother Postlewaite to try and get this point clarified with the national board.

The Examining Board recommended that Norman Wright of the Vancouver Church be ordained as a deacon and that the ordination take place at this meeting.

On Motion the recommendation was accepted and adopted.

The examining Board further reported as follows: "Whereas, the examining Board has met and discussed with Brother Doyle Goldy, the differences of interpretation of the Scripture and F. W. B. doctrine; and, whereas, there is a difference in the interpretation of the doctrine, Bro. Goldy has offered his ordination credentials; it is hereby recommended that those credentials be accepted." Submitted by Joe Hurst, Fred Dellinger, and Jonnie Postlewaite, Examining Board.

On motion the body voted to receive and adopt the recommendation of the Examining Board. The chairman explained to the delegates that it must be understood that no question of character, morals or any other factor entered into the matter in any way.

The moderator invited Brother Goldy to speak if he wished and he led the congregation in prayer, asking that this action not be able in any way to mar the fellowship with Free Will Baptists.

Brother Hurst read correspondence from Mr. Kettelman of the Bible College asking that Washington contribute \$200. for the current school year's expenses. Also, a letter from Mark Vandivort of the national home missions board inquiring which month would be best for a visit to this area.

The resolution committee submitted the following resolutions:

1. To amend the constitution to give deacons, minister's wives, deacon's wives and church clerks a standing vote in the Association.
2. To set up a cooperative program whereby a portion of the money given to the Association by the churches would go to the national cooperative plan, to help in the total outreach of the denomination.

By motion, the report was received to be adopted item by item.

On motion it was voted to table Item 1 until the next meeting in May.

On motion that the moderator appoint a committee to study the percentages to recommend on Item 2 and report to the next meeting. Appointed to the committee were Bro. Wade, Bro. Hurst and Bro. Postlewaite.

On motion, it was voted to hold the next Association in Vancouver.

The pulpit committee recommended Joe Hurst as the introductory speaker for the next session.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator — Ed Wade, Assistant — Fred Dollinger

Clerk — Johnnie Postlewaite

Home Mission Board — 3 years — Burl Halliburton.

Examining Committee to replace Bro. Postlewaite — Milan Ruble.

Examining Committee — E. F. Snowden (3 years)

On motion, the business meeting was adjourned and the service turned to the messenger, Johnnie Postlewaite.

Following the worship hour, Norman Wright was ordained as deacon to serve in First Free Will Baptist Church of Vancouver.

Registration Committee: Ministers - 7, Delegates - 12, Visitors - 30. (Some not registered.)

Jo Ann Hurst, Clerk

SECTION VI — MAY 6, 1965

Northwest Association of Free Will Baptist met in Vancouver, Washington, Friday evening, May 6, 1965. The meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. Edwin Wade. Song service was led by Mrs. Joan Hurst with Joy Wade and Arlene Norris, pianists. Prayer by Rev. Milan Ruble from the Toppenish church. The Youth Choir sang "He Keeps Me Singing". A girls trio from the Vancouver church sang "Jesus Abide With Me". The evening message was brought by Rev. Joe Hurst, from Wenatchee. His scripture was 1 Timothy. 6:1-12. The text for his message was "Fight the good fight of faith". Invitation Hymn, "Whiter Than Snow", was sung at close of message.

The Association was called into business session. Letters from the different churches were called for and read by clerk, Rev. John Postlewaite. Motion carried to receive letters and seat delegates. A petitionary letter was read from the Portland church, MSC to accept this newly organized church into the fellowship of the Association and seat delegates. Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

The moderator and assistant moderator appointed committees as follows: Resolution: Joan Hurst, Wenatchee; Nathan Ruble, Toppenish; and Gene Whitaker, Portland. Pulpit: Nona Fautot, Vancouver; Mrs. Hudson, Rockport; and Mrs. Harris, Toppenish. Registration: Cathy Lewis, Wenatchee; Dawn Snower, Yakima; and Richard Horner, Wenatchee.

MSC to adjourn until Saturday at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting was called to order Saturday morning by assistant moderator, Rev. Fred Dellinger. Song "Redeemed", was led by Joan Hurst, pianist, Arlene Norris. Devotion was given by Rev. E. F. Snower, scripture, 1 Thes. 5:1-5. Prayer by moderator, Rev. Edwin Wade.

The pulpit committee reported that Rev. Milan Ruble from Toppenish, would bring the morning message.

Report was given of special called meeting of Associational officers which met in Yakima, prior to this meeting. MSC to refer committees report to resolutions committees for consideration. MSC to receive resolutions committees report and adopt item by item.

1. Whereas the Northwest Association has been assigned a quota, therefore be it resolved that we recommend to each church that they have a College Day asking Washington Bible College Students to participate and an offering be taken for the Bible College. Adopted.
2. Whereas there is a great need for a Youth Camp for the Free Will Baptist young people and whereas there has been an expression of interest by the young people, be it resolved that the Northwest Association endeavor to provide such a Youth Camp for the summer.

Be it further resolved that a committee be elected at this meeting to begin making plans. Adopted. Committee elected as follows: Joe Hurst, Edwin Wade and John Postlewaite.

3. Whereas there is a need to encourage the youth of our churches to attend Associational meetings, and whereas there is an opportunity for training our youth, therefore be it resolved that a C. T. S. Rally be planned to coincide with the Associational meeting and that a committee be elected to plan a program for the next meeting. Adopted. Committee elected as follows: Nathan Ruble, Joan Hurst, Norman Wright and Mary Halliburton.

4. Whereas there is a need that all phases of our denomination be supported to carry on a world wide ministry and whereas we have a desire to obey the Great Commission of our Lord, be it resolved that we set up a cooperative plan of support for our Northwest Association using the following percentages, 5% to Northwest Association, 30% to National Cooperative fund and 65% to Northwest Home Missions fund. Be it further resolved that we recommend that churches pay at least 10% of income to said Cooperative plan. Adopted.

MSC to have minutes of Associational Meetings printed up to date including this meeting.

MSC to bring resolution No. 1, tabled at the November meeting off the table for discussion. Resolution No. 1. "To amend the constitution to give deacons, wives and church clerks a standing vote in the Association." After a thorough discussion the resolution was adopted by majority vote of delegates present.

MSC to pay missionary couple Lloyd and Betty Plunkett, \$150 per month and that this amount be sent through the National Home Missions Board in Nashville, Tennessee, beginning July 1, 1965.

Treasurer's report was given by John Postlewaite. MSC to receive as read.

MSC to receive credential committee's report. Report: We the credential committee wish to report that we have examined Bro. Norman Wright and Bro. Clifford Harris, and wish to recommend that they be given a license for one year to preach the Gospel.

MSC to receive Rev. Ed. Wade's resignation as editor of Norwester.

MSC to receive an offering to apply toward the purchase of a mimeograph machine to be used by the Northwest Association. Offering taken, amount \$41.00.

MSC for the next Associational meeting to convene at the Toppenish church, November 12th and 13th.

MSC that Rev. Fred Dellinger bring introductory message.

MSC to adjourn for the morning worship service.

The Worship service was opened by singing. Song, "Higher Ground", was led by Joan Hurst, Arlene Norris, pianist. Prayer by Bro. Raymond Reed. Special number was given by Vancouver Choir, directed by Joy Wade.

The message was delivered by Rev. Milan Ruble, pastor of the Toppenish Free Will Baptist Church. He read scripture from Luke 12: 13-15, pointing out that we must put God first, and set our affections on things above.

MSC to adjourn this session.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Burl Halliburton.

The noon meal was served by the Vancouver church.

John J. Postlewaite, Clerk

SECTION VII — NOVEMBER 13, 1965

The Northwest Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Toppenish Church, November 13, 1965. The meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. Edwin Wade. A welcome was given by Rev. Milan Ruble, host pastor. The song service was led by Jane Halliburton, Betty Plunket, pianist. Hymns, "Come Thou Fount", and "At Calvary" were sung by congregation. Prayer by Rev. Lloyd Plunket. Jane Halliburton sang a solo, "Jesus is All the World To Me". A duet was sung by Mrs. Kendall and Jolene, "Teach Me Lord, to Wait". Prayer by Rev. John Postlewaite. The evening message was given by Rev. Fred Dellinger. His scripture reading was 11 Kings 5. Rev. Dellinger took his text from Matthew 23 using for his subject, "What kind of servant are you?"

The moderator called the association into a business session. He introduced the officers of the associaton and recognized representatives from different churches. A good representation was present from Portland, Yakima, Toppenish, Wenatchee, Vancouver, Rockport and Seattle.

MSC to receive treasurer's report and minutes of last meeting read by clerk, John Postlewaite. The church letters were read and MSC to receive letters and seat delegates. Rev. Fred Dellinger, Assistant moderator, gave the right hand of fellowship to delegates.

The moderator appointed the following committees. Registration: Sandy Carlyle and Jolene Kendall. Resolution: Willie Peppin, Joe Postlewaite, and Donna Barritt. Nominating: Burl Halliburton, Raymond Reed, and Adam Warnett. Pulpit: Jane Halliburton, Linda Hudson and Roy Long.

The moderator called for nomination for three year man to serve on the credential board to replace Rev. Joe Hurst. Rev. Ed Wade was elected by acclamation.

Rev. Milan Ruble made arrangements for overnight lodging. Closing songs, "The Lords Our Rock", and "There's Nothing to Worry About", were led by Jane Halliburton.

MSC to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9:00. Dismissed in prayer by E. F. Snowder.

The meeting was called to order Saturday morning, November 14, by Assistant moderator, Rev. Dellinger. Hymn "Since I Have Been Redeemed" was led by Jane Halliburton, Betty Plunket, pianist. A devotional reading and prayer was given by Rev. Lloyd Plunket, scripture Rev. 22: 10-21.

MSC to receive credentials boards report and adopt item by item

1. We find Rev. M. O. Kendall sound in the doctrine and re-

commend him to be accepted in full fellowship in the Association. Adopted.

2. We recommend that Rev. Shope return his credentials to his former demonination and accept license to preach in the Free Will Baptist denomination. Adopted.

3. We recommend that we accept Bro. Norman Wright's license, as he has left the Free Will Baptist church. Adopted.

MSC to receive nominating committees report. Rev. Edwin Wade was elected moderator, Rev. Fred Dellinger assistant, Moderator and Rev. John Postlewaite, clerk-treasurer. Rev. Milan Ruble, Rev. Ed. Wade, and Rev. John Postlewaite were elected as youth camp committee.

MSC to start printing the Norwester again and that Rev. Eo. Wade be elected as editor.

MSC to receive an offering at each meeting for the purpose of purchasing a mimeograph machine to be used by the Northwest Association. Offering received was \$24.87.

MSC for next Associational meeting to be held with the Portland church. Rev. M. O. Kendall was elected to preach the introductory message and Rev. Lloyd Plunket was elected as alternate.

The resolution committee gave the following report.

1. Be it resolved that the Home Mission board become a rotating board with a three year, two year and one year member. Be it further resolved that the present board be re-elected: Adam Warnett, three year; Burl Halliburton, two year; and Nekita Snowden, one year. MSC to adopt.

2. The item concerning youth meeting lost and was replaced by the following: We recommend that our youth meet at 4:00 on Friday before the Association for a C. T. S. Rally and that we elect a Committee to make arrangements for these meetings. MSC to adopt. Committee elected as follows: Mary Halliburton, Nathan Ruble, and Donna Barrit.

MSC to dispense with reading of minutes until next session.

An oral report was given by Lloyd Plunket concerning new church beginning in Seattle. Rev. Plunkett stated that several families had been contacted and the first service would be held the following Sunday.

MSC to adjourn until next session and go into the morning Worship service.

The worship service was opened with singing led by Jane Halliburton, Betty Plunket, pianist. Hymns sung were "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" and "Send The Light". Prayer by Rev. Thurman from Seattle. Special songs were sung by Nolan girls from Wenatchee,

"When Jesus Comes", and Kendall Family from Yakima, "I've Been Changed".

An inspiring message was given to christians by Rev. Ronnie Winkle from Seattle. Scripture reading 1 John 1:1 and 11 Samuel 11.

Closing Hymn, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" and prayer by Rev. Fred Dellinger.

A lovely dinner was served by the host church and Yakima church.

John J. Postlewaite, Clerk

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF NORTHWEST
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Article I. This association shall be called the Northwest Association of Free Will Baptists and shall be composed of such consistent, Well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as shall unite in this compact and agree to this constitution. All churches affiliated with this association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association.

Article II. The acting members of this association shall be such as are chosen by the several churches of which the association is composed; every church being entitled to two delegates, every church containing fifty members to three delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional twenty-five members. (Amended May 7, 1965. All ordained ministers, ministers wives, acting ordained deacons, deacons wives, and church clerks, shall act as standing delegates in this association.)

Article III. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, and clerk-treasurer, which shall be elected at the annual session. Each officer is to continue in office until his successor is chosen and qualifies and shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers.

Article IV. Any regular Free Will Baptist church maintaining gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrines and practices, and in favor of benevolent enterprises as Sunday Schools, missions, temperance, and education, may be received into this association on application, by a majority vote of the association.

Article V. This association shall have power to discipline its churches for unchristian conduct, a want of conformity to gospel order, or a violation of the conditions of this compact, by expelling them; to examine ministerial candidates by request of churches to which such persons belong; to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called of God; to settle such questions of discipline and doctrine as the churches may refer to it, and transact such other business as may be necessary for the benefit of the Christian faith, consistent with the liberty and independence of the churches according to the practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination; and to make any by-laws necessary to its regulation not repugnant to this constitution.

Article VI. Each church shall send the sum of no less than ten dollars semi-annually. All expenses above the stated amount shall be

at the direction of this body.

Article VII. Section I. This association shall elect an Examining Board of three members whose duty it is to set up requirements for license and ordination, subject to the approval of the association; to examine candidates for the ministry; and to make recommendations concerning request for license, or renewal of license, being held at the annual meeting and so arranged that one member is elected each year.

Section II. Committees or boards shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided for and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

Section III. The duties of the boards and committees shall be such as are common among Free Will Baptists when not in conflict with the National Association.

Article VIII. Each member church shall report to this association at each yearly session its statistics on a form provided by the association.

Article IX. The regular sessions of this association shall convene on Friday night and Saturday following the first Sunday in May and November. The November meeting shall be considered the annual meeting.

Article X. This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present, provided amendment or alteration was presented in writing at the last session of the association.

BY-LAWS

1. Each session of the association shall be called to order by the moderator, or in his absence by his representative, who shall announce the order of business.
2. The association shall determine when its daily sessions shall open and close. Each session shall open and close with suitable devotions to God.
3. A majority of all the churches in good standing, which are registered as members of this association must be represented for a quorum.
4. This association may hold correspondence by messengers, or otherwise, with any other religious body as it may seem advisable.
5. Any person not a delegate to this association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission of the moderator, but such a person shall not be allowed to vote.
6. It shall be the duty of all delegates to the association to be present at the time appointed for each session and give strict attention to all business. No delegate shall absent himself from this association during its session without first obtaining leave of the moderator.
7. Every member wishing to speak shall first address the moderator but no person shall be allowed to speak more than five minutes at any one time, nor more than twice on any subject, without permission of the body.
8. The moderator may appoint committees as needed.
9. This association shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order except in those cases where some rule may be superseded by some rule of this association.
10. These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session by a majority vote of delegates present, provided amendment or alteration was presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

