

**MINUTES
OF THE
TEX-HOMA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE**

**When Held At
TRINITY CHURCH
FORT WORTH, TEXAS
Wednesday Night and Thursday
November 5-6, 1947**

The Next meeting will be held at the New Home Church, Tulsa, Okla., Wednesday night and Thursday following the 1st Sunday in May. (May 5-6, 1948).

OFFICERS

Rev. M. L. Sutton President
Rev. Harry E. Staries Vice-President
Rev. B. T. Kirby Secretary-Treasurer
Rev. A. F. Ferguson Sec.-Treas. Pro-Tem

CREDENTIAL BOARD

Rev. W. V. Woods
Rev. Tiff Covington
Rev. Willard C. Day

Members 19

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SESSION

Opened with good singing led by Bro. Royce Rip-
petoe.

Special music was rendered by the host church.

Rev. Harry E. Staires of Tulsa, Okla. brought a
wonderful message from II Cor. 6:1-10, using the
text, "Workers Together With God".

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Song led by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell; he also read a
scripture lesson from Rom. 7:1-4.

Prayer offered by Rev. Tiff Covington.

The meeting was called to order by the President,
Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Rev. A. F. Ferguson elected as Clerk Pro-Tem.
Pulpit Committee appointed.

Pulpit Committee

Rev. W. V. Wood
Rev. C. C. Hood
Rev. C. D. Benton

Motion carried that all Free Will Baptist Minis-
ters attending be seated as members.

Discussion on the purpose of our organization.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Committee on Committees

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell
Rev. J. L. Brandon
Rev. Gene E. Winfrey

By-Laws and Constitution

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell
Rev. A. F. Ferguson
Rev. J. L. Brandon
Rev. Gene E. Winfrey
Rev. R. G. Lane

Sunday School Committee

Rev. Harry E. Staires
Rev. J. A. Brooks
Rev. R. C. Hampton

Program Committee

Rev. C. C. Hood
Rev. R. E. Conner
Rev. Rex Weatherman
Rev. Gunn
Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Rev. Tiff Covington brought the message of the morning. Scripture Lesson, Rom. 1:14-16. Text, "The Power Of The Word Of God".

The message was greatly enjoyed by all.
Benediction.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song and prayer by Rev. Willard C. Day.

Special No. by Pianist, Mrs. Emma Bell Eagleton.

Called to order by President.

Subject or topic called for.

"Christian Education" was the topic chosen.

Timely talks were given by Rev. R. E. Conner and Rev. Willard C. Day.

Report of Rev. E. A. O'Donnell on the possibility of publishing our own song book.

Motion carried to call this organization, "The Tex-Homa Ministers' Conference".

Motion carried that the membership fee be \$1.00 per year beginning this session.

Motion carried to accept the invitation of the New Home Church for the next session.

Motion carried that the Moderator of this body be addressed as President.

Rev. M. L. Sutton was elected to bring the introductory message. Rev. Willard C. Day was elected as alternate.

Motion carried that the Officers and Committees serve until the next meeting.

Motion carried that this conference issue membership cards to every minister in good standing, belonging to this conference.

Report of Committee on By-Laws and Constitution.

Motion carried to accept partial report.

Report of Resolution Committee

1. We, the Tex-Homa Ministers' Conference, go on record this 6th day of Nove., 1947 opposing any changes in the Doctrine of the Treatise of the Free Will Baptists, and we recommend that a copy of this resolution be sent by the Texas and Oklahoma delegates to the Revision Committee.

2. We further recommend that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the Host Church for its royal entertainment of this body.

Motion to adjourn.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1.

It shall be the duty of each member of this conference to familiarize him, or herself with these By-Laws and strictly adhere to same.

ARTICLE 2.

It shall be the duty of the Clerk of this Conference to ascertain if a quorum is present. If a quorum is present, the Clerk, Assistant Clerk, or if neither is present, the senior minister shall call the ministers into conference. The President or Vice President shall then take charge. If neither are present, the senior minister shall moderate until the arrival of the presiding officers.

ARTICLE 3.

If for any reason the roll containing the names of the regular members of this conference should be absent or misplaced at the time of the opening session of this Conference, it shall be left to the honor of each minister present to declare his or her eligibility and standing in the conference.

ARTICLE 4.

No motion shall be sustained without a second.

ARTICLE 5.

All members of this conference shall obtain the floor by first addressing the chair, "Mr. President" or "Bro. President". No one shall be allowed to proceed further until properly recognized by the chairman. (Chairman shall respond by repeating the name of the speaker, or if speaker's name is unknown, he may reply in the following manner: "Proceed", "Continue", or "You are at liberty".)

ARTICLE 6.

Subject matter in all motions must be clearly stated before discussions are allowed to proceed. Motions containing two or more points shall be divided at the request of any member present.

ARTICLE 7.

Ministers wishing to become members of this conference shall make application to the Membership Committee, giving full proof of their ministerial activities, each minister should be actively engaged in some religious enterprise before being admitted to this conference. (Aged, retired, and disabled excepted).

ARTICLE 8.

Members wishing to absent themselves from the session shall obtain permission of the chair.

ARTICLE 9.

A portion of the scripture shall be read at the

opening of each session, followed by prayer. Sessions shall also close with prayer.

ARTICLE 10.

Members shall not be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without special permission of the chair.

ARTICLE 11.

Personal reflections shall be avoided at all times in public debate.

ARTICLE 12.

These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular conference by a two-thirds majority vote of the regular members present.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1.

This ministers' conference shall be called the "Tex-Homa Ministers' Conference". Its constituency shall be composed of all ministers, licensed and ordained, who are in good standing with their respective churches.

ARTICLE 2.

Officers of this conference shall be composed of President, Vice-President, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE 3.

This conference reserves the right to discipline its membership. All members of this conference should carry credentials of identification, endorsed by the President and Clerk.

ARTICLE 4.

This conference shall meet semi-annually, place and date to be designated by the body in session.

ARTICLE 5.

This Constitution may be amended at any regular session by a two-thirds majority vote of members present.



COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ, and being called and chosen to the Ministry, we give ourselves to one another, by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by the grace of God to love and support our brother minister to the advancement of the Gospel and the Glory of God.

We will not be partakers of any sinful amusement, neither shall we conduct ourselves in any manner at any time that will bring reproach on the ministry or hinder God's cause.

We agree to faithfully discharge our obligations and duties, to study to show ourselves approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth.

We are willing by self denial, to promote the Gospel, and by faith, endeavor to "Grow in Grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ". We agree to reprove with meekness and to watch over one another in love and affection, endeavor to keep the unity of the "Spirit" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness, reputation, and ministerial success. Seek to strengthen and encourage one another, and at all times promote the success of the church and Gospel of our Lord and Savior. We will at all times hold Christian principles sacred, and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief mission in life to carry God's eternal message to those who are dead in sin, that they may be resurrected by "Saving Grace".

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of Educational and Denominational Enterprises, constantly praying and toiling for greater achievements for Christ. May the God of Peace sanctify us blameless unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

