1997

MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE

TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

MEETING WITH

THE

(Free Will-Free Grace-Free Salvation)

CALVARY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

COLUMBUS, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 11, 1997





"Preaching Jesus, Saviour of All Men"

(Minutes of all 1997 church quarterly meetings included)

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator.....Rev. Tim Horne Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Ronnie Knighton Clerk/Treasurer.....Edward Newman Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....Rev. Willie Martin

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Ronnie Knighton Rev. Tim Horne Edward Newman Bill Curtis Walter Walsh Lester Thornton

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Willie Martin - 1998

Rev. Russell Horne - 1999

Rev. Ronnie Knighton - 2000

DIRECTORY	OF CHURCHES,	PASTORS, CLERKS	AND ADDRESSES
CHURCH	-	PASTOR	<u>CLERK</u>
Calvary 5165 Billings Rd.	••	Russell Horne Reese Rd.	Rev. Tim Horne 1714 40th St.

Columbus, GA 31909 Columbus, GA 31907 Columbus, GA 31904 706/563-7031 706/571-0927 706/563-3358 First Rev. Willie Martin Dianne Martin 952 54th Street 5328 Hilliard Ave. 5328 Hilliard Ave. Columbus, GA 31904 Columbus, GA 31904 Columbus, GA 31904 706/324-1741 706/322-6077 706/322-6077 Rev. Burt Hall Jean Copes White Rock No. 4 Crawford Church Rd. #8 Crawford Church Rd. #12 Patricia Dr. Phenix City, AL 36867 Phenix City, AL 36870 Phenix City, AL 36867 334/297-6852 334/298-8114 Weems Road Rev. Alton Sèllers Juanita Bowens 340 Weems Rd. 4001 Auburn Rd. 6217 Highland Ave. Columbus, GA 31909 Phenix City, AL 36870 Columbus, GA 31909 706/327-0053 706/327-1722 334/298-4340 MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1998 7-11-98 First 1-10-98 Weems Road 4-11-98 White Rock 10-10-98 Calvary ORDAINED MINISTERS IN TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION Rev. Russell Horne - 3918 Reese Rd. Cols. GA 31907 706/563-3358

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church January 11, 1997.

Opening song was "At Calvary".

Welcome & devotion by the Moderator. Scripture from the book of Jonah.

*M/S/C to seat all delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes and treasury report as read.

M/S/C to give \$100.00 to help start Camp 97. Camp wil be June 22-26 for ages 8-14.

M/S/C to accept the digest report.

Discussed having a reception for the Waids, May 4, 1997 at White Rock Church with our churches calling off their PM services and going to White Rock.

M/S/C to give Weems Road a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to ask each church to give \$100.00 toward each of our associational revivals this year.

Rev. Tim Horne, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

Morning message by the Rev. Gene Bowman, Pastor of the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church. Scripture taken from Romans 3:21.

DIGEST REPORT

TREASURY	REPORT

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Balance Forward	\$577.01
Deposited	180.00
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PAID OUT -Ruby Kelly -75.00 Typing & printing of minutes -157.50 Youth Crusaders -100.00 TOTAL PAID OUT \$332.50 Balance \$434.51

* Moved, Seconded & Carried

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SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church April 12, 1997. land and the second Opening song was "When We All Get To Heaven". Prayer by Ed Prather. Morning devotion was brought by the Moderator. Scripture taken from Psalms 34. M/S/C to seat all delegates. M/S/C to accept the digest report. M/S/C to accept the report that each church give \$100.00 and the association give \$100.00to go to the Waids for their retirement. Total \$500.00. M/S/C to give White Rock Church a vote of thanks for their hospitality. Rev. Tim Horne, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

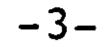
Special Music by Mrs. Jessie Knighton Morning message by Rev. David Dollar. Scripture Matthew 18.

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present	6
Deacons Present	4
Delegates Present	15
Visitors present	6
Total	31

Churches Reporting 4

Balance Forward Deposited	\$434.51
Churches \$170.00) .
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For Waids 400.00)
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Total	\$1014.51
Paid Out-	
Ruby Kelly	75.00
Rev. Herbert Waid	1 500.00
Balance	\$ 439.51



THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church July 12, 1997.

Opening song was "When We All Get To Heaven".

Prayer by Bro. Preston Dollar.

Morning devotion was by the Moderator. Scripture taken from Phillipians 3:20.

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes and treasury report as read.

M/S/C that the moderator appoint a nominating committee. Lester Thornton, Truman Lockhart, Bennie Lovering, and Oscar Hobbs were appointed.

M/S/C to accept the digest report.

M/S/C to give First Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Tim Horne, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

Special singing by the Calvary Quartet.

Morning message by Rev. Ronnie Knighton. Scripture taken from I Peter 2:19.

DIGEST REPORT		TREASURY REPORT	
Ministers Present	5	Balance Forward	\$439.51
Deacons Present	7	Deposited	180.00
Delegates Present	18	Total	\$619.51
Visitors Present	7		
Total Present	37	Paid Out- Ruby Kelly	-75.00
Churches Reporting	4	Balance	\$544.51

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ANNUAL MEETING

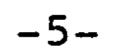
. Also The Twin Cities District Association met at Calvary Free Will al ne statut Ski k jet Baptist Church October 11, 1997. 1. S. S. Opening song was "Fill my Way with Love". Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin. Morning devotion by the Moderator. Scripture from I John 5:10-13. M/S/C to accept minutes & treasurers report as read. M/S/C to seat all delegates. M/S/C to accept report from Bro. Martin on Camp 97. M/S/C to accept the nominating report. See attached report. M/S/C to accept the digest report. Mrs. Marion Sellers was appointed to keep the registration book and do digest report. M/S/C to accept Rev. Burt Hall into the association pending letter from his former association. M/S/C to give Calvary church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

> Rev. Tim Horne, Moderator Edward Newman, Clerk

Special music by Rev. Tim Horne. Morning message by Rev. Russell Horne. Scripture from Romans 1:15, Isaiah 34:16.

DIGEST REPORT		TREASURY REPORT	
Ministers Present Deacons Present	5 8	Balance Forward Deposited-	\$544.51
Delegates Present	16	Churches	+ 180.00
Visitors Present	9	Assoc. Revival	+ 773.63
Total	38	Total in treasury Paid Out-	\$1498.14
Churches Reporting	. 4	Ruby Kelly	- 75.00
		GA State Assoc.	- 145.00
		Rev. Tom Malone	
		Total paid out	<u> </u>

Total paid out 992.58Balance in treasury \$505.56



'97 CAMP REPORT

The associatons involved in camping this year at Camp Eunice near Roberta, Georgia were privileged to have a full house. We had a total of 101 campers and 21 workers. Every association was represented. There were 17 campers from the Chattahoochee and 3 workers. The Twin Cities Association had 38 campers and 6 workers. The Georgia Union had the most campers numbering 46, with 11 workers.

We made only one trip to the hospital, so the Lord blessed us with a safe and happy session. There were several saved, a few who were from our association, and many rededicatons.

We are grateful to the Twin Cities for their enthusiasm for camping, their financial support, and the willingness to work in camp.

Submitted by, Rev. Willie C. Martin

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Ordination Council......Ronnie Knighton 3 years State Camp Board......Tony Jernigan 3 years State Board of Trustees.....Danny Jordan 3 years State Mission Board......Rev. Russell Horne3 years State Christian Education.....Rev. Willie Martin3 years

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TWIN CITIES WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Twin Cities WAC met at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church October 4, 1997.

Opened with congregational singing "Love Lifted Me", led by by Sherrie Bailey. Pianist: Nancy Richards.

Prayer by Mary Prather.

Welcome & devotion by Rachel Horne.

Offering was received.

BUSINESS:

Meeting was called to order by the President. Credentials report was given by Dianne Martin. M/S/C to

accept report. (Report not available)

Secretaries report given by Bonnie Roper. M/S/C to accept report.

Registration committee report given by Mildred Gilley. M/S/C to accept report. (Report not available)

Treasurers report given by Sherrie Bailey. M/S/C to accept report. (Report not available)

Resolutions committee report given by Mary Jane Coogle. M/S/C to accept report and adopt 1997 resolutions, and to change the 1993 minutes to read "Twin Cities Women Active for Christ".

Connie Prather made a motion we seat our delegates. Moved & carried.

Special music was performed by Desiree Angles & Diane Rushton. Dismissed for a break.

After reassembling, special music was performed by Connie Prather.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sherrie Bailey presented addendums to our Constitution & By-Laws. M/S/C to accept.

Elected members to the nominating committee for district officers: 1) Mary Prather, chairperson; 2) Sherrie Bailey; 3) Bonnie Roper.

Delegates to State: Mary Jane Coogle, Debra VanPelt, Mary Prather.

M/S/C to accept and allow President to assign more delegates, if needed, while at the state meeting.

Rachel Horne informed the body that TCWAC has been volunteered to provide jars and/or money to assist in preparing table pieces at the 1999 state convention. Rachel will be announcing specific cont....

needs at a later date.

Special speaker was Sharon Ferguson.

Minutes from today's meeting were read by Bonnie Roper and accepted as read.

Meeting closed in prayer by Mary Deal.

EXECUTIVE MEETING

The executive committee of the Twin Cities WAC met January 26, 1997. Meeting was opened in prayer by Bonnie Roper. Discussed district supper. Discussed speakers for district meeting in October 1997. Made decisions on committee's for district meeting. Sherrie Bailey made a suggestion that the Twin Cities auxiliary's make a cookbook. It was decided that this would be brought up for a vote at the next district supper. Dianne Martin made a suggestion that there be a

committee to review the Constitution & By-Laws.

Next executive meeting will be August 24, 1997.

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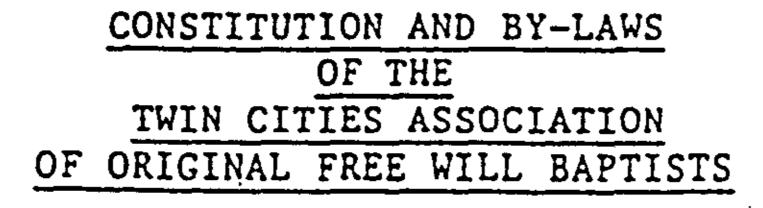
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PREAMBLE

We, being the members of the Freewill Baptist denomination, having adopted the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the national Association of Original Free Will Baptist, realizing the necessity of fellowship among sister churches of like faith, do bond ourselves togethter to form an Association, and do therefore ordain this Constitution and By-Laws to the glory of God and to the improvement of denominational relations.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Twin Cities Association of Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Twin Cities Association is to promote greater fellowship among its member churches and to realize a greater harvest in the vineyard of the Lord through the combined efforts of the churches. The Association shall encourage the forming of such auxiliaries as are beneficial to the work of the churches, such as, Sunday School, Church Training Service, Marter's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meetings, Youth Organizations, and Missionary and Educational Endeavors.

With this Divine purpose in view, we set forth the following statements of truth:

This Association neither claims nor desires to hold nor wield any power or authority over its member churches which are by Divine Right reserved to the churches themselves. We emphasize anew that the local church is its own independent body so far as it relates to its own government, the transactions of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members. However, we do hold that churches who have the right and privilege of the above liberty and fellowship are composed of persons who believe the truth as it is in Christ, and give evidence of true piety, are, upon examination or recommendation, received into membership according to regular methods of the local church and upon condition of Baptism.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

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The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 1: The Moderator shall preside over all business of this Association. He shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall serve as ex-officio member of all standing committees or boards.

Section 2: The Assistant Moderator shall discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence. In the absence of both the Moderator and his Assistant, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Standing Delegates shall elect someone to preside at the meeting.

Section 3: The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the

of the Association. He/She shall be responsible for the printing and distributing of the Associational minutes to all churches, and shall enroll delegates at each session corresponding necessary for the Association. He/She shall receive all monies contributed to the Association, and make disbursements as authorized by the Association and/or the Executive Board (Committee).

Section 4: The Assitant Clerk-Treasurer shall discharge the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer in his/her absence.

The Association shall appoint or elect any other officers, boards, or committees it deems necessary for its business.

ARTICLE IV - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

- Section I: There shall be an Executive Board (Committee) composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and at least three (3) mennot holding any other office in the Association. The Executive Board (Committee) shall promote the work of the Association in general and assist any department when the need arises or if called upon. This Committee shall act in behalf of the Association in case of any emergency and shall act as the Association when the Association is not in session. However, any action taken by this Committee is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Association at its next meeting. This Committee shall plan and prepare the programs of the Association. It shall be responsible to the Association for the questioning and examination of churches petitioning this body for membership. This Committee shall have power to deal with any officer of the Association who fails to function in his/her office or indulge in unchristian conduct. However, this action is temporary pending their report to the Association and final action by the body while in session. This Committee shall be available to mediate any dissention or offer any help to member churches providing their help is requested by the church. In such cases their traveling expenses shall be paid by the church desiring their assistance.
- Section 2: There shall be an Ordaining Council composed of at least three (3) deacons or ministers whose duties consist of those set forth in Article IX, Ministerial Relations of this document.

ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- 1. The term of the Moderator shall be two (2) years. He shall not succeed himself more than once.
- 2. The length of service for the Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and the assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be at the discretion of the Association.
- 3. The memebers of the Ordaining Council shall serve three (3) years. A new member to be added at the annual meeting each year.
- 4. The officers shall be elected at the regular annual session of the Association on the second Saturday in October.
- 5. Any additional Boards, Committees, or Officers needed shall be appointed or elected by the Association at its discretion.

Representation in this Association is conditioned upon meeting the following requirements:

- 1. Full acceptance of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.
- 2. The churches of this Association shall practice consistancy in supporting missions and Christian education.

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- 3. Churches who petition this Association shall be examined concerning their spiritual and moral standard before the Associational acts.
- 4. Churches expelled from other Associations for any cause may not be received until their expulsion is satisfactorily explained to the Association.
- 5. Each church is allowed five (5) delegates. All ordained men in good standing with the church are standing delegates.
- 6. The Association shall meet four (4) times a year, three (3) quarterly meetings and one (1) annual meeting. Regular quarterly meetings of this Association shall be on the second Saturday in January, April, and July. The annual meeting shall be on the second Saturday in October.

ARTÍCLE VIII - VOTING

1. The Moderator shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall bote only in a tie vote, shall rule any person to

silence who refuses to come to order, and in case of extreme disorder may rule the meeting closed. The Moderator shall not allow any discussion on any subject unless it is placed before the body by a move and a second.

- 2. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject or more than five (5) minutes without permission from the Moderator.
- 3. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee/ board provided the person nominated is elected.
- 4. Any person desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
- 5. Any ruling by the Moderator may be set aside by 2/3 majority of voting delegates.
- 6. All voting in this Association shall be as agreed upon by its delegates while in session.
- 7. The Moderator shall follow the Principles of Parliamentary Procedure in moderating the business of this Association.
- 8. The Moderator shall limit voting to authorized delegates only and no delegate shall leave the building during a business session without being excused by the Moderator.

ARTICLE IX - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

- 1. Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church.
- 2. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordaination upon request from the church to which he has been called and is pastoring provided he has been licensed and has met the qualifications as stated in Item #5 of this same
 - article.
- 3. Any Free Will Baptist Minister presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning, and upon the recommendation

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from the Ordaining Council be received into full fellowship pending a letter of good standing from his former Association.

- 4. Any minister, from another denomination presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a letter of request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning. It is agreed that he will, upon recommendation from the Ordaining Council, be received under the watchcare of the Association until such time as agreed upon by the body, during which time the minister will have proved himself, as well as his desire to be a Freewill Baptist, and then will be received into full fellowship by the Association.
- 5. Any minister presenting himself to this Association for license, ordaination, etc., from another denomination, shall be examined by the Ordaining Council. The examination shall include the following:

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- A. A thorough investigation of his character shall be made.
- B. Close questioning concerning a Divine call to the office.
- C. He must be thoroughly familiar with and a firm believer in the doctrine of the Freewill Baptist Church.
- D. His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show willingness to further his knowledge by additional study.
- E. Any candidate for ordaination must have been licensed and called to pastor one or more churches or hold a position in a member church that would require ordaination such as Associate Pastor, etc. He must be a practicing
- tither and an active supporter of world-wide missions.
- F. The candidate shall also be examined according to the Word as found in I Timothy 3.
- G. The Council shall not recommend the ordaination of any person of whom they have honest doubt concerning his character, qualifications, and Divine call to the work.

ARTICLE X - ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. This Association shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
- 2. The Association shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on the date set by the body.
- 3. At each quarterly meeting business shall be kept to a minimum with a delegate report and representation fee(Ten (\$10) dollars per church quarterly and Ten (\$10) dollars at the annual meeting) report being made and any other pressing item of business being left for the annual meeting.
- 4. At the annual meeting, the annual reports from the churches shall be compiled for the convenience of the Clerk-Treasurer in preparation of the Associational minutes.
- 5. The meetings of the Association shall rotate among the member churches in succession.
- 6. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

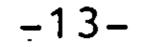
 THE BIBLE - The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rules of Faith and Practice.
GOD - There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitelywise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey.

- 3. CHRIST Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in His divine nature truly God, in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, one crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our present Saviour and Lord.
- 4. THE HOLY SPIRIT The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.
- 5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD Tod exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.
- 6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.
- 7. THE WORK OF CHRIST The Son of God by His incarnation, life suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin, that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.
- 8. TERMS OF SALVATION The conditions of salvation are:
 - (1) Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
 - (2) Faith of the unserved commital of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God.
 - (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

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- 9. ELECTION God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- 10. FREEDOM OF WILL The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.
- 11. SALVATION FREE God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.
- 12. PERSERVERANCE All believers in Christ, who through grace preserves in holiness to the end of life have promises of eternal salvation.
- 13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordinances teaching humility, or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.
- 14. TITHING God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (Matthew 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)
- 15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
- 16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection

of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.



1991 Addendum to the By-Laws:

Article X; Item 3. The representation fee for each church will be increased from \$10.00 to \$35.00, quarterly.

1992 Addendum to the By-Laws:

The Youth Rally Committee Report States:

- 1. That a director, assistant director, and secretary should be elected at each annual meeting.
- 2. That they welcome and recognize each church at the rally. That they take an attendance count and give an attendance banner to the church with the most attendance. This church will be responsible to bring the banner to the next rally.
- That the rallies be held on the 4th Saturday of January, April, July and October, and that each church shall host and provide the program of the rally in alphabetical order.
 Each program should include devotional activities such as singing, prayer and a brief devotion from the Bible.
- 5. Offerings may be taken only if they are designated toward the rally program.

1993 Addendum to the By-Laws:

Article X; Item 3: The \$10.00 paid at the annual meeting for National dues will be inreased to \$25.00 effective October 1994.

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