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## OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Edward Johns 11242 Ferina, Norwalk
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Loyd Reddick 20604 South Pioneer, Lakewood
Clerk	Lydia Reel 6731 Klondike, Westminster
Assistant Clerk	Alma Johns 11242 Ferina, Norwalk
Treasurer	Gene Vandivort 10832 Holly Drive, Garden Grove
Assistant Treasurer	Rev. James Clark 15444 Ashgrove Drive, La Mirada

## EXECUTIVE BOARD AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR INCORPORATION

Rev. Charles Duckworth 7142 Thomas Street, Buena Park	5 years
Rev. Jack Richey 6521 Cassandra, Bell Gardens	4 years
Rev. Robert Leeds 6318-1/2 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington Park	3 years
Rev. Edwin Wade 8782 Lampson Avenue, Garden Grove	2 years
Rev. Oscar Wright 1045 Ontario Street, Oxnard	1 year

## SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Glen Cummings 3643 East 59th Place, Huntington Park	3 years
Bill Johnson 1183 Claremont Place, Pomona	2 years
Rev. Doit Reed 1350 West E Street, Ontario	1 year

## MISSION BOARD

Rev. Malcolm Garrett 3278 Patritti Avenue, Baldwin Park	5 years
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Rev. Riley Haskins	4 years
5433 Orchard Avenue, Montclair	
Rev. Joe Horner	3 years
1049 West 149th Street, Gardena	
Rev. Don Bias	2 years
22208 Arline, Artesia	
Leon Butler	1 year

## PROCEEDINGS

### Thursday Evening Service

The service was opened with prayer led by Rev. Robert Leeds, after which the singing was directed by George Reel.

A motion carried that the moderator appoint a speaker for the Thursday evening service.

Prayer was led by Rev. Jack Richey. Special music was presented by James Sparks, Sylvia Bowers, and Cille Daniels. The moderator welcomed Rev. Edwin Wade and his family to the West Coast Association. Rev. Wade is the new pastor of the Garden Grove Church.

Rev. Robert Leeds brought the evening message using Genesis 13:14, "Looking from the Place You Are".

The Committee on Committees was appointed as follows: Rev. James Clark, Rev. Don Bias, and Robert Vandivort.

The host pastor assigned homes for guests needing lodging. Lloyd Bently prayed the benediction.

### Friday Morning Session

The session began with singing directed by Rev. Loyd Reddick. Prayer was led by Rev. James Clark. The welcome was given by Rev. Edwin Wade and the response by Rev. Charles Duckworth. Rev. Harmon Herndon read from Isaiah 44:22 for devotional thoughts.

Letters from 18 churches were read and a motion carried to accept the letters and seat the delegates. Visitors were welcomed and seated as advisory council.

The report of the Committee on Committees was read and accepted.

<u>Program</u>	<u>Pulpit</u>	<u>Resolution</u>
Juanita Cummings	Rev. Edwin Wade	Rev. Robert Leeds
Phyllis Harris	Fred Briscoe	Jess Walden
Fannie Smithen	Brother Owens	Cless Ferguson

Obituary

Helen Green  
Sandra Maxey  
Peggy Smith

Finance

Rev. Don Bias  
Rev. James Clark  
Ernest Clark

Temperance

Rev. Riley Haskins  
June Roe  
Phyllis Fite

Prayer was led by Rev. Loyd Reddick.

A motion carried to give the moderator power to fill vacancies on the committees.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

A motion carried that any person shall be allowed to hold more than one office in the Association.

Election of officers was held. (See Officers)

Rev. Joseph A. Ryan, Field Director for the National Association of Evangelicals gave a talk on the purpose of N.A.E.

A motion carried to adjourn the business until the afternoon session.

Worship Hour

The worship service was opened with singing led by Cille Daniels. Rev. Edwin Wade led in prayer.

Rev. Loyd Reddick brought the message using Psalm 132:13.

The benediction and the blessing on the noon meal were offered by Rev. Norman Richmond.

Friday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with singing led by Rev. Loyd Reddick. Prayer was led by Bill Maxey, after which Rev. Loyd Reddick sang a special song.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted. Rev. James Clark was given a standing vote of thanks.

The report of the Mission Board was given by Rev. Don Bias. A motion carried to accept the report. (See Reports) The report of the Progressive Building Fund was read and accepted also. (See Reports)

Rev. Malcolm Garrett was elected as the five year member of the Mission Board. Rev. Joe Horner was elected as the three year member.

The report of the Executive Board was read and ac-

cepted. (See Reports)

The quarterly meeting dates, places, and speakers were set as follows: August 25-26, 1967, at Ontario, Rev. Doit Reed, speaker, and Rev. Joe Horner, alternate; November 17-18, 1967, at Huntington Park, Rev. Edwin Wade, speaker, and Rev. Don Bias, alternate; February 23-24, 1968, at Gardena, Rev. Loyd Reddick, speaker, and Rev. Charles Duckworth, alternate; May 24-25, 1968, at Santa Paula, Rev. Jack Richey, speaker, and Rev. Edward Johns, alternate.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Pulpit Committee. Rev. Loyd Reddick was chosen to bring the morning message, and Rev. Edwin Wade would preach the Friday evening message.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Obituary Committee with a moment of silent prayer. (See Reports)

A motion carried to accept the report of the Resolution Committee and to consider the resolutions one at a time. (See Reports)

Resolution #1 recommending that the annual Associational meeting be held on Friday night and Saturday was tabled until Saturday morning.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee. (See Reports)

Rev. Charles Duckworth was elected as the five year member of the Executive Board and Rev. Edwin Wade was elected as the two year member of the Executive Board.

Glen Cummings was elected as the three year member of the Sunday School Board.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Temperance Committee. (See Reports)

A motion carried to recommend to the State Association Rev. Malcolm Garrett for the Board of Christian Education.

A motion carried to recommend to the State Association Rev. Jack Richey for the General Board.

A motion carried to recommend to the State Association Rev. Don Bias for the State Mission Board.

A motion carried to adjourn. The conference was dismissed in prayer until Saturday morning.

### Friday Evening Service

The service was opened with singing directed by

James Sparks. Prayer was led by Rev. Winston Lawless. Joe Granger read from I Peter 2:13-20 for devotional thoughts.

Special music was presented by Cille Daniels and Sylvia Bowers, the Men's Trio of Garden Grove, and James Sparks. Rev. Edwin Wade brought the message using Exodus 14:13-18.

The benediction was prayed by Clarence Hicks.

### Saturday Morning Session

The session began with singing directed by Rev. Loyd Reddick. Prayer was led by Rev. Joe Horner. After more congregational singing, Rev. Harmon Herndon prayed for direction for the Association in the business session.

A motion carried to remove from the table Resolution #1 that the annual Association be held on Friday night and Saturday. The tabled resolution carried.

The report of the Sunday School Board was read and accepted as information.

The Youth Camp report was given by Rev. Jack Richey and accepted as information.

A report on the State work was given by Rev. Winston Lawless.

An amended motion carried to have delegates to the Association seated before any reports are presented.

It was announced that the Executive Board will not be in session on Saturday and those seeking examination by the Board will be examined on Friday night.

A motion carried that the moderator, clerk, and chairman of the Executive Board appoint delegates to the State Association.

The letter to the State Association was read and accepted.

A motion carried to dismiss for a break. Rev. Oscar Wright dismissed the session in prayer.

The session was re-opened with singing directed by George Reel. Prayer was led by Rev. Gene Smith.

A motion carried to accept the report of the Executive Board. (See Reports)

A motion carried to give \$50.00 to Starlet Shipp to be



used toward her expenses to the National Association in Florida to participate in the National Sword Drill.

A motion carried to give the host church a standing vote of thanks for its wonderful hospitality.

A motion carried that we have 500 minutes printed.

A motion carried to adjourn the business session in prayer.

### Saturday Morning Worship Hour

The service was opened with singing led by George Reel.

An offering of \$47.61 was received for California Bible Institute.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Joe Horner, a duet from Buena Park, George Reel, and a quartet made up of Gail Dexter, Rev. Loyd Reddick, James Sparks, and Rev. Jack Richey.

Rev. Don Bias brought the message using Luke 23:43.

Announcements were made, after which a motion carried to adjourn the Association.

The benediction and the blessing on the noon meal were offered by Rev. Winston Lawless.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the annual Association be changed to convene on Friday night and Saturday.

2. Be it resolved that for the quarterly meetings the churches send only the names of the pastors, clerks, delegates and any requests they may have.

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The Obituary Committee reports that the following people have been called to meet the Lord: Wesley Larent, Ontario Church; Sister Free, Huntington Park Church; John Hodges, Norwalk Church; Jess Lassitor, Baldwin Park Church; and Mrs. L. A. Barnard, Santa Paula Church.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We recommend that this Association retain the report as stated in the 16th annual Association minutes:

1. We recommend that this Association reaffirm the position taken in the Church Covenant by total abstinence from the sale and use of intoxicating beverages.

2. We recommend that this Association take a definite stand against the use of tobacco in any form. We feel that the progress of the Lord's work has been hindered because of this. We further recommend that no minister or deacon be ordained who uses tobacco.

3. We recommend that our people carefully consider the type of programs they bring into their homes through the medium of television and radio.

4. We recommend that our people dress with modest apparel at all times in these days when there is such a prevalent tendency toward worldliness.

5. We recommend that our people study and practice Proverbs 23:20-21.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. We recommend that each church send 25¢ per member for the Associational expenses and 25¢ per member for the Progressive Building Fund (now called the Mission Board), making a total of 50¢ per member.

2. We recommend that each church send \$10.00 for feeding delegates at each quarterly session of the Association and \$10.00 for feeding at the annual session of the Association.

3. We recommend that the clerk and moderator each be paid \$15.00 per each meeting of this Association.

4. We recommend that the assistant clerk be paid \$20.00 per year and that this officer be responsible for printing programs for each meeting.

5. We recommend that we pay the Executive Board 6¢ per mile for necessary business trips.

6. We recommend that we pay the Mission Board 6¢ per mile for necessary business trips.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

1. We have examined and recommend Brother Joe Horner, Brother Wilburn Clark, and Brother Edwin Wade for fellowship into the Association.

2. We recommend that Brother Jesse Dunn's license to preach be renewed for one year.

3. We the Executive Board have organized two churches, one in Spring Valley and one in Sun Valley, and have examined those to be licensed and those to be ordained. We have examined those who were ordained to be accepted into the West Coast Association.

## MISSION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT - 1966-67

The Mission Board met at the Norwalk Church on June 6, 1966. Rev. Riley Haskins was elected chairman of the Board. Rev. Don Bias was elected clerk/treasurer and Leon Butler assistant clerk/treasurer. Ways and means for obtaining income were discussed. It was voted to change the name of the Progressive Building Fund to West Coast Mission Board. The meeting was closed in prayer.

The Mission Board met at the Baldwin Park Church on September 6, 1966. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. Riley Haskins. All members were present. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A motion carried that Rev. Don Bias go to Chula Vista to find out about the property in National City that was to be sold by the Chula Vista Church to pay off the loan that was granted to them by the Mission Board.

A motion carried to change the terms on the application forms for loans. The changes were as follows: Loans under \$1,000.00) - will be set by the Board on the merits of the individual cases; Loans of \$1,000.00 or more) - to be paid at either 3% of the original loan per month for eight months and 6% thereafter until paid, or 5% of the original loan per month until paid.

Rev. Don Bias went to Chula Vista and learned that there was an unpaid balance on the property and that the church could not make payments on both properties. The property in National City was released to a former member of the church who had sold it.

The Mission Board met at the Chula Vista Church on October 18, 1966. Rev. Riley Haskins, Rev. Charles Harris, and Rev. Don Bias met with the pastor and trustees of the Spring Valley Church and granted a loan of \$2,000.00 to the church under the conditions that the church have incorporation papers, property in escrow, and a notarized statement from members who lent money to the church that they would not ask for repayment from the church for at least two years. In March 1967 these conditions were met and the loan of \$2,000.00 was made, payments of which began May 1, 1967.

The Mission Board met at the Gardena Church on February 25, 1967. Rev. Riley Haskins, Rev. Charles Harris, and Rev. Malcolm Garrett of the Mission Board met with the Executive Board of the Association in regard to the Chula Vista Church which was not meeting its payments on the loan from the Mission Board and which was without a pastor. The Executive Board instructed the Mission Board to take charge of the Church and try to save the property. The Mission Board notified the people of the church that the Board would meet with them February 27, 1967.

On February 27, 1967, Rev. Riley Haskins, Rev. Charles Harris, Rev. Malcolm Garrett, and Rev. Don Bias of the Mission Board and Rev. Oscar Wright, clerk of the Executive Board, met with the Chula Vista Church. The meeting was called to order by the chairman. Rev. Harris led in prayer and Rev. Haskins read scripture.

Rev. Haskins explained that the Mission Board was holding this meeting to learn how many people really wanted a church at Chula Vista and would support the work with their presence, prayers, and finances. All members present agreed to pay tithes and give offerings, to pray, and to be present at all church meetings and to do all in their power to carry on the church work there.

The following members came in by statement of faith: Edward Collier, Edward Hurley, Ethel Collier, Betty Hurley, Debra Hurley, Gene Hurley. Faye Wilkey came on a promise of a letter from the Valley View Church in Sacramento. Edward Hurley was chosen to be Sunday School superintendent. Faye Wilkey was chosen to be clerk/treasurer and Betty Hurley to be assistant clerk/treasurer.

By mutual agreement with Rev. Jeff Butler, the Mission Board and the Chula Vista Church chose Rev. Butler as temporary pastor until such time the church is in condition to take over and elect a pastor.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Brother Collier.

MISSION BOARD FINANCIAL REPORT  
(Progressive Building Fund)

Cash in Building and Loan - May 22, 1966 \$2,291.69

INCOME

Association Treasurer		347.75
Loan Payments		
Chula Vista	\$1,022.27	
Ojai C	67.08	
Youth Camp	<u>1,000.00</u>	2,089.35
Bond Interest		66.00
Building and Loan		
Interest		95.91
Bonds Maturing		
Norwalk	100.00	
Buena Park	<u>100.00</u>	200.00
Savings and Loan to		
Home Bank Paramount		<u>99.01</u>
		\$5,189.71

DISBURSED

Loans		
Youth Camp	\$1,000.00	
Spring Valley	2,000.00	
Savings and Loan to		
Home Bank Paramount	<u>500.00</u>	3,500.00
Mileage - Haskins	19.08	
Mileage and Phone - Bias	51.60	
San Diego Gas	118.50	
San Diego Tax Collector	351.74	
California American Water	18.40	
Pacific Phone	227.97	
Sunday School Supplies	36.95	
Chula Vista Prop. Payment	286.58	
West Coast Association	<u>25.40</u>	<u>1,136.22</u>
		<u>\$4,636.22</u>

	Net Gain	<u>\$ 553.49</u>
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ASSETS

Cash in Building and Loan	\$1,009.22
Cash in Bank	89.08
Bonds	
Norwalk	1,000.00

Accounts Receivable		
Chula Vista	\$2,003.03	
Blythe	800.00	
Spring Valley	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>4,803.03</u>

Net Worth	<u><u>\$7,454.82</u></u>
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## CHURCHES AND PASTORS

Artesia - 22110 Pioneer Boulevard, Artesia

Pastor - Rev. James Clark

Clerk - Lucille Scroggins, 21903 Elaine Avenue,  
Hawaiian Gardens

Baldwin Park - 3939 Merced Avenue, Baldwin Park

Pastor - Rev. Malcolm Garrett

Clerk - Diane Clark, 17823 Gemini, La Puente

Bell Gardens - 7235 Granger, Bell Gardens

Pastor - Rev. Jack Richey

Clerk - Hester Bowser, 11202 Joslin Street, Santa Fe  
Springs

Blythe - 136 North Lovekin, Blythe

Pastor - Rev. Harmon Herndon

Clerk - June Bowe

Buena Park - 7142 Thomas Street, Buena Park *90620*

Pastor - Rev. Charles Duckworth

Clerk - Marie Stewart, 8360 La Villa Street, Downey

Chula Vista - 644 G Street, Chula Vista *92010*

Pastor -

Clerk - Faye Wilkey, 611 Dahlia Street, Imperial Beach

Downey Avenue - 17040 Downey Avenue, Bellflower *90706*

Pastor - Rev. Gene Smith

Clerk - Velma Dexter, 18430 Ibex Avenue, Artesia

Gardena - 1049 West 149th Street, Gardena

Pastor - Rev. Joe Horner

Clerk - Sandra Maxey, 14807 South Berendo #D, Gardena

Garden Grove - 3782 Lampson, Garden Grove

Pastor - Rev. Edwin Wade

Clerk - Carol Vandivort, 10832 Holly Drive, Garden  
Grove



Huntington Park - 6312 Santa Fe, Huntington Park  
Pastor - Rev. Robert Leeds  
Clerk - Carl Daniels, 6600 Corona Avenue, Bell

Norwalk - 11242 Ferina, Norwalk  
Pastor - Rev. Edward Johns  
Clerk - Mildred Ruth, 11821 La Reina, Downey

Ojai - Women's Clubhouse  
Pastor - Rev. Leo Pergson  
Clerk - Pauline Pergson, 106 Shady Lane, Ojai

Ontario - 119 East Belmont, Ontario  
Pastor - Rev. Riley Haskins  
Clerk - Pansy Cravens, 783 East Grand, Pomona

Oxnard - 831 7th Street, Oxnard  
Pastor - Rev. Oscar Wright  
Clerk - Dorothy Mims, 2151 Norma Court, Oxnard

Princeton - 810 East Princeton, Ontario 91762  
Pastor - Rev. Wilburn Clark  
Clerk - Louise Cottrell, 1421 Amador, Ontario

Santa Paula - 136 Ojai Street, Santa Paula  
Pastor - Rev. Orbin Doss  
Clerk - Myrtle McEvers, P. O. Box 647, Santa Paula

Spring Valley - 8936 Troy Street, Spring Valley 92077  
Pastor - Rev. Jeff Collins  
Clerk - Lura Martin, 8377 Lake Ashwood Avenue, San Diego

Sun Valley - 15503 Roxford Street, Sylmar  
Pastor - Rev. Eual Gorman  
Clerk - Donna Stansbury, 13143 Woodcock, Sylmar

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Bias, Don, 22208 Arline, Hawaiian Gardens, 429-5257  
Butler, Jeff, 3235 Orange, National City, 477-3338  
Clark, James, 15444 Ashgrove Drive, La Mirada, 521-1134  
Clark, Wilburn, 1441 South Monterey, Ontario  
Doss, Orbin, 235 North 10th Street, Santa Paula, 525-3729  
Duckworth, Charles, 7142 Thomas Street, Buena Park  
Garrett, Malcolm, 3278 Patritti Avenue, Baldwin Park  
Haskins, Riley, 5433 Orchard Avenue, Montclair, 626-6028  
Herndon, Harmon, 283 North Solano, Blythe, 922-7505  
Hicks, Clarence, 5047 Newcastle Drive, Riverside, 685-3051  
Hood, B. J., 10718 Roseton Avenue, Santa Fe Springs,  
864-7316  
Horner, Joe, 1049 West 149th Street, Gardena, 327-2367  
Johns, Edward, 11242 Ferina, Norwalk, 864-1115  
Johnson, Clyde, 3520 Frazier, Baldwin Park  
Leeds, Robert, 6318-1/2 Santa Fe Avenue, Huntington  
Park, 582-9309  
Pergson, Leo, 106 Shady Lane, Ojai  
Reddick, Loyd, 20604 South Pioneer, Lakewood, 865-8143  
Reed, Doit, 1350 West E Street, Ontario, 983-1904  
Richey, Jack, 6521 Cassandra, Bell Gardens, 927-3092  
Smith, Gene, 6528 Specht, Bell Gardens, 773-3009  
Wade, Edwin, 8782 Lampson Avenue, Garden Grove,  
539-2324  
Wright, Oscar, 1045 Ontario Street, Oxnard, 483-5725

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Fite, Gaylon, Jr., 13162 East Emery, Baldwin Park  
Fite, Jerry, 14448 East Palmrose Avenue, Apt. B, Baldwin  
Park  
Maxey, Bill, 14709 Estrella Avenue, Gardena, 323-5562  
Stewart, Fred, 8360 La Villa Street, Downey

## ORDAINED DEACONS

Berka, Francis, 125 South Madrona, Brea  
Clark, Porter, 14448 East Palmrose Avenue, Apt. A,  
Baldwin Park  
Davidson, G. W., 792 Sycamore Drive, Port Hueneme

Douglas, Mirl, 4724 Highland Avenue, Oxnard  
Harrison, Bill, 1051 Kamala Street, Oxnard  
Horton, Henry, 446 East Los Angeles, Moorpark  
Mims, Truman, 2121 Norma Court, Oxnard  
Reel, George, 6731 Klondike, Westminster  
Sparks, James, 12237 South Fidel, Whittier  
Vandivort, Gene, 10832 Holly Drive, Garden Grove  
Vandivort, G. R., 11662 Magnolia, Garden Grove

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION  
MINUTES

Theme: "Our Missionaries"

The West Coast Association Annual Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Gardena Free Will Baptist Church.

The president called the meeting to order. Congregational singing was led by Louise Richmond, accompanied by Fanny Smithen. Prayer was led by Rev. Robert Leeds.

The welcome was given by Jackie McAlister and the response by Leona Leeds. Cindy Vandivort read Isaiah 6:8 for scripture meditations.

A combined secretary's report from all represented Auxiliaries was read and accepted. A combined treasurer's report was read and accepted.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted.

A petitionary letter was read from the Oxnard Woman's Auxiliary. A motion carried that we accept the Oxnard Woman's Auxiliary into fellowship.

A letter from the Chula Vista Woman's Auxiliary was read requesting that their membership be withdrawn from the district. A motion carried that we accept the letter and that the corresponding secretary write to the women of the Chula Vista Church extending our love, our prayers, and our help if needed at any time.

A letter was read from the Bill Adkisson family, missionaries to Canada.

The president and vice president appointed the following committees:

Registration

Pansy Cravens  
Sylvia Bowers  
Phyllis Fite

Credential

Carol Vandivort  
Jackie McAlister  
Sister Hartwell

Finance

Fannie Smithen  
Nevaline Mitchell  
Katherine Clark

Resolution

Cindy Vandivort  
Mely Lampos  
Janet Powell

Obituary

Trudell Maxey  
Sister Williams

The Nominating Committee was elected from the floor as follows: Nancy Harris, Louise Richmond, Pansy Cravens, Leona Leeds, Mrs. Malcolm Garrett.

An offering of \$30.58 was received. Trudell Maxey prayed the blessing on the offering.

The congregation was dismissed in prayer.

### Worship Hour

Congregational singing was led by Louise Richmond. Prayer was led by Rev. Oscar Wright. Special music was presented by Louise Richmond.

Rev. Thomas Willey, Sr. introduced the missionaries Estenio Garcia and Mario Perez, who gave their testimonies. Rev. Willey interpreted for them.

Mrs. Thomas Willey brought the morning message using Psalm 78:19b.

The benediction and blessing on the noon meal were offered by Rev. Richmond.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing. Prayer was led by Brother Woodall.

Rev. Willey brought an inspiring devotion and shared with us some of his and Mrs. Willey's experiences as missionaries in Cuba.

The reports of the Registration, Credential, Finance, Resolution, Obituary, and Nominating Committees were read and accepted. (See Reports)

The conventions for the coming year were set as follows: May 6, 1967, at Huntington Park; August 12, 1967, at Norwalk; November 4, 1967, at Gardena; February, 1968, at Baldwin Park.

The treasurer's report to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention was read and accepted. The secretary's report to the State Convention was read and accepted.

Rev. Oscar Wright was elected to be the speaker at the May meeting in Huntington Park. The alternate is Rev. Malcolm Garrett.

Delma Wright conducted the installation of officers. Mrs. Willey prayed the dedicatory prayer, after which

Louise Richmond led the congregation in singing.

A motion carried to authorize Katherine Clark to order the study course books needed.

Sister Wright gave a report on the coming State Auxiliary Convention and requested that everyone try to attend.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

The total present was 55, which included 35 Auxiliary members, eight ministers, and 12 visitors. The attendance banner was given to Baldwin Park, two-thirds of whose members were present.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that we give quarterly to the Co-Laborer offering \$3.00 per Auxiliary.

2. We recommend the Bill Adkisson family as our adopted missionaries and that we send them \$3.00 per Auxiliary quarterly.

3. We recommend that each Auxiliary member pay \$1.00 each year for superannuation, and we further suggest using Father's Day for the day of offering.

4. We recommend to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention that we set up a fund in California for superannuation.

5. We recommend that we pay \$10.00 for printing our minutes in the West Coast Association Minutes.

6. We recommend that 20% of each offering taken at our district meetings go to the CBI Student Loan Fund.

7. We recommend that the treasurer pay for bulletins, postage, and telephone calls for Auxiliary business out of the treasury.

8. We recommend that today's offering be given to the Thomas Willeys.

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that each local Auxiliary bring its

Standard of Achievement Chart to the annual meeting to be graded.

2. Be it resolved that we request in our letter to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention that the State Convention be held in the Fresno area.

3. Be it resolved that we award an attendance banner to the auxiliary having the highest percentage of auxiliary members present at each district meeting.

4. Be it resolved that we give an award to each auxiliary having an A-1 Standard of Achievement Chart at the annual meeting.

5. Be it resolved that our auxiliary letters be read individually rather than as a combined report.

6. Be it resolved that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We extend our deepest sympathy to the Huntington Park Auxiliary in the loss of one of its members, Sister Yandell.

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We graded the following charts A-1: Gardena, Garden Grove, and Norwalk. We graded Ontario's chart B.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following people for officers:

President - Mrs. Oscar Wright

Vice President - Diane Clark

Recording Secretary - Carol Vandivort

Corresponding Secretary - Alma Johns

Treasurer - Fannie Smithen

Missions Chairman - Leona Leeds

Study Course Chairman - Katherine Clark

Program Prayer Chairman - Cille Daniels



## WEST COAST ASSOCIATION CTS RALLY MINUTES

The West Coast Association Annual CTS Rally convened at the Oxnard Free Will Baptist Church on January 6-7, 1967.

### Friday Evening Service

The service was opened by congregational singing led by Nancy Hargrove. Prayer was led by Don Woodall, after which the congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him".

Don Woodall sang "Jesus Use Me". Prayer was led by Mirl Douglas, after which the service was turned over to Rev. Malcolm Garrett for the message. After the message Rev. Oscar Wright led in prayer.

Brother Jackson showed slides and played a recording of the Archie Mayhews in Switzerland. Prayer was led by Sister Harrison.

The Nominating Committee was appointed. The host pastor assigned homes to those needing a place to stay. The service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Oscar Wright.

### Saturday Morning Session

The congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story" led by JoAnn Maxey. Rev. James Clark led in prayer.

A committee was appointed to select a speaker for the morning worship service. Rev. Robert Leeds was chosen.

The congregation sang "Trust and Obey", "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings", and "Jesus Saves".

The welcome was given by Rev. Wright of the host church. Mary LeQuire read Luke 18:35-43 for scripture meditations. The congregation was called to an altar of prayer led by Brother Reel.

Letters were read and accepted from Bell Gardens, Garden Grove, Baldwin Park, Oxnard, Artesia, and Gardena.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted. The treasurer's report was read and accepted.

A business committee was appointed by the president. The dates and places of the CTS Rallies for the coming year

were determined as follows: April 7-8, 1967, Garden Grove; July 7-8, 1967, Artesia; October 13-14, Huntington Park; January 12-13, 1968, Baldwin Park. A motion carried that we accept these recommendations from the business committee.

Rev. James Clark was elected to bring the message at the Friday night service of the next CTS Rally, and Rev. Mac Franklin was elected as the alternate speaker.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted. The officers elected for the coming year were: president, Ron Briscoe; vice president, L. T. Reddick; recording secretary, Nancy Hargrove; corresponding secretary, Janet Spalding; treasurer, Debbie Johns; chorister, Claudia Briscoe; pianist, John Clark; special activities director, Larry Williams; CTS sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. George Reel.

The new officers were installed by Rev. Jack Richey. Outgoing president Larry Williams dismissed the congregation for a recess.

The Rally was opened again by the songs "Are You Washed in the Blood?" and "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" led by JoAnn Maxey. After prayer by Brother Hicks, the congregation sang "I Am Thine, O Lord".

Special music was presented by the Garden Grove Teens singing "I Bowed on My Knees and Cried Holy" and "I Am Bound for the Kingdom". Paula Wright sang "Give of Your Best to the Master" accompanied by Debbie Johns at the piano.

Rev. Robert Leeds brought the message using I Corinthians 3:16-23. The invitation hymn was "Just As I Am". The benediction was pronounced by Brother Douglas and the congregation was dismissed for lunch.

### Saturday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with "Blessed Assurance" led by JoAnn Maxey. Rev. Charles Harris led the congregation in prayer after an offering was received for CBI. The congregation sang "Joy Unspeakable".

Special music included a duet singing "I Want to Be Ready to Meet Him".

The attendance banner was presented to Garden Grove.

The attendance on Saturday was as follows:

Oxnard	43
Garden Grove	25
Baldwin Park	15
Bell Gardens	9
Artesia	7
Gardena	6
Downey Avenue.	1
Huntington Park	1
Norwalk	<u>1</u>
Total	111

A resolution was made that we have a CTS Revival. Another resolution recommended that we give the host church a standing vote of thanks.

The Sword Drill was presented by Larry Williams. Those participating were Ronnie Sneed, Starlet Shipp, Sylvia Wade, and Wilma Lister. The winner was Starlet Shipp and the runner-up was Ronnie Sneed.

Competition in the Bible Tic Tac Toe was between Bell Gardens and Garden Grove. The winner was Bell Gardens.

Competing in the Bible Bowl were teams from Garden Grove and Gardena. The winner was Garden Grove who then challenged the ministers to a round. The Garden Grove teens won again.

It was announced that Rev. Rufus Coffey would be the evangelist at Youth Camp. The CTS Rally was dismissed in prayer by Delma Wright.

WEST COAST ASSOCIATION  
MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE  
MINUTES

Norwalk Free Will Baptist Church  
April 21, 1967

Saturday Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Edward Johns. The singing was led by Brother S. P. Dexter. Rev. Don Bias led in prayer.

The following letters were read and accepted and cards were given to the ordained ministers and deacons whose dues were paid:

Buena Park - Rev. James Franklin, Fred Stewart (licensed), Willard Bartholomew, Dean Goodhart, Hershel Cooper.

Baldwin Park - Rev. Malcolm Garrett, Rev. Clyde Johnson, Porter Clark, M. R. Boggs.

Downey Avenue - Rev. Gene Smith, Rev. Charles Duckworth, E. W. Dudley, J. W. Shumate, S. P. Dexter, Don Woodall.

Oxnard - Rev. Oscar Wright, Mirl Douglas, Truman Mims, Bill Harrison, G. W. Davidson, Henry Horton.

Huntington Park - Rev. Robert Leeds, Rev. J. L. McAlister (licensed), Edward Gilliam, Carl Rodden, Clarence Eagle, Douglas Spalding.

Artesia - Rev. James Clark, Rev. Loyd Reddick, Rev. Henry Scroggins, Francis Berka.

Garden Grove - Rev. Darnell Williams, Bob Vandivort, Gene Vandivort, Ted Vandivort, George Reel.

Norwalk - Rev. Edward Johns, Rev. Don Bias; and Andrew Ruth.

Ontario - Rev. Riley Haskins, Rev. Joe Slaten, Rev. Clarence Hicks, Rev. Joe Horner, Rev. Vaughn O'Conner, Carl Cravens, Alfred Bough.

The Pulpit Committee was appointed as follows: Willard Bartholomew, Andrew Ruth, and Francis Berka. Rev. Gene Smith was chosen to bring the message at the worship hour.

The treasurer's report was read and accepted.  
The election of officers was as follows:

President - Rev. Jack Richey  
Vice President - Rev. Edward Johns  
Clerk/Treasurer - Rev. Riley Haskins  
Assistant Clerk/Treasurer - Andrew Ruth

Rev. Riley Haskins was chosen as the doctrinal speaker and Rev. Edward Johns as the alternate. The doctrinal subject for the July meeting is "The Ministry of the Holy Spirit". The speaker will be Rev. Edward Johns.

A motion carried to eliminate the Friday night services and to elect the Saturday morning speakers for the year.

Future meetings were set as follows: July 22, 1967, at Buena Park, Rev. Doit Reed, speaker, and Rev. Jack Richey, alternate; October 1967, at Downey Avenue, Rev. Robert Leeds, speaker, and Rev. Don Bias, alternate; January 1968, at Ontario, Rev. James Clark, speaker, and Rev. Oscar Wright, alternate; April 1968, at Oxnard, Rev. Joe Horner, speaker, and Rev. Malcolm Garrett, alternate.

The business was adjourned until the afternoon session.

Rev. Robert Leeds spoke on Communion and Feet Washing.

Congregational singing was led by Willard Bartholomew, followed by prayer led by Rev. Riley Haskins.

Rev. Loyd Reddick sang "Neither Do I Condemn Thee".

Rev. Gene Smith brought his message on the subject of "Heaven".

#### Saturday Afternoon Session

The report on the General Conference was given by Rev. Jack Richey.

The directors for the skating parties are Rev. Joe Horner and Rev. James Clark. A motion carried to continue underwriting the skating parties for the coming year.

A motion carried to give \$100.00 to California Bible Institute.

The business conference was adjourned.

Rev. Edward Johns brought the afternoon message on the "Establishment of the Church".

# MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' FINANCIAL REPORT

## RECEIPTS

Received at April Meeting	\$90.00
Received from Cravens and O'Conner	<u>6.00</u>
	\$96.00

Of this \$96.00, Rev. Oscar Wright deposited \$75.00 in the bank account in Oxnard, giving a balance in that account of \$162.00. Of the \$96.00 received, \$21.00 was deposited in the new account in the Bank of America in Ontario. Rev. Wright sent \$100.00 to California Bible Institute, as was voted at the April meeting. He transferred the remaining \$62.00 to the Ontario account, thereby closing the Oxnard account.

## ONTARIO ACCOUNT

Deposited 4/24/67	\$21.00	
Deposited 6/2/67	<u>62.00</u>	\$83.00

## DISBURSEMENTS

Buena Park Overpayment	\$ 3.00	
Christian Light Book		
Store for paper and stencils	<u>11.30</u>	<u>14.30</u>
Balance		<u>\$68.70</u>



# CONSTITUTION

**PREAMBLE:** From long experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us as an association of churches and to preserve and maintain correspondence and coordination with us, do therefore ordain this constitution for our better denominational government.

## Article I

This organization shall be known as the West Coast Association of Free Will Baptists of the State of California.

## Article II

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of our churches and associated bodies of this Association and to devise and execute measures of expanding our work in the cause of Christ in broader fields.

## Article III

Representation to the West Coast Association is to be by subordinate church. Each subordinate church shall be entitled to three delegates to be selected from the laity.

## Article IV

The West Coast Association shall have the right to settle any and all questions of discipline doctrine or practice, that may properly come before it from any of the bodies composing this organization or act upon an appeal that may be made by any church or individual which is a component part of this body. Said appeal shall have been written and properly signed by the constituent body or bodies making such appeal from the lower to the next higher body.

## Article V

**Officers:** The officers of the West Coast Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Progressive Building Fund Treasurer and Assistant Building Fund Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the opening of each setting of the Annual Association.

Section 2. Moderator shall appoint a Committee on Committees the opening night of the Association Meeting. The selected Committees shall be appointed by this committee and shall hold office until work is completed or their successors are appointed. This will enable all committees to be

ready the following morning and a time be set aside for committee work and no business be transacted until the committee work has been completed and have returned to the service. Also any further examinations by the Examining Council be made at this time. (1959)

### **Article VI**

The Executive Board shall be composed of five members. Each member shall be an ordained minister in good standing in the West Coast Association and their terms of tenure shall be as follows:

- (1) one for one year.
- (1) one for two years.
- (1) one for three years.
- (1) one for four years.
- (1) one for five years.

Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

### **Article VII**

The West Coast Association shall hold its meetings quarterly. The date and place to be decided upon at each annual meeting of said West Coast Association.

### **Article VIII**

Should necessity arise which call and requires immediate action, the West Coast Executive Board shall convene upon call of its chairman and shall take whatever action it deems necessary in the best interests of the cause of Christ. The action however shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the Constitution as set forth in the preceding articles.

### **Article IX**

This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of the West Coast Association by a two-thirds vote of members present and voting. All proposed alterations or amendments shall be presented in writing to the body one day in advance.

### **Article X**

No Minister will be received in this Association who cannot obtain a written recommendation from the Association from which he comes and must be a member in good standing in said Association and shall have no voice or hold any office in this Association until he has obtained a recommendation from the Examining Council of the West Coast Association.



## CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant. We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scripture, secret prayer, family devotion, and social worship, and by self denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ." We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of Peace," to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and to seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church, and the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

# **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

## **Of The FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

### **Article I**

#### **THE BIBLE**

We believe the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

Matt. 22:29; Mark 15:28; John 2:22; John 5:39; John 7:38; Acts 1:16; Acts 8:35; Acts 18:28; Rom. 15:40; Gal. 1:8; II Tim. 3:16-17; II Peter 1:12,20,21.

### **Article II**

#### **GOD**

We believe there are three persons in the God head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that all things were created by them.

First John 5:7; Gen. 1st and 2nd Chapters; Exo. 20:9-11; Psa. 33:6; Jer. 51:15; John 1:1-3; Acts 14:14-17; I Cor. 8:5; Eph. 3:8-10; Col. 1:9-17; Rev. 4:9-11.

### **Article III**

#### **MAN**

We believe that God created Man innocent, but by disobedience he fell into a state of sin and death. His posterity therefore inherited an alien nature of such tendencies that all who come to the years of accountability sin and become guilty before God.

Gen. 2:15-17; Gen. 3:14-19; Isa. 53:6; Rom. 3:9-26; Rom. 5:12-15; I Cor. 15:21,22; Gal. 3:22; I John 1-10.

## **Article IV**

### **CHILDREN SAVED**

We believe that children are born in a saved state and we must become like unto them if we enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matt. 18:2,3; Luke 18:16,17.

## **Article V**

### **GENERAL ATONEMENT**

We believe that Christ died for all and whosoever will may be saved.

Matt. 28:19,20; Luke 24:45-37; John 3:16; I Tim. 2:1-6; Titus 2:11; Heb. 2:9; II Peter 3:9; I John 2:1,2; Rev. 22:17.

## **Article VI**

### **TERMS OF SALVATION**

We believe the terms of Salvation are:

1st Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and a hearty denunciation of it.

2nd Faith, or the unreserved committal of one's self to God through faith in Christ with purpose to love and obey Him in all things.

Luke 13:3-5; Luke 14:25-27; Luke 24:45-37; John 3:16; Acts 10:43; Acts 15:8,9; Acts 16:31; Rom. 5:1,2; Rom. 10:8-13; Gal. 3:26; Eph. 2:8,9; Heb. 11:6.

## **Article VII**

### **DIVINE CALL TO THE MINISTRY**

We believe that God in His wisdom and goodness displays His power of Grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Spirit to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. Yet those who are called are commanded to study to show themselves approved unto God, etc.

John 5:39; John 1:16,17; Acts. 3:22; Acts 13:14; Acts 18:27,28; Acts 20:28; Acts 22:14,15; Rom. 10:14,15; Gal. 1:11-23; II Tim. 2:15; Titus 1:7-9.

## **Article XIII**

### **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**

Be set apart for the worship of God and that no work of worldly nature should be done on that day. Work of piety, mercy and necessity excepted.

Mark 16:1,2; John 20:1,19,26; Acts 13:27; Acts 16:13; Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:1,2; Rev. 1:10,11.

## **Article XIV**

### **APOSTASY**

We believe that only those Christians who through grace and patience endure unto the end have promise of Eternal Salvation.

Ezek. 18:24-26; Matt. 10:22; Matt. 24:12,13; Matt. 24:48-51; Matt. 25:14-30; Mark 13:13; Luke 12:45,46; John 15:1-6; Rom. 11:21; I Cor. 10:11,12 I Cor. 15:12; I Thes. 3:4,5; Heb. 3:1-6; Heb. 6:4-6; Heb. 10:24-30; II Peter 2:12-16; II Peter 2:20-22; Rev. 2:10; Rev. 3:5.

## **Article XV**

### **GENERAL RESURRECTION**

We believe in the general resurrection of all men — they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.

John 5:28,29; Acts 4:1,2; Acts 17:18; Acts 23:6; Acts 24:14,15; Acts 26:6-8; I Cor. 15:12,22; I Thes. 4:15-17; Rev. 20:12-15.

## **Article XVI**

### **GENERAL JUDGMENT**

We believe that there will be a general or universal judgment when all nations will be gathered before the Judgment Seat of Christ, to be judged according to their works. The wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal.

Eccl. 11:9; Eccl. 12:14; Matt. 12:36,37; Matt. 13:37-43; Matt. 25:31-46; Mark 9:43-48; John 5:28,29; Acts 10:42; Acts 17:30,31; Rom. 14:10-12; II Cor. 5:10; Heb. 9:27,28; Rev. 20:12-15; Rev. 21:7,8.

## **RULES OF ORDER**

1. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator or, in their absence the oldest minister present, shall call the Association to conference.
2. Each session shall be opened and closed by prayer.
3. Five members from two or more churches shall constitute a quorum. A lesser number may adjourn until such time as a quorum is present.
4. Visiting brethren are invited to seat as advisory members.
5. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator. Personal reflection shall be avoided in all debates.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and a vote taken.
7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.
8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.
9. The Moderator shall not allow discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.
10. The ruling of the Moderator may be overruled by a two-thirds majority of the membership voting.
11. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed at its own church.
12. At each Association arrangement shall be made to insure two or more sermons or their equivalent devotional services each day.
13. The West Coast Association shall have no power to fill vacancies in the delegation from any composite body.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. House called to order by the Moderator.
3. Letters called for, read, and received.
4. Right hand of fellowship and seating of Delegates.
5. Election of Officers.
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.