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OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1967-1968

Moderator	Dewey Boling
Assistant Moderator	R. H. Jackson
Clerk	R. N. Hinnant
Treasurer	Luther Bissette

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Dewey Boling, Chairman
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 R. N. Hinnant, Secretary
 Luther Bissette, Treasurer
 James Joyner, At Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. N. Hinnant, Chairman	1969
Jimmy Barfield	1970
L. S. Joyner	1968
F. A. Morris	1972
Paul Jenkins	1971

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Raymond Jones, Chairman	1969
W. E. Renfrow	1971
Joe Ingram	1972
Albert Coates	1968
Clyde Cox	1972

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

F. A. Rivenbark, Chairman	1969
James B. Hunt	1971
L. H. Boykin	1972
C. F. Bowen	1968
Lester Duncan	1970

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Hilery Minchew, Chairman	1972
R. C. Cherry	1971
Charles Morgan	1969
Wayne West	1968
Royster Martin	1970

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Jimmy Hodges	1972
Frank Ray Harrison	1968
Henry Barfield III	1969
Joe Johnson	1970
Billy Yawn	1971

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

R. N. Hinnant, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
 L. H. Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Milford Hales, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. (Disabled)
 Romie Mitchell, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
 D. C. Boling, 712 E. Horne Street, Clayton, N. C.
 L. S. Joyner, 1220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
 H. Paul Jenkins, 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, N. C.
 W. E. Renfrow, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
 Milton Davis, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
 M. L. Johnson, Box 220, Middlesex, N. C.
 Jasper Edwards, Route 3, Salem, N. C.
 H. M. Minchew, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Felton Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 J. C. Yates, Route 2, Newport, N. C.
 G. Herman Griffin, Route 1, Wingate, N. C.
 Luby C. Tyner, 907 W. Waddell Street, Salem, N. C.
 Albert T. Coates, Route 1, Box 300, Smithfield, N. C.
 Dee Bisette, Route 2, Bailey, N. C.
 R. H. Jackson, Route 1, Sims, N. C.
 Billy R. Yawn, Route 1, Box 277, Clayton, N. C.
 Joseph H. Ingram, Route 2, Box 56, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Earl Minchew, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
 Jimmie L. Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 Charles Morgan, Route 1, Bailey, N. C.
 Raymond E. Jones, Route 2, Box 489, Goldsboro, N. C.
 James V. Joyner, Box 487, Kenly, N. C.
 Fred A. Rivenbark, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.
 Jimmy A. Hodges, Route 1, Concord, N. C.
 Billy Ray Jordan, Route 2, Pikeville, N. C.
 C. F. Bowen, 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C.
 N. D. Wiggs, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
 Frank R. Harrison, Box 275, Lucama, N. C.
 W. G. Boykin, Raleigh, N. C. (Superannuated)
 Lester Duncan, 213 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C.
 Henry Barfield III, Olde Towne Apts., 1-A Wilson, N. C.
 Clyde W. Cox, Box 307, Pine Level, N. C.
 Roland C. Cherry, 614 Clark Avenue, Wilson, N. C.
 Douglas Johnson, Box 528, Clayton, N. C.
 Joe H. Johnson, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.
 L. L. Therrell, 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C.
 Wiley Ferrell, 608 Tower Street, Selma, N. C.
 R. L. Moore, 570 East Front Street, Clayton, N. C.
 Edgar Benton, Route 2, Freemont, N. C.
 Harry Brown
 William L. Dale, Route 2, Box 351, Goldsboro, N. C.
 Walter V. Bass, Route 2, Box 113, Pikeville, N. C.

William E. Futch, Route 1, Box 57-A, Kenly, N. C.
C. R. Etheridge
Royster Martin, Box 37, Micro, N. C.
Ray Wells, Wilson, N. C.

LICENTIATES

Walton Parrish, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Ralph Aycock
Jimmy Barnes
Aaron Bass, Box 185, Fremont, N. C.
Raeford Johnson

Letters received from the following ministers: Jimmy A. Hodges, Billy Ray Jordan, and Douglas Johnson.

VISITING MINISTERS

CENTRAL CONFERENCE—Robert N. Rollins, R. W. Allman, W. L. Poythress, and J. W. Pittman.

EASTERN CONFERENCE—S. R. Kennedy, Walter Sutton, David C. Hansley, E. C. Morris, and J. B. Starnes.

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE—J. W. Everton and Walter Reynolds.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1967-1968

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—

Sharron Acres—Fred A. Rivenbark

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

Everett's Chapel—Billy R. Yawn

Friendship—Sheldon Howard

Holly Springs—W. R. Martin

Kenly—James V. Joyner

Micro—Joe Johnson

Pine Level—Clyde Cox

Piney Grove—Boyd Shook

Pleasant Plain—J. B. Starnes

Rains' Cross Roads—Bill Futch

Selma—Albert T. Coates

Stancil's Chapel—W. E. Renfrow

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Lester Duncan

Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan

Free Union—Lester Duncan

Memorial Chapel—C. H. Overman

Mt. Zion—R. N. Hinnant
Rock Spring—R. N. Hinnant
Stony Hill—R. D. Jones
Union Chapel—Walter Parrish

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Luby C. Tyner
Fremont—J. W. Pittman
Pleasant Grove—J. B. Starnes
Pleasant Hill—Henry Barfield III
Spring Hill—W. L. Dale
Stoney Creek—Raymond Jones
Union Grove—R. P. Harris

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Roland C. Cherry
First Church, Wilson—C. F. Bowen
Little Rock—Frank R. Harrison
Marsh Swamp—R. H. Jackson
Milbournie D. C. Boling
Mt. Zion—W. Royster Martin
New Sandy Hill—Billy R. Jordan
People's Chapel—Melvin T. Moore
Rose Bud—Edgar Benton
St. Mary's—

Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield

FIRST UNION MEETING—Joseph Ingram, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—R. N. Hinnant, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICE

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—Walter Turnmire, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C.

DURHAM COUNTY

Edgemont—James R. McGhee, 2716 Rochelle Street, Durham, N. C.
Sherron Acres—James Hall, 620 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C.

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Eugene Prince, 508 Winston Street, Selma, N. C.
Everett's Chapel—Hardin G. Blackman, 502 E. Andrews Street, Clayton, N. C.
Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.
Holly Springs—C. M. Atkinson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C.
Kenly—Bobby Pope, Box 92, Kenly, N. C.
Micro—Mrs. Carl Bagley, Route 3, Selma, N. C.
Pine Level—Waverly Jones Jr., Box 293, Pine Level, N. C.
Piney Grove—Mrs. Mildred J. Bridgers, Route 1, Kenly, N. C.
Pleasant Plain—L. S. Griffin, Route 2, Selma, N. C.

Rains' Cross Roads—Mrs. Archie C. Parrish, Box 173, Princeton, N. C.

Selma—Mrs. Rouse Coats, 211 E. Lizzie Street, Selma, N. C.

Stancil's Chapel—Russell L. Peele, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Monroe Lindsey, 1524 Sunset Avenue, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Flood's Chapel—W. E. Bissette, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C.

Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C.

Memorial Chapel—Mrs. Sudie B. Mitchell, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.

Mt. Zion—L. W. Matthews, Route 2, Nashville, N. C.

Rock Spring—Mrs. Oscar Whitley Jr., Route 1, Bailey, N. C.

Stony Hill—Mrs. Mabel Glover, Route 2, Middlesex, N. C.

Union Chapel—Mrs. Rosa Boykin, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C.

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—T. C. Hines, 1607 Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C.

Fremont—Thomas Bogue, Route 1, Stantonsburg, N. C.

Pleasant Grove—Irwin Rowe, Route 2, Box 14, Pikeville, N. C.

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.

Spring Hill—Mrs. B. H. Woodard, Route 5, Box 438, Goldsboro, N. C.

Stoney Creek—George C. Sasser, Route 2, Goldsboro, N. C.

Union Grove—R. A. Sasser, Route 2, Fremont, N. C.

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Mrs. Nannie W. Murray, Route 4, Newton Park, Wilson, N. C.

First, Church, Wilson—Mrs. Nona C. Godwin, 207 Broad Street, Wilson, N. C.

Little Rock—Ralph Barnes, Route 1, Lucama, N. C.

Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

Milbournie—Miss Kathryn Lamm, Route 2, Box 621, Wilson, N. C.

Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

New Sandy Hill—Mrs. Frances Hall, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

People's Chapel—Miss Edna Wells, Route 2, Box 101-A, Elm City, N. C.

Rose Bud—Mrs. Clyde Griffin, Route 4, Wilson, N. C.

St. Mary's—Miss Hilda Pittman, Route 1, Lucama, N. C.

Watson's Grove—Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C.

FIRST UNION MEETING—C. F. Bowen, Wilson, N. C.

SECOND UNION MEETING—Luther Bissette, Route 1, Sims, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-first annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Memorial Chapel Church, Nash County, October 11, 12, 1967.

The conference was opened by the congregation singing "Trust and Obey." In the opening devotions, Rev. F. A. Rivenbark used as a basis for his remarks various Scriptures. The principal words used for his message were, understanding, fellowship, and cooperation. Prayer by Rev. C. F. Bowen.

A hearty welcome was extended to all by the superintendent of the Children's Home with Rev. L. H. Boykin responding.

Union Chapel Church of Nash County was received back into the conference by motion.

By motion, some programs of the conference's proceedings to be run off.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, H. M. Minchew, J. C. Yates, R. H. Jackson, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Jimmie L. Barfield, Charles Morgan, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, C. F. Bowen, Frank R. Harrison, Lester Duncan, Henry Barfield III, Clyde W. Cox, Bruce Dudley, Roland C. Cherry, L. L. Therrell, Edgar Benton, William L. Dale, Walter Bass, and W. Royster Martin.

Ministers present second day: R. N. Hinnant, L. H. Boykin, Romie Mitchell, D. C. Boling, L. S. Joyner, H. Paul Jenkins, W. E. Renfrow, M. L. Johnson, Jasper Edwards, H. M. Minchew, Felton Johnson, Luby C. Tyner, Albert T. Coates, R. H. Jackson, Billy R. Yawn, Joseph H. Ingram, Earl Minchew, Jimmie L. Barfield, Raymond E. Jones, James V. Joyner, Fred A. Rivenbark, C. F. Bowen, Frank R. Harrison, Clyde W. Cox, Bruce Dudley, Roland C. Cherry, Joe H. Johnson, L. L. Therrell, Wiley Ferrell, Edgar Benton, William L. Dale, and W. Royster Martin.

By motion, the Mission Board prepare program bulletins for the 1968 conference.

Remarks by the moderator, Rev. D. C. Boling.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

In behalf of our State Mission Board, we greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. As director, I am grateful to be associated with such a Christian group of men.

I would like to thank each church for the support that you have given the work of missions in our state this past year. It has been a good year in the support of missions and we praise God for it. There are a few

items that I would like to call your attention to as to the work this next year.

The Barrows have now been commissioned to their new field of labor and are presently enrolled in Columbia Bible College preparing to meet the qualifications set before them for this work. Free Will Baptists will have their missionaries on foreign soil by next year this time if we will join our hands together to support the call to this field.

Brother J. E. Timmons gives us word that all is well in the field in Mexico. He states that some of the work has been affected by the recent storms that hit parts of Mexico with high winds and hard rains. There is a great need of our continued support to the work there, both in prayer and financially.

Our home mission work is coming along fine, in that more and more of the work is becoming self-supporting. We hope to be able to go to other areas in the very near future with the Free Will Baptist Church. This can only be done as we provide the funds to do so.

There have been two rallies planned in the Western Conference during the month of November. These rallies will be on November 15 and 16. The places for these rallies will be announced later. In the meantime, begin now to create interest in your church for these rallies. Brother Roy Comrie of Rhodesia will be with us in these rallies.

Record of giving in the Western Conference and suggested quotas:

CHURCHES	AMOUNT GIVEN	SUGGESTED QUOTA
	1966-1967	1967-1968
Branch Chapel	\$ 36.85	\$ 100.00
Black Jack Grove	55.00	100.00
Barnes Hill	94.11	125.00
Calvary	2.00	100.00
Edgemont		100.00
Elwood Lane		100.00
Everett's Chapel	84.09	150.00
First Church, Wilson	837.55	900.00
Flood's Chapel	64.50	125.00
Free Union	101.96	150.00
Fremont	15.00	100.00
Friendship	25.00	100.00
Holly Springs	3.00	100.00
Kenly	259.50	350.00
Little Rock	200.00	350.00
Marsh Swamp	445.46	600.00
Memorial Chapel	10.00	100.00
Micro	100.00	200.00
Milbournie	103.11	200.00
Mount Zion	143.00	200.00
Mount Zion (Kenly)	29.17	100.00
New Hope (Mount Pleasants)		100.00

New Sandy Hill	6.50	100.00
Northern	55.00	125.00
People's Chapel	782.10	900.00
Pine Level	184.25	300.00
Pleasant Grove	150.00	200.00
Piney Grove	253.00	325.00
Pleasant Hill	90.76	150.00
Pleasant Plain	141.26	225.00
Rains' Cross Road	429.00	550.00
Rose Bud	39.97	100.00
Rock Springs	8.25	100.00
Sharron Acres	284.54	400.00
Selma	118.00	225.00
Spring Hill	72.00	150.00
Stancil's Chapel	109.52	200.00
Stoney Creek	1,084.35	1,100.00
St. Mary's	210.01	300.00
Stony Hill		100.00
Union Chapel		100.00
Union Grove	180.00	250.00
Watson's Grove	34.00	100.00
Second Union	90.00	100.00
First Union	212.22	250.00
Western Conference	157.92	200.00
Second Western District		
Auxiliary Convention	10.00	
Friends not Listed	5.00	

Totals	\$7,316.95	\$11,000.00
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The resignation of Rev. R. H. Jackson from the Conference Mission Board was accepted.

"He Keeps Me Singing" was sung by the congregation.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$422.60
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RECEIPTS

From Churches	482.00
For Children's Home	42.75
For Mount Olive College	51.21

Total Received	\$998.56
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PAID OUT

Secretary and Expenses	\$ 84.00
Mount Olive College	51.21
Children's Home	142.75
Executive Board Expenses	235.38
Ordination Board Expenses	8.24

Total Paid Out 722.90

Balance in Treasury \$275.66

Luther E. Bissette, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

To the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina:

We thank you for your continued support to this Children's Home during the past year. Our records show that during the year, ending August 31, 1967, we received a total of \$21,190.68 from individuals, churches, and other organizations of this district. This is an increase of \$4,560.85 over the previous year. It should be pointed out that \$3,444.09 of this increase was received from the estate of the late W. L. Manning, a member of Mt. Zion Church, Nash County. Thus, the increase in regular giving was only \$1,116.76. However, this was still the largest increase in giving by any conference in the state.

We also thank you for your additional support in the form of coupons, food, linens, clothing, and especially your personal interest and your prayers. All of these have been very helpful and are deeply appreciated.

We now have eighty-eight children at the Home—forty-two girls and forty-six boys. We also have five graduates in higher education who are being assisted through our Higher Educational Aid Program. We also have several applications for admission now being processed.

The total numebr of children who have been admitted to this Home since it was opened on May 23, 1920, is now 571.

OUR BUILDING PROGRAM: We are happy to report that the building schedule established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program is progressing "on schedule." We have completed the new cottage for older boys, a large staff residence, and the one family dwelling to replace the old frame dwelling. We are now working on the new cottage for older girls and hope to complete this during the spring of 1968. The new buildings are proving very helpful. The completion of the new cottage for girls is very urgent since our present buildings for girls are filled and we do have a waiting list.

REPORT OF GIFTS AND SUGGESTED QUOTAS: Listed below is a report of the gifts received from this district during last year and a listing of the suggested quotas for the year 1967-1968.

The suggested quotas are the same as those for the past two years. They are based upon our needs for general operating funds and to help reach the goals established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program. These will help us "keep on schedule" with our development on a "pay as we go basis."

If our people will maintain their gifts to this Home at the same level they have maintained during the past two years, we can do the above. Please help your church reach its suggested quota.

Please try to reach your quota—so we can reach our goals!

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference District for the year 1966-1967, and the suggested quotas for the year 1967-1968. The quotas for 1967-1968 are based upon our continuing needs to meet the schedule established in our Golden Anniversary Development Program and our general operation for the year.

CHURCHES	GIFTS DURING 1966-1967	SUGGESTED QUOTA 1967-1968
Barnes Hill	\$ 216.00	\$ 250.00
Black Jack Grove	86.00	150.00
Branch Chapel	681.96	750.00
Calvary	171.96	500.00
Edgemont	68.00	300.00
Elwood Lane	147.87	300.00
Everett's Chapel	439.87	325.00
Flood's Chapel	260.00	275.00
Free Union	190.78	350.00
Fremont	155.00	200.00
Friendship	768.78	800.00
Holly Springs	349.81	300.00
Kenly	518.53	600.00
Little Rock	505.08	500.00
Marsh Swamp	1,007.51	1,000.00
Memorial Chapel	145.00	75.00
Micro	617.70	700.00
Milbournie	318.70	350.00
Mount Zion, Nash County	530.95	600.00
Mount Zion, Wilson County	89.41	250.00
New Hope	25.00	200.00
New Sandy Hill	168.45	250.00
Northern	130.50	200.00
People's Chapel	856.67	600.00
Pine Level	626.24	750.00
Piney Grove	487.22	600.00
Pleasant Grove	881.19	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	409.60	250.00
Pleasant Plains	413.95	600.00
Rains' Cross Roads	463.26	550.00
Rock Springs	94.46	200.00
Rose Bud	245.85	200.00

Selma	225.00	300.00
Sherron Acres	341.23	500.00
Spring Hill	183.75	250.00
Stancil's Chapel	677.26	500.00
St. Mary's	524.51	500.00
Stoney Creek	321.00	750.00
Stony Hill	68.00	200.00
Union Chapel	17.74	100.00
Union Grove	322.31	500.00
Watson's Grove	85.56	100.00
Wilson	1,292.60	1,200.00
Miscellaneous	5,060.42	1,125.00
Totals	\$21,190.68	\$20,000.00

An offering for the Children's Home was received, amounting to \$77.78. A prayer of thanks was offered by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

The president of the State Convention, Rev. J. W. Everton, brought greetings to the conference from the state body.

The congregation sang "Jesus Saves," followed with a quartet singing "Endless Joy Is Coming," by Clyde Cox, Raymond Crawford, Harvey Hinnant, and Royster Martin.

Rev. R. N. Hinnant introduced Rev. E. C. Morris who delivered the introductory message, using as his text for the message, 2 Kings 7:3.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS—M. L. Johnson, Frank R. Harrison, and H. M. Minchew.

NOMINATING—Paul Jenkins, L. H. Boykin, Mrs. Hardy Talton, Mrs. Charles Finch, and Romie Mitchell.

TEMPERANCE—Bruce Dudley, J. O. Bunn, and Charles Morgan.

MEMORIAL—James Joyner, Lester Duncan, and L. S. Joyner.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee makes the following report:

1. We have with the cooperation of the Children's Home located the 1967 session of the conference at the Memorial Chapel.

2. The moderator and clerk visited the church at Fremont and extended a special invitation to attend by delegation the 1967 session of the conference.

3. We have attended to the church problem at Elwood Lane, Kannapolis, North Carolina, and are glad to report the issues have been settled satisfactorily to this committee.

4. The Union Chapel Church, Nash County, has reorganized and is at present holding regular services and Sunday school.

D. G. Boling, *Moderator*

R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*

The conference adjourned for lunch with the benediction and thanks for the noonday meal.

LUNCH

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Jimmie Barnes, reading from 2 Chronicles 7:14, following with prayer.

The congregation sang "Standing on the Promises," and then the quartet sang "Let Me Live Close to Thee" and "For Me."

The State Mission Board was represented by Rev. Joe Ingram, who brought greetings and information concerning their work to the conference.

REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Board of Ordination held its regular meetings on January 6, June 2, and October 6, 1967.

The board makes the following recommendations:

1. That the following names be added to our roll of ordained ministers: R. L. Moore, Edgar Benton, Harry Brown, William L. Dale, and Walter Bass.

2. That the following be recommended to their churches for license: Ralph Aycock, Jimmy Barnes, Aaron Bass, and Raeford Johnson.

3. That the following be placed on the roll of ordained ministers, pending a letter of transfer from the Central Conference: Bill Futch.

4. That C. R. Etheridge be restored to the ministry.

5. That Ray Wells be ordained in his local church.

6. That Royster Martin be received by letter from the Cape Fear Conference.

7. That \$70.50 be paid to Albert Coates for Bibles.

8. That a letter be granted to Bruce Dudley for transfer to the Central Conference.

A verbal report of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation was given by R. N. Hinnant and Walter Reynolds.

"Will It Be You" was sung by the quartet.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE MISSION BOARD

To the Western Conference of Free Will Baptists convening with the Memorial Chapel Church, Middlesex, North Carolina:

Greetings:

Your Mission Board wishes to thank each of you for your prayers and support that you have given during the past year, 1966-67. We solicit your continued prayers and support so that our mission department of the Western Conference may establish more mission points in the Western Conference than in any year in our history.

The Mission Board would like to present the following recommendations:

1. That anyone who knows of a Free Will Baptist who lives in Oxford, Burlington, or Henderson, present their names and addresses to the Mission Board.

2. The Mission Board recommends that if there is a Free Will Baptist minister who is interested in working in the above named areas, please contact the board.

3. That the Western Conference cooperate with the General Conference Mission Board and the State Convention Mission Board in their mission programs.

4. That if any church in the Western Conference is in need of a pastor, that they contact the Mission Board.

Your Mission Board,
R. H. Jackson, *Chairman*

MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1966-1967

Balance in Treasury October 15, 1966 \$ 69.31

RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR

First Union Meeting	\$ 20.00
Pleasant Hill Church	30.00
Branch Chapel Church	31.00
Western Conference Mission Rally	375.88
Stoney Creek Church	84.72
Total Receipts	541.60
Total to Account For	\$610.91

DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR

Rev. L. H. Boykin (one year at Union Chapel Church)	\$15.00
Rev. Allen Bryan (expenses for Western Conference mission rally)	36.78
Travel and All Other Expenses	13.49
Total Disbursements	65.27

Balance in Treasury October 12, 1967 \$545.64

H. M. Minchew, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Greetings:

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1966-1967:

1. We have nine ministers who receive regular pension checks, of this number four (4) are from the Western Conference.

2. We have 16 ministers' widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number five (5) are from the Western Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

a. Churches	\$1,696.22
b. Sunday Schools	376.44
c. Auxiliaries	39.00
d. Individuals	3,440.45
e. Unions	35.00

Total	\$5,587.11
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4. The budget for 1967-1968 is \$20,000, based on 75¢ per member of the churches of this state.

5. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

6. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds, *Chairman-Treasurer*

The day's work being ended, a motion to adjourn was made and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Roland Cherry.

THURSDAY MORNING

"Draw Me Nearer" was sung by the congregation with prayer by Rev. Billy Yawn. A solo, "Surely Goodness and Mercy," was sung by Rev. Clyde Cox.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Bruce Dudley, reading the 46th Psalm. Prayer was by Rev. S. A. Smith.

Roll call of ministers. (See ministers present second day.)

Roll call of churches.

Visiting ministers present second day: Melvin Everington, S. A. Smith, J. B. Starnes, and A. Graham Lane.

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

It is the desire of Mount Olive College to provide educational opportunities for every qualified Free Will Baptist high school graduate who wishes to attend our College. During the 1967-68 fiscal year, the College will administer a student-aid program of approximately \$60,000, including academic scholarships, grants-in-aid to ministerial students, music scholarships, part-time employment, and student loans.

Pastors, Sunday school teachers, and youth workers are urged to encourage young people to consider the educational and religion advantages of attending Mount Olive College. The College welcomes young people to

DELEGATES AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Churches	County	Yearly Meeting	Regular Meetings	Missions	Children's Home	Education	Other Purposes	Total Raised	Members	Baptized	Died	Sunday School	League	Auxiliary	Conference	Church Property	Members Received	Delegates
Elwood Lane	Cabarrus	August	Full Time	\$ 17	\$158	\$ 25	\$ 4,331	\$8,554	88	3	3	68		19	\$10.00	\$100,000	3	Mrs. Iva Knight
Edgemont	Durham	October	Full Time						180	23	8	75	25	15	10.00	50,000	5	J. R. McGhee
Northern	Durham																	
Sherron Acres	Durham		Full Time	264	325	150	10,038	15,978	322	18	2	150		21	10.00	115,000	9	
Branch Chapel	Johnston	August	2nd and 4th	74	618	247	7,979	7,979	279			1130				20,000	2	Elijah Phillips and Wife
Everett's Chapel	Johnston	January	Full Time	133	424	400	8,005	13,614	214	5		135	47	27	10.00	87,500	12	
Friendship	Johnston		2nd and 4th	44	793	527	4,150	7,833	172	2		90		32	10.00	35,000		Mrs. Coy Hinton, Simon Allen
Holly Springs	Johnston	July	1st and 3rd	35	247	12	2,432	4,206	194	5	2	100	10	32	12.50	85,000		R. L. Radford and Wife
Kenly	Johnston	August	Full Time	313	344	623	3,907	9,832	154	21	3	159	47	30		44,500		Mrs. Felton Watson, Mrs. H. G. Watson
Micro	Johnston	August	Full Time	100	350	437	907	3,896	157	8	3	145		26	20.00	75,000	1	
Fine Level	Johnston	August	Full Time	203	414	703	9,451	15,745	252	20	3	175		30	10.00	80,000	3	
Piney Grove	Johnston	October	2nd and 4th	207	244	208	1,131	2,500	12	2	150			20	10.00	21,000	5	Jean Sasser, Iris Pittman
Pleasant Plain	Johnston	September	2nd and 4th	141	304	417	1,131	2,500	161	2	1	100		21	10.00	34,000		
Rains' Cross Roads	Johnston	August	1st and 3rd	229	365	516	1,131	2,500	214	6	2	215		25	15.00	35,000		Mrs. Ella Boyette
Selma	Johnston	June	Full Time						160	11		90		28	10.00		7	
Stancil's Chapel	Johnston	August	1st and 3rd	154	631		1,131	4,170	171	4	1	110		28	8.00	10,500		Joe D. Bunn and Wife
Barnes Hill	Nash	February	2nd and 4th	112	218	245	282	2,122	78	2	3	79		20	10.00	7,500		Mrs. Henry Eason
Flood's Chapel	Nash	October	2nd and 4th	77	310	145	1,152	2,464	52	2		42		11	10.00	20,000		
Free Union	Nash	September	1st and 3rd	102	191		1,131	5,341	73			60		20	10.00	25,000	2	H. C. Morgan
Memorial Chapel	Nash		1st and 3rd	35		125			91	15		111	110		5.00		1	Henry Mitchell
Mt. Zion	Nash	September	2nd and 4th	143	536	430	3,180	4,322	181	7	1	120	14	25	25.00	40,000		Thomas Manning and Wife
Rock Spring	Nash	September	1st and 3rd	22	85	62	2,509	4,058	32	4	4	80		9	5.00	12,500	1	Oscar Hinton, Oscar Whitley Jr.
Stony Hill	Nash	July	1st and 3rd		85	350	1,325	2,260	94	6	1	60		16	10.00	15,000		
Union Chapel	Nash	August	2nd and 4th		43		4,08	511	13	3		38			5.00	3,000	5	Adrian Hall
Black Jack Grove	Wayne	April	1st and 3rd	95	86	25	1,404	3,236	92	13		106	22		5.00	14,000		Carlton Hinson
Fremont	Wayne	September	Full Time	62	233	405	2,066	5,915	165	3	1	110		40	10.00	15,000	2	Aaron Bass, Walter Bass
Pleasant Grove	Wayne	August	1st and 3rd	191	881	1,217	4,588	8,577	223	10	3	163		33	40.00	78,000	2	Mrs. Hardy Talton, Chesbro Fields
Pleasant Hill	Wayne	August	1st and 3rd	121	390	385	4,014	4,940	129	4		123		18	10.00	35,000	1	Mrs. Bobby Bunn, Mrs. David Bunn
Spring Hill	Wayne	August	Full Time	81	124	165	1,470	3,039	57	2	1	60		16		25,000	3	Edward Huffman
Stoney Creek	Wayne	October	Full Time	1,212	199	864	15,495	23,003	274	24	1	225		59	10.00	125,000	2	Mrs. Lillie M. Sasser, Mrs. Lee Kornegay
Union Grove	Wayne	September	2nd and 4th	100	200	500	842	3,468	168	8	3	112		41		50,000	5	Joe Morris and Wife
Calvary	Wilson	August	Full Time	39	121	150	3,907	8,166	133	7	1	158		25	5.00	30,000	4	
First Church, Wilson	Wilson	August	Full Time	845	814	1,700	25,267	35,016	633	55	3	295		69	20.00	130,000	18	Leslie Hawley and Wife
Little Rock	Wilson	September	Full Time	145	340	1,076	5,746	11,828	307	5	3	170		40	15.00	80,000	4	Paul Boyette, Mrs. Braxton Jones
Marsh Swamp	Wilson	September	Full Time	409	802	619	3,929	10,709	335	3	1	60		30	15.00	60,000	1	James Hunt and Wife
Milbourne	Wilson	May	Full Time	128	330	204	1,275	6,438	169	10	2	139		26	10.00	52,600		Mrs. Charles Finch
Mt. Zion	Wilson		2nd and 4th	15	50		1,945	3,510	179	7	2	125		26	15.00	15,000	2	Henry Johnson and Wife
New Sandy Hill	Wilson	April	1st and 3rd	81	168	20	8,160	9,650	143	1	1	105		12	5.00	52,000	2	Ronald Bisette, Jesse Bunn
People's Chapel	Wilson	September	Full Time	750	863	257	2,343	7,232	188	2		83		18	10.00			Norman Vaughn, Clarence Perry
Rose Bud	Wilson	September	Full Time	12	157	165	742	2,911	108	2	1	57		18		20,000	3	
St. Mary's	Wilson	September	Full Time	197	485	487	6,028	11,708	286	4	1	135		22	7.50	90,000	9	Hubert Narron and Wife
Watson Grove	Wilson	November	1st and 3rd	43	64				12			22			5.00	1,000		
First Union Meeting									4,818	144				585		5.00		
Second Union Meeting															10.00			Mrs. Icie Lamm, Charlie Barnes

visit its campus and to discuss their educational interests with College officials.

NEW LIBRARY

Construction of the new library is now underway with completion scheduled for July, 1968. Plans are being made to dedicate the library next September during the session of the State Convention which will meet in Mount Olive.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Gifts from the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to Mount Olive College during the fiscal year of July 1, 1966, through June 30, 1967, averaged \$3 per member. Special recognition is given to the following churches in the Western Conference which exceeded this level of support:

Kenly	\$4.51	Pleasant Hill	\$3.54
Little Rock	\$4.04	Rains' Cross Roads	\$4.03
Marsh Swamp	\$6.08	Stoney Creek	\$3.83
Pleasant Grove	\$6.24	Stony Hill	\$4.02

A complete listing of the churches of the conference is included with this report and contains a record of gifts received during 1966-67, and recommended quotas for 1967-68.

The College sincerely appreciates the prayers and support of the Western Conference in helping to provide Christian higher education for our youth.

COLLEGE DINNERS

Dinners to assist churches in reaching their quotas for the College are as follows:

Wayne County, October 18, Mount Olive College, downtown campus; Ben Rollins and Hardy Talton, cochairmen.

Johnston-Wake Counties, November 6, South Smithfield Elementary School; Milton Wiggs, chairman.

Wilson County, November 7, American Legion Building, Wilson; James Hunt, chairman.

Edgecombe-Halifax Counties, November 27, Fellowship Building, Edge-wood Church; Hubert Burress, chairman.

Organizational meetings planned within the Western Conference are as follows:

Sampson-Harnett Counties, October 16, Shady Grove Church.

Nash County, October 17, Flood's Chapel Church.

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE THREE-MONTHS PROGRESS REPORT OF GIFTS
(July 1—September 30, 1967)

CHURCHES	GIFTS			PASTORS
	QUOTA 1967-68	JULY 1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER	BALANCE BY JUNE 30	
Barnes Hill	\$ 230	\$ 6.00	\$ 224.00	Lester Duncan
Black Jack Grove	245		245.00	Luby Tyner
Branch Chapel	860	49.65	810.35	W. E. Renfrow
Calvary	385	10.03	374.97	Roland Cherry
Edgemont	520		520.00	
Elwood Lane	500		500.00	Paul Jenkins
Everett's Chapel	625		625.00	Billy R. Yawn
Flood's Chapel	170	1.00	169.00	Charles Morgan
Free Union	215	65.00	150.00	Lester Duncan
Freemont Chapel	490	29.63	460.37	James Pittman
Friendship	540	59.37	480.63	Sheldon Howard
Holly Springs	600	21.50	578.50	W. R. Martin
Kenly	625	10.00	615.00	James Joyner
Little Rock	1,750	108.73	1,641.27	Frank Harrison
Marsh Swamp	2,100	117.00	1,983.00	R. H. Jackson
Memorial Chapel	225	11.00	214.00	C. H. Overman
Micro	560	80.00	480.00	Joe Johnson
Milbournic	480	7.05	472.95	Dewey Boling
Mount Zion (Nash)	530	96.03	433.97	R. N. Hinnant
Mount Zion (Wilson)	540		540.00	Royster Martin
New Hope	275		275.00	Roy Heglar
New Sandy Hill	435	4.46	430.54	Billy Jordan
Northern	380		380.00	Harry Brown
People's Chapel	565	31.25	533.75	Melvin Moore
Pine Level	1,035	89.89	945.11	Clyde Cox
Piney Grove	750	79.51	670.79	
Pleasant Grove	1,500	258.91	1,241.09	J. B. Starnes
Pleasant Hill	450	26.75	423.25	Henry Barfield
Pleasant Plain	470	58.50	411.50	J. B. Starnes
Rains' Cross Roads	1,000	255.00	745.00	William Futch
Rock Springs	200	39.45	160.55	R. N. Hinnant
Rose Bud	315	1.00	314.00	Edgar Benton
Saint Mary's	860	52.12	807.88	
Selma	465	7.92	457.08	Albert Coates
Sherron Acres	1,100		1,100.00	Fred Rivenbark
Spring Hill	170	15.00	155.00	William Dale
Stancil's Chapel	500	27.22	472.78	W. E. Renfrow
Stoney Creek	1,200	75.74	1,124.26	Raymond Jones
Stony Hill	350	18.00	332.00	Robert Jones
Union Grove	535	40.29	494.71	R. P. Harris
Watson's Grove	40		40.00	Jimmie Barfield

Wilson, First	1,715	1,206.00	509.00	C. F. Bowen
Western Conference		135.00	(135.00)	

Total	\$26,500	\$3,093.70	\$23,406.30
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ANALYSIS OF GIFTS AND QUOTAS MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

	1966-67		1966-67		1967-68	
MEMBER-SHIP	CON-FERENCE	QUOTA	GIFTS	PER CAPITA	QUOTA	PER CAPITA
2,357	Albemarle	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,296.08	\$2.24	\$ 7,500	\$3.19
3,986	Cape Fear	15,000	12,562.44	3.15	17,160	4.30
8,235	Central	36,200	32,974.72	4.00	38,040	4.62
10,208	Eastern	37,050	30,196.42	2.96	40,730	3.99
7,541	Western	26,000	17,941.57	2.38	26,500	3.51
1,205	Pee Dee	1,000	517.86	.43	1,200	.99
728*	Piedmont	1,000	870.00	1.19	1,500	1.00
	Statewide Bodies		2,513.37			
34,260	Total	\$122,250	\$102,872.46	\$3.00	\$132,630	\$3.80

*Membership information on some churches was not available.

W. B. Raper, *President*

Offering for Mount Olive College and prayer by Rev. James Joyner.

Rev. James Joyner brought greetings from the Ministerial Association.

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

There were 28 ordained ministers and two licentiates present. There were also ten visiting ministers present.

A digest of the Credentials Committee:

Number of members, 6,908; baptized, 339; average Sunday school attendance, 4,830; died, 68; auxiliary members, 946; value of church property, \$1,889,100; money sent to conference, \$493; paid pastors, \$100,738.51; missions, \$6,929.65; Children's Home, \$12,902.57; education \$13,860.05; other purposes, \$152,481.90; total raised for year, \$284,171.68; number of delegates, 58; members received by letter, 101; members restored, 20; members dismissed, 126; excommunicated, 6; money sent to Cragmont, \$1,402.04; average league attendance, 406.

By Credentials Committee

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(See Officers Elected)

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Whereas, we are a Christian church based upon the principle of God's Word; and

Whereas, our Church Covenant is based upon the Word of God;

We therefore recommend:

1. That our people read and abide by the teachings of the Bible and our Church Covenant.

2. That our people be total abstainers in regards to the use of alcoholic beverages.

3. That our people use caution with reference to the use of the ballot box in the elections of all issues.

4. That we guard against our personal habits that would be injurious to ourself or others, remembering the words of the Apostle Paul, "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do it all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

5. That a Temperance Committee be appointed at our conference to serve and make a report at the conference the following year, thereby giving the committee more time to draft a report.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Dudley

J. O. Bunn

Charles Morgan

Temperance Committee appointed for 1968 as follows: W. R. Martin, Edgar Benton, and William Dale.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

Motion that the following ministers be advised that, due to their absence from the Western Conference for the past two years, and according to the rule of the conference, their credentials are hereby revoked: Wayne West, DeWayne Eakes, Ray Wells, and Harry Brown. In view of the possibility of error in the record of attendance, the committee recommends that each of the above ministers, upon ascertaining possible error, contact the executive committee of the conference for correction and adjustment. We further recommend that each of the above ministers present any plausible reason for their lack of attendance, and that the executive committee give full consideration to these reasons.

REPORT OF MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

With the passing of our friends, and God's servants, our hearts are filled with regret and rejoicing—regret because they are no longer with us; rejoicing because of faithful service rendered while with us and their departure to their eternal home and to receive their just reward.

We offer our deepest sympathy, prayers, and Christian love to the families of the deceased. It is not easy to bear grief, but we can take comfort in the knowledge that God loves us and no sorrow shall be so great that we will not be able to bear it.

May their challenge to us, cause us to carry on in greater service for our Lord and Master.

Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ;
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
And life's long warfare closed at last,
Thy soul is found in peace.

—JAMES MONTGOMERY

The committee asked that the conference stand for a moment of silent prayer, in memorial to those departed and as a challenge to we that remain.

Respectfully submitted,

James V. Joyner

Lester Duncan

L. S. Joyner

ORDINATION SERVICE

At the eleven o'clock service the Board of Ordination held its annual service. The congregation sang "His Way With Thee." Prayer by Rev. W. L. Poythress. Solo by Rev. Clyde Cox, congregational hymn, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The sermon was delivered by Rev. W. E. Renfrow. The hand of fellowship was extended to the ministers received into the conference (see the report of Ordination Board), during the singing of "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing."

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

In compliance with the resolution passed at the 1967 session of the State Convention recommending that the church year end June 30;

Be it resolved that we adopt this as the official policy of the Western Conference.

Frank Harrison

H. M. Minchew

M. L. Johnson

Whereas, there are at present two days of the Western Conference and the second day is always poorly attended; and

Whereas, by proper organization and by beginning at 9 a. m., all of the business could be taken care of in one day;

Be it therefore resolved: that Article 1 of our bylaws be amended to read as follows:

Article 1. A session of the Western Conference shall be held annually on Wednesday following the second Sunday in October.

Fred A. Rivenbark

(Tabled until the 1968 session of the conference.)

Whereas, the educational level of our present society is ever increasing, and therefore the educational level of Free Will Baptists is also increasing; and

Whereas, the future of our denomination depends in great measure upon the ability of its leadership, and its leadership hinges upon the availability of a God-called, fully dedicated, prepared ministry;

Therefore, the Board of Christian Education recommends:

"That the State Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina recommend to its member conferences and associates that two years of college (sixty-four hours or its equivalent) be required for all candidates under thirty-five years of age that come before them for ordination."

In view of the above recommendation from the State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, adopted in 1964;

Be it therefore resolved that this, the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, approve and adopt this recommendation to become the policy in this conference.

Frank Harrison
H. M. Minchew
M. L. Johnson

The above resolution was defeated by a vote of 18 for and 35 against.

Be it resolved that we give the Children's Home a rising vote of thanks as an expression of our appreciation for being host to this session of the Western Conference.

Frank Harrison
H. M. Minchew
M. L. Johnson

By motion the conference adjourned.

Benediction by Rev. Clyde Cox.

The music was directed by Rev. W. Royster Martin; pianist, Mrs. R. N. Hinnant; organist, Rev. Clyde Cox.

Rev. D. C. Boling, *Moderator*
Rev. R. N. Hinnant, *Clerk*

CONSTITUTION

WESTERN CONFERENCE

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

PREAMBLE:

We, the Western Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination of North Carolina, desiring to be in fellowship in a bond of union, do ordain this Constitution.

This shall be the Constitution of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

The object of the annual conference shall be to promote Christ's kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

ARTICLE 1: The conference or association shall be composed of affiliated ministers and churches within its bounds. Each church representing with one delegate for each one hundred members or fraction thereof. Each union meeting shall represent to the conference with one delegate for each 1,000 members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE 2: The delegation from each church shall carry to the conference or association a letter certifying their appointment, and giving the statistics and financial condition of the church; together with a statement of all funds received and disbursed for denominational and benevolent purposes during the year.

ARTICLE 3: The officers shall be moderator, assistant moderator, treasurer, and clerk, who shall be elected for a term of two years, entering upon the duties of said office at the close of the current session.

ARTICLE 4: BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1: Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the moderator, clerk, treasurer, and two members elected by the conference at the time of the official election of officers. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to transact the business of the conference when the conference is not in session.

Section 2: Board of Trustees: It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to hold in trust all tangible property deeded to the conference and to sign any necessary documents essential to the welfare of said property, subject to the approval of the conference.

Section 3: Board of Ordination: It shall be the duty of the Board of Ordination to examine and ordain candidates for the ministry in keeping with the provisions of the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina; to investigate the doctrine preached by any minister, when brought into question by accusers, and make recommendations to the proper authorities; to examine ordained

ministers seeking membership in this conference and to recommend them to the conference when examination is satisfactory.

Section 4: Board of Ministerial Character: It shall be the duty of the Board of Ministerial Character to hear or receive written accusations of unchristian conduct against any minister within the bounds of this conference. When such accusations are received, it shall be their duty to investigate and make any recommendations thought advisable for the best interest of the conference and denomination to the proper authorities, thus disposing of said accusations in keeping with the Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

Section 5: Board of Missions: It shall be the duty of the Board of Missions to work cooperatively with the state and national mission boards in furthering the mission program within the bounds of the Western Conference; namely, to raise money, arrange itineraries, organize and develop mission points, and keep the work of missions before the churches.

Section 6: Credential Committee: It shall be the duty of the Credentials Committee to receive reports from each church representing to the conference; check donations enclosed, to be verified and received by the treasurer; compile necessary statistics into a digest report; and recommend any church asking to be received into the conference.

Section 7: Term of Office: The Board of Trustees, Board of Ordination, Board of Ministerial Character, Board of Missions, and Credentials Committee shall be composed of five (5) members each. These members shall be so elected that the term of one member of each board will expire annually. The conference is to fill the vacancies.

Section 8: Temporary Committee: At the discretion of the moderator or conference, temporary committees may be appointed or elected for designated purposes.

Section 9: Amendments or Revisions: This article or any section thereof may be amended or revised by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of members voting at any annual session, provided that said amendment shall be presented on the first day of the session for action on the following day.

ARTICLE 5: Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present its petition to the regular session of conference or association. If it be received, the moderator shall extend to its delegate the hand of fellowship.

ARTICLE 6: The conference or association may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body save that of voting.

ARTICLE 7: An amendment to this Constitution may be proposed at any regular session of the Original State Convention and three-fourths majority of delegates present voting favorable, it shall be recommended to each conference and association for ratification.

ARTICLE 8: This Constitution shall become valid upon its adoption by two thirds of the conferences and associations in North Carolina belonging to the State Convention.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE 1: A session of the Western Conference shall be held annually on Wednesday and Thursday following the second Sunday in October.

ARTICLE 2: Each minister and delegate, in good standing, shall duly attend each day while in session or be subject to censure by the conference or association and reported to his local church.

ARTICLE 3: If any member, in the judgment of the conference or association, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that session.

ARTICLE 4: No member of the conference or association shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.

ARTICLE 5: The conference or association shall adjourn by a majority vote.

ARTICLE 6: Each officer and members of standing committees and boards shall be entitled to a seat and vote in the conference or association.

ARTICLE 7: The conference or association shall open and close with suitable devotions to God.

ARTICLE 8: The minutes of the conference or association shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

CHURCH LETTER

TO

WESTERN CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Date _____, 19____

1. Name of church _____

County _____

2. Delegates _____

3. Pastor of church (next year) _____

4. Clerk _____

Address _____

5. Money sent to conference \$ _____

6. What month do you hold your yearly meeting? _____

7. What Sunday in the month do you have service? _____

8. Since last conference how much have you (1) paid pastor \$ _____;

(2) raised for missions \$ _____; (3) raised for orphanage \$ _____;

(4) raised for education \$ _____; (5) other purposes \$ _____;

(6) total raised for year \$ _____.

9. Condition of church: (1) number of members _____; (2) baptized

since last conference _____; (3) average Sunday school atten-

dance _____; (4) died _____; (5) number members

of woman's auxiliary _____.

10. What is the value of your church property? \$ _____.

NOTE: The conference is held each year on Wednesday and Thursday after second Sunday in October. Please make you contribution to the conference as large as possible.

