

Last Western Conf. Daddy Attended

M I N U T E S

of the

Eighty-Fourth Annual Session

of the

WESTERN CONFERENCE

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

of

North Carolina

MINUTES

WESTERN CONFERENCE

of the

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North Carolina

Held With
HOLLY SPRINGS CHURCH
October 14, 15, 1970

Officers for the Year 1970-1971

MODERATOR	R. H. Jackson
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Clyde Cox
CLERK	James V. Joyner
TREASURER	Luther Bissette

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

R. H. Jackson, Chairman
Clyde Cox, Vice-Chairman
James V. Joyner, Secretary
Luther Bissette, Treasurer
Dewey Boling, Member at Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Paul Jenkins	1971
F. A. Morris	1972
L. S. Joyner	1973
Clarence Bowen	1974
Jimmie Barfield	1975

BOARD OF ORDINATION

W. E. Renfrow	1971
Joe Ingram	1972
Royster Martin	1973
Boyd Shook	1974
William L. Dale	1975

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER

J. B. Starnes	1871
L. H. Boykin	1972
R. C. Cherry	1973
Raymond Jones	1974
J. B. Godwin	1975

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Billy Yawn	1971
Jimmy Hodges	1972
Paul Jenkins	1973
Harry Grubbs	1974
De Wayne Eakes	1975

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Aycock, Ralph, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Bass, Aaron, Box 185, Fremont, N. C. 27830
Bass, Walter V., Route 2, Box 113, Pikeville, N. C. 27863
Barfield, Jimmie L., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Barnes, Jimmy, Route 1 Kenly, N. C. 27542
Benton, Edgar, Route 2, Fremont, N. C. 27830
Boling, Dewey C., 712 E. Horne Street, Clayton, N. C. 27520
Bowen, Clarence F., 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Boykin, L. H., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Boykin, W. G., Dorothea Dix Hospital, Raleigh, N. C. 27602
(Superannuated)
Brown, Harry, Route 1, Box 103, Bahama, N. C. 27503
Cherry, Roland C., Box 247, Micro, N. C. 27555
Cox, Clyde W., 300 Fleet Street, New Bern, N. C. 28560
Dale, William L., Route 7, Box 351, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Davis, Milton, Route 2, Princeton, N. C. 27569
Duncan, Lester, 213 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Eakes, De Wayne, Lucama, N. C. 27851
Edwards, Jasper, Route 3, Selma, N. C. 27576
Etheridge, C. R., 305 Hill Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Ferrell, Wiley, 608 Tower Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
Futch, William E., Route 1, Box 57-A, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Futrelle, Foy C., Route 7, Box 100, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Gerald, Joe, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557
Godwin, J. B., Route 2, Selma, N. C. 27576
Grubbs, Harry C., Route 4, Box 473-A, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Hales, Milford, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Harris, R. P., 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C. 27801
Harrison, Frank R., N. C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, N. C. 27100
Hinnant, R. N., Box 712, Denham Springs, La. 70726
Hodges, Jimmy A., Route 1, Concord, N. C. 28025
Ingram, Joseph H., Route 2, Box 56, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
Jackson, R. H., Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880
Jenkins, H. Paul, 2114 Bertha Street, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
Johnson, Douglas, Box 528, Clayton, N. C. 27520
Johnson, Felton, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Johnson, Joe H., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Jones, Curtis W., Clayton, N. C. 27520
Jones, Harold, Box 345, Davao City, Philippines
Jones, Raymond, 310 Southerland Street, Durham, N. C. 27700
Jordan, Billy Ray, P. O. Box 3662, Wilson, N. C. 27893
Joyner, James V., Box 487, Kenly, N. C. 27542
Joyner, L. S., 1220 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C. 27700
Martin, Royster, Box 37, Micro, N. C. 27555
Minchew, Earl, Route 2, Princeton, N. C. 27569
Minchew, H. M., Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Moore, R. L., Route 3, Snow Hill, N. C. 28580
 Morgan, Charles, Route 1, Bailey, N. C. 27807
 Parrish, Walton E., Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Poythress, W. L., 215 Dewey Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Shook, Boyd, 508 N. Pollock Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Starnes, J. B., Box 326, Pikeville, N. C. 27863
 Swain, John D., Route 2, Nashville, N. C. 27856
 Taylor, Gary M., Box 312, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Therrell, L. L., 606 Holly Avenue, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081
 Tyner, Luby C., 907 W. Waddell Street, Selma, N. C. 27576
 Wallace, Harold Mac, 817 Lynn Road, Durham, N. C. 27700
 West, Wayne, 2515 McNair Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Yates, J. C., Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Yawn, Billy R., Route 1, Box 277, Clayton, N. C. 27520

LICENTIATES

Burnette, Jack
 Duncan, Thom, Clayton, N. C. 27520
 Gray, Raymond C. Jr.
 Hampton, Benny, Route 1, Box 124, Bahama, N. C. 27503
 Hoke, David
 Langley, Robert L., Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542
 Johnson, Raeford
 Markuson, Alfred J., 315 South Barbour Street, Clayton, N. C. 27520
 Rose, Gerald L.
 Sasser, Eunice S., Route 2, Lucama, N. C. 27851
 Skinner, J. Douglas, 2517 Trull Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893
 Sugg, Charles, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530
 Turnmire, Burt, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis, N. C. 28081

Letters and word received from the following ministers as to why they could not attend this conference: William E. Futch, Frank R. Harrison, Douglas Johnson, Joe H. Johnson, Harold Jones, Earl Minchew, Gary M. Taylor, L. L. Therrell, Harold Mac Wallace, Curtis W. Jones, and Eunice S. Sasser.

VISITING MINISTERS

Cape Fear Conference—W. B. Raper, E. C. Morris, Walter Reynolds, and W. O. Lassiter.

Central Conference—Robert Rollins, Jimmie Pittman, R. P. Harris, Jack Mayo, R. W. Allman, and Hubert Burress.

Eastern Conference—David W. Hansley and David C. Hansley.

CHURCHES, COUNTIES, AND PASTORS FOR 1970-1971

CABARRUS COUNTY

Elwood Lane—H. Paul Jenkins

DURHAM COUNTY

Sherron Acres—Harold M. Wallace

Unity—Raymond Jones

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Luby Tyner

Everett's Chapel—Billy R. Yawn

Friendship—Joe Gerald

Holly Springs—W. R. Martin

Kenly—James V. Joyner

Micro—Roland C. Cherry

Pine Level—

Piney Grove—Jimmy Pittman

Pleasant Plain—Robert Jones

Rains' Cross Roads—William Futch

Selma—

Stancil's Chapel—J. B. Godwin

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Eunice Sasser

Flood's Chapel—Charles Morgan

Free Union—Lester Duncan

Memorial Chapel—Eugene Sumner

Mt. Zion—John Swain

Rock Springs—Joe Gerald

Stony Hill—Robert Jones

Union Chapel—Walton E. Parrish

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—W. J. Tyner

Fremont Chapel—

Pleasant Grove—J. B. Starnes

Pleasant Hill—C. M. Coats

Spring Hill—William L. Dale

Stoney Creek—David C. Hansley

Union Grove—R. P. Harris

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Dewey C. Boling

First Church, Wilson—C. F. Bowen

Little Rock—De Wayne Eakes

Marsh Swamp—R. H. Jackson

Milbournie—Harry Grubbs

Mt. Zion—J. B. Godwin

New Sandy Hill—R. P. Harris

People's Chapel—Carey Cheshire
Rose Bud—Edgar Benton
St. Mary's—J. C. Yates
Watson Grove—Jimmie L. Barfield

FIRST UNION MEETING—R. H. Jackson, Moderator

SECOND UNION MEETING—Luther Bissette, Moderator

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICE

CABARRUS COUNTY—

Elwood Lane—Walter A. Turnmire, 2108 Brantley Road, Kannapolis,
N. C. 28081

DURHAM COUNTY

Sherron Acres—Cov Donald Goodwin, 107 Spring Road, Durham, N.
C. 27703

Unity—Roy Dolinger, 414 Currin Street, Durham, N. C. 27703

JOHNSTON COUNTY

Branch Chapel—Mrs. Johnnie Dale, Route 1, Selma, N. C. 27576

Everett's Chapel—Hardin G. Blackman, 502 E. Andrews Street, Clay-
ton, N. C. 27520

Friendship—Mrs. J. Ralph Strickland, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

Holly Springs—C. Marvin Atkinson, Route 2, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Kenly—George Carver, Box 323, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Micro—Eardith G. Jones, Box 24, Micro, N. C. 27555

Pine Level—Mrs. Nelson Jones, Box 283, Pine Level, N. C. 27568

Piney Grove—Mrs. Mildred J. Bridgers, Route 1, Kenly, N. C. 27542

Pleasant Plain—Stephen E. Parrish, Route 2, Box 88, Selma, N. C.
27576

Rains' Cross Roads—Jimmy R. Rhodes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C.
27569

Selma—Mrs. Jesse G. Taylor, 106 W. Griswold Street, Selma, N. C.
27576

Stancil's Chapel—Russell L. Peele, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

NASH COUNTY

Barnes Hill—Mrs. Norma Bozelle, Box 434, Tarboro Highway, Rocky
Mount, N. C. 27801

Flood's Chapel—W. E. Bissette, Route 1, Spring Hope, N. C. 27882

Free Union—H. C. Morgan, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C. 27882

Memorial Chapel—Miss Pattie Davis, Route 2, Box 13, Middlesex,
N. C. 27557

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Clarence W. Manning, Route 2, Spring Hope, N. C. 27882

Rock Springs—Mrs. Oscar Whitley Jr., Route 1, Bailey, N. C. 27807

Stony Hill—

Union Chapel—Mrs. Rosa Boykin, Route 1, Middlesex, N. C. 27557

WAYNE COUNTY

Black Jack Grove—Mrs. T. C. Hines, 1607 S. Murphy Street, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Fremont Chapel—Floyd Newsome, Box 117, Fremont, N. C. 27830

Pleasant Grove—Mrs. Lillie Mae Pender, Box 25, Pikeville, N. C. 27863

Pleasant Hill—Mrs. Marjorie Snipes, Route 2, Princeton, N. C. 27569

Spring Hill—Miss Lynn Johnson, 4100 Highway 70-W, Goldsboro, N. C. 27530

Stoney Creek—Mrs. Mary Kennedy, Route 1, Box 306, Pikeville, N. C. 27863

Union Grove—R. A. Sasser Jr., Route 2, Fremont, N. C. 27830

WILSON COUNTY

Calvary—Mrs. Margie Pittman, 401 North Avenue, Wilson, N. C. 27893

First Church, Wilson—Mrs. Barbara Wilson, 1114 Fifth Street, Wilson, N. C. 27893

Little Rock—Wade H. Davis, Route 2, Lucama, N. C. 27851

Marsh Swamp—Mrs. Blanche B. Loftin, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880

Milbournie—Miss Kathryn Lamm, Route 2, Box 621, Wilson, N. C. 27893

Mt. Zion—Evel Boykin, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 28542

New Sandy Hill—Mrs. Francis Hall, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880

People's Chapel—Mrs. Carol Perry, Route 2, Box 277, Elm City, N. C. 27822

Rose Bud—Mrs. Clyde Griffin, Route 4, Box 270-A, Wilson, N. C. 27893

St. Mary's—Mrs. Hilda P. Price, 1408 Dogwood Lane, Wilson, N. C. 27893

Watson Grove—Mrs. Aileen Barfield, Route 3, Kenly, N. C. 27542

FIRST UNION MEETING—C. F. Bowen, 1731 Hillcrest Drive, Wilson, N. C. 27893

SECOND UNION MEETING—Luther Bissette, Route 1, Sims, N. C. 27880

PROCEEDINGS

The eighty-fourth annual session of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Holly Springs Church, Route 2, Kenly, North Carolina, October 14, 15, 1970.

The conference was called to order by the secretary. The moderator introduced Rev. J. B. Godwin to lead the devotions, using 2 Corinthians 6:14. His remarks were followed by prayer. The congregation sang, "When We All Get to Heaven."

A hearty welcome was extended by Rev. Royster Martin. Response was given by Rev. Edgar Benton.

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS

Ministers present first day: Ralph Aycock, Jimmie Barfield, Jimmy Barnes, Edgar Benton, Dewey Boling, C. F. Bowen, L. H. Boykin, Roland Cherry, William Dale, De Wayne Eakes, Jasper Edwards, C. R. Etheridge, Wiley Ferrell, Foy C. Futrelle, Milford Hales, R. N. Hinnant, Jimmy Hodges, Joseph Ingram, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, Raymond Jones, James Joyner, L. S. Joyner, Royster Martin, H. M. Minchew, R. L. Moore, Walton Parish, W. L. Poythress, W. E. Renfrow, Boyd Shook, J. B. Starnes, Wayne West, J. C. Yates, and J. B. Godwin.

Ministers present second day: Ralph Aycock, Walter Bass, Jimmie Barfield, C. F. Bowen, L. H. Boykin, Roland Cherry, William Dale, Wiley Ferrell, Foy C. Futrelle, Harry Grubbs, Jimmy Hodges, R. H. Jackson, Paul Jenkins, Raymond Jones, James V. Joyner, L. S. Joyner, Royster Martin, W. E. Renfrow, Boyd Shook, J. B. Starnes, Luby Tyner, Wayne West, J. C. Yates, J. B. Godwin, and Joe Gerald.

Roll call of churches with 39 of the 42 churches represented.

Recognition of visitors. Rev. R. N. Hinnant brought greetings from the state of Louisiana. It was noted that Rev. E. C. Morris had been ordained for 56 years. Brother Morris spoke briefly.

Remarks by the moderator.

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me."

REPORT OF MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Mount Olive College has entered a new era of development and educational services to both its students and the Free Will Baptist Church. We appreciate the prayers and financial support of our friends who have made this growth possible and we are pleased to share with you a brief summary of our programs and services.

NEW PROGRAMS

1. *Individualized Instruction.* Through a program of written and oral instruction which permits a student to proceed according to his own rate of learning, we are seeking to improve the effectiveness of teaching on our cam-

pus! Our ultimate goal is to produce graduates who are educationally successful and to eliminate academic failure at Mount Olive College.

2. **Cooperative Education.** Mount Olive has become the "flagship" college in North Carolina for a program which provides for students alternating work and study experiences. "Coop" permits a student to examine his employment goals in the context of a work experience while still enrolled as a student and at the same time affords him an opportunity to largely finance his own earnings.

3. **Nursing Education.** Mount Olive now offers the first two years of study leading toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.

4. **Music.** Students who wish to major in music may now take their first two years at Mount Olive.

5. **Church-College Scholarships.** Under this program the College will give a student a scholarship equal to one half the cost of tuition if his home church will give the other half. Other financial assistance is also available for qualified students who apply early.

OTHER INFORMATION

1. **Appreciation.** The College expresses its gratitude to the Western Conference for gifts during the 1969-70 fiscal year in the amount of \$22,447.46. To assist churches in reaching their challenges for this year, a series of college dinners is planned. *Every Free Will Baptist is invited to attend the dinner for his county.* Dinners for churches in the Western Conference include:

Nash County, October 21, 7 p.m., Spring Hope School.

Wayne County, November 5, 7 p.m., Mount Olive College Auditorium.

Wilson County, November 17, 7 p.m., American Legion Building, Wilson.

Johnston-Wake Counties, November 16, 7 p.m., Smithfield School.

2. **Board of Trustees.** The Western Conference is represented on the College Board by Mr. James B. Hunt Sr. of Lucama. He will be glad to assist you in any way possible with your questions or recommendations.

CHURCH-COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST STUDENTS

ATTENDING MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

In order to make it possible for more Free Will Baptist students to attend Mount Olive College, the Board of Trustees has inaugurated a special scholarship program which may cover the full amount of tuition a student must pay each academic year. The program is on a voluntary basis for those churches which wish to participate.

To qualify, a student must present at the time of his registration, or the church must send in advance, a check signed by the treasurer with the specification that the check is for a scholarship for the student named. The College will then provide an equal amount, up to \$125 per semester, as a scholarship. Since there are two semesters in an academic year, one beginning in September and another in February, a student may receive up to

\$250 from his church and another \$250 from the College for a total of \$500 under this program.

Gifts sent to the College for this purpose will not be listed toward meeting the "Challenge" assigned that church for the College, but will be recorded as "Restricted Income for Church-College Scholarships."

It is understood that the College may use its own funds or any funds administered by it in matching the scholarship from the church; and further, that if the student qualifies for a scholarship already provided by the College, that scholarship shall be considered as fulfilling the College's matching responsibility. In addition, it is understood that the College retains the right to determine the student's academic eligibility for admission and/or continuation in college quite apart from the matching scholarship.

It is the hope of the College that this program will encourage and help make it possible for more Free Will Baptist students to attend Mount Olive College, which is the only institution of higher education sponsored by the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Persons who have questions or who wish additional information should consult or contact Mr. Charles H. Harrell, business manager-treasurer, Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, North Carolina 28365 (Telephone Code 919, 658-4933).

Report of gifts to Mount Olive College July 1, 1969—June 30, 1970:

Church	Member- ship	Gifts 1969-70	Per Capita	Challenge 1969-70
Barnes Hill	77	\$ 227.09	\$2.95	\$ 230
Black Jack Grove	47			50
Branch Chapel	280	266.39	.95	500
Calvary	165	81.09	.49	200
Elwood Lane	112			100
Everett's Chapel	193	514.00	2.66	625
Flood's Chapel	52	150.00	2.88	150
Free Union	73	500.00	6.85	450
Fremont Chapel	131	191.55	1.46	250
Friendship	172	326.94	1.90	500
Holly Springs	186	314.29	1.69	400
Kenly	179	386.75	2.16	450
Little Rock	282	1,236.75	4.39	1,500
Marsh Swamp	338	2,939.40	8.70	2,500
Memorial Chapel	103	125.50	1.22	225
Micro	174	615.00	3.53	600
Milbournie	173	405.99	2.35	210
Mount Zion (Nash)	172	423.81	2.46	500
Mount Zion (Wilson)	174	83.32	.48	100
New Hope	91			100
New Sandy Hill	139	356.83	2.57	400

Northern	156			150
People's Chapel	184	139.76	.76	250
Pine Level	332	523.08	1.58	750
Piney Grove	258	493.91	1.91	600
Pleasant Grove	247	1,335.02	5.40	1,350
Pleasant Hill	126	1,132.43	8.99	1,000
Pleasant Plain	144	285.67	1.98	420
Rains' Cross Roads	200	1,299.10	6.50	1,475
Rock Springs	60	117.64	1.96	150
Rose Bud	116	80.50	.69	200
Saint Mary's	202	1,150.23	5.69	1,000
Selma	169	163.00	.96	350
Sherron Acres	275	541.50	1.97	600
Spring Hill	62	325.00	5.24	300
Stancil's Chapel	159	127.49	.80	250
Stoney Creek	285	1,072.77	3.76	1,050
Stony Hill	147	295.47	2.01	300
Union Chapel	24	20.00	.83	50
Union Grove	172	1,270.68	7.39	1,000
Unity	54			50
Watson Grove	13			25
Wilson Church, First	692	1,107.50	1.60	1,750
Subtotal	7,390	\$20,625.45		\$23,110
Other Gifts		1,822.01		
Total	7,390	\$22,447.46		\$23,110

This report was received as information.

An offering was received for the college in the amount of \$76.35.

Prayer of dedication offered.

The congregation sang "Standing on the Promises." The Holly Springs Church Quartet sang "Wonderful City" and "Somebody Stumbling over You."

The conference sermon was delivered by Rev. Dewey Boling, using Acts 2:2 as a text for the message entitled, "When Will Free Will Baptists Have Revival?"

Motion and carried that the revision of the constitution, Article 4, Section 2, be placed on the table.

Rev. C. F. Bowen, president of the State Convention, made an announcement regarding the called session of the State Convention.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Resolutions: J. B. Starnes, Mrs. Foy C. Futrelle, and Alton White.

Nominating: W. E. Renfrow, Boyd Shook, J. B. Godwin, Paul Jenkins, and Edgar Benton.

Temperance: R. C. Cherry, Wayne West, and L. S. Joyner.

Memorial: Lynn Johnson, Leslie Mae Coleman, and Mrs. Wray Tomlinson.

Credentials: Jimmie Hodges, Foy C. Futrelle, Ralph Aycock, and Jimmie Barnes.

Benediction and blessing by Rev. R. N. Hinnant.

LUNCH

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus."

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Foy C. Futrelle, reading Hebrews 13:8; 1:12; and Malachi 3:6.

REPORT OF THE STATE CONVENTION MISSION BOARD TO THE WESTERN CONFERENCE

We bring you greetings from your State Mission Board to the people and churches of the Western Conference.

It is with our most heartfelt gratitude that we make this report to you. Through your generous giving, we have seen the best year of support in our history. Our total income for the year was \$79,105.80. Also, at the Mission Rally at the State Convention, a total of \$7,925.84 was given. Because of your concern for the lost and your willingness to share the gospel, we have been able to accomplish a great deal for our Lord.

The Free Will Baptist Bible Institute now is in its second year of operation. It is still on a part-time schedule, but is fulfilling a great need in our church mission program. It now is property of Free Will Baptists. You made this possible through your offerings last January. Involved in the Institute, we now have seven native Mexican postors that are full time in the work of Christ in Mexico. Rev. J. E. Timmons is serving our church and Christ in a great way. Also, this past September, the Mission Board purchased a 12-passenger van bus and it is now in operation there in the Texas-Mexico work.

Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow are laboring in Biriiri, Rhodesia. Joe is teaching there in the school, but in December, plans are for them to move to Chiredzi, Rhodesia. Here, Joe will be in full-time evangelism. Joe and Faye received a blessing from God on the fifth of August in the birth of their second child. The name of the child is Sharon Frances Barrow. Please continue to pray for and support the Barrows.

Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones went to the Philippines during this past year, and are doing a great work for God in this location. Harold has now assumed a greater responsibility in that one of the General Baptist missionaries is at home on leave, and another one of the General Baptist missionaries is at home for an operation on his back. This only leaves Harold and one other missionary at the Bible College, along with the native workers. I am sure the load is heavy, but God has a man there in Harold Jones capable of carrying this load. Sandra is teaching Bible in the public school in Davao

City. Please pray for these workers also. Your support is needed to keep them on the field.

We ask that you continue to pray that God will call laborers for the field of labor that He has for Free Will Baptists. There are so many opportunities and yet so few that are willing to share in the labor. I do hope that each of you will encourage your church to share in the gospel of Christ to others by supporting your North Carolina Free Will Baptist Mission Board with your prayers and your financial support.

If we can help you in any way, please give us an invitation to your church to share the message of missions with your people. Write or call North Carolina Free Will Baptist Missions, P. O. Box 979, Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530; phone (919) 734-5946.

Record of giving in the Western Conference and suggested quotas:

Church	Amount Given 1969-1970	Suggested Quota for 1970-1971
Black Jack Grove	\$ 150.00	\$ 200.00
Barnes Hill	190.14	250.00
Branch Chapel	302.55	350.00
Calvary	285.80	350.00
Elwood Lane	45.89	125.00
Everett's Chapel	1,321.98	1,375.00
First Church, Wilson	1,731.72	1,775.00
Flood's Chapel	107.00	150.00
Free Union	195.00	250.00
Fremont Chapel	802.00	850.00
Friendship	95.00	150.00
Holly Springs	125.70	175.00
Kenly	360.43	425.00
Little Rock	178.85	225.00
Marsh Swamp	378.85	425.00
Memorial Chapel	50.00	125.00
Micro	105.78	150.00
Milbournie	203.12	250.00
Mt. Zion (Nashville)	231.57	275.00
Mt. Zion (Kenly)		100.00
New Hope		100.00
New Sandy Hill		100.00
Northern	330.00	400.00
People's Chapel	1,027.36	1,100.00
Pine Level	324.60	400.00
Pleasant Grove	3,648.08	3,600.00
Piney Grove	647.06	700.00
Pleasant Hill	428.99	500.00
Pleasant Plain	230.00	300.00
Rains' Cross Roads	275.00	350.00

Rose Bud	102.07	150.00
Rock Springs	24.50	100.00
Sherron Acres	2,419.30	2,500.00
Selma	306.92	400.00
Spring Hill	750.00	800.00
Stancil's Chapel	65.00	150.00
Stoney Creek	1,851.84	1,950.00
St. Mary's	329.50	400.00
Stony Hill	40.00	100.00
Union Chapel		100.00
Union Grove	484.58	600.00
Unity	43.25	100.00
Watson Grove		100.00
First Union	600.00	700.00
Western District Auxiliary Convention	64.90	150.00
Individuals	133.00	
First Western Sunday School Convention	50.00	100.00
Youth Fellowship	112.56	150.00
Total	\$21,149.89	\$24,075.00

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph Ingram

Director-Treasurer

PARTIAL REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

The Credentials Committee wishes to report that there are 66 delegates and 28 ministers present today who are members of this conference. There are also 10 visiting ministers and others who are visiting. We so move that we recognize the delegates and ministers of this conference as having voting privileges, and cordially welcome the visiting ministers and others to this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

The Credentials Committee

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee had only one (1) meeting during the past year and attended to all business related to the duties of the committee.

The meeting was call to order by the president. Prayer was offered by Rev. Clyde Cox. Revs. Cox, Jackson, Joyner, and Boling were present.

The minutes were read and approved.

The program for the eighty-fourth annual session of the conference was planned.

On motion we adjourned. Rev. Dewey Boling prayed the benediction. This meeting was held at the Kenly Church.

Respectfully submitted,
R. H. Jackson, *Moderator*
James V. Joyner, *Secretary*
Clyde Cox
Dewey Boling

Motion was made and carried to accept this report.

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Western Conference for the year 1969-1970:

1. We have six (6) ministers on our list who receive regular pension checks. Of this number three (3) are from the Western Conference.

2. We have twelve (12) ministers' widows on our list who receive regular quarterly pension checks. Of this number four (4) are from the Western Conference.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

Total from All Sources \$2,683.97

4. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

5. The recommended budget for 1970-71 is \$20,000 based on 75c per member of the churches of this state.

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

This report was received as information.

REPORT OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST PRESS FOUNDATION

The response of the Free Will Baptist people and the general public has been most gratifying. There has been a good increase in our operation this year, and the outlook for next year is also good. We appreciate your prayers and support, without which we could not render service to our denomination.

We are pleased to announce the opening of our third branch bookstore located at 1106 South Goldsboro Street, Wilson, North Carolina. This was formerly Tidings Bible and Bookstore. We have also added office supplies to our stock and are now able to meet your needs for office materials.

In June of this year the press added to its sales force two sales representatives on the field: Harry A. Jones, working north of Highway U. S. 70; and Everette V. Harper, working south of Highway U. S. 70.

Our weekly paper, "The Free Will Baptist", should be going into every Free Will Baptist home. Is it going into your home? If not, however, endeavor to it soon.

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You have a standing invitation to visit the press foundation individually or in groups. We will be glad for youth groups, auxiliaries, men's groups, etc. to hold their meetings in the chapel any time. Arrangements can be made by contacting Walter Reynolds, P. O. Box 158, Ayden, North Carolina; telephone 746-6128.

In addition to our bookstore in the Foundation Building in Ayden, our three branch bookstores go by the name of the city in which they are located: the Smithfield Bookstore, 139 West Market Street, telephone 934-7149; the New Bern Bookstore, 213 Middle Street, telephone 638-6193; and the Wilson Bookstore, 1106 South Goldsboro Street, telephone 243-4982.

We want you to know that we will be glad to help you with any of your church needs. The Press Foundation can supply your needs for church furniture and equipment, art stained and decorative glass work, carpet, fiber-glass church steeples and baptismal pools, pianos, organs, choir robes, printing, office supplies and equipment, and other religious merchandise.

Respectfully submitted,
Walter Reynolds, *Manager*

This report was received as information.

On motion that the conference send delegates to called session of State Convention. Delegates elected were: Lloyd Edwards, Atlas Pittman, Henry Pope, and I. H. Phillips.

On motion that the student have the right to choose his own school, but must have approval of Conference Ordaining Board. (This action is in reference to Conference Scholarship Fund established at last year's conference.)

On motion that if churches do not respond to the Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$100, that the conference make up the \$100.

The congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Benediction by Rev. R. P. Harris.

THURSDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened with the congregation singing "Love Divine," with Thom Duncan serving as pianist. Devotions were conducted by Rev. William Dale, using Luke 4:16-22 as basis for his remarks. Mr. Dale closed the devotion with prayer.

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

Roll call of churches.

REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The following is a report of gifts received from the Western Conference

for the year 1968-1969, 1969-1970, and the suggested quotas for the year 1970-1971. The quotas for 1970-1971 are based upon our continuing needs to meet the ever-growing needs of our children. The cost of child care has increased 80% during the last ten years. Your children, who live here, are counting on you.

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Gifts</i> 1968-1969	<i>Gifts</i> 1969-1970	<i>Suggested</i> <i>Quotas</i> 1970-1971
Barnes Hill	\$ 301.86	\$ 625.98	\$ 700.00
Black Jack Grove	173.78	150.00	200.00
Branch Chapel	667.65	663.77	750.00
Calvary	235.11	237.65	300.00
Eastwood Chapel	36.90	97.49	150.00
Elwood Lane	117.29	403.85	450.00
Everett's Chapel	567.61	654.63	800.00
Fremont Chapel	192.61	208.00	250.00
Friendship	651.18	1,130.35	1,000.00
Free Union	212.37	194.00	250.00
Flood's Chapel	192.00	200.00	250.00
Holly Springs	405.00	431.00	500.00
Kenly	589.59	489.85	600.00
Little Rock	421.36	794.67	800.00
Marsh Swamp	1,436.92	1,354.97	1,500.00
Memorial Chapel	142.00	60.00	200.00
Milbournie	324.75	461.00	500.00
Miscellaneous	3,865.70	1,176.40	1,000.00
Micro	725.00	466.80	600.00
Mt. Zion (Nash)	474.31	563.55	700.00
Mt. Zion (Wilson)	63.00	91.88	150.00
New Sandy Hill	292.17	364.12	400.00
Northern	158.00	138.62	200.00
People's Chapel	553.65	753.46	800.00
Piney Grove	602.02	895.48	1,000.00
Pine Level	692.05	547.56	650.00
Pleasant Grove	890.36	1,230.62	1,000.00
Pleasant Hill	380.30	425.00	500.00
Pleasant Plain	432.63	473.73	550.00
Rains' Cross Road	560.60	711.00	800.00
Rock Springs	134.20	155.75	200.00
Rose Bud	371.90	348.45	400.00
St. Mary's	830.85	678.86	800.00
Selma	245.00	175.00	250.00
Sherron Acres	730.20	950.00	1,000.00
Spring Hill	285.00	675.00	650.00
Stancil's Chapel	549.81	675.53	650.00
Stoney Creek	810.37	1,167.78	1,100.00

Stony Hill	175.00	160.26	200.00
Union Chapel	84.62	98.11	150.00
Union Grove	491.63	698.00	750.00
Unity	96.00	207.00	250.00
Watson Grove	80.00	50.00	100.00
White Oak Hill			50.00
Wilson First	614.48	2,258.87	2,000.00
Concord Mission	16.70	1,813.94	

Total	\$22,874.43	\$26,272.98	\$26,100.00
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Respectfully submitted,
Edward Miles, Superintendent

An oral report accompanied this written report.

This report received as information.

On motion to receive written report of Rev. Edward Miles and extend a rising vote of appreciation to him for his insight, sincerity, and landmark innovations at the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

An offering was received for the Children's Home in amount of \$52.75.
A prayer of dedication followed.

On motion the proposed revision of the constitution was taken from the table and read as follows:

PROPOSED REVISION OF THE CONSTITUTION

Regarding Article 4, Section 1

The original reading:

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.

The revised reading:

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. However, all transactions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval, revision, or rejection of the conference.

Committee,

C. F. Bowen

Wiley Ferrell

Re H. Jackson

On motion the above revision of the constitution was adopted by a

vote of 45 for, 6 against. Brother Shook requested that the clerk show that he voted for the revision.

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Whereas, the state of North Carolina is once again seeking to legalize whiskey by the drink; therefore, be it resolved:

That we, the people of the Western Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, go on record as being opposed to same, and will do all that is in our power to discourage its adoption.

Whereas, drug abuse of our day is reported to cause much damage to life and personal well-being; therefore, be it resolved:

That we, as the people of the Western Conference, go on record as opposing the illegal use of drugs in any form.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Cherry

Wayne West

L. S. Joyner

On motion this report was adopted. The motion was amended that the clerk write a letter to the senators and representatives of the counties that this conference covers regarding the first item of this report.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council of the Western Conference held three meetings during the year.

The council approved the following to pastor in the Western Conference: Revs. David Charles Hansley and Jimmy Pittman.

The following ministers came to us from other denominations: Revs. Billy Ray Jordan and John Swain.

The following ministers transferred to the Western Conference from other conferences: Rev. Joe Gerald, the Piedmont Conference; Rev. R. P. Harris, the Central Conference, pending a letter.

The council granted a letter of transfer to Rev. N. D. Wiggs Jr. to unite with the Central Conference.

Rev. J. E. Edwards returned his credentials to the council as he has united with another denomination.

The council ordained Rev. J. B. Godwin on June 21, 1970, and we recommend that his name be added to the list of ordained ministers.

We recommend that the following names be added to the list of licentiates: Jack Burnette, Alfred James Markuson, Charles Sugg, Robert L. Langley, Thom Duncan, and Jeddie Douglas Skinner.

Curtis W. Jones passed his examination for ordination and is to be ordained at Everett's Chapel Church on November 8, 1970, at 3 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Ingram
Boyd Shook
Royster Martin
Willie Renfrow
J. C. Yates

On motion this report was adopted.

ORDINATION SERVICE

At the eleven o'clock service the Board of Ordination held its annual service. The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." The sermon was delivered by Rev. Boyd Shook, using Genesis 26:18 as text, and "Stopped Wells" as his sermon title. The hand of fellowship was extended to the following ministers being received into the conference: Revs. J. B. Godwin, Thom Duncan, Joe Gerald, and Douglas Skinner.

Grace for the meal and benediction was given by Rev. W. E. Renfrow.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the singing of "At the Cross." Rev. Thom Duncan gave the devotions, using 1 Timothy 1:11-17 as a basis for his remarks. Rev. L. H. Boykin followed with prayer.

REPORT OF CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

This year marks 30 years of service. The number of deposit accounts have increased by 33% in new accounts. Total deposits have increased by 10%. Loans made this year through September 1, 1970, are \$42,500.

The association has passed the three-fourth million dollar mark in loans in our 30 years of service. Total loans made, \$753,832.45.

We are paying 5% interest on \$500 or more, and 4% on lesser amounts. Individuals, churches, boards, and organizations are urged to deposit money in the association to help us meet the needs of our people. We urge our people to take more memberships of \$25 each to help in our work.

For information regarding memberships and loans deposits write the Rev. Hubert Burruss, secretary-treasurer, Drawer 336, Pinetops, North Carolina 27864. Please pray for our ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

S. A. Smith, *President*

Hubert Burruss, *Secretary-Treasurer*

Preceding this report, a verbal report was given. On motion both reports were received as information.

FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee, wish to make this our final report to the 1970 session of the Western Conference:

Ordained Ministers Registered	46
Licentiates Registered	1
Ministers Transferring Membership to Other Conferences	1
Ministers Transferring to This Conference	2
Visiting Ministers	12
Delegates Registered	74
Money Sent to Conference	\$463.00
Paid Pastors	\$136,563.50
Missions	\$26,580.73
Children's Home	\$16,641.11
Education	\$14,047.86
Scholarship Fund	\$60.00
Other Purposes	\$202,555.79
Total Raised for Year	\$494,592.90
Number of Members	6,774
Churches Reporting	39
Baptized	272
Average Sunday School Attendance	4,286
Died	91
Members of Woman's Auxiliary	901
Total Value of Church Property	\$2,189,935.00
Offering for Mount Olive College	\$74.60
Offering for Children's Home	\$52.75

Respectfully submitted,
Credentials Committee

This report was received and adopted on motion.

REPORT OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE

Whereas, Brother J. E. Edwards has relinquished his credentials as a Free Will Baptist minister; we, therefore, recommend that his name be dropped from the roll of ministers.

Whereas, Brother Aaron Bass remains under psychiatric care; we, therefore, recommend that his probation period be extended for one year.

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. Cherry

J. B. Starnes

L. H. Boykin

Raymond Jones

This report was accepted by the conference and adopted separately.

REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

As we gather here today, we want to pause for a moment to remember those of our ministers who have been called back to heaven during the past year.

In the past year, we have lost only one minister from the Western Conference. Rev. Dee Bisette, who was one of our superannuated ministers, died several months ago. I was not privileged to know Mr. Bisette, as his age and health had forced him into an inactive position in the conference; however, he still maintained his faith in God and his interest in his church and his conference. His death leaves a gap in the ranks of our ministers that can never be filled.

We would also like to remember another pastor who had served our conference for a number of years. Although Rev. Albert Coates had moved to the Cape Fear Conference, after many years of service in our conference, we feel that we should pay tribute to his memory today also.

Both of these men had served the Lord faithfully and to the best of their ability. Both had been limited in their latter years by ill health, but they still maintained their enthusiasm for serving God. Though they are no longer with us, we cannot help but feel that they have "graduated" to a better life in heaven.

In John 14:2, 3, Christ has told us, "In my Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

We feel that these two men have gone to claim this promised reward.

We would also like to remember all of the members of the various churches in the Western Conference who have passed away in the past year. In the loss of their Christian witness, we have lost a very positive influence for God in our communities.

Please stand and join with us in a moment of silent meditation and thanks to God for giving us these men for a little while. After this, Rev. Billy Yawn will close our memorial service with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Johnson
Mrs. Stephen Coleman
Mrs. Wray Tomlinson

On motion this report was adopted with an amendment that copies of same, along with an expression of gratitude for their services, be sent to both families.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved, that we give the church a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality shown us during this session of the Western Conference.

On motion to include all officers and each participant on the program.

Respectfully submitted,
Resolutions Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$150.15
Received from Churches at Conference	\$303.00
Offering for Mount Olive College	\$31.68
Offering for Children's Home	\$89.25

Total to Account For **\$774.08**

Paid Out

Secretary's Expenses	\$60.00
D. C. Boling (Moderator's Expense)	\$15.45
Treasurer's Expenses	\$15.00
Mount Olive College	\$31.68
Children's Home	\$89.25
Albert Coates (Five Bibles at \$11.75 Each)	\$58.75
Kenly Printing Co. (Registration Cards)	\$21.63
Conference Minutes	\$230.72
Executive Board's Expenses	\$143.35

Total Paid Out **\$665.83**

Balance in Treasury **\$208.25**

Respectfully submitted,

Luther Bissette, Treasurer

On motion this report was adopted.

Rev. Royster Martin sang a solo, "How Great Thou Art."

On motion the conference voted to accept the invitation to meet with the Elwood Lane Free Will Baptist Church, Kannapolis, North Carolina, for the eighty-fifth session.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

(Officers for 1970-1971)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

R. H. Jackson, Chairman
Clyde Cox, Vice-Chairman
James V. Joyner, Secretary
Luther Bissette, Treasurer
Dewey Boling, Member at Large

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Paul Jenkins, 1971
F. A. Morris, 1972
L. S. Joyner, 1973
C. F. Bowen, 1974
Jimmie Barfield, 1975

BOARD OF ORDINATION:

W. E. Renfrow, 1971
Joe Ingram, 1972
Royster Martin, 1973
Boyd Shook, 1974
William L. Dale, 1975

BOARD OF MINISTERIAL CHARACTER:

J. B. Starnes, 1971
L. H. Boykin, 1972
R. C. Cherry, 1973
Raymond Jones, 1974
J. B. Godwin, 1975

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Billy Yawn, 1971
Jimmy Hodges, 1972
Paul Jenkins, 1973
Harry Grubbs, 1974
De Wayne Eakes, 1975

Respectfully submitted,
Nominating Committee

On motion to adopt report in its entirety.

On motion that any unfinished business be left to the Executive Committee.

On motion to adjourn.

Closing devotions were led by Rev. Luby Tyner, using Jeremiah 8:20 as the basis for his remarks. This was followed by prayer of benediction.

R. H. Jackson, *Moderator*

James V. Joyner, *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 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 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. However, all transactions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to the approval, revision, or rejection of the conference.

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. 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 6. 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 7. Temporary Committees: At the discretion of the moderator or conference, temporary committees may be appointed or elected for designated purposes.

Section 8. 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. If it be received, the moderator shall extend to its delegate the hand of fellowship.

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

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 and reported to his local church.

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

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

ARTICLE 5: The conference 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.

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

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

