

MINUTES
OF THE
WOLVERINE
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1948

PROCEEDINGS
of the
7TH ANNUAL SESSION

When Convened With
THE HIGHLAND PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH
242 Vivtor Ave.
Highland Park, Michigan

MINUTES
of the
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
WOVERINE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH
The Highland Park F. W. B. Church
242 Victor Ave.
Highland Park, Mich.
ON
July 29, 30, 31, 1948

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. C. E. Riggs
Ass't. Moderator Rev. Homer E. Willis
Clerk Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
Ass't. Clerk Mrs. William Newsome
Treasurer Rev. Raymond Riggs

The next annual session will convene with the Hazel
Park Free Will Baptist Church, 921 E. Granet, Hazel
Park, Mich., beginning on Thursday evening, ~~July 1st,~~
2nd, and ~~3rd,~~ 1949.

PROCEEDINGS

MINUTES of the FIRST WOMAN'S DISTRICT CONVENTION of MICHIGAN

The first annual meeting of the Woman's District Auxiliary Convention of Free Will Baptists of Michigan convened July 29th, 1948 with the Highland Park F. W. B. Church.

Meeting opened by singing Throw Out the Life Line followed by prayer led by Sis. Mabel Hanshaw.

Reading of minutes were approved.

Rev. Raymond Riggs led in prayer of consecration.

Received reports of Vice Presidents and report of Treasurer which were accepted.

The President, Sis. Allie V. Allison, proceeded in appointing Sisters Dorothea Willis, Winona Riggs, and Lottie Pearce to serve as Resolution Committee, and Sisters Gladys Sloan, Jessie Haley, and Mabel Hanshaw as the Plan of Work Committee.

Another hymn was led by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Scripture Reading and comment, Sis. Jessie Haley.

Welcome Address, Sis. Gladys Sloan.

Response, Sis. Lottie Pearce.

Duet, Living for Jesus, Sis. Winona Riggs and Sis. Gladys Sloan.

Dismissal for recess, Sis. Jessie Haley.

Business session was opened by singing, I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, followed by a Missionary Talk by Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Received report of Resolution Committee.

Motion passed to accept all resolutions.

Motion supported that a report of New Plan of Work from National Association be given. Various numbers who attended the National Association aided in this report.

Received report of Plan of Work Committee.

Motion passed to receive it as given.

Entered into unfinished business by reading the letter of petition to the Wolverine Association.

Motion was supported to accept it as read and that it be placed in hands of Associational Clerk.

Motion passed that the District Secretary make a copy of resolutions of the two committees and give to each local president.

New business was brought forth by a report from Sis. Winona Riggs on the Eldridge Alabama Orphanage.

Motion was passed to have our Fifth Vice President investigate the cost of furniture and handling to furnish a room of the orphanage.

Motion was properly supported that we request the Wolverine Association to print minutes of Woman's District Auxiliary Convention and that we pay our portion of the cost of the minutes.

Motion was made that the final resolution of the Resolution Committee be given and all stood to extend thanks to the Highland Park Church for their hospitality in entertaining the Auxiliary Convention.

Motion received for adjournment.

Benediction, Rev. F. C. Zinn.

Blanche Maynard, Secretary
71 W. Chestnut St.,
Hazel Park, Mich.

Thursday Evening Services
THE
WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF MICHIGAN

The seventh annual conference of the Wolverine Association was opened at 7:30 p.m. with singing conducted by Raymond Riggs.

Opening prayer by Rev. Wm. T. Newson.

After congregational singing, Rev. Homer Willis conducted the Devotional Service. Rev. Willis chose as his Scripture reading, the 35th chapter of Isaiah 1:8.

In the absence of Rev. E. L. Hall, Rev. F. C. Zinn brought the Introductory Message. Text: Numbers 13:30 and Numbers 14:24. Subject: "Looking Through Eyes of Faith."

Closing song, There Shall Be Showers of Blessing.

Closing prayer by Bro. Patterson.

Friday Morning Session

Singing conducted by Rev. C. E. Riggs.

Opening prayer by Rev. Geo. P. Warren.

The Moderator used for his Scripture reading the 24th Psalm. The Moderator expresses his appreciation for all present.

Letters from the various churches called for. Those reporting were: The West Wayne F. W. B. Church, The Highland Park Church, Flint First F. W. B. Church, Philadelphia F. W. B. Church, First F. W. B. Church of Hazel Park. (Letter was received from the Owensboro First F. W. B. Church two weeks late.)

The Clerk called the roll of delegates, who received the right hand of fellowship.

Prayer of consecration led by Rev. F. C. Zinn, closed by Rev. Geo. Ritter.

The Moderator declared the Association organized and in setting for the annual conference.

First order of business was the election of officers.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for Moderator. Nominee: Rev. C. E. Riggs. Motion that nominations be closed, properly sustained and carried.

The Ass't Moderator, Rev. Edgil Howard, declared Rev. C. E. Riggs elected as Moderator by acclamation.

Nominee for Ass't. Moderator, Rev. Homer E. Willis. By virtue of the fact that there was but one nominee, the Moderator declared Rev. Homer Willis elected by acclamation.

Nominee for Clerk, Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan. By virtue of the fact that there was but one nominee, Mrs. Sloan was declared elected by acclamation.

Motion carries to retain Sis. Violet Newsome as Ass't. Clerk.

Motion carried to retain Rev. Raymond Riggs as Treasurer.

Motion carried to retain Mrs. Sloan as reporter.

The Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Divine Service Committee: Sis. Lottie Pearce, Bro. Clyde Prewitt, Bro. Omar Cannon.

Obituary Committee: Sis. Lurene Griffin, Rev. Geo. Ritter, Sis. Violet Newsome.

The Clerk read a petitionary letter from the Woman's District Aux. Convention, petitioning for recognition as an Auxiliary in the Wolverine Ass'n.

Motion properly sustained and carried to accept the letter and to grant the request.

Rev. F. C. Zinn gives a verbal report on the F. W. B. work in Missouri.

The Moderator called for a report from the Divine Service Committee. (See Reports No. 1).

Motion was made that the officers of this Ass'n. be granted the privilege of purchasing supplies needed in the work, and that the Treasurer be authorized to pay for same. Motion carried.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint a committee known as the Temperance Committee. Those appointed were: Rev. Dan Cronk, Rev. Homer Willis, and Bro. Omar Cannon.

Motion carried to adjourn this session of the conference.

Closing prayer by Bro. Clyde Prewitt.

Friday Morning Worship Service

Singing conducted by Rev. C. E. Riggs.

Opening prayer by Rev. Edgil Howard.

Rev. Geo. Ritter, the messenger of the hour, used as his subject, "Broken Vessels." Text: Judges 7:1-21. The messenger challenged us to be "Broken Vessels" in God's service, that the lamp of God might shine out through out the world.

At the close of the service a testimonial service was conducted.

Closing prayer by Sis. Violet Newsome.

Friday Afternoon Session

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Opening prayer by Rev. Homer Willis.

The Moderator read the Rules of Decorum.

Sis. Gladys Daniel received the right hand of fellowship and seated as a delegate.

Nominee to fill terms on the Standing Business Committee, were as follows: Rev. E. L. Hall and Bro. Ezra Walker.

Motion made that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Nominations declared in order for someone to fill an unexpired term on the Standing Finance Committee.

Motion carried to retain Bro. Ocil Dalton.

Nominations declared in order for someone to fill the expired terms on the Superannuation Board.

Motion carried to retain Rev. Edgil Howard and Rev. Wm. T. Newsome.

Rev. Homer Willis appointed by the Moderator to serve as temporary member on the Business Committee.

Recommendation No. 1 read by the Clerk.

Motion carried to accept this recommendation.

Treasurer's report read. (See Reports No. 2).

Rev. F. C. Zinn made an oral report on the work of the Superannuation Board.

Report from the Woman's District Aux. Convention read for information.

Motion carried that there be an intermission while the Business Committee is in conference.

Recommendation coming from the Business Committee was read. (See Recommendation No. 2).

Motion carried to accept recommendation.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for two members to serve in the expired terms on the Presbytry Board. Nominees: Rev. Edgil Howard and Rev. Homer Willis. Motion made that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation. Motion carried.

Nominations declared in order for two members to serve on the Home Mission Board. Nominees: Bro. Fowler Kirby and Bro. Van Pearce.

Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation.

Motion carried to retain Rev. Raymond Riggs on the Board of Education.

Recommendation No. 3 from the Business Committee read, and motion carried to accept it.

Recommendations coming from the Temperance Committee received. (See Recommendation No. 4).

Motion to adopt report. Matter discussed and agreed that an amendment be added to the report. Vote carried.

By virtue of the fact that there was but one request for the next annual conference it will be held with the Hazel Park Church.

It was agreed that the next quarterly conference be held with the West Wayne Church.

The Moderator declared nominations in order for the messenger for the yearly conference. Nominees: Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. Edgil Howard, and Rev. C. E. Riggs.

Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to

elect. Rev. Raymond Riggs elected.

Nominations declared in order for the messenger for the quarterly conference. Nominee: Rev. C. E. Riggs.

Motion carried that nominations cease and proceed to elect by acclamation.

The next order of business was the examination of Ministers and deacons.

Motion carried that a public examination of ministers and deacons be dispensed with. b

Motion carried to adjourn this session.

Closing prayer by Rev. Edgil Howard.

Friday Evening Worship Service

Singing conducted by Bro. Carson Jaqhess.

Opening prayer by Bro. Thomas Carlile.

Rev. C. E. Riggs conducted the installation service of the Woman's District Auxiliary Convention.

Devotional service conducted by Rev. Edgil Howard, who used as his Scripture reading Heb. 12:1-4.

A solo was rendered by Rev. Dan Cronk, Where Jesus Is, 'Tis Heaven.

Rev. Cronk as messenger of the evening brought out some marvelous thoughts on Spiritual Discernment.

After the message, the congregation enjoyed a time of fellowship through giving of the right hand of fellowship.

Closing prayer by Sis. Eva Riggs.

Saturday Morning Session

Singing conducted by Rev. Wm. T. Newsom.

Opening prayer by Bro. Hicock.

The Moderator used as his Scripture for devotion thought, Eph. 4:1-13, after which he declared the conference in session.

Rev. Homer Willis gave a report from the Board of Education. (See Reports No. 3).

Report received from the Finance Committee.

Motion carried to accept the report, and temporary committee be discharged.

Report of the Obituary Committee received. (See Reports No. 4),

Motion to adopt report carried.

Ministerial reports read. (See Reports No. 5).

Motion made that ministerial report blanks be printed

and the Business Committee be authorized to prepare the form. Motion carried.

Rev. Geo. Ritter expresses thanks for the students to the Association for its support.

Bro. Hicock is seated as a delegate from the Hazel Park Church.

Recommendation No. 5 read.

Motion carried that the Moderator appoint said committee.

Committee appointed as follows: Rev. Edgil Howard, Chairman, Rev. Hm. T. Newsome, and Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan.

It was suggested that a Program Chairman for the young people's service be elected, until such time, which the leagues may organize.

Rev. Homer Willis was elected by acclamation.

Motion carried to adjourn this particular business session.

Closing prayer by Rev. Geo. Ritter.

Saturday Morning Worship Service

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Opening prayer by Ezra Walker.

The speaker of the hour, Sis. Trula Cronk, based her subject on the one word "Now." Do something now for God.

Closing prayer by Sis. Lottie Pearce.

Saturday Afternoon Service

Singing conducted by Rev. C. E. Riggs.

Opening prayer by Bro. Derald West.

The Moderator turned the service over to Bro. Van Paschall who took charge of the Young People's Program.

Service opened with inspiring testimonies coming from our young people.

Programs were presented from the various churches, as follows:

Philadelphia Church in charge of Bro. Ezra Walker.

Poem by Sis. Joan Frances, entitled, "A Sheep of the Flock".

Sis. Mary Kirby spoke on, "Let Us Be Missionaries".

Piano Solo by little Miss Frances Bean.

Highland Park young people rendered a program as follows:

The Senior League Quartett sang As For Me and My House, We'll Serve the Lord, and Home of the Soul.

The first speaker, Sis. Ruby Morrow, Scripture, Ezek. 33:1-9.

Second speaker, Bro. Derald West, Topic: "Our Best for Christ", Mark 14.

Rev. Homer Willis spoke for the young people of the Hazel Park Church.

Rev. Wm. T. Newsome reported on the work of the young people of the West Wayne Church.

The Senior League Quartet sang, Is It Well with Your Soul.

Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Riggs sang, Something Got Hold of Me.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Closing prayer by Sis. Doris Collins.

Saturday Evening Worship Service

Singing conducted by Rev. Wm. T. Newsome.

Opening prayer by Bro. Battersbee.

Duet by Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Riggs.

Rev. F. C. Zinn, the messenger of the evening, used as his Scripture texts: Mark 14:12, 17-25; Luke 22:24-27; John 13:2.

At the close of the message, Communion and Feet Washing were observed.

The Lord poured out His blessings upon this service.

"And they sang an Hymn and went out."

Rev. C. E. Riggs, Moderator
Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, Clerk

REPORTS

Report No. 1—

We on your Divine Service Committee select Bro. Geo. Ritter for the eleven o'clock service on Friday morning, Bro. Dan Cronk for the Friday evening service, Sis. Trula Cronk for the Saturday morning service, and Bro. F. C. Zinn for the Saturday evening service.

Respectfully submitted,

The Divine Service Committee:

Sis. Lottie Pearce

Bro. Clyde Prewitt

Bro. Omar Cannon

Report No. 2—

Treasurer's Report of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan.

This report is from January 1, 1948 to July 30, 1948.

Balance Brought forward Jan. 1. \$1,083.03

Receipts:

Highland Park Church:

Tithes 620.78

Foreign Missions 923.26

Hazel Park Church:

Tithes 150.24

Foreign Missions 225.91

Owensboro Church

Tithes 224.05

Foreign Missions 65.91

Philadelphia Church:

Tithes 100.00

West Wayne Church:

Tithes 40.00

Flint Church:

Tithes 15.91

Foreign Missions 25.11

Teachers Training Institute 59.00

Total Receipts **\$2,449.91**

Grand Total **\$3,532.94**

Disbursements:

Students in Bible College \$ 150.00

Moderator 125.00

Gift to Philadelphia Church 200.00

Bible College 155.09

Unified Program 115.09

Nat'l Superannuation Board 103.60

Nat'l. Home Missions Board 134.12

Foreign Missions 1,322.54

Printing 8.80

Teacher's Training Institute 93.27

Rev. H. E. Willis—Expense to Revision Committee Meeting 32.26

Bus Expense to Owensboro 50.00

Associational Clerk 50.00

Associational Treasurer 25.00

Delegate to Nat'l Ass'n. 50.00

Nat'l. Ass'n. Fee 10.00

Bank Charges43
Total Disbursements	\$2,625.20
Balance on Hand	\$ 907.74
Balance in Foreign Missions Account	\$130.00
Balance in Home Mission Board Account	\$247.92
Balance in Superannuation Board Account	\$260.80

Report No. 3—

Report of Teacher Training Institute.

Held for 3 weeks (12 sessions) at the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church; instructors: Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. Edgil Howard, and Rev. H. E. Willis; Churches cooperating, 4; certificates awarded, 41; courses taught, Sunday School Administration and Old Testament Law and History.

Rev. H. E. Willis, Sec'y.

Report No. 4—

Acknowledging that God in His infinite wisdom has called Sis. Pearl Graves of the Highland Park Church to that great home above, be it resolved: That the Wolverine Association express it's deepest sympathy to the family and to the Highland Park Church by sending expression of sympathy to the family and also a copy to the Highland Park Church.

Obituary Committee

Sis. Violet Newsome

Bro. Geo. Ritter

Sis. Lurene Griffin

Report No. 5—MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Rev. C. E. Riggs:

Served as Moderator of the Wolverine Association and as teacher of the Adult Bible Class of Highland Park Church. Held one revival at Pocahontas, Ark. with 6 conversions. Preached 16 sermons in revivals; other places, 8 sermons. Officiated at one marriage.

Received for services:

From Pocahontas Church	\$100.00
Wolverine Association	140.00
Superannuation Board	75.00
Highland Park Church	50.00
Bible Class	100.00
Hazel Park Church	60.00
Flint Church	8.00
Philadelphia Church	10.00
Total	\$543.00

Rev. Robert A. Galloway:

Number of Sermons preached	95
Number Sunday School lessons taught	57
Number funerals conducted	4
No. dealt with concerning their soul	40
No. of conversions	16
No. times conducted prayer meeting	8
Amount drew as salary	\$405.00
Amount received as free will offerings	\$194.00
Miles traveled in work	2,200

Directed a practical work group from the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and witnessed 76 conversions.

Graduated from Senior High School, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Religious Director of the Gospel Center Mission from June 1, 1947 to September 2, 1947, and am holding the same position until September 20, of this year.

If it is the Lord's will, I will attend Campbellsville Junior College for the next two years.

Rev. H. E. Willis:

Pastor of Hazel Park Church.

Sermons preached	129
Weddings	11
Church Papers Read	12
Funerals Conducted	2
No. Revivals Conducted	1
No. members received into church	45
Amount received for services	\$3,410.00

Taught in one session of Teacher Training Institute and directed one Daily Vacation Bible School.

Attended D. B. I. one term.

Directed chapel services for High School boys and girls in our church and grade students in Lampher School.

Attended Bible Conference, Nat'l. Ass'n. and all local meetings.

Rev. Geo. Ritter:

Sermons Preached	72
Confessions of Faith	52
Baptized	1
Funerals Conducted	1
Weddings Conducted	0
Hospital visits	20

Personal visits	37
Donated Blood (Pt.)	1
Gifts from Wolverine Ass'n.	\$75.00
Gifts received from friends	\$175.00
Pastor's salary	\$110.00
Evangelistic meeting	\$64.00
Total	\$424.00

Rev. Geo. P. Warren:

Pastored First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint.

Sermons Preached	35
Received into the church	1
Baptized	1
Funerals conducted	1
Weddings	3

Rev. Wm. T. Newsome:

Pastored one church.

Sermons preached	148
No. conversions	7
Members received	4
Weddings performed	5
Revivals conducted	1

Traveled 3200 miles; attended the Nat'l. Convention.
Conducted 1 Daily Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Raymond Riggs:

Sermons preached at H. P. Church	92
Conversions	94
Baptized	60
Members received	67
Salary received	\$3,600.00

Revivals

Revivals held	4
Sermons preached	49
Conversions	54
Amount received	\$1,725.50
Funerals	3
Amount Received	\$30.00
Weddings	8
Amount received	\$42.00
Total sermons	141
Total conversions	148
Total amount received	\$4,397.50

Rev. James C. Gillim:

Sermons Preached 25
Conversions 30
Funerals conducted 1
Weddings 5

Attended last term at D. B. I. and intend to enroll again in the fall.

Spent much time in visitation in hospital work, and personal soul winning.

RECOMMENDATIONS

No. 1—

Resolved that the Clerk be authorized to have 500 minutes of this annual session printed, including the minutes of the Auxiliary Convention. The Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay for same.

Business Committee

No. 2—

We recommend that those elected hereafter on the Presbytry Board shall serve for three years and those elected on the Board of Education shall serve for one year.

Business Committee

No. 3—

Resolved that we give \$100.00 to the Expansion Program of the Free Will Baptist Bible College, and also that we give \$50.00 as a personal gift to Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, who are to leave for India next week.

No. 4—

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit the following report:

1. Be it resolved that the use of beer, wine, and liquor in any form be condemned by the ministers and laymen in this Association.

2. That our people refuse to work in establishments that sell intoxicating drinks.

3. That our people refuse to support any one at the polls, who is supporting the liquor traffic.

4. That our people refrain from patronizing any business establishment which sells beer, wine, or any intoxi-

eating drink.

5. That a suitable letter be prepared, by the Clerk of this body stating our views on the liquor question, and mail to the Governor, all Senators, and Representatives of our state.

6. As intoxicating drinks have neither food value, or value as a stimulant, be it resolved that this body co-operate with all other groups who are working in interest of National Prohibition.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. H. E. Willis

Rev. Dan Cronk

Bro. Omar Cannon

No. 5—

Be it resolved that a Program Committee be appointed to prepare the program for the Wolverine Association Conference.

COMMITTEES & BOARDS

STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Name	Term Expires
Rev. Raymond Riggs	1950
Rev. Edgil Howard	1949
Bro. Elmer Caylor	1949
Rev. Everett L. Hall	1951
Bro. Ezra Walker	1951

STANDING FINANCE COMMITTEE

Name	Term Expires
Bro. Ocil Dalton	1951
Rev. Homer Willis	1950
Bro. Preston Slocum	1949

PRESBYTRY BOARD

Name	Term Expires
Rev. C. E. Riggs	1950
Rev. Wm T. Newsome	1949
Rev. Raymond Riggs	1949
Rev. Edgil Howard	1951
Rev. Homer Willis	1951

HOME MISSION BOARD

Name	Term Expires
Bro. Howard Lyle	1950
Rev. C. E. Riggs	1949

Rev. Homer Willis	1949
Bro. Fowler Kirby	1951
Bro. La Van Pearce	1951

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Name	Term Expires
Rev. Edgil Howard	1950
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome	1949
Rev. Raymond Riggs	1949

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Name	Term Expires
Rev. Geo. P. Warren	1950
Rev. Everett L. Hall	1949
Bro. Preston Slocum	1949
Rev. Edgil Howard	1951
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome	1951

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Robert Galloway, 726 Hall St., Owensboro, Ky.
 Rev. Homer Willis, 921 E. Granet, Hazel Park, Mich.
 Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, Missionaries in India
 Rev. C. E. Riggs, 935 E. Coy, Hazel Park, Mich.
 Rev. Raymond Riggs, 206 California, Highland Park Mich.
 Rev. Edgil Howard, 4465 Townsend, Detroit, Mich.
 Rev. George P. Warren, 2106 Harwine St., Flint, Mich.
 Rev. Wm. T. Newsome, 8375 Belleville Rd., Belleville,
 Mich.
 Rev. Everett L. Hall, 207 Hathaway St., Owensboro, Ky.
 Rev. Bill Childers, Ky.
 Rev. Geo. Ritter, 213 28th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.
 Rev. James Gillim, 904 Algonquin, Detroit 14, Mich.
 Rev. Findley J. Hendricks, Ky.

LICENTIATES

Rev. James Taylor, Owensboro, Ky.

DEACON ENROLLMENT

Hazel Park Church—Bro. David Allison, Bro. Paul
 Carrier, Bro. LaVan Pearce, Bro. Claude Wright, Bro.
 Otis Butcher, Bro. Charles Miller, Bro. Wm. E. Gates.
 Owensboro Church—Bro. W. L. Warren, Bro. Law-
 rence Fulkerson, Bro. Oswald Jewell, Bro. Earnest Alvey,

Bro. Ernest Renfrow, Bro. Henry Brokn, and Bro. Luther Townsley.

West Wayne Church—Bro. Omar Cannon and Bro. Adolph Felan.

Philadelphia Church—Bro. Herman Rippetoe, Bro. Carson Jaquess, Bro. Fowler Kirby, and Bro. Ezra Walker.

Flint Church—Bro. Oddis Birchett.

Highland Park Church—Bro. Thomas Carlile, Bro. Preston Slocum, Bro. Tancel Orr, Bro. Shirley McCulley, and Bro. Douglas Moore.

DELEGATE ENROLLMENT

Highland Park Church—Bro. Clyde Prewitt, Bro. Dan Thomas, and Sis. Gladys Daniel.

Flint Church—Sis. Grace Waren.

Philadelphia Church—Sis. Mary Kirby, Sis. Joan Francis, and Sis. Lurene Griffin.

West Wayne Church—Sis. Rose Whitlow, Sis. Violet Newsonme, and Sis. Esther Cannon.

Hazel Park Church—Sis. Lottie Pearce, Bro. J. W. Hicock, and Sis. Allie Allison.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association, when properly organized, shall consist of a Moderator and a Clerk, who shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present. The duty of the Moderator shall be to keep the Association in order, state questions fairly, and take the vote thereon; to have the liberty of speech as other members, providing his seat be filled; to have no vote unless the Association be equally divided, in which case he shall have the deciding vote. The duty of the Clerk shall be to keep a fair record of the proceedings of the Association.

2. The Association shall be composed of ordained ministers, deacons and licentiates, together with the messengers duly chosen by the several churches in our union and sent to represent them in this Association, said messengers being members of some church within this Association, whom the members judge best qualified for the purpose, who, on producing letters certifying to their appointment, shall be entitled to seats.

3. In the letters from the several churches shall be

expressed their respective number of member in fellowship, and the number received, dismissed, excluded or died since the last sitting of the Association, and day of church meeting.

4. No query shall be received by the Association from any church unless it has been acted on in said church and cannot be settled, in which case the Association shall take up same and act upon it.

5. Every church in the Association shall be entitled to a representation of messengers not exceeding three.

6. Every motion made and seconded shall be acted upon unless withdrawn by the mover.

7. The Association shall not have power to lord it over God's heritage so as to infringe on any of the internal rights of the churches; nevertheless, we agree that the churches composing the Association shall stand in the same relationship in this Association that individuals do to each other in the churches; that is to say, if a church trespass against a sister church, the church injured shall try to reclaim them by Gospel steps; if they cannot be reclaimed, they shall be dropped by our union.

8. We agree to do all business by a majority of all members present.

9. Any church may be admitted into this Association by letter and messengers. If, upon examination, it is found to be orthodox and orderly, such admission shall be manifested by the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship to the messengers thereof.

10. This Association shall have power to sit as an advisory council, to give churches all necessary advice in matters of difficulty; to inquire into the cause why churches neglect to represent themselves in this Association; to appoint any members, by and with his or her consent to transact any business they may deem necessary; to invite brethren in the ministry to a seat in the Association; to adjourn the Association at any time and place that may be thought necessary; to exclude from his seat any member who does not conform to the Rules of Decorum, and shall report his or their conduct to the churches from which he or they were messengers.

11. The Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all case of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

12. The Lord's Supper and Feet Washing shall be administered at each annual session of the Association.

13. Each annual Association shall be held on Thursday evening through Saturday before the first Sunday in July.

(Supplement to the Constitution)

BY-LAWS

Adopted By The Association Regarding Ministerial Council and Presbytry

1. Purpose:

The Ministerial Council is for the purpose of encouraging, supporting, and maintaining a higher standard of true discipline in our staff of ministers, as pertaining to their character, qualification, honorary membership, and soundness in doctrine. That each minister is urged to attend or give a written report. Said council presided over by the Associational Moderator. Program to be arranged by committee.

11. Membership:

All members who have been approved by the presbytry shall automatically become members of the council.

11I. Authority:

The ministerial council shall be considered strictly an advisory body and shall at no time assume ruling authority.

Presbytery:

1. The presbytry of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists shall be composed of five duly ordained ministers who are members in good standing of the Association.

2. The members of the presbytry shall be elected by the Association as follows: one for five years, one for four years, one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year. Each member to be elected for five years thereafter.

3. Any duly ordained minister or deacon, who is in good standing with this body has the privilege of sitting in council with the presbytry at any time, but will not be permitted to vote unless he is appointed to serve by proxy, by the absentee member or selected by a majority of the members present.

4. The purpose of the presbytry shall be for the mutual improvement of the ministry, their protection against hostile influences, for the maintaining of a clean and pure

character among those of the ordained authority. It shall also become the duty of the presbytry to examine all candidates for license to preach the gospel or to ordain the same at the request of the local church.

5. Before granting a license or endorsing credentials of any minister from another denomination to preach the Gospel, the candidate must have been a member of a church in this Association at least six months.

6. The local church must first request by letter the licensing or ordaining of all candidates before the presbytry can act.

7. Before license or ordination, the candidate is examined as to his gifts, personal piety and doctrines, his call to the ministry, his adaptability and devotion to the work, his reputation, character, ability, and his present and prospective educational and professional qualification. A list of not less than twenty-five questions should be prepared by the presbytry and the candidates should be required to make a grade of not less than 70% before license is granted. The examination for ordination should include all that is required for license, and also satisfactory examination respecting the life and labors of the candidate and his attainments, at least in the departments of English education, Doctrinal and Pastoral theology, and Homiletics.

8. The examination of deacons shall be according to 1 Timothy, chapter 3.

9. The term of license shall be one year after which local church may request another examination, and the presbytry shall decide whether or not the license be extended, or the candidate ordained. If an offense is made during the year, and the candidate repents, his license will be forfeited, and he will be forced to begin anew.

10. A minister from another denomination wishing to unite with this Association must first make application to a church which request action of the presbytry the same as for license or ordination.

11. Be it known that any minister or deacon coming under the hands of this presbytry walks disorderly, or commits an offense must come before this body and make restitution or willingly give up such rights of license or ordination papers or card given by this body, or they agree to be published in any or all newspapers as this

body deems necessary.

12. An annual written report of the activities of the presbytry shall be made by the Clerk to the Association, or as often as is necessary.

13. All ministers of this Association are required to report in person or letter to the ministerial council quarterly and to have a written report of their work at the annual Association. Failure to report to the Association at least once per year will forfeit the minister's standing and he will be dropped from the Association.

14. These Rules and By-Laws to be printed in minutes at all times.

Faithfulness in its varied forms has always been rewarded by our Lord Jesus Christ. He rewards us for the small, common place things we do.

1. GOD. We believe in one true and living triune God; composed of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, equal in divine essence, purpose, power, and glory.—St. John 1:1; I Cor. 8:6; St. John 10:30.

2. CHRIST. We believe that Jesus Christ is the divine Son of God, was with the Father and the Holy Spirit at the time of the Creation, left the Courts of Heaven and came to this earth. Took upon Himself the form of humanity, sin excepted, by being born of the Virgin Mary, manifested His power, was crucified, placed in Joseph's tomb, rose from the dead the third day, completed the great plan of salvation, walked and talked with His disciples, publicly ascended up to Heaven, and that He will descend again to gather His jewels home.—Isaiah 9:6; St. John 1:14; Luke 1:26-28; Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 16:9-19; Luke 24:50-53; Acts 1:9-12; Mark 15:22-47.

3. HOLY SPIRIT. We believe that the Holy Spirit has visited true believers in all ages, and especially since the ascension of the Son back to the Father and His coming on the day of pentecost, has taken up His office work among all nations of people as a Divine Reprover, Comforter, and Guide.—Judges 6:34; 11:29; St. John 16:8-14; Isaiah 63:10-12; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 8:17-20; Ezek. 36:27; Joel 2:28.

4. THE BIBLE. We believe the Bible, which is composed of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, was given by the inspiration of God, is our way-bill from earth to heaven, and the only infallible rule of faith and

practice.—II Peter 1:19-21; II Tim. 3:14-17; Daniel 10:21; Acts 1:16-17; Matt. 21:42.

5. THE FALL OF MAN. We believe that God created man good, gave him a just law by which he should be governed; with promise of reward for faithfulness and with penalties of punishment for disobedience, gave man power of free moral agency to choose the right and reject the wrong. But our first parents heeded the voice of the great enemy of souls, voluntarily transgressed the law of God, fell with their posterity under the just penalty of the same, and were unable of their own power to extricate or save themselves from the great dilemma into which they had fallen. God gave them the hope of salvation through the coming CHRIST.—Gen. 1:27; 2:16-17; Psalms 51:5; Gen. 3; Gen. 6:5; Rom. 5:12-19; John 3:6; Eph. 2:3.

6. REDEMPTION, SALVATION, ADOPTION. We believe Jesus Christ by His birth, death, burial, resurrection, and ascension paid the purchase price for the redemption of the whole human race, arranged a pardon for all who come upon Gospel terms; and a law of adoption into the Kingdom of Heaven, and an eternal inheritance into the glorified kingdom above.—Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; 4:4-5; Titus 2:14; Heb. 1:4; St. John 3:16; Isaiah 15:22.

7. CONDITIONS OF SALVATION. We believe that all persons, dying in infancy and all idiots are saved by the atoning merits of the Son of God without any act on their part, that persons coming to the years of accountability, transgressing the law of God, must upon their part exercise faith in Jesus Christ through repentance toward God, at the completion of which pardon takes place in the mind of the Father and by the Holy Spirit they pass through the ordeal of regeneration, are washed in the blood of the Lamb, and are planted in the kingdom of Christ.—John 3rd chapter; Matt. 19:13-22; I Cor. 7:10; Luke 18:16,17; St. John 4:11-16; Psalms 98:3.

8. SALVATION FREE. We believe that God desires the salvation of all, Christ died for all, the Gospel invites all, and whosoever will may come and be saved upon the terms of the Gospel.—I Peter 1:9-25; 2:9-25; Rev. 22:17.

9. BAPTISM. We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of believers in water in the name of the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented

the burial and resurrection of Christ; also represents our death to sin, and only those who have come under the presbytry of the elders are qualified to administer the same.—Matt. 3:14-16; 3:5,6; I Peter 3:21; St. John 3:23; Acts 10:47; Matt. 28:19.

10. COMMUNION AND FEET WASHING. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Gospel of Christ; the Lord's Supper was instituted by our Saviour to commemorate His broken body and shed blood for the sins of the world, and to show our remembrance of Him till He comes. All Christians have a right to the Lord's Supper and should be invited; "Let a man examine himself and so let him eat."

The washing of feet was instituted by our Lord at the same time that the Supper was instituted as an act of humility to show our love for each other, and both ordinances should be perpetuated by all Christians until His second coming.—Luke 22:19-20; I Cor. 11:20-29; St. John 13:1-17; Matt. 26:26-29.

11. THE SABBATH. We believe that the Christian Sabbath should be observed as a day of rest and for the worship of God, that we should abstain from all sinful amusements and secular employments, works of mercy and piety excepted.—Exodus 20:11; 31:12-18; Deut. 5:12-15; Ezek. 20:12; Matt. 28:1; Luke 23:56; Acts 13:12-18; Mark 2:27.

12. CALL TO THE MINISTRY. We believe in a divine call of the ministry, that God in His goodness and power of grace, impresses His ministers with the burden of lost souls, to the extent that the call becomes irresistible to personal contentment, that when they yield to the call and exercise the native gifts according to the scriptures, with a full reliance upon Him, He accompanies them in the person of the Holy Spirit to guide them in the way of truth and to bless their labors according to His purpose.—Jonah 1:1; Jer. 1:5; Mark 3:14; Acts 1:22-26; Matt. 28:19.

13. THE INVISIBLE CHURCH. We believe that the Invisible or Spiritual Church is the redeemed in the aggregate, is the family of God, is composed of all true Christians of every congregation from righteous Abel to the restitution of all things, from every kindred, nation, tongue, and people.—Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22,23; I

Pet. 2:5; Eph. 2:20-22; Acts 2:47; Matt. 16:18.

14. **THE VISIBLE CHURCH.** We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women having obtained fellowship with the Lord and each other, agreeing to keep up a good discipline and doctrine according to the rules of the Gospel.—II Thess. 1:1; Acts 16:5; III John 1:10; Matt. 18:17; Acts 20:28; Rev. 1:4-20.

15. **PERSEVERANCE.** We believe that all true believers in Christ should persevere in divine grace and in the knowledge of the truth and that God's grace is sufficient to help them to overcome all the obstacles of life and that all the combined forces of the great enemy of souls on earth and in hell (or in his eternal abode) are not able to pluck them from His hand so long as they walk in the path of duty; but those who sidestep and wilfully refuse or neglect to perform their duty, they would backslide; if persistently continued, would be eternally lost.—II Pet. 1:12; II Cor. 9:10; II Pet. 1:4-8; 2:2; Rom. 8:35-39; Apostasy: II Pet. 1:8-9; I Cor. 10:1-13; Heb. 12:15-17; I John 5:16; Heb. 6:1-6; I Tim. 4:1,2; Heb. 3:12; St. John 15: 1-7; Matt. 12:31,32.

16. **CHRIST, THE HEAD OF THE CHURCH.** We believe that Christ is the head of the Church, and that the government of the local church is with the body.—Col. 1:18-19; Matt. 16:18; Heb. 12:23; Matt. 21:42; Eph. 1:22; Acts 16:4,5.

17. **SANCTIFICATION.** Sanctification is a work of God's grace by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It takes place in regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life constantly growing in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.—I Cor. 6:11; II Thess. 2:13; Heb. 12:14; Phil. 3:21; II Thess. 5:19-23; St. John 17:17-19; II Tim. 2:20,21.

18. **THE RESURRECTION.** We believe in the resurrection of the dead, both of the righteous and the wicked. When the resurrection shall take place, the soul and body shall be united, the righteous shall be received into everlasting happiness to reign with God forever; but the wicked shall go away into everlasting punishment.—Matt. 28:6; John 5:28,29; I Cor. 15:51-58.

19. **THE SOUL.** The soul is endless, hence does not die with the body, but immediately after death, enters into a

conscience state of happiness or misery, according to the spiritual character here possessed.—Phil. 1:23; Luke 23:43; Rev. 6:9; Luke 16:19-25; Matt. 10:28.

20. JUDGMENT. We believe that there will be a general, universal judgment, when all men shall be judged according to their works, whether they be good or bad, and that immediately thereafter the wicked shall enter into everlasting punishment, and the righteous into eternal happiness.—II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36,37; Rev. 20:12-13; Acts 17:31.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

2. Only one person shall speak at a time, who shall arise to his feet and address the Moderator.

3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the Moderator until he gets through; nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.

4. The person speaking shall adhere to the question and shall in no wise cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.

5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.

6. No person shall laugh or whisper in time of public speech.

7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother or brethren, and sisters.

8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.

9. The names of the members of this Association shall be enrolled and called over as often as the Association thinks is necessary.

10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any one time without leave of the Moderator.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call to order by Moderator.

2. Call for letters from churches.

3. Election of Moderator and Clerk.

4. Read Rules of Decorum.

5. Appointment of Committees: Divine Service, Finance,

- Obituary, Arrangement of Business.
6. Call for corresponding letters.
 7. Call for petitionary letters.
 8. Unfinished business.
 9. New business.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things; to avoid all appearance of evil; to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world; from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ".

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love endeavoring to keep the unity of spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Owensboro, Ky.	E. L. Hall	Madoline Cross		9	0	0	0	3	96	39	114	13
Woman's Aux. Membership													
Membership Enrollment													
F.W.B.L. Enrollment													
S.S. Average Attendance													
Ministers													
Deaths													
Excluded													
Dismissed by Letter													
Received into Fellowship													
	Hazel Park Mich.	H. E. Willis	Blanche Maynard		42	4	0	0	5	185	0	127	22
	West Wayne, Mich.	Wm. T. Newsome	Angela Felan		3	0	0	0	1	89	12	15	0
	Phil., Detroit	Edgil Howard	Lurene Griffin		13	6	1	0	1	40	21	35	0
	Flint, Mich.	Geo. P. Warren	Oddis Birchett		1	0	0	0	1	30	0	8	0
	Highland P., Mich.	Raymond Riggs	Gladys Sloan		71	12	36	1	3	220	65	264	24
			Total		139	22	37	1	14	660	137	563	59