

**THE WOLVERINE
ASSOCIATION
- of -
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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***Proceedings of the
10th Annual Session***

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**When Convened With
THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
E. Granet & Stephenson Highway
Hazel Park, Mich.**

MINUTES
of The
TENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of The
WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION
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THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
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On June 28th, 29th and 30th.



OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. W. T. Newsome
Assistant Moderator Rev. Raymond Riggs
Clerk Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
Assistant Clerk Mrs. W. T. Newsome
Treasurer Rev. Raymond Riggs

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing conducted by Bro. Jack Montgomery. Opening prayer by Bro. David Allison. Special music rendered by the Hazel Park Church Choir. Welcome address by Rev. Homer E. Willis. Response - Rev. Edgil Howard. Messenger Rev. W. T. Newsome of West Wayne, Mich. Scripture II Chron. 20:13-22; Jude 3. The congregation came forward and gave the right hand of fellowship. Closing prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Meeting opened at 9:30 A.M. with congregational singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Sis. Lottie Pearce. Devotional reading by Rev. John Roberts. Psalm 133.

Letters from various churches, received. Roll call of delegates. Prayer of consecration lead by Rev. W. T. Newsome.

Officers elected as follows:-

Moderator	Rev. W. T. Newsome
Ass't. Moderator	Rev. Raymond Riggs
Clerk	Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
Ass't. Clerk	Mrs. W. T. Newsome
Treasurer	Rev. Raymond Riggs
Reporter	Mrs. Ocil Dalton

Due to the absence of Bro. Fredericks, a motion was made that the moderator appoint some one to bring the message at eleven o'clock. Motion carried. Rev. H. C. Beasley of Breckenridge, Mich., appointed.

Members to fill vacancies on various committees and boards elected as follows:-

Standing Business Committee:-

Bro. Claude Pinkston, Bro. Frank Howell

Standing Finance Committee:-

Bro. Ocil Dalton - Retained

Presbytery Board:-

Rev. Homer E. Willis - Retained
Rev. W. T. Newsome - Retained

Home Mission Board:-

Bro. LaVan Pearce - Retained
Bro. Fowler Kirby - Retained

Board of Education:-

Rev. Homer E. Willis
Rev. Raymond Riggs - Retained

Superannuation Board:-

Rev. W. T. Newsome - Retained
Rev. Homer E. Willis - Retained

Program Committee:-

Rev. Sherman Lilly - Retained
Rev. Raymond Riggs - Retained
Rev. H. C. Beasley

Obituary Committee for this setting appointed as follows:-

Bro. Claude Pinkston - Chairman
Mrs. Fred McChesney
Mrs. Nell Peppers

Finance Committee for this session:-

Rev. Homer E. Willis
Mrs. Virginia Carnes
Mrs. Ova Bean

Temperance Committee for this session:-

Rev. Homer E. Willis
Rev. John Roberts
Bro. Jessie White

Motion made to adjourn until 1:30 P.M. Motion properly sustained and carried. Benediction by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Sis. Frances Walker. Messenger, Rev. H. C. Beasley using portion of the Fourteenth Chapter of St. Mark as the Scripture text. Closing prayer by Rev. John Roberts.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Sis. Daphna Shaw. Devotional by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Col. 3.

West Wayne delegates seated.

Report of the Superannuation Board made by Rev. W. T. Newsome. Motion carried to accept report as read. (See reports No. 1).

Report of the Board of Education made by Rev. W. T. Newsome. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report No. 2).

Motion made to give \$10.00 to Bro. Newsome for travel expense to Teacher Training Classes. Motion carried.

Invitation received from the West Wayne F.W.B. Church for the next Teacher Training Institute.

Youth Camp report made by Rev. Homer E. Willis. Report received as information.

Finance Committee report made by Rev. Homer E. Willis. Report accepted. (See report No. 3).

Oral report from the Home Mission Board received as information.

Report received from the Obituary Committee. Motion carried to accept report and comply with the request. (See report No. 4).

Ministerial reports read as information. (See report No. 5).

Agreed to send greetings by cable to Dan and Trula Cronk.

Motion made that a minimum of 300 copies of the annual minutes be printed. Motion carried.

Agreed that the next conference be held with the Highland Park F.W.B. Church. Adjourned. Benediction by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Bro. Tancel Orr. Special music rendered by the Highland Park Choir, under the direction of Rev. Raymond Riggs. Messenger - Bro. Ira Carpenter, John 1:35-42. Subject: "And he brought him to Jesus." Benediction - Rev. Raymond Riggs.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing conducted by the Moderator. Prayer was offered by Bro. Lee of Flint. For devotional thoughts, Rev. H. C. Beasley used a Scripture reading found in I John 3:1-3.

Delegates from Flint seated.

Report from District Auxiliary was read. An inspirational talk concerning the Auxiliary was given by Sister Allison. Report received as information. (See report No. 6).

Quarterly Financial report read. Motion made to accept report. Motion properly sustained and carried. (See report No. 7).

Annual Finance Report read. Motion made to accept the report. Properly sustained and carried. (See report No. 8).

Report of Standing Business Committee was read. Motion made to accept report. Properly sustained and carried. Recommendations contained therein adopted. (See Recommendations).

Delegates to National Conference were elected as follows. Sisters. Willis McChesney, Sloan and Shaw. Motion was made that ministers who were in attendance at the conference seat another delegate from our state. Properly sustained and carried.

Motion made that the Wolverine Ass'n. send \$25.00 per student per quarter to those who attend our Bible College next year. Sustained and carried.

A song was lead by moderator and Pulpit was turned over for the morning message. Bro. Warren from the Flint Church brought the message from I Cor. 13 using for a subject, "The Greatest of These is Charity."

Afternoon session opened by the moderator leading the congregation in song. Invocation—All repeated the Lord's Prayer

Temperance committee report by Rev. Willis. Motion made to accept the report. Properly sustained and carried. (See report No. 9).

Final resolution read and accepted by a rising vote of thanks. (See Resolutions).

Bro. Warren made motion to adjourn the 10th Annual Session of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan. Sustained and carried.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Raymond Riggs, *Moderator*

Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan, *Clerk*

R E P O R T S

Report No. 1

Superannuation

Annual report of the Superannuation Board of the Wolverine Association of Michigan when in conference with the Hazel Park Church, June 28-30, 1951.

A total of \$75.85 has been sent to the National Superannuation Board. Through the present program \$51.87 has been paid on insurance premiums and \$134.70 has been disbursed to the American Medical Hospital Benefit. As of this conference we have a total of \$653.07 in the treasury.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. W. T. Newsome, *Chairman*

Report No. 2

Board of Education

Annual report of the Board of Education of the Wolverine Association of Michigan when in conference with the Hazel Park Church.

Two sessions of the Evangelical Teachers Training Institutes were held. Of the members in attendance approximately 40 received credit for work done. We have sent \$627.01 to the Bible College in Nashville.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. W. T. Newsome, *Chairman*

Report No. 3

Finance Committee Report

Missions

Tithes

Philadelphia Church	\$ 4.45
West Wayne	
(Film Service)	17.73
West Wayne	
Church	35.59

\$57.77

Breckenridge	\$ 56.25
Philadelphia	63.45
Hazel Park	102.21
Flint Church	8.41
Highland Park	469.37

\$699.69

Total receipts during this conference \$757.46.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Homer E. Willis, *Chairman*

Report No. 4

Obituary Committee

We, your Obituary Committee submit to you the following recommendation—

Acknowledging that God in His infinite wisdom has called Sister Christine Lundy, Brothers Robert Dryden, Richard Mendrick, Nathan Shaw, and Neal Vineyard, who gave his life in the service of his country, to that great City to which they faithfully looked forward to, be it resolved that the Wolverine Association express its deepest sympathy to the families of the deceased, and to the Highland Park Church by sending expression of sympathy to the families of the deceased and also a copy to the Highland Park Church.

Respectfully Submitted

Claude Pinkston

Mrs. Nell Peppers

Mrs. Fred McChesney

Report No. 5

Ministeral Reports

REV. RAYMOND RIGGS —

Pastor of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church

Sermons preached to Church82

Conversions witnessed in pastorate89

Members Received74

Number Baptised34

Conducted Radio Program twice each week

Teacher of Adult Bible Class

Teacher in Junior Bible School

Teacher in Vacation Bible School

Served as teacher in two sessions of Teacher Training Institute.

Attended Missionary Conference

Attended and gave four messages at the Annual Bible Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

Attended Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals in Chicago, Ill.

Served as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Edited Manuscript and gave opening and closing remarks to Missionary Film, "Letter to Melitino."

Attended National Association of Free Will Baptists in
Richmond, Calif.

Served as Moderator and Treasurer of Wolverine Asso-
ciation of Free Will Baptists.

Served on Youth Camp Committee of the Wolverine
Association of Free Will Baptists.

Served as teacher at the Youth Camp.

Officiated at 29 Weddings and 4 Funerals.

Conducted four Revivals at the following churches:-

New Hope F.W.B. Church, Joelton, Tenn.

First F.W.B. Church, Red Bay, Ala.

First F.W.B. Church, East Tupelo, Miss.

Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River, Mo.

Sermons preached in Revivals 70

Number Conversions in Revivals 47

Total Number Sermons Preached152

Total Number Conversions136

Amount Received for Services:-

Pastoral Duties\$5,140.00

Evangelistic Work 650.00

Associational Treasurer 25.00

Weddings 173.00

Funerals 30.00

Foreign Mission Treasurer 200.00

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Total\$6,218.00

REV. GEORGE P. WARREN —

Preached 15 Sermons

Conversions 2

Received 9 members into church.

REV. W. T. NEWSOME —

Pastor of West Wayne F.W.B. Church

Sermons Preached 140

Weddings 2

Conducted 1 Revival

Number Members received in church 6

Number Conversions 12

Number Baptised 9

Amount received for services \$3165.00

Conducted Vacation Bible School

Attended National Bible Conference in Nashville, Tenn.

REV. HOMER E. WILLIS —

Pastor First Free Will Baptist Church, Hazel Park, Mich.

Officiated at 17 Weddings

Conducted 1 Funeral

Baptised 11

Held Revival meetings at the following churches:-

First General Baptist, Pontiac, Mich.

Fellowship F.W.B. Church, Flat River, Mo.

First F.W.B. Church, Hazel Park, Mich.

Witnessed a number of conversions in revivals in regular church services.

Received 25 members into church fellowship

Taught in two Teacher Training Institutes

Served as Director of Great Lakes Youth Camp

Attended Bible Conference, League, Sunday School and National Conventions in Nashville, Tenn.

Served as Associate Moderator of National Association, and Associate Moderator of the Wolverine Association

Served as State Director of Foreign Missions.

Served as Clerk of the Hazel Park Pastors Association

Directed Daily Vacation Bible School, and assisted in one revival in own church.

Conducted a weekly prayer meeting, and special meetings from time to time throughout the year.

Taught Bible Class in Sunday School.

Conducted Radio Program part of year, "Gems of the Word."

Received the Doctor of Bible Philosophy degree from Pioneer Seminary, Rockford, Ill.

Assisted in 2 graduation services at Hazel Park High School.

Received as salary from church — \$3,860.00.

This verse has been my prayer promise for this year, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not". Jeremiah 33:3.

Report No. 6

Woman's Auxiliary Report

Number Auxiliaries	3
Number New Members	25
Number Members Re-instated	7
Number In-active Members	12
Total Present Membership	66
Increase in Membership over last year	20
Received for —	
Fifty-Thousand Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 11.00
Special Offerings	202.41
Convention Dues	11.88
Total Receipts	216.36
Paid Out —	
Fifty-Thousand Co-Laborer Fund	\$ 11.00
Convention Dues	18.80
Other Purposes	202.21
Total Disbursements	232.01
Manual Study Classes	15
Stewardship Study Classes	1
Mission Study Classes	16
Seasons of Prayer Observed —	
Week preceeding Easter	1
Go-Tell Auxiliaries	1
Subscribers to Year Book	49
Subscribers to Manual of Methods	38
Subscribers to Working with Our Youth	5
Subscribers to Church papers	17
Number of Tithers	25
Number members engaged in directed personal service	8
Number B. Auxiliaries	1
Number C. Auxiliaries	2

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. Mildred Daniel
District President

Quarterly Financial Report

Cash on hand March 23, 1950\$1,189.01

Receipts:**Tithes**

Breckenridge\$ 50.00

West Wayne 86.43

Highland Park 423.62

Hazel Park 138.94

Flint 5.45

Philadelphia 64.00

TOTAL\$ 768.44

Foreign Missions

Breckenridge\$ 12.65

West Wayne..... 72.30

West Wayne League 5.63

Philadelphia 8.17

Flint 15.16

Highland Park 339.85

Highland Park Prayer Band 40.00

Highland Park Auxiliary 40.00

Highland Park League 40.00

Hazel Park Church 225.00

TOTAL\$ 798.76

GRAND TOTAL\$2,356.21

DISBURSEMENTS

Foreign Missions\$ 869.20

National Home Mission Board 67.61

National Super-Annuation Board 17.61

National Program 70.44

F.W.B. Bible College 70.44

Insurance Premiums 2.69

Expense to Burial Confrence 50.00

Camp Posters 30.00

Amer. Hosp. Medical Benefit 37.20

College Alumni 40.00

Evangelical Teachers Ass'n. 4.00

TOTAL\$1,259.19

BALANCE\$1,497.02

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund	\$ 584.66
Home Missions	259.29
Superannuation	653.07

TOTAL ACCOUNTS BALANCE\$1,497.02

Report No. 8

Annual Financial Report

Cash on Hand July 1, 1950\$2,081.66

Receipts

Foreign Missions

Highland Park Church	\$2,261.62
Highland Park Church - Prayer Band	180.00
Highland Park Church - Auxiliary	242.95
Highland Park Church - League	282.53
Highland Park Church - Bible Class	90.00
Hazel Park Church	860.00
District League Convention	26.00
Woman's District Auxiliary Convention	28.00
Flint Church	49.91
West Wayne Church	252.57
West Wayne Church - League	5.63
Breckenridge Church	27.65
Owensboro Church	14.00
River Rouge Church	17.00
Conference Offering	56.50
Benton Harbor Church	31.76
Thanksgiving Offering	51.39
Philadelphia Church	62.57

TOTAL\$4,540.08

Tithes

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Flint Church	\$ 30.96
West Wayne Church	333.61
Philadelphia Church	367.95
Rouge Church	107.14
Highland Park Church	1,763.55
Hazel Park Church	328.72
Breckenridge Church	50.00

TOTAL\$2,981.93

Conference Offering	\$ 38.81
Returned Deposit on Camp	50.00
Special Gift from Carl Dishman	80.00
Loose change from Camp	17.57
Received from Campers	547.00
Manuals	15.75
Sale of Barnard's Books	26.00
Conference Offering to Bible College	17.65

TOTAL\$ 792.78

TOTAL RECEIPTS\$8,314.79

GRAND TOTAL\$10,396.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator	\$ 50.00
Clerk	50.00
Expense of Delegates to National Association	250.00
Treasurer	25.00
National Association of F.W.B.	10.00
National Home Mission Board	125.85
National Superannuation	75.85
Unified Program	303.42
F.W.B. Bible College	621.07
Foreign Missions	5,842.86
Community Press	41.00
Happy Day Camp	200.00
Hazel Park F.W.B. Church for use of Bus	10.00
Blalock's Groceries	131.94
Gauss Baking Co.	12.30
Merchandise for Camp	50.00
Office Supplies	8.65
Alumni Association	140.00
Camp Literature	16.22
Mich. Dep't. of Conservation	50.00
Premiums to Super Annuation	51.87
Amer. Med. Hosp. Benefit	134.70
Rev. F. C. Zinn	10.00
Film "Letter to Melitino"	139.64
Camp Association Fee	10.00
Advance Funds for Printing	40.00
Evangelical Teacher Training	16.50

Rev. J. L. Welch	75.00
Rev. H. C. Beasley	50.00
Printing of Programs	41.00
Detroit Times	77.28
Stationery	22.00
Commercial Printing	63.50
Printing of Annual Minutes	73.78
Expense to Bible Conference	50.00
Camp Posters	30.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES\$8,899.43

BALANCE JULY 1, 1951\$1,497.02

Report No. 9

Temperance Committee Report

We recommend the same Temperance Report be used for another year. It reads as follows:-

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 anyone at the polls, who is supporting the liquor traffic.

4. That we discourgae the patronizing of any business establishment which sells beer, wine or any intoxicating drink.

5. As intoxicating drinks have neither food value nor value as a stimulant, be it resolved that this body cooperate with all other groups who are working in interest of National Prohibition.

Rev. H. E. Willis
Bro. Jessie White
Bro. Fowler Kirby

Recommendations

1. Whereas only \$20.00 has been appropriated for the Sunday School delegate, we recommend the conference appropriate another \$30.00 for his expenses to the National Sunday School Convention in Nashville, Tenn.

2. We recommend each delegate to the National Conference receive \$20.00 for expense.

3. We recommend this change in the time of the Conference meetings of the Wolverine Association — Begin meeting Thursday night before the first Sunday in December which will be the semi-annual meeting. The Annual meeting to begin on Thursday night before the first Sunday in June. With the proposed change we recommend that special Missionary offerings be sent to treasurer each month, and tithes and offerings be sent in to treasurer each three months as in the past.

4. Whereas it is reported that Bro. Lilly is ill and in need financially be it resolved that we send \$50.00 to him as a gift from the Super-annuation treasury.

5. We recommend a rising vote of thanks to the Hazel Park Church for their splendid hospitality during the setting of this Conference.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Standing Business Committee

Name	Term Expires
Rev. Raymond Riggs	1953
Bro. Ira Carpenter	1952
Rev. W. T. Newsome	1952
Bro. Claude Pinkston	1954
Bro. Frank Howell	1954

Standing Finance Committee

Bro. Ocil Dalton	1954
Bro. Preston Slocum	1952
Rev. H. E. Willis	1953

Presbytery Board

Rev. W. T. Newsome	1954
Rev. H. E. Willis	1954
Rev. Sherman Lilly	1952
Rev. Geo. P. Warren	1952
Rev. Raymond Riggs	1953

Home Mission Board

Bro. LaVan Pearce	1954
Bro. Fowler Kirby	1954
Rev. H. E. Willis	1952
Bro. Van Paschall	1952
Bro. Howard Lyle	1953

Board of Education

Rev. H. E. Willis	1954
Rev. Raymond Riggs	1954
Rev. John Roberts	1952

Superannuation Board

Rev. W. T. Newsome	1954
Rev. H. E. Willis	1954
Rev. John Roberts	1952
Rev. Sherman Lilly	1952
Bro. Van Paschall	1953

Program Committee

Rev. Sherman Lilly

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Rev. H. C. Beasley

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. H. E. Willis, 1023 Longfellow, Royal Oak, Mich.

Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk, Missionaries to India.

Rev. James Gillim, 904 Algonquin, Detroit 14, Mich.

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 206 California, Highland Park, Mich.

Rev. Edgil Howard, 18630 Dix Road, P.O. Box, 3022, Melvindale, Mich.

Rev. George P. Warren, 2106 Harwine St., Flint, Mich.

Rev. W. T. Newsome, 8375 Belleville Rd., Belleville, Mich.

Rev. Sherman Lilly, 19198 Stanley, Melvindale, Mich.

Rev. John Roberts, 9306 Murry St., Detroit Mich.

Rev. H. C. Beasley, 336 - 3rd St., Box 67, Breckenridge, Mich.

LICENTIATES

Bro. Ira Carpenter, 23048 Vassar, Hazel Park, Mich.

Bro. Van Paschall, 80 Victor Ave., Highland Park 3, Mich.

DEACON ENROLLMENT

Breckenridge Church—Earl Dutcher, Lester Kaufman, Ralph Reedle and Elmer Pullen.

Highland Park Church—Thomas Carlile, Preston Slocum, Tancel Orr, Douglas Moore and Fred McChesney.

West Wayne Church—Adolph Felan.

Hazel Park Church—LaVan Pearce, Paul Carrier, Ira Carpenter and David Allison.

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

Flint Church—Oddis Birchett.

DELEGATE ENROLLMENT

Highland Park Church—Mrs. Virginia Carnes, Mrs. Daphna Shaw and Mrs. Fred McChesney.

West Wayne Church—Claude Pinkston.

Hazel Park Church—Mrs. Lorene Shands, Mrs. Lottie Pearce and Mrs. Alta Dalton.

Philadelphia Church—Jessie White, Mrs. Ova Bean and Mrs. Nell Peppers.

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 members 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 and 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 cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

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

B Y - L A W S

(Supplement to the Constitution)

Adopted By the Association Regarding Ministerial Council and Presbytery

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.

II. Membership:

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

III. Authority:

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

Presbytery:

1. The Presbytery 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 Presbytery shall be elected by the Association as follows: one for three years, two for two years, and two for one year. Each member to be elected for three 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 Presbytery at any time, but will not be permitted to vote unless he is appointed to serve by proxy, by an absentee member or selected by a majority of the members present.

4. The purpose of the Presbytery 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 Presbytery 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 Presbytery 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 qualifications. A list of not less than twenty-five questions should be prepared by the Presbytery 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 I Timothy, chapter 3.

9. The term of license shall be one year after which local church may request another examination, and the Presbytery 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 Presbytery the same as for license or ordination.

11. Be it known that any minister or deacon coming under the hands of this Presbytery 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 Presbytery 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 are 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 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 the 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, 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, in 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; 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. CONDITION 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 an 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 3; 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 Presbytery 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 saint's 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 Able to the restitution of all things, from every kindred nation, tongue and people. Eph. 3:16-21; Heb. 12:22, 23; I Peter 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 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 willfully 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; Apostacy: 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 conscious 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 ever-

lasting punishment, and the righteous into everlasting 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 member 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 it 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and 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 principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

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

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	Received into Fellowship.....	Dismissed by Letter.....	Excluded	Deaths	Ministers	S.S. Average Attendance.....	F.W.B.L. Enrollment	Membership Enrollment.....	Woman's Aux. Membership....
..	14	1	0	0	1	45	0	85	16
Breckenridge	Rev. H. C. Beasley	Mrs. Earl Dutcher	74	4	21	5	2	178	77	362	30
Highland Park	Rev. Raymond Riggs	Mrs. H. B. Sloan	11	2	0	0	1	98	45	33	17
West Wayne	Rev. W. T. Newsome	Mrs. Adolph Felan	20	0	0	0	4	110		158	17
First Church Hazel Pk.	Rev. H. E. Willis	Louise Carte	24	4	0	0	4	64	15	70	0
Philadelphia	NONE	Frank Howell	9	0	0	0	2	35	0	17	0
Flint	Rev. Geo. P. Warren	Oddis Birchett	152	11	21	5	14	530	137	725	80
		TOTALS									