

THE WOLVERINE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Proceedings of the
11th Annual Session

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When Convened With

The Philadelphia Free Will
Baptist Church

3523 Cadillac

Detroit, Michigan

MINUTES
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ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
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Held With
The Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church
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On May 29th, 30th and 31st

OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Raymond Riggs
Assistant Moderator	Rev. William Mishler
Clerk	Mrs. Hubert B. Sloan
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. H. C. Beasley
Treasurer	Rev. William Mishler
Reporter	Van Paschall
Parliamentarian	Rev. Mark Lewis
State Foreign Mission Director	Rev. Mark Lewis
State Home Mission Director	Rev. William Mishler

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing conducted by Carson Jaquess. Opening prayer by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Welcome address by Rev. William Mishler. Response by Bro. Ira Carpenter. Special music by Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Riggs. Speaker—Rev. Paul Woolsey, returned Missionary from India. Scripture—Revelation 7. Sis. Woolsey spoke a few words of greeting. Benediction by Rev. H. C. Beasley of Breckenridge, Mich.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Scripture reading Psalm 27, by Rev. William T. Newsome. Opening prayer by Bro. Van Paschall. Due to the illness of Rev. C. E. Riggs, who was scheduled to bring the Memorial message, the program committee was requested to meet and choose a speaker for the 11 o'clock hour. In the absence of Bro. Lilly, member of the program committee, Bro. Claude Pinkston was asked to sit with this committee.

Letters from the various churches read. Also a petitionary letter was received from the Burton Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan. Motion carried that the Burton Church be received into this Association.

Roll of delegates called. Prayer of Consecration led by Rev. H. C. Beasley and Raymond Riggs.

In the absence of two members of the Finance Committee, Bros. LaVan Pearce and Claude Pinkston were appointed to serve temporarily with Bro. Preston Slocum, a regular member of the committee.

Resolution No. 2, coming from the Standing Business Committee, read and adopted. (See resolutions.)

Rev. Mark Lewis elected to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. H. E. Willis on the Presbytery Board. Those elected to serve full terms were Rev. Maurice Roach and Rev. William Mishler.

Petitionary letter from the Benton Harbor Free Will Baptist Church read and the Church admitted into the Association with delegates named.

Rev. William Mishler and Rev. Maurice Roach appointed to sit in the Presbytery Board meeting for this session.

Obituary Committee appointed as follows: Sis. Vera Roach, Lottie Pearce and Rev. George P. Warren.

Greetings and a hearty welcome extended to Rev. and Mrs. Paul Woolsey. Motion to adjourn. Carried.

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Rev. Paul Woolsey. Report of Obituary Committee received. (See reports.)

Speaker chosen to bring the Memorial message—Rev. William Mishler. Text, Hebrews 12:1-2. Benediction by Rev. J. A. Fredericks of Benton Harbor.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Singing conducted by Rev. Raymond Riggs. Opening prayer by Rev. Maurice

W. Roach. Devotional Service conducted by Rev. Milton Crowson. Scripture, Matthew 6:21. Special music by Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Jagers.

Business Committee report read and all resolutions contained therein adopted. (See reports.)

Superannuation report read by Rev. William T. Newsome. Report received.

Home Mission Board report made by Van Paschall. Report received and recommendations adopted. (See reports.) Board of Education, oral report, received as information. Finance Committee report received. (See reports.)

Oral Youth Camp Committee report received as information.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator	Rev. Raymond Riggs
Assistant Moderator	Rev. William Mishler
Treasurer	Rev. William Mishler
Clerk	Mrs. Hubert Sloan
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. H. C. Beasley
State Foreign Missions Director	Rev. Mark Lewis
Reporter	Van Paschall

District League Officers:

President	Van Paschall
Vice-President	Rev. L. V. Borden
Recording Secretary	Sylvia Mosley
Corresponding Secretary	Bro. Paul Lee
Treasurer	Robert Mosley

District Sunday School Officers:

President	Rev. William Mishler
Vice-President	Ocil Dalton
Secretary-Treasurer	Eileen Dalton

Elected Delegate to National Convention:

Gordon Brown	Alternate—Mrs. William Mishler
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Program Committee:

Rev. Milton Crowson, Rev. Maurice W. Roach, Rev. William Mishler

Business Committee:

Motion carried to retain Rev. Ira Carpenter and Rev. William T. Newsome

Standing Finance Committee:

Preston Slocum, retained

Myron Van Nada elected to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. H. E. Willis.

Home Mission Board:

Van Paschall, retained

Oddis Birchett, elected

Board of Education:

Rev. Mark Lewis elected to serve out the unexpired term of Rev H. E. Willis.

Rev. William Mishler, elected

Superannuation Board:

Rev. J. A. Fredericks elected to serve out the unexpired term of Rev. H. E. Willis, Rev. H. C. Beasley and Rev. Ira Carpenter, elected.

Agreed that the next setting of this conference be held with the West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion to send another letter of opposition to the appointment of an Ambassador to the Vatican and that a Committee of three be appointed to draft said letter. Motion carried and committee appointed as follows:

Rev. William Mishler, Chairman

Rev. Raymond Riggs

Rev. William T. Newsome

Treasurer's report read and accepted. (See reports.)

Motion carried that the incoming Treasurer receive \$50.00 per year.

Motion carried to give Bro. Riggs an additional \$25.00 for services rendered in 1951-52 and extend a rising vote of thanks for the splendid work done in the past.

Motion carried to send a cablegram to Rev. and Mrs. Dan Cronk in India.

Motion carried to send \$50.00 from the general fund to Dan and Trula Cronk.

Motion that 500 copies of the 1952 minutes be printed. Carried.

Motion that the purchase of stationery and supplies come under the direction of the Finance Committee. Carried.

A hearty welcome extended to Rev. Garner of Pontiac.

Motion carried to adjourn.

Benediction—Bro. LaVan Pearce.

FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

Singing conducted by Carson Jaquess. Opening prayer by Rev. McKinley Newsome. Special music by Philadelphia Quartet and Junior Choir. Mr. and Mrs. Jagers rendered a duet.

Rev. and Mrs. Woolsey presented costumes, and other articles used by the people of India. They also showed some slides of India. Offering of \$47.93 was received.

Benediction by Rev. Robert Garner of Pontiac.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Singing conducted by Bro. LaVan Pearce. Devotional—Psalm 133 by the Moderator. Woman's District Auxiliary Convention report made by Mrs. William Daniel. Report received as information. (See reports.)

Presbytery report accepted. (See reports.)

Motion to select one to recommend to the National Home Mission Board as State Director for Michigan. Motion carried and Rev. William Mishler elected.

Motion that a rising vote of thanks be extended all officers and boards for past labors and service in these capacities. Motion carried.

Rev. Woolsey spoke a few words of thanks and appreciation for the hospitality shown them while here.

Motion that a vote of thanks be extended to the Philadelphia Church, who have so royally entertained this conference. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn, carried. Benediction by Bro. David Allison.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Messenger—Rev. Clyde Janeway of Monroe, Mich. Scripture—Ephesians 1 (Paul's prayer for the Ephesian Church).

Benediction—Bro. Frank Howell.

Obituary:

We the Obituary Committee submit to you the following:

Acknowledging that God in His wisdom has called Mrs. Garry to her heavenly home, be it resolved that we extend our sympathy to her family and the Breckenridge Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Vera Roach
Lottie Pearce
Rev. Geo. P. Warren

Home Mission Board:

We agreed by unanimous decision to contact Rev. Purvis Norris, Sr., colored minister, to see if his request for financial aid in establishing a church is justified. (Rev. Norris has been contacted and has agreed to meet with the Home Mission Board on Saturday, June 7, 1952.) (We met with Rev. Norris and decided it would not be expedient to help him as he is of another denomination, and there are many churches of our own denomination that need aid.)

Whereas the Home Mission quota for Michigan is \$600.00, and whereas only \$253.09 has been received, be it resolved that Sunday, June 22nd be set aside as Home Mission Sunday throughout the entire Wolverine Association. All proceeds from any special offering to be forwarded to the Home Mission Board Office, 242 Victor, Highland Park, Mich., not later than June 27, 1952.

Van Paschall, Chairman
Fowler Kirby, Clerk
LaVan Pearce
Oddis Birchett
Howard Lyle

Finance Committee:

Tithes

Breckenridge Church	\$ 50.00
Burton F. W. B. Church	44.86
Highland Park Church	462.92
Philadelphia Church	50.00
First Church of Flint	15.83
First Church of Hazel Park	191.53
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Total	\$715.14

Foreign Missions

Burton F. W. B. Church	\$ 25.00
First Church of Flint	17.59
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Total 42.59

Grand Total \$757.73

Respectfully submitted,
Preston E. Slocum
LaVan Pearce
Claude Pinkston

Treasurer's Report

July 1, 1951-June 1, 1952

Cash on hand July 1, 1951\$1,475.50

Receipts

Foreign Missions

Philadelphia Church	\$ 110.33
Highland Park Church	3,552.00
West Wayne Church	94.66
Hazel Park Church	832.71
Flint Church	14.80
Breckenridge Church	19.60

Total\$4,624.10

Tithes

Breckenridge Church	106.25
Philadelphia Church	239.94
Hazel Park Church	374.47
Flint Church	15.22
Highland Park Church	1,641.47
West Wayne Church	115.19

Total\$2,492.54

Youth Camp-July, 1951 972.69

Personal Donations for Youth Camp 20.00

Campers Fees for 1952 Youth Camp 22.00

Refund by Bro. Willis on Exp. to Home Mission Board Meet. 5.00

Grand Total\$9,611.83

Disbursements

National Home Mission Board	\$ 254.84
Insurance Premiums	123.03
Rev. H. E. Willis (Exp. to National Home Mission Board Meeting)	36.20
Unified Program	205.52
Free Will Baptist Bible College	205.52
Foreign Missions	4,829.62
Office Supplies	5.45
Rev. Geo. P. Warren (Love Gift)	10.00
Van Paschall (Love Gift)	10.00
Herbert Waid (Student)	75.00
Bill McClintock (Student)	75.00
Michigan Camping Association	10.00
Free Will Baptist Lumen	40.00
National Superannuation	81.76
Postage	6.19
Projector & Screen	279.87
Expense to Bible Conference	50.00

Printing of Conference Letters	28.00
Printing of Camp Folders	57.61
Screen Cover	8.80
July 1951 Camp Disbursements	705.45
Clerk	50.00
Moderator	50.00
National Association Fee	10.00
Treasurer	25.00
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome (Car Expense)	37.75
Rev. Sherman Lilly (Love Gift))	50.00
Delegate Expense to National Association	130.00
Telephone Calls and Cablegrams	16.45
Printing of Minutes	238.00
Expense to Missionary Conference	50.00
Total	\$7,755.06

Balance June 1, 1952\$1,856.77

Balance in Various Accounts

Great Lakes Youth Camp	\$ 111.63
General Fund	791.76
Home Missions	206.48
Superannuation	615.76
Unified Program	43.71
Board of Education	43.71
Foreign Missions	43.72

Total Accounts Balance June 1, 1952\$1,856.77

Annual Report of the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention:

Number of Auxiliaries	3
Membership	76
Members received this year	24
Number of Go-Tell Bands	3
Membership	40

Benevolent and Special Work Done:

Philadelphia Church: Purchased the rug and drapes for the platform, sent clothing to Orphanage in Tennessee, donated canned goods to Youth Camp.

Hazel Park Church: Sent 100 pounds of clothing to Indian Mission in Oklahoma, 33 garments, 9 baskets and 23 trays given to the sick or needy, purchased 1 coffee urn for church, sent Christmas gift to the Cronks, made confection boxes for the Oakland County Home. Gave gift to Sis. Willey, purchased \$80.00 worth of plastic material and covered most of the seats in Church Auditorium, sent \$10.00 to the Milk Fund at Greenville, Tennessee Orphanage and donated canned goods for Youth Camp.

Highland Park Church: Purchased plastic material and made covers for organ

and piano, sent Christmas gifts to Sis. Willey, Sis. Yeley and Sis. Wilfong. Purchased Coffee Urn for Church, supported 1 Cuban Student, donated canned goods to Youth Camp, quilted one quilt, purchased blouses for all girls and made three trips out to the Orphanage in Hazel Park to mend children's clothes. One party given them by Go-Tell Band.

In addition to the above mentioned work, many of the women teach in the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Sunday School, Junior Bible School and Youth Camp. Also planned and cooperated in a week of Prayer preceeding Easter and revivals. Have done Red Cross work and assisted in Polio Drive. Regularly visit the sick, sending flowers and get-well cards.

We also want to humbly praise the Lord for several women who regularly engage in Personal Work and especially for the 15 souls won through their efforts this year.

Mrs. Mildred Daniel
D.W.A.C. President

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Rev. Raymond Riggs: Served as Pastor of the Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church; Teacher of the Bible Class; Teacher in Junior Bible School; Served as Treasurer and Assistant Moderator of the Wolverine Association; Served as Promotional Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Foreign Missions of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; Brought Missionary message during the 1951 National Convention; Brought Commencement message to the 1952 Graduates of the Free Will Baptist Bible College; Brought Good Friday message in Wayne, Michigan.

No. of Conversions in Home Church, 97; No. of Conversions during Revivals, 45; No. members Received, 74; No. Baptized, 55; Weddings, 18; Funerals, 5; Revivals, 5.

Salary, \$4,460.00; Revivals, \$1,000.00; Weddings, \$132.00; Funerals, \$50.00.

Rev. William Mishler: Pastor of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church; Sermons Preached, 130; Members Received, 41; Conversions Witnessed, 52; No. Baptized, 30; Revivals Conducted, 4; Officiated at 6 Funerals and 5 Weddings; Assisted in the Organization of Two new Free Will Baptist Churches; Amount received from Church and other services, \$3,115.00; Teacher of Adult Bible Class; Teacher in Vacation Bible School; Teacher in three sessions of Teacher Training Institute; Served as Secretary of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Free Will Baptists; Served as Chairman of the Free Will National Sunday School Board; Attended the Annual Bible and Missionary Conference and the National Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. J. A. Frederick: Pastor of the Benton Harbor Free Will Baptist Church; Sermons Preached, 75; Weddings, 6; Revivals Conducted, 2; Members Received, 27; Conversions Witnessed, 11.

Rev. Paul E. Lee: Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint; Sermons Preached, 60; Church Papers Subscribed, 1; Circulated Handbills, Did Personal Work; Conversions Witnessed, 5.

Rev. George P. Warren: Pastored First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint; Sermons Preached, 3; Weddings, 1; Church Papers Subscribed, 1; Circulated

Christian Literature; No. Members Received, 7; Amount Received for Services, \$22.00.

Rev. Maurice W. Roach: Pastor of Burton Free Will Baptist Church; Sermons Preached, 35; Church Papers Subscribed, 3; Members Received, 117; Conversions Witnessed, 3; Amount Received for Services \$40.00.

Rev. William T. Newsome, Pastored West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church; Sermons Preached, 90; Weddings, 4; Funeral, 2; Conducted a Number of Cottage Prayer Meetings; A Number of Conversions and Reclaims Witnessed; Amount Received for Services, \$3,380.00; Number Members Received, 2.

Rev. Ira Carpenter: Supply Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park; Sermons Preached, 24; Church Papers Subscribed, 1; Did Personal Work; Amount Received for Services, \$330.00.

STANDING BUSINESS COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolutions

1. Resolved that we return back to the quarterly meetings of the Association establishing the dates thus: that each quarterly meeting begin on Thursday night before the first Sunday in June, September, December and March. It is understood that the meeting in May is to be the annual meeting of the Association.

2. Whereas Rev. Mark Lewis has been called to pastor the Hazel Park Church, and Whereas Bro. Lewis is in good standing with the denomination, and whereas he plans to place his membership with the Hazel Park Church, therefore be it resolved that he be considered as available to be elected to any office in the Association that the body deems fit for him to fill.

3. Resolved that Rev. William Mishler, Rev. Maurice W. Roach, Rev. Raymond Riggs, Rev. Mark Lewis, and Rev. William Newsome be appointed to make a study of the present constitution and by-laws of the Association and that any necessary revision and changes be made and presented to the body three months before our next annual meeting.

4. Be it resolved that this Association give \$50.00 to Bro. and Sis. Paul Woolsey as an Honorarium for their services during this Conference.

5. Resolved that \$250.00 be appropriated to pay delegates expense to the National Association. This amount to be divided among the official delegates at the discretion of the delegates.

6. Resolved that Rev. Mark Lewis be appointed as parliamentarian to serve for the next year in all official meetings of the Association.

7. In the time past the Sunday School Convention and the Free Will Baptist League Rally of the Wolverine Association, has been held (alternating each time) on Saturday afternoon following the Association. We have observed that this date has not proven successful for either Organization. In view of this fact, this committee makes the following recommendations:

Be it resolved, that the Sunday School Convention and the Free Will Baptist League Rally of the Wolverine Association be held at a later date, and that the Officers of these two Organizations be authorized by this body to set the date and to plan an appropriate program for each meeting. The purpose of these meetings will be to stimulate the work of our Sunday Schools and Leagues, and

provide a time of fellowship and spiritual inspiration among the youth of our Free Will Baptist Churches in this locality.

We further recommend, that the Officers of these two Organizations be elected yearly at the Annual meeting of the Wolverine Association, hereby eliminating any business during the meetings of either Organization.

PRESBYTERY BOARD REPORT

The Presbytery Board of the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptist met at the call of the Moderator of the Association, Rev. William T. Newsome, who acted as Chairman in the absence of Rev. H. E. Willis, Chairman. The board organized with the following elected as its Officers, Rev. Maurice W. Roach, Chairman; Rev. William Mishler, Clerk.

Motion carried that the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint, Michigan, for the Ordination of Bro. Paul Lee be tabled until expiration of his license, which is November, 1952.

Motion carried that the Clerk and Chairman of this Presbytery Board prepare proper questions to be presented to Ministers seeking ordination by this Board.

Motion carried that this Board grant the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park. Request, That Bro. Woodrow Luther be ordained as Deacon of said church after proper questioning.

Motion carried that this Board grant the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park. Request, that Bro. Ira Carpenter be ordained to the full ministry of the Gospel. This request will be granted upon the return and proper answering of the Ordination Questions prepared by this board.

Motion carried that this Board grant the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park. Request, that Bro. Gene E. Anderson be granted License to preach the Gospel one year. This request will be granted upon return and the proper answering of questions prepared by this Board.

Motion carried that Bro. Ira Carpenter and Bro. Woodrow Luther be ordained at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park, Michigan, June 13, 7:30 P.M., that Bro. Gene E. Anderson be presented his license at this time also. The Chairman and Clerk being responsible to plan this Service.

COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

Standing Business Committee

Rev. Raymond Riggs, Clerk, 1953

Rev. Ira Carpenter, 1955

Rev. W. T. Newsome, Chairman, 1955

Bro. Claude Pinkston, 1954

Bro. Frank Howell, 1954

Standing Finance Committee

Bro. Ocil Dalton, 1954

Bro. Preston Slocum, 1955

Bro. Myron Van Nada, 1953

Presbytery Board

Rev. Maurice Roach, Chairman, 1955

Rev. William Mishler, Secretary, 1955

Rev. W. T. Newsome, 1954

Rev. Mark Lewis, 1954

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 1953

Home Mission Board

Bro. LaVan Pearce, 1954

Bro. Fowler Kirby, Clerk, 1954

Bro. Oddis Birchett, 1955

Bro. Van Paschall, Chairman, 1955

Bro. Howard Lyle, 1953

Board of Education

Rev. Mark Lewis, Clerk, 1954

Rev. Raymond Riggs, 1954

Rev. William Mishler, Chairman, 1955

Superannuation Board

Rev. W. T. Newsome, Chairman, 1954

Rev. J. A. Fredericks, 1954

Rev. H. C. Beasley, 1955

Rev. Ira Carpenter, Clerk, 1955

Bro. Van Paschall, 1953

Program Committee

Rev. Maurice Roach

Rev. William Mishler

Rev. Milton Crowson

ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J. A. Fredericks, 263 Conkey Drive, Benton Harbor, Michigan

Rev. Maurice W. Roach, 1067 W. Whittemore, Flint, Michigan

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

Rev. William Mishler, 2239 Parker, Detroit, Michigan

Rev. Mark Lewis, 921 E. Granet, Hazel Park, Michigan

Rev. & Mrs. Dan Cronk, Missionaries to India

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

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

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

Rev. Ira Carpenter, 23048 Vassar, Hazel Park, Michigan

Rev. Milton Crowson, 472 Vineyard, Benton Harbor, Michigan

LICENTIATES

Bro. Paul Lee, G 3231 Arlene St., Flint, Michigan

Bro. Gene Anderson, 159 West Pearl, Hazel Park, Michigan

DEACON ENROLLMENT

Breckenridge Church: Earl Dutcher, Lester Kaufman

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

West Wayne Church: Adolph Felan

Hazel Park Church: LaVan Pearce, David Allison, Paul Carrier and Woodrow Luther

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

Burton Church: Oscar Hollis, Oddis Birchett and Myron Van Nada

Benton Harbor Church: W. D. Jaggers and Johnnie Reeder

DELEGATE ENROLLMENT

Highland Park Church: Gordon Brown, Mrs. Daphna Shaw, Van Paschall, Mrs. Raymond Riggs, Mrs. Gladys Sloan

West Wayne Church: Claude Pinkston
Hazel Park Church: Mrs. Lottie Pearce, Mrs. Thelma Carpenter
Philadelphia Church: Reuben Adkins, Mrs. Fannie Rippetoe, Robert Mosley,
Mrs. Bertie Mishler, Frank Howell and Fowler Kirby
Breckenridge Church: Miss Barbara Yate and Mrs. Virginia Beasley
First Church of Flint: Mrs. Lillie Martin, Mrs. Joyce Borden, Mrs. Grace
Warren, and Mrs. Bonnie Lee.
Burton Church: Harold L. Daily, Mrs. Norma Jean Van Nada, Mrs. Vera
Roach, Mrs. Eva Birchett and Mrs. Marjorie Daily.
Benton Harbor Church: Mrs. W. D. Jagers

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. Every church in this Association shall be entitled to send the following as their representatives in this body: Ordained Ministers, deacons, licensed preachers, Pastor's wives, church clerks, General Sunday School Superintendent, General League Director, President of Woman's Auxiliary and three delegates chosen by their church.

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

6. 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.

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. The Association possesses appellate jurisdiction in all cases of difficulty that may arise in the churches.

11. Each quarterly meeting of the Association shall begin on Thursday night before the first Sunday in June, September, December and March. The meeting in May shall be the annual meeting.



BY-LAWS

(Supplement to the Constitution)

ADOPTED BY THE ASSOCIATION REGARDING MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND PRESBYTERY

I. 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 licenses 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 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 in to 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 Abel 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 23:48; 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 everlasting happiness. II Thess. 1:4-9; Rev. 14:9-13; Luke 16:23; Rev. 21:8; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 12:36; 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 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										
Breckenridge Highland Park West Wayne First Church Hazel Park Philadelphia First Church of Flint Burton Benton Harbor	Rev. H. C. Beasley	Martha Puelen	Received into Fellowship									
	Rev. Raymond Riggs	Mrs. H. B. Sloan	3	0	0	1	1	51	0	88	23	Woman's Aux. Membership
	Rev. Don Lee	Angela Felan	74	8	0	0	1	306	68	438	39	
	Rev. Mark Lewis	Louise Carte	2	2	0	0	1	98	0	27	0	
	Rev. William Mishler	Frank Howell	0	2	0	0	3	100	0	156	17	
	Bro. Paul Lee	Wynona Cooper	29	35	2	0	1	51	37	60	24	
	Rev. Maurice Roach	Mrs. Marjorie Daily	7	4	0	0	2	35	0	20	0	
	Rev. J. A. Fredericks	Mrs. Milton Crowson	17			0	1	35	0	17	12	
	Totals		132	51	2	1	12	676	105	833	115	

