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OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OF

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HIGHLAND PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

242 VICTOR AVENUE

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On May 30th, May 31st, June 1st

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OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Assistant Moderator	Rev. William T. Newsome
Clerk	Mrs. Blanche G. Maynard
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Violet Newsome
Treasurer	Rev. Thurman Pate
Reporter	Paul Robinson
Parliamentarian	Rev. L. H. Clayton
State Foreign Mission Director	Rev. Gene Anderson
State Home Mission Director	Rev. Glenn E. Thomas
Promotional Secretary	Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Member of the General Board of the National Ass'n	Rev. Thurman Pate

Committees and Boards

Board of Finance

Rev. William T. Newsome, 1958

Bro. Carl Brown, 1960

Bro. Claude Pinkston, 1959

Bro. Ezra Walker, 1961

Bro. Hildred Beadles, 1962

Presbytery Board

Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 1958

Rev. Thurman Pate, 1960

Rev. William T. Newsome, 1959

Rev. Glenn Thomas, 1961

Rev. Joseph Ange, 1962

Home Mission Board

Bro. Carl Kilgore, 1958

Bro. Dan Thomas, 1960

Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 1959

Rev. William T. Newsome, 1961

Bro. Tancil Orr, 1962

Board of Education

Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 1958

Bro. Paul Robinson, 1960

Rev. Gene Anderson, 1959

Rev. Thurman Pate, 1961

Pastor of Philadelphia Church, 1962

Superannuation Board

Rev. J. A. Fredericks, 1958

Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 1960

Rev. Harold Lucas, 1959

Rev. Henry Litteral, 1961

Rev. Max Allbritten, 1962

Sunday School and League Board

Rev. Max Allbritten, 1958

Rev. Gene Anderson, 1960

Bro. Roscoe Bird, 1959

Bro. Dan Thomas, 1961

Bro. Donald Creech, 1962

Program Committee

Rev. Glenn E. Thomas

Rev. Mark M. Lewis

Rev. Leo Worley

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. William Newsome followed with prayer led by Bro. David Allison.

The Welcome was extended to the Conference by the host pastor, Rev. Charles Thigpen. The Response was given by Bro. Hildred Beadles of the Hazel Park Church.

The Moderator, Rev. Mark M. Lewis made the pertinent announcements pertaining to the program for the balance of this Annual Session, followed with another congregational song and prayer led by Bro. Theodore Jones.

The Moderator introduced Dr. Homer E. Willis, Promotional-Secretary of the National Home Mission Board and feature speaker for this conference. Bro. Willis brought the evening message from Rom. 1:16, followed with prayer.

The service was dismissed with a fellowship handshake with Bro. Willis and one another.

FRIDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The session was opened with congregational singing directed by Rev. Gene Anderson. Prayer was offered by Rev. George P. Warren.

Rev. Charles Thigpen brought the morning devotional from Rev. 3:20, followed with prayer.

Announcements were made by the Moderator.

The receiving and reading of the Church Letters was called for. Thirteen letters were received and the churches were represented with elected and standing delegations as follows:

	Elected	Standing
1. Benton Harbor Church	3	1
2. Breckenridge Church	0	1
3. Burton Church	By letter only	
4. Crusaders Church	0	2
5. First Church of Dearborn	3	3
6. First Church of Hazel Park	6	2
7. First Church of Flint	5	3
8. Friendship Church	3	3
9. Grace Church	0	1
10. Highland Park Church	6	5
11. Philadelphia Church	4	1
12. Rouge Church	3	1
13. West Wayne Church	1	0

The Moderator read Article III of the Constitution pertaining to representation in the Wolverine Association.

The standing delegates were recognized and charged by the Moderator. A motion was carried to receive the church letters and to seat the elected delegation.

The Moderator then read the Rules of Decorum to the body and recognized and charged the elected delegation.

The entire body stood and were led in a prayer of consecration by Bro. Tancil Orr.

The Moderator recognized visiting brethren in the persons of Rev. Milton Hollowfield, who is now engaged in a revival at the West Wayne Church and Dr. Homer E. Willis, Promotional Secretary of the National Home Mission Board. Both of these men were asked for and gave their testimonies and they were invited to be seated in council with this body.

A roll call of Standing Boards and Committees was made. The Moderator appointed an Obituary Committee as follows: Rev. George P. Warren, Chm., Sister Lottie Pearce and Sister Anna Collins.

A Temporary Business Committee was appointed as follows: Rev. Charles Thigpen, Chm., Rev. Harold Lucas, Rev. Gene Anderson, Bro. Tancil Orr, Bro. Theodore Jones. Dr. Homer E. Willis was asked to meet with this Committee as an honorary member.

The session as adjourned in prayer led by Rev. Mark M. Lewis.

FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

After a brief recess, congregational singing was led by Rev. William Newsome, followed with prayer led by J. Reford Wilson.

Special music was rendered by Miss Peggy Cochran, who sang a solo.

Dr. Homer E. Willis brought the morning message from Gen. 22:8.

The service was dismissed with a fellowship handshake and prayer led by Bro. Van Paschall.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

Opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Gene Anderson and followed in prayer led by Rev. Harold Lucas.

Miss Cochran again sang a solo entitled, "The Old Rugged Cross."

Rev. Gene Anderson brought the devotional thought from II Sam. 13:4.

The Assistant Moderator, Rev. William Newsome assumed charge of the session and called for the report of the Promotional Secretary which was read by Rev. Mark Lewis. A motion was made and sustained to receive the report and to adopt the two recommendations contained therein. This motion was amended to include a rising vote of thanks to Bro. Lewis for his splendid work in this office. The motion was carried as amended.

The Annual Treasurer's report was read by Rev. Thurman Pate. A motion was carried to receive the report as read.

The Annual Ministerial reports were read and a motion was carried to receive same as information.

A tardy letter from the First F. W. B. Church of Toledo was received and read. A motion was carried to receive the letter and to seat the 1 elected and 1 standing delegate present.

A partial report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. J. Reford Wilson. Bro. Tancel Orr's name was placed in nomination to fill the vacancy on the Home Mission Board. Bro. Orr was elected by acclamation.

A motion was carried to adjourn this business session and a closing prayer was offered by Rev. Hollifield.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. William Newsome and followed with prayer led by Sis. Anna Collins.

Announcements were made by the Moderator.

Special music was rendered by the Good News Quartette from the First Church of Dearborn.

Dr. Homer E. Willis brought the evening message from John 7:11 followed with prayer.

Bro. Willis gave the Conference some pertinent information concerning the National Home Mission work.

Rev. Charles Thigpen presented the program for the coming Michigan State Association.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Erwin Sells.

SATURDAY MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Glenn Thomas, followed with prayer offered by Rev. J. A. Frederick.

Bro. Max Allbritten brought the morning devotional from Psalm 73:1-22.

The minutes of this Annual Session thus far were read and approved.

Additional elected and standing delegates not present in yesterday's session were recognized and charged by the Moderator.

The report of the Presbytery Board was read by Rev. Glenn Thomas. A motion was carried to receive the report as read.

An oral report concerning Foreign Missions was given by Rev. Mark Lewis in which he stated that the newly adopted 1958 Foreign Mission quota for Michigan would be \$20,000.00. A motion was made and sustained that the Wolverine Association go on record as supporting the above mentioned state goal.

The report of the Home Mission Board was read by Rev. William Newsome. A motion was carried to receive the report.

The Board of Finance report was read by Rev. William Newsome. A motion was carried to adopt the report and the recommendations contained therein.

The report of the Temporary Business Committee was read by Rev. Gene Anderson. A motion was carried to adopt this report which contained four recommendations, in it's entirety. A standing vote was taken.

The report of the Obituary Committee was called for. A motion was carried to receive the report. The body stood in a moment of silent meditation in memory of these loved ones and then were led in audible prayer by Sis. Blanche Maynard.

The report of the Constitution Revision Committee was read by Rev. Charles Thigpen. This report contained two recommendations and a motion was carried to adopt same as read.

Two additional ministerial reports were received and read. A motion was carried to receive these reports and to grant these men their annual ministerial certificates.

As was previously voted last quarter, the next quarterly session will be held with the First F. W. B. Church in Flint.

The report of the Nominating Committee was read by Rev. J. Reford Wilson. Officers and Board and Committee members were elected as follows:

Moderator—Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Assistant Moderator—Rev. William T. Newsome
Clerk—Mrs. Blanche G. Maynard
Assistant Clerk—Mrs. Violet Newsome
Treasurer—Rev. Thurman Pate
Reporter—Paul Robinson
Parliamentarian—Rev. L. H. Clayton
State Foreign Mission Director—Rev. Gene Anderson
State Home Mission Director—Rev. Glenn E. Thomas
Promotional Secretary—Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Member of the General Board of the National Ass'n—
Rev. T. M. Pate
Board of Finance—Bro. Hildred Beadles
Presbytery Board—Rev. Joseph Ange
Home Mission Board—Bro. Tancil Orr
Board of Education—???????e
Superannuation Board—Rev. Max Allbritten; Rev.
Harold Lucas elected to fill the unexpired term
of Rev. J. Reford Wilson.
Sunday School and League Board—Bro. Donald Creech
Program Committee—Rev. Mark M. Lewis
Rev. Glenn E. Thomas
Rev. Leo Worley

A motion was made and sustained that we approve the Constitution and By-Laws of the Michigan State Association and that we approve petitioning the National Association for membership as a State Association. Carried.

The Nominating Committee was asked to meet during the morning worship service and prepare nominations for delegates to the State Association and those to be recommended to the State as National delegates.

SATURDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. William Newsome. Prayer was led by Bro. Carl Brown.

DELEGATE ENROLLMENT

BENTON HARBOR CHURCH—Rev. J. A. Frederick, Henry Bell, Martha Sue Frederick, Mary Weaver.
BRECKENRIDGE CHURCH—Rev. Gene Anderson.
BURTON CHURCH—By letter only.
CRUSADERS CHURCH—Rev. Thurman Pate, William Perry, Miss Hattie Manning, Ralph Shatterly.
FIRST CHURCH OF DEARBORN—Rev. William T. Newsome, Clark Graham, Jean Graham, Novella McCuiston, Katherine Newsome, Sharon Newsome, Opal Barrett, Vernon Sargent.
FIRST CHURCH OF HAZEL PARK—Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Thelma Lewis, Alta Dalton, Lottie Pearce, Louise Carte, Madeline Whiteaker, Saundra Lewis, Ruth Hornburger, Blanche G. Maynard.

FIRST CHURCH OF FLINT—Rev. Harold Lucas, Richard Sample, J. W. Callwell, Howard Bond, Connie Baker, Louise Cannon, Bertie Lucas, Roy Baker.

FIRST CHURCH OF TOLEDO—Rev. L. H. Clayton, Roy Young, Roy Mattox, Selma Poole.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH—Stanford Trigg, Reed Powell, Gracie Warren, Aillene McMahn, Rev. George P. Warren, Vida Trigg.

GRACE CHURCH—Rev. Glenn E. Thomas, Sis. Loetta Chaney.

HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH—Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Carl Brown, Debby McQueen, Anna Collins, Laura Kenemer, Betty Daniel, Paul Robinson, Tancel Orr, Preston Slocum, Douglas Moore.

PHILADELPHIA CHURCH—Rev. J. Reford Wilson, Fowler Kirby, Willard Redden, Vera Wassam, Mrs. Frank Howell, Mrs. Bert Graves.

ROUGE CHURCH—Rev. Leo Worley, Peggy Cochran, Wilma Wilson, Emma Cochran, Mattie Shelton.

WEST WAYNE CHURCH—Rev. James Allbritten, Gladys Hogan, Clisten Robbins.

The Moderator recognized and welcomed the Promotional Secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, Rev. Raymond Riggs who brought greetings to the Association.

Dr. Homer E. Willis brought the final message from Psalm 92:12.

Following the message, an ordination service was held in which Bro. Max Allbritten and Bro. Theodore Jones, both of the Highland Park Church, were ordained to the full ministry of the Gospel.

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS SESSION

The Conference was again called into a business session and the final report of the Nominating Committee was read. The following 24 names were placed in nomination and were elected as delegates to the State Association:

Phineas Davenport	Dick Sample	Paul Robinson
Fowler Kirby	Hugh Allen	Vera Sheridan
Ocil Dalton	Violet Newsome	Anna Collins
Lottie Pearce	Peggy Cochran	Madeline Whiteaker
Carl Brown	Mrs. Royce Hogan	Mildred Daniel
Loetta Chaney	Claud Pinkston	Eileen Dalton
Henry Newsome	Howard Lyle	Vera Wassam
Mrs. Carl Kilgore	Frances Walker	William Allbritten

Also, the Committee submitted four names as delegates to the National Association and asked that one more be named from the floor. Sis. Vera Sheridan's name was placed in nomination and all five were elected by acclamation. Their names are as follows:

Carl Brown	Paul Robinson	Mildred Daniel
Ezra Walker	Vera Sheridan	

A motion was carried to adjourn and the session was closed with prayer led by Bro. Claude Pinkston.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mark M. Lewis, Moderator
Mrs. Mildred Daniel, Clerk

REPORTS

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

February 28th to June 1st, 1957

Your Promotional Secretary is happy to greet you in this the second Annual Meeting of the Wolverine Association since this office was created. God has, and is yet, adding His blessing to our work here in this great field. The work of the Promotional Office has been some different during this quarter to others. Still, it has been a blessing to serve you in this capacity. My time for service in the office has been quite limited, but the blessing has been full.

Services Conducted or Preached in:

1. Spoke in the World Day of Prayer service at the Highland Park Church.
2. The Bill Whiteaker Family and the Promotional Secretary went to the Breckenridge church and held special service in an effort to arouse new interest in the work, and assist the pastor, Rev. Gene Anderson, in securing a greater interest in the work as a whole. The Whiteaker Family sang, and Promotional Sec'y brought the message.—Traveled 240 miles.
3. Visited and preached in the prayer service of the Rouge Church. After the service counceled with two of the deacons pertaining to their pastoral relations, and on coming election.—Traveled 34 miles. (The church has since elected Rev. Leo Worley as their Pastor, and the Presbytery Board has ordained him.)

Letters Written and Received:

1. To Rev. Homer E. Willis informing him of the time and place for the Annual Session of the Association. Also, informing him that he had been selected as the feature speaker for the session.
2. 3-5-57—To Rev. Charles Morgan expressing the regrets of the Association at the disbanding of the Mid-Way Church, and informing him that his letter of recommendation from the Presbytery Board would be forth-coming.
3. 3-5-57—To Rev. Gene Anderson proposing a special service at the Breckenridge Church for March 30. (This we had talked of during the session.)
4. 3-9-57—Received letter from Rev. H. E. Willis accepting invitation to be the Speaker at the annual session of the Association at Highland Park.
5. 5-7-57—Got out Fourteen Form letters to pastors to promote the session of the Youth Camp for 1957, and announce the ministers meeting at the Highland Park Church. (The Youth Camp Session is shaping up slowly: Prayer is needed.)

Phone Calls:

Deacon Ezra Walker of the Philadelphia Church called and informed Promotional Sec'y of the resignation of their Pastor. Bro. Walker desired names of ministers that might be available for the Philadelphia Church. Two names were submitted, and further council was promised at the session of the Association.

Council Meetings with Pastors & etc.

1. Met with the Home Missions Board, and the director of Home Missions, at the Hazel Park Church. Plans were discussed for the reorganization of the board, and study a plan of action for them. Prom. Sec'y. advised a re-organization of the board at this session, and a regular quarterly meeting. (Pray For Them.) 5-25-57

Visits & Social Calls:

1. Visited the Highland Park and the Philadelphia Revivals.
2. Accompanied Bro. Dave Franks to Flint for Joint meeting with the Friendship and First Church. Trip was part of Missionary itinerary as previously arranged. 4-8-57
3. Accompanied Bro. Glenn Thomas & Rev. H. E. Willis to Home Missions Meeting at the Crusader Church. 5-28-57

Assistance to Denominational Promotional Men & etc.

1. On behalf of the Foreign Missions Board Prom. Sec'y. Arranged an itinerary for Bro. Dave Franks in the area at the close of his Missions Candidate Training Program. Seven phone calls were made resulting in six services at the following places:
 1. Faith Free Will Baptist Church.
 2. Clark Street Baptist Church, Monroe, Mich.
 3. Rouge F. W. B. Church.
 4. First, and Friendship F. W. B. in Flint.
 5. Free Will Baptist Temple.
 6. West Wayne F. W. B. Church.

The Itinerary was considered a success.

In closing the report I call your attention to the fact that two of our churches are, at this time, seeking the Lord for leadership pertaining to choice of new pastors. They are—Philadelphia—and Highland Park. May we pray with our brethren in this important matter.

I recommend that Rev. Chas. A. Thigpen, the retiring pastor of the Highland Park Church; together with Rev. J. Reford Wilson, retiring pastor of the Philadelphia Church, be given a vote of thanks for their splendid work in their respective churches and the Wolverine Ass'n. May God richly bless them as they go to new fields of labor.

I recommend that both Brother Thigpen and Bro. Wilson be given the usual \$25.00 love gift from the Assn'. treas.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mark M. Lewis—Prom. Sec'y.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Since the last Annual Conference of the Wolverine Association, our Lord has seen fit to call home some of our beloved brothers and sisters. They are as follows:

Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church

Donna Jean Negus

Elmer Watkins

Raymond Madera

Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church

Mary Johns

Crusader Free Will Baptist Church
Mary Clark

We, of the Obituary Committee, recommend that we stand in a moment of silent meditation in memory of these loved ones who have gone before us to be with the Lord.

Rev. George P. Warren, Chm.
Lottie Pearce
Anna Collins

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT
JUNE 1, 1956 - JUNE 1, 1957

RECEIPTS

TITHES	
Breckenridge	\$ 249.81
Burton	32.13
Benton Harbor	205.95
Crusaders	120.00
Dearborn	404.71
Friendship	234.00
Grace	110.95
Hazel Park	901.23
Highland Park	2,958.13
Philadelphia	981.57
Toledo	191.76
West Wayne	265.68
Total	\$ 6,655.92

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Breckenridge	\$ 25.79
Burton	31.86
Crusaders	65.00
Dearborn	40.00
Friendship	241.00
Flint 1st	45.00
Grace	82.97
Hazel Park	921.00
Highland Park	5,285.92
Rouge	135.07
Toledo	15.00
West Wayne	224.29
Total	\$ 7,112.90

HOME MISSIONS

Crusaders	\$ 10.00
Crusaders (on loan)	100.00
Flint	45.00
Grace	20.00
Highland Park	737.20
West Wayne	112.13
Toledo	15.00
Total	\$ 1,039.33

BIBLE COLLEGE

Crusaders	\$ 5.00	
Highland Park	1,351.00	
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Total		\$ 1,356.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Youth Camp Receipts	\$1,276.69	
Minister's payment on Blue Cross	570.62	
Minister's payment on Life Ins.:		
Rev. Charles Thigpen	21.22	
Rev. Wm. T. Newsome	22.00	
Rev. Reford Wilson	20.62	
Rev. Thurman Pate	28.53	
West Wayne (Nat'l League Bd.)	22.10	
West Wayne (Wolverine League)	22.12	
Gifts from Promotional Secretary (tithe on salary)	100.00	
Special offerings in Promotional Secretary's Work..	9.10	
Garden City Revival Receipts	103.86	
Special offering for Bill McClintock	42.34	
Returned check from Bill McClintock	42.34	
Returned check from Rev. Jaggers	10.00	
Philadelphia Church (Inter-Mission)	30.00	
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Total		\$ 2,321.54
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TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$18,485.69
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GRAND TOTAL		\$20,785.40

DISBURSEMENTS

National Co-op Program	\$2,662.27
Foreign Missions	7,112.90
Home Missions	939.33
Bible College	1,556.00
Mich. Hosp. Service (Blue Cross)	934.38
Nat'l Superannuation Bd. (Life Ins.):	
Rev. John Floyd	37.14
Paul Robinson	21.19
Rev. Charles Thigpen	42.44
Rev. Mark Lewis	28.80
Rev. Reford Wilson	41.24
Rev. T. M. Pate	57.06
Rev. W. T. Newsome	43.94
College Students:	
Rev. W. D. Jaggers	70.00
Rev. John Edwards	90.00
Rev. D. Roberson	90.00
Delegates to National Association	125.00
Rev. Mark Lewis (Salary)	600.00
Rev. Mark Lewis (Travel Expense)	136.82
Youth Camp	1,174.21
National League Board	22.10

Office Supplies	48.10	
Printing of Association Minutes	234.23	
Dues to Michigan State Association	25.00	
Inter-Mission Training	100.00	
Rev. Dave Franks	340.00	
Phone Call by Promotional Secretary	2.70	
National Association Fee	5.00	
E.T.T.A. Teachers (Travel Expense):		
Rev. T. M. Pate	7.20	
Rev. Wilson	10.20	
Phone Call	1.25	
Manufacturers Bank (Check Book)	3.05	
Garden City Revival	225.02	
Refund to J. Floyd on Insurance	1.50	
American Camping Association	10.00	
Gifts:		
Rev. W. S. Mooneyham	140.00	
Rev. Clyde Janeway	15.00	
Rev. John Floyd	25.00	
Flint 1st	200.00	
Grace Church	200.00	
Dan and Trula Cronk	100.00	
Dearborn	200.00	
Rev. Bill McClintock	42.34	
F. W. B. Lumen	40.00	
Travel Expense to Bible Conference:		
Rev. Gene Anderson	20.00	
Rev. Charles A. Thigpen	20.00	
Rev. T. M. Pate	20.00	
Rev. Dave Franks	20.00	
Philadelphia Church (Loan)	1,000.00	
Printing of Youth Camp Folders	33.86	
Bonding of Treasurer	5.00	
Hazel Park Church for phone call	1.82	
Paul Robinson (Reimbursement)	37.75	
Rev. Mark Lewis (Moderator)	50.00	
Rev. T. M. Pate (Treasurer)	50.00	
Mrs. Mildred Daniel (Clerk)	100.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$19,118.94
Balance June 1, 1957		\$ 1,666.46

BALANCE IN VARIOUS ACCOUNTS

General Fund	\$ 358.92	
Superannuation	338.92	
Youth Camp	361.64	
Wolverine League	49.26	
Home Missions	570.42	
Inter-Missions	12.70	
Total Accounts		\$ 1,666.46

BOARD OF FINANCE REPORT

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Benton Harbor Church	\$ 68.15	
Breckenridge	68.49	
Burton Church	12.23	
Crusaders Church	10.00	
First Church of Dearborn	150.00	
First Church of Hazel Park	210.17	
Grace Church	26.02	
Highland Park Church	680.07	
Philadelphia Church	372.40	
West Wayne Church	74.13	
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Total		\$ 1,671.66

Foreign Missions

Breckenridge Church	\$ 5.17	
Burton Church	15.00	
Crusaders Church	12.00	
First Church of Dearborn	30.00	
First Church of Flint	15.00	
First Church of Toledo	5.00	
Friendship Church	59.00	
Grace Church	31.02	
Highland Park Church	851.56	
Rouge Church (Credited to Rev. Franks).....	16.07	
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Total		\$ 1,041.15

Home Missions

Breckenridge Church	\$ 5.17	
Crusaders Church	5.00	
First Church of Toledo	5.00	
Grace Church	5.00	
Highland Park Church	94.61	
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Total		\$ 114.78

Miscellaneous

Crusader Church (On Loan)	\$ 75.00	
Crusader Church (Bible College)	5.00	
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Total		\$ 80.00
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GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$ 2,907.59

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that each church make special effort to support the Bible College and Home Missions.
2. We recommend that each delegate sent to the National Association be given \$50.00.
3. We recommend that the Wolverine Association give Rev. Homer Willis \$125.00.

We, your Board of Finance have examined the books of the Associational Treasurer and found everything in order.

Rev. William T. Newsome, Chairman
Carl Brown
Claude Pinkston
Ezra Walker

REPORT OF TEMPORARY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Church Letter Form to the Wolverine Association be revised and that we print one thousand copies.
2. We recommend that the Wolverine Association instruct the Clerk to write each church and encourage the church to pay in full or in part the expenses of their Pastor to the National Association in Birmingham, Alabama.
3. We recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given the officers of this conference for their untiring and faithful leadership during this year.
4. We recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Highland Park Church and to the ladies who prepared the meals for their generous entertainment during the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Gene Anderson

REPORT OF CONSTITUTION & REVISION COMMITTEE

Recommendations:

1. That we print in our Minutes a copy of "Articles of Faith" instead of the copy of "Doctrine" heretofore printed.
2. That the Constitution and Revision Committee be retained in the Wolverine Association.

Rev. Chas. A. Thigpen, Chairman

PRESBYTERY MINUTES — MAY 31, 1957 HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH

Presbytery board met at the Highland Park F. W. B. Church at annual conference.

Members of the board present were as follows:

Rev. Mark Lewis, Chairman
Rev. Thurman Pate, Vice-Chairman
Rev. Glenn Thomas, Clergyman
Rev. Wm. Newsome, Moderator
Rev. J. A. Fredrick (Thigpen Proxy)

Business Passed on:

1. Rev. Ira Nix, former pastor of Friendship Church requested by letter that this association send a letter of dismissal to the local conference in Alabama where he is now working, motion made to grant request, and letter of recommendation to be sent.
2. Examined Rev. Roy Young, now a member of the Toledo Church, concerning membership with this association. Rev. Young was asked to wait until he had been a member for at least six months before the presbytery could act. He gracefully agreed.

3. Examined credentials of Rev. Stanford Trigg, now pastor of the Friendship Church. Accepted his credentials, and welcomed him into full fellowship of this association.
4. Received ordination questionnaire from Bro. Theodore Jones, and upon a passing grade. Motion made to proceed with ordination at selected time.
5. Motion made to ordain Bro. Reed Powell of the Friendship Church to the office of deacon as requested by his Church. Ordination will be arranged as soon as possible at local church.
6. Motion made to extend license of Bro. Coy Powell for another year.
7. Motion made to retain Rev. W. D. Jagers as a minister in good standing pending his ministerial report to be mailed in.
8. Questioned Bro. Henry Bell of Benton Harbor Church for license to preach the Gospel, he was found in accord with F. W. B. faith and practice, Motion made to grant license questionnaire, and upon satisfactory answer, he be granted a license.
9. Received ordination questionnaire from Bro. Max Albritten and gave a grade of 95%. Motion made to proceed with ordination.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Glenn Thomas, Pres. Clerk

PRESBYTERY MINUTES — MAY 12, 1957

Met with the Rouge Free Will Baptist Church for ordination of Bro. Leo Worley to the full Gospel ministry, ordination questionnaire was received and Bro. Worley was given a grade of 95%.

Services were opened at 2:30 p.m. with singing and prayer, Rev. Mark Lewis took charge of the service and gave announcements concerning youth camp sessions for this year then proceeded with ordination services.

Scripture reading 1st Timothy, Ch. 3, read and commented on by Rev. Lewis and gave charge.

Bible presented by Rev. Thurman Pate.

Rev. Wm. Newsome prayed the ordination prayer.

Rev. Glenn Thomas presented the Certificate.

After a good time of fellowship with the people of Rouge Church we were dismissed in prayer.

PRESBYTERY MINUTES — MARCH 2, 1957

Met at the West Wayne F. W. B. Church with Bro. Hildred Beadles as requested by his Church on request for ordination, Motion made that a letter of clarification be drafted to Hazel Park Church on requirements for ordination.

Letter was sent on March 2nd, 1957. There was no other business transacted.

MINISTERIAL REPORTS

Rev. James M. Albritten: Served as intirem Pastor of West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church.

Sermons preached	18
Conversions witnessed	2
Rededications	4
Received for services	\$250.00

Rev. Gene Anderson: Served as Pastor of Breckenridge Free Will Baptist Church; teacher of Intermediate Class; member of Board of Education and Sunday School and League Boards; served as State Foreign Mission Director; member of Gratiot County Ministerial Association where I conducted one week of Radio Services and one week as Hospital Chaplain; attended Bible Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.

Messages preached	96
Prayer meeting conducted	36
Professions witnessed	6
Rededications	several
Funerals	1
Received for services rendered	\$2,400.00

Rev. Ira S. Carpenter: Served as supply Pastor of West Wayne Free Will Baptist Church for seven months; teacher of Adult Bible Class of Hazel Park Free Will Baptist Church previous to the above service.

Sermons preached	79
Conversions witnessed	3
Rededications	3
Members received into the church	4
Weddings performed	3
Received for services rendered	\$730.00

Rev. J. A. Frederick: Served in the Evangelistic Field from June 1st to September 16th; served as Pastor of the Niles Free Will Baptist Church from September 16th to December 7th; served as Pastor of the Benton Harbor Free Will Baptist Church from December 7th to date; served on the Superannuation Board.

Sermons preached	104
Conversions	34
Revivals conducted	1
Wedding ceremonies	2
Funerals conducted	2
Received for services rendered	\$720.00

Rev. W. D. Jaggers: Attended Free Will Baptist Bible College from September to March.

Sermons preached	28
Conversions witnessed	8
Revivals assisted in	2
Weddings performed	1
Gospel tracts distributed	246
Special numbers in song rendered	18

Rev. Mark M. Lewis: Served as Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Hazel Park; teacher of Young Married People's Class of the church; Moderator of Wolverine Association of Michigan; Promotional Secretary of Wolverine Association; Chairman of Presbytery Board of Wolverine Association; Chairman of Program Committee of Wolverine

Association; member of Board of Education of Wolverine Association; Chairman-Director of Great Lakes Youth Camp; Chairman of Board of Foreign Mission of National Association of Free Will Baptists; member of Executive Committee of General Board of National Association of Free Will Baptists; Assistant teacher in E. T. T. A. Class held at Crusader Church: Attended National Association of Free Will Baptists at Huntington, West Virginia, Missionary Conference at Nashville, Tennessee, The Michigan State Association of Free Will Baptists and all sessions of the Wolverine Association.

Sermons preached	132
Revivals conducted	2
Professions witnessed	28
Received into the Church	17
Baptized	13
Weddings performed	4
Funerals conducted	4

Received for all services rendered:

First Free Will Baptist Church	\$4,481.00
Revivals	175.00
Moderator of Wolverine Association	50.00
Promotional Secretary-Wolverine Association	600.00
Weddings	32.00
Funerals	5.00
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Total received	\$5,343.00

Rev. Harold Lucas: Guest Speaker for Oceana Free Will Baptist Ministerial Meeting, Oceana, West Virginia. Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Flint.

Sermons preached	102
Number of revivals	1
Number conversions witnessed	32
Baptized	10
Weddings	1
Funerals	1
Dedications of Babies	5

Rev. William T. Newsome: Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Dearborn; teacher of Adult Bible Class; assistant Moderator of Wolverine Association; Chairman of Board of Finance; Clerk of State Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan; Clerk-Treasurer of Ministers Fellowship; member of Presbytery Board and Home Mission Board; attended National Association at Huntington, West Virginia.

Sermons preached	110
Weddings performed	1
Conversions witnessed	11
Baptized	6

Rev. Ira D. Nix:

Conversions witnessed	25	
Baptized	20	
Received into church	39	
Weddings	5	
Received		\$ 25.00
Public Prayers	125	
Traveled approx. miles	1,000	
Received from church (salary)		\$3,190.00

Rev. Thurman Pate: Pastor of Crusaders Church; teacher of Adult Bible Class; Treasurer of Wolverine Association; served on Presbytery Board; taught in E. T. T. A. Classes; served on the General Board of the National Association; attended the National Association in Huntington, West Virginia; attended the Spring Conference in Nashville, Tennessee,

at the Bible College.

Sermons preached	164	
Conversions witnessed	56	
Baptized	25	
Members received	33	
Funerals	3	
Weddings	7	
Amount for services		\$ 83.00
Amount for salary		3,551.00
Total received		\$3,634.00

Rev. Charles A. Thigpen: Pastor of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church Moderator of National Association of Free Will Baptists; Chairman of Executive Committee of General Board of N. A. of F. W. B.; President of Greater Detroit Evangelical Minister's Fellowship; member of Presbytery Board of Wolverine Association; teacher of Adult Bible Class of Highland Park Free Will Baptist Church; Dean of Teacher Training session for Wolverine Association.

Sermons preached	120	
Revivals conducted	2	
Professions witnessed	55	
Received into church	42	
Baptized	41	
Weddings performed	8	
Funerals preached	6	
Received as salary		\$5,460.00

1. Attended Bible Conference in Nashville, Tennessee
2. Attended National Association of Free Will Baptists
3. Attended all sessions of Wolverine Association
4. Attended National Sunday School Association Convention
5. Attended National League Convention.

Rev. Glenn A. Thomas: Pastor of Grace Free Will Baptist Church, taught Junior Boys S. S. Class at local church; served as Assistant Director of Great Lakes Youth Camp; served as State Home Missions Director; served on Program Committee; served as Clerk of Presbytery Board.

Sermons preached	98
Decisions witnessed	23

Rev. Stanford Trigg: Traveled approximately 3,500 miles in connection with services rendered.

Sermons preached	30
Radio Programs conducted (on my own) ..	13
Other Radio Programs	8
Helped conduct services, Old Folks Home	6
Special Gospel Singing (Wife and Myself)	20
Professions witnessed	2
Baptized	1
Helped conduct funerals	1
Rev. George P. Warren:	
Sermons preached	12
Weddings	1

Rev. J. Reford Wilson: I became Pastor of the Philadelphia Free Will Baptist Church, October 1, 1956.

Sermons preached	67
Conversions witnessed	17
Baptized	8
Received into the church	16
Weddings performed	1
Funerals conducted	1

In doing my Ministerial duties I have traveled 8,700 miles and
Received\$3,085.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS

- Rev. James M. Allbritten, 43 Gerald, Highland Park, Michigan
- Rev. Gene Anderson, Breckenridge, Michigan
- Rev. Ira S. Carpenter, 23048 Vassar, Hazel Park, Michigan
- Rev. L. H. Clayton, 830 Western, Toledo, Ohio
- Rev. Daniels Cronk, Missionary to India
- Rev. John Edwards, 842 Campbell Avenue, Flint, Michigan
- Rev. J. A. Frederick, 3547 Blue Creek Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan
- Rev. W. H. Guinn, 164 Richter, River Rouge, Michigan
- Rev. W. D. Jaggers, Hackelburg, Alabama, Route #1
- Rev. Theodore Jones, 12353 Hawthorne, Detroit, Michigan
- Rev. Don Lee, Address Unknown
- Rev. Mark M. Lewis, 23082 Hazelwood, Hazel Park, Michigan

Rev. Henry Litteral, 1036½ W. 12th Street, Flint, Michigan
 Rev. Harold Lucas, 947 Lealand Street, Flint 7, Michigan
 Rev. Bill McClintock, Milton-Freewater, Oregon
 Rev. William Mishler, Headquarters Bldg., Nashville, Tennessee
 Rev. Charles Morgan, 1042 Huntley Road, Niles, Michigan
 Rev. William T. Newsome, 4946 Clippert, Dearborn, Michigan
 Rev. Thurman Pate, 1606 Central Avenue, Detroit, Michigan
 Rev. Maurice W. Roach, 627 W. Atherton Rd., Flint, Michigan
 Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, 3609 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee
 Rev. Glenn E. Thomas, 27036 Lenox, Royal Oak, Michigan
 Rev. Stanford Trigg, 4111 Crosby Road, Flint, Michigan
 Rev. George P. Warren, 2106 Harwine Street, Flint, Michigan
 Rev. Jesse White, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee
 Rev. Ward Wilson, 3980 John Hix Road, Wayne, Michigan
 Rev. J. Reford Wilson, 12405 Lansdowne, Detroit, Michigan

L I C E N T I A T E S

Bro. Hildred Beadles, 71 W. Chestnut, Hazel Park, Michigan
 Bro. Norman Cole, 2041 Christine, Wayne, Michigan
 Bro. Donald Creech, 4129 Cummings Street, Berkley, Michigan
 Bro. Charles Metcalf, 88 Henery Street, River Rouge, Michigan
 Bro. Douglas Roberson, 2946 Chalmers, Detroit, Michigan
 Bro. Edward Willis, 2221 Delton Court, Wayne, Michigan

O R D A I N E D D E A C O N S

BENTON HARBOR CHURCH: None.
 BRECKENRIDGE CHURCH: None.
 BURTON CHURCH: Oddis Burchett, Oscar Hollis, Myron VanNada.
 CRUSADER CHURCH: Odevah Cox, George Cantrell, Carl Kilgore.
 FIRST CHURCH OF DEARBORN: None.
 FIRST CHURCH OF HAZEL PARK: LaVan Pearce, David Allison, Paul Carrier, Arnold Beadles, Edward Vaughn.
 FIRST CHURCH OF FLINT: Braxton Click, Guy Wilson.
 FIRST CHURCH OF TOLEDO: Wayne Lovingood, Joseph Gene Poole, Fred T. Taylor.
 FRIENDSHIP CHURCH: Arnold Clark, Coy Powell.
 GRACE CHURCH: Dan Thomas, Barney Chaney.
 HIGHLAND PARK CHURCH: W. T. Carlile, Thomas Creech, Harvey Crain, Fred McChesney, Douglas Moore, Tancel Orr.
 PHILADELPHIA CHURCH: Othia Goolsby, Carson Jaquess, Herman Rippetoe, Ezra Walker, Dayton Wassom.
 ROUGE CHURCH: Jack Hagan, Willard Myers, Herman Thomas, Joe Wilson, Andrew Worley.
 WEST WAYNE CHURCH: Thurman Grace, Royce Hogan, Adolph Felan, Julian White.

CONSTITUTION

P R E A M B L E

The object and purpose of this organization shall be to unify and strengthen the work of the various churches composing the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists and to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in connection with the various churches in the Association or that may be hereafter represented therein.

ARTICLE I

NAME—this organization shall be known as the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptists of Michigan.

ARTICLE II

COMPOSITION—The Wolverine Association shall be composed of its general officers, the members of all boards or committees, and duly appointed delegates chosen by the churches belonging to said Association.

ARTICLE III

REPRESENTATION—Representation in the Wolverine Association is to be by churches which are affiliated with this body. Each church shall be entitled to six delegates elected from the laity, all ordained ministers, deacons, licensed preachers, pastor's wife, church clerk, General Sunday School Superintendent, General League Director and president of Woman's Auxiliary, providing the delegates are members in good standing of the local church they represent.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. OFFICERS—The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk, a Treasurer and a Promotional Secretary, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each annual session.

Section 2. BOARDS—The Boards of the Wolverine Association shall be the following: Board of Finance, Presbytery Board, Home Mission Board, Board of Education, Superannuation Board, and Sunday School and League Board. The personnel of each of the foregoing shall be elected as follows: the first named for a term of one year, the second for a term of two years, the third for a term of three years, the fourth for a term of four years, and the fifth for a term of five years. Succession to office thereafter shall be for a period of five years.

Section 3. COMMITTEES—Committees as necessary shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for, and shall hold office until their work is completed or until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD—The Executive Board shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer of the Wolverine Association, and the Chairman of each of the Boards of the Wolverine Association. The Promotional Secretary shall be an Ex-officio member of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

FINANCE—We recommend that each church pay ten per cent (10%) of its regular income into the treasury of the Association to be used in the various phases of the denominational work at the discretion of the Association. (Compliance with this recommendation is not compulsory for affiliation, but the plan has proven successful in financing our work.)

ARTICLE VII

Section 1. DISCIPLINE—This Association shall have power to act only as an advisory counsel to give churches advice in matters of difficulty;

to enquire into the way churches neglect to represent in this Association; to invite brethren in the ministry to a seat in the Association; to exclude from the body any member who does not conform to the Rules of Decorum and shall report their conduct to the church from which they were sent.

Section 2. All matters involving disciplinary matters shall be handled according to the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE VIII

MEETINGS—The meetings of the Wolverine Association shall be held each quarter and shall begin on Thursday night before the first Sunday in June, September, December and March. The meeting beginning before the first Sunday in June shall be called the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE IX

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY—The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall be recognized as a subordinate organization to the Wolverine Association. It shall organize at its own discretion and have power to create and adopt a Constitution and By-Laws, and maintain complete management of the work for which it is constituted. An annual report shall be submitted to the Wolverine Association.

ARTICLE X

This Constitution may be amended or altered at any regular Annual Session of the Wolverine Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented to the body in writing one day in advance.

B Y - L A W S

1. The Moderator and the Treasurer shall receive an honorarium of \$50.00 each annually, for their services. The Clerk shall receive \$100.00 annually.
2. The Standing Boards shall be composed of five (5) members each and may be elected either from the ordained authority or the laity, except the Presbytery. The Presbytery shall consist of ordained authority, two of which may be Deacons. The members of Standing Boards shall be elected for a term of five (5) years, with their term of office to expire alternately.
3. The duties of the various Standing Boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the Wolverine Association. Each Board shall draft By-Laws to govern their work. These By-Laws shall be subject to the approval of the Wolverine Association.
4. 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 present.
5. 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.

6. 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 (6) months.
7. The local church must first request by letter the licensing or ordaining of all candidates before the Presbytery can act.
8. 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 questions should be prepared by the Presbytery and the candidate 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.
9. The examination of deacons shall be according to I Timothy, Chapter 3.
10. A minister shall be licensed for a period of one year, after which his local church may request another examination and the Presbytery shall decide whether or not the license be extended or the candidate be ordained. If an offense is made during the year, and the candidate repents, the license will be forfeited and he will be forced to begin anew.
11. A minister from another denomination wishing to unite with this Association must first make application to a church which requests action of the Presbytery the same as for license or ordination.
12. Be it known that any minister or deacon coming under the hands of the Presbytery who 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 by this body, or they agree to be published in any or all newspapers as this body deems necessary.
13. An annual written report of the activities of every board shall be made by the secretary of each board to the Association, or as often as is necessary.
14. All ministers of this Association are required to report in person or letter to the Annual Association with a written report of their work. Failure to report to the Association at least once a year will forfeit the minister's standing and he will be dropped from the Association.
15. The Constitution and By-Laws are to be printed in Minutes at all times.
16. For further information pertaining to the officers of the local church and their duties, the church should consult the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Chapter 1, under "The Church."
17. These By-Laws may be amended at any regular session of the Wolverine Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

These are the Old and the New Testaments: they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to Salvation and all Christian worship and service.

II. BEING AND ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God, who is Spirit, self-existent, eternal, immutable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, independent, good, wise, holy, just, and merciful, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; the Redeemer, Savior, Sanctifier, and Judge of men; and the only proper object of worship.

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man—finite beings cannot comprehend Him. There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like Him. He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence.

III. DIVINE GOVERNMENT AND PROVIDENCE

1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all his creatures, and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.

2. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of man's responsibility.

3. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur.

IV. CREATION, PRIMITIVE STATE OF MAN AND HIS FALL

SECTION I—CREATION

1. Of The World. God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the enjoyment of His creatures.

2. Of the Angels. The angels were created by God to glorify Him and obey His commandments. Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation and in executing His Judgments upon the world.

3. Of Man. God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul. He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.

SECTION II—PRIMITIVE MAN, AND HIS FALL

Our first parents, in their original state, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previous to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil. Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God; but they are all dependent for salvation upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit; both of which are freely provided for every descendent of Adam.

V. OF CHRIST

Section I—Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

1. His Titles. The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Savior, Jehovah, Lord of Hosts, the first and the last, God, true God, great God, God over all, mighty God, and the everlasting Father.

2. His Attributes. He is eternal, unchangeable, omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent, holy, and is to be worshiped.

3. His Works. By Christ the world was created, He preserves and governs it; He has provided redemption for all men and He will be their final Judge.

Section II—The Incarnation of Christ. The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted. In this state, as a subject of the law, He was liable to the infirmities of our nature; was tempted as we are, but lived our example, perfect obedience to the divine requirements. As Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, He is "the Son of Man"; and as the divine existence is the

fountain from which he proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten, He is "the Son of God," being the only begotten of the Father, and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

VI. THE ATONEMENT AND MEDIATION OF CHRIST

1. The Atonement. As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world, and thus made salvation possible for all men. He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son. Through the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known requirements of God. The atonement for sin was necessary. For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. If God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

2. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification, and ascended up to heaven, where, as the only Mediator between God and man, He makes intercession for us, until He comes again.

We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin for of such is the Kingdom of God.

VII. THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He guides, knows, moves, gives information, commands, forbids, sends forth, reproves, and can be sinned against.

2. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit.

3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation, inspiration, giving of life, and sanctification.

4. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three: the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proved from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized; and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles, which are acts of the highest religious worship.

VIII. THE GOSPEL CALL

The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men, both by the word and strivings of the Spirit, so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all; and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own.

IX. REPENTANCE

The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred and an entire forsaking of all sin. This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally.

X. FAITH

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation, an acceptance of the Gospel, through the influence of the Holy Spirit; and a firm confidence and trust in Christ. The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel. The power to believe is the gift of God, but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation. All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.

XI. REGENERATION

As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated, in order to obtain salvation. This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit, whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God, and is disposed to serve Him. This is called in Scripture being born again — born of the Spirit, being quickened, passing from death unto life, and a partaking of the divine nature.

XII. JUSTIFICATION AND SANCTIFICATION

1. Justification. Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor. Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's redemption, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.

2. Sanctification. Sanctification is the continuing of God's grace by which the Christian may constantly grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

XIII. PERSEVERENCE OF THE SAINTS

There are strong grounds to hope that the truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the power of divine grace which is pledged for their support; but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray, lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.

XIV. THE SABBATH

This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy service. Under the former dispensation the seventh day of the week as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath. Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of Christ and the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath. On this day all men are required to refrain from secular labor and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.

XV. THE CHURCH

A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who statedly assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures. Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christ, is the whole body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members.

XVI. TITHING

Both the Old and New Scriptures teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work.

XVII. THE GOSPEL MINISTRY

1. Qualification of Ministers. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

2. Duties of Ministers. These are to preach the Word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

XVIII. ORDINANCES OF THE GOSPEL

1. Christian Baptism. This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day.

2. The Lord's Supper. This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood, and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.

It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death; and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples.

3. Washing the Saints Feet. This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.

XIX. DEATH

1. Death. As a result of sin, all mankind, is subject to the death of the body. The soul does not die with the body; but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the character here possessed.

XX. SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

The Lord Jesus, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again, to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world.

XXI. THE RESURRECTION

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.

XXII. THE JUDGMENT AND RETRIBUTION

1. The Judgment. There will be a judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever. Then all men will be judged according to their works.

2. Retribution. Immediately after the judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.

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 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.

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 appearances 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, so 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 denomination 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	Deceased	Conversions	Ministers	S. S. Membership	F. W. B. L. Membership	Woman's Aux. Membership	Church Membership
1. Benton Harbor Church	Rev. J. A. Fredericks	Virgil Johnson	25	4	—	29	2	60	34	10	75
2. Breckenridge Church	Rev. Gene Anderson	Esher Northrup	—	1	—	1	1	36	—	12	24
3. Burton Church	Rev. Maurice W. Roach	Oddis Birchett	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
4. Crusaders Church	Rev. Thurman Pate	Flora Manning	34	3	1	48	1	100	—	—	139
5. First Church of Dearborn	Rev. W. T. Newsome	Opal Barrett	19	1	—	11	1	107	32	15	40
6. First Church of Hazel Park	Rev. Mark M. Lewis	Blanche G. Maynard	17	—	—	22	3	152	32	16	148
7. First Church of Flint	Rev. Harold Lucas	Myrtle Miller	11	1	—	7	2	70	15	—	54
8. First Church of Toledo	Rev. L. H. Clayton	Cheryl Taylor	30	—	—	26	1	79	—	25	63
9. Friendship Church	Rev. Stanford Trigg	Naomi Powell	32	11	—	22	2	85	—	—	76
10. Grace Church	Rev. Glenn A. Thomas	Lillian Riley	—	2	—	16	1	80	24	—	25
11. Highland Park Church	Rev. Chas. A. Thigpen	Paul Robinson	47	148	3	42	1	500	100	6	601
12. Philadelphia Church	Rev. J. Reford Wilson	Faye Riddle	17	5	1	14	2	188	40	16	150
13. Rouge Church	Rev. Leo Worley	Mattie Shelton	35	1	—	55	3	200	52	—	151
14. West Wayne Church	Rev. James M. Albritten	Rhoda Woody	4	9	—	8	3	134	—	18	62
Totals											

*See next page for names and addresses.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Benton Harbor Church 617 Midway Dr., Benton Harbor, Mich.	Rev. J. A. Fredericks 3547 Blue Creek Road Benton Harbor, Mich.	Virgil Johnson Rt. #2, Box 379 A Watervliet, Mich.
Breckenridge Church Saginaw Street, Breckenridge, Mich.	Rev. Gene Anderson Breckenridge, Mich.	Esher Northrup Merrill, Mich.
Burton Church 2380 South Center Rd. Flint, Mich.	Rev. Maurice W. Roach 627 W. Atherton Rd. Flint, Michigan	Oddis Birchett 2004 Goodrich Avenue Flint 3, Mich.
Crusaders Church 1555 Butternut Detroit 16, Mich.	Rev. Thurman Pate 1606 Central Detroit 9, Mich.	Flora Manning 1948 Sycamore Detroit 8, Mich.
First Church of Dearborn 4621 Pelham Road Dearborn, Mich.	Rev. W. T. Newsome 4946 Clippert Dearborn, Mich.	Opal Barrett 3273 Parker Dearborn, Mich.
First Church of Hazel Park 21800 Stephenson Hwy., Hazel Park, Mich.	Rev. Mark M. Lewis 23082 Hazelwood Hazel Park, Mich.	Blanche G. Maynard 2930 N. Blair Street Royal Oak, Mich.
First Church of Flint 947 Leland Flint 7, Mich.	Rev. Harold Lucas 947 Leland Street Flint 7, Mich.	Myrtle Miller 752 Lincoln Avenue Flint, Mich.
First Church of Toledo 845 Western Avenue Toledo, Ohio	Rev. L. H. Clayton 830 Western Avenue Toledo, Ohio	Cheryl Taylor 217 Gibbons Toledo, Ohio
Friendship Church 2902 Leith Flint, Michigan	Rev. Stanford Trigg 4111 Crosby Road Flint, Mich.	Naomi Powell 3701 Pitkin Flint, Mich.
Grace Church 1750 Rochester Road Troy, Michigan	Rev. Glenn A. Thomas 27036 Lenox Royal Oak, Mich.	Lillian Riley 26713 Rialto Madison Heights, Mich
Highland Park Church 242 Victor Avenue Royal Oak, Michigan	Rev. Chas. A. Thigpen (to July 1, 1957) Rev. Joseph Ange 221 W. Hollywood Highland Park, Mich.	Paul Robinson 13291 Ardmore Street Detroit 27, Mich.
Philadelphia Church 3523 Cadillac Blvd. Detroit, Mich.	Rev. J. Reford Wilson 12405 Lansdowne Detroit, Mich.	Faye Riddle 1156 Gray Street Detroit, Mich.
Rouge Church 73 E. James Street River Rouge 18, Mich.	Rev. Leo Worley 15643 Cameron Street Southgate (Wyandotte), Mich.	Mattie Shelton 43 E. Cicotte River Rouge, Mich.
West Wayne Church 4040 John Hix Road Wayne, Michigan	Rev. James M. Allbritten 43 Gerald Street Highland Park, Mich.	Rhoda Woody 4025 Nyman Street Wayne, Mich.