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Business Rules of the Conference

1. Two sessions shall be held daily as follows: From 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

2. The Chairman shall take his seat precisely at the time to which the Conference is to convene, open and conduct the devotional exercises. The Secretary shall call the roll and read the minutes of the preceding session, after which business shall proceed as follows:

- (a) Committee Reports. (b) Petitions. (c) Unfinished Business.
- (d) Miscellaneous Business.

3. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise and respectfully address the Chair. In case more than one should address the Chair at the same time, the Chairman shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

4. No one shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes on any subject unless he receives permission by the Chair.

5. No one shall speak the second time until all who desire have spoken. He shall then ask permission of the Chairman.

6. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preserve order.

7. A Resolution to be effective must appear on the Minutes of the current year's proceedings. Said Resolution must appear on the Minutes for at least three successive years before it can be placed in the Standing Rules of the Conference. [Enacted October 19, 1956.]

8. **Robert's Rules of Order** is the basis for our parliamentary procedure.

9. Two copies of the Reports of all Standing Boards and Committees shall be mimeographed and sent to the Pastors one week previous to Annual Conference. Questions may be asked and corrections made before inclusion into the Annual Conference minutes. Reports shall not be read publicly, unless called for from the Conference floor.

10. Any exception to the Standing Rules may be allowed by three-fourths ($\frac{3}{4}$) of the Annual Conference. The reason for such exception shall be fully spread on the minutes.

11. All proposals to amend our **FAITH & ORDER** must pass readings at two Annual Conferences by a two-third vote by ballot before final adoption.

Committees

Committees appointed by the Chairman, subject to the approval of the Conference:

1. Committee on Program (Appointed this year for next year's conference).
2. Committee on Communication.
3. Committee on Finance.
4. Committee on Statistics (Appointed at the Adjourned Session).
5. Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes.
6. Committee on Examination of Local Conference Minutes.
7. Committee on Resolutions.
8. Committee on Auditing.

Standing Committees

(a) Appointed by the Chairman

1. Committee on Publication and Printing.
2. Committee on Agenda.

(b) Elected by Ballot

1. Board of Directors.
2. Board of Foreign Missions.
3. Board of Church Extension.
4. Board of Directors of the Home.
5. Board of Education.
6. Board of Victory Valley.
7. Board of Mizpah Grove.
8. Ministerial Candidate Committee.
9. Credentials Committee.
10. Youth Fellowship General Committee.
11. Beneficiary Society (Officers elected by the Society).
12. Sunday School Promotion Committee.

BY-LAWS

(Special Laws and Resolutions)

I.—Annual Conference Members

Members of the Annual Conference shall be as follows:

1. All ordained ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church laboring under the direction of the Annual Conference.
2. All probationers who have charge of a conference appointment under direction of the Annual Conference.
3. All retired ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church.
4. Lay delegate(s) from each church or circuit as provided by the By-Laws.

Advisory members of the Annual Conference shall be as follows:

1. Ordained ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church who retain their membership in one of our local churches, and who are engaged in Christian service not directly responsible to our Annual Conference.
2. Church Extension Pastors.
3. Missionaries who hold membership in one of our local churches and are under the supervision of the Foreign Mission Board of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Participation in proceedings of the Annual Conference shall be as follows:

1. Only members of the Annual Conference shall be eligible to vote.
2. Advisory members shall not be permitted to participate in Conference discussions except by request of the Chairman.

All members of the Annual Conference shall be present at each session. In case of absence they shall submit a written report stating cause of absence. [Enacted February 3, 1892.]

The District Superintendents and the delegates of all stations and circuits shall constitute the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee. The Annual Conference may grant the status of a station to a mission church which has contributed a minimum of \$3,000.00 through the steward offering and has petitioned Annual Conference requesting the change declaring that it no longer desires a Home Mission appropriation.

If a station fails to contribute \$3,000.00 steward offering, they shall forfeit their voice in the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

The Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee shall have the right to revise the above amount annually.

II.—Applicants and Probationers

A.—No applicants for the Ministry shall be received into the Conference as Probationers who are not willing to submit themselves unconditionally to the Stationing Committee. [Revised October 17, 1903.]

B.—No Probationer shall be ordained who is not fully in accord with our doctrine, with the itinerant plan, and submission to the Conference. [Enacted February 3, 1890.]

III.—Local Conference Rules

A.—Each pastor shall see that the Summary Financial Reports are correctly compiled and appended to the proceedings of the last Local Conference of the current year.

B.—No person shall be elected to the office of Deacon, Class Leader, or Sunday School Superintendent who uses or deals in tobacco. [Enacted February 20, 1897.]

C.—The Local Conference accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter, and the reports on the schedules from October 1 to September 30. In case a Pastor is changed, his allowances shall end with the month of September. The Pastors shall report the amounts received out of the Church Extension Fund at the Local Conference. [Revised October 15, 1910.]

D.—In case a Local Conference desires to sell church property, they must receive the approval of the Board of Directors before conveying title. [Enacted October, 1948.]

IV.—Boards and Committees

The following Boards and Committees shall, as soon as practicable after their election, elect a President and Secretary; Board of Directors, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Church Extension, Board of Directors of the Home, Board of Victory Valley, Board of Mizpah Grove, Committee on Publication and Printing and Sunday School Promotion Committee.

The Annual Conference shall elect a Treasurer annually who shall be the Treasurer for the Board of Directors, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Church Extension, Board of Directors of the Home, Board of Victory Valley, Board of Mizpah Grove, Committee on Publication and Printing and Sunday School Promotion Committee.

He shall deposit all the various funds in banks and trust companies approved by the Board of Director, in the name of the Bible Fellowship Church

Treasurer. The various Boards shall draw on the Treasurer for the funds needed, using form of voucher check furnished by the Annual Conference. They shall not draw beyond the amount of their respective funds except by permission of the Board of Directors.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of the amounts drawn by each Board in a book furnished by the Annual Conference and report to the Annual Conference the standing of each fund, and furnish each member of the Board of Directors annually with a statement itemizing the various securities held and the monies on deposit in banks and trust companies.

All Boards and Standing Committees shall submit in full and classified report of their work, financial and otherwise, to the Annual Conference. They shall hold meetings annually or oftener.

Board of Directors.—The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Directors annually consisting of six ordained Ministers who are members of the Annual Conference and willing to minister under the direction of our Conference, the discipline and the By-Laws of the corporation, and three laymen in good standing with their Local Conference, which Board shall then organize by electing the following officers: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Board of Directors shall transact all the business of the Corporation which was previously taken care of by the Executive Board for the Annual Conference.

All vacancies occurring between Annual Conference sessions shall be filled by the remaining members of the Board.

The Board of Directors shall have charge of all the property belonging to the Corporation including property now held by the Executive Board in trust for the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, except where there is a regularly organized class or church that has a local Board of Trustees and where the Annual Conference has otherwise provided for, by electing a separate Board of Trustees.

The Board of Directors shall determine how and where the money of the Corporation shall be deposited, and also have the right to place it on certificate of deposit, or savings deposit, or make other good, safe and substantial investments.

The Board of Directors shall not buy nor sell property except by the approval of all the members of the Board or by Annual Conference resolution.

The Board of Directors shall have the authority to sell any property deeded to a local Board of Trustees at places where for any reason there is no longer a local Board, or class, or organized church, and execute and deliver a lawful deed and conveyance, and use the net proceeds of the sale of such property for other church properties as it may deem advisable.

The Board of Directors shall have the right to borrow money and issue mortgages or make loans against any property of the Corporation by the approval of all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference resolution. The Board shall also authorize the satisfaction and cancellation of any mortgages as notes fully paid.

It shall have charge of all the old Local Conference records, class records, and all other records that are no longer needed by the various classes, boards or committees.

It shall act as a Board of Advisers to the Pastors and the Board of Church Extension in matters relative to the purchasing of properties for church purposes and the erection of churches and parsonages.

The title to Church property where the Church is incorporated shall be conveyed directly to the Corporation. In cases where the Church is not incorporated the conveyance shall be made to a Board of Trustees duly elected according to the Rules of the Annual Conference (setting forth their names), their successors and assigns. Whether the title is conveyed to a Corporation or to a Board of Trustees, said title shall contain a trust clause in the following words:

In trust for the use of the ministry and membership of the_____ Church of the Bible Fellowship Church at_____; subject to the doctrines, laws, usages, and ministerial appointments of the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church of Pennsylvania as from time to time established, made, and declared by the lawful authorities of the said church and if the said property shall be sold or encumbered, the proceeds of the sale or encumbrance shall be applied for the use of the aforesaid, subject, however, to the provisions of the law of the church relating to abandoned church properties and of that forbidding mortgaging of real estate for current expenses.

The title to Parsonages shall be conveyed in like manner as the Churches and shall contain the following clause of trust:

In trust, that said premises shall be kept, maintained, and disposed of as a place of residence for the use and occupancy of the preachers of the Bible Fellowship Church who are from time to time duly appointed in said place according to the rules and usages of the said church, and if sold, the proceeds to be used according to the rules of said church. If the congregation controlling this property shall be disbanded the property shall be controlled and disposed of according to the rules of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Foreign Missions.—A.—A General Secretary shall be elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference from among the ordained ministers. By virtue of his office he shall be a member of the Board of Foreign Missions. The Board of Foreign Missions shall consist of the District Superintendents, General Secretary, two ordained ministers and four laymen. All money contributed throughout the conference for the cause of Foreign Missions shall be paid into the Annual Conference Treasury. They shall disburse the funds that they receive for the spread of the Gospel in heathen lands according as they deem good and proper.

B.—Each pastor shall hold a Foreign Missionary Service at each appointment annually soon after Annual Conference and speak on Foreign Missions. At this service a subscription for Foreign Missions shall be taken to be collected before February 1. [Revised October, 1948.]

C.—The members of our Church shall be respectfully recommended to forward their funds for the Foreign Missionaries through the Foreign Missionary Board and not to the missionaries directly, which would lessen or cause to neglect their contributions in the direct channel provided by Conference for the support pledged to our respective missionaries.

D.—The Pastor shall see that the Superintendent of each Sunday School appoint a “Missionary Day” semi-annually. In this service the necessity of establishing and supporting Foreign Missions shall be impressed upon the minds of the children, and an offering taken for the same. [Enacted February 3, 1934.]

E.—The Women’s Missionary Societies that have been or may be organized in our churches shall be recognized by and report to the Local Conference.

The Home.—The Annual Conference shall elect a Board of Directors of the Home consisting of eight ordained ministers and four laymen. They shall be elected for a term of two years in such a manner that the term of office of four ministers and two laymen expire at each Annual Conference.

The Board of Directors of the Home shall have the privilege to elect or appoint a Superintendent or Manager, sub-boards or committees to carry forward the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, and shall direct all other matters relative to the same.

It shall have the right to purchase additional property from time to time as it deems necessary to carry on the work of the Home and shall also have the right to sell any property that to the best of its judgment it may deem advisable for the interest of the work under its supervision and trust and execute and deliver good and lawful deeds and conveyances for the same, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

It shall have the right to remove any of the present buildings or to erect additions to the present building or erect additional buildings as may be needed to carry on the work of the Home and the farm connected therewith, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

It shall have the right to borrow money and give mortgages or other securities on the properties. It shall have the right to loan out any funds in its possessions on mortgages or other securities or make other investments with the funds that it may have on hand, and also satisfy all mortgages or other securities, if approved by all the members of the Board, or by Annual Conference Resolution.

It shall decide as to who shall be admitted into the Home and on what conditions, and shall also decide to whom and to what extent the Board shall give help to worthy poor throughout the Church.

Contributions for the Home may be made to the Manager or to any of the Pastors, who shall acknowledge the receipt of the same.

Each Pastor shall hold a special service at each appointment on which occasion the Annual Offering for the Home shall be received. The Pastors shall bring this offering to the Adjourned Session and pay it into the Annual Conference Treasury as the Home Fund.

All money collected for charitable purposes not paid over to the Treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Home shall be included in the report of the Treasurer of the local Board of Trustees where collected.

In case there are any poor in any class that need help beyond that given them by their respective classes, the deacon on that charge where there is

one, or the Pastor where there is no deacon shall make known the nature of the need to the President of the Board of Directors of the Home, who shall bring the matter before the Board. The Board shall assist as it may deem advisable.

Publication and Printing.—A.—The Chairman shall appoint a committee of three ordained ministers as a Committee on Publication and Printing. This committee shall have charge of the Publication and Printing Fund.

B.—The Annual Conference shall supply class books, steward books, parsonage fund collector's books, trustee books, and all other account books for the different charges to be paid out of the Publication and Printing Fund. All expenses of materials used by the Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be paid by this Fund.

C.—All expenses of committees of investigation, appointed by the District Superintendent, shall be paid out of the Publication and Printing Fund.

Ministers' Retirement Fund.—This shall be a permanent Fund for the benefit of retired ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The object of this Fund shall be to provide and pay annuities to itinerant ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church who by reason of age are no longer qualified to continue in active service; also to provide and pay annuities to the widows of such itinerant ministers according to the rules hereinafter stated.

The Funds shall be sustained by—First—An offering received by each Class Leader in his prayer meeting once a quarter and paid to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference. The District Superintendents shall pay to the Treasurer the amounts received for this purpose at the Adjourned Session and at the Annual Conference.

Second—Each Pastor shall pay into this Fund from his Steward's receipts and from his Church Extension Appropriations and each District Superintendent from his offerings at the Local Conference as follows: One per cent of the first thousand dollars or fraction thereof, 1½ per cent of the second thousand dollars and above. Fifteen hundred (\$1500.00) dollars of the District Superintendents' offerings shall be exempt from assessment to offset traveling expenses. Payments shall be made at the Adjourned Session and at the Annual Conference.

Third—This Fund will also welcome gifts, bequests and devises from any sources.

Fourth—This Retirement Fund shall be deposited with the Treasurer as a separate account and be under the management and control of the Board of Directors of the Annual Conference.

Annuities

First—If a minister of the Bible Fellowship Church has attained the age of sixty-five (65) he may retire from the active ministry and dating from the time he received Annual Conference license he shall receive an annuity of twenty-eight dollars (\$28.00) for each year of active service payable in monthly installments.

Second—The retirement age for District Superintendents and Pastors is established at 72 years.

Third—Services rendered after the age of seventy-two years shall in no case increase the Annuity. Annuities shall in no case exceed eleven hundred twenty dollars per year. If, however, the money in the Retirement Fund at any time should not warrant the payment of the Annuities in full, the Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the monthly installments pro rata.

Fourth—No minister shall be entitled to the full amount of the Annuities unless he and the congregations that he served shall have paid in full as stipulated in paragraphs one, two and three for the period of five years. No exceptions to this rule may be made except by the decision of the Board of Directors.

Fifth—In case a minister is located by the Annual Conference he ceases to be a member of the Retirement Fund. In this case one-half of the dues he had paid into the Fund shall be refunded to him and he thereby forfeits all further claims upon the Fund. A minister who has given thirty years or more of service and desires to change his occupation and be placed on the Local Preachers List shall become an annuitant at the age of seventy years, and receive an annuity for the years in actual service.

Sixth—Widows of deceased ministers who had complied with the provisions of the fund shall receive annuities beginning at the time of the death of the husband provided that the said widow shall have attained the age of sixty-five years or at the time that she shall attain the age of sixty-five years, and continue until the time of her death, or remarriage or her severance from church membership of the Bible Fellowship Church. Widows of ministers who were retired and receiving annuities at the time of marriage shall in no case receive any annuity. Widows' annuities shall be compiled at the rate of \$14.00 for each year that she was the wife of a minister who was in active service, giving his whole time to ministry in the Church, but in no case to exceed five hundred sixty dollars in one year.

The treasurer shall acknowledge to the various Pastors any contributions which he has received from time to time for this Fund.

Year Books.—A.—The Secretary of the Annual Conference shall be Editor and Publisher of the Year Book. The official minutes of the Annual Conference shall be published therein.

B.—The Secretary of the Annual Conference shall send Year Books to our Foreign Missionaries, to the Eastern and Western Clergy Bureaus and to any other agencies deemed advisable.

C.—The Pastors shall pay for their Year Books within one week after they receive them.

In case a church or parsonage is built or purchased during the year, a photograph of the same shall be taken and a cut inserted in the Year Book next year.

V.—Special Services

A.—Matrimony.—Each pastor shall preach a sermon on Matrimony at each appointment on his charge in the first year.

B.—The Lord's Coming.—Believing that the coming of the Lord is rapidly approaching, therefore we recommend our ministers to give still more

earnest prominence to this blessed hope of the Church as we see the Day approaching. [Enacted February 4, 1894.]

C.—As the Scriptures contain a number of instances where children of Godly parents were formally and publicly dedicated to the Lord, (I Sam. 1:24-28; Mark 10:13-16), we heartily encourage our people to dedicate their children to the Lord by prayer and laying on of the hands of the Elders, who shall then furnish proper certificates. [Enacted October 5, 1901.]

D.—Class Meetings.—Each Pastor shall hold a class meeting four times a year in each class, and read the general rules or have them read once a year. [See Discipline.]

E.—Camp Meetings.—Camp Meetings shall be held annually according to the decision of the District Superintendents and Pastors of their respective districts.

VI.—Miscellaneous

A.—Transfers.—When a good standing member moves from one class to another, his or her name shall be transferred at once. [Enacted February 2, 1894.]

B.—Each Pastor shall bring an itemized report to the Annual Conference, according to the form of the report of the Financial Secretary.

C.—No charges shall be brought against any Annual Conference member which have not been recorded in the Local Conference proceedings of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last Local Conference. [Enacted February 1, 1891.]

D.—Beneficiary Fund.—We recommend each Pastor to make a special effort to swell the Beneficiary Fund to assist the worthy widows of our deceased Pastors. [Enacted October 29, 1904.] An offering for this Fund shall be received some time before the Adjourned Session and a check to the amount be made out to the Treasurer and brought to the Adjourned Session.

E.—Ministers' Retirement Fund.—A free-will offering shall be received in each prayer meeting class once each quarter by their respective Class Leaders for the Ministers' Retirement Fund. [Enacted October 20, 1934.]

F.—Church Extension Funds.—Whenever any District Superintendent desires any money from the Church Extension Fund, he shall inform the Secretary of the desired amount, who shall take note of the same and forward the request to the Treasurer, who shall forward the same to the District Superintendent, up to the amount appropriated to him at the Annual Conference.

G.—Collections.—The Pastor shall have charge of the offerings for the Home, Foreign and Church Extension, until the Annual Conference unless needed sooner. The offering for the Ministers' Retirement Fund shall be delivered to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference and reported by the Pastor to the Annual Conference. All collections received on a charge for the building or purchase of churches, parsonages or other purposes on another charge shall be reported to the Pastor where collected.

H.—The Pastor, by virtue of his office, shall be counted as an officer of the Sunday School. The number of officers and teachers of the Sunday School shall be determined by the number of offices and not only by the number of persons holding the offices.

J.—Annual Conference Minutes.—The Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes shall carefully compare the Annual Year Book with the Annual Conference Minutes and note any and all errors, make a copy of any and all corrections, omissions or additions and certify in the following form:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes for the Session of _____ and found them correct except as follows: _____

Two copies of this certificate shall be made and signed by the Committee and pasted into two copies of the Conference Year Book, one to be held by the Chairman of the Annual Conference and one by the Secretary. These shall serve as the Records of the Annual Conference.

J.—The Director of Church Extension shall be recognized as a traveling elder and is a member of the Board of Church Extension.

K.—The Director of Church Extension shall under all circumstances function in cooperation with the District Superintendents, and in all matters of importance act only by the approval of the Board of Church Extension.

L.—Two copies of the completed work of the Committee on Church Government shall be submitted to each pastor by the Secretary of the Committee immediately upon completion.

M.—Any Church may use a nominating committee to make nominations for Church officers when this desire is expressed by a Local Conference resolution. The pastor shall be chairman of this committee.

N.—The Board of Directors shall receive all Local Conference petitions. The Secretary of the Local Conference shall be responsible to give a copy of the petition(s) to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference where the petition(s) was passed. The Secretary of the Board of Directors shall send two copies to each pastor.

O.—All needs for support of missionary work not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Church Extension shall be controlled by the Board of Foreign Missions.

P.—An offering shall be received for the District Superintendents' Parsonages in a Sunday Service by each pastor and forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Directors no later than April 1. All checks shall be made payable to the Bible Fellowship Church.

Q.—The traveling expenses for all official church business shall be 8¢ a mile.

R.—Each Church shall establish its own minimum support that it will pay its Pastor. This action shall be by the Official Board at a meeting held no later than November 1. Report of this action shall be made to the local congregation not later than November 15.

VII.—Special Offerings

1.—To be Paid at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference

A—Beneficiary Fund—Annual.

A free-will offering from each class.

B—Publication and Printing—Annual.

An offering from each church on the basis of forty cents per member according to the membership reported at the last Annual Conference.

C—Ministers' Retirement Fund.

- (a) A quarterly offering taken by each class leader and paid over to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference.
- (b) Ministers' personal offerings from receipts since the Annual Conference.

D—Moving Fund—Annual.

An offering from each Church on the basis of fifty cents per member according to the membership reported at the last Annual Conference.

E—The Home—Annual.

Offering for the Home for the Aging.

This shall be taken on or before Thanksgiving Day.

2.—To be paid at the Annual Conference**F—Foreign Missions.**

- (a) Offering for Foreign Missions—Annual.
Pledges shall be taken between Conference and New Year.
- (b) Missionary Offerings in the Sunday School—Semi-annual.

G—Church Extension—Annual.

Offering for Church Extension Work.

Pledges shall be taken between New Year and April 1.

H—Annual Conference Expenses—Annual.

This amount shall be paid by each class on the basis of fifteen cents per member reported at the last Annual Conference.

I—Ministers' Retirement Fund.

- (a) A quarterly offering received by each class leader and paid over to the District Superintendent at the Local Conference.
- (b) Ministers' personal offerings from receipts since the Adjourned Session. (See Article "Ministers' Retirement Fund").

Note A—Offerings A, B, C, D and E shall be paid by the Ministers at the Adjourned Session. All the others shall be paid at the Annual Conference.

Note B—Offering A shall be paid to the Treasurer of the Beneficiary Society.

Note C—The other offerings, F, G, H, I, shall be paid to the Bible Fellowship Church; offering F on one check and all the others on a separate check.

Note D—For the convenience of all concerned, all of these offerings should be paid by check or money order. If paid in cash, it should be enclosed in an envelope stating name of the giver, the amount enclosed and the fund for which it is designated.

3.—Miscellaneous Offerings

- (a) Offering for the District Superintendents' Parsonages to be forwarded before April 1 to Jansen E. Hartman, 1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pa. and make check payable to the Bible Fellowship Church.
- (b) Offering for Berean Bible School to be sent and make check payable to Berean Bible School, 1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pa.
- (c) Offering for Victory Valley Youth Camp to be sent by March 1 to David E. Thomann, 25 S. Third Street, Quakertown, Pa. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church.
- (d) Offering for Sunday School Promotion to be sent by April 1 to James R. Cressman, 1128 N. New Street, Bethlehem, Pa. Make check payable to Bible Fellowship Church.
- (e) Offering for Youth Fellowship General Committee shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee by April 1.

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Annual Conference Proceedings

1963

The Eightieth Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convened in the Ebenezer Church, 1125 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

The Conference opened at 10:00 a.m., Monday, October 14, with the singing of "Like a River Glorious" directed by LeRoy S. Heller. E. W. Bean led in prayer, N. H. Wolf read Psalm 27, and Daniel K. Ziegler sang "Jesus My Lord." District Superintendent and Chairman, T. D. Gehret read II Corinthians 2:12-17 and spoke on the timely subject of "Paul's Triumphant Ministry in Christ."

T. D. Gehret, Chairman, instructed the Secretary, N. H. Wolf, to appoint his assistants. He appointed Ernest B. Hartman, Assistant Secretary and Robert W. Smock, Recording Secretary.

Report of the Committee on Program:

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14	10:00 a.m.	Song Leader: LeRoy S. Heller Solo: Daniel K. Ziegler Scripture: N. H. Wolf Prayer: Ernest W. Bean Message: T. D. Gehret, Chairman
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15	9:00 a.m.	Song Leader: David E. Thomann Solo: Bert N. Brosius Scripture: James A. Beil Prayer: Daniel G. Ziegler Message: John Dunn
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16	9:00 a.m.	Song Leader: Harvey J. Fritz Preachers (Junior) Quartet Scripture: John E. Golla Prayer: Robert F. Johnson Message: Robert W. Smock
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17	9:00 a.m.	Song Leader: Willard E. Cassel Solo: LeRoy S. Heller Scripture: R. C. Reichenbach Prayer: Frank L. Herb, Jr. Message: James G. Koch
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18	9:00 a.m.	Song Leader: Donald B. Schaeffer Solo: Carl C. Cassel Scripture: W. B. Hottel Prayer: George E. Herb Message: A. L. Seifert, D.S.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Note: Devotional period 30 minutes. Message 15 minutes.

Organist — Robert W. Gehret

CONFERENCE ORDINATION SERVICE

for

Norman R. Weiss

Daniel G. Ziegler

THURSDAY, 7:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 17, 1963

Host Pastor: Presiding

Speaker: T. D. Gehret, D.S.

Music: Preachers (Senior) Quartet

Charge to the Congregation: A. L. Seifert, D.S.

Giving of Vows: C. E. Kirkwood

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Program Committee

W. W. Hartman

Carl C. Cassel

David E. Thomann

The report was adopted.

The following were enrolled as members of the Conference:

Ministers

Ordained—Russell T. Allen, Paul E. Baer, James A. Beil, E. W. Bean, Bert N. Brosius, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, John Dunn, Harvey J. Fritz, Reynold D. Gardner, T. D. Gehret, John E. Colla, Ernest B. Hartman, Jansen E. Hartman, W. W. Hartman, William A. Heffner, LeRoy S. Heller, Frank L. Herb, George E. Herb, F. B. Hertzog, Earl M. Hosler, W. B. Hottel, Robert F. Johnson, C. E. Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, Richard H. Kline, James G. Koch, R. C. Reichenbach, John H. Riggall, Donald B. Schaeffer, A. L. Seifert, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann, N. H. Wolf, W. F. Heffner, E. E. Kublic, J. B. Layne, E. J. Rutman, P. T. Stengele, A. G. Woodring.

Probationers—John H. Herb, Norman R. Weiss, Daniel G. Ziegler.

Delegates**Allentown District**

Allentown (Bethel), Kermit K. Gehman, J. Erwin Fretz
 Reading, Robert Breitegam
 Sunbury, Allan F. Smith
 York, Spalding R. Sowers
 Hatfield, Daniel K. Ziegler
 Shamokin, T. Lamarn Manney
 Mt. Carmel, Roy E. Williams
 Harrisburg, Paul T. Rutman
 Royersford, William R. Hunsberger
 Spring City, R. S. Weidner
 Nazareth, Ralph H. Hendershot
 Catasauqua, A. W. Deppe
 Graterford and Harleysville, Stanley A. Hackman
 Leighton, Willard Blocker
 Lebanon, Charles W. Weaver
 Stroudsburg, George R. Fish
 Lancaster, Horace A. Kauffman

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem, Paul H. Cressman
 Emmaus, Paul I. Wentz
 Philadelphia (Salem), Byron C. Cassel
 Quakertown, George W. Krigor
 Fleetwood, Norman L. Reed
 Wallingford, Richard T. Holmes
 Easton, Allen F. LaRose
 Coopersburg, Harold A. Mann
 Terre Hill, Robert W. Gehret
 Allentown (Salem), Allan C. Palmer
 Philadelphia (Calvary), Donald M. Sedgwick
 Philadelphia (Emmanuel), Edward J. Dietzman
 Blandon, John I. Mengel
 Scranton, Carl H. Kellerman
 Staten Island, N.Y., Ralph D. Cole
 Zionsville, Charles G. Hersh

Resolved, That we accept the excuses of the brethren as submitted, and when they arrive, they shall be seated in the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That the first seven pews throughout the Church constitute the Conference Bar.

Resolved, That no one leave the Conference Bar without the permission of the Chair except W. W. Hartman and Paul H. Cressman

Resolved, That we accept the report as submitted by the Committee on Agenda.

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE: Paul I. Wentz, Byron C. Cassel, Kermit K. Gehman, Paul H. Cressman, Roy E. Williams.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS: C. E. Kirkwood, Carl C. Cassel, David E. Thomann, Harvey J. Fritz.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE RECORDS: George E. Herb, Alva C. Cassel.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS: John H. Riggall, Earl M. Hosler, W. B. Hottel, Russell T. Allen, Bert N. Brosius.

COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION OF LOCAL CONFERENCE RECORDS: F. B. Hertzog, E. W. Bean, Donald B. Schaeffer, James A. Beil, Reynold Gardner, Frank L. Herb, Richard H. Kline, Stanley A. Hackman, William R. Hunsberger, Allan F. Smith, Norman L. Reed, Ralph R. Hender-shot, Paul T. Rutman, Charles W. Weaber, A. W. Deppe, John I. Mengel.

COMMITTEE ON AUDITING: James G. Koch, Daniel K. Ziegler, Horace A. Kauffman, Daniel G. Ziegler, Robert W. Gehret, John H. Herb, R. S. Weidner, Robert Breitegam, Ralph D. Cole, Richard T. Holmes, Harold A. Mann, J. Erwin Fretz, Edward J. Dietzman.

REPORTER: R. C. Reichenbach.

TIMEKEEPER: Norman R. Weiss.

COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS: (Appointed at Adjourned Session) Willard E. Cassel, John E. Golla, Donald T. Kirkwood, LeRoy S. Heller, John Dunn, Robert F. Johnson.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Credentials Committee of the Bible Fellowship Church held two regular meetings during the year.

During these meetings the committee fulfilled its purpose, and the obligations assigned to it by the Annual Conference.

The Faith and Order questionnaire was sent to each Minister in the Bible Fellowship Conference and every Minister completed and returned his questionnaire.

The exceptions to the Faith and Order were very few and did not include any of the cardinal doctrines of the Faith.

The Credentials Committee, after an intensive examination given to our Pastors Norman R. Weiss and Daniel G. Ziegler, believe that these men are called of God to the Gospel Ministry.

They have served acceptably during their probationary period within our Conference, and are in accord with the Faith and Order of the Bible Fellowship Church. We therefore:

Resolved: "That Pastors, Norman R. Weiss and Daniel G. Ziegler be ordained during the Thursday evening service of Annual Conference at the Bible Fellowship Church in Bethlehem, Pa.

The committee received favorable reports concerning the Ministers of the Conference from the District Superintendents, and certain committee chairmen. We are grateful to our Lord for His giving of Godly, conscientious Ministers to the Bible Fellowship Church.

The committee makes the following recommendations to the Annual Conference:

1. Probationers whose names are listed on the availability list shall be sent a Faith and Order Questionnaire.
2. Ministers desiring to enter the Bible Fellowship Church must agree to the Faith and Order in its entirety, no exceptions shall be permitted.
3. Pastors who were serving in the Annual Conference at the time of the adoption of the present Faith and Order shall be permitted to continue to minister in the Bible Fellowship Church, if their exceptions do not list any of the following articles:

Article 1 - 2 - 3 - 4 - 5 - 6 - 7 - 9 - 12 - 14 - 15 -
16 - 18 - 19 - 23 - 26 - 27

(All Pastors must subscribe to the Pre Millennial return of Jesus Christ as presented in Article #24)

Those Pastors listing exceptions to any of the above article shall be dealt with by the Credentials Committee.

If such exceptions continue his name shall not be placed on the availability list, and the Annual Conference shall be informed, the Credentials Committee shall recommend proper action.

In the event a Pastor fails to return his Faith and Order Questionnaire by the date specified on the Questionnaire his name shall not be placed on the availability list, and the Annual Conference shall be informed and the Credentials Committee shall recommend proper action.

All Pastors desiring to labor in the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church must be willing to serve under our present pulpit supply system.

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman A. L. Seifert W. B. Hottel
John H. Riggall, Secretary T. D. Gehret

Credentials Committee

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet again this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Robert F. Johnson closed with prayer.

Second Meeting

Monday Afternoon, October 14, 1963

The Meeting was opened at 4:00 p.m. with the singing of "Higher Ground". Frank L. Herb led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Conference Treasurer: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Report of the General Camp Meeting Committee: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Publication and Printing: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Sunday School Promotion Committee: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That every Bible Fellowship Sunday School receive an offering for denominational Sunday School promotion. This offering should be mailed to the Financial Secretary of the Committee before April 1, 1964.

Report of the Victory Valley Board: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the dates of the camps at Victory Valley in 1964 shall be as follows:

July 4-11 Girls 8-12 years old.
July 11-18 Girls 8-12 years old.
July 18-25 Junior High boys and girls.
July 25-Aug. 1 Senior High boys and girls.
Aug. 1-8 Senior High boys and girls.
Aug. 8-15 Boys 8-12 years old.
Aug. 15-22 Boys 8-12 years old.

Resolved, That the Sunday School of each Bible Fellowship Church receive an offering for Victory Valley Camp before March 1, 1964. This check may be made payable to Victory Valley Camp and sent to the secretary of the Victory Valley Board.

Resolved, That the facilities of the Victory Valley Camp be available for limited use by groups from Bible Fellowship Churches. Arrangements for such use shall be made through and offerings sent to the Secretary of the Board.

Report of the Ministerial Convention: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Walter H. Frank, Director of the Greater Europe Mission, gave a brief address on the progress of evangelical missionary work throughout the world.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 p.m. Adjourned at 4:50 p.m. with prayer by John Dunn.

Third Meeting

Monday Evening, October 14, 1963

The meeting was opened at 6:30 p.m. with the singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and Kermit K. Gehman led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following reports were read and adopted:

Report of the Bethlehem District Superintendent, A. L. Seifert: (See Reports)

Report of the Allentown District Superintendent, T. D. Gehret: (See Reports)

Report of the Church Extension Director, William A. Heffner: (See Reports)

Report of the President of Berean Bible School, Jansen E. Hartman: (See Reports)

The following reports were submitted and adopted:

Report of the Board of Foreign Missions: (See Reports)

Report of the Board of Church Extension: (See Reports)

Whereas, the Denville, N.J. and Paradise, Pa., Church extension appointments have petitioned Annual Conference through the Church Extension Board to be recognized as Conference appointments, therefore,

Resolved, That we grant this request and receive them, and further,

Resolved, That the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee assign them pastors.

Report of the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, The Proclamation of a day as Berean Bible School Day in the Sunday Schools and Churches at which time offerings shall be received in the schools and churches for the purpose of promoting interest and support of the School. Checks for these contributions shall be sent and made payable to the Berean Bible School, 1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That Recommendation #2 be tabled.

Resolved, That the laymen on the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall constitute a committee to work with all our churches to promote the advantages of training at Berean Bible School and formulate a plan to raise \$25,000.00 needed to carry on the Berean Bible School program in the 1963-64 year. The District Superintendents shall be advisory members of the committee.

Report of the Board of Directors of the Home: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Ministerial Candidate Committee:

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met thirteen (13) times during the year to carry out its responsibilities. The committee had correspondence with a number of men throughout the year. Some of these were inquiries which did not develop any further; some were fruitful contacts which are still under care.

A probationer's license was granted to Bruce Ellingson, Glenn Huratiak and Harold C. Weaber. Two men were recommended for ordination examination; they were Norman R. Weiss and Daniel G. Ziegler.

The committee recommends recognition of the following men in their respective stages of development:

Probationers

LeRoy J. Bickel, Trenton, N.J. -----	1962
T. James Bigley, East Africa -----	1962
Leonard Buck, Union of South Africa -----	1958
M. Leslie Campbell, Walnutport, Pa. -----	1961
Raymond Dotts, Allentown, Pa. -----	1960
Bruce Ellingson, Finesville, N.J. -----	1963
John Herb, Stroudsburg, Pa. -----	1962
Roy Hertzog, France -----	1959
Glenn Huratiak, Catawissa, Pa. -----	1963
Donald Knauer, Macungie, Pa. -----	1962
Ronald C. Mahurin, Denville, N.J. -----	1960
Robert McIntyre, Allentown, Pa. -----	1958
Leon K. Overpeck, Paradise, Pa. -----	1958
Robert Paul, Millersville, Pa. -----	1962
Richard R. Ruth, Belvidere, N.J. -----	1960
David J. Watkins, Binghamton, N.Y. -----	1962
Harold C. Weaber, Miller Heights, Pa. -----	1963
Norman R. Weiss, Lancaster, Pa. -----	1960
Daniel G. Ziegler, Lebanon, Pa. -----	1960

Candidates

William A. Benedick, East Earl, Pa.
 William L. Ernst, Lancaster, Pa.
 Richard Gehman, Allentown, Pa.
 David Manney, Shamokin, Pa.
 Theodore R. Shelling, New York, N.Y.
 Ronald Zuck, Quakertown, Pa.

Applicants

David Branning, St. Louis, Missouri
 George F. Lee, Jr., Mt. Carmel, Pa.
 Keith Montgomery, Allentown, Pa.
 Donal Nilsson, Ft. Washington, Pa.
 Harold Reynolds, State College, Pa.
 George Riggall, Wallingford, Pa.
 Austin B. Sullivan, Jr., Duryea, Pa.
 Richard Woelkers, Scranton, Pa.
 Larry Yerger, Reading, Pa.
 David K. Lilley, Essington, Pa.

We would refer you to the recommendations presented last year by the committee in the 1962 year book on pg. 29ff. for its second reading.

COMMITTEE:

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
 Earl M. Hosler, Secretary
 Jansen E. Hartman
 William A. Heffner
 A. L. Seifert

Report was adopted.

Resolved, That we recognize the above men in their respective stages of development.

Adjourned 8:20 p.m. with prayer by Reynold D. Gardner.

Fourth Meeting

Tuesday Morning, October 15, 1963

The meeting opened with singing "He Is Coming Again" led by David E. Thomann. Bert N. Brosius sang, "Be Calm My Soul" as a solo and James A. Beil read Psalm 46 followed by Daniel G. Ziegler leading in prayer. John Dunn brought an encouraging message based on the writings of the Apostles Peter and Paul, relative to becoming "not weary in well doing in the Lord's work."

Resolved, That Carl Kellerman be excused in order to enable him to attend a funeral service.

The Chairman declared a recess at 9:40, to resume business at 11:00 a.m. Business was resumed.

Report of the Committee on the Examination of Local Conference Records.

We have examined all Local Conference Records and have found them to be correct except for a few omissions and minor errors which have been corrected by the Pastors concerned.

The following petitions were found in the last local conference minutes of the following churches:

The Calvary Bible Fellowship Church of Coopersburg, Pa.

The following petition to Annual Conference was passed:

"Whereas: the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania now operates with a Unified Budget, and,

"Whereas: the Sunday School Treasurer, Steward and Building Fund Collector no longer function as originally designated, therefore,

"Be it resolved: that we, the congregation of the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, petition the 80th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convening on October 14, 1963 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to permit the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg to eliminate the following offices from our Annual Election of Officers: Sunday School Treasurer, Steward and Building Fund Collector."

The Salem Bible Fellowship Church of Lehighton, Pa.

"Whereas, we are aware of the fact that Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church is in the midst of writing the Articles for the Moral Standards of the church, and

"Whereas, the article on divorce which has passed one reading will be presented for second reading at this Annual Conference which then if passed will be the official standing and ruling of our denomination, and

"Whereas, this local congregation is aware of the fact that the former statement on divorce was interpreted differently by the various District Superintendents and pastors on the district, which led to many heart-aches and problems which could have been, and should have been prevented, and

"Whereas, this local church is concerned about the problem of divorce, but it is also aware of the limitless grace of God which causes us to be in disagreement with the third paragraph of the article on divorce as it passed first reading, therefore

Resolved, that the congregation of the Salem Bible Fellowship Church of Lehighton, Pa. meeting at its 4th Quarterly Conference on August 21, 1963 petitioned the 80th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convening at Bethlehem, Pa. on October 14, 1963, to present a clear statement on the issue of divorce. We suggest and request the following:

1. That consideration and study be given to present a uniform basis for determining who is the innocent party in a divorce, since the Lord certainly makes clear the exception and our article includes it.
2. That ways and means be established to enforce the standing of the church whatever it may be, so that the trend of the past which led to various and sundry interpretations of the divorce issue by different pastors and Dist. Superintendents may be eliminated.
3. That a study of the standards and qualifications for deacons and elders as presented in I Timothy and Titus be studied to determine whether or not the Scriptures really do prohibit what we are trying to prohibit in the article which has passed first reading, and if we do not have definite scriptural evidence for our stand, we would like to know the basis on which men, whether in the local assembly, or on the denominational level are able to prohibit that which God's word does not prohibit, or permit that which God's word does not permit.
4. That a study be made to determine the scriptural basis of denying the guilty party in a divorce the right of holding office in our church if they give evidence of repentance and divine forgiveness,

also whether or not such can be used in any capacity within the church, such as teaching and etc.

Petitions to this Annual Conference are also found in the Local Conference minutes of the Berean B.F.C. of Denville, N.J. and the Paradise B.F.C. of Paradise, Pa. These petitions will be presented to this conference by the Church Extension Board.

Committee:

F. B. Hertzog	Allan F. Smith
E. W. Bean	Norman L. Reed
Donald B. Schaeffer	Ralph H. Hendershot
James A. Beil	Paul T. Rutman
Reynold D. Gardner	Charles W. Weaver
Richard H. Kline	A. W. Deppe
Stanley A. Hackman	John I. Mengel
William R. Hunsberger	Frank L. Herb

Report was adopted.

The Report of the Committee to Publish the Fellowship News (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, that there be three retreats in 1964. Each retreat is to begin with the Friday evening meal, 6:30 p.m., and end with the Sunday noon meal. College and Career Retreat to be held September 4-6. Senior High Retreat to be held September 11-13. Junior High Retreat to be held September 18-20.

Resolved, that each Youth Fellowship receive an offering for the work of the Youth Fellowship General Committee, and that this offering be forwarded to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee by April 1, 1964.

Resolved, that the following changes be made in the Faith and Order relative to Youth Fellowship General Committee as stated on page 12 of the Faith and Order that the Youth Fellowship General Committee be composed of —

1. The District Superintendents (ex officio)
2. Four ordained ministers and five laymen.

Classes shall be formed as follows:

1. Two ministers — one layman
2. One minister — two laymen
3. One minister — two laymen

Each class shall be elected in turn annually by ballot by the Annual Conference for a term of three years.

The Editor and Circulation Manager of "Fellowship News" gave oral reports of progress made in promoting our Church paper.

The Chairman appointed the following tellers:

E. W. Bean, Earl M. Hosler, Ernest B. Hartman, John Dunn and David E. Thomann.

Adjourned with prayer at 12 o'clock by Paul T. Rutman.

Fifth Meeting**Tuesday Afternoon, October 15, 1963**

The meeting was opened with the chorus, "Wonderful Words of Life" and Harvey J. Fritz led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That a probationer qualified for ordination examination is one who, in the judgment of the Ministerial Candidate Committee, has the qualifications of a Christian minister and has demonstrated during a probationary period his ability to exercise these gifts to the glory of God in the edification of believers and salvation of the lost; this probationary period shall be at least two years and shall be served in any of the ministries of the Bible Fellowship Church. (Second Reading)

After Second Reading the following was rejected:—

Resolved, that when a man is ordained to the Christian ministry by the Bible Fellowship Church, he shall then become a voting member of the Annual Conference.

The Report of the Board of Mizpah Grove. (See Reports)

It was adopted.

Resolved, that Probationers whose names are listed on the availability list shall be sent a Faith and Order Questionnaire. (First Reading)

Resolved, that recommendations #2 and #3 of the report of the Committee on Credentials be referred back for further study.

Report of the Committee to Study Moral Standards:

The following Articles are presented for Second Reading:

MORAL STANDARDS

Article

MARRIAGE

Marriage is a sacred institution ordained of God and is an indissoluble union of one man and one woman until parted by death.¹ Marriage, which is the foundation of the family and Christian home, should only be entered in the fear and in the will of God.² Accordingly a believer should not be united in holy matrimony with an unbeliever.³

Ministers and parents have an obligation to teach the sanctity of marriage and to warn against believers being yoked with unbelievers. Ministers shall refrain from joining in marriage any believer with an unbeliever.

(¹) Genesis 2:24; Matthew 19:4-6; I Corinthians 7:39. (²) I Corinthians 7:7. (³) II Corinthians 6:14-17.

Article

FAMILY

The Family is a divinely ordained institution in which the husband is the head, even as Christ is the head of the Church. Husbands are to love their wives, even as Christ loved the Church and gave Himself for it. Wives are to submit themselves to their husbands as it is fit in the Lord.¹ Obedience is to be rendered to parents by the children in the spirit of respect

and love. The Family is the most important institution in which to nurture children in the faith, and great care is to be exercised by parents in building Christian homes.²

(¹) Ephesians 5:22-25; Colossians 3:18, 19. (²) Ephesians 6:1-4.

Article

HARMFUL INDULGENCES

A. Alcoholic Drinks: The use of alcoholic drinks being the cause of incalculable misery in the world, the evil influences of which are enormous in their effects upon society at large, no member shall be permitted to make such drinks, to deal in them,¹ or use them as a beverage.² We recommend that all members of our denomination use their influence against this evil and practice total abstinence.³

(¹) Habakkuk 2:15. (²) Ephesians 5:18. (³) Proverbs 20:1; 23:31, 32.

B. Tobacco: Seeing as we do the harmful effects of the use of tobacco, and since we as a church want to exert our influence against it, be it known that we consider the use of tobacco unbecoming and inconsistent with our Christian profession. No person using tobacco shall hold office or serve in a teaching capacity in any part of the church program.¹

(¹) I Corinthians 3:16, 17; 6:12.

C. Narcotics: Being aware of the subtle dangers of the use of narcotics in any form, we solemnly warn and admonish our people to have no part with the use of, or traffic in these drugs. Except for the legitimate use of drugs by competent physicians, our every influence should be exerted against this growing evil.¹

(¹) Romans 6:16.

The Report was adopted.

Whereas, we have before this Conference a second reading of our statement on divorce, and

Whereas, we have also a petition from the Salem Bible Fellowship Church, Lehighton, Pa., seeking clarification and further information relative to our stand on divorce; therefore,

Resolved, that we refer this article on divorce, and the petitions from the Salem Bible Fellowship Church of Lehighton, Pa., to a study Committee composed of five ordained ministers elected by this Conference which shall report to the next Annual Conference.

Resolved, that we refer the article on Secret Societies to a Study Committee composed of five ordained ministers elected by this Conference which shall report to the next Annual Conference.

Report of the Committee on Finance (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Board of Directors (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, that we adjourn and suspend the rules to meet this evening at 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned with prayer by Ralph H. Hendershot.

Sixth Meeting**Tuesday Evening, October 15, 1963**

The meeting was opened with singing the hymn, "He Keeps Me Singing" and Russell T. Allen led in prayer.

The minutes of the afternoon meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That the annuities paid to retired ministers be raised from \$24.00 for each year of active service to \$28.00 for each year of active service payable in monthly installments. (See **1962 Yearbook**, page 12) Annuities to widows of ministers shall be compiled at the rate of \$14.00 for each year instead of the current rate of \$12.00 (See **1962 Yearbook**, page 13)

Whereas, That annuities paid by the Ministers' Retirement Fund are low when compared with the cost of living, and

Whereas, That the Ministers' Retirement Fund seems capable of sustaining the authorized increase in annuity payments, therefore be it

Resolved, That under our "Rule of Exceptions" the approved increase in annuities paid by the Ministers' Retirement Fund shall become effective immediately.

Report of the Board of Mizpah Grove:**(Second Reading)****Purpose of Mizpah Grove Board**

1. To correlate the Camp Program in its entirety.
2. To study various methods and profit from the experience of others in similar activities.
3. To stabilize and promote the operation of the camp.
4. To develop a long range program.

Organization of the Board

1. The Board of Mizpah Grove shall be composed of the two District Superintendents, four pastors and three laymen.

Classes shall be formed as follows:

1. Two Pastors, 2 Laymen
2. Two Pastors, 1 Layman

Each class in turn shall be elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference for a term of two years.

2. The Board shall elect annually by and from its membership a Chairman & Secretary.
3. The Chairman shall be the administrative officer of the Board.
4. The Secretary shall carry on all the correspondence of the Board.

He shall record the minutes of its meetings and keep all records of the Board.

He shall pay all bills incurred by the Board's business. The checks shall bear signatures of the Chairman, Secretary and the Conference Treasurer.

5. The Board shall facilitate its business by dividing into committees as its work dictates.

6. Committee divisions shall be made at the suggestion of the Chairman and the approval of the Board.
7. Suggested Committees—
 1. Program and Staff recruiting
 2. Building and Grounds
 3. Finance
 4. Promotion and Printing
 5. Cafeteria and Food Service
 6. Camp erection and breakup.
 7. . . .
8. Committees may be staffed by men chosen outside the Board.
9. Committees shall be composed of a minimum of two board members and as many additional members as desirable.
10. All Committees shall carry out duties numbered -----
 In addition . . .
 Committees listed above responsible for duties numbered -----
11. Each Committee shall carry out all routine business at its discretion. All new business shall be brought to the Board for approval prior to action.

Duties of Mizpah Grove Board

1. To formulate objectives for the camp.
2. To develop the camp site and maintain the equipment.
3. To formulate and maintain camp standards.
4. To plan and formulate the camp program.
5. To determine which churches shall comprise each camp meeting.
6. To secure and train the camp staff.
7. To secure the necessary help for the erection-breakup & maintenance of camp.
8. To provide a continuity from year to year.
9. To be responsible for the business and finances of the camp.
10. To promote the camp to our people and public.
11. To be responsible for the cafeteria, food service and store.
12. To be responsible for the literature cottage.
13. To evaluate the camp and its program.
14. To submit a report to Annual Conference.

Duties of the Camp Meeting Committees

1. Each committee shall elect the following officers: Chairman, Secretary, Financial Secretary.
2. All bills of the Camp Meeting expenses shall be submitted to the secretary in an itemized form giving date of all expenses. A voucher system shall be used. The Chairman shall approve the bills submitted by the Secretary to the Financial Secretary.
3. The Secretary shall record all receipts and expenditures in a book provided by the Board. He shall also compile a summary of receipts and expenses to be submitted to the Board of Mizpah Grove.
4. The Financial Secretary shall record all receipts and expenditures in a book provided by the Board. He shall maintain a bank depository as designated by the Board of Mizpah Grove.

5. The balances for each Camp Meeting shall be turned over to the Board of Mizpah Grove.

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors and the Board of Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting shall meet during the Conference to determine what is meant by the balance of the Camp Meeting Funds.

Resolved, That the Board of Mizpah Grove be responsible for the maintenance of the grounds and equipment of Mizpah Grove after this Annual Conference. (Second Reading).

Resolved, That the following paragraphs found in the Year Book be deleted 3, 4, 5, 6 on page nine paragraphs on Camp Meetings on pages 13 & 14 paragraphs S and T on page 16. (Second Reading).

Resolved, That the words, "Board of Mizpah Grove" be added to the lists of Boards and Committees on page 7 and to the Standing Committees on page 6. (Second Reading).

Resolved, That two Camp Meetings be held at Mizpah Grove in 1964:

First Camp—Allentown District—June 27 thru July 5

Second Camp—Bethlehem District—July 11 thru July 19

Resolved, That one (\$1.00) dollar registration fee per tent accompany each order, not refundable, to be deposited by the Registrar of each respective Camp Meeting Committee.

Resolved, That the Rental of tents shall be nine (\$9.00) dollars each per camp meeting in addition to the registration fee to be paid to the Pastors before Camp Meeting. The Pastor shall pay tent rents to the officer of the respective committee no later than Tuesday of the camp involved, together with the lists of names and numbers of tents.

Resolved, That all tent orders be properly filled in and signed by the persons placing the tent order and sent to the Secretary of the Board of Mizpah Grove, Registrar (Robert W. Smock), no later than June 10, 1964.

Resolved, That we discontinue the practice of receiving offerings for Berean Bible School, District Superintendents and Committee at our Camp Meetings.

Adjourned 8:40 p.m. with prayer by F. B. Hertzog.

Seventh Meeting

Wednesday Morning and Afternoon, October 16, 1963

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart" and a quartet of pastors sang, "Hallelujah, What A Saviour". John E. Golla led in the responsive reading of II Timothy 2 after which Robert F. Johnson led us to the throne of grace in prayer. The theme of Robert W. Smock's challenging address was "Exemplary Leadership", dealing with the matter of personal soul-winning.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Delegates Kermit K. Gehman, Charles G. Hersh and Ralph Hendershot requested to be excused from several meetings of the Conference.

Resolved, That they be excused.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and recess to the call of the Chair.

Recessed at 9:50 a.m.

Business was resumed at 4:05 p.m.

Report of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee: (See Reports)

Report was adopted.

Resolved, That should the Fourth Local Conference be scheduled after the date established for the taking of the pastoral poll, all business pertaining to pulpit supply shall be conducted by the Official Board elect. (First Reading) (This resolution shall be added at the proper time to the FAITH AND ORDER, page 17, paragraph #2)

Resolved, That each Church establish its own minimum support that it will pay its pastor. This action shall be by the Official Board at a meeting held no later than November 1. Report of this action shall be made to the local congregation not later than November 15. (Second Reading)

The following were elected:

Study Committee on the Problem of Divorce: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Bert N. Brosius, Jansen E. Hartman and Donald T. Kirkwood.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet tonight at 6:30 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Norman L. Reed.

Eighth Meeting

Wednesday Evening, October 16, 1963

The meeting was opened with the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven" and Allan F. Smith led in prayer.

The minutes of the morning and afternoon meetings were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Statistics: (See Reports)

The Report was adopted.

The following were elected:

Committee to study the Problem of Secret Societies: Earl M. Hosler, Frank L. Herb, A. L. Seifert, John H. Riggall, William A. Heffner.

Report of Government Committee (Second Reading)

COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM AND SPIRITUAL LIFE — (An Official Board Committee)

General Duty

It shall endeavor to ascertain the spiritual needs of the local church and make suggestions and recommendations to the Official Board that will promote an evangelistic emphasis and the deepening and strengthening of the spiritual life of the church.

Specific Duties

1. It shall plan with the Pastor special evangelistic efforts and deeper life conferences.
2. It shall develop a program of prayer ministry prior to and in conjunction with all special endeavors under its jurisdiction.

3. It shall endeavor with the Pastor to institute classes for new converts, visitation campaigns in conjunction with evangelistic efforts and means of reaching and holding those who have been contacted for Christ.

4. It shall endeavor through the Church to promote an active and intensive tract distribution ministry.

5. It shall provide for the entertainment of all evangelists and conference speakers whom it secures for services in the Church.

6. It shall recommend to the Official Board adequate means and methods to publicize its ministries.

Note: Due to the special nature of this Committee's work, serious consideration should be given to appointing the Official Board as this Committee.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

1. The Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall be composed of:

- a. The District Superintendents
- b. Four ordained ministers
- c. Seven laymen

2. Election:

a. The following classes shall be formed:

- I. Two ministers — two laymen
- II. One minister — three laymen
- III. One minister — two laymen

b. Each class in turn shall be elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference for a term of three years.

Duties — 1. The Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall be responsible for the Doctrines and Practices of the Berean Bible School, shall safeguard the doctrines of the Bible as set forth in the FAITH & ORDER and shall enforce the regulations of the Annual Conference.

2. It shall be responsible for the provision of facilities for the School.

3. It shall be responsible for the execution of all legal transactions relating to the School.

4. It shall be responsible for all funds received as provided by the Annual Conference.

5. It shall elect the President of the School and define his duties.

6. It shall approve all appointments of teachers, administration officers, and major employees upon the recommendation of the President and Faculty Committee.

7. It shall give a full report of all activities of the School and present a prospective budget to the Annual Conference each year.

8. It shall divide the responsibilities by choosing committees from among its own members, and sub-committees from among non-members of the Board.

9. All members of the Board and Faculty shall annually subscribe to the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The Sunday School Promotion Committee shall be composed of:

1. The District Superintendents
2. Director of Church Extension
3. Three ordained ministers and six laymen

Classes shall be formed as follows:

- I. One minister — two laymen
- II. One minister — two laymen
- III. One minister — two laymen

Each class in turn shall be elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference for a term of three years.

Duties — 1. The Sunday School Promotion Committee shall stimulate and promote interest and attendance in the Sunday Schools of the denomination.

2. It shall provide guidance in carrying out the Sunday School program.
3. It shall plan for Sunday School conventions and group meetings.
4. It shall receive funds designated by the Annual Conference and disburse them for denominational Sunday School promotion.
5. It shall submit a written report to the Annual Conference.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE

Election — see page 12 — FAITH & ORDER

Duties — 1. The Youth Fellowship General Committee shall recommend to the Annual Conference organizational standards for the local youth fellowships.

2. It shall provide achievement goals for the local youth fellowships.
3. It shall provide denominational youth fellowship retreats and/or other denominational youth activities.
4. It shall assist regional youth fellowship activities.
5. It shall communicate information relative to youth activities through **Fellowship News**.
6. It shall submit a written report to the Annual Conference.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION & PRINTING

Appointment — see page 12 — FAITH & ORDER

Duties — 1. The Committee on Publication & Printing shall ascertain the needs of the local churches and Sunday schools relative to printed supplies for financial and statistical purposes.

2. It shall purchase supplies commensurate with the need.
3. It shall submit a written report to the Annual Conference and also a prospective budget for the ensuing year.

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Government Committee. (Second Reading)

QUALIFICATION & DUTIES OF MEMBERS

Any one desiring to be a member of the Bible Fellowship Church shall give testimony and evidence of faith in Christ and the new birth. He shall

be in sympathy with the **FAITH & ORDER**, be baptized by immersion subsequent to salvation and manifest spirituality and the separated life.

Evidence of dedication to Christ and loyalty to the Bible Fellowship Church shall be shown by personal devotion, faithful attendance at stated meetings, financial support, Christian service, brotherly love one to another and submission to the leaders of the Church.

The above was held for consideration at a later date.

Report of the Committee to Study Moral Standards. (Second Reading)

Article

APPAREL

The Scriptures instruct believers to adorn themselves with modest apparel with shamefacedness and sobriety. Children of God are to guard against immodesty, extravagance and extremes in their dress. We urge therefore neatness, cleanliness, and decency in the mode of dress.¹

(¹) I Timothy 2:9, 10.

Article

SEPARATION

That the Christian life is to be devoted to God's glory¹ and eternal realities², rather than the passing and dangerous pursuits of this world³, is the repeated burden of the Scriptures. In view of this fact we feel compelled to caution our people against improper relationships⁴, pursuits, and excessive indulgence in innocent amusements which may become barriers to spiritual vitality and the cause of spiritual decline.⁵

Some amusements and relationships are positively demoralizing and furnish the first easy steps to the total loss of character. We therefore look with deep concern on the great increase of potentially harmful amusements, and lift up a solemn note of warning against theater going, indecent literature, dancing, and such games of chance as are frequently associated with gambling, and the indiscriminate use of television; all of which may be antagonistic to vital piety, promotive of worldliness, and especially pernicious to youth.

We encourage our people to make their conduct the subject of careful thought and prayer, to study the subject in the light of their tendencies. We adjure them to remember that the question must be, not whether their conduct will dull the spiritual life and become an unwise example⁶, but whether it will be a positive benefit to others.⁷

Having been washed, sanctified, and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God⁸ we have been raised up and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus⁹; therefore we should walk in newness of life and set our affections on things above, not on things on the earth.²

(¹) I Corinthians 10:31. (²) Colossians 3:2. (³) I Timothy 6:9. (⁴) II Corinthians 6:14. (⁵) James 1:15; Mark 4:19. (⁶) I Corinthians 8:13. (⁷) I Corinthians 10:33; 10:24. (⁸) I Corinthians 6:11. (⁹) Ephesians 2:6.

DIRECTORY OF WORSHIP OF GOD

Article

PRIVATE WORSHIP

Worship is the act of paying reverence, adoration, or homage to God. God's people are instructed by His Word¹ and the example of Christ² to make the experience of private worship a regular part of daily life. This should be practiced in a systematic manner, and should consist of Bible reading, meditation, and prayer. In order to establish a good program of personal devotions, believers are encouraged to establish a regular daily time and place for such worship.³

(¹) Psalm 1:2. (²) Matthew 14:23. (³) Matthew 6:6.

Article

FAMILY WORSHIP

Family worship, which ought to be performed daily by every family, consists of prayer, reading Scriptures, and singing praises. The spiritual head of the family, who is to lead in this service, ought to be careful that all members of his household attend and participate and that proper reverence is maintained. Let the heads of families be careful to instruct their children in the principles of Christianity, embracing every opportunity for such instruction.¹

(¹) Deuteronomy 6:7; II Timothy 1:5; 3:15.

Article

PUBLIC WORSHIP

(1) Regular Services: True worshippers of God will make it a practice to attend the stated weekly meetings of the local congregation which include Sunday School, Morning Worship, Evening Service and Prayer Meeting. The Scriptural admonition is emphatic when it states that we should not forsake the assembling of ourselves together.¹ It is not only our God-given responsibility but a blessed privilege and joy² thus to assemble.

The meetings should be started promptly as announced. We recommend that heart preparation be made upon entrance to God's house, and that silent meditation prevail as prayer is made to the Lord to bless the services.

(¹) Hebrews 10:24, 25. (²) Psalm 122:1.

a. Lord's Day Worship Services

The worship services shall consist of congregational singing, prayer, receiving of offerings, Scripture reading, and preaching of the Word. Singing should be considered an important part of worship; and the preaching of the Word given due prominence, seeing it is God's institution for the salvation of the lost, edification of the saints, and instruction in Divine truth to the hearers.

b. Sunday Bible Schools

Sunday Bible Schools shall be conducted on the Lord's Day wherein the Scriptures shall be studied and taught with provision being made for graded instruction. Pupils shall be encouraged to accept Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord as the Holy Spirit brings conviction concerning their needs.

c. Prayer Meetings

Because prayer is essential to the life and power of the church¹, members should make special efforts to attend and participate in the Prayer Services of the local assembly. The leader shall give a brief exhortation based on the Scriptures. Individual participation in prayer and praise shall be encouraged. Other periods of prayer during the week are most welcome and highly desirable in preserving the saints and providing an efficient means of resisting the devil.²

(¹) Matthew 18:20. (²) James 4:7.

(2) Communion Services: Periodically, as a part of the regular services, a communion service¹ shall be held at which time all believers shall be encouraged to participate in this solemn service. Prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper the minister in charge shall conduct a preparatory service during which the meaning of the communion shall be made clear and during which also prospective communicants shall examine themselves.²

(¹) I Corinthians 11:23-26. (²) I Corinthians 11:28.

(3) Special Services: In addition to the regular appointments for public worship, we urge our constituency to have other meetings in the form of Evangelistic and Revival Meetings, Missionary and Bible Conferences, and Children's Meetings for further strengthening of the local testimony and the building up of the body of Christ.

Article

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Christian stewardship has its origin in God's ownership of all things. Since we have been saved by grace through faith, and the death of Christ on the cross provided our ransom¹, our whole being should be freely and willingly given unto God.² Not only does God claim our love and devotion, but He has made us stewards of what we have in time, talent, and material goods. Tithing was practiced since the time of Abraham³ and was required of God after the Law was given.⁴ Giving of our means to support the Lord's work is a Scriptural injunction and an act of worship⁵, and since the New Testament clearly indicates our giving is to be systematic and proportionate⁶, believers are encouraged to adopt the principle of tithing their income as a minimum expression of their stewardship. Our Stewardship is to be motivated by the Holy Spirit and the example of our Lord who freely gave Himself for us all.

(¹) I Corinthians 6:20. (²) Romans 12:1. (³) Genesis 14:20. (⁴) Malachi 3:8. (⁵) II Corinthians 9:6, 7. (⁶) I Corinthians 16:2.

Report was adopted.

The following were elected:

Board of Church Extension: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Jansen E. Hartman, Frank L. Herb Jr., William A. Heffner, Clayton E. Weber, S. A. Hackman.

General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions: Willard E. Cassel.

Board of Foreign Missions: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Willard E. Cassel, C. E. Kirkwood, Earl M. Hosler, Kermit K. Gehman, Roy E. Williams, Rufus Spedden, James R. Cressman.

David Watkins requested to be excused from attending tomorrow morning's meeting.

Resolved, That he be excused.

Adjourned 9:05 p.m. with prayer by Jansen E. Hartman.

Ninth Meeting

Thursday Morning, October 17, 1963

Willard E. Cassel opened the meeting with leading in the singing of the hymn, "Jesus the Very Thought of Thee" and LeRoy S. Heller sang, "Not I But Christ" as a solo. Philippians 2:1-11 was the portion of scripture read by R. C. Reichenbach and Frank L. Herb Jr. led in the opening prayer and sought guidance from God for the activities of the day. The Scripture portion read was used by James G. Koch as a basis of his devotional meditation setting forth Christ's example of humility, a grace that should be more in evidence in our relationships with one another.

The minutes of last evening's meeting were read and approved.

The following brethren asked to be excused from various meetings of the Conference: John E. Golla and Allan F. Smith.

Resolved, That they be excused.

The following were elected:

Board of Directors: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Jansen E. Hartman, John H. Riggall, James G. Koch, F. B. Hertzog, Byron C. Cassel, Daniel K. Ziegler, Paul I. Wentz.

The Chairman declared a recess at 10:10 a.m.

Business was resumed at 11:50 a.m.

Report of the Historical Committee

Immediately after appointment by Annual Conference in October 1962, the Historical Committee made use of the Fellowship News to advertise its assignment and to request suggestions and donations of money or materials. There was no response to this article in our church paper.

A survey of existing historical materials pertaining to the Bible Fellowship Church revealed that they fall into the following three general classifications:

1. Materials stored in various church property "dead spaces", including Mizpah Grove buildings. Contents, value and even exact locations are generally little known.
2. Materials and mental recollections highly prized by individuals, but in many cases in danger of being lost by the passing to be with the Lord of the present possessor.
3. Materials collected at Berean Bible School which consist of the following:
 - a. A set of Annual Conference Year Books, complete except for a few years between 1900 and 1910.
 - b. A partial set of General Conference Year Books.
 - c. A complete set of the "Fellowship News".

- d. A set of M.B.C. and B.F.C. inserts from the Gospel Heralds (probably complete).
- e. A few copies of the "Gospel Banner".
- f. Some of the old Disciplines.
- g. Materials published by or related to Berean Bible School.

The Committee reviewed reports of the Mennonite Historical and Research Committee and of the Archivist of the Bible Presbyterian Church. It appears that historical collections in various denominations have usually begun on a small scale and have grown in later years to be most valuable as they give an authentic reflection of the life and history of the church. An example of an advanced collection is that of the Presbyterian Historical Society on the 5th floor of the Witherspoon Building, just a block from Wanamakers in Philadelphia.

There are two important considerations which form the foundation of any worthwhile historical collection. The first is an adequate repository to safely store the accumulated materials. The second is a person (or persons) with a keen interest in and a fairly intimate knowledge of the work of our denomination.

To implement an official collection of historical church materials, the Committee submits the following recommendations:

1. Annual Conference shall request the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School to approve the use of Berean Bible School as the repository for historical materials.
2. The Chairman of Annual Conference shall appoint an Archivist who shall receive and classify historical materials. He shall have indefinite tenure and shall make an annual report of his activities to Annual Conference.
3. Annual Conference shall elect an Historical Committee to assist the Archivist and to determine policy and procedures for the historical collection. The committee shall consist of one pastor and two laymen with terms of office of three years, except for the first year when elections would be
 - 1 layman for a 1-year term
 - 1 pastor for a 2-year term
 - 1 layman for a 3-year term
4. Pastors and delegates be requested to assist in the collection of historical materials by:
 - a. supplying to the Archivist names of persons having materials of historical interest in their possession, and that they encourage these persons to deliver these important materials to the Church Archivist or that they suggest making provision in their wills for adding these materials to the church collection, and
 - b. having each local church appoint a local historian who will collect newspaper items, church bulletins, special service announcements, programs, pictures, etc. These local collections would be

a supply source for the Church Archivist in obtaining information and materials for the Conference Collection.

Historical Committee

Byron C. Cassel, Chairman James G. Koch
 Horace A. Kauffman, Secretary Daniel G. Ziegler
 Paul H. Cressman

The Report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by W. W. Hartman.

Tenth Meeting

Thursday Afternoon, October 17, 1963

The meeting was opened with prayer by T. Lamarn Manney.

Resolved, That Annual Conference request the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School to approve the use of Berean Bible School as the repository for historical materials.

Resolved, That the Chairman of Annual Conference appoint an Archivist who shall receive and classify historical materials. He shall have indefinite tenure and shall make an annual report of his activities to Annual Conference

The Chair appointed Harold P. Shelly, Jr.

Resolved, That Annual Conference elect an Historical Committee to assist the Archivist and to determine policy and procedures for the historical collection. The committee shall consist of one pastor and two laymen with terms of office of three years, except for the first year when elections would be

- 1 layman for a 1-year term
- 1 pastor for a 2-year term
- 1 layman for a 3-year term

The following were elected:

Historical Committee: One year, Paul H. Cressman; Two years, Daniel G. Ziegler; Three years, Byron C. Cassel

Resolved, That pastors and delegates be requested to assist in the collection of historical materials by:

- a. supplying to the Archivist names of persons having materials of historical interest in their possession, and that they encourage these persons to deliver these important materials to the Church Archivist or that they suggest making provision in their wills for adding these materials to the church collection, and
- b. having each local church appoint a local historian who will collect newspaper items, church bulletins, special service announcements, programs, pictures, etc. These local collections would be a supply source for the Church Archivist in obtaining information and materials for the Conference Collection.

The following were elected:

Committee on Credentials: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, C. E. Kirkwood, Frank L. Herb, W. B. Hottel.

Committee on Ministerial Candidates: A. L. Seifert, Earl M. Hosler, Jan-
sen E. Hartman, Carl C. Cassel, William A. Heffner.

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of the Home be reduced in number from twelve to seven members and that it be composed of five ordained ministers and two laymen, and, further,

Resolved, That the Board be divided into two classes to be formed as follows:

1. Three ministers and one layman.
2. Two ministers and one layman.

Each class in turn shall be elected by ballot by the Annual Conference for a term of two years. (Second Reading)

Board of Directors of the Home: (One Year) F. B. Hertzog, T. D. Gehret, E. W. Bean, Harold A. Mann. (Two Years) A. L. Seifert, Ernest B. Hartman, Paul I. Wentz.

The Chair ruled a recess at 3:10 p.m.
Business was resumed at 3:35 p.m.

Report of the Stewardship Committee:

I. Introduction

A Stewardship Committee submitted a report to Annual Conference in 1962. That report is published in full at pages 30-41 of the 1962 Yearbook. It dealt with:

- I. A Biblical Basis for Church Finance.
- II. Problems Existing in Bible Fellowship Church.
- III. Alternatives in our Denominational Financial Management.
- IV. Looking toward a solution.

After this report had been submitted, Annual Conference passed a resolution reading as follows:

“RESOLVED that we elect a Committee of three ministers and two laymen to present definite recommendations and to work with all boards and committees to assist them in the preparation of a budget system to be presented at next Annual Conference.”

There seems to be no need to cover again in review all of the material included in last year's report. We respectfully refer to it as though it were incorporated herein.

We submit herewith several specific recommendations on this subject:

II. Meeting the Denominational Needs

A. For Administration

1. At Annual Conference, the Board of Directors of the church shall present to the Conference a proposed budget covering the administrative expenses for the year that will begin 12 months later, embracing the following needs:

- a. Printing and Publication
- b. Conference Entertainment Expense
- c. Beneficiary Fund
- d. District Superintendents' Support

- e. Parsonages for District Superintendents
- f. Ministers' Retirement Fund
- g. Moving Fund
- h. Fares and meals of the following boards and committees while on church business:
 - (1) Board of Directors
 - (2) Government Committee
 - (3) Credentials Committee
 - (4) Ministerial Candidate Committee
 - (5) Statistical and Agenda Committee
 - (6) Any ad hoc committee created by Annual Conference
- i. Other expenses of Board of Directors, such as:
 - (1) Attorney Fees
 - (2) Workmen's Compensation Insurance
 - (3) Safe Deposit Box Rental
 - (4) Stationery, Printing, Postage, Telephone
 - (5) Office Machinery rentals and repairs

2. The Board of Directors elected at Annual Conference shall appoint of its members a sub-committee to supervise the establishment and administration of the budget under the direction of the Board. Each official board, through its delegate, shall forward to the secretary of this subcommittee, not later than January 15 following Annual Conference, his church's pledge of the amount it will contribute toward the proposed budget. The Board of Directors at its February meeting will receive the budget sub-committee's report of the amount pledged toward this need of the church. The Board will distribute to each delegate a report of the total amount subscribed and the delegate shall make this report known to the official board of his church at its next meeting.

3. Should the budget have been undersubscribed, opportunity to increase its subscription will be available to any local church up to the day of the adjourned session of Annual Conference. If the proposed total has not been subscribed, the Board of Directors will recommend to the adjourned session adjustments in the proposed expenditures that will bring it into balance with the total pledge of offerings toward this need.

4. After adjourned session has balanced the budget and approved it, the budget shall be effective for the year starting with adjournment of the next Annual Conference. Pledges made to meet this need should be considered as binding as any other vow made before the Lord. Payment of the pledge by each local church shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Board of Directors. Checks shall be made payable to the "Bible Fellowship Church." Payments may be made annually in advance or one-twelfth of the pledge may be paid on the last day of each month starting October 31.

B. All Other Denominational Efforts

We recommend that each of the other Boards — Berean, Church Extension, Foreign Missions, Home, Mizpah Grove, Victory Valley — the General Youth Committee and Sunday School Promotion Committee, submit annual budgets in the same manner as proposed for the Board of Directors, on approximately the same time schedule, setting forth the needs in the

individual areas together with the financial requirements of programs for the future as envisioned under God's guidance and inspiration.

C. Summary of Recommended Denominational Budget Procedures

Restated in outline form, the proposed procedure for each Board and Committee, as proposed above, would be as follows:

1. Present its annual budget to Conference (one year in advance).
2. Each church through its Official Board shall report its pledge by the following January 15.
3. The Boards shall distribute to each delegate a report of pledges compared with the proposed budget.
4. The delegate shall present this report to his Official Board.
5. Increases in subscriptions may be received up to the time of adjourned session of Annual Conference.
6. Budgets shall be brought into balance and approved at the adjourned session of Annual Conference.
7. Remittances for other denominational needs shall be made as at present, except that 1/12th of the pledge for administrative expenses shall be remitted on the last day of each month starting with October 31st of the budget year.

These recommendations, of course, provide for nine separate budgets. This may add somewhat to the complexity of the operation. A unified budget at the denominational level would permit simplification of the financial structure, but we believe this unification could be best achieved after some years of experience on a plan for budgeting separately in each field of activity.

D. Suggested Form of Budget Covering

Administration Expenses as Defined Herein	Proposed Budget	Contributed in 1962
1. Publication and Printing -----	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 2,351.31
2. Conference Entertainment Expense -----	650.00	648.00
3. Beneficiary Fund -----	860.00	856.26
4. District Superintendents' Support -----	18,000.00	15,926.16
5. District Superintendents' Par- sonages (See footnote 1) -----	5,100.00	2,219.92
6. Ministers' Retirement Fund (See footnote 2) -----	4,540.00	3,811.04
7. Moving Fund -----	1,800.00	2,162.00
8. Fares and Meals -----	1,200.00	1,183.49*
9. Incidentals -----	325.00	263.22*
10. Contingencies -----	500.00	
 Total -----	 \$34,775.00	 \$29,421.80

Note 1. This suggestion includes \$2100 for operating expenses and \$3,000 for debt reduction. Total debt on District Superintendents' Parsonages as of October 1, 1962, was \$27,244.87.

Note 2. This suggestion is based on 3% of the 1962 Steward Offering.

* This sum was covered out of balances remaining from the operation of Mizpah Grove.

Allentown District

	<u>1962 Total Offerings</u>	<u>1962 Offerings for admin- istration</u>	<u>1962 Total offerings less those for admin- istration</u>	<u>Propor- tion of the whole</u>	<u>Sample distribu- tion of suggested budget</u>
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Allentown (Bethel) -----	\$94,785.24	\$2,084.32	\$92,700.92	25.12	\$4,730.27
Reading -----	38,811.03	1,853.95	36,957.08	10.01	1,884.95
Sunbury -----	18,425.55	1,047.53	17,378.02	4.71	886.92
York -----	21,594.34	864.57	20,729.77	5.62	1,058.28
Hatfield -----	30,456.95	1,090.49	29,366.46	7.96	1,498.92
Shamokin -----	12,629.36	541.89	12,087.47	3.28	617.65
Mt. Carmel -----	16,792.58	774.16	16,018.42	4.34	817.25
Harrisburg -----	19,011.84	762.29	18,249.55	4.94	930.23
Royersford -----	21,086.49	695.06	20,391.43	5.52	1,039.45
Spring City -----	22,500.22	554.10	21,946.12	5.95	1,120.42
Nazareth -----	15,185.93	612.17	14,573.76	3.95	743.81
Catasauqua -----	9,267.60	216.67	9,050.93	2.45	461.35
Graterford -----	9,736.28	497.25	9,239.03	2.50	470.77
Harleysville -----	10,864.12	379.77	10,484.35	2.84	534.79
Walnutport -----	5,180.93	276.62	4,904.31	1.33	250.45
Lehighton -----	9,143.07	408.27	8,734.80	2.37	446.29
Lebanon -----	9,714.96	446.66	9,268.30	2.51	472.65
Stroudsburg -----	6,698.95	261.40	6,437.55	1.74	327.65
Lancaster -----	10,872.85	316.44	10,556.41	2.86	538.56
Total -----	\$382,758.29	\$13,683.61	\$369,074.68	100.00	\$18,830.66

Bethlehem District

Bethlehem -----	\$46,860.32	\$1,721.53	\$45,138.79	14.44	\$2,302.38
Emmaus -----	34,992.65	2,171.57	32,821.08	10.50	1,674.16
Philadelphia (Salem) -----	19,897.16	1,103.30	18,793.86	6.01	958.25
Quakertown -----	19,565.21	1,044.70	18,520.51	5.93	945.50
Fleetwood -----	29,710.97	1,435.50	28,275.47	9.05	1,442.96
Wallingford -----	38,340.25	966.06	37,374.19	11.96	1,906.94
Easton -----	20,904.43	936.28	19,968.15	6.39	1,018.84
Coopersburg -----	17,525.71	601.70	16,924.01	5.42	864.18
Terre Hill -----	24,290.54	944.30	23,346.24	7.47	1,191.04
Allentown (Salem) -----	11,553.78	445.12	11,108.66	3.55	566.02
Phila. (Calvary) -----	13,554.29	368.30	13,185.99	4.22	672.85
Blandon -----	11,438.81	533.85	10,904.96	3.49	556.46
Scranton -----	11,202.94	413.17	10,789.77	3.45	550.08
Phila. (Emmanuel) -----	11,362.05	458.25	10,903.80	3.49	556.46
Staten Island -----	7,053.44	215.95	6,837.49	2.19	349.18
Zionsville -----	7,942.23	300.16	7,642.07	2.44	389.04
Total -----	\$326,194.78	\$13,659.74	\$312,535.04	100.00	\$15,944.34
GRAND TOTAL -----	\$708,953.07	\$27,343.35	\$681,609.72	100.00	\$34,775.00

Not in any way intending to be critical, nor in any way attempting to dictate any church's particular responsibility, please bear with your committee as we present the above budget distributed to our churches on the basis of total offerings, and compare this distribution with actual contributions made for the same items, excluding items 8, 9 and 10. We have merely used "Total Offerings" as one measure of ability to give by the particular churches. This comparison.: (See page 44)

By this example, we are not recommending a reduction in your giving to the administration expenses. Those who are doing better than shown in column 5 on page 44 are encouraged to continue to do so as a loving assistance to those who at present may be unable to increase their giving.

II. Meeting the Local Needs

We recommend that our local congregations be urged to establish systems that will encourage God's people to bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord each week, including their giving to missions. Thereupon, we recommend that each local congregation establish annual budgets. By the use of coded weekly envelopes and adequate record keeping, such a program will also meet the requirement of Internal Revenue Service for annual receipts.

This local budget could be a:

1. Unified budget.
2. A two-part modified budget — (1) Missions; (2) all other needs.
3. A three-part modified budget — (1) Missions; (2) Pastor's Support; (3) all other needs.

The use of a budget system locally as suggested in the foregoing will facilitate the work of the official board in reaching a decision as to its subscription to the departments of the Lord's work that are carried on at the denominational level.

We recommend that, through the customary efforts employed to increase interest of God's people in the out-reach of the church, we continue to work for missions, with the annual pledge for giving to missions to be placed on a weekly basis so it will fit in with other efforts to place the bringing of tithes and offerings to God as a part of our worship on each Lord's Day.

III. Conclusions

The Apostle Paul wrote: "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." The recommendations given herein have been made with an effort to preserve the principle of free-will giving, since any attempt at making assessments with which to carry on the Lord's work at the denominational level could never give adequate consideration to local needs.

Yet each local church must give adequate consideration to the total effort. The King's business requireth haste. But the speed with which we advance the Lord's work — whether it be missions; church extension; preparing young people for special work in the great harvest field; in summer conference work; or in taking care of day-to-day details — will depend

greatly upon how much of the financial burden God's people are willing to assume.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

James G. Koch, Chairman

Donald B. Schaeffer

LeRoy S. Heller

Daniel K. Ziegler

Byron C. Cassel

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That recommendation II, A of the report of the Committee on Stewardship be adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by E. W. Bean.

Eleventh Meeting

Friday Morning, October 18, 1963

The devotional period opened with the singing of "Near to the Heart of God" led by Donald B. Schaeffer. Carl C. Cassel sang a hymn of praise entitled, "I Hear the Words of Love." The Scripture reading by W. B. Hottel was found in I Corinthians 11:23-32 and George E. Herb prayed, invoking God's blessing on the brethren as they will serve their various churches. Prior to the observance of the Lord's Supper, Vice Chairman, A. L. Seifert delivered an address on "Christ, the Bread of Life" portraying Christ as the believer's life and sustenance.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Committee on Stewardship: LeRoy S. Heller, James G. Koch, Donald B. Schaeffer, Daniel K. Ziegler, Byron C. Cassel.

Report of the Committee on Communications:

Communications were received from Paul E. Baer, James Bigley, Barclay Harley, Ronald Hoyle, C. L. Miller, J. B. Layne, Olive Rawn, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Buck, and Roy Hertzog.

We appreciate their interest in, and prayer for this Annual Conference. May God richly bless them in their labors of love.

John H. Riggall, Chairman

Earl M. Hosler, Secretary

W. B. Hottel

Russell T. Allen

Bert N. Brosius

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Auditing:

The Committee on Auditing has examined the financial records of the reports listed below and find them to be correct and in good condition.

District Superintendents' Reports, Director of Church Extension, Conference Treasurer, Board of Directors, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Church Extension, Board of Directors of Berean Bible School, Board of Directors of the Home, Board of Victory Valley Camp, Youth Fellowship General Committee, Sunday School Promotion Committee, Committee on Finance, Camp Meetings, Camp Meeting Cafeteria, General Camp Meeting, Committee, Ministers' Retirement Fund, Laymen's Benevolent Society, Bene-

fiary Fund, Fellowship News, Committee on Publication and Printing, and Committee on Statistics.

The Committee also reports that the accounts of Berean Bible School were audited by W. N. Serfass and Co., Certified Public Accountants, Bethlehem, Pa. The following is quoted from a letter accompanying this audit:

"We have examined the balance sheet of the Berean Bible School as of June 30, 1963 and the statements of current income and expenditures and current funds surplus for the period then ended . . . Nothing came to our attention during the course of the examination which would cause us to believe that the statements are other than as represented."

James G. Koch	Richard T. Holmes Sr.
Robert Breitegam	Horace A. Kauffman
Ralph D. Cole	Harold A. Mann
Edward J. Dietzman	R. S. Weidner
J. Erwin Fretz	Daniel G. Ziegler
Robert W. Gehret	Daniel K. Ziegler
John H. Herb	

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Records:

We hereby certify that we have examined the Annual Conference Minutes of the 1962 session, and have found them correct with the exception of the following:

1. On page 4, the name T. D. Gehret should be added to:
 - a. Board of Foreign Missions
 - b. Board of Church Extension
2. On page 51, the name Willard E. Cassel should be added to the Board of Foreign Missions
3. On page 54, in the article on Oaths, the word "work" should read, "word as sacred".
4. On page 68-H, the resolution by the Youth Fellowship General Committee should read, "workshop scheduled for Sept. 28, 1963" rather than, "worship schedule."

We hereby submit two copies duly certified.

Chairman	Secretary
George E. Herb	Alva C. Cassel

The Report was adopted.

Report of the Laymen's Benevolent Society: (See Reports)

Report of the Committee to Study Church Government:

In attempting to fulfill its responsibility to study Church government and to make recommendations to Annual Conference concerning the government of our denomination, this Committee has spent many hours in study and discussion. We have had many differences of opinion, but unitedly we seek that which is right and best for our Church. We submit the following report as a summation of principles found in the Scriptures concerning Church government. As the recommendations indicate we desire study and discussion of these matters by the Annual Conference prior to preparing final legislation.

OUTLINE

- I. Introduction: Why Have Biblical Church Government?
- II. Biblical Principles Pertaining to Particular Church Government
- III. Biblical Principles Pertaining to the Government of a Fellowship of Churches
- IV. Some Implications of These Principles
- V. Recommendations

I. Introduction: "Why Have Biblical Church Government?"

The Bible Fellowship Church professes to desire to be under the authority of Jesus Christ her Head. Christ has expressed His direction for His Church in the Scriptures.

We need Biblical Church government because (1) Our Church is not ours but Christ's, (2) Christ has expressed His will for His people in Scripture and (3) Scripture includes some statements on faith and conduct including some teaching on organization.

We will have problems if we do not desire Biblical Church government. Some of these are: (1) that we will have no objective standard by which to determine if our government is the best for us, (2) that we will have to decide where to stop laying aside the teaching of Scripture if we lay it aside here, (3) that by a pragmatic approach of adopting a system that seems to work best now we may be creating problems for the future, (4) that by not seeking to know the will of God as fully as we might we may miss part of God's blessing.

If we are to have Biblical Church government, we must decide what we believe the Bible teaches on this subject. We submit the following as a summary of Biblical principles as we understand them.

II. Biblical Principles Pertaining to Particular Church Government

A. The Source of Particular Church Authority

The source of authority in the particular Church is Christ the Head of the Church. No office bearer in the Church has authority in himself, his authority is delegated authority — given by and exercised for Christ (I Cor. 12; Rom. 12; I Peter 4:10f). Christ as Head of the Church has chosen to exercise His authority through men chosen by Himself and elected by the people of the particular Church (Acts 14:23; I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9). Those so chosen to rule the particular Church as Christ's undershepherds are termed elders/bishops in the N. T. They are responsible to Christ primarily and to the congregation secondarily (Heb. 13:7, 17, 24).

The officers of the Church on earth are ruling elders, teaching elders and deacons. Christ, as prophet, priest and king to the church, has been given all authority in heaven on earth and in the church (Col. 1:15-18). Thus He is the source of all authority. This fact can easily be overlooked and given little more than lip service and theoretical recognition, or it can be a guiding principle in formulating Church order.

B. The Nature of Particular Church Authority

The authority of Christ is conveyed to men who are termed elders/bishops. Since it is conveyed directly from Christ to men, it is proper to refer to this authority as "primary authority," "direct authority."

This is in contrast with the authority vested in assemblies (Acts 15 for example) which is "secondary authority," "derived authority" — authority derived from the particular church elders who convey to the assemblies any authority they possess, for there is no higher permanent office or authority in the N. T. Church than that of elders/bishops.

The authority of the particular Church can be referred to in the following ways:

1. It is spiritual authority — it concerns things spiritual, not juridical.
2. It is primary authority — it is received directly from Christ not indirectly.
3. It is general authority — it is not limited as is the authority of major assemblies.

The authority of the particular Church is ministerial and declarative, moral and spiritual. Nowhere is the Church vested with any other authority. Neither is this authority derived from some federation, union or assembly; it is directly from Christ Himself. For this reason it is called primary authority. The particular Church does not get its authority from the denomination but the converse.

Thus there is a real sense in which each particular Church can be referred to as autonomous. Each particular Church has all that is essential to a church — the preaching of the Word, the observance of the ordinances, the oversight by duly elected elders and the exercise of discipline. Christ is the Head of each particular Church as well as the Church universal. Each particular Church, regardless of size, wealth or circumstance, is equipped with all that is essential to its government. In Christ it possesses the fulness of the body; it is a church.

C. The Bestowal of Authority

This has been alluded to above. The authority of Christ is conveyed to the particular Church through elders/bishops. They are essential to the very existence of a truly N. T. Church. In the N. T. they always exist in a plurality. They are divided into two classes: teaching elders and ruling elders (I Tim. 5:17). The N. T. knows of no higher permanent officer-bearer. They are referred to as ruling a congregation, the congregation is referred to as ruled (Heb. 13:7, 17, 24). Negatively they are not to lord it over the flock, positively they are to take oversight (Acts 20:28) and rule (I Peter 5:2).

The authority possessed by the elders/bishops is not by virtue of innate ability or acquired skills, rather it is Christ's authority conveyed to His undershepherds for the oversight of His flock. It is primary and direct, coming from Christ to the elders/bishops.

D. The Exercise of Particular Church Authority

The authority of the particular Church is exercised autonomously and in connection with other particular Churches.

Who comprises the governing body on the particular Church level? It is not the pastor, he is an elder among elders. It is not the congregation, they are ruled by the elders. It is not the deacons, they do not rule but serve. It is not the trustees, they are not referred to in Scripture. In the

light of our study it is the elders of the particular Churches. They are selected by the people, chosen to preach the Word and observe the ordinances, rule and exercise discipline. Possessing elders who are selected by the people for the purpose of ruling Christ's flock as He directs, each particular Church is complete, lacking nothing essential for the conduct of the affairs peculiar to it.

E. Summary

N. T. Principles Affecting Particular Church Government

1. Christ is the Head over all things to the Church.
2. Office-bearers are to be chosen by the people.
3. Bishops and elders are identical in the Church.
4. In each Church there was a plurality of elders.
5. There is a parity of the clergy (teaching elders).
6. There is the exercise of appeal to the assembly of elders, and the right of government exercised by them in their associate capacity.

F. The Relation of Particular Churches to Agencies

Since direct authority is conveyed from Christ to elders and since primary authority resides in particular Churches, the boards and agencies of the fellowship are the servants of the Churches to whom they are accountable and responsible.

Inasmuch as particular Churches by nature and design seek fellowship of other Churches of like faith and order, finding it impossible to engage in certain types of work single-handedly, boards and agencies are set up in order that through united action the Christian mandate might be carried out. Since one phase of the work of the Church is carried out on the upper level, and since boards and agencies are usually elected by and report to the upper level, it is quite possible to think that the only accountability and responsibility is that to the upper level. This mode of thinking is easily adopted. But it is unbiblical in that it by-passes the particular Church, the divinely ordained rulers of the Churches and the primary source of Church authority. Thus it is not wrong to say that the boards and agencies are servants of the Churches and by the Churches is meant the particular Churches comprising the fellowship or denomination.

The study of upper-level government will not contradict nor detract from what has been said above concerning the particular Church authority; it will, however, bring out other facets of truth which will result in modification of the prerogatives of the autonomous particular Church in the realm of practice. Autonomy will not be denied but neither will independency or isolation be espoused. Each aspect must be taken together to get the whole picture and the true N. T. emphasis. Nevertheless, it is worthy to note here that no union with other churches destroys the autonomy of the particular Church. On the other hand, autonomy does not permit particular Churches to remain in isolation or act as a law unto themselves. The very nature of the Church itself demands the contrary. Hence there will be times when the particular Church will be called upon to forego its own privileges and rights for that of the greater good of the universal Church or fellowship of Churches, just as the individual member will be called upon to forego his privileges and rights for the welfare of the particular Church.

When the Biblical teaching relating to the upper-level and lower-level are brought together, and each strand given due consideration, the ideas of autonomy and authority are made harmonious by the equally Biblical teaching concerning the nature of the Church, namely the teaching concerning mutual subordination and interdependence. It is not autonomy without authority, neither is it authority without autonomy. It is autonomous authoritarianism made possible by mutual subordination. This, of course, can easily be abused, and hypothetical questions can be raised without end. But the doctrine of justification by faith can be given the same treatment. Thus the former cannot be rejected by easy abuse and one-sided questions. Neither can it be rejected by playing one strand of Biblical teaching to the convenient neglect of the other.

III. Biblical Principles Pertaining to the Government of a Fellowship of Churches

A. Biblical Evidence for the Existence of a Fellowship of Churches

The essential unity of the Church demands that particular Churches organize into a wider fellowship. There is only one Church (Eph. 4:4, 5). This Church is both visible and invisible. All agree that the Church as invisible is one, but many Bible-believing Christians do not recognize the need for the visible manifestation of our unity. The need for this manifestation is well recognized in modernist circles and has issued in the National and World Councils of Churches. We are not interested in this type of unity because it is not Biblical in its roots or fruits. However, there is a truly Biblical one-ness of the Church. As the fellowship of believers in one spirit is the basis for the unity of the Church as invisible, so the unity of the Church as visible proceeds on the basis of the visible profession of faith in Christ through common worship, ordinances and government. Is it not our responsibility to represent Christ in as complete a way as possible? If so, then isolated assemblies do not give an adequate picture of the unity of the church. This brings to our attention the second line of evidence.

The word "Church" is used in Scripture to designate several assemblies working as one organization. This line of evidence is based on several factors. First, in Acts we read of the great numbers converted in the early days of the Church. (Acts 2:41 — 3,000; 2:47 — "added day by day"; 4:4 — 5,000 men — not counting women; 5:14 — multitudes; 21:20 — thousands, literally myriads). However this group in Jerusalem was called "the church in Jerusalem" in Acts 8:1 and 11:22. When we couple this large number of believers with the facts that the apostles were present (Acts 8:1) plus the prophets, evangelists and elders in Jerusalem, we have sufficient office-bearers for several assemblies. All these people were organized in such a way that they had concerted action; they could function as a unit (Acts 6:1-11).

A second line of support for this claim is that there probably were several "Churches" that made up the church in Corinth. I Corinthians is a letter which deals with such specific problems that it was probably not originally a circular letter, but rather addressed to one group. However in it Paul speaks of women keeping silence in the "churches" (I Cor. 14:33b-34a). Could there not have been more than one assembly in the "church at Corinth?"

The two main types of ways in which Paul describes Churches is a third area of support for the claim that the term "Churches" is used of several assemblies. Paul uses two types of greetings: he greets the church in the house-hold of Priscilla and Aquila (Rom. 16:5), and he greets the Church at Corinth. One is a personal designation, the other is geographic. Why should there be two types of designations for the same group?

A fourth area of support for this claim is the long list of greetings in Romans 16. Apparently these others were part of the Church at Rome, but not part of the Church in the house of Priscilla and Aquila.

Diversity of language or culture, as well as sheer weight of numbers, may have demanded several churches in a given area. Yet because they were recognized singularly it seems evident that there was organization between assemblies — and that a rather close-knit organization.

The Scripture contains examples of Churches uniting for concerted action. This third line of evidence is the most easily recognized and is also the strongest. There are two major instances of united action in the N. T. The first and best known is the Jerusalem Council recorded in Acts 15. Here two Churches had their "elders" meet and make a policy decision on a problem common to both the Churches. Laying aside for the moment the nature of the authority of the council and how it was constituted, let us not miss the fact that this was united action. The other major reference to united action is the collection for the saints at Jerusalem mentioned in Romans 15:26 and II Cor. 8. On this occasion many churches in several parts of Greece united to help their brethren.

It might be objected that neither of these arrangements were permanent and, therefore, should not be used as examples for our organization today. However, in the context of the general unity of the Church, they point in the direction of more permanent union when continuing needs for constructive action arose.

From these three lines of evidence it is clear that what we have come to call denominations are not outside the pale of revelation, but are essential to the revealed mind of God.

B. The Biblical Evidence for the Nature of the Authority in a Fellowship of Churches. If there is to be an organization of churches then the relationship between the particular churches and the group must be defined. This definition takes place in the realm of authority.

The source of authority in a fellowship of Churches is Jesus Christ. What makes the Church the Church? Only Jesus Christ makes the Church into the Church by redeeming men to God by the sacrifice of Himself and by calling the redeemed to be part of His body (Eph. 5:25-27). Who rules the Church? Kings rule nations; presidents or boards rule companies; fathers rule home, but only Jesus Christ holds sovereign power over the Church (Matt. 16:18; 28:18-20). He is the founder as well as the administrator of the Church. Therefore, He is the source of authority in the particular and universal Church. In any fellowship of Churches therefore, He is also the sole source of authority. James Bannerman says it this way:

The church has no source of life apart from Christ being in it; the ordinances of the church have no deposit of grace apart from Christ present within them; the office-bearers of the church have

no gift of power, or authority, or action apart from Christ ruling and acting through them. It is most important to remember that it is in this high and very peculiar sense that we are to understand the expression that the Lord Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church. (The Church of Christ, I, 199)

This must be true in practice as well as theory.

The nature of authority in a fellowship of Churches is moral and spiritual. Authority is "rightful power; the right to command or act." (Websters New Inter-Collegiate Dictionary) This definition distinguishes authority from power. Power does not necessarily include the right to command or act; power is the ability to bring about its desire. Authority is the right to bring about one's desire. A six foot six, 250 pound sergeant has the authority and the power to make the privates do what he desires; a four foot eleven inch, 125 pound sergeant has the same authority, but may not have the power to bring obedience. In this section we speak of the nature of authority not power.

When we discuss the nature of authority, we are not discussing whether or not it is to be obeyed. By its definition authority is the right to be obeyed. Thus when we discuss the nature of authority, we are discussing (1) on what basis that authority is to decide whether or not it is to be obeyed and (2) by what motivation a specific authority expects to achieve submission.

Submission to some authority is forced. This happens when big boys give orders to little boys. The little boys do not enjoy a physical beating and so they obey. Under this type of authority, power is the motivation of securing submission. This type of authority does not demand inner submission, but only outward compliance. We all live under this type of authority in our federal, state and municipal governments. We do not support with heart-felt desire all the activities of our governments but we pay our taxes and obey the laws. We may complain bitterly that the law is wrong or that the purpose for which our tax money is used is not to our liking; but if we obey the law and pay our taxes we are citizens in good legal standing with the government. Despite our dislike for our government and our complaint about it, we cannot be disciplined or punished as long as we have not broken the law. This is legal and juridical authority. This authority overlooks motive and attitude; it judges only in terms of outward acts. Only overt acts of disobedience may bring discipline. Submission to this authority is motivated primarily by fear of punishment. In other words, legal and juridical authority depends primarily on power to bring about its will. This legal and juridical authority is that which characterizes civil government. It is the only kind of authority that obtains in civil government because there is no basis of union among the governed deeper than the appeal of utilitarian principles among selfish men. The basis of juridical judgment in authority is external only; the motivation in this situation is expedience.

The Church has a deeper basis of union. This basis is obedience to truth constrained by divine love. This deeper basis of union allows the Church to have a more penetrating type of authority; moral and spiritual. When Christ gave His great commission, He declared that the means of extending His rule is by teaching (Matt. 28:18-20). The Church cannot be entered on any terms other than inner, willful submission of the individual to the truth of God's Word, in response to God's call. Nor can one remain in the Church apart

from continued, inner, willful submission to God's Word. This is clear from the many passages of Scripture which teach that outward acts — "going forward" in a meeting, signing a decision card, living a moral life, being baptized, being received as a member of a particular church, nor even serving as an officer of a church — do not make one a believer, i.e. a member of the Church. To be a member of Christ's Church one must inwardly, willfully and completely submit to the truth of God. Because this is true, Christ could call Peter the Rock when Peter submitted to the truth of Christ (Matt. 16:13-23).

Peter's refusal to submit to the teaching of Christ meant that at the time of Peter's opposition to Christ's teaching regarding His death, Peter was not in submission to the authority of Christ. Outwardly Peter was still following Christ; inwardly he had ceased to follow. Peter had committed no overt sinful deed between verse 16 and verse 22 of Matthew 16, but one day he wept bitterly in repentance for the sin which began there. This kind of authority does not judge by external conformity, but by internal attitudes; the Lord demands truth in the inward parts. When one is under this kind of authority, he does not ask how much I can get away with without punishment; but he asks what inner attitudes enable me best to conform to the authoritative standard. In the Church the authoritative standard is the Word of God as interpreted by the fellowship of which one is a part. Because few men — even sanctified men — think alike in all respects, and because the Word of God is complex, each man who is a part of any fellowship will not agree with every other man in the fellowship concerning each point of interpretation of revealed truth. Each man joins that group with which he has the widest area of mutual understanding. Because moral and spiritual authority demands submission to the truth, men, who differ with the majority on a point of interpretation of God's Word in an area in which the group has determined to record an official opinion, are obliged to lay aside personal preference for the expressed will of the group. In this way each individual demonstrates his conviction of the fact that he is not infallible in his interpretation or infinite in his understanding. The basis on which one decides whether or not he is obedient to moral and spiritual authority is inner conformity or submission. Thus moral and spiritual authority is differentiated from legal and juridical authority on the basis of its judgment on the nature of submission. If the Church is to be the Church on the personal, particular Church or fellowship-wide level, its authority must be inner and spiritual, not just outward. The Church is no longer the Church when its members or agencies give only outward compliance rather than inner submission to its authority.

The other major area which differentiates legal authority from moral and spiritual authority is motive. Love is the motive of this kind of authority. This produces not only a willingness to judge action on the basis of inner attitude; but also it produces the eagerness to do the right even when doing the right demands self-denial. Paul speaks constantly of the fact that it is God's love which calls forth the best in us (Rom. 12:1, 2). Christ does not force men to obey Him, Christ commands men to the love and service He seeks by the constraint of His love (II Cor. 5:14-17). That which is acceptable to God is done for love of Him and is done so that we conform to His standard inwardly and completely not just outwardly. This is acknowledging moral and spiritual authority. This is the only kind of authority

known in the N. T. Church. On the personal level when an individual is not morally and spiritually subject to Christ, he is not a Christian. In corporate Church life when an individual or agency is no longer morally and spiritually in submission to the will of the Church or fellowship of which he claims to be a part, then he is no longer in reality a part of that Church. If we will not allow this truth, then what is it that distinguishes the Church from man-made organizations? When the members of the group detect a "shadow of turning" in the attitudes of one who claims to be a part of the Church or group, then those members exercise discipline through counsel and prayer with the one whose attitudes are improper. If the individual is really morally and spiritually under the authority of that group, he will receive such counsel and thereby become more intimately at one with the group. If that individual does not receive such counsel; he makes clear by his refusal to submit to his brethren that in reality he is not one of them.

This kind of authority on the one hand does not eliminate the need for discipline in the Church; it makes true discipline (training) possible. The Church must always exclude those who have already excluded themselves by failure to be a part of the Church on the moral and spiritual level; but the Church cannot exclude any who are morally and spiritually part of her. Christ, in giving "the power of the keys" to men, gives power to bind and loose on earth only that which has been bound or loosed in heaven (Matt. 16:18; John 20). On the other hand this type of authority does not demand from all members of the group uniformity of thought in every detail. In other words this kind of authority does not bind one's conscience. There is liberty of conscience on every matter; each man must think for himself. But where the group has declared its will, each one who claims to be a part of the group must lay aside his view at this point, if it differs with the majority of the group. This demands the kind of self-denial which Christ says must characterize those who are His disciples (Luke 9:23). If the Church does not make those kinds of demands on itself, then it is robbing its members of opportunities to develop spiritually the individual lives of the members.

Thus a fellowship of Churches seeks to know the mind of Christ; His will is manifest in the decisions of the group and is morally binding upon those who are morally and spiritually part of the group. The moral and spiritual nature of the authority of the fellowship of Churches demands the same inward obedience for love of the body of Christ as individuals give personally to Christ and His truth.

In the absence of the kind of spiritual intimacy evidenced in Acts, all human relations tend to rule by law. "The spirit of the city takes the place of the spirit of the family and men ask where legality lies and not what love would have them do" (Kennedy: Presbyterian Authority and Discipline, p. 91). Should the Church be a family or city? We ask not what it is, but what it should be? This type of moral and spiritual authority is actually more demanding than legal authority because its basis demands inner submission and its motive is more comprehensive than fear. In the Acts 15 record we see the length to which this moral and spiritual authority can take men. Antioch had a problem and felt constrained to consult the Church in Jerusalem. This happened apparently because of Antioch's desire to be subject to the Head in an area where He had not left specific command. The depth of the concern or motivation was evidenced by the fact that they con-

sulted a wider body of believers to be the more sure of arriving at the correct decision. The standard or basis of their action was their mutual understanding of Scripture in the light of the Spirit as teacher. Could Antioch or Jerusalem be a fellowship of Churches if each had done as it pleased? (This is the attitude of the independents today.) Could Antioch or Jerusalem be a fellowship of Churches if one or the other forced its will upon the other by threats of excommunication? (This is the attitude of the juridical mine of the Church of Rome today.) Moral and spiritual authority demands inner conformity as well as outward agreement, but it also is the only Biblical and practical way to promote the actual oneness of the fellowship of the Spirit which is to be the characteristic of the Church.

The progression of the authority in a fellowship of Churches is by mutual subordination. We have said that the source of authority in the Church is Jesus Christ. From Him authority proceeds to the particular Churches and office-bearers. By virtue of the fact that the individuals who are members of one particular Church are themselves morally and spiritually bound to Him; therefore Christ's power is with the particular Church. Christ has also designated that there should be rulers or those in authority in the particular Churches (Acts 20:28; I Thes. 5:13; I Cor. 16:15, 16; Hebrews 13:17).

Does Scripture make provision for a development in the line of authority beyond this? Inasmuch as there were N. T. illustrations of inter-church cooperation there must have been some authority on which to operate. In Acts 15, Antioch had every right to decide for itself what to do concerning the O. T. law, but they wanted to consult their brethren. This desire did not originate in a previously drawn up mutual union agreement. What gave the impetus to their desire? Did it not proceed from the unity these brethren felt with their brethren in Jerusalem? Being one in Christ they sought mutual aid in seeking direction to answer their problem. If Church organization is to remain true to its nature, this desire to subordinate oneself to the brethren must control.

Having asked direction from the brethren, they carried out the "decree." The test gives no evidence that Jerusalem demanded the meeting with the elders from Antioch; but because they were brethren, they were glad to meet with them and perhaps to concede more than they originally thought they would concede. This subordination was mutual. It is not one-sided; nor does it originate in James or the Apostles. To quote Hort:

There is not making of formal conditions of fellowship, but the Elders, as taking the lead in making so great a concession on the part of the Jerusalem Church, might well feel that they had a right to expect that the four restraints which had been set forth would be accepted. Hence in the letter sent to Antioch the authority, even the Apostles notwithstanding the fact that unlike the Jerusalem elders they exercised a function toward all Christians, was moral rather than formal; a claim to deference rather than a right to be obeyed. (Hort, *The Christian Ecclesia*, pp 83).

The upper group had no authority other than that brought there from local Churches by duly appointed office-bearers. Thus we can recognize the Biblical emphasis on the authority of the particular Church and still escape the

anarchy of independency. If brethren are not willing to submit morally and spiritually to one another in Christ, are they brethren?

This relationship is not only one of subordination, but it is mutual (i.e. entertained, proffered or exerted by each with respect to each of the others of a group; reciprocally given and received). The N. T. does not recognize any permanent office-bearer higher than that of elder. James at the Jerusalem Council did not assume the position of a bishop. Even an Anglican of Lightfoot's dimensions maintains that the episcopacy was a post-New Testament development. In the N. T. subordination was that of equals submitting to equals. Even the apostles were hesitant to exercise their authority, and Peter speaks of himself as a "fellow elder." This distinction is important because Jesus Christ is truly the Head of the Church. No man is nor can be. As long as the top position is unoccupied by a man, Christ is the Head, and the authority and subordination is either spiritual and moral or it does not exist. When a man is made the head, Christ may continue to be the true Head with the man as an undershepherd, but we (being human) tend more quickly to make the subordination and authority legal and juridical rather than moral and spiritual. This openness at the top with the resultant emphasis on moral and spiritual mutual subordination of equals under Christ is an essential to the N. T. picture of Church Government.

The extent of authority in a fellowship of Churches is limited. The authority of the group is limited in three general areas. First, because the authority of the higher assembly (fellowship) is not original, its authority is brought to it by authoritative office-bearers, its authority is derived. Therefore its authority is smaller than the group from which it is derived.

The derived nature of the authority of the Church is demonstrated also in Acts 15 record of the Jerusalem council. The letter sent by the council demonstrated that the council had authority, but the tone of the letter shows clearly an unwillingness to press that authority. Even when this decision is called a "decree" we understand that the word takes its character from the nature of the group or individual who makes it. Thus the "decree" of an emperor is one thing; the "decree" of a philosopher another. There is an abundance of words for "command" in the N. T. but since none of these are used, and since the council is hesitant about claiming broad authority, it is clear that no legal or juridical authority is assumed. F. J. A. Hort, the Anglican scholar who by his church connections should favor a legal view of the council's authority, says:

It was in truth a delicate and difficult position, even after the happy decision of the assembly. The independence of the Ecclesia of Antioch had to be respected, and yet not in such a way as to encourage disregard either of the great mother Ecclesia, or of the Lord's own apostles, or of the unity of the whole Christian body. Accordingly we do not find a word of a hint that the Antiochans would have done better to get sanction from Jerusalem before plunging into such grave responsibilities. But along with the cordial concurrence in the release of the Gentile converts from legal requirements there goes a strong expression of opinion, more than advice and less than a command, respecting certain salutary restraints. A certain authority is thus implicitly claimed.

There is not evidence that it was more than a moral authority, but that did not make it less real. (The Christian Ecclesia, pp. 81-83)

The authority of the decisions of the group was binding upon the members of the group. This must be so. If a group composed of authentic representatives of a number of Churches at their requests, stays within its limitations, and presents a decision in keeping with the direction of the Holy Spirit and the mind of the group, the Churches are morally and spiritually bound to accept the authority of the group and abide by its decisions. If one member of the group does not like one decision of the body he does not leave because spiritually he counts himself as part of the body. This being so, he will submit to the group's decision though he would have done differently.

Second, because the particular Churches are given authority to rule, the authority of the fellowship must be limited to matters which pertain to the fellowship or to matters on which the individual Churches have agreed to unite. The authority in areas of inter-church effort rest unquestionably with the fellowship. The authority on local matters is in the hands of the rulers of the particular Church unless the local groups desire to deal with specific areas collectively. The desires of the particular Churches come to the fellowship-wide level as recommendations with the attitude of "this will be done, if it suit the body," the desires of the body come to the particular Church with the attitude "because you are one with the rest of us, we know you will want to do this." Is this very much unlike the relationship described in the latter part of Ephesians 5?

Third, because every Church assembly is composed of men and men err; therefore the authority of the fellowship is conditioned on being true to the Scriptures. The moral and spiritual responsibility is to Christ. Therefore all the office-bearers are not shepherds but undershepherds. Recognizing this subordination encourages every believer in exercising his priesthood to do as the Bereans of Paul's day. Since Scripture is our only objective revelation of the mind of Christ, all decisions of Church faith and order on the local or fellowship-wide level must be limited by the degree to which those decisions are true to Scripture.

To summarize we would say that the N. T. does indicate that Churches should unite to form fellowships. These fellowships are to recognize the Lordship of Jesus Christ by allowing Him to rule through duly elected office-bearers who demonstrate their leadership by serving and stand on one level before the Head of the Church. In their inter-relationships the Churches are to be mutually subordinate to one another compelled by a moral and spiritual desire to subject themselves to their brethren. These inter-relationships have but one purpose; the up-building of believers and evangelism of the lost to the glory of Christ its Head.

IV. Some Implications of These Principles

A. Particular Church Level

1. A board of elders is the governing body of the Particular Church
2. Elders are equals among equals thus giving a wider exercise of the authority of Christ's Headship
3. Elders are to be elected, because of scriptural spiritual qualifications, to rule, rather than the choosing of individuals to perform specific tasks.

B. Fellowship-wide Level

1. Because the authority in a fellowship of Churches is Christ, we would desire greater openness of His exercise of authority through greater distribution of authority and responsibility to laymen and pastor of our Church. This would come by not demanding that our District Superintendents serve on so many committees by virtue of their office.

2. Because the nature of authority in a fellowship of Churches is moral and spiritual, we would desire greater concern for the Churches on the part of the Boards and Committees of the Annual Conference. While the Churches ought not to dictate to the various agencies of the denomination, their requests must be considered and answers given to their problems. This is an attitude and therefore cannot be legislated. However, if we could recognize that the churches possess primary authority and the fellowship-wide government secondary authority, we would be obliged to give answers to the inquirers of our Churches.

3. Because the progression of authority in a fellowship of Churches is by mutual subjection, we would desire a greater recognition of the equality of elders. This would come by a willingness to commit more authority to the hands of qualified laymen and by a willingness to evaluate the office of District Superintendent.

4. Because the extent of authority in a fellowship of Churches is limited, we would desire a greater recognition of these limitations. This would be realized by a greater willingness to decide issues on the authority of Scriptures, by writing our legislation to recognize the primary authority of the particular Church in comparison to the secondary authority of the upper level.

C. Conclusion — We cannot here enumerate all the implications because we have not worked on specific legislation. We do recognize that because some of the implications listed here might necessitate major changes in our government that, therefore we may have to legislate or at least formally agree to periods of transition that could be years in length. In our minds it is better to know where we are going before we begin rather than simply deciding on the final destiny as we go.

V. Recommendations

1. Because we recognize the seriousness of the implications of these matters to the general functioning of our whole denomination we recommend the following:

- a. That this paper be studied by every member of the Annual Conference.
- b. That a date for an Adjourned Session be established to discuss these matters after study.
- c. That at this Adjourned Session we vote on the following revision of Article XVIII of our Faith & Order and also vote whether or not the Government Committee should prepare legislation based on these principles.

Article XVIII

The Church is the body of which Christ is the Head.¹ All those redeemed by His blood² and born of His Spirit are members of that body and are in mystical union and communion with Christ³ and fellow believers.⁴ The Church is universal and local, visible and invisible. The visible Church consists of all those professing faith in Christ. The invisible Church is composed of all those born of the Spirit.⁵

The purpose of the Church is to edify the saints⁶ and to evangelize the world.⁷

The Head of the Church administers the affairs of His body through overseers chosen by Himself and selected by the people.^{8*} The overseers of the Church are to be prayed for, obeyed and honored.⁹

A properly constituted particular Church must include the ministry of God's Word, the observance of the ordinances, the oversight by officers¹⁰ and the exercise of discipline.^{11**} Although particular Churches are autonomous, they do not remain isolated but are united to other particular Churches. Through subordination to Christ the Head and through mutual submission to other particular Churches and to the fellowship of Churches, the particular Church gives expression to the true nature and unity of the body of Christ.¹² (1) Col. 1:18a; (2) I Peter 1:18, 19; (3) Romans 6:5, 6; (4) I Cor. 1:10; (5) I Cor. 12:13; (6) I Cor. 12:7, 11; (7) Matt. 28:19, 20; (8) Eph. 4:11, 12; (9) Hebrews 13:7, 17, 24; (10) I Peter 5:2, 3, 5; (11) Matt. 18:7; (12) Acts 15, Romans 15:26, II Cor. 8

* Old material, newly placed

** New material here to the end

2. We recommend the adoption of the following as legislation:

ELDERS

1. Each Church shall determine the number of elders needed to comprise the Official Board. The Official Board is to recommend to the congregation the number required for efficient oversight of the Church. The number decided upon shall be elected to a three year term of office. Approximately one-third of the number shall stand for election each year.

2. The Official Board shall be composed of all the active elders of the Church. They shall designate from among themselves trustees (the number of trustees is to be decided by each congregation on the basis of Official Board recommendation). The necessary committees within the Official Board shall be appointed by the Pastor with the approval of the Board. Additional committees may be appointed as deemed necessary by local conditions.

3. Churches desiring to have class leaders, stewards, deacons, building fund collectors, may either elect them to office or have them appointed by, but not necessarily from among, the Official Board. This matter is to be decided by each Church on the basis of Official Board recommendation.

Note: Election to an office other than that of elder, does not make one a member of the Official Board.

3. We offer the following answers:

To resolution on p. 68B of Year Book, 1962 — After lengthy discussion on the subject of Discipline, we concluded that without unanimity of

understanding and agreement on the basic principle of Church government, it would not be feasible to attempt to write material for legislation on this subject.

To resolution on 68H of Year Book, 1962 — Whereas, we have taken cognizance of the resolution on page 68H relative to Duties of Members, therefore, we recommend that this resolution be retained for further study.

Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman	James R. Cressman
Willard E. Cassel, Secretary	Robert W. Gehret
Carl C. Cassel	Rufus Spedden
Donald T. Kirkwood	Robert Breitegam
R. C. Reichenbach	A. L. Wentz
James G. Koch	

Committee to Study Church Government

The Report was adopted.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee to Study Church Government be studied by every member of Annual Conference.

Resolved, That this material be discussed at the Adjourned Session as the first order of business following the elections.

Resolved, That at the Adjourned Session we vote on the revision of Article XVIII of our FAITH & ORDER as set forth in the above report and also vote whether or not the Government Committee should prepare legislation based on these principles.

Whereas, We have received a petition from the Calvary Church, Coopersburg, Pa. relative to the election of officers at large instead of Sunday School Treasurer, Steward, Building Fund Collector, and

Whereas, The Government Committee has presented legislation which could be an answer to the petition, and

Whereas, We have referred the Government Committee's Report to the committee for consideration at the Adjourned Session, therefore,

Resolved, That this action be sent to the Calvary Church as our answer.

The Chair ruled a recess at 11:30 a.m.

Business was resumed at 11:38 a.m.

The following were elected:

Board of Directors of Berean Bible School: (Three years) Jansen E. Hartman, A. L. Wentz, Horace A. Kauffman.

Board of Victory Valley Camp: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Carl C. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, Clayton E. Weber, S. A. Hackman, Kermit K. Gehman. Adjourned with prayer by Carl S. Kellerman.

Twelfth Meeting

Friday Afternoon, October 16, 1963

The meeting was opened with an organ solo entitled, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" played by Robert W. Gehret and David Watkins led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

Part I

We recommend the adoption of the following:

1. **Resolved**, that the Adjourned Session of the Annual Conference be held Saturday, April 4, 1964, at 9:00 a.m., in the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.
2. **Resolved**, that all mid-season offerings including the offerings for the Home for the Aging and the Publication and Printing Committee be paid at the Adjourned Session.
3. **Resolved**, that we have a Ministerial Convention at Victory Valley Camp on May 26 and 27, 1964.
4. **Resolved**, that we elect a chairman, secretary and five additional ordained ministers to serve as a committee on program for the Ministerial Convention.
5. **Resolved**, that each church make a contribution to the moving fund of fifty (50) cents per member reported at this Conference.
6. **Resolved**, that each church make a contribution to the Publication and Printing Fund of forty (40) cents per member reported at this Conference.
7. **Whereas**, we have elected some men to our Boards and Committees who are not members of the Annual Conference; therefore,
Resolved, that the Conference Secretary inform in writing all such men of their election.
8. **Resolved**, that the auditing procedure for reporting to the Statistical Committee shall be that outlined on pages 32 and 33 of the 1960 **Yearbook**; and further
Resolved, that all figures except Foreign Missions, Foreign Missions in Sunday School, Church Extension and Church Extension in Sunday School be recorded on the schedule and sent to the Conference Church by Tuesday before Annual Conference.
9. **Resolved**, that we print 1200 **Yearbooks** to be sold for \$1.00 each.
10. **Whereas**, we have received an invitation from the Grace Bible Fellowship Church to have Annual Conference in Wallingford, Pennsylvania; therefore,
Resolved, that the 81st Annual Conference convene at Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 723 South Providence Road, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, Monday, October 12, 1964, 10 a.m.

C. E. Kirkwood
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
Carl C. Cassel
David E. Thomann

The Report was adopted.

Whereas, for several years ye have distributed the reports of our Boards and Committees prior to the opening of Conference, and

Whereas, this practice makes difficult the correction of errors found by the auditors, therefore,

Resolved, that each Board and Committee shall have its records audited by an auditor(s) chosen by the Board or Committee prior to preparing its report for Conference, and that the name of the auditor(s) be included in the report to Conference.

Resolved, that plans and elections for the 1965 Ministerial Convention be made at the 1964 Ministerial Convention instead of at Annual Conference 1964.

The Chair appointed the following:

Committee on Agenda: Willard E. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, John E. Golla

Committee on Publication and Printing: John H. Riggall, Robert W. Smock, John Dunn

Committee on Program for Next Annual Conference: John H. Riggall, David E. Thomann, Donald T. Kirkwood.

The following were elected:

Committee on Program for Ministerial Convention: Chairman: John H. Riggall, Secretary; Daniel G. Ziegler, Ernest B. Hartman, Donald T. Kirkwood, James A. Beil, Harvey J. Fritz, T. D. Gehret.

Board of Mizpah Grove: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert,

(One year) F. B. Hertzog, Bert N. Brosius, Clayton E. Weber, A. L. Wentz

(Two years) James A. Beil, Robert W. Smock, George W. Kriger

The Chair declared a recess.

Business was resumed at 3:35 p.m.

Youth Fellowship General Committee: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Robert F. Johnson, Daniel G. Ziegler, Donald B. Schaeffer, LeRoy S. Heller (Appointed by District Superintendents) Neil Taylor, Clyde W. Snyder, Harold P. Shelly Jr., Warren Zuck

Sunday School Promotion Committee: (Three Years) James G. Koch, Harlan Wolf, Nicholas J. Sheetz

Conference Treasurer: Paul I. Wentz Sr.

Editor of FELLOWSHIP NEWS: David E. Thomann

Circulation Manager of FELLOWSHIP NEWS: R. C. Reichenbach

Committee to Publish FELLOWSHIP NEWS: David E. Thomann, R. C. Reichenbach, Russell T. Allen, Robert W. Gehret, James R. Cressman

President of Berean Bible School, Jansen E. Hartman, presented the budget for the year 1963-64.

Report of the Committee on Resolutions:

PART II

1. **Whereas**, we the members of this 80th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church have realized the blessing of the Lord upon our District Superintendents, T. D. Gehret and A. L. Seifert, who have so graciously given of themselves to the ministry of this fellowship, therefore, **Resolved**, That we give thanks to our Lord for them and we pledge our prayerful support and cooperation throughout this coming year.

2. **Whereas**, Jansen E. Hartman, President of Berean Bible School, has unreservedly given of Himself to the great task of Christian Education therefore,

Resolved, That we thank God for the Lord's anointing upon him and we pledge our continued prayer support.

3. **Whereas**, William A. Heffner, Church Extension Director, has faithfully given of himself to extending the work of this church and has directed the young men under his charge, therefore,
Resolved, that God's continued blessing and protection be upon him.
4. **Whereas**, God has given the Bible Fellowship Church faithful and devoted Pastors, who desire to make full-proof of their ministry, therefore,
Resolved, that we commit ourselves unreservedly unto the ministry to which Christ has called us.
5. **Whereas**, Pastor W. W. Hartman and the members and friends of the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, have provided abundantly for the temporal needs of the members of this Conference, therefore,
Resolved, that we heartily thank them for their generous provision, further,
Resolved, that the Secretary provide Pastor W. W. Hartman with a copy of this resolution to be read to the congregation.
6. **Whereas**, N. H. Wolf served as Editor of the yearbook, and Paul I. Wentz as treasurer of Annual Conference, therefore,
Resolved, That we give the Editor of the yearbook and Paul I. Wentz treasurer of Annual Conference \$75.00 each to be paid from the Publication and Printing Committee.
7. **Whereas**, David E. Thomann and R. C. Reichenbach have served faithfully as Editor and Circulation Manager and have diligently accomplished the task which has been placed upon them, therefore,
Resolved, That we give thanks unto the Lord for these men and that we continue in prayer for them.
8. **Whereas**, P. T. Stengele and E. J. Rutman have been able to attend parts of the Conference and E. E. Kublic, J. B. Layne, W. F. Heffner, A. G. Woodring and Paul E. Baer showing their interest as retired brethren, therefore,
Resolved, That we give thanks for these faithful brethren and pray for the Lord's richest blessing upon them.
9. **Whereas**, H. D. Yarrington and Walter H. Frank have attended sessions of this Conference, therefore,
Resolved, That we give thanks to God for their sustained interest in our denomination and pray God's guidance and grace upon their separate ministries.
10. **Whereas**, during the year we have lost through death two of our missionaries, Rev. Calvin F. Snyder and Miss Grace Yost, therefore,
Resolved, That we praise the Lord for their ministry and pray the Lord's blessing and comfort on Mrs. Phoebe Snyder and Miss Yost's aunt, Miss Grace Alshouse.
11. **Whereas**, The officers of the Laymen's Benevolent Society, A. W. Deppe, Allen Weiss and Albert L. Wentz, have labored tirelessly for the general welfare of the Annual Conference, and further,
Whereas, They have liquidated the fund as recommended by the Conference which task has entailed much correspondence, travel and consultation, therefore,
Resolved, That we express our gratitude to these brethren for this labor of love, and further,

Resolved, a copy of this resolution be sent to each of them by the Conference secretary.

C. E. Kirkwood
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

David E. Thomann
Carl C. Cassel
Committee

The Report was adopted.

Report of Committee on Church Forms:

DEDICATION OF CHILDREN

(Dedication is an act wherein only believing parent(s) living in fellowship with Christ and endeavoring to carry out the injunctions of His Word publicly present their children to the Lord. Because the child is a gift from God, the parents as God's stewards promise to bring up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord the child entrusted to them. The act is made meaningful and efficacious when the parents in the years that lie ahead remind the child of this act and explain to him the meaning thereof in the course of spiritual training and exemplary living in the home. Where unequal marriage yokes are involved, only the believing parent shall make the public presentation.)

TO THE CONGREGATION

Inasmuch as these parents are presenting this child (these children) to the Lord may we join with them in their act of dedication. Only those parents who are born again and are living in fellowship with Christ may present their children in dedication to the Lord. This act has no saving efficacy but is a public declaration by the parents that they will rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Dedication becomes meaningful to the extent that these parents train their children in the Lord through spiritual admonitions and exemplary living.

TO THE PARENTS

1. Inasmuch as God has given you this child (these children) do you consecrate him (her, them) to God and His service? If so, answer, "We will."
2. Will you instruct this child (these children) in the Word of God and encourage him (her, them) to memorize portions of it? If so, answer, "We will."
3. Will you be responsible to bring this child (these children) regularly to the house of God and teach him (her, them) reverence to the Lord and respect for His house and worship? If so, answer, "We will."
4. Will you teach this child (these children), as soon as he (she, they) is (are) able to understand, the nature and purpose of this dedication? If so, answer, "We will."
5. Will you endeavor to lead your child (children) to a saving knowledge of Christ? If so, answer, "We will."
6. Do you dedicate yourselves as parents to live a godly life so that this child (these children) will see Christ in you? If so, answer, "We will."

ACT OF DEDICATION

Inasmuch as (name of parents) have dedicated (name of child) to God and His service, may we join in prayer that God's blessing may be upon them.

(The minister shall then pray)

“The Lord bless thee and keep thee: the Lord make His face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee; the Lord lift up His countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.” (Numbers 6:24-26)

ORDINATION OF PROBATIONERS

(See material under Ministerial Candidate Committee and Committee on Credentials)

ACT OF PRESENTATION

(The District Superintendent in charge of the service shall say,)

Who is (are) the candidate(s) to be presented for ordination?

(The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials, having been seated with the candidate(s), shall stand, give a background summary of the candidate(s) and then say,)

Upon the recommendation of the Committee on Credentials and the approval of the Annual Conference, I hereby present _____.
(Upon presentation, the candidate shall rise and stand before the altar.)

“This is a true saying, ‘If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work. A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach, not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient, not a brawler, not covetous, one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity; (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?), not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. Moreover, he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.’ (I Timothy 3:1-7)”

1. Are you inwardly persuaded that you are moved upon by the Holy Spirit to perform the work of a Minister of the Gospel under the direction of the Bible Fellowship Church? If so, answer, “Of this I am persuaded.”

2. Do you believe the Holy Scriptures to be inerrantly inspired by the Holy Spirit and that They alone contain the doctrine essential to eternal salvation and faith and practice and will you faithfully endeavor to so instruct those committed to your charge? If so, answer, “I do believe and will so instruct them.”

3. Will you adhere to the **FAITH AND ORDER OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH?** If so, answer, “I will adhere.”

4. Will you earnestly endeavor to regulate your conduct and that of your family according to the teachings of the Holy Scriptures that you may be godly examples to all. If so, answer, “I will endeavor by the help of the Lord.”

5. Will you obey them to whom the charge and government over you are committed and follow their godly admonitions with a willing and ready mind? If so, answer, “I will obey by the grace of God.”

6. Will you be diligent in prayer, reading and searching the Holy Scriptures, and will you pursue such studies as helpful to the knowledge of God and His kingdom? If so, answer, “I will.”

ACT OF ORDINATION

(Prayer, kneeling. An ordained minister of the Bible Fellowship Church who is of the probationer's choosing [optional] shall lead in prayer after which he and the District Superintendent(s) shall lay their hands upon the head of the candidate and the District Superintendent in charge shall say,)

Take thou authority to execute the office of an elder under the direction of the Bible Fellowship Church.

The Lord anoint thee with the Holy Spirit for the office and work of an elder in the church of God now committed unto thee by the authority of the Bible Fellowship Church through the laying on of our hands, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

(Standing) And Jesus said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen (Matthew 28:18b-20)

(The ordained Bible Fellowship Ministers shall greet the brethren newly ordained.)

(Benediction)

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

(See Qualifications and Duties of Officers)

(The Pastor shall present the following to the congregation and briefly explain their duties: Delegate(s), Class Leader(s), Steward(s), Building Fund Collector(s), Trustees, Deacons, Member(s) at large on Official Board, General Sunday School Superintendent, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Treasurer of the Sunday School, President of the Women's Missionary Society, President of Youth Fellowship, Secretary of the Local Conference and those officers of auxiliary organizations who report to Local Conference. These officers shall face the pastor who shall present the following commission:)

QUESTIONS TO THE OFFICERS

Fellow laborers in the Lord Jesus Christ, I hereby challenge you to heed the commission of the Word of God. "We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain. (For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) Giving no offence in any thing, that the ministry be not blamed: But in all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labours, in watchings, in fastings; by pureness, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Ghost, by love unfeigned, by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armour of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, by honour and dishonour, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things." (II Corinthians 6:1-10)

Having heard the challenge of the Word of God, and realizing the responsibility that accompanies your position of honor in the Lord, heed earnestly the following questions that you may commit yourself to your office with godly conviction.

1. Will you as a member of the Body of Christ seek to cooperate with your fellow laborers in the Lord and yield yourself in obedience to those who have the rule over you? If so, answer, "I will."

2. Will you with patience and impartiality seek to minister to the needs of all members of the local church that in all things you will give no offense? If so, answer, "I will."

3. Will you through the Word of Truth and the power of God in you, seek to live an exemplary life of purity and truthfulness before the world that God will be glorified in you? If so, answer, "I will."

4. Will you endeavor to remain faithful to your duties regardless of testings, unfair circumstances and evil reports? If so, answer, "I will."

5. Will you faithfully endeavor to execute the duties of your office as set forth in the **FAITH AND ORDER OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**? If so, answer, "I will."

CHARGE TO THE OFFICERS

I charge you, the officers of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church, humbly endeavoring to fulfill all the responsibilities within your keeping, to seek the face of the Lord in all matters and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit that your life will glorify God.

QUESTION TO THE CONGREGATION

As members of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church, you are admonished to heed the entreaty of God's Word. "And we beseech you, brethren, to know them which labour among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. And be at peace among yourselves." (I Thessalonians 5:12-13) Will you, the members of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church, abide by the direction of those who are given the rule over you in the Lord, heed their admonitions and esteem them highly for the office which you have entrusted to their care? If so, answer, "We will."

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

I charge you, the members of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church, that like as Aaron and Hur upheld the arms of Moses, so you support and strengthen these officers with your loyalty and earnest prayers.

INSTALLATION OF SUNDAY SCHOOL STAFF

(See material on Sunday School)

(The Pastor shall present the members of the Sunday School Staff to the congregation after which the staff shall face the pastor who shall present the following commission:)

CHARGE TO THE STAFF

God has ordained the ministry of the Word to the end that sinners might come to repentance of sin and faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and that

believers might be edified and nurtured by instruction in the truths of Holy Scripture. You have been chosen to assist in this ministry by serving on the Sunday School staff of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church.

This ministry carries heavy responsibilities and is not to be esteemed lightly. You are to faithfully teach the Word of God, so that those under you may know the Holy Scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. Not only are you to teach by word, but also by example, heeding the admonition, "Be thou an example of the believers in word, in conversation, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity." (Timothy 4:12) You are to teach with diligence and earnest concern, taking "heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfill it." (Colossians 4:17)

QUESTIONS TO THE STAFF

Before God and these people I ask you:

1. Are you willing to accept these responsibilities as a member of the staff in this Sunday School? If so, answer, "I am."
2. Having been born again, will you faithfully teach the truths revealed in God's inspired Word? If so, answer, "I will."
3. Since the privilege of serving on the Sunday School staff is a God-given responsibility, will you call upon the Lord for His help and guidance? If so, answer, "I will."
4. Will you purpose with God's help to come regularly, promptly and adequately prepared to fulfill your responsibilities? If so, answer, "I will."
5. Will you manifest a genuine interest in each student through prayer and by personal contact? If so, answer, "I will."
6. Will you purpose by God's grace to lead students of our Sunday School to a saving knowledge of Christ and will you endeavor to instill within them attitudes and practices that are consistent with the highest principles of Christian living as found in the Word of God? If so, answer, "I will."
7. Will you conduct your life so as to be an example in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity? If so, answer, "I will."
8. Will you faithfully support the ministry of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church and manifest a cooperative spirit with your co-workers? If so, answer, "I will."

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Will the congregation please stand.

Will you, the members and friends of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church promise to faithfully pray for the Sunday School and its staff? Will you support the school so that it may grow spiritually, financially and numerically for God's glory? If so, answer, "We will."

(Prayer by the pastor for the united effort of the Sunday School.)

(A suitable hymn may be sung.)

ADMISSION OF MEMBERS

(See Article # _____ on The Church, _____ on Duties of Members and the Duties of the Membership Committee)

QUESTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. Can you testify that through repentance towards God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ you have experienced the forgiveness of your sin and enjoy peace with God? If so, answer, "Yes."

2. Do you believe the Bible to be the Word of God and the sole authority for the way of salvation and do you take this Word to be your rule of faith and conduct? If so, answer, "Yes."

3. Will you endeavor by God's help to be responsible for faithful attendance of public worship, daily reading of the Scripture, prayer, praise and systematic giving? If so, answer, "Yes."

4. Will you submit to the authority of the _____ Bible Fellowship Church as stated in the **FAITH AND ORDER OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH**? If so, answer, "Yes."

5. Since you have been born again, have you been baptized by immersion as instructed in the Word of God? If so, answer, "Yes."

ACT OF ADMISSION

(The Minister shall say,) (**Name of candidate**) I extend to you the right hand of fellowship in the name of Christ and His Church and welcome you as a member of _____ Bible Fellowship Church.

(After prayer, a number of members shall greet them.)

The Committee recommends:

1. That the Government Committee prepare the rules on membership.
2. That Annual Conference consider the advisability of preparing a uniform application for church membership.

John Dunn, Chairman	Donald B. Schaeffer
Robert W. Smock, Secretary	George Herb
James A. Beil	Harvey Fritz
Earl M. Hosler	Committee

The Report was received.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 6:30 p.m. Adjourned 4:55 p.m. with prayer by John I. Mengel.

Thirteenth Meeting

Friday Evening, October 18, 1963

Report of the Youth Fellowship General Committee:

Constitution of the Youth Fellowship Organization

(Second Reading)

Article 1 — Name

The young people's Society of the Bible Fellowship Church shall be called the "_____ Youth Fellowship."

Article 2 — Objectives

The Objectives of the Youth Fellowship shall be:

1. To lead young people to a personal knowledge of Christ.
2. To develop Christian character and leadership.

3. To stimulate the study of the Bible and adherence to the **Faith & Order** of the Bible Fellowship Church.
4. To promote practical Christianity and loyalty to the program of the local church.
5. To provide for spiritually profitable fellowship.

Article 3 — Officers

The Officers of the Youth Fellowship shall be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sponsor(s) and any other officers which the group shall deem necessary.

Churches having a departmentalized Youth Fellowship may have an Executive Committee; which shall include the President and one Sponsor from each Youth Fellowship. The Pastor shall be, or shall designate the chairman of the Executive Committee.

Article 4 — Duties of Officers

President — The duties of the President shall be:

1. To bear the responsibility of leadership of the Youth Fellowship with the guidance of the Sponsor.
2. To preside at the business and other meetings. He should endeavor to have the Vice-President take charge of at least one business meeting.
3. To report to the Local Conference.
4. To represent his Youth Fellowship in Regional planning.

Vice-President — The duties of the Vice-President shall be:

1. To preside in the absence of the President or when the President so directs.
2. To be responsible for Visitation and Promotion.
3. To assume all duties of the President in case of his absence, incapacitation, or resignation for the duration of the term of office.

Secretary — The duties of the Secretary shall be:

1. To record all minutes of the business and other meetings.
2. To keep a membership roll and to record the attendance.
3. To supply the President with a statistical report for Local Conference.
4. To carry on all correspondence.

Treasurer — The duties of the Treasurer shall be:

1. To receive and disburse funds.
2. To keep a financial record to be audited by the Local Conference.
3. To supply the President with a financial report for the Local Conference.

Sponsor(s) — The duties of the Sponsor(s) shall be:

1. To oversee and direct the entire program through the elected officers.
2. To be responsible to the Christian Education Committee and Pastor. Plans and Programs shall be discussed with the Pastor or whomever he directs.
3. To offer guidance and counsel to the members of the Youth Fellowship.

4. One sponsor shall represent the Youth Fellowship on the Executive Committee in a departmentalized program.

When the Youth Fellowship is departmentalized, the Executive Committee shall correlate the program.

Article 5 — Membership

The membership shall consist of those who have received Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour and who are members of **the Bible Fellowship Church**. All who desire to be members of the Youth Fellowship shall sign the Covenant. In a Junior High Youth Fellowship, where departmentalization is in effect, the Church Membership requirement may be waived and membership may be on the basis of Christian experience and signing the Covenant. Membership shall be renewed annually. New members shall be received upon application to and recommendation by the Officers. Other young people who show interest may be Associate members until they are ready to make the commitments involved in full membership. Only full members shall vote in business matters. Membership shall be departmentalized as follows:

Junior High — 7th-9th Grades

Senior High — 10th-12th Grades

Young Adult — Post High School to age 25

In churches where all the departments are not possible, any parts of the total program may be used.

Article 6 — Election of Officers

The Sponsor(s) shall be adult and appointed by the Christian Education Committee upon nomination by the Pastor. The Pastor may be the Sponsor.

The other Officers shall be elected at least annually by and from the membership of the Youth Fellowship.

Elections shall be held annually in September. Terms of office shall begin October 1. At the discretion of a local Youth Fellowship, elections may be semi-annual with the second election in March and term of office to begin April 1.

A nominating committee may be used.

Article 7 — Covenant

The Covenant shall be signed before a member joins and each September following as long as the individual desires to retain membership in the Youth Fellowship.

The Covenant is as follows:

In humble dependence upon the Lord who has redeemed me by His blood, I covenant by His grace to be faithful to my Lord in all things and at all time, to seek to know the Scriptural standard of the Christian life and to support my Youth Fellowship by faithful attendance and participation, striving to grow in grace and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Article 8 — By-Laws

By-Laws, not in conflict with the provisions of this Constitution may be adopted by the Youth Fellowship in a regular meeting for this purpose. By-Laws are subject to the approval of the Local Conference of the Church.

Article 9 — Regional Gatherings

Youth Fellowship Regions, for the purpose of regional activities, shall be established by the Youth Fellowship General Committee. Each Region shall have a Regional Committee. The Pastor, President, and a sponsor of each Youth Fellowship in the Region shall be members of the Regional Committee.

In a Church having departmentalization, the Executive Committee shall elect from among the president and sponsors one representative at large and one representative from each Youth Fellowship of the local church to be members of the Regional Committee. No Church shall be permitted to have more than four voting members on the Regional Committee.

The Regional Committee shall organize annually as they see fit to carry on regional activities. Decisions as to regional by-laws, frequency of activities and finance shall be left to the discretion of the Regional Committee with guidance from the Youth Fellowship General Committee. Names and addresses of Regional Committee officers shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Youth Fellowship General Committee by the Secretary of the Regional Committee.

In the formation of a new Region or the reactivation of an inactive Region, a temporary Chairman shall be appointed by the Youth Fellowship General Committee. He shall call and preside at a meeting of the Regional Committee, which shall elect permanent officers.

This Constitution was adopted.

Report of the Committees to Establish Mizpah Grove Balance:

The balance was established at \$1,827.78.

The Board of Church Extension made the following assignments:

Belvidere, N.J.—Richard R. Ruth
 Finesville, N.J.—Bruce A. Ellingson
 Macungie—Donald R. Knauer
 Miller Heights—Harold C. Weaber
 Trenton, N.J.—Glenn R. Huratiak
 Walnutport—M. Leslie Campbell
 Wernersville—LeRoy J. Bickel
 Binghamton, N.Y.—To be supplied

Resolved, That each of the following Boards contribute to the Board of Directors by January 1, 1964, the following amounts:

Board of Foreign Missions	\$300.00
Board of Church Extension	200.00
Board of Mizpah Grove	100.00
Board of Directors of Berean Bible School	100.00
Board of Directors of the Home	100.00
Committee on Publication and Printing	100.00
Sunday School Promotion Committee	100.00
Board of Victory Valley	100.00

Adjourned 7:30 p.m. with prayer by A. L. Seifert.

Signed:

T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent, Chairman,
 A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent, Vice Chairman,
 John H. Riggall, Vice District Superintendent,
 Earl M. Hosler, Vice District Superintendent,
 N. H. Wolf, Secretary,
 Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer,
 William A. Heffner, Director of Church Extension,
 Jansen E. Hartman, President of Berean Bible School,
 Ernest B. Hartman, Assistant Secretary,
 Robert W. Smock, Recording Secretary,

Russell T. Allen,	R. C. Reichenbach,	Ralph H. Hendershot,
E. W. Bean,	Donald B. Schaeffer,	A. W. Deppe,
James A. Beil,	David E. Thomann,	Stanley A. Hackman,
Bert N. Brosius,	W. F. Heffner,	Willard Blocker,
Alva C. Cassel,	E. J. Rutman,	Charles W. Weaver,
Carl C. Cassel,	John H. Herb,	George R. Fish,
Willard E. Cassel,	Norman R. Weiss,	Horace A. Kauffman,
John Dunn,	Daniel G. Ziegler,	Paul H. Cressman,
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.,	David J. Watkins	Byron C. Cassel,
Reynold D. Gardner, Sr.,	Leon K. Overpeck	George W. Krigor,
John E. Golla,	Ronald C. Mahurin	Norman L. Reed,
W. W. Hartman,	Kermit K. Gehman,	Richard T. Holmes,
LeRoy S. Heller,	J. Erwin Fretz,	Allen F. LaRose,
Frank L. Herb, Jr.,	Robert Breitegam,	Harold A. Mann,
George E. Herb,	Allan F. Smith,	Robert W. Gehret,
F. B. Hertzog,	Spalding R. Sowers,	Allan C. Palmer,
W. B. Hottel,	Daniel K. Ziegler,	Donald M. Sedgwick,
Robert F. Johnson,	T. Lamarn Manney,	Edward J. Dietzman,
C. E. Kirkwood,	Roy E. Williams,	John I. Mengel,
Donald T. Kirkwood,	Paul T. Rutman,	Carl H. Kellerman
Richard H. Kline,	William R. Hunsberger,	Ralph D. Cole,
James G. Koch,	R. S. Weidner,	Charles G. Hersh

I.—DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(ALLENTOWN DISTRICT)

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:” 2 Peter 1:19

Ours is a time that calls for certainties. We are confronted with a world that is perplexed and in constant conflict. It becomes more and more evident, that our modern generation is making a desperate attempt to build a world without God. The question that challenges attention is: “Are there any certainties? Are there things in the midst of this turbulent world that are secure?” With confidence we turn to the “more sure word of prophecy,” and find strength and encouragement for the path we tread, and the tasks that lie ahead.

It is comforting and reassuring to realize that God Himself alone is sovereign. We need to have a vision of His greatness, His holiness, His majesty and sovereignty. Such a vision will hold us steady when all about us seems to tremble. This will enable us to proclaim the Word in the power of the Spirit. The one apologetic for all preaching is, “I know, therefore I speak.” This is indeed a time that calls for spiritual realities, and Christianity has them.

Another Annual Conference, and time for reflection. We do well to rejoice in the mercy and goodness of God that has been in evidence all the way along. We think of the way we have come. It may have been trying and difficult. Have we learned anything? Have we grown in the knowledge of the Lord? Has our spiritual life been strengthened? It is good to know that “He goeth before” and we follow as He leads. The future may be unknown, but Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

I want to give praise to God for His continual presence and protection. I am grateful for traveling mercies over the many miles traveled in fulfilling my duties. It has been a joy to minister in the churches of the District. We have been well received and made to feel the warmth of Christian love and fellowship.

Our Pastors are a dedicated and sacrificial group. They are truly men of God who shepherd the flock committed to their care. While these are days of testing for the man of God who would preach the Word, and faithfully pursue his God ordained task, we praise God upon every remembrance of godly men who declare the whole counsel of God.

It is quite natural to want to speak of progress in the work both on the conference and the local level. While we cannot report any sensational increase numerically, we are aware of the fact that the full story of a church is not told by mere statistics. There have been conversions, there have been accessions to the church, though not in large numbers, yet there has been a genuine work of God wrought in the lives of quite a number throughout the District.

It has been a pleasant experience to meet with the various congregations and minister among them. We found a constituency that manifested spiritual grace, and proved their loyalty in service for God in the church.

A year ago the one remaining circuit, Graterford and Harleysville, was given assurance that in the will and providence of God, their request that each church have their own Pastor, would at this conference be granted. During the year both congregations engaged in earnest prayer, and set the wheels in motion for the time when they would be separate works. Their finances have increased, especially in pastoral support. In the beginning of the year the Harleysville congregation purchased a parcel of ground situated along route 113, having an acreage of 3.175. A modern ranch type house is presently being constructed, and will be ready to house the Pastor for whom the congregation anxiously awaits.

Allentown Bethel has made some extensive improvements to their church edifice. The interior has been completely redecorated, and cork flooring installed. Included in the work done on the exterior, was a new slate roof, the rebuilding of the concrete steps and the pointing of the bricks at the front of the church.

On June ninth a service of dedication for the new church lot situated along Cedar Crest Boulevard was held, and several hundred persons attended. A sign was erected announcing the future building of a church on this site.

Spring City has continued to gather funds, looking towards the time when they will be able to proceed with their plans for a new church and parsonage.

The York congregation in looking after the welfare of their Pastor, provided a church study by building an addition to the church 20 x 12 feet. The study has its own heating and air conditioning, and is a spacious and pleasant room.

Sunbury purchased two properties across from the church a few years ago. The houses were razed, and after grading and paving, this now provides adequate parking space.

The exterior of both church and parsonage at Shamokin have been painted, and the expenses were met largely through the rather unique "money stretch," in which they received a little above a thousand dollars.

The Conference wide activities such as Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting, Victory Valley summer camps, Youth Retreats, and Sunday School Convention, have once again proved to be of real spiritual value in the strengthening and blessing which came to our people. Lasting impressions have been made as hearts were touched in response to the spiritual challenge.

May God bless every one who in some way or other have helped to aid me in the task to which I was committed. With courage and faith, may we now move forward trusting in Him Who never fails, and Who will lead us on to ultimate victory.

Work, for the Lord is coming!
 Children of light are we;
 From Jesus' bright appearing
 Powers of darkness flee.
 As from the mists arising,
 Souls like the dew are born;
 O'er all the East are spreading
 Tints of rosy morn.

Work, then, the Day is coming!
 No time for sighing now!
 Harps for the hands once drooping,
 Wreaths for victor's brow,
 Now morning light is breaking,
 Soon will the Day appear;
 Night shades appal no longer,
 Jesus Christ is near.

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS

Received from Church Extension Fund -----\$5,670.00

EXPENDITURES

(a) Appropriations

Leighton -----	\$ 600.00	
Stroudsburg -----	1,320.00	\$1,920.00
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(b) Miscellaneous

Telephone & Postage -----	\$ 157.51	
Special to Churches -----	1,518.76	
Special to Ministers -----	1,643.25	
Convention expense -----	28.91	
Fares & Meals -----	64.85	
Special help -----	75.00	
Truck expense -----	28.48	\$3,516.76
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Balance in Treasury -----		233.24
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	\$5,670.00	\$5,670.00
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T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent

Report was adopted.

II.—DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

(BETHLEHEM DISTRICT)

“But thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of His knowledge in every place.”
 —II Corinthians 2:14 (American Standard Version)

To the original readers of Paul's epistles the picture portrayed by these words was graphic and quite familiar. It was that of the Roman triumphal procession into the capital city led by a conquering general returning from victories in foreign lands. Chained to the conqueror's chariot were the specimens of subdued captives with their weapons of warfare broken.

The change in the rendering of this verse by the revision committee in 1901 correctly portrays the impression the apostle Paul was seeking to make upon the minds and hearts of Believers. He is not the victorious conqueror but a captive “led in triumph by Christ”; a victim of the Victor and a trophy of God's grace subdued by the great Captain of his salvation.

We are living in a time of spiritual apathy and enormous changes with much that was once considered permanent crumbling before the restless urge of man. Communism, humanism, materialism and secularism compete for the loyalties of men as we commence what is now referred to by some as the "Post-Christian era." Holiness and dedication are rare virtues in any age but especially so, it seems, in our period of history. In this day of shallow and anemic spirituality which fosters an "easy-believism" producing many spiritual abortions and emphasizes quantity rather than quality, we need to ask God to apprehend souls who shall be subdued by God's grace and led in triumph by Christ.

I have been thoroughly convinced that one of the transcendent and elemental factors in the spiritual development of any local church and denomination is the stability and maturity of the Pastors who are ordained of God to lead His people. For this reason many hours were spent during this year in an effort to assist Pastors who are willing to achieve increased self-discipline, thus enabling them to "make full proof of their ministry." Instruction and counsel given was generally received with much gratitude by the Pastors on the District. It is our sincere desire that no man shall run having no message; hearing only a great tumult, but possessing no certain knowledge of the tidings required by our King.

During the year I visited with the official board of each church on the Bethlehem District. At some places more than one visit was made. In almost every instance it was evident that the Pastors are increasingly becoming very capable administrators, respected as conscientious spiritual leaders in the ministry to which they have been called. However, we must always guard carefully against spiritual declension which may result from an unbalanced passion for exactness in detailed planning. Dr. G. Campbell Morgan once remarked that he believed in a "minimum of organization for a maximum of work." There is always the danger of degenerating to a preciseness which is merely mechanical and lacking in the spiritual fervor, freedom and warmth which is energized by the Holy Spirit.

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for His constant watchfulness over us as we travelled many thousands of miles to fulfill our engagements. We also thank Him for any spiritual blessings various individuals received through our ministry. A word of appreciation is also due to the Pastors and their families for their gracious hospitality extended to us at the time of our visits.

When we assumed the responsibilities pertaining to the office of District Superintendent it appeared to be an opportune time to evaluate and survey some of the past accomplishments of the Bible Fellowship Church. Since we are a relatively small and closely-knit society of churches there is the danger of an extremely critical introspection which often results in a negative inclination regarding the progress of our denomination. However, the picture is not as bleak nor as discouraging as some would seek to make us believe. In fact the records indicate that the accomplishments during the past fifteen years, in many respects, are quite encouraging and rather impressive to even a casual observer.

Fifteen years ago we had a total of thirty missionaries listed as supported by our Conference of Churches. Today we have forty-seven missionaries, excluding children. At that same time we had a total of forty active Pastors serving Conference appointments and in the Gospel Herald Society. There

are now a total of forty-seven Pastors in the Bible Fellowship Church with the possibility of two more being added to the number this year. A little over a decade ago there came into being our Berean Bible School which now has many alumni serving in a commendable manner in the ministry at home and abroad. The Home for the Aging was often considered by many a very neglected area of our Church. Plans are now being made for the construction of suitable facilities to properly care for those who will need this provision during their declining years. Another new venture has been Victory Valley Camp with particular emphasis upon children's and youth camps. The Lord has seen fit to bless this effort in a remarkable manner, especially in the erection of excellent facilities which are now available for a multiplicity of purposes. Many are becoming increasingly conscious of the fact that the summer Bible Conference ministry conducted at Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting is in need of better equipment and an enlarged program. The Mizpah Grove Board was brought into existence during the past year and will be giving attention to the needs in this vital phase of our ministry.

Fifteen years ago our total membership was less than four thousand two hundred. At the close of our Conference last year the membership surpassed four thousand six hundred. The total average attendance in our Sunday Schools fifteen years ago was four thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight. It now exceeds six thousand. Other items might be mentioned such as the success of our denominational periodical, the Fellowship News, which published its first edition several years ago. The large increase in our total offerings and valuation of church properties should also cause us to rejoice. Surely our testimony should be, "To God be the glory great things He has done." We should be confident that God is willing to bestow even greater blessings upon our denomination as we seek His will and please Him.

Progress has been made during the past year on the Bethlehem District in many areas. Permit me merely to mention a few of the major items which primarily pertain to church edifices.

BLANDON — A Sunday School Annex to provide additional space for their rapidly expanding Sunday School was completed this year. The floor area is thirty-six feet by thirty-four feet. This building consists of an auditorium and several adjoining class rooms. Since the men from the Blandon congregation did most of the manual labor a substantial amount was saved in the actual construction.

EASTON — The congregation authorized the purchase of a new parsonage to provide better accommodations for the Pastor and his family. Members of the official board are examining houses which are presently available, and may be satisfactory to meet this need.

PHILADELPHIA, CALVARY — Redecorating was done in the sanctuary including the purchase of lovely carpeting. All these improvements have been paid through the generous and sacrificial contributions of the Lord's people.

PHILADELPHIA, EMMANUEL — The interior of the sanctuary and basement were repainted. Additional lighting was installed in the sanctuary and tile was purchased for the stairs and basement.

PHILADELPHIA, SALEM — For forty years this congregation has held forth the Word of Life on McFerran Street, one-half block east of Broad

Street. In recent years the neighborhood surrounding the church has undergone great transformations which made it evident that the congregation would not be able to continue at this location. After much waiting upon the Lord an opportunity developed to sell the church buildings at a reasonable price, which will enable Salem Church to re-locate. The final service for Salem Church at McFerran Street was conducted on Sunday evening, October sixth. At present services are being conducted each Lord's Day at the Germantown Y.M.C.A. The Pastor and members of Salem Church covet the prayerful interest of the Lord's people as they continue to seek God's guidance regarding the most suitable location for the erection of their new building.

WALLINGFORD — On March 23, 1963 our most recently constructed church building was dedicated to the glory of God at Wallingford, Pa. This spacious and well-designed building has already been a great asset in the progress of this growing congregation. The cost of construction and furnishings was \$165,364.00. Although they also recently purchased and renovated a parsonage and parish house for \$43,000.00, their present indebtedness is less than \$100,000.00.

ZIONSVILLE — This church is of historic interest to our constituents due to the fact that the Bible Fellowship Church had its inception in this locality. Though this congregation is relatively small they have launched out by faith to provide adequate facilities for their Sunday School by digging out and renovating their church basement. In addition to this project renovations will be made at the front entrance, and a well is being dug which will enable them to construct nursery facilities and rest rooms. This is a large undertaking for these people, but we have confidence that our God will bless and prosper them as they seek to build for His glory.

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS

Balance from last year	\$	3.60	
Received from Church Extension Fund		8,070.00	\$8,073.60

EXPENSES

(a) Appropriations:

Blandon	\$	480.00	
Philadelphia, Emmanuel		1,260.00	
Staten Island		1,080.00	
Zionsville		1,500.00	\$4,320.00

(b) Miscellaneous:

Assistance to Churches	\$	1,347.80	
Assistance to Pastors		1,008.90	
Mileage and Meals		156.00	
Telephone		121.12	
Printing		42.40	\$2,676.22
Balance, September 30, 1963		\$1,077.38	\$8,073.60

A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent

Report was adopted.

III.—REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR

October 14, 1963

“Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the Lord thy God is thee whithersoever thou goest.” Josh. 1:9

It is with a deep sense of gratitude to God for His faithfulness that we present our fourth report to Annual Conference as Director of the Church Extension Department of our church. In the dispensing of our responsibilities it again was necessary for us to travel many miles to oversee the ten churches under our care. The Lord graciously protected and gave traveling mercies as we rested on the promise of his Word to Joshua “The Lord the God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.”

In our report to Annual Conference last year we emphasized the “offensive warfare” in which the church was engaged. As we continue to wage this battle, we discern an increased diabolical opposition to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Never before have we sensed so keenly the Church-militant facing a satanically-inspired guerilla warfare, with all subtlety, its sniping, and its cloak-and-dagger tactics. Never before have our pastors faced so much fifth-column maneuvering, which is producing increased pressures within the ranks of the professing church.

Nevertheless — the foundation of God standeth sure, and all the devils of Hell cannot destroy it. Upon this foundation all the pastors of our department have stood firmly through another year. All have remained faithful servants of Jesus Christ and true to the inspired Word of God.

A most gracious spirit of cooperation and concern was manifested by the Church Extension Board at all of the Board meetings throughout the year. Many hours were spent in prayer, planning, and discussion relative to each of the testimonies under the Board’s jurisdiction.

The Director wishes to express his sincere appreciation for the many kindnesses extended by the Church Extension Board during the year. Also, the hospitality extended by the Church Extension pastors and their families, as well as those serving conference appointments, was deeply appreciated by the Director and his family.

BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY

Although our Bible Fellowship Church has been in existence only two years in this small New Jersey town, we have much to praise God for. Last year the conference records showed a total of 9 members. This year’s record will show a total of 29 members with a Sunday School average attendance of 49—a 30% increase. During the year several were brought to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and 12 believers were baptized. The congregation continues to meet in the Firehall auditorium, although plans for their building program have now been completed. It is hoped that erection will commence in the Spring of 1964. This year the congregation provided \$1,620.00 for their Pastor’s support. Along with this generous provision, the congregation not only paid all of its operating bills, but also paid back \$3,500.00 to the Conference for their part of the lot purchase.

For the third consecutive year our church sponsored a tent campaign in Belvidere. Rev. Robert Brooks of Landrum, S.C., was the evangelist and was used of God in reaching many children in the community by means of his gospel magic, as well as preaching nightly to the adults on the topic "The Lordship of Christ." Pastor Richard R. Ruth has labored diligently on this field, and has realized a measure of success in reaching this needy community for Christ.

BINGHAMTON, NEW YORK

A tremendous physical metamorphosis has come to this our northernmost Bible Fellowship Church. Central-city Binghamton is experiencing a drastic face-lifting, which has resulted in projecting the physical plant of our church there into much greater prominence. The congregation is presently completing a \$10,000.00 building project which is providing a greatly needed large Sunday School area in the basement, an area for nursery facilities, new lavatories, a new exterior double stairway to the main church entrance, a new side entrance to the church basement and a new hot-water heating system for the entire building. The men of the church are to be commended for the many hundreds of hard work-hours given to this project.

Thirty-eight believers comprise the church membership roll. Ninety-seven are enrolled in the Sunday School with an average attendance of 70. It is expected that the greatly expanded facilities will be a decided assist in the rapid development of the educational efforts of the church.

During the month of August a successful D.V.B.S. was conducted with an average attendance of 59.

Pastor David J. Watkins has faithfully served this congregation for the past 2 years. Although visible results have been limited, his faithfulness to the call of God and the presentation of God's Word, coupled with a deep love for the people of God as well as the unregenerate, has caused his ministry to be an effective tool in the Lord's hand.

During the year Pastor & Mrs. Watkins adopted a precious little baby girl which has brought much joy to their home.

DENVILLE, NEW JERSEY

This congregation, under the faithful leadership of Pastor Ronald C. Mahurin, has just concluded its first full year of worship in their new spacious sanctuary. The new building, with its wonderful facilities and attached parsonage has proven to be of inestimable value to the cause of Christ here.

A strong evangelistic program was developed during the year resulting in 33 professed conversions. Of these, only 11 were children. An Evangelistic Crusade was conducted by the Pocket Testament League in the month of August, headed by well-known Evangelist Larry McGuill. The Crusade was preceded with an effective door-to-door canvass of all of Denville and Rockaway, N.J. Three thousand gospel packets were distributed to individual homes. A total of 213 people visited our church for the first time during the Crusade, and the Offerings totalled over \$500.00. During the Crusade 16 accepted Christ as Saviour.

This endeavor was followed with the enrollment of 105 in a 6-day DVBS, with an average attendance of 85.

With the establishing of a new envelope system, the offerings during the year have revealed a generous increase. Foreign missions increased over \$650.00; Pastors Support increased over \$500.00; total offerings increased over \$2,500.00.

Pastor Mahurin has concluded his 4th year of faithful service on this field and has, to a great extent, under God, been responsible for bringing the Denville work to the degree of stability where, at this Annual Conference the Church Extension Board is recommending that we approve the request of the Denville Bible Fellowship Church to become a conference appointment.

FINESVILLE, NEW JERSEY

Bruce A. Ellingson was called upon at the beginning of the Conference Year to supply the pulpit at Finesville. While still attending seminary in Philadelphia, Brother Ellingson commuted for the first 6 months of the year and, although carrying a double schedule, the work immediately showed some signs of revival.

During the year 12 professed Christ as Saviour. Definite signs of growth were revealed in a willingness of some to assume responsibility. A youth fellowship has been formed with about 10 attending regularly. During the summer an Evangelistic Crusade was conducted with Pastor S. Clyde Robinson, of near-by Phillipsburg, as evangelist. In June, 61 were enrolled in the D.V.B.S. which saw an average of 53 attending.

Financially God has wonderfully provided. At the beginning of the year this work found itself 6 months in arrears in mortgage payments, — a total of \$150.00. We are happy to report that this year the Finesville folk not only made all their payments promptly, but have virtually liquidated the previous year's debt as well. At present the men of the church are renovating the large S.S. rooms on the first floor, which will provide a new ceiling, new light fixtures, and painting of the walls.

Several new families have shown a real interest in this work recently, and it is our expectation that this next year will be a year of real victory in Finesville.

Pastor Ellingson has worked and sacrificed in a most commendable manner, revealing a real heart-love and concern for the flock committed to his care.

MACUNGIE, PA.

A healthy trend toward greater stability is very evident as this work is analyzed. The spiritual triumphs have been many, with obvious results. The attendances at all services have shown a splendid increase which has had a good effect upon the finances of the church.

Nine folks found Christ as Saviour during the year. Five followed the Lord in baptism and 9 members were added to the fellowship. A weekly Bible Club enrolled 53 children with 35 average attendance. The W.M.S. recently organized. Several new members were added to the Official Board through the recent election.

The extensive renovation project of last year at a cost of \$4,500.00, has proven to be a great blessing to our testimony in Macungie, and we are happy to report that the entire debt has already been liquidated. The offerings increased over \$2,000.00 during the year.

Pastor Donald R. Knauer has been a faithful steward of Jesus Christ during this his second year of service at Macungie. He has labored diligently to meet the needs of his people and has gained their sincere love and deep esteem as a man of God. The trend at Macungie seems to prophesy great things ahead.

MILLER HEIGHTS, PA.

Pastor Harold C. Weaber was assigned to fill this charge at the last Annual Conference. It has been his privilege to see a measure of blessing upon the Miller Heights church in this initial year of his ministerial life. The 40 believers at this location have rallied to the cause of Christ, displaying a real burden for the community. A willingness on the part of the leaders to visit and contact new families is a most welcome relief from the usual!

Several were led to Christ during the year and six believers were baptized. A successful D.V.B.S. was conducted in the month of June, enrolling 93 and producing an average attendance of 82. As a result, 15 children were enrolled in the S.S. and many new families were contacted. The S.S. with an average attendance for the year reported at 55, saw an average of 62 during the difficult month of August. A youth department was formed with 27 youth enrolled and an average of 22 attending.

After the major building project of last year, there was much to be done in finishing the job this year. The men of the church are most diligent in their efforts to make the house of God respectable and inviting. Recently pews were purchased and installed in the sanctuary — a great addition to appearance and comfort.

MILLERSVILLE, PA.

In this religious but needy area of Lancaster County, stands a small but growing Bible Fellowship Church. Twenty-five members, under the leadership of a faithful under-shepherd, Pastor Robert Paul, are united in their determination to stabilize and develop this testimony for our Lord. Many new families have been contacted and some are faithfully attending the services of the church. The congregation unanimously agreed during the year to purchase a spacious 3½ acre lot on the edge of town, and to immediately proceed with the erection of a parsonage. The beautiful ranch-style home is virtually completed at this writing, and will be formally dedicated on Saturday, November 9th at 3 p.m., after which it will be occupied by the pastor and his family. Through careful purchasing and many hours of donated labor by pastor and people, although the parsonage evaluation will exceed \$18,000.00, the cost will be only approximately \$12,000.00. A large open basement will temporarily provide extra space for greatly needed S.S. area, Bible Clubs, and youth activities. It is hoped it will not be too long before we shall see the House of God erected on this valuable lot adjacent to the parsonage.

The services display a healthy growth, the last month's report showing an average of 63 in S.S.; 61 in the morning service; and 44 in the evening service. The financial support of the pastor has increased substantially.

A real impact is being made on this community and we believe this coming year will be a most fruitful one.

PARADISE, PA.

(This has been a real year of victory for our Paradise Bible Fellowship Church. The present 41 members have been most diligent in the cause of Christ and have gratefully accepted the godly leadership of their Pastor, Leon K. Overpeck. Brother Overpeck has been mightily used of God as he faithfully administered to the needs of his flock.

During the year at least 10 professed Christ as Saviour. Several evangelistic outreaches were most effective, such as the New Life Crusade with Brother Earl Poysti, which saw an average nightly attendance of 120; the out-door lawn services each Sunday evening in August with an average of 70 attending; a 2-week D.V.B.S. with attendance reaching as high as 150, with as many as 28 teen-agers attending the evening sessions; and 202 at the closing service of the D.V.B.S. All this means souls are being reached with the gospel.

The S.S. averaged 115 during the year; morning service averaged 76; and the evening service averaged 57. A weekly Bible Study Course, conducted prior to the weekly prayer service, enrolled 11 adults.

The physical plant has also been improved, providing a fine parking lot, storm windows for the parsonage, and an \$800.00 renovation of the second floor of the garage to be used for S.S., youth activities, and prayer meetings.

Financially, God has bountifully provided. Missionary giving increased \$175.00; Pastor's Support increased \$455.00; total giving increased over \$2,100.00. Truly God has done great things.

This congregation has unanimously agreed to request recognition as a conference appointment, which request the Church Extension department heartily approves.

TRENTON, NEW JERSEY

Pastor LeRoy J. Bickel has concluded his second year of ministry here. God has used his servant who has proven sincere, zealous and faithful in the Christian ministry. During the year 35 professed faith in Christ, 17 of these during the Evangelistic Campaign held during the month of May. An emphasis was placed upon home visitation, — where, incidentally, most of these 17 found Christ, and then publicly acknowledged him in the church.

The S.S. showed an increase of 12 over the previous year's average attendance. Satan has been seriously testing the saints, endeavoring to destroy the unity of the believers. His hatred for the unusual victories of the previous year, has been most obvious. Nevertheless, Christ is causing the believers to triumph over him. The leaders of the work have remained faithful to their responsibilities and are to be commended and encouraged.

The new envelope system adopted, has proven a great asset. Foreign Missions giving increased \$350.00 during the year; Pastor's Support increased \$230.00; and the total income increased \$750.00.

Pray for this work. The potential is great; the Devil is busy; but God is able!

WALNUTPORT, PA.

This work, in existence for many years, was assigned to the Church Extension Department at last year's Annual Conference. Pastor M. Leslie

Campbell assumed the responsibility of leading this group of believers at that time. Real progress has been seen in several areas — the S.S. increasing 13 in average attendance over the preceding year, and the D.V.B.S. producing an all-time high of 72 average attendance. 110 filled the auditorium for the closing session.

An extensive renovation program has been accomplished, providing a pastor's study in the church, new modern lavatory facilities and newly painted auditorium walls, plus the installation of beautiful modern lighting fixtures. Most of this work was done by the men of the church, keeping expenses at a minimum.

Pray for these dear believers as they continue to expect greater things from our great God.

WERNERSVILLE, PA.

The Director met bi-weekly with a group of believers in this small community for 6 months for prayer and Bible studies, after which a 2-week tent campaign was held in the center of town — not without opposition! More than 35 children professed faith in Christ and were dealt with at the tent. Several adults also became Christians, some of whom are worshipping with us regularly.

Services have continued to date in the V.F.W. hall on the main street of Wernersville, under the direction of the Church Extension Director. Although we are grateful for the privilege of a place to gather, the hall is not conducive to growth. It is the desire of all concerned, to find another meeting place as soon as possible.

The Church Extension Board, at its last meeting, resolved to accept Wernersville as a Church Extension appointment, to be supplied with a Pastor as soon as a man becomes available. It is hoped that we will be able to assign a man to this new field at this Conference. This, of course, would necessitate the securing of living quarters for a Pastor and his family. Pray with us as we face this possible need.

A real debt of gratitude is hereby expressed to Pastor James G. Koch of our Grace Bible Fellowship Church in Reading, Pa., who had the vision to see the need of the Wernersville area, and who has willingly encouraged a number of his members who live near Wernersville, to become a permanent part of this new work. This spirit of sacrifice we believe God will reward.

Services are being well attended. with several new Christian families casting their lot with us. The morning program has an average of 56 for the first two Sundays in October. The Evening Service averages about 45 in attendance; and approximately 30 attend the prayer service.

One more word of gratitude must be extended to Brother Jansen E. Hartman who so graciously volunteered to conduct the Sunday Evening services from the conclusion of the tent campaign to the present time. His ministry was deeply appreciated by the Wernersville believers, as well as by the Director.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR

October 14, 1963

RECEIPTS

Balance, October 1962 -----	\$ 275.75	
From Church Extension Board -----	6,000.00	
Reimbursements -----	1,014.05	
Year Books -----	57.00	
Wernersville Temporary Deposit -----	388.00	
Promotion Meeting -----	25.00	
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,759.80	\$7,759.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Regular Appropriations -----	\$1,203.32
Special Appropriations -----	1,707.80
Pastors' Fares and Meals -----	831.62
Director's Travel -----	889.68
Assisting Churches -----	777.56
Insurance -----	148.43
Furnishings -----	284.95
Postage -----	33.00
Literature -----	115.00
Promotion -----	28.16
Office Supplies -----	35.35
Professional Services -----	75.00
Wernersville Project -----	718.42
Miscellaneous -----	15.86
Equipment -----	386.01
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,250.16

Balance, October 4, 1963	509.64	\$7,759.80
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William A. Heffner, Director

Report was adopted.

IV.—REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

“Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.” (Mark 13:33; Matthew 7:24)

The authenticated and established Word of God remains fundamental for all learning processes of the Berean Bible School. It is the source of vision and dynamic as well as the essential subject matter of instruction. The Bible is also the integrating principle of the entire curriculum. To use the striking words of Lewis Mumford, “It is a magnetic field at the center which will continually polarize each fragment that enters the field.” In every discipline of study the Scriptures furnish the key to the interpretation of the created universe. We believe there is order in the universe. ‘according

to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will' We do well to take heed in the dark hours just before the dawn of the day when chaos will give way to God's new order.

Abraham's spontaneous cry of **Jehovah-jireh**, the Lord provides, is an appropriate motto for us as well. For once again we are indebted to praise our gracious God for the provision of the needs of Berean Bible School. Through the faithfulness of the Lord's stewards all current bills were paid with the liabilities being reduced by \$4,792.

A major objective for the past year was the strengthening of the faculty. This was accomplished mainly by the addition of Theodore S. Bull as Director of the Music department and Richard J. Gehman as instructor of Bible. The new members of the faculty have also assumed a share of administrative duties bringing greater efficiency to school operation.

The new Sacred Music Curriculum was offered for the first time this fall. The objectives of the curriculum are as follows:

1. To afford the student a Christian-musical education including a useful knowledge of the Bible and opportunity for musical development in a Christian environment of consecrated teachers and fellow-students who desire to serve the Lord with a music ministry.
2. To prepare the student with a thorough foundation of musical background and skills which he can use as tools of learning in his development.
3. To motivate the student to evaluate and develop his abilities of performance and leadership to the maximum.
4. To acquaint the student with the musical needs of the Church, and the opportunities for spiritual enrichment and growth which music can offer.
5. To inspire the student to develop and execute a spiritual Christ-centered ministry of music which will further the Kingdom of God and be worthy of the name of Jesus Christ.

A well balanced curriculum of Christian education not only includes provision for spiritual and intellectual development but a well organized physical education program for all students. By a special agreement with the Allentown YMCA and YWCA, physical education activities are conducted in their new modern plant facilities just a few blocks from the school.

For the first time since the present buildings were purchased in 1952 all the facilities are employed for church and school purposes. Apartments formerly leased to tenants are now occupied by the new faculty members, students and administrative offices.

Another first for this past year was the audit of the school accounts by the firm, Wm. N. Serfass Company, Bethlehem, Pa. This action was taken to meet accreditation requirements. Other benefits have already been forthcoming from the audit.

The steady progress being made by Berean is gratifying to behold. The advances listed above and in the report of the Board of Directors are evidences of the good hand of the Lord upon Berean. As further developments unfold it is our determination never to allow the means to the end to become dominant. The central concern of Christian education is the imple-

mentation of the Great Commission, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations." This is our immediate concern with the imminent prospect of the eschatological hope of the Scriptures soon to be realized. The King's business requires diligence and haste.

Sincerely,

Jansen E. Hartman, President

Report was adopted.

V.—REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE

The Committee organized with T. D. Gehret, Chairman, and A. L. Seifert, Secretary.

The Committee had a time of prayer and praise for the men of God who have been given of God as gifts to His church.

The following business was transacted.

Whereas the brethren of the Graterford-Harleysville Circuit have so faithfully carried out our request to patiently work and pray in anticipation of being successful this year in obtaining pastors for each of the churches, therefore be it

RESOLVED that the petition of Craterford-Harleysville Circuit to the 79th Annual Conference that each of these churches be supplied with its own pastor be approved, effective immediately.

We recommend that an addition be made in the Pulpit Supply rules of our Faith and Order providing that, in the event the fourth local conference is scheduled after the date established for the taking of the pastoral poll, all business pertaining to pulpit supply shall be conducted by the Official Board-elect.

We recommend that this Conference direct that each church establish its own minimum support that it will pay its pastor. This action shall be by the Official Board annually at a meeting held no later than November 1. Report of this action by the Official Board shall be made to the local congregation not later than November 15.

RESOLVED that Stroudsburg, Pa., be transferred to the Bethlehem District; that Denville, N.J., be assigned to the Bethlehem District; and that Paradise, Pa., be assigned to the Allentown District.

RESOLVED that the Chairman of the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee appoint a sub-committee of three to study redistricting and to report to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee at the 81st Annual Conference.

The Chairman appointed Paul I. Wentz, Daniel K. Ziegler and Byron C. Cassel to this sub-committee on redistricting.

The following appointments are reported:

1. Allentown District

T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent

(a) Stations

Allentown (Bethel)—Carl C. Cassel

Catasauqua—Alva C. Cassel

Harrisburg—Frank L. Herb, Jr.
 Hatfield—C. E. Kirkwood
 Lancaster—Norman R. Weiss
 Lebanon—Daniel G. Ziegler
 Mount Carmel—F. B. Hertzog
 Nazareth—Richard H. Kline
 Reading—James G. Koch
 Royersford—Robert F. Johnson
 Spring City—Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
 Shamokin—R. C. Reichenbach
 Sunbury—N. H. Wolf
 York—Russell T. Allen

(b) Missions

Graterford—David J. Watkins
 Harleysville—John E. Golla
 Lehighton—Bert N. Brosius
 Paradise—Leon K. Overpeck

(c) Retired Ministers

E. E. Kublic, Lebanon
 A. G. Woodring, Reading
 E. J. Rutman, Harrisburg
 J. B. Layne, York
 W. F. Heffner, Harrisburg
 P. T. Stengele, Allentown (Bethel)

2. Bethlehem District

A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent

(a) Stations

Allentown (Salem)—Willard E. Cassel
 Bethlehem—W. W. Hartman
 Coopersburg—LeRoy S. Heller
 Easton—Robert W. Smock
 Emmaus—Earl M. Hosler
 Fleetwood—George E. Herb
 Philadelphia (Calvary)—W. B. Hottel
 Philadelphia (Salem)—Donald T. Kirkwood
 Quakertown—David E. Thomann
 Scranton—James A. Beil
 Terre Hill—Donald B. Schaeffer
 Wallingford—John H. Riggall

(b) Missions

Blandon—E. W. Bean
 Denville—Ronald C. Mahurin
 Philadelphia (Emmanuel)—John Dunn
 Staten Island—Reynold D. Gardner
 Stroudsburg—John H. Herb
 Zionsville—Ernest B. Hartman

(c) Ministers on Leave of Absence:

Paul E. Baer, Easton

Appropriations**1. Allentown District**

	Per Month
Graterford -----	\$125.00
Harleysville -----	50.00
Lehighton -----	40.00
Paradise -----	150.00
To be used at the discretion of the District Superintendent in the 1963- 1964 Conference year -----	\$3,750.00

2. Bethlehem District

	Per Month
Blandon -----	\$ 40.00
Denville -----	90.00
Philadelphia (Emmanual) -----	100.00
Staten Island -----	80.00
Stroudsburg -----	110.00
Zionsville -----	125.00
To be used at the discretion of the District Superintendent in the 1963- 1964 Conference year -----	\$3,000.00

The funds listed above shall be allocated from the Church Extension Board treasury.

3. Church Extension Department

William A. Heffner, Director

(a) Missions to be supplied:

Belvidere, N.J.
 Binghamton, N.Y.
 Finesville, N.J.
 Macungie, Pa.
 Miller Heights, Bethlehem, Pa.
 Millersville, Pa.
 Trenton, N.J.
 Walnutport, Pa.
 Wernersville, Pa.

Signed —

T. D. Gehret	A. F. Smith	Paul T. Rutman
A. L. Seifert	Norman L. Reed	Roy E. Williams
Byron C. Cassel	J. Erwin Fretz	Allen C. Palmer
Daniel K. Ziegler	Charles W. Weaber	T. Lamarn Manney
Paul I. Wentz	Carl H. Kellerman	Robert W. Gehret
Horace A. Kauffman	A. W. Deppe	Robert Breitegam
Ralph H. Hendershot	Harold A. Mann	Richard T. Holmes, Sr.
Donald M. Sedgwick	Allen F. LaRose	Spalding R. Sowers
Stanley A. Hackman	Geo. W. Krigor	Paul H. Cressman
William R. Hunsberger	R. S. Weidner	

Report was adopted.

VI.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME

The Bible Fellowship Church Home, Incorporated is located in the center of the residential area of Nazareth, Pennsylvania. It is a Home for the aging with sheltered care, and modern facilities and is approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. The Board of Directors, consisting of four laymen and eight ministers of the Bible Fellowship Church, is responsible for the management and policies of the Home. The Board met four times during the year to transact the necessary business.

The matron, Clara Messner, and her assistant, Kathryn Rosencranz, seek to meet the needs of the guests for gracious living during their "golden years". Fine food is one of the Home's trademarks and, in the dining room, wholesome fellowship is blended with the tasty meals. The spacious, attractively-decorated living room with its Hi-fi and television, make a pleasant center for Christian fellowship. In this relaxed, comfortable atmosphere, six guests live in security, happiness, and comfort.

The residents are Frances Fable, Mabel Mummy, Eliza Eyer, Martha Seifert, and Alice Werley. Stella Kilpatrick of Bethlehem, Pa., was admitted on July 17, 1963.

The Board is very grateful to many of the Churches for the offerings received and the Women's Missionary Societies for the following donations: groceries valued at \$378.74; household items valued at \$13.46; linens valued at \$115.12; and clothing valued at \$71.25.

We face the need of immediate expansion and are making plans to substantially enlarge our available living space.

The Board is in process of acquiring a three-story brick building located at 7 South New Street, Nazareth, Pennsylvania. On the lot with a frontage of 275 feet and depth of 290 feet, there is ample space for the addition of a new wing to the existing building. The new structure will be 2 floors and basement of flameproof construction with reinforced concrete, brick, and frame, and having elevator service.

In planning this expansion, we have constantly kept in mind the necessity for modern physical facilities. These are important in creating and maintaining a relaxed, comfortable atmosphere, where security, contentment, and freedom from anxiety prevail.

We are now in a position to consider the application of a limited number of residents, and, a brochure has been prepared to help the aging plan for their remaining years in a Christian setting. For information contact your pastor or write to the secretary in care of the Home, 38 S. New Street, Nazareth, Pennsylvania.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 1, 1962 — August 31, 1963

RECEIPTS:

Balance, September 1962	\$ 4,153.14
Matrons Working Capital, September 1962	595.73
Contributions:	
From the Churches	\$ 1,655.73
Special	4,346.29

Dividends -----	140.62	
Farm Receipts -----	2,111.02	
Guests -----	4,613.21	
Interest -----	626.68	
Loan -----	5,500.00	
Miscellaneous -----	17.05	
Scrap Metal -----	34.95	
Telephone -----	68.36	
Women's Missionary Society -----	37.00	19,150.91
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		\$23,899.78

EXPENDITURES:

Electricity -----	\$ 234.17	
Furniture -----	188.00	
Fuel oil -----	680.01	
Guests allowances -----	907.55	
Household supplies -----	179.01	
Labor -----	780.18	
Maintenance -----	246.38	
Medical -----	399.29	
Provisions -----	933.88	
Salaries -----	3,000.00	
Social Security -----	119.32	
Storm windows -----	300.00	
Taxes -----	9.72	
Telephone -----	237.31	
Travel and meals -----	242.50	
Water and sewer service -----	163.97	\$ 8,621.29
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Cattle feed and care -----	1,257.60	
Payment on Miller property -----	3,000.00	
Transfer to savings account -----	5,000.00	9,257.60
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Matron's working capital August 31, 1963 -----		1,445.88
Balance in treasury August 31, 1963 -----		4,575.01
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		\$ 23,899.78

INVENTORY

August 30, 1963

Property:

Nazareth Home & Lot -----	\$ 38,000.00
Down payment on Miller property -----	3,000.00

Miscellaneous:

Furniture -----	\$ 4,100.00	
Appliances & equipment -----	1,100.00	
Office equipment -----	225.00	
Provisions -----	110.00	5,535.00

Securities:

Investments & Savings -----	192,713.41	
Loan: Board of Directors -----	16,000.00	
Accounts receivable -----	425.00	
Matron's working capital -----	1,445.88	
Checking account -----	4,575.01	215,159.30
Dairy equipment -----		285.00
Holstein Friesian cattle -----		3,550.00
TOTAL -----		\$265,529.30

Board of Directors of the Home

F. B. Hertzog, Chairman	George Kriger
E. W. Bean, Secretary	Earl M. Hosler
Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer	Ernest B. Hartman
T. D. Gehret	David Thomann
A. L. Seifert	John Golla
Harold Mann	Timothy Gehman

Report was adopted.

VII.—REPORT OF THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE

“My son, be strong in the grace Christ Jesus gives. For yourself, concentrate on winning God’s approval, on being a workman with nothing to be ashamed of, and who knows how to use the word of truth to the best advantage.” (2 Timothy 2:1, 15—Phillips)

One basic emotional and intellectual drive of every young person is the desire “to be accepted”. Efforts are made in every direction to find someone’s approval. The scripture teaches that there is no real satisfaction of heart unless one receives the approval of Jesus Christ. Paul encourages Timothy to be strong in the grace of Christ and to think of ways to win God’s blessing. It has been the prayer of this committee that we might help young folks to concentrate on winning this glorious approval.

The committee met five times throughout the year to pray, devise ways of leading our youth in a more meaningful Christian walk, and prepare for the following retreats held at Victory Valley: College and Career Retreat, Aug. 30-Sept. 1, with Pastor Daniel G. Ziegler as speaker; Senior High Retreat, Sept. 6-8, with Rev. William A. Heffner as speaker; and Junior High Retreat, Sept. 13-15, with Pastor Carl C. Cassel as speaker. The attendance at each retreat was an indication to the committee that there is amongst our youth a sincere interest and concern for these meetings. We believe the retreats are a definite spiritual contribution to the development of our youth. We thank God for a place such as Victory Valley!

A word of appreciation must be given to Pastor Donald B. Schaeffer for doing a fine piece of work in editing the “Youth Column” in the Fellowship News.

The committee approved the following appointments made by the District Superintendents: Pastor Harvey J. Fritz as Director of Allentown District Camp Youth meetings, and Pastor Donald B. Schaeffer as Director of Bethlehem District Camp Youth meetings. We are most grateful to these

two men and a number of committee members for planning the Camp Youth Program.

This committee proposes the following changes to be made in the Faith and Order relative to Youth Fellowship General Committee as stated on page 12 of the Faith and Order: that the Youth Fellowship General Committee be composed of:

1. District Superintendents (ex officio)
2. Four ordained ministers and five laymen

Classes shall be formed as follows:

1. Two ministers — one layman
2. One minister — two laymen
3. One minister — two laymen

Each class shall be elected in turn annually by ballot by the Annual Conference for a term of three years.

Considerable time was spent in discussing the present Regional Youth activities, and in answer to a number of inquiries from various churches which are located in areas where regions are not functioning, we suggested that these churches participate with an active region. Further study will be made in order to stimulate regional gatherings.

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. There be three retreats in 1964. Each retreat is to begin with the Friday evening meal, 6:30 p.m., and end with the Sunday noon meal. College and Career Retreat to be held Sept. 4-6. Senior High Retreat to be held September 11-13. Junior High Retreat to be held September 18-20.

2. That each Youth Fellowship receive an offering for the work of the Youth Fellowship General Committee, and that this offering be forwarded to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee by April 1, 1964.

3. In order to insure greater continuity, the Youth Fellowship General Committee recommends that nine (9) men (four Pastors and five Laymen) comprise the Youth Fellowship General Committee; and that one third of this committee be elected annually to serve for a period of three years. The District Superintendents shall be additional members of this committee by virtue of their office.

Financial Report

Receipts

Balance — October 1, 1962		\$ 249.21
Registration Fees	\$1,133.76	
Refund of Food Bills	78.13	
Offerings	197.18	\$1,658.28

Expenses

Program Materials	\$ 14.00
Publicity	96.25
Donations of Appreciation	283.00
Speakers	150.00
Food	581.25
Victory Valley Camp	435.00

Trucks and Fuel -----	20.27	
Returned Fee -----	8.00	\$1,587.77
Receipts -----	\$1,658.28	
Expenses -----	1,587.77	
Balance	\$ 70.51	

Harold Shelly, Chairman	Bert Brosius
LeRoy S. Heller, Secretary	Alva Cassel
Neil Taylor	Clyde Snyder
Donald Schaeffer	Paul Zimmerman
	Committee

Report was adopted.

VIII.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church convened on seven occasions during this past year.

During the year the Board carried out the responsibilities of representing the Conference in legal transactions. A lot was purchased in Manor Township, Lancaster County, Pa., for the construction of a parsonage by the Millersville Congregation. Other property matters referred to the Board were the Harleysville parsonage and lot, the Victory Valley swimming pool, the Salem Bible Fellowship Church of Philadelphia building lots, and the Zionsville expansion program. The Board supervised the Mizpah Grove property, District Superintendents' homes and the Ministers' Retirement Fund.

Consideration was given to the expenses incurred by the District Superintendents in carrying out Conference business. The Board authorized the District Superintendents to pay telephone expenses from money appropriated by the Stationing and Boundary Committee.

An effort was made to effect a financial program that would eventually liquidate the debt on the parsonages of the District Superintendents. We are happy to report some progress in this area, as this report indicates. The response to the letter to the churches setting forth this need was gratifying.

The Conference owns two trucks which are used by the Camp Meeting Committees and other departments of the church. A rate of five cents per mile was established for the use of the trucks with the user paying the cost of the gasoline and oil. Arrangements for the use of the trucks and payment for the same shall be made through the Secretary of the Board.

The expansion of Conference projects has brought to light the need for over-all planning better to integrate our operations and conserve our resources. The Board, recognizing this need, as undertaken this task and will in the future seek to develop with the cooperation of other boards a long range plan providing for the facilities of Conference operations.

The following recommendation is now presented for the consideration of the Eightieth Annual Conference convening in Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church in Bethlehem on October 14, 1963.

We recommend, that the annuities paid to retired ministers be raised from \$24.00 for each year of active service to \$28.00 for each year of active service payable in monthly installments. Annuities shall in no case exceed eleven hundred and twenty dollars. (see 1962 **Yearbook**, page 12) Annuities to widows of ministers shall be compiled at the rate of \$14.00 for each year instead of the current rate of \$12.00, but in no case to exceed five hundred and sixty dollars in one year. (see 1962 **Yearbook**, page 13)

The above changes shall be made in the section entitled Annuities in the Yearbook.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Balance Sheet
October 1, 1963
compared with October 1, 1962

STATEMENT A

ASSETS

	1963	1962
Cash—Board of Directors, General Fund -----	\$ 11,631.76	\$ 12,238.86
Cash—District Superintendents' Homes -----	1,834.44	(105.17)
Cash—Dormitory Fund -----	755.00	755.00
Cash—Moving Fund -----	1,213.33	1,703.34
Cash—Special Church Extension Fund -----	5,108.28	8,128.34
Cash—Truck Fund -----	617.87	520.03
Cash—Revolving Fund -----	2,255.13	
Notes Receivable:		
Victory Valley -----	2,000.00	2,000.00
Coopersburg Congregation -----	2,060.00	2,289.20
Church Extension Department (2 years at no interest) Denville -----	11,000.00	11,000.00
Church Extension Department (Denville) -----	1,500.00	
Belvidere Congregation -----		3,500.00
Walnutport Congregation -----		1,000.00
Blandon Congregation -----	1,000.00	
Binghamton, N.Y. -----	4,794.52	
Mortgage Receivable:		
First Newborn Tabernacle, N.J. -----	8,999.21	9,977.74
Miller Heights -----	2,500.00	
Equipment and Furnishings, Mizpah Grove -----	1,448.89	1,448.49
Equipment and Furnishings, D. S. Homes -----	457.75	
Real Estate:		
Berean Bible School -----	116,000.00	116,000.00
Allentown District Superintendent's parsonage ----	18,801.80	18,801.80
Bethlehem District Superintendent's parsonage --	21,807.86	21,807.86
Church Extension Director's Home -----	16,000.00	16,000.00
Mizpah Grove -----	90,984.00	90,984.00
Victory Valley Camp -----	67,489.01	67,489.01
Total Assets -----	\$390,258.85	\$385,588.90

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable (S.S. and Withholding Tax) -----	(11.43)		43.60
Notes Payable:			
Foreign Mission Board -----	\$ 14,000.00	\$	14,000.00
Berean Contract -----	5,000.00		5,000.00
Victory Valley (Home Board) -----	16,000.00		16,000.00
Laymen's Benevolent Society -----			11,244.87
Ministers' Retirement Fund -----	16,000.00		16,000.00
Loan from a Friend, Berean Bible School -----			4,382.94
Mortgage, Berean Bible School -----	6,519.45		7,043.89
Revolving Loan Fund (see footnote) -----	13,500.00		
Reserve to Promote the Church			
Extension Department of the Bible			
Fellowship Church -----	\$33,606.08		
Gain transferred from			
Statement "B" -----	295.33	33,902.01	33,606.08
Net Worth, October 1, 1962 -----	\$278,267.52		
Net Gain transferred from			
Statement "B" -----	7,081.30	285,348.82	278,267.52

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH -----\$390,258.85 \$385,588.90

Note: This represents a provisional gift from Laymen's Benevolent Society of funds to be used by Board of Directors for ten years from July 1, 1963, without interest. On July 1, 1973, the fund is to be turned over to the Home Board for the latter's use. At present \$11,244.87 of this fund is invested in the parsonage for the District Superintendent, Allentown District.

STATEMENT B**BOARD OF DIRECTORS****Statement of Income and Expenses**

for year ended October 1, 1963 compared with year ended October 1, 1962

Annual Conference — 1963**MIZPAH GROVE**

Income	1963	1962
Balance remitted by Camp Meetings:		
Allentown District -----	\$ 559.05	\$ 434.14
Bethlehem District -----	956.94	770.42
Cafeteria Balance -----	500.00	1,050.00
Special Contributions -----		85.00
Electric Current sold -----	300.00	300.00
Sale of Hymnbooks -----		32.30
Rents—Lumber and Tents -----	2,340.00	2,196.00
Sale of Old Tents -----		36.00
Truck Fund -----	200.00	200.00
Total Income -----	\$4,855.99	\$ 5,103.86

Expenses

Insurance, Fire and Liability -----	310.80	299.64
Electric Current Purchased -----	505.38	179.89
Fare and Meals -----		4.80
Lumber purchased -----	11.44	720.00
Maintenance and Repairs:		
Buildings -----	1,357.85	713.38
Equipment -----	27.50	8.40
Grounds -----	367.10	574.50
Tents -----	32.00	107.00
Trees -----	514.75	163.05
Truck -----	102.16	282.10
Printing -----		37.44
Supplies, Miscellaneous -----	186.46	333.18
Taxes, Water & Sewer Rent -----	270.80	260.26
Telephone -----	158.42	203.77
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Total Expenses -----	\$3,844.66	\$ 3,887.41
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Income over Expenses -----		\$1,011.33

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS' PARSONAGES**Income**

Contributions, Special -----	\$2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Contributions from churches -----	1,590.00	2,219.92
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Total Income -----	\$3,590.00	\$ 4,219.92

Expenses

Allentown District		
Insurance -----	65.96	
Interest -----	168.67	337.34
Maintenance and Repairs -----		40.95
Taxes, Water & Sewer Rent -----	364.81	364.81
Bethlehem District		
Interest -----	480.00	960.00
Maintenance & Repairs -----		708.39
Taxes, Water & Sewer Rent -----	113.20	94.72
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Total Expenses -----	\$1,192.64	\$ 2,506.21
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Income over Expense -----	\$2,397.36	1,713.71

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS**Income**

Berean Bible School		
Bonds, Retirement of -----		\$ 5,000.00
Berean Indebtedness,		
reduction of -----	\$4,907.08	1,489.12
Special Contributions -----		5,500.00

Interest — General	412.97	619.84
Moving Fund	2,623.50	2,162.00
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Total Income	\$7,943.85	\$14,770.96

Expenses

Attorney Fees		(25.00)
Committee Fares and Meals:		
Articles of Faith		\$ 2.08
Board of Directors ----\$ 78.00		75.44
Ministerial Candidate -- 50.00		188.55
Committee on Forms --		101.92
Summer Camp	23.94	30.00
Statistical & Agenda -- 62.48		54.41
Credentials Committee _ 122.50		102.40
Pastoral Support		11.36
Stewardship	33.28	56.48
Government Committee 328.33	698.53	535.85
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Workmen's Compensation	432.50	227.66
Moving Expenses	3,113.51	1,826.23
Safe Deposit Box Rental	5.50	5.50
Stationery, Printing & Postage ---- 21.20		30.06
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Total Expenses	\$4,271.24	\$ 3,222.94
Income over Expenses	\$3,672.61	11,548.02
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Excess of Income Transferred to Statement "A" --\$7,081.30		\$14,478.18

CHURCH EXPANSION ACCOUNT**Income**

Interest, Notes and Mortgages ----\$ 303.03 \$ 303.03

Expenses

Danville, Legal Fees

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Income over Expenditures

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	\$ 295.93	

Excess of Income transferred to Statement "A"
to Reserve to Promote Church Extension

Department of the Bible Fellowship Church ----\$ 295.93 \$ 8,570.29

STATEMENT C**MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND****Balance Sheet****October 2, 1963****compared with October 1, 1962****ASSETS**

	1963	1962
Cash	\$ 25,809.48	\$ 21,453.12

Stocks and Bonds (cost at date of purchase*) -----	48,740.45	38,740.45
Notes Receivable & Mortgages:		
Board of Directors -----	16,000.00	16,000.00
Lancaster Congregation -----	2,950.00	2,950.00
Paradise Congregation -----	8,228.93	8,731.00
Catasauqua Congregation -----	4,984.58	5,944.71
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TOTAL ASSETS -----	\$106,713.44	\$103,819.68

Liabilities

(none)

Net Worth

Net Worth, October 1, 1962 -----	\$103,819.68	
Excess of Income over Expenditures		
Transferred from Statement D -----	2,893.76	
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	\$106,713.44	\$103,819.68

*Investments in this account are as follows:

	Book Value	Market Value Oct. 2, 1963
200 Shares Pennsylvania Power & Light Company preferred with dividend of \$4.50 annually -----	\$ 21,536.71	\$ 20,400.00
1 — U. S. Treasury Bond 2½ % due 1969 -----	4,593.41	} 27,681.00
2 — U. S. Treasury Bond 2½ % due 1969 -----	22,610.23	
1 — U. S. Treasury Bond 2½ % due 1969 -----	<hr/>	
	\$ 48,740.45	

STATEMENT D**MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND**

Annual Conference — 1962

Statement of Income and Expenses

for year ended October 1, 1963

compared with year ended October 1, 1962

Income

	1963	1962
Contributions from Churches -----	\$4,391.37	\$3,578.37
Contributions from Pastors -----	2,142.31	2,259.00
Dividends -----	900.00	1,125.00
Interest -----	2,320.92	3,374.54
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Total Income -----	\$9,754.60	\$10,336.91

Expense

Refunds to members who resigned --\$	44.84			
Retirement annuities -----	6,816.00	\$6,860.84	\$6,656.00	\$6,656.00
Excess of Incomes over expenditures transferred to Statement "C" -----		\$2,893.76		\$3,680.91

The Board of Directors:

T. D. Gehret, President	Carl C. Cassel
A. L. Seifert, Vice President	James G. Koch
Jansen E. Hartman, Secretary	Byron C. Cassel
Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer	Daniel K. Ziegler
John H. Riggall	

From the congregation of Coopersburg, Pa.

The following petition to Annual Conference was passed:

"Whereas: the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania now operates with a Unified Budget, and,
Whereas: the Sunday School Treasurer, Steward and Building Fund Collector no longer function as originally designated, therefore,
Be it resolved: that we, the congregation of the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, petition the 80th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convening on October 14, 1963 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, to permit the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church in Coopersburg to eliminate the following offices from our Annual Election of Officers: Sunday School Treasurer, Steward and Building Fund Collector."

From the Congregation of Lehighton, Pa.

"Whereas, we are aware of the fact that Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church is in the midst of writing the Articles for the Moral Standards of the church, and

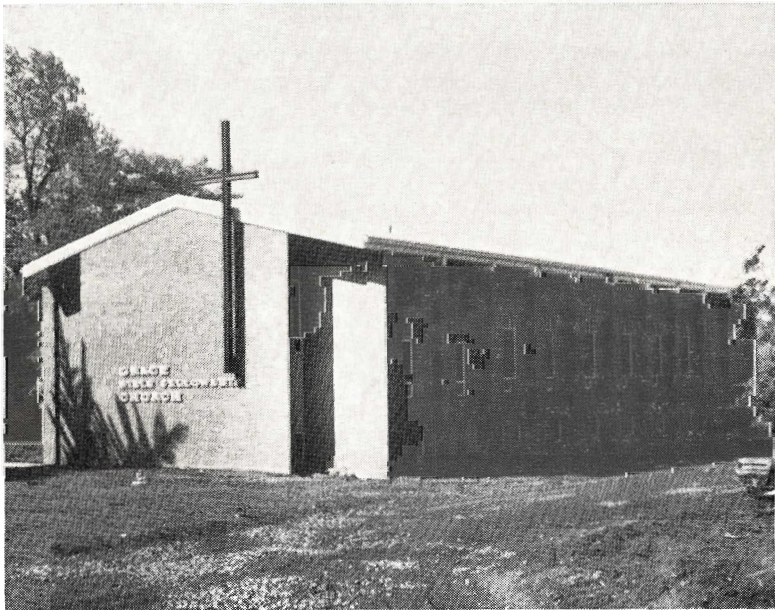
Whereas, the article on divorce which has passed one reading will be presented for second reading at this Annual Conference which then if passed will be the official standing and ruling of our denomination, and
Whereas, this local congregation is aware of the fact that the former statement on divorce was interpreted differently by the various District Superintendents and pastors on the district, which led to many heartaches and problems which could have been, and should have been prevented, and

Whereas, this local church is concerned about the problem of divorce, but it is also aware of the limitless grace of God which causes us to be disagreement with the third paragraph of the article on divorce as it passed first reading, therefore,

Resolved, that the congregation of the Salem Bible Fellowship Church of Lehighton, Pa. meeting at its 4th Quarterly Conference on August 21, 1963 petition the 80th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convening at Bethlehem, Pa. on October 14, 1963, to present a clear statement on the issue of divorce. We suggest and request the following:

1. That consideration and study be given to present a uniform basis for determining who is the innocent party in a divorce, since the Lord certainly makes clear the exception and our article includes it.
2. That ways and means be established to enforce the standing of the church whatever it may be, so that the trend of the past which led to various and sundry interpretations of the divorce issue by different pastors and Dist. Superintendents may be eliminated.
3. That a study of the standards and qualifications for deacons and elders as presented in II Timothy and Titus be studied to determine whether or not the Scriptures really do prohibit what we are trying to prohibit in the article which has passed first reading, and if we do not have definite scriptural evidence for our stand, we would like to know the basis on which men, whether in the local assembly, or on the denominational level are able to prohibit that which God's word does not prohibit, or permit that which God's word does not permit.
4. That a study be made to determine the scriptural basis of denying the guilty party in a divorce the right of holding office in our church if they give evidence of repentance and divine forgiveness, also whether or not such can be used in any capacity within the church, such as teaching and etc.

Report was adopted.



WALLINGFORD CHURCH

IX.—FOREIGN MISSIONS

**The Seventy-ninth Annual Report of the Board of Foreign Missions
of the Bible Fellowship Church, for the year ending**

September 30, 1963

“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.” (I Corinthians 15:34)

With sin in every imaginable form, with the threat of another world-involving war, with signs of the times showing that evil men are waxing worse and worse, and this old world going from bad to worse, it is necessary that every Christian awake to righteousness. This is the command of Paul in the midst of this glorious chapter on the resurrection of our Lord.

First of all we need to be awakened to realize the pit from which we have been saved. The righteousness of the Lord Jesus Christ has been imputed to us when we merited nothing but hell. The Gospel to which we responded is the good news that needs to be given to the whole world. The Lord’s commandment, as He left this earth was to “go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.” What have we done with this good news?

Secondly we need to awaken to the needs of the world. Paul enjoins us to “awaken . . . and sin not.” Our neglect of the lost of the world is sin. The lepers, outside the gates of Samaria, said: “We do not well; this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace” (II Kings 7:8). Today is the day of grace, the day of good tidings. What have we done with the good news?

Let us remind ourselves that the natural birth rate of the world is greater than the “new-birth” rate. Naturally speaking we are fighting a losing battle. But take courage in the fact that we are fighting from victory not to victory. Christ is on the winning side and we are fighting with Him. This does not absolve us from our responsibility to continue to win the lost. The same Lord who is victor, commands us to “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world” (Matthew 28:19, 20).

We can thank the Lord for the souls that have been saved in the past year; for the churches that have been established and the believers that have been instructed and built up in the faith. But, Paul says: “Some have not the knowledge of God.” If there ever was a day when this is evident, this is the day. Men and women, boys and girls are getting harder and harder with less and less desire to hear anything of the truth or to prepare for the future. Just because the work of the Lord is hard, is that any reason to flinch from obeying the command of the Lord?

The final phrase of our verse is “I speak this to your shame.” Certainly the Church of Jesus Christ is not awake to its responsibilities in reaching the lost. Can we say we have really sacrificed for the cause of Foreign Missions during the past year? How long has it been since you spoke to a soul here in the home land concerning his or her soul? No wonder Paul had to say to his generation as well as to ours, “Some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame.”

The Board met in four stated meetings and transacted the business assigned to it. They have counselled with three candidates who are in various stages of preparation toward getting to the mission field. Other missionaries home on furlough have met with the Board and have given first-hand reports.

During the year there have been two deaths in our Missionary Family. On February 18, 1963, the veteran soldier of the cross, Calvin F. Snyder, was ushered into the presence of the Lord. While the Annual Ministerial Convention was in session at Victory Valley, word was received of the sudden passing of Miss Grace Yost, our representative in Virginia. The will of our Brother Snyder designated that his diaries shall be the property of the Foreign Mission Board. Obituaries of both of these missionaries appear later in this report.

We wish to thank the Churches and Sunday Schools for their liberal contributions to Foreign Missions. The financial statement shows an increase in contributions of over \$11,000.00 over 1961. Let us call your attention to the fact that the cash balance of the Board has been reduced over \$12,000.00 as we have carried on our work.

During the Camp Meeting season at Mizpah Grove, we had the privilege of having with us Dr. & Mrs. Colin Tweddell. They had recently returned on furlough from the Philippines. Also as the speakers on the program, we listened with interest to Rudy Nilsen of the Sudan Interior Mission and Ezra Shank of the South Africa General Mission.

The Women's Missionary Societies of the denomination are active in prayer and the supplying of the material needs for the missionaries. The Conference-wide Rally was held in Grace Church, Reading on Thursday, May 2, 1963. The speakers of the day were Mrs. Lehman Keener, deputational secretary for the Unevangelized Fields Mission and Earl Poysti. The W.M.S. of Bethel Church, Allentown, presented many items of clothing, etc. to the Ritters in a public meeting on Tuesday, September 3, 1963.

The sixth region of the W.M.S. was formed in the Philadelphia area. It is composed of Phila. Calvary, Phila. Emmanuel, Phila. Salem, Trenton and Wallingford. All of the regions have been active. The names of the officers appear elsewhere in this report.

The Board approved a sub-committee's work in the assignment of missionaries to the various churches. All except three churches have asked for a missionary to be assigned to them for special prayer interest and financial obligation. Two of the churches will have sons going to the mission field within the next few years and it was their desire to support them.

Two mailings of prayer letters were made to the available names of the families of the whole denomination. Very favorable comments were received. It is the intention of the Board to continue this mailing at least four times a year or more.

The General Secretary represented the Foreign Mission Board at three services within the denomination. They were Coopersburg, York and Zionsville. In addition he participated in three farewell services for outgoing missionaries.

Willard E. Cassel	T. D. Gehret	James R. Cressman
General Secretary	A. L. Seifert	Roy Williams
C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman	Earl M. Hosler	Rufus Spedden
	Kermit K. Gehman	Board

FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1, 1962 — September 30, 1963

RECEIPTS:

Balance, September 30, 1962		\$ 23,305.40
Received from Churches, Conference, 1962	\$59,169.64	
Received from Sunday Schools, Conference, 1962 ...	26,332.14	
Interest	1,441.45	
Gain from Securities	483.50	
Contributions from Berean Students	150.00	
Refunds	24.73	
Missionary Apartment rental	75.00	87,676.46
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		\$111,481.86

EXPENDITURES:

Africa Inland Mission (4)	\$ 7,440.00
Bible Club Movement (1)	1,320.00
China Inland Mission (6)	10,800.00
Christian & Missionary Alliance (7)	12,831.00
D. M. Stearns Missionary Fund (2)	2,880.00
Gospel Furtherance Society	800.00
Greater Europe Mission (4)	5,336.00
Latin America Mission (1)	2,972.00
Navigators (1)	1,680.00
North Africa Mission (1)	2,100.00
Orinoco River Mission (4)	10,650.00
South Africa General Mission (2)	3,960.00
Southern Highland Evangel (1)	750.00
Sudan Interior Mission (2)	3,900.00
The Evangelical Alliance Mission (2)	5,640.00
Trans World Radio (3)	6,895.00
Unevangelized Fields Mission (2)	3,790.00
West Indies Mission (2)	2,880.00
High School Evangelism, Inc. (1)	3,600.00
Fares and Meals	267.24
Postage	203.49
Telephone	40.18
Fellowship News	104.50
Apartment & Storage Room Rental	1,045.00
Printing	20.50
Committee on Publication & Printing	185.00
Office Supplies	240.17
Freight	485.14
Contributions to General Funds of Mission Boards (15)	1,500.00
Secretarial Help	47.00
Utilities for Missionary Apartment	21.37
Contributions to Missionary Radio	1,500.00
Medical	855.00
Miscellaneous	187.76

Special Contributions:

Berean Bible School Missionary Program -----	300.00	
Missionary Internship -----	500.00	
Louise Miller -----	300.00	
Timothy G. Kauffman -----	190.00	
Bertha Miller -----	100.00	
Donald J. Ritter -----	675.00	
Honorarium for Secretary -----	300.00	
Miscellaneous -----	800.00	\$100,091.35
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Balance in treasury, September 30, 1963 -----		11,390.51
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Investment — Loan to Board of Directors -----	\$14,000.00	\$111,481.86
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(Numbers () denote number of missionaries supported through this Board)

AFRICA

BIGLEY, Mr. & Mrs. James — A.I.M., Litein via Kericho, Kenya, East Africa. The first full general elections were held in Kenya on May 18-26, 1963. A new internal government was formed with Mr. Janio Kenyatta as Prime Minister taking office June 1st. Complete independence will be granted in a few months. The change over has been most peaceful and joyful. There have been no racial clashes and in fact there has been real friendship shown on the part of all. All indications point to the fact that with friendliness and cooperation, missions will be allowed to continue in Kenya to work and expand as much as possible.



THE BIGLEYS, SEPTEMBER 1963

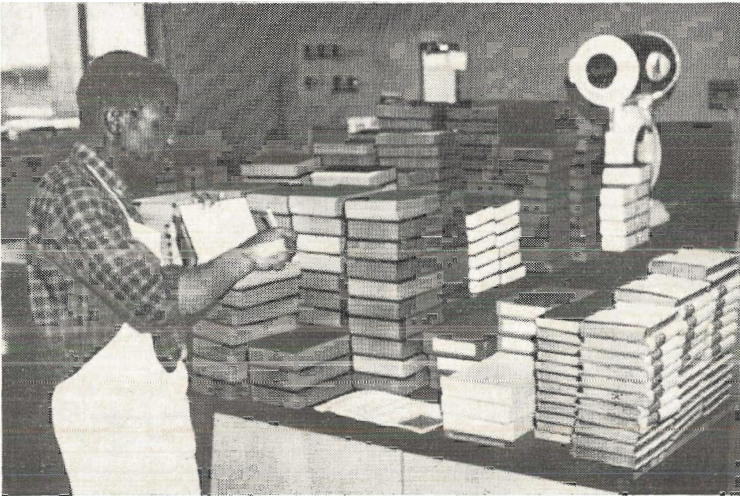
James continues to be active with Boys' Brigade. This past summer's activities centered around the camps held for instruction of the boys as well as evangelism.

Renee is busy with her family as well as assisting in the clinic and hospital. Jeel Douglas was born on October 13, 1962. For the past few months, the Bigleys have had a native baby girl in the home — Chepkerui. She is a twin who was born at home and severely neglected by the mother. At four months of age she only weighed 4½ pounds as compared with her brother of 12½ pounds. The baby needs to be returned soon to her natural home as the tribe will not receive her if she is allowed to grow up among the missionaries.

Together with James' Brigade activities and maintenance work around the mission compound, he makes regular trips out into the bush with the Bookmobile. He travels on a regular schedule, so the nationals know when to expect him. Much literature has been sold and more distributed free of charge. He is aiming, as time permits, to get to the tea plantations near Litein where many tribes are represented.

The Bigleys have produced a set of slides with a tape narrated story. It includes pictures of the leaders in Brigade as well as a picture of and a musical number by a choir which Renee trains. Opportunity to see these pictures can be had from James R. Cressman, 1128 N. New Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

BUCK, Mr. & Mrs. Leonard — P. O. Box 332, Roodepoort, Transvaal, Union of South Africa. The Bucks continue their office work in connection with the Africa Christian Literature Advance. They are looking forward to their first furlough which will find them in the States about the end of February, 1964.



Mailing Room For Africa Literature Advance—South Africa

The work of the African Christian Literature Advance is the publishing of literature geared for the African mind; some of it written by the nationals and other materials being translated. During the past year they have published Dr. Paul White's "Jungle Doctor Fables." Plans are also started to adapt some Sunday school literature from the States for use in Africa among the Zulus.

Leonard and Nina are not directly involved in the printing of the literature but rather in the packaging, mailing and bookkeeping for the Advance. Leonard has also produced a filmstrip for promotion of the Africa Christian Literature Advance.

CAMPBELL, Dr. William — 3 rue Larache, Tangier, Morocco. The Lord has been using Dr. Campbell to meet the physical needs of people as well as the spiritual needs of the soul. Medicine dare never be an end in itself!

He writes: "Praise the Lord for the provision of a nurse. (A complete ward of the Tolloch Memorial Hospital has been closed due to the lack of nurses.) She is an Algerian girl who trained at our hospital, took mid-wifery in Switzerland and then some Bible school. Officially she is a staff nurse paid from hospital funds, but she is taking a full part in the Christian work. Naturally there are no language or culture problems with such a missionary. Her name is Maleeka and she has already begun a real ministry of preaching on the ward and visitation among the people."

The concern of the missionaries in Morocco is for the development of a greater feeling of responsibility of leadership on the part of the nationals. We need to praise the Lord for the development of Mohammid Raffi and Hamid Yahya. The three missionaries involved are endeavoring to develop a completely indigenous group. They have met with these two brethren on at least three occasions to talk over local problems.

CHAPONNIERE, Mr. & Mrs. Paul — B. P. 4242, Leopoldville, Republic of Congo. Mrs. Chaponniere and Paulette spent a few hours at Mizpah Grove this past summer. The Republic of Congo paid their plane fare to vacation in the States. Another reason for this emergency time home was the serious illness of Mrs. Chaponniere's mother.

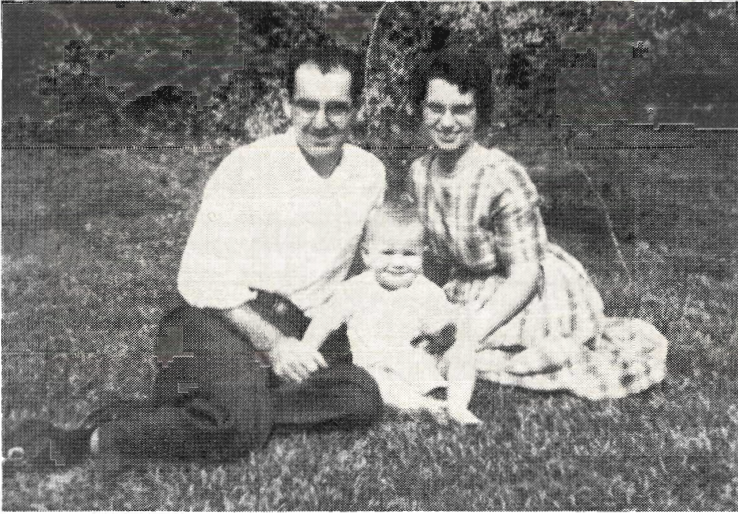
During their time in Leopoldville, Theresa has been teaching a half day in the schools of Congo.

Paul continues his work with the Scripture Union. This organization is an arm of the missions and only works in conjunction with them. At the present time he is working in Cameroons, Congo, Gabon, Ivory Coast and in central Africa up to the Chad. His desire is to see as many classes or groups of people as possible who will gather together weekly to study the Word of God. Individual study is encouraged through the use of a calendar which gives a suggested portion of the Scriptures to be read daily with a short comment on the passage.

Furlough plans for July, 1964 are contingent on the Scripture Union finding a replacement for the Chaponnieres.

MANN, Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. — B. P. #80, Aketi, Republic of Congo. The Manns have spent part of the past year at Ekoko, where Charles served during his time alone in the Congo. The Lord miraculously spared Stephanie and Stephen when their house collapsed. The Lord led that they were outside the house at the time. A few moments later they would have been resting for the afternoon in their beds.

The Unevangelized Fields Mission Field Council then moved them to Aketi where Charles is "missionary in charge." There is a need for a church and school buildings to be built as well as district preaching and night Bible



THE MANNNS

classes. There is also a demand that Charles begin a class in the English language. The bank president wants to be the first to be enrolled.

The work of Flambeau (Brigade) is also being continued with an enrollment of 30. Stephanie, with her household duties, has been teaching a class of about 30 women during the winter season.

When the Manns moved to Aketi, it was necessary for a house to be built for them. Charles writes: "We are going 'hog wild' for design. Have you ever heard of a step-down bathtub in the Congo? Step-down or step-up, what's the difference?" The building of the church is at a standstill until the group of believers receives the ground rights from the government. The framework is assembled on the ground and is waiting to be erected.

MILLER, Miss Sylvia — P. O. Box 125 Mwanza, Tanganyika, East Africa. During the past year, the missionaries of the Africa Inland Mission have been hard pressed by the Africa Inland Church. It would seem that the devil is using the spirit of nationalism to disturb the Church of Jesus Christ. The church, meeting in synod, was exceedingly demanding in their requests of the missionaries. It would seem that a desire for power as well as material things was behind their requests. Miss Miller sent home an urgent prayer request which was sent to all of our pastors. We are happy to say the Lord has answered prayer and the work of the mission continues as heretofore and is advancing.

I quote from Sylvia's last letter: "A week ago Sunday our African pastor from our Mwanza Church died. While he was a sick man and we knew he couldn't live long, it still came as a shock. . . . He preached Sunday morning and gave a challenging message from Acts 2. He was especially stressing the need for revival and our need of the filling of the Holy Spirit. After the church service he said his head hurt but he went with one of the missionaries to the prison for a service and on the way home was taken very sick He died in the hospital 15 minutes later The next morn-



Misses Miller and Tilley with Bible Teaching Material

ing we went to the Nasa station for the funeral. The family has been a real testimony and we praise the Lord for them. When the heathen came with their death wails, the family said we do not want any heathen wailing for we want the Lord Jesus to be glorified in this death. We will miss Pastor Metusela very much for he had really taken his stand against all that the church leaders are trying to do to the missionary In the last meeting of the church leaders he had strongly urged them to stop what they were doing to us for it was only a covetous spirit that was leading them in the way they were going and he said it was sin and could never give glory to Christ."

Miss Miller expects to arrive in New York City on December 18, 1963 on board the S. S. Rotterdam. She will be coming from East Africa by way of the Holy Land and Europe.

RAWN, Miss Olive — African Inland Mission, Torit, Equatoria, Sudan, Africa. Since the government has placed stringent restrictions on the movements and activities of the missionaries, Olive has had to stop any clinic or nursing work among the nationals. She is being used as the Mission Nurse. Although she cannot carry on the work to which the Lord called her originally — to nurse the bodies of the Africans — she is not idle. She writes:

"The Lord has been good to us daily. The opportunities to reach old and young come in various ways. The children come two days a week. The women and girls come to my home on Sundays. Memory work is stressed each afternoon. The majority of the children are boys.

"As the nationals stop at the door or come to visit, I am able to bring a witness for the Lord.

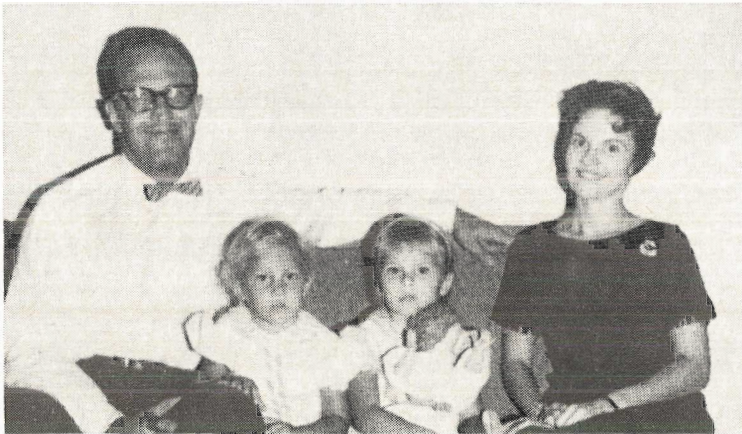
"Yes, just to sit in the group around a mother with a very sick child gives another way to witness. I did this just the other evening and we do need to remember mothers such as Pastino. She has not put her faith in

Christ as Saviour so when her child becomes sick there is no one for her to go to and have hope to rest in.

"Sometimes I go out and stop by some woman working in her garden and help her weed it and thus have the opportunity to speak to her about the Lord as well as to those helping her.

"Barbara and I are living together here at Katire Ayom. The cooking and many other things fall to us to do these days since the help problem is different from years back."

SCHOFFSTALL, Dr. & Mrs. Robert — Sudan Interior Mission, Egbe via Herin, Nigeria, Africa. Dr. Bob writes: "Our hospital team which consists presently of seven Americans, six Canadians and two Irish work well together. . . . As you think and pray for the S. I. M. . . . remember too the changing attitude of the government. Things are in a mess here although you don't read of it. Actually the Moslems have found an easy way to eliminate the Christian voice in the government and are currently attempting to do so by



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accusing the Action (Christian) Group of attempting to overthrow the Government — which in reality means — the Moslems now in power want to stay there and want a one-party system. . . . He who knows the minds and hearts of men is ruling over all and we can rejoice in the fact that our times are in His hands. 'Our God is in the heavens. He hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.'

ASIA

GRIEBENOW, Mr. & Mrs. M. G. — Alliance Literature Center, 62-1 Ta Yung Rd., Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Our report of last year told of the desire of Brother Griebenow to spend three months with the Tibetan refugees on the India-Nepal border. The request for a visitor's visa was denied.

At the request of Brother Griebenow, he was released from the responsibility as Chairman of the Hong Kong Field. During the majority of the past year they have been on loan to the China Sunday School Association. They have filled a gap in the book store of the Association since January, 1963.

As of August 31, 1963, they have terminated their services with the Association and have been appointed to open a new work for the Christian & Missionary Alliance in the city of Kaohsiung in the south of Taiwan (Formosa). This is a vigorously growing city of over a half a million people with strategic port and airport. The plan is for the Griebenows to open an Alliance Book Store and Reading Room with the objective of starting a church. Already there are some Chinese Christians from the mainland who have expressed their wish to have a church established in Kaohsiung.

HATTON, Mr. & Mrs. Howard — Christian Witness Press, 14/1 Sri Vieng Rd., Silcm, Bangkok, Thailand. The Hattons are near the end of their second term of service in Thailand. Their first term was spent in pioneer work in the central provinces. They enjoyed their work there even though the living conditions were more difficult than in Bangkok. Howard is very happy in his present work in literature which has always been his desire. It leaves Lorraine with not too much to do but accounts for the Press. She misses the personal contact with the nationals which was possible out in the provinces. Her time has been occupied mostly with her children and especially since the arrival of Lucinda on March 26, 1963, their fourth child.



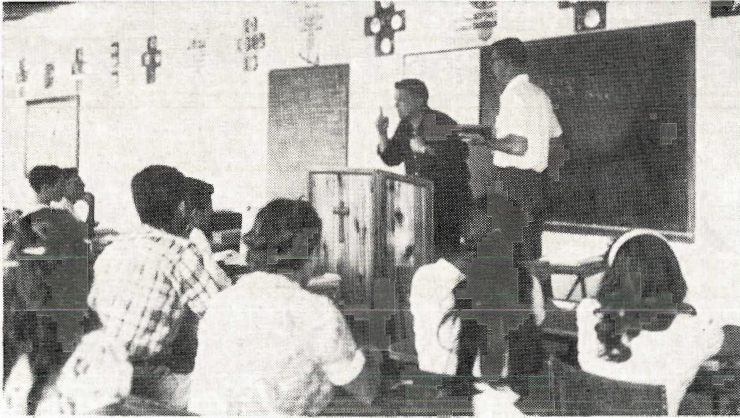
THE HATTON FAMILY, JANUARY 1963

The Christian Witness Press had a good opportunity for the distribution of tracts at the International Trade Fair in Bangkok. Many thousands of tracts were given out. In Thailand one rarely sees a tract that has been thrown away. They are read on the spot and then carefully put into a pocket to be read again at home.

The Hattons are due for furlough the early part of next year. They expect to make their home in Ivyland, Pa. at the C. I. M. hostel for missionaries' children. This will give opportunity to all of our churches to become acquainted with these comparatively new missionaries in our family.

COLOMBIA, SOUTH AMERICA

GORDON, Mr. & Mrs. Robert — Apt. Aereo 576, Cucuta, N. de Sant. Colombia, South America. The Gordons are engaged in the conducting of the first Christian Day School in Colombia for the Evangelical Alliance Mission. They closed their first year last October with approximately 400 in attendance for the closing exercises. The school has growing pains! The second year's enrollment could have run over 500 but the facilities now only accommodate 150 students. There are both boarding and day students.



School Room in Colombia (Gordons)

Cooperation with the national church of Cucuta in the operation of the school is sought and used. The ladies of the church meet periodically to assist in the cleaning and necessary darning and sewing of the clothing of the boarding students.

EL SALVADOR

SOLT, Mr. David — P. O. Box 885, San Salvador, El Salvador. The Lord has supplied the necessary funds and equipment for the erection of radio station YSHQ — "Radio Progress." The transmitting equipment was held up for many months by the custom officials. During this time it was exposed somewhat to the elements, but we praise the Lord that there was little damage.

The station is on the air using 1,000 watts power. As the Lord provides, David expects to increase the power to the assigned power of 5,000 watts. A 200' tower has been erected and plans call for the official inauguration about September 15, 1963.

The station is a cooperative effort of the Latin America Mission, American Baptists, Assemblies of God, Church of God and the Central American Mission.

GUADELOUPE

MOYER, Mr. & Mrs. Edward — 7 Cite des Filaos, Capesterre, Guadeloupe, French West Indies. The Moyers are enjoying their work in Capesterre. Their main work is the development of the national Christians to the

point where they can take over the preaching, administration, etc. of the church.

As our report last year reflected, their biggest need in Capesterre is for a new church building. The old, rented building, is entirely too small for all who desire to attend Sunday School and worship services. During the year, an interested church in the United States, gave \$2,500.00 to be used as a revolving fund for the Churches of the Association of Guadeloupe. It will be first used by the Capesterre Church and as it is paid off, it will be loaned to other groups on the island. This amount of money will not complete the church but will give them a roof over their heads.

The national Christians have taken a real hold on the work of Daily Vacation Bible School. Schools were held in four different communities; two of them in conjunction with evangelistic campaigns.



THE MOYERS

EUROPE

DOVERSPIKE, Miss Betty — % Mrs. Elmer Kilmer, 715 N. 9th St., Allentown, Penna. Miss Doverspike arrived home from Mainz, Germany during the month of August. She attended the Bible Club conference at Camp Sankanac. She then proceeded to her mother's home in Sumter, S.C. Ap-



German Girls with Betty Doverspike

proximately October 10, 1963 she expects to return to the Allentown area and remain there until the end of her short furlough. She expects to return to Germany early in 1964.

During the year Betty moved from Wiesbaden to Mainz. A good Bible club work developed in Mainz after the evangelistic campaign of the Janz Brothers. Her time was consumed in various ways: Camp in Switzerland, children & youth retreats, Sunday School and teacher training, etc.

Upon returning to Germany, her address will be **Fersterstrasse 4, (65) Mainz, Germany.**

HERTZOG, Mr. & Mrs. Roy — Villa Tibus, Chemin deRoy, St. Jean — cap. Ferrat, A. M. France. The gospel continues to go out over the air waves from Monte Carlo. Roy writes: "We have had a tremendous response from iron-curtain countries telling of the unique circumstances, persecution and salvation of souls. If our ministry were only to the Russian speaking people, it would be worth many, many times more than the cost and work behind these programs."

We are happy to report that Daniel Hertzog put in his appearance on March 15, 1963.

Periodically throughout the year, Roy has sent the pastors copies of "Listeners' Responses." They are interesting reading as we see the heart-hunger of the people of Europe for the Gospel. What a mission field is found right now on the continent of Europe!

HOPKINS, Mr. Robert — P. O. Box 155, Eschersheim, Frankfurt/Main, Germany. We quote from a recent letter from Bob: "The Billy Graham Crusades in Nurnberg and Stuttgart in June were mightily blessed of the Lord. The Crusades together saw an average nightly attendance of over 21,000 with 550 responding to the invitation. In addition to directing the counselling, I had the privilege of leading several young men to Christ myself. We are daily receiving a goodly number of applications for our Bible study and memory courses as a continuation of the initial follow-up by the Crusade offices."

The work of the Navigators (the organization under which Bob is working) is the training of small groups to be "reproducing Christians" and leading them into a life of discipleship. There is no attempt made to plant any churches in Germany, but rather a desire to see a revival in the established churches and a willingness to train their own young people in the Christian life. A vital contact was made in June with a church in Mainz which Bob says is the "best church-centered opportunity we've had."

A daughter came to bless their home — Nancy — on July 9, 1962.

HOYLE, Mr. & Mrs. Ron — 2 rue des Franc Muriers, Amiens (Somme) France. When the Hoyles landed in France August, 1962 their place of labor was a bit uncertain. Many hours were consumed in prayer and house hunting. It was almost considered the Lord did not want them in Amiens at this time when a suitable building for meeting as well as living quarters was found.

Ron spent much time in painting and decorating to get the building in usable shape. Please remember this is absolute pioneer work; they knew no one when they moved to Amiens. Various methods of attracting people to

the gospel were used: Posters, window displays, handbills, Moody films, Daily Vacation Bible Schools (one during Passion week), etc. The response was small but encouraging.

Many days of preparation were spent in planning and setting up the booth at the local fair in June. We quote from Ron's letter: "The Lord did a good work here as we labored at the fair. We were able to decorate the

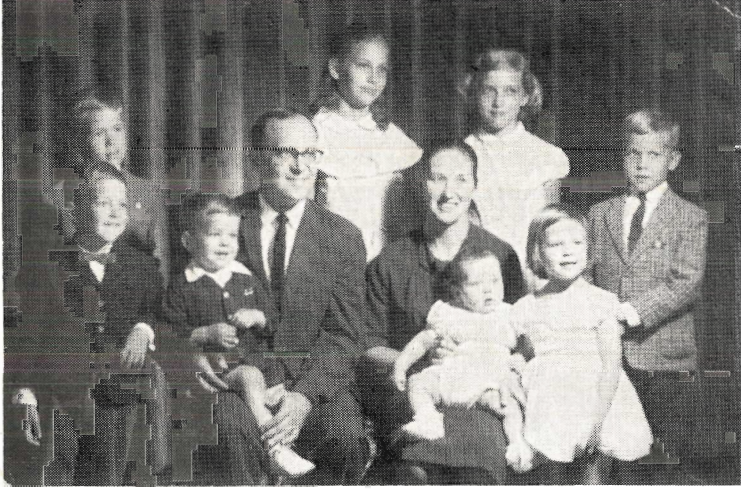


Fair in Amiens, France, June 1963 (Hoyle)

10 square foot stand so that people were drawn to it as they passed . . . On the inside walls we placed flannelgraph displays, something unknown to the average Frenchman. Right in the entrance we placed a table on which we had an old French Bible dating from 1744. . . . Many of course came to see the old Bible and thus we got into conversation with them. What a joy to be able to sell 31 Bibles and 110 New Testaments, plus Gospels and brochures. During the 12 days we were able to hand out 13,000 tracts offering a free Gospel and a correspondence course. . . . Two high school senior men came to talk, with hearts prepared by the Spirit. They have promised to visit us. Monday, three Catholic nuns bought a Bible and 15 New Testaments. . . . The second Sunday even a young Jewish father took a copy of the Word. . . . An 82 year old lady bought a Bible saying she had never read it. These plus many other good contacts encouraged our hearts during these days."

POYSTI, Mr. Earl — 426 Shore Rd., Absecon, N.J. Brother Poysti has ministered during the past year here in the States. He has been used in Missionary and Bible Conferences as well as evangelistic campaigns.

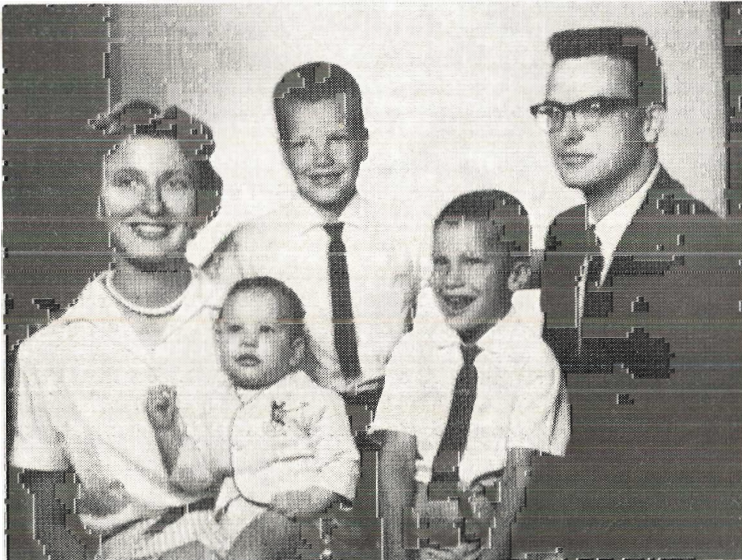
The Lord has led the Poystis to sever their relations with the Gospel Furtherance Society as of April 1, 1963. They are accepted by Trans-World Radio for service in Monte Carlo. They are awaiting the Lord's provision for their support over and above the maximum which the Bible Fellowship Church has allotted them.



THE POYSTIS

They will be living in France and broadcasting to iron-curtain countries directly. This has been the burden of Earl's heart for many years. For some months, he was preparing Slavic versions of the Word of Life program.

RITTER, Mr. & Mrs. Donald J. — Sweden. Donald and Elizabeth Ritter are the latest addition to our Missionary Family. They are members of the Allentown Bethel Church. Donald is being supported by the Philadelphia, Emmanuel and Lancaster Churches. Elizabeth is being supported by Allentown, Bethel.



THE RITTERS

They are parents of three boys: Scott, Michael and Daniel. The family spent seven months ministering under the direction of Missionary Internship, Detroit, Michigan.

The Ritters are looking forward to their ministry in the needy country of Sweden. Reports from the land tell of the low morality and spiritual conditions. They will be working with three other couples under the direction of the Greater Europe Mission.

The family sailed from New York City, September 18, 1963 on the S. S. Gripsholm. Members and friends of Allentown, Bethel and other churches participated in a farewell service on the pier. May the Lord greatly use this young couple for His glory.

INDIA

DYKE, Mr. & Mrs. C. Herbert — Mission House, Jalgaon Dist., Jalgaon, Maharashtra, India. The Dykes returned to India on May 29, 1963 on board the Queen Mary. Transfer was made in England to the CHUSAN, landing them in Bombay a bit over a month from the time they left the States.

They have been stationed by the Christian & Missionary Alliance to live on a new field, Jalgaon. This is a field where not too much evangelistic work has been done in recent years. Both Betty and Herb are engaged in teach-



THE DYKES

ing in the Bible school. This entails quite a bit of travelling each week. Besides this teaching they both teach a Sunday school class in the local church. As many Sundays as possible, Herb is to preach to an English group in Bhusaval. Supervision of building and repairs also fall upon his shoulders. As the dry season comes, they will be touring to get to the villages.

STENGELE, Mr. & Mrs. Laird F. — Mission Bungalow, Amravati Camp, Maharashtra, India. We quote from one of Laird's letters: "This past February and March I was placed in charge of setting up our annual campmeeting. Therefore we camped out in our tent at our campmeeting grounds for about a month, including the preparation and dismantling. . . . During the week of preparation . . . we had six continuous nights of thunder, lightning and rain . . . it even hailed. . . . The Lord surely protects His own. . . . The meetings were very excellent, although because of the work of the camp falling into my hands I was not able to attend hardly any of the meetings myself. However, they dedicated the first Indian couple which they hope to send to some foreign mission field. . . . They took up a special offering and collection to put into their foreign missionary fund for this purpose. We praise the Lord for His guiding and directing hand in this all-important task and phase of ministry."

Immediately before the Stengeles left for a six weeks vacation in the hills of south India, Laird developed, what the doctor diagnosed as ileitis. He was put on a soft, mild diet which has taken off quite a few pounds. Laird complains that it will be impossible for him to eat any more of the native highly-seasoned food which he had come to like since in India.

JAPAN

FISHER, Mr. & Mrs. Hubert — East 2 South 1, Sunagawa Shi, Hokkaido, Japan. The ministry of the Fishers during this term has been concentrated in personal work among the farms and homes of the large area given as



Mrs. Fisher's Bible Class

their responsibility. Winter time is a good time to do door-to-door visitation among the farmers as one will usually find them home.

During the summer, they engaged in a two-week evangelistic campaign and then in a youth camp followed by an adult camp. They are presently planning for the fall emphasis on television. This will be the second venture on television. The first one in February brought many responses. It is a costly venture, but very profitable as there are many more television receivers in Japan than radios. The new series will be in November and December, 1963. Pray for the follow-up to these telecasts.

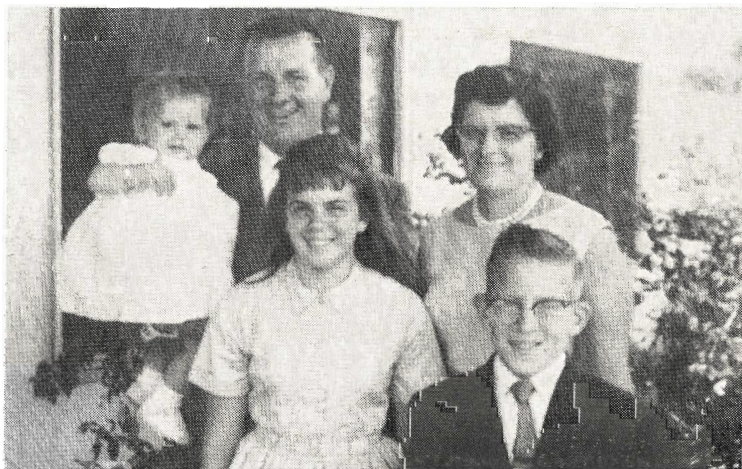
PHILIPPINES

TWEDDELL, Dr. & Mrs. Colin — 5212 — 18th Ave., N.E., Seattle, Wash., 98105. We had the privilege of having the Tweddells present for both of the 1963 campmeetings at Mizpah Grove. They have come home on furlough after having spent a whole term in the Philippines on loan to work with the Association of Baptist for World Evangelism. Their work was the preparation of the orthography of the Cuyono language and the beginning of the translation of the New Testament. Before the Tweddell's left the Philippines, they, together with national helpers and consultants, have completed about one-fourth of the New Testament, a hymn book, the Christmas story in Matthew and Luke and several tracts in the Cuyono language.

The future ministry of the Tweddells is uncertain as they have both reached the retirement age established by the China Inland Mission Overseas Missionary Fellowship.

VENEZUELA, SOUTH AMERICA

HARLEY, Mr. & Mrs. J. Barclay — Apartado 75, Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela, South America. The Harleys have been living on the launch on the Orinoco River and neighboring tributaries. Barclay describes a visit to a village along the river: "We visited a village among the Makaritares with whom the Orinoco River Mission has a couple working. Also the boy who works on the launch for us is a member of that tribe. This village of 150



THE HARLEYS

has only 3 who are not professing Christians. There we were able to preach to them in Spanish because many of the men know Spanish. In a typical service they would sing for an hour and then two of us would preach and then one of them would review what we had said. Their village reminded me of our church campmeeting back in the States for they rang a bell for all the services and the life is a sort of out-door-camping affair. What a contrast the Gospel has caused in their lives! We arrived at their village . . . as they were burying a brother who had died that day after a lingering illness. They were gathered at the burying ground at the side of the chapel. They sang hymns of praise and hope sorrowing not as others . . .”

Also in another letter: “The children both did well last year in school. Linda will be in 8th grade and John in 7th grade during this coming school year. Having them away in school is probably the most difficult part of our missionary service, yet we thank the Lord that He has made the Orinoco Academy possible for without it we would not be able to get very much done. Susie is getting along nicely and passed her first birthday. . . . She has been walking for three months.”

SHELLY, Mr. & Mrs. Austin — Institutio Biblicio Las Delicias, Estado, Monagas, Caripe, Venezuela, South America. The Shellys continue their activities at the Bible Institute. They have recently moved into a new home although it is not completed — front door, closet, shelving, etc. are necessary as yet, but they had to move.

During the summer months Austin assisted at the Young People’s camp conducted on the compound of the Institute. Following this camp there was an intensive summer course taught for credit. A number of graduates came back for post-graduate courses.

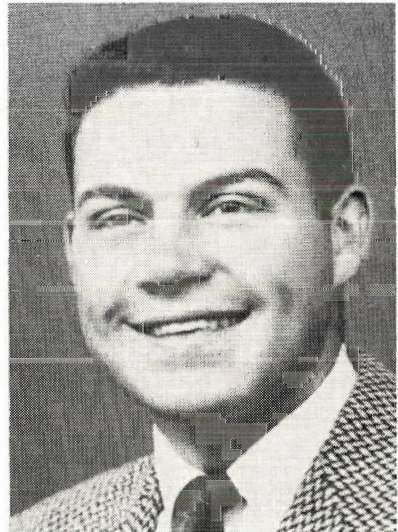
When the Institute reconvened this fall, with approximately 30 students, Austin began teaching 16 hours a week in the class room besides the preparation which is necessary. He is teaching two new courses. In his spare time, he will have to finish their house.

David Paul arrived March 3, 1963.

UNITED STATES

SHELLING, Mr. Ted — 15 Park Row, New York, N.Y. 10038 The work of High School Evangelism under Ted Shelling was undertaken as of January 1, 1963. Mr. Shelling is a member of Allentown, Bethel Church and has worked at various times with us at Victory Valley.

The work in which Ted is engaged is among the high school students of the New York City area. Individual contact is made with the students and then Christian youths are gathered together for weekly classes in witnessing and discipling. This is done through a course set up by the parent organization.



TED SHELLING

The testimony of Ted at Mizpah Grove this past summer showed the value of this type of work in this needy, neglected mission field.

YOST, Miss Grace. We were all saddened at the news of the sudden departure of Grace to be with her Lord. The following is her obituary:

The entire Bible Fellowship constituency was saddened with the news of the passing of Miss Grace Yost, missionary to Virginia. This word came during the annual Ministerial Convention at Victory Valley.

Grace Yost was a faithful servant of the Lord to the boys and girls in her region of Virginia. She contacted 1,800 children bi-weekly in 34 different Bible clubs conducted in the public schools. She made her headquarters in Grundy, Va. Her work also was to assist in the Bible Church of Grundy under Pastor Carl Tegler. Recently she was influential in the organization of the women into a Missionary Society. Her piano playing in the services of the church will be greatly missed.

Grace Anna Yost was born in Philadelphia on September 24, 1927. Upon the death of both of her parents within a year's time, at the age of eight, she came to live with her grandmother, the late Mrs. Zillah Alhouse and her aunt, Miss Grace Alhouse. At the age of nine she was converted, baptized and was admitted into the fellowship of the Emmanuel Bible Fellowship Church, Philadelphia, Pa.

Upon being graduated from the John Bartram High School, she attended the evening classes of the Bible Institute of Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1949, during the pastorate of W. B. Hottel, she left for Salyersville, Kentucky, to work with the Faith Mountain Mission. In July, 1958 she transferred to the Southern Highland Evangel, Grundy, Va.

Funeral services were conducted from the Yerkes Funeral Home, Phila. on Tuesday, May 7, 1963 with Pastor John Dunn in charge. Interment was made in the Zionsville Bible Fellowship Church Cemetery. Also participating in the service was District Superintendent A. L. Seifert and Pastors Carl Tegler, C. E. Kirkwood and Willard E. Cassel, representing the Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Grace Yost was a valiant soldier of the cross who during her life time carried a thorn in the flesh. She lived under primitive conditions in Virginia, having to carry all her coal. She has passed on to be with her Lord and He will reward her according to her faithfulness.



SNYDER, Mrs. Phoebe — 355 Mission Rd., Glendale, 5, Calif. Mrs. Snyder enjoys the blessing of the Lord upon her with all the aches and pains which attend a soul of her age. During the past year she lost her companion of many years. She continues to live in the Suppes Memorial Home of the C. & M. A. in Glendale, Calif. The following is the obituary of C. F. Snyder:



On February 18, 1963 a pioneer missionary, a faithful minister and a beloved brother passed into the presence of Christ. He was Calvin Franklin Snyder, who was ninety-one years old.

Brother Snyder was born in Windsor Castle, Berks County, Pennsylvania on December 17, 1871. As a child his life was miraculously preserved on three occasions. He and his older brother had diphtheria. His brother died but Calvin lived. God had a work for him to do. He was educated in Pennsylvania and Missouri and was graduated from the Keystone State Normal School, Kutztown, Pa. For many years he was the oldest living alumnus of the school. For four years he taught in the Pennsylvania public schools.

He was converted when he was twenty-four years old and soon after came in contact with the Christian and Missionary Alliance through Rev. A. E.

Funk, then Foreign Secretary and God called him to Tibet. After a short period of study at the Bible School then located at 690 Eighth Avenue in New York City (fore-runner of the Nyack Missionary College) and some practical training, he set out on November 18, 1897, for Tibet, the "Roof of the World." There were four men in the party: Rev. R. J. Cunningham and Rev. Philip Hinkey for South China, and Rev. W. N. Ruhl and Mr. Snyder bound for Tibet. On their arrival in Shanghai, Mr. Snyder exclaimed, "Well, we are in China!" and then broke out in praise to God.

During his first term, which lasted ten years, Mr. Snyder preached the gospel to the Tibetans, his first station being Paongan. Here the missionaries were miraculously protected when they were attacked by Tibetan raiders. In 1900 the missionary party, including Mr. Snyder, fled to the coast, a long perilous journey, because of the Boxer rebellion. However, when they reached the coast they found they need not have left their stations. Communications were so slow that the rebellion was over before they knew it on the Tibetan border.

On his way home for furlough, Mr. Snyder visited South China and met Miss Phoebe Brenneman. They were married in Nanking, China, in 1908, nearly fifty-five years ago, on his return from the homeland. God blessed them with a son, Albert, but on their fifth wedding anniversary God took him to Himself.

Mr. and Mrs. Snyder continued to work among Tibetans until 1916, and then definitely felt the call of God to work among Moslems and Chinese. For many years they lived in Hochow, sometimes called the Mecca of China, where a strong self-supporting church was established. Mr. Snyder was proficient in both Tibetan and Chinese and served the Mission as examiner for both languages. Throughout his missionary career he served on the Mission executive committee and never missed a committee meeting or a yearly missionary conference.

Life on the Tibetan Border was often fraught with danger, such as the White Wolf bandit raid in 1914, the raid by the Tibetans on Lupasi, the local political upheavals, the aftermath of the terrible famine of 1929, which was followed by the typhus epidemic, and the Communist invasions of Kansu Province in 1935 and 1936. In the midst of all this Mr. Snyder steadily preached the gospel to Tibetans, Moslems and Chinese, in season and out of season.

Although retired from active missionary work, Mr. & Mrs. Snyder returned to Peking, China in 1939 to carry on a witness among university students. However, after a little more than a year the outbreak of war made it necessary for them to return to the United States.

Something of his personality is shown in the notes taken from his farewell message to his fellow missionaries in China:

"In the spring of 1896 I received the Holy Spirit and was sanctified. I was by the grace of God happy, endeavoring to look on the bright side of life In Paongan in 1898 I made a covenant with the Lord regarding my physical needs while I lived. I used the same covenant as Dr. Simpson used. I never had much sickness all these years The Lord kept me from deviating from the path of main duty of preaching the gospel I have no palmer worm, locust, or canker worm in my heart. I have peace toward God and toward men." Two verses emphasized in his notes were Genesis 28:15 and III John 2.

Upon their final return from China the Snyders settled in Goshen, Indiana where he continued his studies in Goshen College. At the age of seventy-five he was graduated in the class of 1947 with a B.A. degree.

For more than twelve years the Snyders lived in the Alliance Missionary Home in Glendale, California. They faithfully attended the Glendale Church and at times Mr. Snyder taught the men's Bible Class, serving as a substitute teacher even during the past year. For many years he has conducted a Monday afternoon prayer meeting for China and the Chinese everywhere. Up to the time of his last illness he led the Friday afternoon prayer meeting held in the chapel of the Suppes Memorial Home, on Mission Road in Glendale, Calif.

During all the years while on the field and during retirement, the Snyders have been supported by the Bible Fellowship Church. Their membership is in the Philadelphia, Salem Church.

He is survived by his widow, Phoebe (Brenneman), and his sister, Mrs. Raymond Becker of Reading, Pa. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. Paul A. Collard of the Alliance Church, Glendale, Calif., on February 28 at the Little Church of the Flowers in Forest Lawn Memorial Park. Rev. C. D. Holton, a fellow missionary, gave personal reminiscences of life with the

Snyders on the Tibetan Border and brought to mind the many Tibetans, Moslems, and Chinese who would be with the Lord as a result of Mr. Snyder's ministry. Rev. A. J. Hansen, also a missionary to China, read tributes from members of the Alliance Society and from those who have so faithfully supported him and prayed for him and his ministry through the years. Mr. Snyder was esteemed by those he served, his co-workers, and those with whom he mingled both on the China-Tibetan Border and here in America.

NEW CANDIDATES

KAUFFMAN, Mr. Timothy — 16 E. Minor St., Emmaus, Pa. Timothy is a member of Bethel Church, Emmaus. During the winter months he attended the Missionary Internship, Detroit, Michigan. He told the Board of the great help the counselling was to his spiritual life and outlook on his ministry.

He is an accepted candidate for Congo under the Unevangelized Fields Mission. His concentration on the field will be in the realm of construction. His arrival on the field will be heralded by the missionaries. He is speaking in our churches as he waits the Lord's provision for out-going expenses and equipment.

LILLEY, Mr. David K. — 246 Carre Ave., Essington, Pa. David is a member of our Wallingford Church. He is also a graduate of Berean Bible School. During the past three years he has taught in the public schools of Delaware. The call of the Lord was upon him and he resigned his position to attend the candidate school of the Ceylon & India General Mission in Wheaton, Illinois. He was accepted by that mission to teach in the Woodstock School in northern India. He is being processed by our Board.



DAVID K. LILLEY

MILLER, Miss Louise — 645 N. 13th St., Reading, Pa. Miss Miller returned from Germany on sick leave and then resigned from the mission under which she had served for the abbreviated term on the field.

The Lord led her to apply to work in the foreign department of Child Evangelism Fellowship. She attended their Institute and was assigned to work in the Springfield, Mass. area from fall, 1962 through the summer of 1963.

This September she entered the Missionary Internship, Detroit, Michigan. Upon the completion of her work there, she will come under consideration by our Board again for foreign service.

MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS TO CHURCHES

Allentown, Bethel -----	Betty Doverspike M. G. Griebenow Roy Hertzog Daniel Hertzog Mrs. Ron Hoyle Mrs. Donald Ritter Ted Shelling Mr. & Mrs. Austin Shelly Susanne Joanne David Paul Mr. & Mrs. Laird Stengele Carol Sue Donald Lauren
Bethlehem -----	Mr. & Mrs. James Bigley James Joel Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Fisher Earl Poysti
Coopersburg -----	Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Buck
Emmaus -----	Dr. William Campbell Matthew
Easton -----	Mrs. C. Herbert Dyke Nancy Bruce Elaine
Fleetwood -----	Dr. & Mrs. Colin Tweddell
Blandon	
Lebanon -----	Howard Hatton
Harrisburg -----	Dr. Robert Schoffstall
Hatfield -----	David Solt Olive Rawn
Philadelphia, Salem -----	J. Barclay Harley Linda John Mrs. Phoebe Snyder
Philadelphia, Calvary -----	Sylvia Miller
Philadelphia, Emmanuel	
Lancaster -----	Donald Ritter
Mt. Carmel -----	Paul Chaponniere Paulette John Marianna Marc
Quakertown -----	Charles Mann Stephen

Reading -----	Mrs. M. C. Griebenow Robert Hopkins Marguerite Schoffstall Bobbie Ann, Beth Ann
York -----	Robert Gordon Robert, Jr., Stanley
Zionsville	
Allentown, Salem	
Scranton -----	Mrs. Roy Hertzog
Royersford	
Spring City -----	Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moyer
Staten Island, N.Y.	
Denville, N.J.	
Miller Heights	
Millersville -----	Mrs. Charles Mann
Sunbury -----	Mrs. J. Barclay Harley Susan Cae
Nazareth -----	C. Herbert Dyke Flora
Terre Hill -----	Mrs. Howard Hatton
Graterford	
Harleysville -----	Ron Hoyle
Catasauqua	
Walnutport	
Lehighton	
Stroudsburg	
Binghamton, N.Y.	
Finesville, N.J.	
Paradise	
Trenton, N.J.	
Belvidere, N.J. -----	Mrs. Robert Gordon, David

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Miss Olive Rawn

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Miss Betty Doverspike

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Mr. David K. Lilley

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Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hatton
Dr. & Mrs. Colin Tweddell

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Mr. Ted Shelling

LATIN AMERICA MISSION — 285 Orchard Terrace, Bogata, N.J.

Mr. David Solt

NAVIGATORS — Colorado Springs, Colorado

Mr. Robert Hopkins

NORTH AFRICA MISSION — 241 Fairfield Ave., Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

Dr. William Campbell (1)

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gordon (3)

TRANS WORLD RADIO — 354 Main Street, Chatham, N.J.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hertzog (1)
 Mr. Earl Poysti

UNEVANGELIZED FIELDS MISSION — Box 306, 306 Bala Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, Pa.

Mr. Timothy Kauffman
 Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Mann (1)

WEST INDIES MISSION — R.D. #1, Homer City, Pa.

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moyer

(Numbers following names designates the number of children in family supported by the Foreign Mission Board)

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 TREASURER—Mrs. Ralph Cole, Jr., 113 Floyd St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10310

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 TREASURER—Mrs. Donald Sedgwick, 4108 Princeton Ave., Phila., Pa. 19135

**X.—REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GENERAL CAMP
MEETING COMMITTEE 1963**

Two Camp Meetings were held at Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pennsylvania, during the summer of 1963.

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

June 29 to July 7, 1963 — 253 Tents

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

July 13 to July 21, 1963 — 217 Tents

RECEIPTS

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT	\$ 6,406.46
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT	6,052.50

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$12,458.96</u>
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T. D. Gehret, Chairman

Report was adopted.

**XI.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION AND PRINTING
1963**

RECEIPTS

Balance in treasury October 1, 1962	\$ 707.74
Received at Adjourned Session from churches	1,723.55
From Sale of Year Books	1,035.25
From Foreign Mission Board	150.00
	<u>\$3,616.54</u>

EXPENDITURES

Honorarium to Conference Secretary	\$ 50.00
Honorarium to Conference Treasurer	75.00
Record Book Pages	56.00
5000 Pastor Poll Cards	21.00
8000 Sunday School Secretary Forms	85.31
1200 Year Books	1,785.75
Miscellaneous Expenses for Year Book	56.80
1200 Year Book Supplements	84.78
Postage	4.20
Balance in treasury September 30, 1963	1,397.70
	<u>\$3,616.54</u>

John H. Riggall, Chairman
John Dunn, Secretary
Robert W. Smock

Report was adopted.

XII.—BOARD OF TRUSTEES — LAYMEN'S BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

October 14, 1963

Oct. 15, 1962, Members Enrolled	107
Members paid	107

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Oct. 15, 1962, Cash Balance		\$16,145.71	
Contributions	\$ 15.50		
Interest	683.63		
Payments on Investments	1,851.89	\$ 2,551.02	\$18,696.73

Disbursements

Sundry Expenses	\$ 34.14		
Bible Fellowship Church	2,255.13		
Members paid	8,054.00		
Bible Fellowship Church Home	8,353.46		\$18,696.73

Oct. 15, 1962 Investments		\$21,324.14	
Investments made	\$2,255.13		
Investment repayments	1,851.89	403.24	
Total Investments			\$21,727.38
Investments assigned to Bible Fellowship Church Home			\$21,727.38

A. W. Deppe, President
 A. L. Wentz, Treasurer
 Allen S. Weiss, Secretary
 Board of Trustees

XIII.—REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PUBLISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

The response of our people to the FELLOWSHIP NEWS has been most encouraging throughout this, the third year of publication. Circulation reached an all-time high of 1300 during the year, with copies being sent to 29 states and 20 foreign countries. The addition of the "Spiritual Emphasis" and the "Voice of the people" columns have been very well received, with many asking for an increase in the amount of material to be published.

Much of the success of the newspaper stems from the faithful ministries of the editor, David E. Thomann, and circulation manager, R. C. Reichenbach. Sub-editors were appointed as follows: LeRoy S. Heller, "Voice of the People"; Russell T. Allen, "Spiritual Emphasis"; Harold P. Shelly, "Berean Bible School"; William A. Heffner, "Church Extension"; Willard W. Cassel, "Foreign Missions"; Harvey J. Fritz Jr., "Sunday School"; Donald B. Schaeffer, "Youth Fellowship"; and Robert W. Smock, "General News".

The Committee makes the following recommendations:

1. That the month of JANUARY be designated as subscription month.
2. That a donation of \$50 each be given by the Board of Foreign Missions, the Sunday School Promotion Committee, the Church Extension Board and the Board of Education. Checks should be made payable to FELLOWSHIP NEWS and sent to the Secretary of the Committee no later than February 1, 1964.
3. That inasmuch as the recent poll taken regarding the size of the FELLOWSHIP NEWS showed a definite desire for a larger paper, that Annual Conference authorize the Committee to Publish FELLOWSHIP NEWS to increase the size of individual issues to 20 pages whenever feasible and the subscription rate to \$2.00, effective January 1, 1964.

FINANCIAL REPORT 1962-1963

Receipts

Balance (10/1/62) — Circulation Manager	__\$ 43.87	
Treasurer	739.34	\$ 783.21
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Subscriptions		1,945.01
Donations, (Board of Foreign Missions, Church Extension and S.S. Promotion Comm.)		150.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS AND BALANCES		\$2,878.22

Expenditures

Printing (12 issues)	\$2,017.52	
Circulation Manager's Expenses	110.28	
Refunds	17.00	
Committee Expenses	39.75	
Elliot Electric Addressograph Machine	300.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSES		\$2,484.55
Balance (9/30/63) — Circulation Manager	__\$ 16.60	
Treasurer	377.07	393.67
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TOTAL EXPENSES AND YEAR END BALANCES		\$2,878.22

Robert W. Smock	R. C. Reichenbach
Robert W. Gehret	James R. Cressman
David E. Thomann	Committee

Report was adopted.

XIV.—REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

“ Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.” Eph. 5:16

We recognize with deep concern the gravity of this present world situation. The Church, which is in the world but not of it, cannot expect to escape some of the effects of the evil days that are now upon us. Problems confronting the various phases of the Lord's work, especially the work of Church Extension, are multiplying as the age draws to its close. The situa-

tion is aggravated by the confusion of thought prevailing in many circles, expressed in some of the suggested solutions to the serious problems involved; and the willingness of many to experiment with every proposed solution. Men are destined to certain frustration and failure in every attempt at checking the forces of evil. We are thoroughly convinced that Jesus is the answer to all problems, and the only Person who can really meet the needs of humanity. This glorious truth has been our motivating force and stimulus throughout the year.

Our Director has continued to apply himself very diligently to the responsibilities of his Office and has conscientiously carried out the directions of the Board. Many hours of his time have been consumed in traveling thousands of miles over dangerous highways, to counsel with pastors, to aid in solving problems, to strengthen the churches and to open work in new areas. In addition to his regular duties, he conducted two weeks of successful tent meetings at Wernersville, Pa. We ask you to pray for our Director as he administers this very important department of our Church.

We are grateful to God that He has supplied a pastor for each of the appointments and in His Providence has seen fit to spare all of His servants in the Church Extension Department. The Board has found the pastors most cooperative and conscientious in the performance of their duties. We believe, that in all of their efforts they have prayerfully sought to advance the interests of the Church.

The Board is grateful to the entire constituency for the moral and financial support that has been given to the program of Church Extension. We know that many are daily praying for the success of this work. We are especially encouraged to note that some of the churches are endeavoring to balance their giving to missions by increasing their gifts to this important phase of the Lord's work.

The Board met nine times to transact its business. Among the more important items of business are the following:

1. Soon after our last Annual Conference the Board adopted a budget system under which it operated during the year. This method of operation has proved quite satisfactory.

2. Approval has been given for the purchase of a plot of ground by our Millersville congregation. The ground is located just outside the borough limits and contains sufficient area for the construction of a church and parsonage with ample space for parking cars.

3. Approval was also granted to the Millersville congregation for the construction of a parsonage on the new site, and the beautiful structure is scheduled to be completed and occupied by the pastor this fall.

4. Wernersville, Pa., has been accepted by the Board as a new Church Extension Appointment to be supplied. This appointment is the result of weekly Bible Studies and two weeks of tent meetings which were conducted by the Director.

5. Communications have been received from two churches expressing their desire to become Conference Appointments. For your thoughtful and prayerful consideration we submit the following excerpts from our minutes:

- (1) "WHEREAS, The following communication was received from the Denville Bible Fellowship Church, Denville, N.J.:

“RESOLVED, That the Denville Bible Fellowship Church, Denville, N.J., petition the 1963 Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, to become a Conference Appointment.”

RESOLVED, That we approve the action taken by the Denville Bible Fellowship Church and recommend to the 1963 Annual Conference that the Denville Bible Fellowship Church be recognized as a Conference Appointment.”

(2) “WHEREAS, The Board has received the following communication from the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church:

“WHEREAS, God has graciously and abundantly blessed the congregation of the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church during the ten years of its history, using its testimony to bring many to Christ and to establish the believers in the faith, resulting in the continued solidification of the local church, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we gratefully recognize the good hand of God upon our efforts, accepting the blessings of the past ten years as His challenge to us for the future, and, further,

RESOLVED, That we respond to this challenge by requesting the Church Extension Board to petition the Annual Conference convening in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, in October, 1963, to consider the possibility of granting the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church conference status.” Therefore,

RESOLVED, That the request of the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church be granted and that we recommend to the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church to be held in October 1963, at Bethlehem, Pa., that the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church be recognized as a Conference Appointment.”

Some new doors of opportunity for missionary activity are opening and the present appointments must be properly manned, therefore, we urgently request that our people pray with us that the Lord of the Harvest will send forth laborers into the ripened harvest field. However, we must remind you that deeper than the need for men, deeper than the need for money, is the need for prevailing prayer.

We list the names of the pastors now engaged in Church Extension Work so that you may remember them in your daily prayers:

LeRoy J. Bickel	Leon K. Overpeck
M. Leslie Campbell	Robert Paul
Bruce Ellingson	Richard R. Ruth
Donald R. Knauer	David J. Watkins
Ronald C. Mahurin	Harold C. Weaber

FINANCIAL

RECEIPTS:

Balance in Treasury, October 1, 1962 -----	\$ 424.56
Received from Churches -----	34,518.29
Received from Sunday Schools -----	9,961.48
Conference Entertainment Fund -----	648.40

Received from Mortgages and Loans:

Finesville, N.J. -----	\$375.00		
Trenton, N.J. -----	424.32	\$799.32	799.32
Special Gift for Miller Heights from a friend -----			300.00
Received from Board of Directors for Denville, N.J. Loan -----			1,500.00
Received from Board of Directors for Binghamton, N.Y. Loan -----			5,000.00
Received from Board of Directors for Miller Heights Loan -----			2,500.00
Received from tent rentals -----			90.00
Total Receipts -----			\$55,742.05

EXPENDITURES:

Appropriations Allentown District -----		\$ 5,670.00	
Appropriations Bethlehem District -----		8,070.00	
Conference Entertainment Fund -----		648.40	
Appropriations Pastors -----		15,815.00	
Director's Operating Expense -----		5,120.24	
Director's Salary -----		4,400.00	
Parsonage Maintenance:			
Telephone -----	\$228.50		
Electric -----	115.17		
Fuel Oil -----	337.91		
Water and Sewer Rent -----	66.60		
Building Repairs -----	75.00		
Real Estate Taxes -----	200.27		1,023.45
Moving Expenses -----			1,190.29
Legal Fees -----			182.00
Mortgage Trenton -----			636.48
Loan to Denville, N.J. from Board of Directors -----			1,500.00
Loan to Binghamton, N.Y. from Board of Directors -----			5,000.00
Loan to Miller Heights from Board of Directors -----			2,500.00
Special Gift to Miller Heights from a friend --			300.00
Donation to Fellowship News -----			50.00
Purchase of Equipment -----			143.51
Missionary Internship Inc. -----			270.00
Mileage and meals Board Meeting -----			90.00
Postage, Stationery and Telephone -----			25.00
Tent meetings -----			376.70
Miscellaneous -----			45.27
Total Expenditures -----			\$53,056.34
Balance in the Treasury October 1, 1963 -----			2,685.71

\$55,742.05

The Board has the following assets invested in Real Estate:

Finesville, N.J. ----- \$ 4,586.42

A. L. Seifert, Chairman	Jansen E. Hartman
F. B. Hertzog, Secretary	Clayton Weber
William A. Heffner	Stanley A. Hackman
T. D. Gehret	Board of Church Extension

Report was adopted.

XV.—REPORT OF THE VICTORY VALLEY BOARD — 1963

Report to the Annual Conference.

The Lord has enabled us to see Himself at work in the lives of campers and staff at Victory Valley this year. Under the leadership of Mr. Theodore S. Bull and Mrs. Donald Knauer, co-directors of the summer program, two hundred eighty eight campers entered into an active program of Bible instruction and outdoor activity. Response from staff and campers indicates that the Lord used His Word again this year to bring young lives to decision to deeper commitment to Himself.

The long awaited swimming pool became a reality this summer. The pool is 82.5' x 30' with all equipment and facilities approved by the State Board of Health. Another addition to the camp was the renovation of one of the barns to make it a chapel. This rustic building adds more useable space as well as atmosphere to our facilities.

Offerings from our constituency were higher this year; for this we praise the Lord and thank those who gave. In addition to the gifts from the churches the Board received special gifts and an interest-free loan to make possible the construction of the swimming pool. If the financial support from the churches and the number of campers continue to rise, the Board anticipates beginning a debt-reduction program this year.

The facilities of the camp have been used by many individual church groups, by the Youth Retreats and by the Ministerial Convention. More continuous usage makes possible the best return on the money invested in our physical plant. The Board urges other groups to plan to use the camp.

During the year the Board has reviewed and revised its statement of duties and organizational plan. The following was adopted by the Board:

DUTIES OF THE VICTORY VALLEY BOARD:

1. To formulate objectives and policy for the Camp.
2. To plan the year-round camp program.
3. To develop and maintain the site of the Camp.
4. To formulate and maintain standards of the Camp.
5. To secure and train the Camp staff.
6. To provide continuity from year to year in the Camp program and management.
7. To supervise the financial and business matters of the Camp.
8. To promote the Camp to the public.
9. To know what is happening during the Camp season.
10. To evaluate the Camp and its program and report to the Annual Conference.

THE ORGANIZATION OF THE VICTORY VALLEY BOARD SHALL BE:

The Board shall elect annually by and from its membership a chairman, a secretary and a Camp treasurer.

The Chairman shall be the chief executive and administrative officer of the Board.

The Secretary shall carry on all correspondence for the Board; keep minutes of all meeting; distribute copies to all members; keep the records of the Board; and receive and make arrangements for the use of the grounds.

The Camp treasurer shall receive and disburse all funds of the summer camp operation; all other funds shall be held and disbursed by the Conference Treasurer.

The Board shall divide itself into three committees. These committees shall be composed of at least two members from the Board plus others as desired. These committees shall be appointed by the chairman with Board approval.

NAMES AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEES:

1. Staff and Program Committee.

It shall be responsible for Board duties numbered 2 and 5.

2. Building and Grounds Committee.

It shall be responsible for Board duty numbered 3.

3. Finance and Promotion Committee.

It shall be responsible for Board duties numbered 7 and 8.

All committees shall be responsible for Board duties numbered 1, 4, 6, 9, 10. Each committee shall carry on all routine business in its area of operation at its own discretion; all new business shall be brought to the full Board for approval before action is taken. All bills and invoices shall be sent to the Board secretary for payment and accounting.

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During the summer Mr. Morris Ginzburg, General Secretary of the Eastern Pennsylvania Section of the American Camping Association, visited the camp. It is his opinion that our present program and facilities should easily meet the requirements for full membership in the American Camping Association. The Board has invited the Evaluation Committee to visit the camp next summer.

The Victory Valley Board makes the following recommendations:

(1) That the dates of the camps in 1964 shall be as follows:

July 4-11 Girls 8-12 years old.

July 11-18 Girls 8-12 years old.

July 18-25 Junior High boys and girls.

July 25-Aug. 1 Junior High boys and girls.

Aug. 1-8 Senior High boys and girls.

Aug. 8-15 Boys 8-12 years old.

Aug. 15-22 Boys 8-12 years old.

(2) That the Sunday School of each Bible Fellowship Church receive an offering for Victory Valley Camp before March 1, 1964. This check may be

made payable to Victory Valley Camp and sent to the secretary of the Victory Valley Board.

(3) That the facilities of the Victory Valley Camp be available for limited use by groups from Bible Fellowship Churches. Arrangements for such use shall be made through and offerings sent to the secretary of the Board.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Camp Operation:		Budget '64
Camp fees and registrations -----	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 7,500.00
Offerings -----	60.29	60.00
Handcraft -----	288.15	275.00
Snack Shack Sales -----	537.74	500.00
	8,086.18	8,335.00
 General:		
Contributions from:		
Churches -----	2,327.35	3,300.00
Groups (rentals) -----	710.50	700.00
Special -----	9,930.00	
Others -----	234.85	
	13,202.70	4,000.00
Total Income	\$21,288.88	

Expenses:

Camp Operation:		
Fuel and Power -----	\$ 871.04	\$ 850.00
Food Purchased -----	1,939.12	2,000.00
Handcraft purchased -----	429.83	300.00
(garbage) -----		25.00
Kitchen Supplies -----	86.39	90.00
(Ins. Camp) -----		200.00
(Ins. L.) -----		100.00
Medical -----	42.83	40.00
Postage and office supplies -----	130.85	150.00
Publicity -----	213.51	225.00
Program Material -----	689.49	700.00
Swimming Pool operation -----	78.95	100.00
Small tools and supplies -----	103.61	75.00
Snack Shack supplies -----	362.13	350.00
Sports equipment -----	83.80	100.00
Telephone -----	82.83	150.00
Truck and tractor -----	317.41	300.00
Wages -----	2,470.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous -----	6.50	
	\$ 8,335.29	\$ 8,755.00

General Administration:

Fuel and Power — White house -----	\$ 244.90	\$ 300.00
Insurance — Fire -----	436.23	436.23
Insurance — P & L -----	46.18	
Accrued Interest -----	480.00	480.00
Maintenance and repairs:		
Buildings -----	220.09	800.00
Equipment -----	155.69	200.00
Grounds -----	2,470.00	100.00
Membership fees -----	37.60	40.00
Taxes -----	9.11	10.00
Debt Reduction -----		1,000.00
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	4,099.09	3,366.23
TOTALS	\$12,435.09	\$ 12,121.23
GAIN	\$ 8,853.79	

BALANCE SHEET**Assets:**

Cash -----	\$ 2,670.70	
Accounts receivable -----	886.07	
Furniture and Fixtures -----	2,773.13	
Swimming Pool -----	24,110.54	
Real Estate -----	69,659.43	
Engineering Expenses in suspense -----	495.80	\$100,595.67

Liabilities and net worth:

Accounts payable -----	\$ 7,405.00	
Notes payable—B. of D. -----	2,000.00	
Notes payable—Home Board -----	16,000.00	
Notes payable—Friend (no int.) -----	10,000.00	
Net work Sept. 20, 1962 -----	(\$56,336.38)	
Gain in 1963 -----	(\$ 8,853.79)	\$65,190.17
		\$100,595.67

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman
 David E. Thomann, Secretary
 Stan S. Hackman, Treasurer
 T. D. Gehret, D.S.

A. L. Seifert, D.S.
 Kermit K. Gehman
 Clayton E. Weber
 Committee

Report was adopted.

**XVI.—REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
 BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL**

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return thither, but water the earth and make it bring forth and bud and so give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be, which goes forth from My mouth; it shall not come back to me uselessly, but it shall do what I purpose and accomplish what I commissioned it.” Isaiah 55:10, 11 (Berkeley)

Berean Bible School stands firmly upon the authority of God's Holy Word and, therefore, can rest in the promise found in these verses. Surely we can trust God to use His Word to produce that fruit and accomplish that purpose which He desires.

We praise God for the fruit He has given to the ministry of Berean. As we look to the future, we pray that God shall ever keep us true to His Word, declaring the whole counsel of God to that group of students which He has entrusted to our care.

God has been merciful and gracious to us throughout this past year. He not only has provided our financial needs but also supplied the needed staff and faculty members. During this year, two full-time instructors, Mr. Theodore S. Bull and Mr. Richard J. Gehman, and two part-time instructors, Mrs. Mary Dotts and Mrs. Charlene Cassel had been added to our faculty. Mr. Bull heads our Music Department, Mr. Gehman is an instructor in Bible, Mrs. Dotts is an instructor in Organ and Mrs. Cassel is an instructor in Physical Education. President Jansen E. Hartman continues to serve very well giving himself wholeheartedly to the work and seeking constantly to improve and develop the ministry of the School. The other staff and faculty members have applied themselves and have carried their respective responsibilities commendably.

The Choir tours under the direction of Reverend William A. Heffner have been a real blessing and have helped in the promotion of the School. Raymond Dotts, our first full-time Business Manager, and Harold Shelly, our new dean of Instruction, have served very well and have proved to be a real asset in the efficient operation of the School.

At present, the full-time faculty members are Jansen E. Hartman, Ruth A. Hartman, Harold P. Shelly, Raymond R. Dotts, Theodore S. Bull and Richard J. Gehman. The part-time instructors are Willard E. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Donald R. Knauer, Lenora L. Knauer, Alva C. Cassel, Laura Z. Cassel, Carol A. Mann, Donal E. Nilsson, John E. Phillips, Charlene Cassel and Mary A. Dotts.

We praise God for the fine students He had sent our way so that we reached an all-time high this year of 49. We trust the Lord will see fit to increase this number in the years to come.

On Monday, June 3, 1963 at 7:45 p.m. in our Bethel Church, Allentown, nine day students were graduated from the School. This brings the total of graduates to 119 in eleven years. The present enrollment at the beginning of the 1963-64 School year is 42 of which 14 are new students.

The Laymen Friends of Berean have proved to be a great blessing to the School. The banquet held this past year was very successful in arousing interest in Berean. It is planned to hold another banquet in the Fleetwood Grange on Friday, November 22, 1963 at 7:00 p.m.

This past year has seen development in various aspects of the School's program and facilities. Another course, a Music Major, has been added to the curriculum. The number of books in the library has been increased to 8,200 volumes. (One of the requirements for accreditation is to have at least 8,000 volumes in the library.)

The library facilities were expanded including a new library office. An Audio-Visual Library was inaugurated with the assistance of the Sunday

School Promotion Committee. To provide for the future expansion of both the instructional program and the student enrollment it was decided to utilize all the school buildings for church and school purposes.

The Board has met four times during this year. The various committees have functioned well and carried out the responsibilities placed upon them.

The Board organized as follows:

Chairman, T. D. Gehret
 Seceretary, W. B. Hottel
 Treasurer, A. L. Wentz

The Board elected the following committees and they organized as follows:

Committee on Finance: Chairman, A. L. Seifert; Secretary, Byron C. Cassel; Representative to Executive Committee, A. L. Wentz; Jansen E. Hartman, Roy E. Williams.

Committee on Faculty and Instruction: Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, Horace A. Kauffman; Representative to Executive Committee, John H. Riggall; Jansen E. Hartman, Daniel K. Ziegler.

Committee on Promotion: Chairman, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.; Secretary, John M. Stengele; Representative to the Executive Committee, Robert W. Gehret; Jansen E. Hartman, W. B. Hottel.

Executive Committee: Chairman, T. D. Gehret; Secretary, Robert W. Gehret, A. L. Wentz, John H. Riggall, A. L. Seifert.

Jansen E. Hartman was re-elected President of the School for the term of office from June 30, 1963 to June 30, 1964.

The prayer and financial support of the School by the entire constituency of the Bible Fellowship Church has been most commendable. In addition to this, there has been two special gifts, first, the library of the late C. F. Snyder of Glendale, California and second, \$3,000.00 from Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wentz of Allentown, Pa. toward the retirement of indebtedness on the President's home.

We thank God for all those who pray and give in order to make the ministry of Berean Bible School possible. May we continue to go forward by developing the School to be an effective tool in the hands of God for the training of young people to carry the blessed gospel message to the ends of the world.

The Board of Directors of Berean Bible School recommends to the Annual Conference meeting in Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem, Pa. on Monday, October 14, 1963:

That the following procedures for meeting the needs of Berean Bible School this coming year shall be:

1. Proclamation of a day as Berean Bible School Day in the Sunday Schools and Churches at which time offerings shall be received in the schools and churches for the purpose of promoting interest and support of the School. Checks for these contributions shall be sent and made payable to the Berean Bible School, 1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pennsylvania.

2. A special offering shall be received at the annual Youth Rallies at Camp Meeting at Mizpah Grove.
3. The laymen on the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall constitute a committee to work with all our churches to promote the advantages of training at Berean Bible School and formulate a plan to raise \$25,000.00 needed to carry on the Berean Bible School program in the 1963-64 year. The District Superintendents shall be advisory members of the committee.

**FINANCIAL REPORT
BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL**

Balance Sheet

Statement "A"

ASSETS

I. Current Funds

Cash—General Fund	\$ 3,816.09	
Cash—Audio Visual Library Fund	28.44	
Accounts Receivable	3,754.65	
Inventories	5,984.29	\$ 13,583.47

II. Loan Funds 180.00

III. Plant Funds:

Land and Buildings	116,000.00	
Furniture and Fixtures	20,381.09	
Library Books	12,295.91	148,677.00

\$162,440.47

IV. Agency Funds 392.49

TOTAL ASSETS AND AGENCY FUND \$162,832.96

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

I. Current Funds

A. General

Accrued Payroll Taxes	\$ 11.62	
Hospitalization Premium paid by Faculty in advance	25.28	
Book Value of Current Fund:		
Beginning of Year	8,150.82	
Gain transferred from Statement "B"	13,547.36	
	21,698.18	

Less: Transfer to Plant Funds for:

Debt Reduction	\$4,382.94	
Mortgage Reduction	409.22	
New Equipment	2,418.06	
Library Books	1,472.54	8,682.76
		13,015.42

B. Deferred Credits -----		531.15	
			\$ 13,583.47
II. Loan Funds -----			180.00
III. Plant Funds:			
Notes Payable — Contract -----	5,000.00		
Mortgage Payable -----	6,634.67		
Net Investment in Plant -----	\$128,359.57		
Transferred from Current Funds	8,682.76		
		137,042.33	148,677.00
			162,440.47
IV. Agency Funds -----			392.49
			\$162,832.96

(1) Title to land and buildings is held by the Bible Fellowship Church.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Summary of Income and Expense

For year ended, June 30, 1963

Statement "B"

INCOME

I. Educational — General

Student Fees -----			\$ 12,467.00
Gifts — Unrestricted:			
Churches -----	\$ 16,650.16		
Sunday Schools -----	2,187.00		
Youth Fellowship -----	23.83		
General -----	5,004.85		
Convocations -----	1,040.15		
Missionary Education -----	300.00		
Alumni Fund -----	513.84		
Graduating Class -----	312.48		26,032.31

Restricted:

Gifts in Kind -----	640.00		
Memorial Fund -----	145.00		
Student Aid Fund -----	1,600.62		
Audio Visual Fund -----	350.00		2,735.62

General Health Fees -----			922.00
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II. Auxiliary Enterprises

A. Dining Room -----	12,820.25		
B. Coin Operated Laundry -----	105.95		
C. Dormitory Rental -----	4,864.00		
D. Apartment Rental -----	3,097.50		
E. Bookroom Sales -----	6,230.85		27,118.55

Total School Income -----			\$ 69,275.48
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III. School Agencies -----		3,011.66	
TOTAL INCOME			\$ 72,287.14
EXPENSES			
I. Educational — General			
A. General Administration -----	\$	8,201.29	
B. General Expense -----		5,072.61	
C. Instruction -----		10,384.89	
D. Library -----		1,817.06	
E. Operation and Maintenance of Plant -----		9,564.98	
F. Student Aid -----		1,600.62	\$ 36,641.45
General — Health Fees -----			836.50
II. Auxiliary Enterprise:			
A. Dining Room -----		11,651.60	
B. Coin-operated Laundry -----		74.92	
C. Rental Property -----		1,818.70	
D. Bookroom -----		4,704.95	18,250.17
			55,728.12
Gain transferred to Statement "A" -----			13,547.36
			69,275.48
III. School Agencies -----			3,011.66
TOTAL EXPENSES AND BALANCES			\$ 72,287.14

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| T. D. Gehret, Chairman | Byron C. Cassel |
| W. B. Hottel, Secretary | Horace A. Kauffman |
| A. L. Wentz, Treasurer | Daniel K. Ziegler |
| A. L. Seifert | Robert W. Gehret |
| Jansen E. Hartman | John M. Stengele |
| John H. Riggall | Roy E. Williams |
| Harvey J. Fritz, Jr. | Board of Directors of
BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL |

Report was adopted.

**XVII.—REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION
COMMITTEE TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE 1963**

The fields are still "white already to harvest" and the laborers of the Bible Fellowship Sunday Schools are busy. We rejoice with those schools which have been enjoying increases in attendance and pray with those which have suffered temporary set backs and are now regrouping their forces. We praise God and rejoice with the heavenly hosts for the souls that have been rescued through the Sunday School ministry. The prayer of your Sunday School Promotion Committee is that we shall be able to stimulate more interest in evangelism and Bible study in our schools and provide instruction and helps for those who have the burden for the Sunday School ministry.

A Sunday School Contact Crusade was held during October and November of 1962. All of the schools that participated in the Crusade showed an increase in their final score. The combined increase was 7.2% — certainly a worthwhile effort. In addition many were contacted and the various communities knew of the activity in our schools and received an invitation to attend.

Approximately six hundred and fifty Sunday School workers and boosters attended the Annual Denominational Sunday School Convention on Saturday, May 18, 1963, in the Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa. The Convention convened at 9:45 a.m. and continued until 4:30 p.m. with a full program of outstanding men and women of God ably filling their various assignments. The need of evangelism and the Sunday School's part in it was forcefully presented. Helpful workshops, conducted by experienced personnel, provided helpful, workable assistance that was adaptable to schools of all sizes. The sacred concert, a new addition to the Convention, proved to be a spiritual refreshment and time to meditate on the Lord's faithfulness. The presence of the Lord was felt throughout the day and the hospitality of the members of the Reading Congregation made this an outstanding Convention.

The Audio Visuals Library is now a reality! A comprehensive plan for its operation and the initial list of aids were presented at the Convention. Considerable time and money has been carefully invested in the organization of this ministry. The personnel of the Berean Bible School have assumed the administration of the library with this Committee guiding the overall operation. The use of the films and records are provided free to the Schools with only the return postage to be paid by the user. Pray with us that this ministry will be used by all of our schools and that it will continue to grow and that the number of films can be increased.

We are pleased to announce that plans are being formulated for our Annual Denominational Sunday School Convention to be held in the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, Pa., on Saturday, April 25, 1964. We are also planning to conduct a Denominational Sunday School Contest in the Fall of 1964.

This Committee is grateful to the Sunday Schools of our Denomination for their liberal offerings. The total amount of offerings received this year exceeded that of the previous year. As the services of this Committee increases the need of your continued financial support is evident.

We request that the Annual Conference meeting in the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, 1125 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa., on Monday, October 14, 1963, approve the following recommendation:

1. That every Bible Fellowship Sunday School receive an offering for denominational Sunday School promotion. This offering should be mailed to the Financial Secretary of the Committee before April 1, 1964.

FINANCIAL

Balance from previous year -----	\$1,134.76
Receipts:	
Offerings from Sunday Schools -----	\$1,313.73
Sale of Contact Crusade excess material -----	9.80

Sunday School Convention Offering -----	232.52	1,556.05
Total Receipts and Balance from previous year ---		\$2,690.81

Expenditures:

Convention Expenses including speakers, , honorariums and mileage -----	\$ 885.81	
Postage, Telephone, Stationery and mileage -----	156.42	
Printing and Promotion Expenses -----	99.10	
Contact Crusade Committee Expenses -----	247.16	
Prizes to Winning Schools — Contact Crusade ----	300.00	
Berean Bible School — Visual Aids Library -----	150.00	
Contribution to Fellowship News -----	50.00	1,888.49
Balance in Treasury -----		\$ 802.32

James G. Koch, Chairman	William A. Heffner
Norman L. Reed, Asst. Chairman	W. B. Hottel
Harlan Wolf, Rec. Secretary	Wm. R. Hunsberger
James R. Cressman, Fin. Secretary	Robert W. Smock
T. D. Gehret	Robert E. Lee
A. L. Seifert	R. Glenn Rohrbach

XVIII.—REPORT OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

The Seventy-Second Annual Ministerial Convention of the Bible Fellowship Church was held at beautiful Victory Valley, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 30th and May 1st, 1963.

C. E. Kirkwood served as Chairman and Robert F. Johnson was Secretary.

The first session opened at 9:30 a.m. with R. C. Reichenbach leading the devotional period. "The Church" was the theme of the morning. Three thought provoking addresses by Robert W. Smock — Its Purity, Daniel G. Ziegler — Its Ministry and W. W. Hartman — Its Unity, proved to be very instructive. This was followed by a panel discussion.

The afternoon meeting began with Bert N. Brosius in charge of the opening exercises. Three projects of the Bible Fellowship Church were the subjects discussed by the following brethren: T. D. Gehret — Berean Bible School; David E. Thomann — Mizpah Grove Camp Meeting; Carl C. Cassel — Victory Valley Bible Camp. Each project was discussed separately while Donald T. Kirkwood served as moderator.

The Tuesday evening service, beginning at 7 o'clock, was directed by T. D. Gehret. Leroy S. Heller was the song leader. C. E. Kirkwood gave a stirring address on the theme of "Revival." He outlined its history, characteristics, cost and the blessed results.

The program for Wednesday began at 9:30 a.m. with Frank L. Herb, Jr., guiding the worship period. Three timely messages were delivered centering on "The Minister." Their topics were, His Personal Relationship — by

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.; His Message — by LeRoy S. Heller; His Passion for Souls — by Russell T. Allen. A profitable discussion period followed.

William A. Heffner presented nine pastors of the Church Extension Department who gave brief and glowing testimonies of the blessings of God upon their dedicated labors.

The last session was opened by James A. Beil with a brief devotional program. J. B. Williams of Ringgold, Georgia, Deputational Secretary of the Sudan Interior Mission, was our guest speaker. He brought the concluding message of the Convention. His address dealt with the problems the Pastor faces in the Christian Ministry, also their solution.

The Pastors' messages and discussions throughout the convention reflected a spiritual perception, and an awareness of God's presence. The fellowship among the forty-eight brethren was a refreshing two days. A word of appreciation is expressed for the delicious meals that were prepared and served by the members of the Zionsville Bible Fellowship Church.

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman
Robert F. Johnson, Secretary

XIX.—BOARD OF MIZPAH GROVE

The Board of Mizpah Grove is in the process of becoming established and equipped to assume the responsibility formerly held by the Board of Directors to supervise and maintain the property identified as Mizpah Grove located in Allentown, Pa. The Board is also accepting the responsibilities formerly handled by the General Camp Meeting Committee to provide for the program and personnel of the two camp meeting districts as directed by Conference.

The transfer of the administration to this Board is set forth in the material as found on page 68G (Year Book, 1962) scheduled for Second Reading at this Conference.

To facilitate the details of transfer, the Board makes the following recommendations:

1. That two Camp Meetings be held at Mizpah Grove in 1964:
First Camp — Allentown District — June 27 thru July 5
Second Camp — Bethlehem District — July 11 thru July 19
2. That one (\$1.00) dollar registration fee per tent accompany each order, not refundable, to be deposited by the Registrar to each respective Camp Meeting Committee.
3. That the rental of tents shall be nine (\$9.00) dollars each per camp meeting in addition to the registration fee to be paid to the Pastors before Camp Meeting. The Pastor shall pay tent rents to the officer of the respective committee no later than Tuesday of the camp involved, together with the list of names and numbers of tents.
4. That all tent orders be properly filled in and signed by the persons placing the tent order and sent to the Secretary of the Board of Mizpah Grove, Registrar, no later than June 10, 1964.

5. That we discontinue the practice of receiving offerings for Be-rean B. S., District Superintendents and Committees at our Camp Meetings.

T. D. Gehret, Chairman	D. E. Thomann
J. E. Golla, Secretary	Clayton Weber
A. L. Seifert	George W. Krigor
F. B. Hertzog	Harold Mann
R. W. Smock	J. H. Riggall

Report was adopted.

XX.—REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

(a) Board of Directors

Receipts

October 4, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 12,808.89	
Received during the year -----	22,723.15	\$ 35,532.04

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 23,282.41	
October 8, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	12,249.63	\$ 35,532.04

The Board of Directors has the following funds:

Dormitory Fund -----	\$ 755.00	
Special Loan Fund -----	2,255.13	\$ 3,010.13

(b) Ministers Moving Fund

Receipts

October 4, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 1,703.34	
Received during the year -----	2,623.50	\$ 4,326.84

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 3,113.51	
October 8, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	1,213.33	\$ 4,326.84

(c) Ministers Retirement Fund

Receipts

October 8, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 21,453.12	
Received during the year -----	11,217.20	\$ 32,670.32

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 6,860.84	
October 8, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	25,809.48	\$ 32,670.32

(d) District Superintendent Homes

Receipts

Received during the year -----		\$ 3,590.00
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Expenditures

October 2, 1962 Deficit in Treasury -----	\$ 105.17	
Expended during the year -----	1,650.39	
October 8, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	1,834.44	\$ 3,590.00

(e) Foreign Missions**Receipts**

September 6, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 23,805.40	
Received during the year -----	87,676.46	\$111,481.86

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$100,091.35	
October 1, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	11,390.51	\$111,481.86

(f) The Home**Receipts**

September 11, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 4,153.14	
Received during the year -----	19,746.64	\$ 23,899.78

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 19,324.77	
September 5, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	4,575.01	\$ 23,899.78

(g) Publication and Printing**Receipts**

September 26, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 707.74	
Received during the year -----	2,908.80	\$ 3,616.54

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 2,218.84	
September 30, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	1,397.70	\$ 3,616.54

(h) Church Extension**Receipts**

October 4, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 424.56	
Received during the year -----	55,317.49	\$ 55,742.05

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 53,056.34	
October 1, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	2,685.71	\$ 55,742.05

(i) Special Church Extension Fund**Receipts**

October 4, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 8,128.34	
Received during the year -----	5,987.04	\$ 14,115.38

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 9,007.10	
October 8, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	5,108.28	\$ 14,115.28

(j) Victory Valley**Receipts**

October 4, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 878.42	
Received during the year -----	25,327.54	\$ 26,205.96

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 23,535.26	
October 8, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	2,670.70	\$ 26,205.96

(k) Sunday School Promotion**Receipts**

September 10, 1962 Balance in Treasury -----	\$ 1,134.76	
Received during the year -----	1,556.05	\$ 2,690.81

Expenditures

Expended during the year -----	\$ 1,888.49	
September 10, 1963 Balance in Treasury -----	802.32	\$ 2,690.81

Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer

XXI.—ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1964**1. Adjourned Session of Annual Conference**

Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Saturday, April 4, 1964, 9:00 a.m.

2. Ministerial Convention

Victory Valley, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 26-27. Officers: John H. Riggall, Chairman; Daniel G. Ziegler, Secretary.

3. Sunday School Convention

Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church, Bethlehem, Pa., Saturday, April 25, 1964.

4. Camp Meetings, Mizpah Grove, Pa.**Allentown District**

The churches of the Allentown District and the Missions located at Millersville, Walnutport, Wernersville, and Binghamton, N.Y., shall comprise this camp meeting to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., June 27 thru July 5, 1964.

Bethlehem District

The churches of the Bethlehem District and the Missions located at Belvidere, Trenton and Finesville, N.J., Miller Heights and Macungie shall comprise this camp meeting to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, Pa., July 11-19.

5. Victory Valley Camp for Boys and Girls

July 4-11	Girls 8-12 years old
July 11-18	Girls 8-12 years old
July 18-25	Junior High boys and girls
July 25-Aug. 1	Junior High boys and girls
Aug. 1-8	Senior High boys and girls
Aug. 8-15	Boys 8-12 years old
Aug. 15-22	Boys 8-12 years old

6. Youth Fellowship General Retreats, Victory Valley

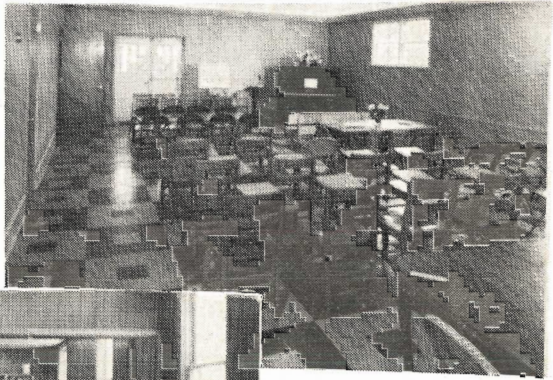
There will be three retreats. Each retreat is to begin with the Friday evening meal, 6:30 p.m. and end with the Sunday noon meal.

- Sept. 4-6 College and Career
- Sept. 11-13 Senior High Retreat
- Sept. 18-20 Junior High Retreat

7. Annual Conference

The Eighty-First Annual Conference shall convene in the Grace Bible Fellowship Church, 723 S. Providence Road, Wallingford, Pa. on Monday, October 12, 1964 at 10:00 a.m.

NEW LIBRARY AND CLASS
ROOMS, BLANDON CHURCH,
BLANDON, PA.



XXII REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.

APPOINTMENTS	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in S. S.	Church Extension	Church Extension in S. S.	Conference Expense	Total
Allentown (Bethel).....	\$16,067.02	\$ 2,561.88	\$ 9,291.07	\$ 2,229.70	\$ 76.80	\$30,226.47
Reading.....	1,808.50	3,036.64	1,965.50	160.00	55.05	7,025.69
Sunbury.....	1,529.00	950.00	1,205.00	255.00	28.20	3,967.20
York.....	1,246.00	1,342.74	697.00	132.66	24.90	3,443.30
Hatfield.....	5,336.70	310.96	2,583.10	310.96	21.15	8,562.87
Shamokin.....	516.00	500.17	282.50	500.17	19.95	1,818.79
Mt. Carmel.....	924.50	1,324.00	883.50	..	18.30	3,150.30
Harrisburg.....	1,276.39	416.10	326.00	344.44	17.85	2,380.78
Royersford.....	1,507.26	652.44	1,365.94	454.32	10.35	3,990.31
Spring City.....	632.75	621.50	373.50	345.79	10.80	1,984.34
Nazareth.....	1,100.00	555.97	230.00	..	14.25	1,900.22
Catasauqua.....	136.00	83.00	128.00	100.00	7.50	454.50
Graterford.....	704.50	175.00	560.00	130.00	5.85	1,575.35
Harleysville.....	723.50	215.00	806.00	167.37	9.00	1,920.87
Leighton.....	222.50	154.54	186.50	162.95	9.60	736.09
Lebanon.....	587.50	177.61	467.40	174.77	9.00	1,416.28
Stroudsburg.....	155.00	98.90	104.00	76.65	4.80	439.35
Lancaster.....	406.00	177.00	247.00	118.00	7.50	955.50
TOTAL.....	\$34,879.12	\$13,353.45	\$21,702.01	\$ 5,662.78	\$ 350.85	\$75,948.21

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.

Bethlehem.....	\$ 6,086.68	\$ 4,069.89	\$ 2,292.50	\$ 517.60	\$ 55.95	\$13,022.62
Emmaus.....	2,134.66	809.66	1,375.75	264.31	28.35	4,612.73
Philadelphia (Salem).....	2,137.75	259.78	2,156.00	..	21.90	4,575.43
Quakertown.....	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	600.00	23.40	3,673.40
Fleetwood.....	3,895.50	217.11	3,043.50	273.60	22.80	7,452.51
Wallingford.....	1,130.44	354.50	770.66	354.50	21.00	2,591.10
Easton.....	2,686.67	490.38	1,691.00	..	18.90	4,886.95
Coopersburg.....	1,900.00	..	500.00	..	16.35	2,416.35
Terre Hill.....	1,559.40	550.52	1,400.00	556.30	17.55	4,033.77
Allentown (Salem).....	384.00	245.00	266.00	245.00	12.90	1,152.90
Philadelphia (Calvary).....	1,295.84	391.61	315.48	195.81	10.65	2,209.39
Blandon.....	333.33	444.44	225.00	12.24	12.75	1,027.76
Scranton.....	414.37	129.98	183.00	129.98	10.95	868.28
Philadelphia (Emmanuel).....	533.97	512.00	390.71	231.75	7.80	1,676.23
Staten Island.....	232.00	57.94	8.00	..	5.25	303.19
Zionsville.....	735.00	491.61	443.00	..	7.35	1,676.96
TOTAL.....	\$26,459.61	\$10,024.42	\$16,020.60	\$ 3,431.09	\$ 293.85	\$56,229.57

CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT — WILLIAM A. HEFFNER, Director

Binghamton.....	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$	\$	\$	\$ 130.00
Denville.....	654.11	134.96	.....	.....	.....	789.07
Finesville.....	.....	152.53	.....	.....	.....	152.53
Macungie.....	375.00	57.67	.....	.....	.....	432.67
Miller Heights.....	.....	405.89	.....	.....	.....	405.89
Millersville.....	.....	396.33	.....	.....	.....	396.33
Paradise.....	106.10	394.08	.....	.....	.....	500.18
Trenton.....	290.89	232.92	.....	.....	.....	523.81
Belvidere.....	308.38	231.89	.....	.....	.....	540.27
Walnutport.....	51.00	156.86	.....	.....	.....	207.86
TOTAL.....	\$ 1,845.48	\$ 2,233.13	.....	.....	.....	\$ 4,078.61
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$63,184.21	\$25,611.00	\$37,722.61	\$ 9,093.87	\$ 644.70	\$136,256.39
Increase.....	\$ 4,014.57	.....	\$ 3,204.32	.....	.....	\$ 5,626.44
Decrease.....	.....	\$ 721.14	.....	\$ 867.61	\$ 3.70	.....

PAUL I. WENTZ
 BYRON C. CASSEL
 KERMIT K. GEHMAN
 PAUL H. CRESSMAN
 ROY E. WILLIAMS

XXIII PASTOR'S SUMMARY STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCH	PASTOR	Ministers and Officers										Memb.		
		District Superintendents	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Local Conference Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Stewards	Parsonage or Bldg. Fund Collectors	Class Leaders	Prayer Meeting Classes	Received into Church Fellowship	Transferred from B. F. Churches	Total Increase	
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.														
Allentown (Bethel)	Carl C. Cassel	1	6		8	4	4	4	2		5	5		
Reading	James G. Koch		2			3	3	2	2	16		16		
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf		1			2	2	2	2	24		24		
York	Russell T. Allen		2			2	2	2	1	13		13		
Hatfield	C. E. Kirkwood		1			2	2	1	1	9	4	13		
Shamokin	R. C. Reichenbach		1			2	2	1	1	4		4		
Mt. Carmel	F. B. Hertzog		1			2	2	1	2	2	2	4		
Harrisburg	Frank L. Herb, Jr.		3			1	1	2	1	6		6		
Royersford	Richard H. Kline		1			1	1	1	1	9		9		
Spring City	Harvey J. Fritz		1			1	1	1	1	11		11		
Nazareth	John E. Golla		1			1	1	1	1					
Catasauqua	Alva C. Cassel		1			1	1	1	1	7	1	8		
Graterford	James A. Beil		1			1	1	1	1					
Harleysville	James A. Beil		1			1	1	1	1		1	1		
Lehighton	Bert N. Brosius		1			1	1	1	1	6		6		
Lebanon	Daniel G. Ziegler		1	1		1	1	1	1	3		3		
Stroudsburg	John Herb		1	1		1	1	1	1	2	2	4		
Lancaster	Norman R. Weiss		1	1		1	1	1	1					
TOTAL		1	24	3	8	28	28	26	21	112	15	127		
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.														
Bethlehem	W. W. Hartman	1	2			4	4	4	4	21	4	25		
Emmaus	Earl M. Hosler		2			2	2	2	2	4	5	9		
Philadelphia (Salem)	Donald T. Kirkwood		1			2	2	1	1	1	1	2		
Quakertown	David E. Thomann		1	1		2	2	2	1	2		2		
Fleetwood	George E. Herb		1			2	2	1	1		2	2		
Wallingford	John H. Riggall		1			2	2	1	1	14	2	16		
Easton	Willard E. Cassel		2			2	2	1	1	11	1	12		
Coopersburg	LeRoy S. Heller		1			1	1	1	1	22	3	25		
Terre Hill	Robert W. Smock		1			1	1	1	1	1	1	2		
Allentown (Salem)	Donald B. Schaeffer		1			1	1	1	1	1	4	5		
Philadelphia (Calvary)	W. B. Hottel		1			1	1	1	1		3	3		
Blandon	E. W. Bean		1			1	1	2	1	1		1		
Scranton	Robert F. Johnson		1			2	2	2	1	2		2		
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	John Dunn		1			1	1	1	1			1		
Staten Island	Reynold Gardner		2			1	1	1	1	2		2		
Zionsville	E. B. Hartman		1			1	1	2	1	4		4		
TOTAL		1	20		1	26	26	25	20	87	26	113		
District Superintendents														
Missionaries			3											
Church Extension Department				10		10	9	6	10	51	8	59		
GRAND TOTAL		2	47	13	1	8	64	63	57	51	250	49	299	

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CHURCH	Membership							Pastor's Activities							
	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred to B. F. Churches	Transferred to Other Churches	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	Baptized	Children Dedicated
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.															
Allentown (Bethel)	6			12	6	24	19	493	73	425	41	45	.....	6	
Reading	2			4	.....	6	10	377	170	700	68	48	11	5	
Sunbury	1		17	.....	.....	18	6	194	242	1,171	74	50	9	13	
York	1	1	6	.....	1	8	5	171	166	999	46	48	7	3	
Hatfield	1	3	9	2	2	17	.....	141	165	563	42	49	7	5	
Shamokin			3	.....	2	5	.....	132	104	331	41	50	6	3	
Mt. Carmel	3			5	.....	8	.....	119	160	496	51	47	.....	3	
Harrisburg	1			.....	2	3	3	122	152	452	45	45	6	1	
Royersford	1	1		.....	.....	2	7	76	205	750	80	49	12	2	
Spring City			2	.....	2	4	.....	79	175	345	55	49	.....	2	
Nazareth	2			.....	.....	2	2	93	136	340	46	48	.....	2	
Catasauqua	2			.....	.....	2	6	50	152	300	49	51	.....	.....
Graterford			1	.....	1	1	.....	38	87	172	21	.....	.....	3	
Harleysville .....				.....	4	4	.....	57	86	179	20	.....	.....	2	
Lehighton	1			.....	1	1	5	69	197	307	47	51	2	4	
Lebanon				1	.....	.....	2	62	100	793	40	49	.....	.....
Stroudsburg	2			2	.....	4	.....	32	164	133	51	52	.....	.....
Lancaster .....				.....	.....	.....	.....	50	132	405	41	52	.....	1	
TOTAL	22	5	38	26	19	109	51	342354	2666	8861	858	783	60	56	
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.															
Bethlehem	7	5	5	7	7	31	.....	6	367	165	715	48	51	14	5
Emmaus	1			1	1	3	6	195	104	552	43	47	7	2	
Philadelphia (Salem)	2		15	9	.....	26	.....	115	84	283	41	49	.....	.....
Quakertown	2		1	.....	2	5	.....	153	110	330	35	48	.....	5	
Fleetwood	1	1		3	1	6	.....	148	87	353	46	50	4	1	
Wallingford			5	.....	3	8	8	156	160	610	40	49	10	6	
Easton	3	8		.....	3	14	.....	124	70	225	30	49	8	2	
Coopersburg	1			.....	2	3	22	131	145	747	46	49	14	.....
Terre Hill			1	.....	2	3	.....	116	150	430	46	50	1	3	
Allentown (Salem)			1	1	1	3	2	88	114	350	48	49	.....	3	
Philadelphia (Calvary)				2	1	3	.....	71	129	301	37	48	2	3	
Blandon .....				.....	.....	.....	.....	86	122	390	41	48	11	4	
Scranton	1			.....	.....	1	1	74	196	577	49	51	.....	1	
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	2		1	.....	.....	3	.....	50	132	386	47	47	2	4	
Staten Island .....	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	1	1	36	145	195	46	48	2	3	
Zionsville	1			1	.....	2	.....	51	117	250	42	49	.....	3	
TOTAL	21	14	30	24	23	112	43	421961	2030	6,694	685	782	75	45	
District Superintendents								27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missionaries .....								.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Church Extension Dep't.	3	3	6	2	14	46	1344	1543	3,103	452	494	34	21	
GRAND TOTAL	46	22	74	52	42	235	140	774686	6239	18,658	1995	2059	169	122	

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CHURCH	Sunday Schools							Church Property				
	Officers Enrolled	Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Cradle Roll Members	Home Department Members	Churches	Parsonages	Increase of Church Property Valuation	Decrease of Church Property Valuation	Present Valuation of Church Property
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.												
Albion (Bethel)	27	69	674	770	556	63	3	1	1			\$ 270,000.00
Reading	16	44	379	439	341	55		1	1			200,000.00
Warrenburg	10	24	316	350	263	36	20	1	1			52,000.00
York	9	17	263	289	247	22	7	1	1	\$ 3,000.00		93,000.00
Watfield	9	28	285	322	230	21	81	1	1			110,000.00
Wamokin	7	22	154	183	155	9		1	1			52,000.00
St. Carmel	5	15	109	129	104	11		1	1			25,000.00
Warriorsburg	6	18	191	215	163	13		1	1			90,000.00
Woyersford	9	12	128	149	130			1	1	5,000.00		61,000.00
Spring City	5	12	121	138	114	11		1	1			30,000.00
Wazareth	8	14	99	121	93	6		1	1			24,000.00
Watasauqua	7	9	103	119	94	7		1	1			35,000.00
Watersford	5	12	99	116	98	10	4	1	1	2,000.00		22,000.00
Warleysville	6	8	107	121	95	11		1	1	30,000.00		45,000.00
Washington	7	10	114	131	111	8		1	1			24,000.00
Webanon	6	13	115	134	113	29		1	1			22,000.00
Wentzelsburg	5	12	46	63	61	2		1	1			20,000.00
Wincaster	5	14	138	157	118	6	9	1	1			40,000.00
TOTAL	152	353	3441	3946	2936	320	124	18	18	\$40,000.00		\$1,215,000.00
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.												
Bethlehem	21	37	401	459	332	14	5	1	1			\$ 140,000.00
Emmaus	9	24	285	318	228	12	6	1	1			104,000.00
Philadelphia (Salem)	6	16	126	148	102			1	1	\$8,000.00		67,000.00
Quakertown	9	16	231	256	183	12		1	1			70,000.00
Leetwood	9	22	198	229	210	6	10	1	1			100,000.00
Wallingford	11	27	252	290	219	10		1	1	\$165,000.00		225,000.00
Easton	11	20	169	200	144	14	5	1	1			85,000.00
Coopersburg	9	9	108	126	98		10	1	1			50,000.00
Centre Hill	12	23	215	250	189	85	33	1	1			65,000.00
Albion (Salem)	7	12	127	146	120	6	6	1	1			30,000.00
Philadelphia (Calvary)	7	10	100	117	87	8		1	1			70,000.00
London	5	17	198	220	183	11		1	1	5,000.00		42,000.00
Granton	7	13	136	156	124	21		1	1			40,000.00
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	6	11	72	89	63	14	10	1	1			60,000.00
Waters Island	6	10	70	86	62	4		1	1			40,000.00
Wentzelsville	7	11	81	99	74	1		1	1			20,500.00
TOTAL	142	278	2769	3189	2418	218	85	16	16	\$170,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$1,208,500.00
Dist. Supt. Parsonages									2			40,609.66
Ch. Ex. Dir. Home									1			16,000.00
Church Extension Dept.	49	92	774	915	619	32	2	9	7	34,500.00		274,000.00
Home For Aging												38,000.00
Camp Properties										26,280.96		184,753.97
Wentzelsville Bible School												116,000.00
GRAND TOTAL	343	723	6984	8050	6023	570	211	43	44	\$270,780.96	\$8,000.00	\$3,092,863.63

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CHURCH	OFFERINGS							
	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday School	Church Extension	Church Extension in Sunday School	Home for the Aged	Ministers' Retirement Fund	Beneficiary Fund	Sunday School Promotion Committee
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.								
Allentown (Bethel)	\$16,067.02	\$ 2,561.88	\$ 9,291.07	\$ 2,229.70	\$ 100.00	\$ 147.88	\$ 60.00	\$ 114.09
Reading	1,808.50	3,036.64	1,965.50	160.00	129.16	328.00	45.23	121.88
Sunbury	1,529.00	950.00	1,205.00	255.00	53.00	184.15	50.00	25.00
York	1,246.00	1,342.74	697.00	132.66	11.20	92.13	13.97	29.72
Hatfield	5,336.70	310.96	2,583.10	310.96	74.50	229.25	25.00	60.00
Shamokin	516.00	500.17	282.50	500.17	21.91	46.31	13.96	35.40
Mt. Carmel	924.50	1,324.00	883.50	.....	60.00	45.00	37.26	20.00
Harrisburg	1,276.39	416.10	326.00	344.44	56.41	188.76	14.55	46.60
Royersford	1,507.26	652.44	1,365.94	454.32	26.01	111.00	38.09	32.49
Spring City	632.75	621.50	373.50	345.79	35.70	85.60	26.05	24.00
Nazareth	1,100.00	555.97	230.00	.....	169.55	92.21	10.00	25.00
Catasauqua	136.00	83.00	128.00	100.00	12.00	30.50	10.00	8.00
Graterford	704.50	175.00	560.00	130.00	33.83	85.34	44.34	25.00
Harleysville	723.50	215.00	806.00	167.37	43.31	84.55	35.00	29.84
Lehighton	222.50	154.54	186.50	162.95	10.55	44.22	22.33	11.35
Lebanon	587.50	177.61	467.40	174.77	24.40	78.22	12.50	15.67
Stroudsburg	155.00	98.90	104.00	76.65	15.40	47.50	20.50	15.07
Lancaster	406.00	177.00	247.00	118.00	11.00	31.15	5.00	31.20
TOTAL	\$34,379.12	\$13,353.45	\$21,702.01	\$ 5,662.78	\$ 887.93	\$1,951.77	\$ 483.78	\$ 670.31
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.								
Bethlehem	\$ 6,086.68	\$ 4,069.89	\$ 2,292.50	\$ 517.60	\$ 131.50	\$ 143.52	\$ 37.85	\$ 106.06
Emmaus	2,134.66	809.66	1,375.75	264.31	109.45	199.98	60.88	50.00
Philadelphia (Salem)	2,137.75	259.78	2,156.00	.....	20.00	200.00	25.00	26.61
Quakertown	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	650.00	40.00	230.00	35.00	25.00
Fleetwood	3,895.50	217.11	3,043.50	273.60	38.00	182.00	90.40	59.00
Wallingford	1,130.44	354.50	730.66	354.50	50.00	160.00	20.00	25.00
Easton	2,686.67	490.38	1,691.00	.....	65.00	140.00	18.90	50.00
Coopersburg	1,900.00	.....	500.00	.....	25.00	60.00	15.00	20.00
Terre Hill	1,559.40	550.52	1,400.00	556.30	60.00	85.00	15.00	58.00
Allentown (Salem)	384.00	245.00	266.00	245.00	35.00	35.37	10.00	20.00
Philadelphia (Calvary)	1,295.84	391.61	315.48	195.81	25.95	45.36	17.43	20.70
Blandon	333.33	444.44	225.00	12.24	22.81	94.00	12.50	20.00
Scranton	414.37	129.98	183.00	129.98	32.76	10.35	19.51	15.00
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	533.97	512.00	390.71	231.75	13.20	48.30	17.60	12.25
Staten Island	232.00	57.94	8.00	.....	10.00	21.00	5.00	10.00
Zionsville	735.00	491.61	443.00	.....	13.08	37.36	23.65	14.50
TOTAL	\$26,459.61	\$10,024.42	\$16,020.60	\$ 3,431.09	\$ 691.75	\$1,751.24	\$ 423.72	\$ 532.12
Church Extension Dept.	1,845.48	2,233.13	.....	.....	60.00	.....	.....	99.50
GRAND TOTAL	\$63,184.21	\$25,611.00	\$37,722.61	\$ 9,093.87	\$1,639.68	\$3,703.01	\$ 907.50	\$1,301.93

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CHURCH	OFFERINGS						
	District Superintendent	District Superintendents' Parsonages	Berean Bible School	Victory Valley	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contributions	Sunday School
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.							
Allentown (Bethel).....	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 3,323.89	\$ 303.59	\$ 7,558.90	\$ 450.00	\$ 7,652.23
Reading	765.00	141.00	570.30	158.81	5,777.00	415.00	4,184.10
Sunbury	622.00	38.00	533.69	25.00	4,189.45	674.16	3,790.00
York	479.56	26.90	155.59	46.13	4,649.01	301.14	1,224.71
Hatfield	542.97	57.00	908.54	66.73	5,200.00	310.00	3,593.04
Shamokin	322.50	25.92	75.47	38.19	3,806.53	190.65	2,668.12
Mt. Carmel	420.00	34.82	468.90	63.95	4,321.85	336.17	1,758.04
Harrisburg	416.20	40.00	145.00	48.40	4,562.35	794.00	1,543.12
Royersford	400.23	36.17	997.37	167.54	4,482.00	476.00	1,137.19
Spring City	294.00	49.30	135.00	35.00	4,338.95	425.00	2,100.26
Nazareth	308.90	40.00	208.38	35.00	4,000.00	430.00	1,692.79
Catasauqua	180.20	.....	50.88	12.00	3,451.00	300.00	1,002.30
Graterford	177.30	50.00	198.51	50.00	2,228.00	257.40	1,283.28
Harleysville	188.00	30.00	419.22	80.00	3,227.00	221.00	766.35
Lehighton	260.48	29.73	123.03	20.46	3,640.00	300.00	1,136.10
Lebanon	200.68	22.30	79.07	22.00	3,642.58	92.87	556.48
Stroudsburg	171.50	12.25	202.62	10.20	2,100.00	390.50	730.68
Lancaster	236.00	25.00	250.00	33.35	3,800.00	416.00	854.93
TOTAL	\$7,185.52	\$ 788.39	\$ 8,845.46	\$ 1,216.35	\$74,975.12	\$ 6,779.89	\$37,673.72
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.							
Bethlehem	\$ 1,078.43	\$ 89.21	\$ 2,233.20	\$ 310.50	\$ 6,335.35	\$ 731.10	\$ 6,083.07
Emmaus	902.13	100.17	1,112.61	143.12	5,704.08	855.00	5,121.72
Philadelphia (Salem)	600.00	125.00	1,000.00	122.19	5,545.75	300.00	832.12
Quakertown	537.00	50.00	1,159.50	75.00	4,914.25	300.00	3,620.08
Fleetwood	586.75	2,074.25	1,633.00	57.00	5,663.60	630.63	2,425.99
Wallingford	620.23	50.00	447.91	35.00	6,468.92	705.00	2,173.09
Easton	547.83	81.79	525.66	90.00	4,844.77	575.00	2,659.24
Coopersburg	360.00	50.00	300.00	40.00	4,000.00	228.00	1,376.44
Terre Hill	560.00	100.00	1,523.00	50.00	4,950.00	600.00	4,641.53
Allentown (Salem)	285.65	10.00	131.00	35.00	3,628.25	144.00	746.90
Philadelphia (Calvary)	271.36	33.44	535.55	53.12	3,980.20	253.00	859.66
Blandon	301.00	15.00	138.23	20.00	3,075.00	310.00	1,154.41
Seranton	260.00	23.43	203.04	20.00	3,600.00	326.12	933.51
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	312.35	45.70	353.34	21.87	2,550.00	257.80	675.58
Staten Island	140.00	10.00	119.22	10.00	3,000.00	84.00	575.60
Zionsville	176.19	41.62	125.18	24.90	1,800.00	230.00	806.25
TOTAL	\$ 7,538.92	\$ 2,899.61	\$11,540.44	\$ 1,107.70	\$ 70,060.17	\$ 6,529.65	\$34,685.19
Church Extension Dept.	1,726.94		889.73	61.59	14,841.95	1,828.35	6,699.64
GRAND TOTAL	\$16,451.38	\$ 3,688.00	\$21,275.63	\$ 2,385.64	\$159,877.24	\$15,137.89	\$79,058.55

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CHURCH	OFFERINGS							
	General Offerings	Missionary Conferences	New Church Property, Improvements or Repairs	Parsonage or Building Fund	Received for Reduction of Indebtedness	Local Benevolent Fund	Youth Fellowship	Women's Missionary Society
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.								
Allentown (Bethel)	\$ 23,732.49	\$ 2,494.36	.....	\$13,828.04	.....	\$ 175.00	\$ 280.34	\$ 4,020.10
Reading	10,072.91	577.00	.....	1,403.00	\$ 8,560.52	115.30	746.53	1,488.53
Sunbury	3,685.80	182.00	.....	1,354.70	.....	.....	195.12	242.77
York	7,676.10	853.50	\$ 3,306.08	2,013.55	2,620.01	72.20	82.43	348.99
Hatfield	6,613.51	358.77	.....	1,765.30	4,340.00	929.65	121.66	234.53
Shamokin	2,144.36	258.00	.....	1,358.71	.....	42.09	174.95	326.13
Mt. Carmel	2,334.85	210.04	.....	708.00	.....	.....	84.46	171.27
Harrisburg	3,737.31	.....	.....	1,241.00	3,106.90	42.31	99.18	619.66
Royersford	2,862.88	746.10	1,507.88	1,068.50	664.40	210.00	80.17	202.09
Spring City	11,158.82	193.55	.....	661.15	.....	.....	32.79	298.93
Nazareth	2,750.08	668.25	1,896.04	1,085.35	.....	.....	54.11	94.37
Catasauqua	5,074.96	44.49	.....	1,861.42	.....	.....	96.20	96.10
Graterford	1,971.00	44.87	1,458.91	481.00	558.65	.....	43.50	174.73
Harleysville	1,828.22	43.10	1,874.51	477.00	.....	54.25	43.50	174.73
Lehighton	2,573.19	65.31	.....	601.50	.....	.....	96.34	192.07
Lebanon	1,156.22	99.20	1,830.88	619.50	.....	106.20	73.81	209.13
Stroudsburg	1,184.65	32.25	123.50	204.25	.....	.....	9.00	99.73
Lancaster	2,108.97	23.17	328.41	1,522.00	731.18	109.00	33.90	59.90
TOTAL	\$ 92,666.32	\$ 6,893.96	\$12,326.21	\$32,253.97	\$20,581.66	\$ 1,856.00	\$ 2,347.99	\$ 9,053.78
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.								
Bethlehem	\$ 8,802.78	\$ 166.36	\$ 2,290.91	\$ 5,129.80	.....	\$ 100.25	\$ 684.52	\$ 1,421.42
Emmaus	5,374.02	65.00	5,158.42	2,637.85	.....	23.19	77.18	350.13
Philadelphia (Salem)	7,377.60	150.00	.....	.....	.....	141.28	55.77	223.36
Quakertown	4,134.80	321.00	.....	941.75	\$ 946.00	100.00	89.06	255.07
Fleetwood	4,726.92	225.00	.....	2,049.20	.....	.....	159.00	108.30
Wallingford	3,982.36	89.07	26,468.58	2,261.51	.....	1,051.16	156.89	233.08
Easton	3,709.08	90.44	176.81	1,404.94	1,430.40	92.13	.....	245.07
Coopersburg	1,688.60	.....	.....	3,571.77	5,503.64	.....	11.60	139.30
Terre Hill	3,126.22	786.89	.....	2,307.00	1,040.78	.....	114.53	70.73
Allentown (Salem)	2,060.40	30.00	1,712.65	1,271.41	.....	.....	18.91	30.47
Phila. (Calvary)	2,336.99	127.01	1,269.00	964.00	2,901.78	52.48	44.45	124.53
Blandon	1,401.18	126.05	1,347.18	1,088.80	.....	.....	73.24	126.36
Scranton	2,402.77	356.12	345.64	770.50	1,543.58	.....	80.19	144.22
Phila. (Emmanuel)	2,015.54	118.75	900.86	436.30	1,155.25	.....	65.57	162.25
Staten Island	1,925.43	.....	7.50	725.25	.....	25.00	.....	63.04
Zionsville	1,549.25	68.22	212.48	690.25	628.72	.....	95.62	100.65
TOTAL	\$ 56,613.94	\$ 2,719.91	\$39,890.03	\$26,250.33	\$15,150.15	\$ 1,585.49	\$ 1,726.53	\$ 3,798.00
Church Exten. Dept.	21,771.81	924.61	7,041.04	12,120.88	5,707.71	90.98	219.98	526.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$171,052.07	\$10,538.48	\$59,257.28	\$70,625.18	\$41,439.52	\$ 3,532.47	\$ 4,294.50	\$13,378.28

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CHURCH	OFFERINGS						Total Offerings
	Men's Fellowship	Child Evangelism	Annual Conference Delegate Fund	Christian Education	Radio	Camp Meetings	
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.							
Allentown (Bethel)		\$ 173.45	\$ 175.00				\$ 96,069.09
Reading		111.00	100.00				42,780.90
Sunbury	\$ 244.60		52.00				20,080.44
York		197.64	75.00				27,693.95
Hatfield		209.83	60.00				34,241.99
Shamokin		22.45	78.00				13,448.51
Mt. Carmel		170.00	28.76				14,405.37
Harrisburg			114.00				19,179.12
Royersford		114.92	80.03		\$265.10		19,686.12
Spring City		134.05	60.00				22,061.68
Nazareth			50.00				15,496.00
Catasauqua			42.83				12,719.88
Graterford		90.36	28.20	\$ 25.00			10,878.77
Harleysville		94.47	41.00	25.00			11,691.97
Lehighton		160.00	50.00				10,063.09
Lebanon		95.99	65.00				10,409.97
Stroudsburg		51.75	70.00				5,925.89
Lancaster		242.43	80.00				11,880.59
TOTAL	\$ 244.60	\$1,868.34	\$1,249.82	\$ 50.00	\$265.10		\$398,713.33
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.							
Bethlehem		\$ 243.94	\$ 95.50				\$ 49,181.94
Emmaus		1,123.49	221.03	\$1,984.67			35,958.57
Philadelphia (Salem)			75.00				21,373.21
Quakertown			75.00				21,503.51
Fleetwood			79.50				23,218.25
Wallingford	\$ 283.08	125.00	125.00				48,100.98
Easton			66.00				21,681.05
Coopersburg		177.89	75.00				20,042.24
Terre Hill		380.90	100.00				24,635.85
Allentown (Salem)		210.27	90.00				11,645.28
Philadelphia (Calvary)	175.75	92.26	59.99				16,442.77
Blandon		161.75	25.00				10,527.52
Scranton	82.69	123.84	33.64				12,244.23
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	14.85	36.38	60.80				10,942.97
Staten Island		97.10	35.00				7,160.08
Zionsville		51.54	24.82				8,383.89
TOTAL	\$ 556.37	\$2,824.36	\$1,241.33	\$1,984.67			\$348,042.34
Church Extension Dept.		885.01	40.00				79,614.85
Camp Meetings						\$12,458.96	12,458.96
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 800.97	\$5,577.71	\$2,531.15	\$2,034.67	\$265.10	\$12,458.96	\$338,824.48

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CHURCH	ADDITIONAL STATISTICS				
	Subscribers to Fellowship News	Publication and Printing	Annual Conference Entertainment Fund	Moving Fund	W. M. S. Donated Material
ALLENTOWN DISTRICT — T. D. GEHRET, D. S.					
Allentown (Bethel).....	106	\$ 204.80	\$ 76.80	\$ 256.00	.....
Reading	88	146.80	55.05	183.50	.....
Sunbury	27	75.20	28.20	94.00	\$ 126.26
York	45	66.40	24.90	83.00	90.00
Hatfield	35	.....	21.15	.....	350.00
Shamokin	35	53.20	19.95	66.50	.....
Mt. Carmel	17	48.40	18.30	61.00	67.54
Harrisburg	19	47.60	17.85	59.50	.....
Royersford .....	.....	27.60	10.35	34.50	160.00
Spring City	35	23.80	10.80	36.00	.....
Nazareth	26	42.75	14.25	47.50	.....
Catasauqua	13	17.60	7.50	22.00	175.00
Graterford	14	15.60	5.85	19.50	40.00
Harleysville	17	24.00	9.00	30.00	40.00
Lehighton	17	25.60	9.60	32.00	116.44
Lebanon	31	24.00	9.00	30.00	106.97
Stroudsburg	11	12.80	4.80	16.00	75.00
Lancaster	14	20.00	7.50	25.00	.....
TOTAL	550	\$ 891.15	\$ 350.85	\$1,096.00	\$1,347.21
BETHLEHEM DISTRICT — A. L. SEIFERT, D. S.					
Bethlehem	68	\$ 149.20	\$ 55.95	\$ 186.50	\$3,580.34
Emmaus	33	75.60	23.35	94.50	203.35
Philadelphia (Salem)	32	55.60	21.90	69.50	50.00
Quakertown	100	62.40	23.40	78.00	50.00
Fleetwood	68	60.80	22.80	76.00	.....
Wallingford	36	59.20	21.00	74.00	.....
Easton	30	50.40	18.90	63.00	.....
Coopersburg	23	43.60	16.35	54.50	.....
Terre Hill	32	46.80	17.55	58.50	.....
Allentown (Salem)	18	34.40	12.90	43.00	.....
Philadelphia (Calvary)	19	28.40	10.65	35.50	.....
Blandon	22	34.00	12.75	42.50	149.40
Seranton	15	29.20	10.95	36.50	210.00
Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	17	20.80	7.80	26.00	.....
Staten Island	17	14.00	5.25	17.50	.....
Zionsville	22	19.60	7.35	24.50	.....
TOTAL	557	\$ 784.00	\$ 293.85	\$ 980.00	\$4,243.09
Church Extension Dept. Camp Meetings	96	644.70	611.25
GRAND TOTAL	1203	\$1,675.15	\$1,289.40	\$2,076.00	\$6,201.55

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 ROBERT F. JOHNSON
Committee

XXIV CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

CHURCH	PASTOR	Min. & Off.					Membership										
		Probationers	Stewards	Parsonage or Bldg. Fund Collectors	Class Leaders	Prayer Meeting C ^h anges	Received Into Church Fellowship	Recd. by Transfer from B. F. Churches	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred to B. F. Churches	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership
CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT — WILLIAM A. HEFFNER, Director																	
Belvidere, N. J.	Richard R. Ruth	1	1	1	1	1	20	1	21	1	...	...	...	1	20	...	29
Binghamton, N. Y.	David J. Watkins	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	38
Denville, N. J.	Ronald Mahurin	1	1	1	1	1	6	...	6	...	3	...	...	3	3	...	33
Finesville, N. J.	Bruce Ellingson	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	2	...	2	...	2	3	...	1	17
Macungie	Donald Knauer	1	1	1	1	1	9	3	12	...	...	3	...	3	9	...	34
Miller Heights	Harold Weaber	1	1	1	1	1	6	...	2	...	8	...	1	2	...	6	40
Millersville	Robert Paul	1	1	1	1	1	5	...	3	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	25
Paradise	Leon K. Overpeck	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	5	...	5	...	...	...	5	...	41
Trenton, N. J.	LeRoy J. Bickel	1	1	1	1	1	5	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	45
Walnutport	C. Leslie Campbell	1	1	1	1	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	42
TOTAL		10	10	9	6	10	51	8	59	3	3	6	2	14	46	1	344

CHURCH	PASTOR	Pastors Activities					Sunday Schools							
		Sermons Preached	Pastoral Visits	Prayer Meetings Visited	Sunday Schools Visited	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Officers Enrolled	Teachers Enrolled	Scholars Enrolled	Total Enrollment	Total Average Attendance	Cradle Roll Members	Home Department Members
Belvidere, N. J.	Richard R. Ruth	157	407	46	50	12	4	4	7	66	77	49	...	...
Binghamton, N. Y.	David J. Watkins	105	378	46	30	...	...	5	5	73	94	70	...	8
Denville, N. J.	Ronald Mahurin	184	414	50	52	5	8	12	85	102	72	72	...	...
Finesville, N. J.	Bruce Ellingson	113	203	35	48	5	1	3	10	46	59	40	...	2
Macungie	Donald Knauer	136	216	43	47	5	1	4	6	52	62	38	...	2
Miller Heights	Harold Weaber	201	241	50	52	6	...	7	7	77	91	55	...	...
Millersville	Robert Paul	110	269	49	49	4	...	5	5	57	67	45	...	2
Paradise	Leon K. Overpeck	166	415	32	48	...	...	14	152	171	112	...	...	...
Trenton, N. J.	LeRoy J. Bickel	202	330	52	46	...	3	5	9	78	92	67	...	12
Walnutport	C. Leslie Campbell	169	225	49	52	...	...	6	11	83	100	71	...	6
TOTAL		1543	3103	452	494	34	21	49	92	774	915	619	32	2

CHURCH	PASTOR	Church Property				Offerings			
		Churches	Parsonages	Increase of Church Property Valuation	Present Valuation of Church Property	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday School	Home for the Aging	Sunday School Promotion Committee
Belvidere, N. J.	Richard R. Ruth	1	...	...	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 308.38	\$ 231.89	...	\$15.60
Binghamton, N. Y.	David J. Watkins	1	...	\$ 5,000.00	15,500.00	60.00	70.00	...	...
Denville, N. J.	Ronald Mahurin	1	1	...	60,000.00	654.11	134.96	...	6.96
Finesville, N. J.	Bruce Ellingson	1	1	...	22,000.00	...	152.53	...	5.94
Macungie	Donald Knauer	1	1	...	15,000.00	375.00	57.67	\$60.00	16.00
Miller Heights	Harold Weaber	1	1	...	28,000.00	...	405.89	...	10.00
Millersville	Robert Paul	1	1	25,500.00	33,000.00	...	396.33	...	10.00
Paradise	Leon K. Overpeck	1	1	...	43,000.00	106.10	394.09	...	15.00
Trenton, N. J.	LeRoy J. Bickel	1	1	...	33,000.00	290.89	232.92	...	10.00
Walnutport	C. Leslie Campbell	1	1	4,000.00	17,500.00	51.00	156.86	...	10.00
TOTAL		9	7	\$ 34,500.00	\$274,000.00	\$1,845.48	\$2,233.13	\$60.00	\$99.50

XXIV CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

CHURCH	Offerings								
	District Superintendent	Berean Bible School	Victory Valley	Ministers in Cash	Ministers in Other Contr.	Sunday School	General Offerings	Missionary Conferences	New Church Property, Improvements or Repairs
CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT — WILLIAM A. HEFFNER, Director									
Belvidere, N. J.	\$ 377.96	\$ 92.19	\$ 25.00	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 197.00	\$ 740.51	\$ 4,178.63	\$ 73.15	
Binghamton, N. Y.	46.26	77.26		1,046.50	209.00	481.94	1,239.32	35.00	\$ 450.60
Denville, N. J.	164.09	230.11	14.59	2,445.92	244.00	480.38	3,283.10	125.00	2,175.00
Finesville, N. J.	136.51	25.00		664.75	70.00	333.61	1,209.50	61.20	101.21
Macungie	176.02	100.00	22.00	888.00	175.00	522.90	1,629.65	45.20	2,385.77
Miller Heights	157.99	23.00		1,146.00	200.00	652.10	1,223.25	65.00	
Millersville	188.26	65.00		1,323.00	65.00	443.07	3,544.39	61.11	428.31
Paradise	181.80	76.65		2,027.98	205.35	1,788.48	3,596.25	97.07	342.25
Trenton, N. J.	175.00	145.17		1,582.80	350.00	585.25	666.66	331.33	174.35
Walnutport	123.05	55.35		2,097.00	113.00	671.40	1,201.06	30.55	983.55
TOTAL	\$1,726.94	\$889.73	\$ 61.59	\$14,841.95	\$1,828.35	\$6,699.64	\$21,771.81	\$924.61	\$7,041.04

CHURCH	Offerings						
	Parsonage or Building Fund	Received for Reduction of Indebtedness	Local Benevolent Fund	Youth Fellowship	Women's Missionary Society	Child Evangelism	Annual Conference Delegate Fund
Belvidere, N. J.	\$ 2,731.48					\$ 31.00	
Binghamton, N. Y.	1,190.75			\$ 15.11	\$ 48.85	77.66	
Denville, N. J.	1,726.10	\$2,270.40	\$70.98	17.42	109.67	24.90	
Finesville, N. J.		856.58			57.06	57.08	
Macungie	132.25					143.84	
Miller Heights	1,335.62	939.89		24.18	130.38	15.50	
Millersville	2,745.87	607.56		37.05	20.24	129.13	
Paradise	815.00			95.06	127.64	191.39	
Trenton, N. J.	1,153.91	1,033.28		31.16		160.10	
Walnutport	239.90		20.00		32.68	54.41	\$40.00
TOTAL	\$12,120.88	\$5,707.71	\$90.98	\$219.98	\$526.52	\$885.01	\$40.00

CHURCH	Offerings	Ad. Stat.	
	Total Offerings	Subscribers to Fellowship News	W. M. Society (Donated Materials)
Belvidere, N. J.	\$10,622.79	11	
Binghamton, N. Y.	5,048.25	10	
Denville, N. J.	14,177.69	10	\$143.45
Finesville, N. J.	3,770.97	7	
Macungie	6,729.30	14	
Miller Heights	6,378.80	12	467.80
Millersville	10,064.32		
Paradise	10,060.10	14	
Trenton, N. J.	6,922.82	4	
Walnutport	5,879.81	14	
TOTAL	\$79,614.85	96	\$611.25

XXV.—REPORT OF THE STATISTICAL COMMITTEE (Summary)**Ministers & Officers**

District Superintendents -----	2
Ordained Ministers -----	47
Probationers -----	14
Deacons -----	8
Stewards -----	64
Parsonage Fund Collectors -----	63
Class Leaders -----	57
Prayer Meeting Classes -----	51

Membership

Received into Church Fellowship -----	250
Received by transfer from B. F. Churches -----	49
Total increase -----	299
Died -----	46
Withdrawn -----	22
Dropped -----	74
Transferred to B. F. Churches -----	52
Transferred to Other Churches -----	42
Total Decrease -----	235
Net Increase -----	63
Total Membership -----	4,686

Pastors' Activities

Sermons preached -----	6,739
Pastoral visits -----	18,658
Prayer meetings visited -----	1,995
Sunday Schools visited -----	2,059
Baptized -----	169
Children dedicated -----	122

Sunday School

Officers enrolled -----	343
Teachers enrolled -----	723
Scholars enrolled -----	6,984
Total enrollment -----	8,050
Total average attendance -----	6,023
Cradle Roll members -----	570
Home department members -----	211

Church Property

Churches -----	43
Parsonages -----	44
Increase of Church Property Valuation -----	\$ 262,780.96
Present Valuation -----	3,092,863.63

Offerings

Foreign Missions -----	\$ 63,184.21
Foreign Missions in Sunday School -----	25,611.00
Church Extension -----	37,722.61
Church Extension in Sunday School -----	9,093.87
Home for the Aging -----	1,639.68
Ministers' Retirement Fund -----	3,703.01

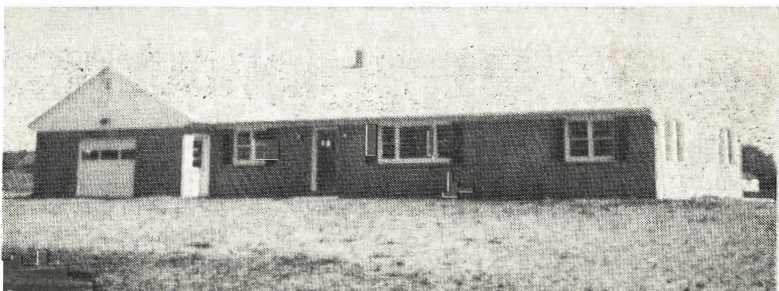
Beneficiary Fund	907.50
Sunday School Promotion	1,301.93
District Superintendents	14,724.44
Church Extension Director (missions)	1,726.94
District Superintendents' Parsonages	3,688.00
Berean Bible School	21,275.63
Victory Valley	2,385.64
Ministers in Cash	159,877.24
Ministers in Other Contributions	15,137.89
Sunday Schools	79,058.55
General Offerings	171,052.07
Missionary Conferences	10,538.48
New Church Property, Improvements	59,257.28
Parsonage or Building Fund	70,625.18
Received for Reduction of Indebtedness	41,439.52
Local Benevolent Fund	3,532.47
Youth Fellowship	4,294.50
Women's Missionary Society	13,378.28
Men's Fellowship	800.97
Child Evangelism	5,577.71
Annual Conference Delegate Fund	2,531.15
Christian Education	2,034.67
Radio	265.10
Camp Meetings	12,458.96
Total Offerings	\$838,824.48

Additional Statistics

Subscriptions to Fellowship News	1,203
Publication & Printing	\$1,675.15
Annual Conference Entertainment Fund	1,289.40
Moving Fund	2,076.00
Women's Missionary Society (donated mat.)	6,201.55

Willard E. Cassel	LeRoy S. Heller
J. E. Golla	John Dunn
Donald T. Kirkwood	Robert F. Johnson

Report was adopted.



HARLEYSVILLE PARSONAGE

ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

1. Itinerants	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	Post Office Address
Name				
Allen, Russell T. ---	1955	1958	1961	952 N. Duke St., York, Pa.
Baer, Paul E.-----	1924	1928		1334 Northampton St., Easton, Pa.
Bean, E. W. -----	1928	1938	1958	Box 284, Blandon, Pa. 19510
Beil, James A.-----	1959	1962	1963	1023 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18510
Brosius, Bert N.-----	1958	1961	1959	438 Cypress St., Lehighon, Pa.
Cassel, Alva C.-----	1958	1962	1961	235 Walnut St., Catasauqua, Pa.
Cassel, Carl C.-----	1956	1959	1962	529 N. Eighth St., Allentown, Pa.
Cassel, Willard E.---	1943	1946	1963	723 Filmore St., Allentown, Pa. 18103
Dunn, John-----	1941	1950	1961	6902 Chelwynde Ave., Philadelphia 42
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.	1959	1962	1959	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.
Gardner, Reynold D.	1955	1961	1960	243 Taylor St., Staten Island, N.Y. 10310
Gehret, T. D. -----	1921	1925	D.S.	2340 Union St., Allentown, Pa. 18104
Golla, John E.-----	1941	1942	1963	78 Harleysville Pike, M.R., Harleysville, Pa. 19438
Hartman, Ernest B.	1927	1936	1959	Box 266, Zionsville, Pa. 18092
†Hartman, Jansen E.	1942	1946		1020 S. Hall St., Allentown, Pa.
Hartman, W. W.---	1930	1937	1959	1124 N. Main St., Bethlehem, Pa.
*Heffner, William A.	1943	1951		424 Ridge St., Emmaus, Pa.
Heller, LeRoy S.---	1955	1958	1962	504 Oxford St., Coopersburg, Pa.
Herb, Frank L., Jr.---	1954	1957	1958	3210 N. Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Herb, George E.-----	1957	1960	1962	103 W. Pine St., Fleetwood, Pa.
Herb, John H.-----	1962		1962	21 S. Sixth St., Stroudsburg, Pa.
Hertzog, F. B.-----	1922	1925	1962	132 W. Fourth St., Mt. Carmel, Pa. 17851
Hosler, Earl M.-----	1953	1956	1959	313 N. Third St., Emmaus, Pa. 18049
Hottel, W. B.-----	1944	1947	1962	4420 VanKirk St., Phila., Pa. 19135
Johnson, Robert F.---	1958	1961	1963	630 Walnut St., Royersford, Pa.
Kirkwood, C. E.-----	1937	1940	1962	75 West Broad St., Hatfield, Pa.
Kirkwood, Donald T.	1951	1954	1958	418 Roslyn Ave., Glenside, Pa.
Kline, Richard H.---	1955	1958	1963	16 S. Broad St., Nazareth, Pa.
Koch, James G.-----	1950	1953	1961	1122 Hampden Blvd., Reading, Pa.
Mahurin, Ronald C.---	1960		1963	263 Diamond Spring Rd., Denville, N.J.
Overpeck, Leon K.---	1958		1963	Box 32, Paradise, Pa.
Reichenbach, R. C.---	1937	1941	1955	35 S. Second St., Shamokin, Pa.
Riggall, John H.---	1945	1948	1958	723 S. Providence Rd., Wallingford, Pa.
Schaeffer, Donald B.	1955	1958	1963	404 W. Main St., Terre Hill, Pa.
Seifert, A. L. -----	1950	1953	D.S.	1218 E. Rosemont Drive, Bethlehem, Pa.
Smock, Robert W.---	1950	1953	1963	1231 Ferry St., Easton, Pa.
Thomann, David E.---	1943	1946	1958	25 S. Third St., Quakertown, Pa.
Watkins, David J.---	1962		1963	111 Bridge St., Graterford, Pa. 19426
Weiss, Norman R.---	1960	1963	1961	532 Prospect St., Lancaster, Pa. 17603
Wolf, N. H.-----	1916	1920	1958	650 Catawissa Ave., Subury, Pa. 17801
Ziegler, Daniel G.---	1960	1963	1960	515 Locust St., Lebanon, Pa.

2. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	Post Office Address
Frank, Walter H.---	1939	1942		Greater Europe Mission, 214 North Hale St., Wheaton, Illinois
Miller, C. Leslie----	1928	1933		347 Cumberland Rd., Glendale, Calif.
Yarrington, H. D.---	1942	1952		Chaplain, Connecticut Valley Hospital Box 351, Middletown, Conn.

3. Superannuated Ministers

Heffner, W. F.-----	1917	1920		6103 Ann St., Harrisburg, Pa.
Kublic, E. E.-----	1901	1907		207 S. Third St., Lebanon, Pa.
Layne, J. B.-----	1916	1919		104 N. Gotwalt St., York, Pa.
Rutman, E. J.-----	1937	1940		7809 Sunset Drive, Harrisburg, Pa.
Stengele, P. T. ----	1918	1923		Orefield, Pa.
Woodring, A. G.-----	1917	1920		1155 Penn Ave., Wyomissing, Pa.

4. Church Extension Ministers

Bickel, LeRoy J. ---	1962			15 E. Penn Ave., Wernersville, Pa.
Campbell, M. Leslie	1961			20 Cherry St., Walnutport, Pa.
Ellingson, Bruce A.	1963			Main Road, Finesville, N.J.
Huratiak, Glenn R.---	1963			28 Keswick Ave., Trenton 8, N.J.
Knauer, Donald R.---	1962			R. D. #1, Macungie, Pa.
Paul, Robert-----	1962			R. D. #1, Millersville, Pa.
Ruth, Richard R.---	1960			22 Adams St., Belvidere, N.J.
Sullivan, Austin B., Jr.-----				71 Pennsylvania Ave., Binghamton, N.Y.
Weaver, Harold C.---				Fifth Street & Alternate 22, Miller Hts., Bethlehem, Pa.

5. Foreign Missionaries

Bigley, James -----	1962			
Bigley, Mrs. James---				
Buck, Leonard ----	1958			
Buck, Mrs. Nina---				
Chaponniere, Paul---				
Chaponniere, Mrs. Paul-----				
Doverspike, Miss Betty -----				
Dyke, Herbert C.---				
Dyke, Mrs. Herbert C.---				
Gordon, Robert-----	1960	1960		
Gordon, Mrs. Robert-----				

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Received Present Charge	Post Office Address
Harley, J. Barclay-- Harley, Mrs. J. Barclay --	1956	1960		
Hertzog, Roy-----	1959			
Hertzog, Mrs. Roy--				
Hoyle, Mrs. Ron----				
Kauffman, Timothy G.-----				
Lilley, David K.----				
Mann, Chas. L., Jr.--				
Mann, Mrs. Charles L., Jr.---				
Miller, Miss Sylvia_				
Moyer, Edward----				
Moyer, Mrs. Edward				
Rawn, Miss Olive--				
Ritter, Donald J.---				
Ritter, Mrs. Donald J.-----				
Schoffstall, Dr. Robert -----				
Schoffstall, Mrs. Robert -----				
Shelling, Theodore_				
Shelly, Austin G.---	1956	1961		
Shelly, Mrs. Austin_				
Snyder, Mrs. Phoebe				
Stengele, Laird F.--				
Stengele, Mrs. Laird F.-----				

* Director of Church Extension

† President of Berean Bible School

TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Pastor	Exchange	Number
Allen, Russell T.	York	5872
Baer, Paul E.	Easton	253-0253
Bean, E. W.	Leesport, Walker	WA 6-3097
Beil, James A.	Scranton, Diamond	DI 2-2027
Brosius, Bert N.		377-1277
Cassel, Alva C.	Catasauqua	264-0947
Cassel, Carl C.	Allentown	432-0664
(Bethel Church)	Allentown	435-2331
Cassel, Willard E.	Allentown	215-432-7275
Dunn, John	Philadelphia, Saratoga	SA 6-4413
(Emmanuel Church)	Philadelphia, Saratoga	SA 7-8959
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr.	Royersford, Williams	WI 8-3791
Gardner, Reynold D.	New York, Gibraltar	212-442-2782
Gehret, T. D.	Allentown	435-1732
Golla, John E.		256-8253
Hartman, Ernest B.	Emmaus	215-965-6346
Hartman, Jansen E.	Allentown	434-2251
Hartman, W. W.	Bethlehem	215-866-2703
(Ebenezer Church)	Bethlehem	215-868-5501
Heffner, William A.	Emmaus	967-1643
Heffner, W. F.	Harrisburg	JO 4-2568
Heller, LeRoy S.	Coopersburg	282-3580
Herb, Frank L., Jr.	Harrisburg, Cedar	232-0821
Herb, George E.	Fleetwood, Whitehall	WH 4-4742
Herb, John H.	Stroudsburg	421-0533
Hertzog, F. B.	Mount Carmel	339-4693
Hosler, Earl M.	Emmaus	967-2555
(Bethel Church)	Emmaus	965-2682
Hottel, W. B.	Philadelphia, Pioneer	PI 3-3751
Johnson, Robert F.	Royersford, Williams	WI 8-3014
Kirkwood, C. E.	Lansdale, Ulysses	UL 5-2449
Kirkwood, Donald T.		
Kline, Richard H.	Nazareth	759-1712
Koch, James G.	Reading	372-3330
Kubic, E. E.	Lebanon	717-272-1866
Layne, J. B.	York	YO 2-7134
Mahurin, Ronald C.	Denville	201-627-6706
Overpeck, Leon K.	Strasburg	717-687-7577
Reichenbach, R. C.	Shamokin	648-9732
Riggall, John H.	Chester, Tremont	TR 6-8449
Rutman, E. J.	Harrisburg	KI 5-0917
Schaeffer, Donald B.	Terre Hill	215-445-4401

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Pastor	Exchange	Number
Seifert, A. L.	Bethlehem	215-868-2781
Smock, Robert W.	Easton	215-252-6352
Thomann, David E.	Quakertown	536-6096
Watkins, David J.	Collegeville	489-2281
Weiss, Norman R.	Lancaster	717-393-7677
Wolf, N. H.	Sunbury, Atlantic	AT 6-6106
Woodring, A. G.	Reading	FR 5-3947
Ziegler, Daniel G.	Lebanon	717-272-3945

CHURCH EXTENSION MINISTERS' TELEPHONE DIRECTORY

Bickel, LeRoy J.		678-4294
Campbell, M. Leslie		215-767-4852
Ellingson, Bruce A.		201-993-7308
Huratiak, Glenn R.		609-882-2046
Knauer, Donald R.		215-965-2308
Paul, Robert		717-872-8979
Ruth, Richard R.		201-475-2769
Sullivan, Austin B., Jr.		607-724-7883
Weaber, Harold C.		215-865-2191

Members of the Board of Directors:

Cassel, Byron C.	Glenside, Turner	TU 4-6622
Wentz, Paul I., Sr.	Allentown	437-2775
Ziegler, Daniel K.	Lansdale, Ulysses	UL 5-2243

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38 S. New St., Nazareth, Pa.	Nazareth	PL 9-3778
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BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

1020 S. Hill St.	Allentown, Pa.	215-434-8151
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