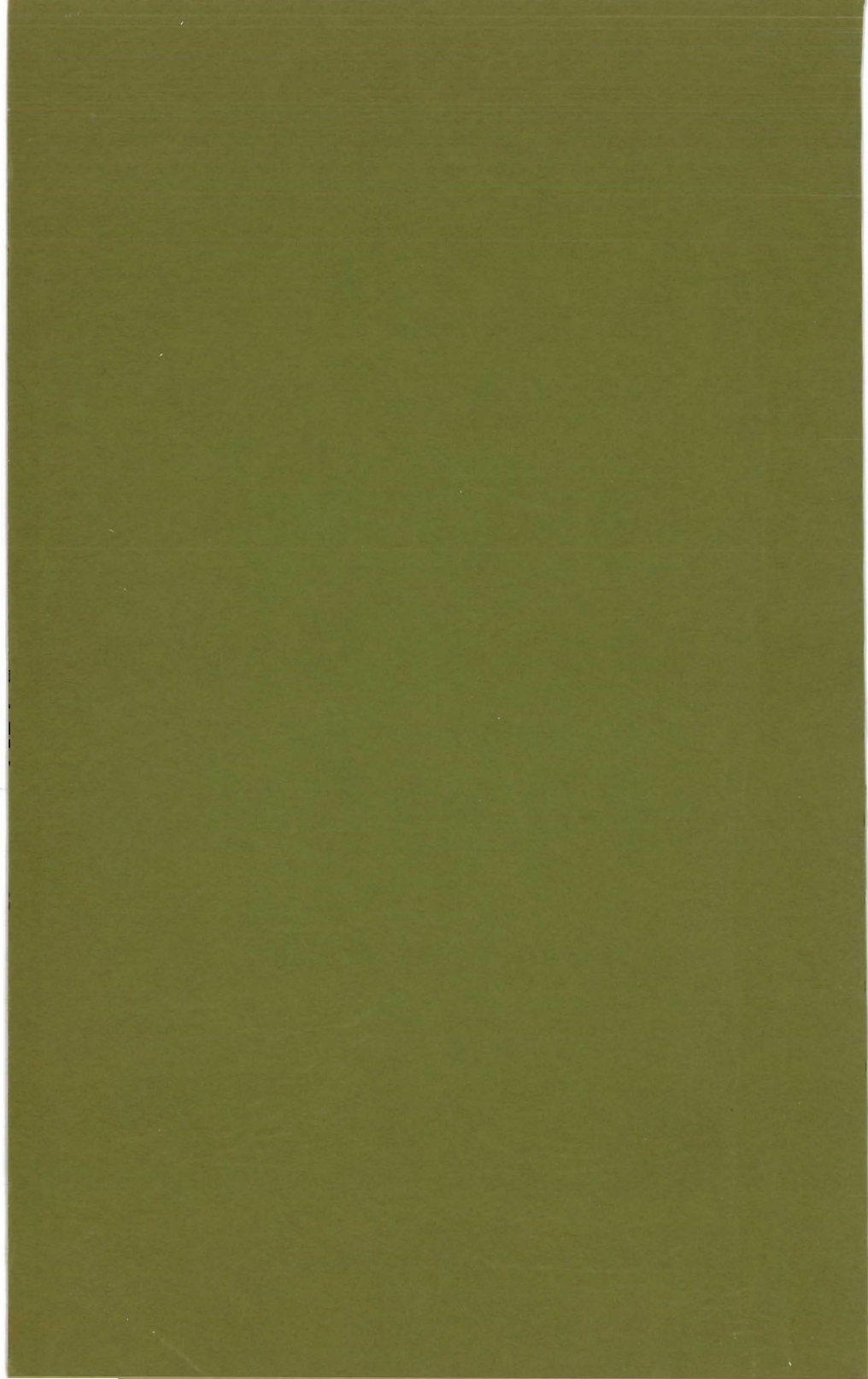


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Year Book

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EIGHTY-THIRD ANNUAL CONFERENCE
ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE 83rd ANNUAL CONFERENCE
of the
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
Fourteenth Meeting
Saturday Morning, April 1, 1967

The Meeting was opened with Carl C. Cassel directing the singing of "Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness" and Daniel G. Ziegler led in prayer.

The devotional message of the morning was brought by District Superintendent and Chairman, T. D. Gehret, basing his remarks on I Corinthians 3:12-18, and emphasizing the need of the hour as being a new encounter with Jesus Christ.

The roll was called.

Resolved, that we accept the alternate delegates and seat them in the Conference Bar.

Resolved, that Frank L. Herb be excused from the morning session and William A. Heffner and H. Phares Mumbauer be excused for the day.

Report of the Committee on Church Government :

Whereas, the 83rd Annual Conference voted that we have only one District Superintendent beginning October, 1967, therefore,

Resolved, that we request the Adjourned Session of the 83rd Annual Conference to consider the following enabling legislation:

I. Elections at Adjourned Session

A Vice-District Superintendent shall be elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference at its Adjourned Session from among the active ordained ministers.

In the event of a vacancy in the office of District Superintendent, he shall fulfill the unexpired term.

A Vice-Chairman of Annual Conference shall be elected annually by ballot by the Annual Conference at its Adjourned Session from among the ordained ministers.

II. Composition of Boards and Committees

We recommend the following necessary changes in the membership of Boards and Committees:

Board of Directors - add - one layman
 Board of Foreign Missions - add - one minister
 Board of Church Extension - add - one minister
 Board of Directors of Berean - add - one minister
 Board of Victory Valley - add - one minister
 Board of Mizpah Grove - add - one layman
 Credentials Committee - add - one minister
 S. S. Promotion Committee - add - one minister

III. Local Conference

Whereas, our transition to one District Superintendent makes it virtually impossible for him to fulfill the traditional visits to the Local Conferences, therefore,

Each Congregation shall hold four stated Local Conferences each year. The Official Board shall establish the calendar of the four Local Conferences for each Church and shall inform the District Superintendent of the dates established by November 1.

The District Superintendent shall serve as Chairman of one local Conference on a date agreed upon between him and the Official Board.

The Official Board may call upon the District Superintendent to serve as Chairman of Local Conferences other than regular stated meetings.

(C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Willard E. Cassel, Secretary; Carl C. Cassel, Richard H. Kline, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Jansen E. Hartman and John H. Riggall, Committee)

The report was adopted.

The following were elected:

District Superintendent: A. L. Seifert

Vice-District Superintendent: John H. Riggall

Director of Church Extension: Earl M. Hosler

Chairman of the Annual Conference: A. L. Seifert

Vice-Chairman of the Annual Conference: C. E. Kirkwood

Secretary of Annual Conference: Ernest B. Hartman

6. Minister's Retirement Fund	4,000.00
7. Moving Fund	3,200.00
8. Expenses for Boards and Committees while transacting Conference Business	800.00
9. Other Expenses of Board of Directors	290.00
10. Contingencies	500.00
11. Ministerial Convention Expenses	400.00
	\$ 27,746.00

Subscriptions to the Budget for Administration for year 1967-68:

<u>Allentown District</u>		<u>Bethlehem District</u>	
Allentown(Bethel)	\$ 1,800	Allentown (Salem)	\$ 350
Allentown(Cedar Crest)	600	Bethlehem	2,160
Catasauqua	372	Blandon	500
Graterford	650	Coopersburg	800
Harleysville	500	Denville	300
Harrisburg	775	Easton	660
Hatfield	1,280	Emmaus	1,500
Lancaster	380	Fleetwood	900
Lebanon	330	Maple Glen	840
Mt. Carmel	660	Phila. (Calvary)	500
Leighton	384	Phila. (Emmanuel)	368
Nazareth	540	Quakertown	1,105
Paradise	360	Scranton	450
Reading	1,920	Staten Island	300
Royersford	500	Stroudsburg	252
Shamokin	480	Terre Hill	1,020
Spring City	600	Wallingford	1,000
Sunbury	1,200	Zionsville	345
York	850		
Sinking Spring	215		
	\$ 14,396		\$ 13,350

Total \$ 27,746.00

The Budget was adopted.

Returned Missionaries, Fred Venable of Nigeria, Austin Shelly of Venezuela and Timothy Kauffman of France gave a few words of greetings.

The Sunday School Promotion Committee Report was presented.

Resolved, that we recommit this report to this Committee for revision to include a doctrinal statement of our beliefs.

Report of the Bethlehem District Camp:

Chairman: Frank L. Herb, Jr.

Recording Secretary: Willard E. Cassel

Financial Secretary: Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

Willard E. Cassel, Secretary

Report of the Allentown District Camp:

Chairman: John H. Riggall

Recording Secretary: N. H. Wolf

Financial Secretary: James G. Koch

David J. Watkins, Secretary

Report of the Committee on Church Forms;

(For presentation to Adjourned Session as per directive on page 49 of the 1966 YearBook).

APPLICATION FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Bible Fellowship Church

Name _____ Date _____ Phone _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____

The applicant shall be responsible to read the FAITH AND ORDER OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, or, in the case of younger applicants, shall have knowledge of the basic truths contained therein.

This questionnaire is to provide information in preparation for your interview with the Membership Committee. (If additional space is required for your answers, please use the reverse side).

Kindly return the completed form to the pastor.

SALVATION: Have you accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour from sin? _____ When? _____ Where? _____
On the reverse side, please write a resume' of your conversion experience.

BAPTISM: Have you been baptized by immersion upon your confession of faith in Christ? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

DOCTRINE: Are you in agreement with the FAITH AND ORDER OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH? Yes _____ No _____

CHRISTIAN LIFE: We, of the Bible Fellowship Church, "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."

Therefore, will you by public example and personal devotion, seek to live a Christian life that will bring honor to the Lord?

Please check (X) any of the following if you:

- use or deal in () tobacco () intoxicating beverages
() narcotics;
belong to () secret oath-bound societies;
have been () divorced.

Report of the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School, I submit the following item to the Adjourned Session of the 83rd Annual Conference meeting in Grace Church, Reading, Pa., on Saturday, April 1, 1967 for ratification:

The election of Rev. Jansen E. Hartman as President of Berean Bible School for the term of June 30, 1967 to June 30, 1968. This action was taken by the Board in their regular meeting on Saturday, February 4, 1967.

Respectfully submitted,
W. B. Hottel, Secretary

The report was received and the action of the Board was ratified.

John H. Riggall and Jansen E. Hartman gave oral reports of the progress of the Committee to Plan the Development of the Bible Fellowship Church Conference Center.

Adjourned with prayer by C. E. Kirkwood.

Fifteenth Meeting

Saturday Afternoon, April 1, 1967

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bruce A. Ellingson.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Nominating Committee: Donald R. Knauer, C. E. Kirkwood, John H. Riggall, Daniel G. Ziegler, William Rapp, Robert W. Gehret, Harold W. Griest, Horace A. Kauffman.

Report of the Board of Directors - Administrative Budget:

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH Board of Directors

The budget to cover administration of the Bible Fellowship Church in the year starting with October 1967, is respectfully submitted for the consideration and approval of the 83rd Annual Conference, Reading, Pa., on April 1, 1967, as follows:

1. Publication and Printing	\$ 1,500.00
2. Conference Entertainment Expenses	640.65
3. Beneficiary Fund	800.00
4. District Superintendent:	
(a) Annual Support	7,000.00
(b) Travel and Utility Grant	3,400.00
5. District Superintendent's Parsonage	5,215.35

CHURCH ACTIVITY: It is my earnest purpose as a member of this church to aid in every way I can the successful carrying out of its program. To this end:

1. I shall pray regularly for the blessing of the Lord upon this church and its ministry. Yes _____ No _____

2. I shall make it my practice to attend regularly the services I have checked:

() Morning Worship () Sunday School
() Evening Service () Prayer Meeting

3. I shall give regularly and proportionately to the financial program of our church work. Yes _____ No _____

MEMBERSHIP: If your membership is currently in another church, please give the name and address of that church.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name _____ Telephone _____
Address _____ Zip Code _____
Date of Birth _____ Place of Birth _____
Date of dedication _____ at _____ by _____
Date of baptism _____ at _____ by _____
Married: Date _____ at _____ by _____
To _____ of _____

Signed: _____

The report was not adopted.

Resolved, that a committee of five pastors be elected to study and prepare a paper on Church Membership to be presented at the Annual Conference 1968.

The following were elected: Frank L. Herb, Jr., C. E. Kirkwood, James G. Koch, David J. Watkins, Daniel G. Ziegler.

Adjourned with prayer by District Superintendent A. L. Seifert, at 5:00 p. m.

P R O C E E D I N G S

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Daniel K. Ziegler

On Wednesday evening March 2, 1966 an unusual Prayer Meeting was scheduled in Bethany Bible Fellowship Church, Hatfield, Pa. The Class Leader, Mr. Daniel K. Ziegler and wife had taken a missionary tour to Mexico and San Salvador. On this night over 126 members and friends of the work had assembled in the sanctuary of the building to hear Dan tell of how they were led to take this trip and see the pictures he had taken of the Mission fields. He had spent one week-end with the David Solt family in El Salvador. Less than five minutes after he began to speak, Daniel collapsed and passed into the presence of the Lord. It was an experience no one will forget.

Daniel K. Ziegler was born in Denton, Maryland on September 8, 1907. His family moved to Hatfield when Dan was three years old. He was a graduate of Hatfield High School and Juniata College. He was saved at an early age and baptized on March 3, 1918. He was married to Caroline H. Didden on August 23, 1930. She preceded him in death in June of 1957.

Sensing the need of a Bible believing and teaching Church in which to raise his growing family, they joined Bethany Church on November 28, 1935. He was most desirous of establishing a Gospel Testimony in Hatfield in which other like-minded families could do the same.

From the very beginning of his association with the Church he was most faithful. He attended every and all meetings held by the Church and supported its program and ministry in every way possible. He was a member of the Board of Trustees for years, served as Class Leader, Annual Conference Delegate and member of the Official Board. He taught the Senior High Department for many years and had the joy of seeing nearly a dozen of his pupils enter Christian service including some members of his immediate family.

He was most active in Denominational activities. He served as song leader at the old Shamokin Camp Meeting. He was a member of the first Menno Youth General Committee. He was a founding member of the Board of Directors of the Berean Bible School and the first layman elected to the Board of Directors of the Conference. He served on many Committees and sub-committees.

He was fully and completely consecrated and dedicated to the Lord. His entire life, family and business were given to the Lord. He was very gifted as a teacher and exponent of the Word of God. Gentle and compassionate, he was a Christian gentleman, loved and respected by all.

His funeral was the largest in the memory of the older Hatfield residents. There was a line of two and three abreast for nearly a block long at the viewing. Nearly 500 attended the funeral on Saturday, March 5, 1966 in Bethany Church. Pastor C. E. Kirkwood brought the message and was assisted by District Superintendents T. D. Gehret and A. L. Seifert. The Ministers' Quartet and Mrs. Jansen E. Hartman sang appropriate selections.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn (Stout) Ziegler to whom he was joined in marriage in July of 1958 and the following children: Rev. Daniel G., Carol, wife of Clyde W. Snyder, Laura, wife of Rev. Alva C. Cassel, Eleanor, wife of Russell Ruch and Marjorie, wife of Louis Hildebrand; 13 grandchildren, one brother and three sisters, and his mother-in-law and business partner, Mrs. Laura M. Didden.

Bethany Church and the entire Conference has indeed suffered a great loss. Nothing is more fitting than to say, "He being dead, yet speaketh." We sorrow not as those that have no hope but look forward to the coming of our Lord when the dead in Christ shall rise. It is truly a blessed hope.

OFFICIAL RECORD

Officers of the Eighty-Third Annual Conference

Chairman, T.D.Gehret	Assistant Secretary, Ernest B. Hartman
Vice Chairman, A.L.Seifert	Recording Secretary, Robert W. Smock
Secretary, N.H. Wolf	Treasurer, Paul I. Wentz, Sr.

Officers for 1966-1967

Chairman, T.D.Gehret	Secretary, N. H. Wolf
Vice Chairman, A.L.Seifert	Treasurer, Paul I. Wentz Sr.

District Superintendents

Allentown District	T. D. Gehret
Bethlehem District	A. L. Seifert

Vice District Superintendents
John H. Riggall and C. E. Kirkwood

Director of Church Extension
Earl M. Hosler

President of Berean Bible School
Jansen E. Hartman

BOARDS and COMMITTEES

Board of Directors:

Timothy D. Gehret, 2340 Union Street, Allentown, Pa. 18104
Chairman and President.

Arlington L. Seifert, 1218 E. Rosemont Drive, Bethlehem, Pa.
18018 - Vice President.

Jansen E. Hartman, 1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pa. 18103
Secretary.

Paul I. Wentz, 1003 S. Jefferson Street, Allentown, Pa. 18103
Treasurer.

Carl C. Cassel, 529 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa. 18102

Frank L. Herb, Jr., 1124 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa. 18018

John H. Riggall, 952 North Duke Street, York, Pa. 17404

Byron C. Cassel, 747 Hillcrest Avenue, Glenside, Pa. 19138

Kermit K. Gehman, 416 North Third Street, Emmaus, Pa. 18049

Board of Foreign Missions:

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Willard E. Cassel, General Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, David E. Thomann, James R. Cressman, Kermit K. Gehman, Harold W. Griest, Roy E. Williams.

Board of Church Extension:

A. L. Seifert, Chairman; Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Secretary; T. D. Gehret, Earl M. Hosler, Daniel G. Ziegler, John Deily, Donal Nilsson.

Board of Directors of the Home:

(1 year) A. L. Seifert, Ernest B. Hartman, Paul I. Wentz, Sr.
(2 years) T. D. Gehret, E. W. Bean, Richard H. Kline, Paul H. Cressman.

T. D. Gehret, President E. W. Bean, Secretary
A. L. Seifert, Vice President Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer

Board of Directors of Berean Bible School:

T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert,
(1 year) Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., W. B. Hottel, John Stengele, Carl Rishel. (2 years) James A. Beil, Dr. R. Wallace Journey, Robert W. Gehret, Byron C. Cassel. (3 years) Jansen E. Hartman, Horace A. Kauffman, Albert L. Wentz.

Board of Victory Valley Camp:

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; LeRoy S. Heller, Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Kermit K. Gehman, Bright N. Heist, Paul I. Wentz, Jr.

Board of Mizpah Grove:

T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert,
(1 year) James A. Beil, Robert W. Smock, George W. Krigor
(2 years) David E. Thomann, Bert N. Brosius, Robert W. Gehret, Albert L. Wentz.

Committee on Ministerial Candidates:

Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; James A. Beil, Secretary; Russell T. Allen, Earl M. Hosler, William A. Heffner.

Committee on Credentials:

C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, John H. Riggall.

Youth Fellowship General Committee:

T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert
 (1 year) Daniel G. Ziegler, Ronald C. Mahurin, Clyde W. Snyder
 (2 years) Robert F. Johnson, Barry Kauffman, Harold Shelly, Jr.
 (3 years) David J. Watkins, David Hendershot, John Vandegriff

Sunday School Promotion Committee:

T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Earl M. Hosler
 (1 year) Robert W. Smock, Robert Lee, James R. Cressman
 (2 years) David J. Watkins, Norman L. Reed, William R. Hunsberger
 (3 years) James G. Koch, Robert Truett, John Boyle
 James G. Koch, Chairman, James R. Cressman, Fin. Sec.
 Robert Lee, Vice Chairman, Norman L. Reed, Rec. Sec.

***Committee on Publication and Printing:**

David E. Thomann, Chairman; Robert W. Smock, Secretary;
 Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

Beneficiary Society:

N. H. Wolf, President; Ernest B. Hartman, Secretary; John H. Riggall, Treasurer.

Committee to Publish Fellowship News:

Robert W. Smock, Chairman; William R. Hunsberger, Secretary;
 Paul T. Rutman, Financial Secretary; David E. Thomann, Editor;
 R. C. Reichenbach, Manager.

*** Committee on Statistics:**

Willard E. Cassel, John E. Golla, LeRoy S. Heller, Donald T. Kirkwood, John Dunn.

Historical Committee:

(1 year) Paul H. Cressman; (2 years) Daniel G. Ziegler; (3 years) Byron C. Cassel.

Archivist:

Harold P. Shelly, Jr.

Committee to Plan the Development of the Bible Fellowship Conference Center:

T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Bert N. Brosius, David E. Thomann, Robert W. Smock, Robert W. Gehret, A. L. Wentz, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Kermit K. Gehman, John H. Riggall, Jansen E. Hartman.

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***Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes:**

Robert F. Johnson, Donald R. Knauer.

***Committee on Agenda:**

Willard E. Cassel, Bert N. Brosius, LeRoy S. Heller.

***Committee on Program for Next Annual Conference:**

Carl C. Cassel, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., William A. Heffner.

***Committee to Publish the Year Book:**

David E. Thomann, Robert W. Smock, Willard E. Cassel.

Committee on Pensions:

Byron C. Cassel, Chairman; Harold W. Griest, Kermit K. Gehman, Roy E. Williams, Horace A. Kauffman, Secretary.

Committee to Study Pulpit Supply:

Russell T. Allen, John H. Riggall, William A. Heffner, Carl C. Cassel, Byron C. Cassel, Harold W. Griest, Horace A. Kauffman.

Committee on Church Government:

C. E. Kirkwood, Willard C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Richard H. Kline, Jansen E. Hartman, Frank L. Herb, Jr., John H. Riggall.

* Denotes appointed committees

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 by the Chair.

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.

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-fourth (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 reading at two Annual Conferences by a two-third vote by ballot before final adoption.

12. The District Superintendent(s) and the delegates of all Stations and Circuits shall constitute the Stationing, Boundary

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and Appropriating Committee. The Annual Conference may grant the status of a Station to a mission church which has contributed a minimum of \$4,200.00 to the Pastor and has petitioned Annual Conference requesting the change declaring that it no longer desires Church Extension appropriation.

If a Station fails to contribute \$4,200.00 to the Pastor, it shall forfeit its voice in the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

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

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 Communications
3. Committee on Finance
4. Committee on Examination of Local Conference Minutes
5. Committee on Resolutions
6. Committee on Auditing

Standing Boards and Committees

(a) Appointed by the Chairman

1. Committee on Publication and Printing
2. Committee on Statistics
3. Committee on Examination of Annual Conference Minutes
4. 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 Directors of Berean Bible School
6. Board of Victory Valley
7. Board of Mizpah Grove
8. Ministerial Candidate Committee
9. Youth Fellowship General Committee
10. Credentials Committee
11. Beneficiary Society (Officers elected by the Society)
12. Sunday School Promotion Committee
13. Historical Committee
14. Nominating Committee

Year Books -- 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.

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.

The Church shall be responsible to pay for Year Books within one week after receiving 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.

By - Laws

(Special Laws and Resolutions)

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 the 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 FAITH & ORDER

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 Board of Foreign Missions of the Bible Fellowship Church.
4. Advisory members shall not be permitted to participate in Conference discussions except by request of the Chairman.

APPLICANTS AND PROBATIONERS

A. No applicants for the ministry shall be received into the Conference as a Probationer who are not willing to submit themselves unconditionally to the Stationing Committee.

B. No Probationer shall be ordained who is not fully in ac-

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cord with our doctrine, with the itinerant plan, and submission to the Conference.

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.

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 from the Church Extension Fund at the Local Conference.

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

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 Directors, 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 a full and classified report of their work, financial and otherwise, to the Annual Conference. They shall hold meetings annually or more often.

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 FAITH & ORDER 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 substantial investments.

The Board of Directors shall not buy nor sell any 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 Advisors 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 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.

Board of Foreign Missions -- 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 be composed 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.

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.

The members of the church shall be respectfully recommended to forward their funds for the foreign missionaries through the Board of Foreign Missions 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.

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.

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.

Board of Directors of 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 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 mortgage 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.

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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.

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 deacons 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 -- 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.

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.

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 Fund 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 salary and from his Church Extension appropriations and each District Superintendent from his salary as follows: One percent of the first thousand dollars or fraction thereof, $1\frac{1}{2}$ per cent of the second thousand dollars and above. Fifteen hundred (\$1,500.00) dollars of the District Superintendents' offerings shall be exempt from assessment to offset travelling expenses. Payments shall be made at Adjourned Session and at Annual Conference.

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

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 (\$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 paragraph 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 the 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.

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.

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.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS

A. Transfers -- When a good standing member moves from one class to another, his or her name shall be transferred at once.

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 charge shall be brought against any Annual Conference member which has not been recorded in the Local Conference proceedings of their charge, except such as have been committed or discovered since the last Local Conference.

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. 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.

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 then 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 Mome, 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.

I. 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 travelling 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.

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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 travelling expenses for all official Church business shall be 8¢ per 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.

S. All mid season offerings including the offerings for the Home for the Aging and the Publication and Printing Committee shall be paid at the Adjourned Session.

T. The Conference Secretary shall inform in writing all men who are not present at Annual Conference of their election to Boards and Committees.

U. The Auditing procedure for reporting to the Statistical Committee shall be as follows:

I. The Report of the Official Board to the fourth Local Conference shall be as follows:

a. Annual Report of the Membership Committee:

1. Members as of previous report
2. Received into Church fellowship
3. Received by transfer from Bible Fellowship Churches
4. Total Increase
5. Died
6. Withdrawn
7. Dropped
8. Transferred to other churches

9. Transferred to other Bible Fellowship Churches
10. Total decrease
11. Net increase or decrease
12. Total membership

b. Annual Report of the Benevolence Committee

1. Balance as of last report
2. Receipts
3. Disbursements
4. New balance

II. The following accounts for the Local Church year shall be closed as of the fourth Local Conference

Trustees
 Building Fund Collectors
 Ministers' Retirement Fund
 Sunday School
 Youth Fellowship
 Women's Missionary Society
 Men's or Adult Fellowship
 Membership Committee
 Benevolence Committee
 And any other organizations responsible to the Local Conference

III. The Local Conference accounts of the Stewards shall be from quarter to quarter and the reports on the Schedule (PS-1) from October 1 to September 30.

IV. Offerings for Church Extension and Foreign Missions shall be reported for the Conference year and shall be paid to the Conference Treasurer at Annual Conference.

Reports of these offerings shall be made only to the Finance Committee of Annual Conference on PF-1 and the latter will furnish information with respect to offerings for missions to the Statistical Committee of Annual Conference.

V. The figures included in the above reports I and II to the fourth Local Conference are the ones to be reported to Annual Conference.

VI. The Pastor shall send by Certified Mail copies of the Summary Sheet, the fourth Local Conference Minutes and the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report (omitting reports of offerings for Church Extension and Foreign Missions) to the Statistical Committee, c/o Host Church of Annual Conference, by Monday of the week prior to Annual Conference week. These records may be submitted in person by Tuesday of the same week.

VII. The Delegate and Pastor shall certify the correctness of the

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Local Conference Minutes, the Local Conference Summary Report Sheet and the Pastor's Summary Statistical Report, prior to the mailing thereof; and shall include a statement of Certification with the reports mailed.

VIII. The Statistical Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference. This Committee shall meet on the Thursday prior to Annual Conference.

V. 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.

W. 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 Annual Conference and that the name of the auditor(s) be included in the report to Annual Conference.

(end of By-Laws)

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

1. To be paid at the Adjourned Session

A -- Ministers' Retirement Fund
Ministers' assessment from receipts since Annual Conference

B -- The Home -- Annual
Offering for the Home for the Aging

2. To be paid at Annual Conference

C -- Church Extension
Pledges may be received

D -- Ministers' Retirement Fund
Ministers' assessment from receipts since Adjourned Session

3. To be paid as directed

E -- Foreign Missions -- pledges may be received -- to be paid quarterly to the General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions

F -- Berean Bible School -- make check(s) payable to Berean Bible School and send it to 1020 S. Hall St., Allentown, Pa. 18103

G -- Victory Valley Youth Camp -- to be sent by March 1 to

_____, Secretary of the Board of Victory Valley.

- H -- Sunday School Promotion Committee -- check to be sent by April 1 to _____ Financial Secretary of the Sunday School Promotion Committee
- I -- Youth Fellowship General Committee -- check to be sent by April 1 and made payable to _____, Treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee
- J -- Conference Administrative Budget -- annually in advance or one-twelfth of the pledge may be paid on the last day of each month starting October 31. Checks shall be sent to _____, Secretary, Board of Directors

NOTE -- All checks shall be made payable to the BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH except as otherwise noted: See:

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

1966

The Eighty-Third Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convened in the Grace Church, Reading, Pennsylvania.

The Conference opened at 10:00 a.m., October 10, with the singing of "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" led by David E. Thomann. The Pastors' Quartet sang, "He Was Wounded for our Transgressions" and the host pastor James G. Koch read the scripture and led in prayer.

District Superintendent, Chairman, T.D. Gehret gave the opening address based on I. Corinthians 15:58 outlining the basic characteristics of the minister of the gospel under the enduement of the Holy Spirit.

District Superintendents, T.D. Gehret and A. L. Seifert conducted the communion service.

The 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 10, 1966 - 10:00 a.m.

Song Leader	Rev. David E. Thomann
Pastors' Quartet	Senior
Scripture	Rev. James G. Koch
Prayer	Rev. James G. Koch
Message	Rev. T.D. Gehret, D.S.
Lord's Supper	Rev. T.D. Gehret, and Rev. A. L. Seifert

Tuesday, October 11, 1966 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	Rev. Harvey J. Fritz Jr.
Solo	Rev. Carl C. Cassel
Scripture	Robert Breitegam
Prayer	Norman Reed
Message	Rev. Willard Cassel, Secretary, Foreign Mission Board

Wednesday, October 12, 1966 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	Rev. William A. Heffner
Pastors' Quartet	Junior
Scripture	John I. Mengel

Prayer	Roy Williams
Message	Rev. Jansen E. Hartman, President, Berean Bible School

Thursday, October 13, 1966 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	Rev. Robert F. Johnson
Solo	Rev. Bert N. Brosius
Scripture	Byron Cassel
Prayer	Horace Kauffman
Message	Rev. Earl M. Hosler, Director, Church Extension

Evening Conference service open to the public - 7:30 p.m.

Rev. James G. Koch, Host Pastor, presiding	
Pastors' Quartet (Senior)	
Scripture	Rev. C. E. Kirkwood
Prayer	Rev. John H. Riggall
Message	Rev. W. B. Hottel

Friday, October 14, 1966 - 9:00 a.m.

Song Leader	Rev. Daniel G. Ziegler
Solo	Rev. Leroy S. Heller
Scripture	Charles G. Hersh
Prayer	Harold Griest
Message	Rev. A. L. Seifert, D.S.

Note: Devotional period - 30 minutes (except Monday). Messages 15 minutes.

(James G. Koch, George L. Herb, Ernest W. Bean, Committee)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, that the first 8 pews across the church shall constitute the Conference Bar.

The following were enrolled as members of the Conference:

MINISTERS - Russell T. Allen, E. W. Bean, James A. Beil, Bert N. Brosius, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Willard E. Cassel, John Dunn, Raymond Dotts, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Reynold D. Gardner, Sr., T. D. Gehret, John E. Golla, Ernest B. Hartman, Jansen E. Hartman, W. W. Hartman, William A. Heffner, LeRoy S. Heller, Frank L. Herb, Jr., George E. Herb, F. B. Hertzog, Earl M. Hosler, W. B. Hottel, Robert F. Johnson, C. E. Kirkwood, Donald T. Kirkwood, Richard H. Kline, Donald R. Knauer, James G. Koch, Ronald C. Mahurin, Leon K. Overpeck, Robert Paul, R. C. Reichenbach, John H. Riggall, Donald B. Schaeffer, A. L. Seifert, Robert W. Smock, David E. Thomann, David J. Watkins, Norman R. Weiss, N. H. Wolf, Daniel G. Ziegler, Paul E. Baer, W. F. Heffner, E. E. Kublic, J. B. Layne, E. J. Rutman, P. T. Stengele.

DELEGATES

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

Allentown (Bethel) - Kermit K. Gehman
 Allentown (Cedar Crest) - R. Paul Schaeffer
 Catasauqua - Arthur W. Deppe
 Graterford - Edward A. Stortz
 Harrisburg - Walter A. Schlagel
 Harleysville - H. Phares Mumbauer
 Hatfield - William C. Rapp
 Lancaster - Horace A. Kauffman
 Lebanon - Jack S. Herb
 Lehighton - Willard Blocker
 Mount Carmel - Roy E. Williams
 Nazareth - Norman W. Granda
 Paradise - George J. Dippner
 Reading - Robert Breitegam
 Royersford - William R. Hunsberger
 Shamokin - T. Lamarn Manney
 Spring City - John F. Boyle
 Sunbury - Allan F. Smith
 York - Sterling Baer

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

Allentown (Salem) - Robert E. McIntyre
 Bethlehem - Paul H. Cressman
 Blandon - John I. Mengel
 Coopersburg - Harold A. Mann
 Denville - John Moran
 Easton - Leonard Kessler
 Emmaus - Paul I. Wentz
 Fleetwood - Norman L. Reed
 Maple Glen - Byron C. Cassel
 Philadelphia (Calvary) - Harry Wilkinson
 Philadelphia (Emmanuel) - Edward J. Dietzman
 Quakertown - Harold Shelly, Jr.
 Scranton - Carl H. Kellerman
 Staten Island - Kenneth E. Cole
 Stroudsburg - George R. Fish
 Terre Hill - David E. Weidner
 Wallingford - Harold Griest
 Zionsville - Charles Hersh

Whereas, Charles G. Hersh, Delegate, and Bright N. Heist, Alternate Delegate, are unable to attend all sessions of Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That whenever they are able to attend, they be seated in the Conference Bar according to their order.

Resolved, That John Dunn and Edward J. Dietzman be excused

Wednesday morning and afternoon to attend a funeral.

Kenneth E. Cole, David E. Weidner, John F. Boyle, William C. Rapp and Harold Shelly, Jr., new Delegates, were introduced to the Conference.

The Chair appointed the following committees:

Committee on Finance: Paul I. Wentz, Byron C. Cassel, Roy E. Williams, Harold W. Griest, Kermit K. Gehman.

Committee on Communications: William A. Heffner, Russell T. Allen, W. W. Hartman, Bert N. Brosius, James A. Beil.

Committee on Resolutions: C. E. Kirkwood, Carl C. Cassel, David E. Thomann, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Daniel G. Ziegler.

Committee on Auditing: James G. Koch, Paul H. Cressman, Norman W. Granda, William C. Rapp, William R. Hunsberger, Horace A. Kauffman, Norman L. Reed, W. B. Hottel.

Committee on Examination of Local Conference Minutes: F. B. Hertzog, E. W. Bean, Frank L. Herb, Leon K. Overpeck, Alva C. Cassel, Harold Shelly, Jr., A. W. Deppe, Harold A. Mann, Walter A. Schlagel, Allan F. Smith, John F. Boyle, Edward A. Stortz, H. Phares Mumbauer, John I. Mengel.

Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes: Richard H. Kline, John Dunn.

Timekeeper: LeRoy S. Heller

Reporter: R. C. Reichenbach

Tellers: E. W. Bean, James G. Koch, R. C. Reichenbach, David J. Watkins, Daniel G. Ziegler.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee have been contacted and each person whose name is submitted has agreed to the nomination.

All names will be submitted in alphabetical order.

Lists of proposed nominations will be submitted to the members of Annual Conference at least one session prior to the scheduled election.

We recommend the following to Annual Conference:

Whereas, various members of Annual Conference have been nominated from the floor after the Nominating Committee has sub-

mitted nominees, and

Whereas, some of these additional nominees were already members of Boards and Committees that draw heavily on their time and may not desire to take on additional responsibility; therefore be it

Resolved, that no nominations be submitted from the Conference floor without having first secured the permission of the person being nominated.

(C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Horace A. Kauffman, Secretary; John H. Riggall, Russell T. Allen, Richard H. Kline, Paul H. Cressman, Robert W. Gehret, Committee).

Resolved, That no nominations be submitted from the Conference floor without having first secured the permission of the person being nominated.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and adjourn to meet at 3:30 p. m.

Adjourned 11:40 a. m. with prayer by Earl M. Hosler.

Second Meeting

Monday Afternoon, October 10, 1966

The meeting was opened with the singing of "Blessed Assurance" and W. W. Hartman led in prayer.

The minutes of the first meeting were read and approved.

Resolved, That no one be permitted to leave the Conference without permission of the Chairman, except Pastor James G. Koch, and Delegate Robert Breitgam.

REPORT OF THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE:
(See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That each Youth Fellowship remit an offering for the work of the Youth Fellowship General Committee, and that this offering be payable to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee and that it be submitted to the secretary of said Committee at the Adjourned Session of this Conference.

Resolved, That the election of two laymen to fill the unexpired terms of the Youth Fellowship General Committee be referred to the Nominating Committee.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION AND PRINTING
(See Reports)

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER (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 make a contribution. This contribution should be mailed to the Financial Secretary of the Committee before April 1, 1967.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL CANDIDATES

The Ministerial Candidate Committee met ten times during the year. The work of securing and screening candidates for the gospel ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church was continued. Men were studied and examined as to their Christian experience, call of God to the Christian ministry, preparation for service, and their agreement with our Faith and Order. The prayers of our people for God to call men into His harvest work in the Bible Fellowship Church are desired by this Committee. God's guidance must be diligently sought in performance of its important duties.

The Committee realizes that any church which takes seriously the command of our Lord to make disciples must train men for the ministry. Knowing that the Bible Fellowship Church is no exception, we have earnestly studied and are presently in the process of preparing a program of fieldwork to provide for practical training and experience under supervision. Such a program is generally called: Field Work, and the Lord willing, such a program will be presented in the future for adoption by Annual Conference.

The following men were recommended to the Credentials Committee for examination for ordination: T. James Bigley, John H. Herb and Bruce A. Ellingson.

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

Probationers:

T. James Bigley, Bethlehem, Pa.....	1962
Leonard Buck, Union of South Africa	1958
M. Leslie Campbell, Walnutport, Pa.	1961
Bruce Ellingson, Finesville, N. J.	1963
Richard J. Gehman, Kenya, East Africa	1964
John H. Herb, Belvidere, N. J.	1962
Roy Hertzog, Monte Carlo, Monaco	1959
Paul Kuder, Allentown, Pa.	1966

Robert E. McIntyre, Allentown, Pa. (On leave of absence)	1958
Keith E. Plows, Allentown, Pa.	1966
Theodore R. Shelling, New York, N. Y.	1966
Austin B. Sullivan, Miller Heights, Pa.	1964
Harold C. Weaver, Millersville, Pa.	1963

Candidates:

David Branning, Lansdale, Pa.
 David Manney, Avoca, N. Y.
 Paul G. Zimmerman, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Ronald Zuck, Fort Washington, Pa.

Applicants:

William Bartron, Stroudsburg, Pa.
 Arthur H. Frable, Jr., Moscow, Pa.
 Larry Gradwohl, Nazareth, Pa.
 George Headley, Jr., Reading, Pa.
 Gary Hoffman, Catasauqua, Pa.
 Charles E. Kramer, Spring City, Pa.
 George F. Lee, Mt. Carmel, Pa.
 Robert Minnig, Lancaster, Pa.
 Roger Reitz, Shamokin, Pa.
 Jonathan D. Reynolds, Thompkinsville, Pa.
 Harold F. Snyder, West Nyack, N. Y.
 Dana Weller, Aristes, Pa.
 Richard Woelkers, Scranton, Pa.
 Larry Yerger, Reading, Pa.
 Leonard Yerger, Nyack, N. Y.

(Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; James A. Beil, Secretary, Russell T. Allen, William A. Heffner, George E. Herb, Committee).

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PUBLISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS
 (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the month of January be designated as subscription month.

Resolved, That a donation of \$50.00 each be given by the Board of Foreign Missions, Sunday School Promotion Committee, Board of Church Extension and Board of Directors of Berean Bible School. Checks should be made payable to Fellowship News and sent to the secretary of the committee no later than February 1, 1967.

Resolved, That the committee to Publish Fellowship News prepare a budget to be presented to the next Annual Conference for approval.

The oral reports of the Fellowship News Editor, David E. Thoman, and Business Manager, R. C. Reichenbach were submitted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

"Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine. . . ." I Timothy 4:16. Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. " II Timothy 4:2.

The Committee on Credentials held two meetings during the year to perform the duties placed upon it by this Annual Conference. The Committee is well aware of its solemn responsibilities and has sought the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the carrying out of these responsibilities.

The Faith and Order Questionnaire was sent to each of our ministers holding credentials with us. All of the Brethren signed and returned it having answered all the questions in the affirmative. We praise God for this group of ministering Brethren who are true to the Word of God and holy in manner of life.

The Ministerial Candidate Committee recommended T. James Bigley, Bruce A. Ellingson and John H. Herb for ordination. The Credential Committee interviewed these men and approved them for ordination believing them to be men called of God to the Christian ministry. The Committee, therefore, recommends that they be ordained in the Thursday evening meeting of this Annual Conference.

Pastor F. B. Hertzog has communicated with the Committee and requested that he be placed on the roll of retired ministers as of this Annual Conference. We therefore recommend that his request be granted and refer him to the Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church in order that he might be placed on the roll of retired ministers and receive annuities from the Retirement Fund.

Glenn R. Huratiak resigned from the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church as of June 26, 1966 and is serving with another denomination.

This Committee also wishes to recommend to this Annual Conference that we establish a minimum support of \$ 4,200.00 per year for all our pastors.

We have interviewed Donald B. Schaeffer who requests an indefinite leave of absence because of a physical need in his family. We recommend that his request be granted, his credentials be continued and he be listed in the Roll and Directory of Ministers under #3 Ordained Ministers, Retired and on Leave of Absence.

We would further recommend that the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee give him a sum of money to help him relocate and meet this immediate need.

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

Resolved, That Donald B. Schaeffer be granted an indefinite leave of absence, his credentials continued and his name placed on the Roll and Directory of Ministers under #3, "Ordained Ministers, Retired and on leave of Absence."

Resolved, That the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee grant Donald B. Schaeffer a sum of money to help him relocate and meet this immediate need.

Resolved, That the name of F. B. Hertzog be placed on the Roll and Directory of Ministers #3, "Ordained Ministers, Retired and on leave of Absence".

Resolved, That the recommendation of the Committee on Credentials regarding the establishment of a minimum support for pastors be assigned to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, That T. James Bigley, Bruce A. Ellingson and John Herb be ordained in the Thursday evening meeting of this Annual Conference.

Adjourned at 5:05 p. m. with prayer by Kermit K. Gehman.

Third Meeting

Monday, Evening, October 10, 1966

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following person was elected:

Treasurer of Annual Conference: Paul I. Wentz.

REPORT OF THE ALLENTOWN DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
T. D. GEHRET (See Reports)

REPORT OF THE BETHLEHEM DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT,
A. L. SEIFERT (See Reports)

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL,
JANSEN E. HARTMAN (See Reports)

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHURCH EXTENSION, WILLIAM
A. HEFFNER (See Reports)

The above reports were adopted.

REPORT OF THE MINISTERIAL CONVENTION (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

T. James Bigley, Ron Hoyle and Dr. William Campbell, missionaries on furlough, gave brief addresses to the Conference.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That all Foreign Mission funds be forwarded quarterly to the General Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

The Pastor of the Denville Church read a tribute of appreciation concerning the Church Extension Director, William A. Heffner, for his untiring ministry. He gave unreservedly of himself to the many needs of the Denville Congregation during the infant stages of their development and particularly during their building program.

Resolved, That Annual Conference grant the petition of Sinking Spring congregation to become a Conference appointment, and further,

Resolved, That this petition be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee, for the stationing of a pastor.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That each church be encouraged to support Berean Bible School at a level equal to 4% of its annual offerings, and that this support be remitted to the School in twelve monthly payments. The laymen on the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall maintain contact throughout the year with the pastors and official boards of each church, keeping them informed of the work of the school and its needs.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That Annual Conference grant the Board of Directors of the Home their request to elect the said officers, and be it further

Resolved, That the name "Board of Directors of the Home" be deleted from the Year Book as it now appears on page 9, article 4 paragraph 1 and 2, (1965 Year Book) (First Reading)

Resolved, That the By-Laws governing the Board of Directors of the Home be deleted from the Year Book. (First Reading)

(The above resolutions were adopted by a ballot vote with 72 affirmative and 1 negative vote)

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MIZPAH GROVE (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF VICTORY VALLEY (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That each church make a contribution to Victory Valley Camp. Checks shall be made payable to Victory Valley Camp and sent to the Secretary of the Board before March 1, 1967.

Adjourned 8:45 p.m. with prayer by Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

Fourth Meeting

Tuesday Morning, October 11, 1966

The meeting was opened by Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., directing in the singing of "Praise the Saviour Ye Who Know Him" followed by a vocal solo of Carl C. Cassel entitled, "Children of the Heavenly Father."

Robert Breitegam read scripture and Norman L. Reed led in prayer. The speaker of the morning was Willard E. Cassel who read Psalm 37:23-25 and brought a helpful message of the Lord guiding the steps of a good man.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Credentials Committee: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, C. E. Kirkwood, John H. Riggall, Frank L. Herb Jr.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE LOCAL CONFERENCE MINUTES

We have examined the Local Conference Records and have found them correct except for a few omissions and minor errors which were corrected by the pastors involved:

The following petitions were found:

Graterford: Resolved, that we petition the 83rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church to make the Graterford Bible Fellowship Church a self-supporting church with all the

rights and privileges thereof, effective at this conference.

Terre Hill: Whereas, a number of families living in the Ephrata area have been desirous of establishing a Bible Fellowship Church in this community; and,

Whereas, there is now available a beautiful church building and parsonage formerly used by the Nazarene Church at Chestnut Street and Washington Avenue in the borough of Ephrata, Pennsylvania; and,

Whereas, several families are presently negotiating for the purchase of this property at a cost of \$35,000; and,

Whereas, these families pledge their active support of this ministry publicly, prayerfully and financially; and,

Whereas, this congregation expects by God's enabling to be self-supporting after its first year; therefore,

Resolved: That the Berean Bible Fellowship Church of Terre-Hill ask the Eighty-third Annual Conference meeting in Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, during October, 1966, to consider our petition and grant the following:

(1) That these members who desire to establish an evangelical witness in the Ephrata community, be considered as a newly formed congregation of the Bible Fellowship Church,

(2) That the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee assign a pastor to this church.

Harleysville: We, the congregation of the Faith Bible Fellowship Church of Harleysville, Pa., petition the 83rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convening on Monday, October 10, 1966 in Reading, Pennsylvania, that this church be recognized as a station, self-supporting, with all the rights and privileges thereof.

Denville: Whereas, God in His sovereign grace and divine providence has raised up the Denville Bible Fellowship Congregation for His glory and praise, and,

Whereas, He has been pleased to quadruple the size of the congregation both in number and financial income, enabling the church to support its pastor at a rate that is well above the minimum established by the Annual Conference, and,

Whereas, it is the desire of the congregation to release the funds which it would receive in Church Extension appropriations in the future so that they may be used in the establishment of new Bible Fellowship Churches, therefore, be it,

Resolved; that the congregation, at its fourth local Conference, convened in the church, Wednesday evening, September 21, 1966, hereby express its appreciation to its sister churches in the Bible Fellowship Church for their generous and faithful assistance during its nine year history, and, be it further

Resolved: that the congregation of the Denville Bible Fellowship Church petition the 83rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church convening at Reading, Pennsylvania, on October 10, 1966, to discontinue forthwith its Church Extension appropri-

ations and admit its duly elected delegate to membership on the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee, and further, to grant the Denville congregation the status of a Station.

(F.B. Hertzog, E.W.Bean, Frank L.Herb, Jr., Leon K. Overpeck, Alva C. Cassel, Harold Shelly, Jr., A. W. Deppe, Harold A. Mann, Walter A. Schlagel, Allan F. Smith, John F. Boyle, Edward A. Stortz, H. Phares Mumbauer, John I. Mengel, Committee).

The report was adopted.

The following were elected:

Committee on Ministerial Candidates: Russell T. Allen, Earl M. Hosler, James A. Beil, Carl C. Cassel, William A. Heffner.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO REVISE STANDING RULES
(First Reading)

Formation - "Resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of three to deal with the matter in bringing up to date the Standing Rules which concern the various offerings included in the Conference Budget."

We recommend the following changes in the Standing Rules:

Page 15 - Miscellaneous

* E - delete paragraph

* G - delete paragraph

* P - delete paragraph

* S - The offering for the Home for the Aging shall be paid at the Adjourned Session.

(Robert W. Smock, Willard E. Cassel, Earl M. Hosler, Committee).

Adjourned with prayer by Alva C. Cassel.

Fifth Meeting

Tuesday Afternoon, October 11, 1966

The meeting was opened with prayer by Donald R. Knauer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

George Dippner and Bright N. Heist, delegates, were introduced to the Conference, and a word of testimony was given by Austin Shelly, missionary to Venezuela.

The following were elected:

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

Board of Foreign Missions: Willard E. Cassel, T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, C. E. Kirkwood, David E. Thomann, James R. Cressman, Kermit K. Gehman, Harold W. Griest, Roy E. Williams.

Resolved, That Annual Conference elect a Committee on Pensions consisting of five laymen, who shall bring recommendations to the Conference concerning the development of our Retirement Program and death benefits.

Resolved, That the petition of the Graterford Church be granted and be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, That we receive the petition of the Terre Hill Congregation and that it be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, That the petition of the Harleysville Church be granted and that it be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

Resolved, That we grant the petition of the Denville Church and that it be referred to the Stationing, Boundary and Appropriating Committee.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE CENTER (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

The following were elected:

Board of Directors: Jansen E. Hartman, T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, John H. Riggall, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Carl C. Cassel, Paul I. Wentz, Byron C. Cassel, Kermit K. Gehman.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY CHURCH GOVERNMENT HARMONIZATION OF 1963 and 1965 PAPERS

Introduction

Two studies on the Biblical Basis of Church Government have

been presented to the Annual Conference. The present committee has been asked to locate the areas of agreement and the areas of disagreement between the two studies:

"Resolved, that the Chairman appoint a committee of six ordained men; three from this committee and three who are advocates of the first committee's viewpoint. This committee of six shall prepare a paper for Annual Conference 1966 in which shall be set forth the areas of agreement. As to any areas of disagreement, both viewpoints shall be set forth in parallel with the Biblical basis for each." (1965 Yearbook, p. 47)

The problem to which this committee addresses itself is: Upon what principles of church government can we agree and what shall be the form of government of the Bible Fellowship Church.

In seeking to carry out the assignment given by the 1965 Conference, discussion has revealed that some areas which appeared to be areas of disagreement have decreased in size and importance. Throughout these discussions this committee has attempted to make fair judgments based upon the statements in each paper rather than on the basis of the opinion of any of the members of the present or previous committees. Misunderstandings which arose in the previous studies originated from lack of clarity and completeness rather than from diametrically opposed points of view.

Analysis

The committee has analysed the previous studies according to the following outline: (1) areas of agreement, (2) areas of disagreement, (3) questionable areas (in which it is difficult to discern where there is agreement or disagreement), (4) areas of silence in either paper. The details of the analysis are presented in Appendix I. For consistency we have used the terms "particular church" and "lower level" to refer to individual churches and the terms "fellowship of churches" and "upper level" to refer to the denomination.

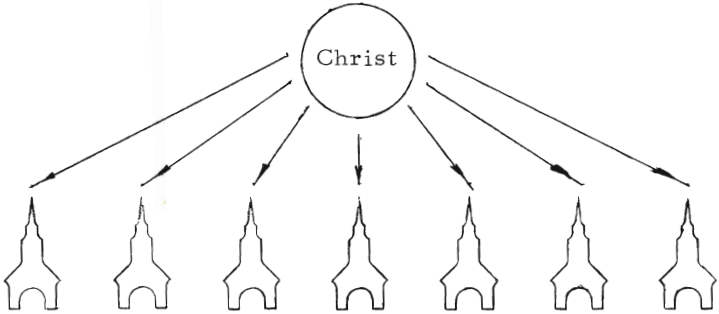
Harmonization

Believing that we should have a Biblical basis for what we do, we reject a pragmatic approach to Church government as being insufficient. Inquiry in the field of Church history reveals three systems of Church government: rule by elder, rule by congregation and rule by bishop.

Rule by congregation sounds wonderful and democratic giving each believer an equal voice in the government of the church. However all believers are not equally well qualified to enter into decisions in the particular church and on the upper level this position tends to deny the unity of the body and is opposed to denominational structure that is workable and meaningful. It results in fragmentation and lack of subordination. The well documented

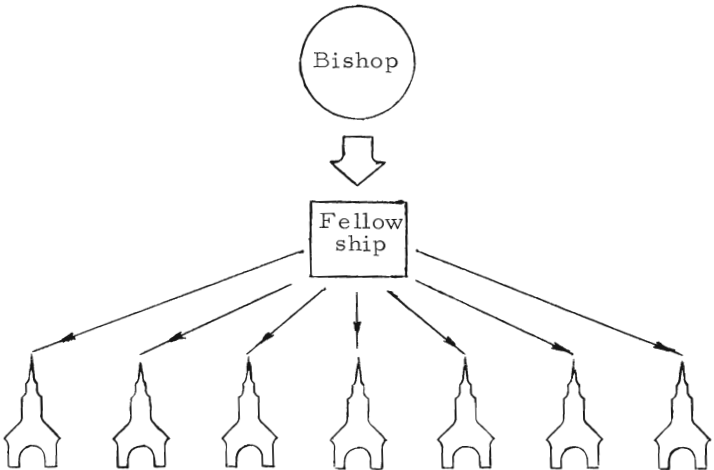
text Authority and Power In Free Church Tradition, Paul M. Harrison (Princeton University Press, 1959) gives an excellent analysis of the problems of this position in a large denomination.

Diagram #1 - Rule by Congregation



Rule by bishop seems to solve some of the problems of rule by congregation, but it creates other problems. The tendency here is to deny the completeness of the particular church as a manifestation of the body of Christ; this results in loss of initiative in the particular church. It tends to separate the clergy and laity; it does not allow the people to have sufficient voice in the life of the church to have a meaningful relationship to the church. The history of the Bible Fellowship Church over the last twenty years has been to give more responsibility and authority to more individuals.

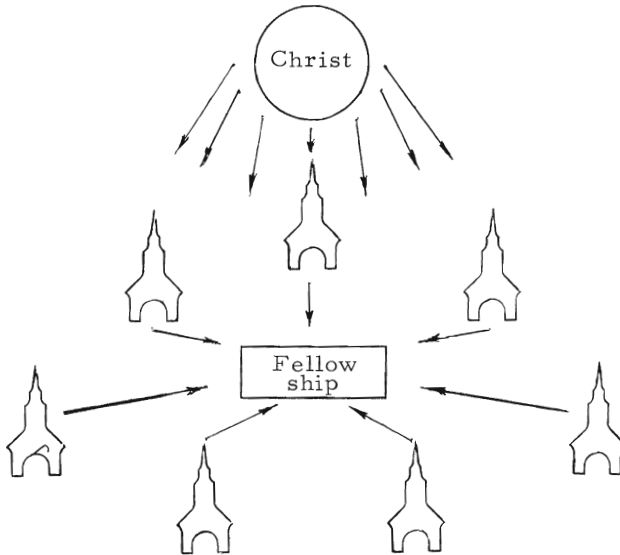
Diagram #2 - Rule by Bishop



We believe the Scripture teaches rule by elder and desire to have the system of Church Government taught in the Scripture. It

places spiritually mature individuals in positions of responsibility, allows the general membership its proper rights and provides for meaningful relationships between other churches and denominational structures.

Diagram #3 - Rule by Elder



We submit the following as support for this system.

A. Lower or Particular Church Level

1. Scripture teaches that Christ is the Head of the Church. The two papers agree on this. Any discussion of Church Government and authority must begin with Christ, the Head. However, to say that Christ is the Head of the Church is to say more than we sometimes realize. It is more than a pious cliché with which we begin and from which we immediately depart. In actuality the whole discussion of Church Government should be controlled by this consideration. For although Christ, the Head, is in Heaven, His church militant is upon earth. Thus the natural question which immediately arises is this: How is the authority resident in Christ, the Head, conveyed to the Church militant, and to whom is this authority conveyed? (See further in Appendix II).

2. Scripture teaches that Christ conveys His authority to men. The two papers agree on this. The Ascended Christ has bestowed and continues to bestow spiritual gifts. It becomes the responsibility of the members of each particular church to recognize the recipients of these gifts and to elect to office those who meet the Scriptural qualifications.

3. Scripture teaches that the recipients of His authority are elder/bishop. The two papers generally agree on this. Thus when Christ exercises His authority in a particular church, He does it through men who are elders in a particular church. It is for this reason that authority is considered as coming from the particular church to the fellowship of churches. The office of elder and bishop is the same: elders always exist in the plural; elders are in charge of particular church affairs; the pastor is an elder among elders.

It can be said that although 1963 explicitly denies any permanent office bearer higher than that of elder, the 1965 paper nowhere explicitly affirms the contrary. In referring to this matter the 1965 paper (p. 42, 1) speaks of apostles as exercising leadership and filling a unique position in the early church. Further on it speaks of the missionary function of the apostles and cites texts which refer to Barnabas and other of the apostles. A word of clarification here might aid in harmonizing the two papers.

That the word "apostle" has a variety of uses - some ordinary and some technical - no one would deny. A full detailed study of the word is beyond the purview of this paper. The New Testament speaks of "Apostles" and "apostles". In as much as the office of Apostle was not a continuing office, the Bible knows of no permanent office bearer higher than that of elder. Among the "Apostles" would be Paul and the twelve. To these men would be given special rights and privileges because they had met special qualifications. Yet by the very nature of the qualifications, the office of "Apostle" had to cease by about the end of the first Christian century. Furthermore, the New Testament makes no reference to provisions for maintaining the prerogatives of this office or transfer of authority. It is for these reasons that we speak of the office of "Apostle" as temporary and speak of no permanent office higher than that of elder. If one wants to use the word "apostle" to refer to missionaries this would not be incorrect. It does, however, lead to misunderstanding and error to cite references to "apostles" and then ascribe to the individuals all the prerogatives, privileges and qualifications of "Apostles."

The 1963 paper speaks of the distinction within the eldership, basing it upon I Timothy 5:17 where it avers to find teaching and ruling elders. While not claiming different requirements for office - holding that I Timothy 3 and Titus 1 give the qualification for office - the paper does speak of two classifications, two functions within the eldership.

The 1965 paper quotes Philip Schaff (p. 43) to substantiate the claim that all elders are required to be apt to teach. When representatives of the two committees discussed the matter of requirements for office it became evident that 1965 was proceeding on the assumption that 1963 denied the requirement of ability to teach for all elders. When it was understood that this assumption was groundless, it soon became evident that 1963 and 1965 concur in the matter of ability to teach as a requirement for all elders.

4. Scripture teaches that the authority in the particular church is (a) primary, (b) ministerial and declarative, (c) moral and spiritual. On this subject the 1965 paper was not silent even though it did not generally speak as explicitly as did the 1963 paper.

(a) The authority is primary - After discussing the matter, the present committee was led to conclude that each paper speaks of the authority conveyed by Christ, the Head, to elders is direct authority, there are no intermediaries; furthermore, it was led to conclude that it is primary authority, there is no source other than Christ from which it is derived. Thus authority for particular churches does not come from a denomination, confederation or the like, but vice versa. The denomination does not give existence to the particular church but vice versa. Although the 1965 paper (p. 12) says, "ministers from without the local church exercised strong influence over the congregation by way of instruction and rebuke," it cannot be said that this statement and the scripture reference cited (I Cor. 5:9-13) nullifies the claim that each paper speaks of the authority conveyed from Christ to the particular church as being direct and primary. This is so because no one would deny that a minister, or an apostle as in the case of I Cor. 5:9-13, might not "exercise strong influence... by way of instruction or rebuke."

(b) The authority is ministerial and declarative. Again we find that the difference between the two papers is not one of contradiction, but that of one paper being explicit on the subject and the other being silent. Perhaps a word of explanation concerning the meaning of these terms would be in order. When one speaks of the authority which Christ conveyed to elders as being ministerial and declarative he means that the task of those exercising this authority is that of ministering - serving as does a minister of His Majesty's government in England - and declaring - making known what He has revealed, not lording or originating. In other words, the task of church rulers is that of ascertaining what Christ, the Head, has said, then declaring it. Putting it in the negative, it is not akin to writing or revising a constitution for a stamp club or some voluntary organization. In the sense used above, the church is NOT a voluntary society. It is the body of which Christ is the Head and in which He exercises His Lordship. This fact when kept in mind will place limitations upon the best intentions of men, particular churches and fellowships of churches.

(c) The nature of authority in the particular church is moral and spiritual rather than legal and juridical. The church of which Christ is Head and in which elders exercise ministerial and declarative authority has no army, police force or deputy sheriffs. This does not mean it has no authority nor that the authority it has is not real authority. It does mean that because it is a spiritual entity its authority is of a different nature than that of the state. (for further evidence see material Upper level, Sec. 4, b)

5. Scripture teaches that each particular church is autonomous, but not independent. Having said that Christ is Head of the church

and exercises His authority through elders who minister and declare, and that ecclesiastical authority is moral and spiritual with no legal or juridical power, one may wonder about the extent of particular church authority. In referring to the particular church it can be said that the authority conveyed to it is general in that it is not limited as is the authority of major assemblies. Since it comes from Christ to elders of a particular church there is a real sense in which each particular church can be referred to as autonomous. But saying that each particular church is autonomous is not saying that each particular church is independent, nor is it saying all that need be said on the subject. For just as one enters the kingdom of God voluntarily and personally, not by infant baptism nor the consent of his parents, yet when once he enters he is not to live in isolation from his brethren nor be a law unto himself; just so a church, although possessing all that is necessary to its life and government, is not to exist in isolation nor be a law unto itself. Just as a believer submits himself to his brethren in the Lord and receives from them that which is conducive to his perfection and in turn contributes something to the body to which he belongs, just so a particular church submits itself to the fellowship of churches and receives from it and contributes to it for the upbuilding of the whole.

The Annual Conference exists for the well being of the churches. The local assembly of elders exist for the very being of the church; should the Annual Conference cease to function due to unusual circumstances, the churches would still exist. The particular churches have an existence apart from the Annual Conference, whereas the Annual Conference exists by virtue of the particular churches.

Does Annual Conference have authority over the particular churches? The authority of Annual Conference is derived, limited, smaller in measure and ministering. Yet this authority is not mere advice. Because the church is a spiritual entity and because there is mutual subordination on the part of the particular churches, it is not wrong to speak of the authority of Annual Conference over the particular churches. One should bear in mind that the authority of Annual Conference is limited to those things pertaining to the churches in general, those things relegated to it by the FAITH and ORDER or those things for which the particular churches make request.

B. Upper or Fellowship-wide Level

1. The Scripture teaches that churches should organize into a fellowship of churches. The two papers agree on this. They agree that this should be more than an association; there should be organizational structure to this fellowship. Two of the problems which we must guard against as we seek to serve God in our generation are (1) Independency and (2) Ecumenicalism. A proper understanding of the Biblical materials concerning fellowship of churches will help us take a clear stand on both of these problems. On the one hand, Independent Churches have taken the Biblical

material concerning the God-given ability of each church to govern itself and have pressed it to imply that any organizational relationships between churches is nonbiblical. On the other hand, horrified by the fragmentation of the church, some who see the evidence for the unity of the church have become champions of the Ecumenical Movement. The scripture does teach that there is only one church, but the advocates of the ecumenical movement have led people to believe that unity must be more important than truth. They say: Unity at any cost, but unity.

Although we do not seek to equate the Independent Movement and the Ecumenical Movement as being equally wrong, we do believe that each group distorts some aspect(s) of Biblical truth. Scripture does give basis for a fellowship of churches which includes an emphasis on the ability of churches to govern themselves and one true unity of the church.

2. The Scripture teaches that the direct or participating membership of the fellowship of churches shall be elders from the participating churches. There was disagreement between the two papers at this point. The 1963 paper indicates that only elders from particular churches shall be members of the fellowship-wide level of operation (pp. 55-57); the 1965 paper indicates that all members of the church or at least some of the members (in contra-distinction from elders) of the church should be part of the fellowship-wide level of operation (p. 41, sec. E).

In reviewing the basis for the claims made in the 1965 paper, a problem appears in the text of the verses cited. The paper indicates that the "brethren" participated in the decision and publication of the decision; but the best text indicates that this is not the sense. The ASV translates it: "...the apostles, and the elders, brethren..." (Acts 15:23) thereby making the word "brethren" refer to the "apostles and elders," The "and" between "elders and brethren" which the KJV includes to make a series of three is not in the best manuscripts. The phrase "with the whole church" in 15:22 does not fully support the idea of the entire congregation participating in the decision, but rather indicates that the whole congregation agreed with the decision. The basis for this interpretation is 16:4 where the narrative says that Paul and Silas delivered the decree that was "ordained of the apostles and elders that were at Jerusalem." Thus the elders from the various churches properly chosen and recognized become the members of the decision-making body of the fellowship of churches.

3. The Scripture teaches that the binding force in such a fellowship of churches is the mutual conviction of the truth of the Biblical doctrines agreed upon by the fellowship of churches. The 1965 paper states this conviction; the 1963 paper does not state it, but it does recognize the need for this kind of unifying force. Both papers agree that we need a firm basis for our work together. Because each believer and each church must answer to God for its response to His revelation in the Bible, therefore our mutual

understanding of God's revelation is the binding force in our union. Those believers who are convinced of the same body of teaching from Scripture form a particular church; those churches which hold the same teachings are brought into closer fellowship with one another than with any other group of churches forming a fellowship of churches. Thus our conviction concerning our mutual beliefs is the basis of our union as the Lord manifests Himself to us and among us. We are not bound together simply by the fact that we were basically begun by the same group of men; we are not bound together simply by the "trust clause" in the titles to our properties; we are not bound together simply by the fact that separation is difficult. If these things are not so (and we believe they are not), then we declare ourselves bound together by our mutual understanding of the Word of God under the guidance of the Spirit of God.

4. The Scripture teaches that the authority in a fellowship of churches (a) originates in Christ, (b) is spiritual in its nature, (c) progresses by mutual subordination and (d) is limited.

(a) The origin of authority in a fellowship of churches is Christ, the Head. Both papers say that the only source of authority in the fellowship of churches is Christ or the Holy Spirit. On p. 41, sec. E, the 1965 paper is emphasizing the fact that the Jerusalem Council had real authority. The churches recognized the Council's authority because the Holy Spirit directed. Because the nature of the church is spiritual, the only authority in the church must be spiritual. Christ is the only head of the church whether composed as particular churches or as a fellowship of churches.

(b) The nature of the authority in a fellowship of churches is moral and spiritual. The 1963 paper speaks concerning the nature of authority in the church. (pp. 52-56). The 1965 paper does not deal with this area explicitly; on p. 41, sec. E it says that the authority is real because it is Spirit directed. This implies that authority in the church is spiritual; therefore men are morally obligated to obey it.

The authority in the church is moral and spiritual because the church is a spiritual entity. To say anything other than this would be as if one would speak of a creature with a human body and the non-material nature of a lion. The two just do not fit together. The moral and spiritual nature of the authority of the church applies to the particular church as well as to the fellowship-wide level. Because more time was spent discussing the nature of authority on the fellowship-wide level in the 1963 paper, an erroneous impression may have been given that the moral and spiritual authority of the fellowship-wide level was less demanding than the kind of authority on the particular-church level. Actually, however, authority in the church is always and everywhere moral and spiritual because the church is spiritual; on the particular church level not only on the fellowship-wide level.

To speak of authority as being moral and spiritual is to comment on its nature. It is not commenting upon how demanding it is. But because it is moral and spiritual, it is actually more demanding than legal or juridical authority. Submission to moral and spiritual authority demands inner submission as well as outward conformity. Outward conformity alone may satisfy legal or juridical rule. But with the church of Christ it is quite different. He judges inner or spiritual judgment rather than outward or legal judgment. This is true in every aspect of the church - on the particular church level as well as the fellowship-wide level.

(c) The authority in the fellowship of churches moves (progresses) by mutual subordination. The 1963 paper speaks of this (pp.56-57); this area is not discussed by the 1965 paper. Some may think it dangerous to state that each church is invested by the Lord with sufficient authority to govern herself in every aspect of her life. To state this in other terms is to state that each church is autonomous. However the danger is removed when these churches realize that their fellowship is to be one in which each particular church voluntarily subordinates herself to each of the other churches and to the fellowship of churches. This is necessary if each church takes seriously the fact that it is not the complete body of Christ. Other equally Christ-possessed churches exist. As soon as there are two or more equally Christ-possessed churches, their relationship must be defined. Size, age, loudness of voice, financial contributions are of little importance. Christ, the Head, indicates that each part of His body is to be voluntarily and inwardly subordinate to Himself and to all other parts of His body. The particular churches are a part of the fellowship because they desire to be; and, therefore, they surrender their autonomy to the group as a whole. They are bound to obey the decisions of the group by the same strength of concern that makes them a part of the group.

Three alternatives present themselves in particular churches relating themselves to one another. First, each may be organizationally independent of all others. We have already seen that this violates the Biblical information concerning the unity of the body of Christ. Each church is not a law to itself but must evidence its relationship to other churches. Second, each church may be simply a segment of the larger body rather than a body capable of self-government. This view makes the fellowship the church rather than allowing the particular church to be the church. It appears to violate the Biblical emphasis on self-government. Third, each church may govern herself (to be autonomous) and yet recognize her responsibility to subordinate herself to sister churches and to the group of churches. Although this view is not beyond the possibility of abuse, it alone recognizes the Biblical emphasis on self-government of each church and the unity of the body of Christ.

(d) The authority of a fellowship of churches is limited for two reasons: (1) Its authority is limited because it is secondary and derived rather than primary and original. This limitation is pe-

cular to the upper, or fellowship-wide level of the church. The 1963 paper teaches this. The 1965 paper does not deal with this material. The New Testament teaches that the particular church is invested by the Head of the church with authority to govern herself in every area of her life; therefore, the authority of the particular church is primary and original. Therefore, the authority of the fellowship of churches must be secondary and derived. The other side is also clear: The New Testament teaches that the fellowship of churches is dependent upon the particular churches rather than the particular churches being dependent upon the fellowship of churches. The flow of authority is from Christ, the Head, to the particular church and from the particular church to the fellowship of churches. This means that the authority of a fellowship of churches is limited (a) to matters that pertain to the churches in fellowship or (b) to matters which the particular churches have agreed to take care of together.

Problems arise only when the decisions of the fellowship and the desires of the particular church come into conflict. The usual solution to such problems should be that the particular church should accept the decision of the fellowship because the larger group should be more objective in discerning the mind of the Lord. Because the particular church is invested by the Lord with the right to govern itself, some might think that it has a right to do as it pleases; but because the particular church is also made a part of the fellowship by the Lord, it should be bound by the decisions of the fellowship. This relationship is expressed by saying that each church is autonomous (having the right to govern itself) in contrast to saying that each church is independent (having the right to do as it pleases). If this approach does not result in mutual understanding between the particular church and the fellowship, both must give full opportunity for reconsideration, restudy and recourse based on Biblical teaching. The moral and spiritual nature of our union demands this. Although it is possible that a member might, as a final resort, desire to withdraw from the group, such action could not be considered without having previously exhausted all possible means of reconciliation. The moral and spiritual nature of the union in a fellowship of churches is based on their mutual understanding of the teaching of Scripture; therefore, withdrawal could never be considered except on the basis of difference in understanding the Scripture.

(2) Its authority is limited because it is ministerial and declarative rather than self-derived or self-originated; this limitation is true for the entire church - upper and lower level. One of the basic reasons for this is that the church is Christ's, not man's. This means that men cannot properly decide how the church shall be formed or ruled; only Christ can do this. Men are charged with the responsibility of leadership in the church, but these men must be spiritually qualified elders because their authority is ministerial and declarative rather than inherent and originating in themselves. The elders do not, in and of themselves, rule the church by rules and principles they have devised out of their own heads

or hearts. The elders rule the church as undershepherds at the direction of Christ, the Head, according to rules and principles which He has given in the Scripture. Because spiritual things are spiritually discerned, these men must have the qualifications outlined by Paul in I Timothy 3, etc. As such they serve Christ (their authority is ministerial) and the church by declaring Christ's will (their authority is declarative).

5. The Scripture teaches that the particular church has the right and responsibility to govern itself. Scripture is silent, however, concerning permanent fellowship-wide offices. This implies that the fellowship-wide level shall have offices that are in keeping with the God-given responsibilities of the particular church. These offices must be carefully defined. The papers may disagree concerning the necessity for and authority of officers on the fellowship-wide level. The 1963 paper says that there is no higher permanent office than that of elder recognized in the New Testament (pp 58. 59). "Permanent" is used in that paper to distinguish Apostles from other church leaders; Apostles had higher authority than elders, but by definition the office as such did not continue in the church after the first century. (See page 5, this paper - "Apostle, apostle") The 1965 paper (p. 46 sec. 4) says that churches in fellowship shall be responsible for selection of denominational officers. This indicates simply that denominational officers are necessary.

This may or may not be an area of disagreement. It will be an area of agreement if the offices are defined in such a way that the elders are still the highest permanent officers in the church. If the delineation of the offices on the level of the fellowship of churches creates a gradation of clergy or looks in that direction, there is disagreement.

In seeking to interpret the actions of the Annual Conference on this part of our problem an interesting pattern has developed. As late as 1951 the duties of the District Superintendent included a statement such as: "He has the superintendance of the work of all the societies within the bounds of his district." This no longer is present, and the conference for several years has been less than eager to examine the office of District Superintendent and define his duties. In addition to this we notice a trend that began in 1941 and has continued to the present. At that time items of business began to be taken to the Board of Directors (Executive Board) which never had been taken there before. Previously the Presiding Elders made these decisions by themselves. In 1945 we limited the time one might serve in the office of District Superintendent. In 1958 we gave each church and pastor the opportunity to express his desire regarding pulpit supply; previously stationing was done largely by the District Superintendent. In 1960 we established the Ministerial Candidate Committee and the Credentials Committee. These committees now take care of the work of enlisting, training and supervising the men who have ordination credentials with our denomination; previously the District Superintendent did this. In

1962 we established the Board of Mizpah Grove for the supervision of the summer camp meeting program; this work was previously done by the District Superintendent. Each of these actions came only after a two-thirds vote of the conference at two succeeding annual sessions. Our voting record during the last 25 years indicates a desire to limit the authority of the office of District Superintendent in our fellowship.

AREA OF DISAGREEMENT

1963

The question of who is authorized to exercise discipline is answered differently in the two papers - 1963 refers the authority to elders, 1965 refers it to the congregation (I Cor. 5). The scripture cited by 1965 is that of Matthew 18:15-18. (The 1963 paper does not cite specific references). It would be in order to turn to these references and see what can be learned.

The words "tell it to the church" (in Matthew 18:15-18) admittedly can be construed to mean "tell it to the congregation!" That this is a possible interpretation can hardly be denied. However, to say that it is the only interpretation is hardly accurate and does not do justice to other scripture references. We all subscribe to the tenet that scripture best interprets scripture, and that which may seem a valid interpretation when isolated is rendered invalid when other relevant passages are allowed to speak.

When we turn to scripture to ascertain how the word "church" is used we soon discover that the seemingly obvious meaning of "tell it to the congregation" is not so obvious. Note, for instance, Ephesians 5:25 "... Christ... loved the church and gave himself up for it..." That the word "church" is not to be in-

1965

The impression was given in 1965 that the congregation initiated discipline. This is an overstatement of the case in that the intent of the 1965 paper was rather that the congregation must concur in the act of discipline before it can be final.

The initiatory action of discipline must originate from the Elders since discipline is an act of rule, but the Bible, in both injunction and practice, teaches final ratification of the action is enacted by the local church. The passage in I Cor. 5:4-5 clearly indicates that the man who was living in fornication was to be delivered to Satan by those who were gathered together. (I Cor. 1:2)

The writers of Scripture which speak of discipline in no case address the officers of the Church nor instruct them that it is their sole authority and duty to carry out final excommunication. Rather in each case the Church is directed to finalize this action. (Matt. 18:17; I Cor. 5:4; II Cor. 2:6) II Cor. 2:6 illustrated that "the many" (A. S. V.) were involved in the discipline of the man who lived in fornication. Vincent concurs when he says "the many" is "the majority of the Church."

John Owen in his book, The

terpreted to mean "congregation" here is obvious. Furthermore, when we speak of the "powers of the state" we often mean those individuals within the state authorized to act. So also in the church. Thus to make Matthew 18:15-18 mean "tell it to the congregation" may not be the only valid interpretation.

Reflecting further upon Biblical usage, we might recall that the Bible can attribute to an individual what is done by representatives (cf. II Chron. 7:5). With this in mind, and also the many Biblical references to elders ruling (I. Tim. 5:17), taking responsibility (Acts 20:28-31) and not lording it over the flock (I Peter 5:2), one would expect a task as difficult and demanding as discipline to be exercised by those responsible for ruling. Furthermore, the authority possessed by the Church is authority conveyed to it by Christ and exercised for Him by elders. Hence it would be unusual, unless clearly commanded elsewhere, to expect disciplinary action to be exercised by any other than those normally ruling in Christ's behalf. In the face of no evidence to the contrary, we conclude that Matthew 18:15-18 is no exception to the rule that elders rule.

Because of the nature of church discipline especially excommunication, the entire congregation must enter into the execution of the discipline or it is meaningless. What is the value of excommunicating a member formally if the other members continue to treat him as a brother. This fact gives the basis for the statements of Scripture that appear to involve the congregation in discipline.

True Nature of a Gospel Church, pp. 113-114, expresses some practical reasons why the whole church must ratify the action taken by the Elders:

This excommunication, as we have proved before, is an act of church-authority exerted in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; and if so, then it is an act of the officers of the church... for there is no authority in the church, properly so called, but what resides in the officers of it... And there are two reasons which prove that the power of excommunication, as to the authoritative exercise of it, is in the elders of the church:-

(a) Because the apostles, by virtue of their office-power in every church, did join in the authoritative excommunication, as is plain in the case insisted on, I Cor. 5; and there is no office-power now remaining but what is in the elders of the church.

(b) It is an act of rule; but all rule, properly so-called, is in the hands of rulers only. We may add hereunto, that the care of the preservation of the church is its purity, of the vindication of its honour, of the edification of all its members, of the correction and salvation of offenders, is principally incumbent on them, or committed unto them, as we have declared....

Howbeit, it cannot be denied but that the interest, yea the power of the whole church, in the fraternity of it, is greatly to be considered herein; for indeed wherever the apostle treats of it, he doth not anywhere recommend it unto the officers of the church in a peculiar manner,

but unto the whole church or the brethren therein... Wherefore the whole church is concerned herein, both in point of duty, interest, and power:-

(1) In point of duty; for by virtue of mutual watch of all the members of the church over each other, and of the care incumbent upon every one of them, for the good, the honour, the reputation, and the edification of the whole, it is their duty, jointly and severally, to endeavor the purging out from among them of every thing that is contrary to these ends.

(11) In interest they have also a concernment therein. They are to look that no root of bitterness spring up among them, lest themselves be at length defiled thereby....

(111) In point of power; for the execution of this sentence is committed unto and rests in the body of the church. According as they concur and practise, so it is put in execution or suspended; for it is they who must withdraw communion from them, or the sentence is of no validity. This punishment must be inflicted by the "many"; who are also to restore him who is rebuked: Wherefore, excommunication without the consent of the church is a mere nullity.

As a result the Eldership is limited in the area of final excommunication thus sharing with the local church final disciplinary action. (See page 44, #4 and page 46, par. 1 and 2.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

I. WE RECOMMEND THAT A COMMITTEE OF ORDAINED MINISTERS BE ELECTED TO DEVISE LEGISLATION ON THE

BASIS OF THE FOLLOWING PRINCIPLES: THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE PRESENTED FOR APPROVAL AT TWO ANNUAL CONFERENCES.

A. Lower or Particular Church Level

1. The Basis of the Particular Church

The Church is the body of which Christ is the Head. Although Scripture uses this term of the church as invisible, it also uses it of particular visible manifestations of His body.

2. The Membership of the Particular Church

a. Its Composition: the believers in a given community who believe the Scripture as interpreted in the Articles of Faith of the Bible Fellowship Church and are willing to submit to the Order of the Bible Fellowship Church, shall be recognized as a particular church.

b. Duties and Rights of the Congregation

(1) Each congregation has the right to elect officers according to the qualifications for church officers in Scripture and the rules of the Bible Fellowship Church.

(2) Each congregation has the duty to place itself under the leadership of these duly elected officers as God's rulers in the congregation. (See 4, C.2 below, for the limits of the rights of elders).

(3) The pastor shall be chairman of congregational meetings and the secretary of the Board shall be secretary of the congregational meetings.

3. The Authority of the Particular Church

a. The Authority of the particular church is primary because it proceeds directly from Christ, the Head. He enables each congregation to govern itself. The particular church, therefore, is autonomous; but it cannot be independent because it is part of a larger body. In exercising its God-given ability to govern itself; it must give mutual subordination to other particular churches and to the fellowship of Churches.

b. The Authority of the Particular Church is ministerial and declarative. It may not ignore the teachings of Scripture nor may it add to the teaching of Scripture in exercising its ability to rule itself. It serves Christ, the Head; but this service becomes man-centered rule rather than service to Christ when not based upon His Word. The decisions of the church are simply declarations of His will and action.

c. The Authority of the Particular Church is moral and spiritual. Submission to this authority is inner submission not simply outward conformity.

4. The officers of the Particular Church

a. Christ the Head of the Church conveys His authority to the leaders in the particular church. This body of leaders shall be called the Board of Elders.

b. The Composition and Election of the Board of Elders

(1) This Board shall be composed of the Pastor and all the active elders of the congregation.

(2) The lay elders shall be elected by majority vote of the congregation. They shall be mature men who meet the qualifications of Scripture (I Tim.3; Titus 1; I Peter 5).

(3) The number of elders chosen to serve on the Board shall be established by the congregation by ballot vote upon the recommendation of the Board of Elders.

(4) The term of service for active elders shall be three years; one third of the Board shall be elected each year.

(5) The Pastor shall serve as chairman of the Board of Elders; the lay elders shall elect one of their number to serve as secretary.

c. The Duties and Rights of the Board of Elders

(1) The chief duty of the Board of Elders is the general oversight of the life and work of the church including the preaching, sacraments, discipline, worship, evangelism, music, visitation, finances and maintenance of properties. This work can be carried out by Committees required by local conditions.

(2) Because they are "undershepherds" and not "lords" the elders shall rule in the congregation according to the direction of Christ, the Chief Shepherd, as expressed in the Scripture and the needs of the members. They shall hold semiannual congregational meetings to report the status of the work to the congregation; and when they deem it advisable present recommendations to the congregation. The congregation shall have the power to accept, to suggest changes or to reject such recommendations.

(3) The Board of elders shall be the chief point of contact between the particular church and the fellowship of Churches and its organizations. The elders shall elect from their number the representatives from the par-

particular church to fellowship-wide level.

d. Other servants of the Particular Church

Deacons and others who serve in the church may be elected or appointed for specific responsibilities. Being chosen for this work does not make the individual an elder in the church.

B. Upper or Fellowship-Wide Level

1. The Basis for a Fellowship of Churches.

a. The Bible provides for a Fellowship of Churches.

b. The ground of cooperation in a fellowship of churches shall be mutual conviction of the truth of the Biblical doctrines agreed upon.

2. The Membership of a Fellowship of Churches.

The particular churches shall be presented at the Fellowship level by elders from the participating churches.

3. The Authority of a Fellowship of Churches.

a. The authority of the Fellowship of Churches is secondary in that it is derived from the particular churches. The authority flows from Christ, the Head, to the particular churches and from the particular churches to the fellowship of churches.

b. The nature of the authority of the Fellowship of Churches is moral and spiritual - the particular churches are morally obligated to obey it.

c. The authority in the fellowship of churches is characterized by mutual subordination on the part of the participating churches.

d. The authority in the fellowship of churches is ministerial and declarative in that its rules and principles of operation are from Christ, the Head, and not humanly devised.

e. The authority of the fellowship of churches is limited to matters that pertain to the churches in fellowship or to matters which the particular churches have agreed to take care of together.

4. The Officers of a Fellowship of Churches.

a. The officers of the fellowship of churches shall be elected by the representatives of the fellowship-wide level.

b. The officers of the fellowship of churches shall not have apostolic or bishopric powers over the particular churches, nor shall they create a gradation of clergy.

c. The duties of the officers of the fellowship of churches shall be spelled out in such a way as not to violate the autonomy of the particular churches.

Some question the concern over church government - because our concern, they claim, should be for evangelism. In fact, the concern for government originates in a desire for stronger churches, pastors and laymen. These in turn will be more able evangelists and teachers.

The principles recommended here advocate more responsibilities for more people. The leaders of each church will need to face and accept the responsibility for the program of their church. Pastors will need to encourage laymen to accept greater responsibility. Our relationships to one another as particular churches and as a body will make demands of us in mutual concern and subordination.

Some will object to adopting these principles because they cannot readily see of individuals available now in our churches to make such a program easily workable. We must be concerned about this; and therefore must be ready to be patient teachers and leaders. However we must also ask whether continuing to withhold responsibility will help us become stronger. It does not work that way with our children. Even in our physical body lack proper activity brings weakness. An arm does not get stronger in a sling nor a leg in a cast. If we wait to give men responsibility until we think they are ready, we are cutting them off from the very thing that will allow them to exercise necessary to become strong.

While it will not happen immediately or automatically, changing our form of government to allow greater responsibility to churches and to individuals in the churches will develop stronger churches and people. We urge the adoption of these principles because we believe the Lord will use them to lead us to greater spiritual and numerical growth.

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Discussion: This second recommendation is advisable for the following reasons:

A. The foregoing study of Biblical material indicates that the office of District Superintendent is not essential to the nature of the church.

B. Many have felt the financial demands of having two District Superintendents to be out of proportion for the number of churches we have.

C. Presently we, as a denomination, face a shortage of ministers: to take this action would help to solve our problem.

D. This recommendation would not be contrary to any of our present rules. We have no rule that demands electing two District Superintendents. We have no rule concerning the frequency of the District Superintendent's visits. We have a rule which says the pastor shall be chairman of the local conference when the District Superintendent is not present.

E. This is a propitious time to take this action.

APPENDIX I

Particular Church

I. Areas of Agreement

A. Christ is the Head of the Church - 1963 - pp. 48,49; 1965 pp. 37,41.

B. The authority of Christ is conveyed to men who are termed elders/bishops - 1963 - p.48; 1965 - pp.41,43,44.

C. Office of elder and bishop are the same - 1963 - pp. 48-50; 1965 - p. 43.

D. Elders always exist in the plural - 1963 - pp. 49,50; 1965 - p. 44.

E. Elders are selected by the people - 1963 - pp. 48,50; 1965 - p. 44.

F. Elders were in charge of local church affairs - 1963 - pp. 49,50; 1965 - p. 43.

G. Pastor an elder among elders - 1963 - p. 58; 1965 - p. 43.

II. Areas of Disagreement

Discipline 1963

1965

Exercised by elders - p. 50
p. 44,46.

Exercised by congregation - p

See page 15f, this paper, for substantiation of each position.

III. Questionable areas

A. Does each paper distinguish between Ruling/Teaching elders? - 1963 - pp. 48, 49; 1965 - p. 43.

B. Does each paper claim that there is no higher permanent office bearer than that of elder? - 1963 - p. 49; 1965 - pp. 46, 47.

IV. Areas of Silence in Either Paper

A. Silence in the 1963 paper:

1. 1965 refers to the role of the Apostle in the church - p. 42.

2. 1965 refers to the role of the Apostolic delegates in the church. p - 42.

B. Silence in the 1965 paper:

1. 1963 refers to the authority of Particular Church in the following ways: p. 49

a. It is spiritual authority - it concerns things spiritual, not juridical.

b. It is primary authority - it is received directly from Christ, not indirectly.

c. It is general authority - it is not limited as is the authority of major assemblies.

2. 1963 refers to the Particular Church as autonomous - pp 49, 50.

3. 1963 spells out the following implications:

a. A Board of Elders is the governing body of the Particular Church.

b. Elders are equals among equals thus giving a wide exercise of the authority of Christ's Headship.

c. Elders are to be elected to rule on the basis of scriptural, spiritual qualifications, rather than chosen as individuals to perform specific tasks.

Fellowship-Wide Level

I. Areas of Agreement

A. The New Testament teaches that there should be a fellowship of Churches - 1963 - pp. 51-52; 1965 - p. 41, sec.E.

B. The source of authority in a fellowship of churches is Christ or the Holy Spirit - 1963 - pp. 52, 53; 1965 - p. 41, sec.E.

C. There are proper joint efforts to be arranged by the fellowship of churches - 1963 - pp. 50, 58; 1965 - p. 46, sec.E.

II. Areas of Disagreement

A. As to whether the fellowship of churches includes only elders or members and elders.

1963

1965

Includes elders only - pp. 50
sec. E-6; 57, 57.

Includes members also - p.
41, sec.E.

III. Questionable areas

A. What is the nature of the authority of the fellowship of Churches?

1963

1965

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It is derived not original 2. Limited not unlimited 3. Conditional not unconditional <p>pp. 57, 58.</p> | <p>This paper does not commit
itself specifically - p. 41, sec.
E.</p> |
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B. Do we need officers on the fellowship-wide level and what shall be their authority?

No higher permanent office
than elder pp. 57, 59.

The fellowship shall choose
officers; authority not defined -
p. 46, sec. 4.

IV. Areas of Silence in Either Paper

A. Silence in 1963

1. 1965 speaks of the formulation of a Faith & Order - p. 47.

B. Silence in 1965

1. 1963 speaks of:
 - a. The nature of authority in the church as moral and spiritual - pp. 53-56.
 - b. The progression of authority in a fellowship of churches as by mutual subordination - pp. 56-57.

c. The limits of authority of the fellowship of churches as

- 1). Derived and limited - p. 57,58.
- 2). Ministerial and declarative, not self-derived-p.58.

APPENDIX II

DEACON, BISHOP, ELDER

I. THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR DEACON, BISHOP AND ELDER

A. Deacon

1. Meaning of word

Thayer: "One who executes the commands of another, especially of a master; a servant, attendant, minister."

2. Use

The noun appears some 27 times in a non-technical sense, e.g. Matt.20:2 "whosoever shall be great... shall be your servant." Also Eph.3:7, Gal.2:17. Of these 27 times it is rendered "minister" (20) and "servant" (7).

The technical use of the noun is found three times in the New Testament: Phil.1:1, I Tim.3:8,12, all in the plural. The verb is given the technical translation in two places, both in the Pastorals, I Tim.3:10,13.

3. Function

This is summarized in Thayer's definition, "one who by virtue of the office assigned him by the church cares for the poor and has charge of and distributes the money collected for their use."

4. Qualifications

Cf. I Timothy 3:8-13.

No mention of need for knowledge of the Word.
 No mention of need for ability to instruct others.
 No exclusion of youth (but must be proven men).
 Positively, they were to be men of high spiritual and moral qualities.

5. History

Deacons are mentioned in the Fathers. Cf. Ante Nicene Fathers I p. 16, Clement of Rome, p.34 Ignatius, p.51 Polycarp.

6. Summary

The work of a deacon was that of serving, not ruling; it was in the realm of the temporal, not spiritual.

The qualifications were not as stringent as those of elder.

They are not mentioned in the instruction from Paul to Titus.

They are separated from the "elders" in the address to the church at Philippi (1:1). Thus in this church there were 1) elders, 2) deacons.

B. Bishop

1. Meaning of word

Thayer: "An overseer, a man charged with the duty of seeing that things to be done by others are done rightly; any curator, guardian, or superintendent."

Of the corresponding verb Thayer says: "To look upon, inspect, oversee, look after, care for: spoken of the care of the church which rested upon the presbyters."

2. Use

It is used some six times to refer to New Testament church officers or their work.

Acts 20:28 }
 Phil. 1:1 } ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΟΣ
 I Tim. 3:2 }
 Titus 1:7 }

I Tim. 3:1 - ΕΠΙΣΚΟΠΗ

The verb is used in I Peter 5:2 (some texts).

The plural is found in Acts 20:28 and Phil. 1:1 and I Pet. 5:2.

3. Function

As the name implies and the usage demands, it is parallel with elder. Thus what will be said of elder applies to bishop. For the proof of the synonymous use of these terms see the summary.

4. Qualifications

The qualifications are parallel to those of elder, cf. I Tim. 3:1 ff; Titus 1:5 ("elder"), 1:7 ("bishop"); Acts 20:17, 28. They rule and teach.

5. History

Lightfoot (Philippians, p. 196) says, "The episcopate was formed not out of the apostolic order by localisation but out of the presbyterial by elevation: and the title, which originally was common to all, came at length to be appropriated to the chief among them."

Rackham (Acts, p. cii) says, "We may say at once that it has not yet acquired the definite sense which it holds in the letters of Ignatius and which it still holds today, viz of a single ruler of a diocese."

It was subsequent to apostolic times that the gradated clergy arose:

Bishop - ruler of many churches
 Elder - pastor of one church
 Deacon - novice clergyman

C. Elder

1. Meaning of word

Thayer: "Among Christians, these who presided over the assemblies (or churches). That they did not differ at all from the bishops or overseers is evident from the fact that the two words are used indiscriminately...." "The title 'bishop' denotes the function, 'elder' the dignity; the former was borrowed from Greek institutions, the latter from the Jewish."

2. Use

The word is used about 15 times to refer to New Testament officers. The word is always in the plural until the Pastorals, and here the singular is only once used to refer to church officers. Even this is no exception to the plural usage, the nature of the case demanding a singular form (I Tim.5:19).

The first technical use of the word is found in Acts 11:30, cir. A.D. 44.

3. Function

The term and function seem clearly to have been taken over from Israel. This, perhaps, accounts for the lack of explanation for the use of the office. The deaconate bring something without parallel in Israel is explained if Acts 6 is accepted as the explanation for the origin of the deaconate.

They are the rulers in the particular assemblies.

They receive alms	Acts. 11:30; Titus 1:5ff; I Tim.
They rule.	5:17; I Pet. 5:2; Acts 20:17,28
They teach.	

They are part of the requirements for a New Testament church. Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5.

4. Qualifications

Moral and spiritual	Cf. I Tim. 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9;
Ability to teach	Acts 20:17,28; I Peter 5:1-4;
Exemplary life	Hebrews 13:17.
Christian experience	

5. History

Cf. Bishop

6. Resume

The elders were a group of men ($\alpha\lambda\eta\lambda\omicron\tau\epsilon\varsigma$) in every church who ruled by divine appointment (Acts 20:17,28). They were not all what we today would call "clergymen". Thus we must not read into the word "elder" our ideas of minister, pastor, etc. and restrict it to the professional clergy. The qualifications for elder must be borne in mind when we think of the qualifications for church officers.

7. Summary

The arguments for the identification of bishops with elders are according to Lightfoot (Philippians, p. 96f.):

a. Philippians 1:1. The addresses are "bishops" and "deacons". Paul would hardly bypass the second order, elders, who were essential to the existence of a church.

b. Acts 20:17. Paul called for the "elders," in addressing them he calls them "bishops" 20:28.

c. I Peter 5:1,2. Peter appeals to the "elders," then admonishes them to fulfill the office of bishops.

d. I Tim. 3:1-7. Paul speaks of "bishops" and he omits "elders." Later in the same epistle, 5:17, he calls those officers no longer "bishops" but "elders."

e. Titus 1:5-7. "Ordain elders in every city" was Paul's instruction. When speaking of the qualifications for the "elders," he calls them "bishops."

f. This identity of office is sub-apostolic. Cf. Ignatius,

Clement of Rome, Polycarp.

The positions of Timothy at Ephesus and Titus at Crete were temporary according to Lightfoot (op. cit. p. 199).

Conclusion:

Bishop and elder are synonymous in New Testament usage. They refer to church officers who rule and/or teach.

Deacon refers to one who served. Their requirements for office were slightly less stringent than those for elders.

II. THE BIBLICAL BASIS FOR THE DISTINCTION WITHIN THE ELDERSHIP

"The words 'especially those who labor in preaching (literally 'in word') and teaching' show that already in Paul's day a distinction began to be made between those whom today we call 'ministers' and those whom we still call 'elders'. All rule, and to a certain extent all teach, but some (in addition to ruling) labor in preaching (expounding the Word to the assembled congregation), and teaching (imparting instruction to the youth, to enquirers, and to all who stand in need of it). They specialize in it, working at it. It requires much of their time and effort: preaching, teaching, and preparing for it.

(New Testament Commentary I-II Timothy-Titus, William Hendriksen, p. 180 ")

"especially those that labour in (the) word and teaching (therefore the preaching of the word, and teaching), was not the office of all the elders." (Italics his.)

(Alford's Greek Testament, Vol.III, p.351)

"Elders not called to teach ordinarily, or administer the sacraments, but to assist and help in the rule and government of the church, are mentioned in the Scripture, Romans 12:8; I Cor. 12:28; I Timothy 5:17.)

(Owen, Works, Vo. XIX, p.535)

"If all that rule well be worthy of double honor, especially they that labor in the word and doctrine, it is plain that there be some who do not labor, for if all had been of this description the meaning would have been absurd; but the word 'especially' points out a difference.

"If I should say all who study well at the university are worthy of double honor, especially they that labor at the study of theology, I mean that all do not apply themselves to the study of theology, or I speak nonsense."

(Dr. Whitaker, 17th century Cambridge professor)

So also: Ussher, Lightfoot, Whitby, Potter, Burnett, and Dodwell; all Anglicans. Doddridge, Dwight, Ladd and Owen; all Congregationalists.

III. THE POSITION OF EACH PAPER

Each paper claims that all elders should possess the ability to teach (1965, p. 39 (3); p. 43 (3); p. 46 - III 1963, p. 48) and that all elders should have the ability to rule (1965, p. 39 (3) - 1963 - p. 49). Each paper claims that the functions of elders include teaching and ruling. Neither paper claims that all elders are pastors, thereby denying the distinction within the eldership; on the other hand, neither paper claims that teaching elders are monarchical bishops among a group of elders, thereby denying the office and function of ruling elders.

Because the church is essentially a spiritual entity it well might be that referring to the pastor as first among equals (I Cor. 12:28, Eph. 4:11) is putting it as well as is possible. In practice it means that the pastor exercises a stronger influence in some particular areas; the ruling elder exercise a stronger influence in other areas of church life. Yet all are elders, and within the eldership there are these dual functions.

Pastors teach and rule; ruling elders rule and teach. The former are termed "teaching elders" by 1963 (Yearbook, p. 48, 49), the later "ruling elders" by the same paper. If the terminology is objectionable perhaps other terms can be substituted, yet one should keep in mind that the term "elder" is biblical terminology. Paul wrote to elders and insisted on the establishment of elders in every church. Peter called himself an "elder". In any case, altering the terminology need not alter the concept.

Deny if we will the interpretation of I Timothy 5:17 suggested by 1963, we will, unless advocating a form of brethrenism on the one hand or a form of episcopacy on the other, advocate in the end and on a pragmatic basis a system of elders who teach and elders who rule.

(John H. Riggall, Carl C. Cassel, Frank L. Herb, Jr., Donald T. Kirkwood, Richard H. Kline, Willard E. Cassel, Committee).

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of 7 ordained ministers be elected to devise legislation on the basis of the principles stated in the report of the Harmonization of Church Government Committee. This legislation shall be presented for approval at two annual conferences.

Resolved, That we meet this evening from 6:30 to 8:30 o'clock.

Adjourned with prayer by Robert F. Johnson.

Sixth Meeting

Tuesday Evening, October 11, 1966

The meeting was opened with prayer by Bert N. Brosius.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Board of Church Extension: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Earl M. Hosler, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Daniel G. Ziegler, John Deily, Donal Nilsson.

Resolved, That we elect only one District Superintendent at the Adjourned Session in April 1967 with this change becoming effective in October 1967.

Adjourned 8:30 p.m. with prayer by William A. Heffner.

Seventh Meeting

Wednesday Morning, October 12, 1966

The devotional period began with singing "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" led by William A. Heffner and the ministers' quartet sang, "How Gentle God's Commands". John I. Mengel read the Scripture and Roy E. Williams led in prayer.

Jansen E. Hartman used Philippians 3:12-16 as the basis of a challenging address for a greater knowledge of Christ to fulfill His purposes and goals for us in this age of grace.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

The following were elected:

Board of Directors of Berean Bible School (3 years) Jansen E. Hartman; (2 years) James A. Beil; (3 years) Horace A. Kauffman, Albert L. Wentz; (1 year) Carl Rishel.

Adjourned with prayer by John H. Riggall.

Eighth Meeting

Wednesday Afternoon, October 12, 1966

The meeting was opened with prayer by Harold Mann.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Board of Directors of the Home: E. W. Bean, T. D. Gehret, Richard H. Kline, Paul H. Cressman

Board of Mizpah Grove: David E. Thomann, Bert N. Brosius, Robert W. Gehret, A. L. Wentz.

Resolved, That we suspend the rules and meet this evening at the call of the Chair.

Adjourned at 2:00 p.m. with prayer by W. B. Hottel.

Ninth Meeting

Wednesday Evening, October 12, 1966

The meeting was opened at 9:50 p.m. by the Chairman and adjourned at 9:55 p.m. with prayer by Donald T. Kirkwood.

Tenth Meeting

Thursday Morning, October 13, 1966

The meeting was opened with Robert F. Johnson leading the singing of "O For a Thousand Tongues". Byron C. Cassel read the Scripture and Horace A. Kauffman led in prayer.

Earl M. Hosler brought an inspiring message on the power that God desires to impart to His servants in the Christian Ministry as described in Acts 1 and Ephesians 1 and 2.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The following were elected:

Board of Victory Valley Camp: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Carl C. Cassel, LeRoy S. Heller, Kermit K. Gehman, Bright N. Heist, Paul I. Wentz, Jr.

Adjourned with prayer by Donald R. Knauer.

Eleventh Meeting

Thursday Afternoon, October 13, 1966

The meeting was opened with singing, "My Lord Knows the Way Through the Wilderness" and T. Lamarn Manney led in prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the petition from the Terre Hill Church be approved and the church being formed in Ephrata, Pa., be placed under the supervision of the Board of Church Extension, which will also supply a pastor and appropriate such financial assistance as necessary in the Board's judgment.

Resolved, That the figure as to minimum salary appearing twice on page 8 of the 1965 Year Book be changed to \$4,200.00.

Resolved, That Reynold D. Gardner be granted his request for an extended leave of absence.

Resolved, That Reynold D. Gardner be given an appropriation of \$350.00 out of the Church Extension Fund and also reasonable assistance toward his moving expenses.

Resolved, That a gift of \$200.00 be given to Pastor Donald B. Schaeffer from the Church Extension Fund to assist him with expenses included in re-location.

The Chairman requested Miss Harriet Kassay and Miss Frances Yonce, Foreign Mission Board approved candidates to Central America to address the Conference.

Resolved, That H. Phares Mumbauer, Roy E. Williams and George J. Dippner be excused during the meetings tomorrow.

Resolved, That William A. Heffner and Leroy S. Heller be excused Friday afternoon to attend a funeral.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STATISTICS (See Reports)

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY DIVORCE

This report is in fulfillment of the assignment given by the 1965 Annual Conference as outlined on page 60 of the 1965 Yearbook;

Resolved, that the Divorce Study Committee be asked to write an article on Divorce, based on the study submitted to this Conference.

DIVORCE
(First Reading)

Divorce is the dissolution of a divinely instituted bond and a breaking of the relationship established by marriage. As a church we look with disfavor upon the practice of divorce upon any grounds whatsoever, and believe that the only scriptural basis for a severance of the marital union is adultery. (1)

Due to the grace of God, those who have been divorced and those who have married divorced persons, if they give evidence of divine forgiveness and continuance in Christian grace may be admitted to church membership and do not forfeit the privilege to be used in Christian service within the church. (2)

Believing as we do in the illegitimacy of divorce and remarriage subsequent to divorce for any ground other than adultery, there is no Biblical basis for sanctioning such marriages and clear instruction from our Lord against it. In the light of this, no Bible Fellowship pastor shall be part of a marriage ceremony in which an illegitimately divorced person is involved. (3)

1. Matthew 19:6-9: "Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. They say unto him, Why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery: and whoso marrieth her which is put away doth commit adultery."

2. I Corinthians 6:9-11: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God."

3. Matthew 5:31-32: "It hath been said, Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement: But I say unto you, that whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery."

We recommend that the following statement appear under the heading of OFFICERS: Qualifications - Elections - Duties (1957 yearbook page 37).

"That no person who has been divorced or who has married a divorced person for any reason may be a member of the Official Board. It is not the severity of divorce, but the dignity of the office as detailed in scripture (I Peter 5:1-4; I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9) that prevents a divorced person or one married to a divorced person from holding office on the Official Board of the Church.

(Jansen E. Hartman, Bert N. Brosius, Donald T. Kirkwood, T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Committee).

The report was adopted.

The following were elected:

Youth Fellowship General Committee: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, (3 years) David J. Watkins, David Hendershot, John Vandegriff (2 years) Barry L. Kauffman, Harold P. Shelly, Jr.

Sunday School Promotion: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, (3 years) James G. Koch, Robert Truett, John Boyle.

Committee on Church Government: C. E. Kirkwood, Willard E. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, Richard H. Kline, Jansen E. Hartman, Frank L. Herb, Jr., John H. Riggall.

The Berean Bible School Budget was presented.

The Budget was ratified.

The following were elected:

Editor of FELLOWSHIP NEWS: David E. Thomann

Business Manager: R. C. Reichenbach

Committee to Publish FELLOWSHIP NEWS: Robert W. Smock, William R. Hunsberger, Paul T. Rutman.

Historical Committee: Byron C. Cassel

Committee on Pensions: Byron C. Cassel, Harold W. Griest, Kermit K. Gehman, Roy E. Williams, Horace A. Kauffman.

Archivist: Harold P. Shelly Jr.

REPORT OF THE ARCHIVIST:

"Timothy, keep safe that which has been entrusted to you."
I Timothy 6:20 (N. E. B.)

Additions to the archives during this past conference year included a copy of the 1897 journal of annual conference which made

one set of yearbooks complete. Other yearbooks and pictures were contributed. A copy of the Garden of Spices, a gospel songbook, once quite popular among our people, was added to the collection of hymnals.

The archival materials have been arranged in two fire-proof files for their protection and easy access.

Professor Donal E. Nilsson of the Berean faculty made use of archival materials for a term paper entitled "Evangelical Mennonites: The Theological Fortunes of a Revivalistic Sect," written in connection with a course entitled "Seminar in American Religion," taught by Dr. Don Yoder of the University of Pennsylvania. To do this work Mr. Nilsson did some translating from the early German sources of our history.

Dr. Yoder, one of the leading authorities on folk religion, especially among the "Pennsylvania Dutch", has written a book, Pennsylvania Spirituals, in which he refers to Harvey B. Musselman and William B. Musselman. He has tapes of Harvey Musselman singing "Dutch" spirituals.

Among his collection of source materials, Dr. Yoder has a Glaubenslehre (dogma) of the Evangelische Mennoniten Gemeinschaft which he lent to us. This first discipline of our church was published one hundred years ago. The archivist would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of this for our archives if anyone knows of an available copy.

It our hope that many will take advantage of the archives and that other studies may be made into our history.

Harold P. Shelly, Archivist
October, 1966

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE:

Two meetings were held by this Committee, November 5, 1965 and February 4, 1966.

During the past year a communication was sent to each pastor requesting an announcement be made asking that any pictures, periodicals and reading course books of historical value be turned over to the Archivist to become the property of the Bible Fellowship Church.

We have contacted several older members who have agreed to write their life stories as it pertains to the Bible Fellowship Church.

One set of conference journals has been bound, this to be the official history of our church organization.

All these various contributions will be the source of authentic information for the Church Archivist.

Continued interest in this phase of our organization by pastor and people is encouraged. During the coming year the committee will attempt the translation of our records in the German language.

(Byron C. Cassel, Paul H. Cressman, Daniel G. Ziegler, Committee).

The report was adopted.

Adjourned with prayer by John Reitz, Presiding Elder of the Wyoming District of the Primitive Methodist Church.

Twelfth Meeting

Friday Morning, October 14, 1966

In opening this morning Daniel G. Ziegler directed the singing of "Join All the Glorious Name" with Robert E. McIntyre reading the Scripture and Harold W. Griest leading in prayer. LeRoy S. Heller sang, "If I Gained the World" as a solo.

District Superintendent, A. L. Seifert brought the concluding message of the morning devotions setting forth both the urgency of personal evangelism and the development of Christian character to assure the future growth of our Conference Churches as seen in 2 Timothy 2:3 and 4:1 and 5.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS

Communications were received from the following: J. B. Layne, Paul E. Baer, Olive I. Rawn, Harold Yarrington, Leonard Buck and C. Leslie Miller.

Each of these communications indicated a deep interest in the deliberations of this 83rd Annual Conference.

We express our gratitude for their intercession and concern, praying God's best upon each one as well as a very real consciousness of His presence, as together we await the return of our Lord.

(William A. Heffner, Chairman; Russell T. Allen, Secretary, W. W. Hartman, Bert N. Brosius, James A. Beil, Committee).

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That a committee of 4 ordained ministers and three laymen be elected to study pulpit supply.

The following were elected:

Committee to Study Pulpit Supply: Russell T. Allen, John H. Riggall, William A. Heffner, Carl C. Cassel, Byron C. Cassel, Harold W. Griest, Horace A. Kauffman.

Resolved, That the paper presented by the Committee to Study Pulpit supply be studied by every member of Conference, and that he submit to the Committee to Study Pulpit Supply by March 1, 1967, in writing, his reactions to the paper, particularly as to the question: "Why this proposal will not work" together with recommended modifications to make it workable. The report of pastor and delegate may be a joint report.

Pulpit Supply Reports are to be sent to Harold W. Griest, 23 Thornridge Road, Springfield, Del. Co. Penna. 19064

Adjourned with prayer by Allan F. Smith.

Thirteenth Meeting

Friday Afternoon, October 14, 1966

The meeting was opened with prayer by Carl H. Kellerman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDITING:

The Committee on Auditing has examined the following accounts: Minister's Retirement Fund, Berean School, Beneficiary Society, Church Extension, Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church and Allentown District Camp Meeting Treasurer's Book.

Other accounts were examined by appointed individuals prior to 1966 Annual Conference in accordance with church regulations.

All accounts examined were found to be correct and in a satisfactory condition.

(James G. Koch, Paul H. Cressman, N. W. Granda, W. C. Rapp, William R. Hunsberger, Norman L. Reed, W. B. Hottel, Horace A. Kauffman, Committee).

The report was adopted.

Resolved, That the report of the Committee to Study Church Forms be taken up at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE ANNUAL CONFERENCE MINUTES:

We have examined the minutes of the Adjourned Session of the

82nd Annual Conference and found them to be correct with the following exceptions:

1. On page 81A, the second resolution, the name "Leon Naudascher" should read "Leon Naudasher".

2. On page 81D, line 2, first paragraph, "Sinking Springs" should read "Sinking Spring".

We have been unable to examine the minutes of the 82nd Annual Conference Meeting, one to twelve, because they have been destroyed.

We submit two copies duly certified.

(Robert F. Johnson, Chairman; W. B. Hottel, Secretary; Committee).

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:

Part I

1. Whereas, we the members of the 83rd Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church have been greatly blessed of the Lord by the able and Godly leadership of our District Superintendents, Rev. T. D. Gehret and Rev. A. L. Seifert, therefore,

Resolved, That we give thanks to God for these brethren and that we assure them of our continued cooperation and prayers.

2. Whereas, Berean Bible School has been blessed with the devoted and faithful leadership of Rev. Jansen E. Hartman, President, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise the Lord for this man of God and pledge our daily prayer support.

3. Whereas, Rev. William A. Heffner has faithfully served these past seven years as Church Extension Director, and

Whereas, He will now be assuming Pastorate responsibilities, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation for his sacrificial service to the department and further,

Resolved, That we pray God's richest blessings may be his at his new charge.

4. Whereas, Rev. Earl M. Hosler, the new Church Extension Director, will be assuming the leadership of his post, and

Whereas, The Department has a great challenge set before it, therefore,

Resolved, That we assure him of our daily prayers and utmost cooperation.

5. Whereas, The brethren in the ministry have served the Lord through our church with diligence, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank God for calling and giving us these men to speak His truth with fidelity.

6. Whereas, Grace Bible Fellowship Church of Reading, Pa. with their pastor, James G. Koch, have so thoughtfully and thoroughly entertained this 83rd Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank the congregation of this church for their kindness and invoke divine blessing on their corporate life and testimony in this city and further,

Resolved, That the Secretary present a copy of this resolution to Pastor Koch for him to read to the congregation.

7. Whereas, Pastor N. H. Wolf and Mr. Paul I. Wentz have served well as Editor of the Year Book and Conference Treasurer, respectively, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank them for their work and that our appreciation be further expressed through a gift of \$75.00 each from funds of the Committee on Publication and Printing.

8. Whereas, David E. Thomann and R. C. Reichenbach have labored untiringly as Editor and Business Manager, respectively of FELLOWSHIP NEWS, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our gratitude to these men for their work and that we pray God's continued blessing on our denominational publication.

9. Whereas, The brethren W. F. Heffner and P. T. Stengele, ministers who are in retirement, have attended sessions of this Conference, and

Whereas, J. B. Layne and Paul E. Baer have expressed their interest in this Conference by sending communications, therefore,

Resolved, That we praise God for these men and the service which they render to Him.

10. Whereas, Missionaries Austin G. Shelly, T. James Bigley Ron Hoyle, Dr. William F. Campbell, and the missionary candidates Misses Harriet Kassay and Frances Yonce, have attended these sessions, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank God for them and the work He enables them to do, pledging them our prayerful support.

11. Whereas, N. H. Wolf, Secretary, and Ernest B. Hartman, Assistant Secretary and Robert W. Smock, Recording Secretary,

have served most acceptably in recording the deliberations and actions of this 83rd Annual Conference and,

Whereas, David E. Thomann and Austin B. Sullivan have helped in duplicating for each meeting the minutes, various reports and other pertinent materials, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to these brethren for their faithful and useful service.

12. Whereas, Pastor F B. Hertzog is retiring from the pastorate as of this Annual Conference after forty-four years in the ministry of the Bible Fellowship Church, including nine years as District Superintendent, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank God for Brother Hertzog's ministry and leadership in our church and further,

Resolved, That we ask the Lord to bless his service at the Home and his life in the future.

13. Whereas, The Lord of the harvest has through a physical need in his family, led Pastor Donald B. Schaeffer to minister in an area of dry warmer climate, outside of the present bounds of the Bible Fellowship Church, therefore,

Resolved, That we express our appreciation to Pastor Schaeffer and thank God for the faithful and fruitful ministry of our brother in our midst and further,

Resolved, That we pray for the clear guidance and rich blessing of the Lord in Pastor Schaeffer's future ministry and in the life of his family.

14. Whereas, The Lord has led us into the Conference Center project and enabled us to make a good start in providing funds for this project, therefore,

Resolved, That we commend this project to our people for their increasing support and to our God for His faithful provision.

15. Whereas, The Lord has enabled three of our churches to become self-supporting stations at this Annual Conference, and,

Whereas, The Lord has, during this past year, raised up two new congregations of the Bible Fellowship Church through division of existing churches, and

Whereas, One of our Church Extension congregations has, at this Annual Conference, become a Conference appointment, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank our Lord for these encouraging

steps of progress in the extension of the church and further,

Resolved, That we pray that these steps may, by the grace of God, occur with increasing frequency in the future.

16. Whereas, Our Chairman has suggested that we consider having a Day of Prayer among all of our constituency for the needs of our beloved fellowship of churches, and

Whereas, The informal gatherings for prayer during this Conference have been of such great blessing, therefore,

Resolved, That we set aside December 31, 1966 as a Day of Prayer for the Bible Fellowship Church and further,

Resolved, That the District Superintendents prepare and distribute material to be used in calling our people to earnest prayer for our church on that day.

Whereas, Our God in His all wise providence has called to Himself Mr. Daniel K. Ziegler, a member of our Bible Fellowship Church and Conference for many years, who also served on many Boards and Committees, therefore,

Resolved, That we thank God for his life of dedication and service and request that the Secretary forward a copy of this resolution to his widow, Mrs. Carolyn Ziegler, and further,

Resolved, That the Editor of the Year Book prepare an obituary with a suitable picture.

Part II

1. Resolved, That the Adjourned Session of this 83rd Annual Conference be held in Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa., on Saturday, April 1, 1967 at 9:00 a.m.

2. Resolved, That at the Adjourned Session of the 83rd Annual Conference, a Nominating Committee be elected composed of four ordained ministers and three laymen to present nominees for the 84th Annual Conference.

3. Resolved, That the 84th Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church shall convene at Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, 528 N. 8th Street, Allentown, Pa., on October 9, 1967 at 10:00 a.m.

(C. E. Kirkwood, Carl C. Cassel, David E. Thomann, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Daniel G. Ziegler, Committee).

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS BUDGET COMMITTEE:

In the right hand column below is the budget which we respectively recommend to you for the year 1967-1968. In the following tables it is compared with the proposed budget for the year 1966-1967; and with offerings received for the budgeted items in the year 1964-1965.

	Proposed for 1966-67	Approved for 1966-67	Actual for 1964-65	Recommended for 1967-68
1. Publication & Printing	1,500.	1,330.	1,728.00	1,500.00
2. Conf. Ent. Expenses	660.	630.	630.30	640.65
3. Beneficiary Fund	800.	730.	828.00	800.00
4. District Supts.				
Annual Support	14,000.	13,000.	16,205.00	7,000.00
Traveling Ex. & Utilities	5,000.	4,800.		3,400.00
5. Dist. Supt. Parsonages	3,100.	2,100.	1,989.00	3,100.00
6. Minister's Ret. Fund	4,700.	4,000.	3,688.00	4,000.00
7. Moving Fund	2,200.	2,200.	3,202.00	3,200.00
8. Expenses for Boards & Committees while on Conference business	800.	700.	753.92	800.00
9. Other expenses of Board of Directors	325.	290.	235.75	290.00
9a. Contingencies	500.	-	-	-
10. Ministerial Convention Expenses	400.	300.	300.00	400.00
Total	\$ 33,985.	30,080.	29,559.97	25,130.65

The report was adopted.

The Chair appointed the following:

Budget Committee: Byron C. Cassel, Kermit K. Gehman, Paul I. Wentz.

Committee on Agenda: Willard E. Cassel, Bert N. Brosius, Leroy S. Heller.

Committee on Publication and Printing: David E. Thomann, Robert W. Smock, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

Committee to Publish Year Book: David E. Thomann, Robert W. Smock, Willard E. Cassel.

Committee on Statistics: Willard E. Cassel, John E. Golla, LeRoy S. Heller, Donald T. Kirkwood, John Dunn.

Committee on Conference Program: Carl C. Cassel, Harvey J.

Fritz, Jr., William A. Heffner.

Committee to Examine Annual Conference Minutes: Robert F. Johnson, Donald Knauer.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION:

The report on appointments is as follows:

Belvidere, N. J. - John Herb
 Ephrata - Robert W. Smock
 Finesville, N. J. - To be supplied
 Macungie - John E. Golla
 Miller Heights - Austin B. Sullivan, Jr.
 Millersville - Harold C. Weaver
 Walnutport - To be supplied

(A. L. Seifert, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., T. D. Gehret, Daniel G. Ziegler, Earl M. Hosler, Board). Absent: John Deily, Donal Nilsson.

The report was adopted.

Adjourned 4:25 p. m. with prayer by T. D. Gehret and benediction by A. L. Seifert.

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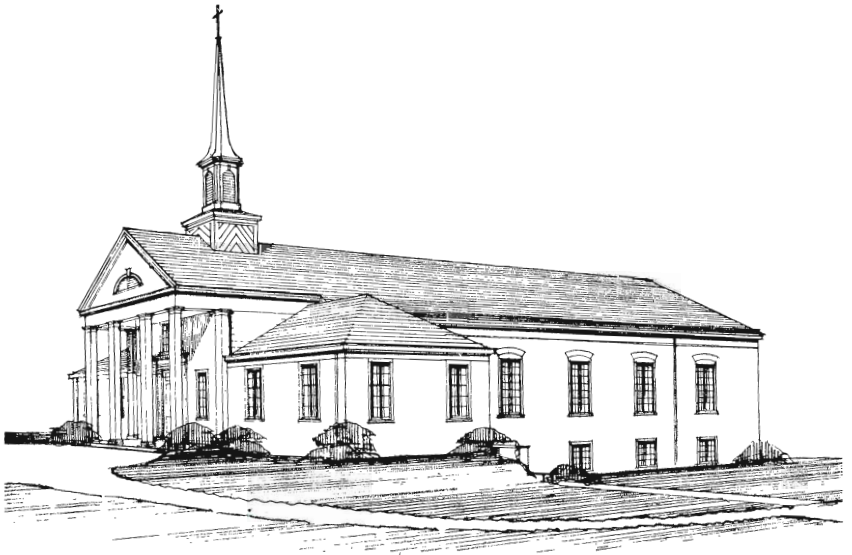
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Artist's concept of the Maple Glen Church

REPORTS

I. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

"And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed" (Exodus 17:11).

The Israelites were under attack from the Amalekites and Joshua was ordered to go out and fight against them. Moses himself, now over eighty, would climb a nearby hill and intercede with God for victory. "Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand." God heard his prayer and while Moses prayed, the army under Joshua succeeded.

As long as Moses held up his hands Israel prevailed, but when through weariness he lowered his hands, Amalek prevailed. Aaron and Hur came to the help of Moses, bringing a stone for him to sit on while each of them held up one of his hands. Thus sustained, Moses held up his hands in prayer until dusk. As night began to fall God gave Joshua and his army a decisive victory so that the Amalekites fled.

This Old Testament story serves to remind us of facts that should brace us up for conflict today. God's chosen people did not have a peaceful passage from Egypt to Canaan. And the Church must not expect a pleasant journey through the wilderness of this world today. The true Church of God has always been a fighting force. It has always been in the thick of the fray. The foes of the Church, the world, the flesh and the devil, have never left it alone.

Our Lord Himself was hated and betrayed. The Prince of Darkness and his emissaries crucified the Lord of Glory. The early Church did not fare any better. Peter and John were thrust into prison and James was slain by the sword. Paul suffered much through beatings, stonings and imprisonment, and finally laid down his life as a faithful martyr for Jesus Christ in Rome.

The conflict goes on relentlessly, outside the church as well as inside. The conflict becomes more acute as the coming of our Lord draws near. All who proclaim and practice the Gospel without compromise, must expect opposition in one form or another. The Scriptures plainly declare that "all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (2 Tim. 3:12). Satan will continue his desperate fight against the Lord and His Church right up to the very end. Until then we must fight the good fight of faith, putting on the whole armour of God.

This narrative indicates the strategy that secures spiritual victory. This picture of Moses on the hill-top with his arms raised, typifies the power of intercession. Joshua and his men had to fight, and so must we if we are to win. However, the decisive factor was not the fighting of Joshua, but the praying of Moses. The issue turned on the prayers of the patriarch on the hill-top.

Christ is our cause, our constant companion, the supplier of all our need. We are certain of victory when He is leading His host. He has given us His promise, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you: and lo I am with you always, to the close of the age" Matthew 28:18-20.

When the victory was won, Moses built an altar, and called the name of it JEHOVAH-NISSI, "The Lord is my Banner." So take heart! Let there be no despondency among us. Remember that with Jesus we shall win a mighty victory over sin. "But thanks be to God who in Christ always leads us in triumph" 2 Cor. 2:14.

With gratitude to God we look back over the road that we have traveled through the year. We rejoice in the never failing mercy and providence of God. We are mindful of the many who have faithfully held us up before the Throne in prayer, and thank God upon every remembrance of them. The fellowship with the Pastors and their families has been pleasant. They are a devoted band of loyal and dependable Christians.

There have been some highlights of the work that are most encouraging. The Camp Meeting for the District was unusually well attended. The Word went forth in power and shall continue to bear fruit in the lives of those whose hearts were open to receive. Our Missionary speaker through the week was John Bechtel from Hong Kong. His daily messages were stimulating and refreshing. Thirteen of our own Missionaries were with us during the entire week. An interesting missionary rally was held on the first Sunday afternoon. The Simpson family were an inspiration as they presented an afternoon of special song on the last Sunday. Dr. Charles Anderson brought challenging messages each night.

The ministering Brethren spent two days during the month of May at Victory Valley. This proved to be a blessed opportunity for fellowship and for spiritual refreshment and instruction.

There were three special nights between the two Camp Meetings which were well attended. The response to this new venture proved to be worth the effort and many expressed their appreciation for

such a program in the summer schedule and desired that it be included in the program of next year.

Pastor F. B. Hertzog, after serving for over forty years as a Pastor in our Conference, expressed his desire to retire from the active pastorate as of this Conference and be placed on the retirement list as an annuitant. Brother Hertzog has been chosen by the Board of the Home to become the Manager of the Home for the Aging effective October 1966. He will reside at the Home property in Nazareth.

Rev. Glenn R. Huratiak who has pastored the Lebanon church for about eighteen months, resigned from the Bible Fellowship Church and vacated the parsonage on July 13, 1966. The Lebanon Church has been supplied by various of our Pastors and Missionaries since July 1, 1966.

Fannie E. Layne, beloved wife of our brother J. B. Layne, fell asleep in Jesus on August 22, 1966. We pray that the God of all comfort may sustain and uphold our Brother in his loss.

Plans for acquiring the Fogelsville tract comprising 136 acres are complete. The date for settlement has been set for November 15, 1966. Gifts and pledges for the purchase of this property are being steadily received. Ultimately this will be our Conference Center and Headquarters for the entire denomination. The financial assistance of the constituency of the Bible Fellowship Church is imperative in order to bring this project into reality.

PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS

YORK-Located on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Duke Streets, this Church was faced with the urgent need for parking space. The congregation took action to meet this need by purchasing a double dwelling across from the church (1004 and 1006) Duke Street, at a cost of \$19,250. After the buildings have been razed and the ground paved, it is anticipated that facilities for parking will be provided for fifty cars.

NAZARETH-This congregation worshipped in a small building with limited facilities for many years. As the congregation grew it became evident that it was no longer suited to meet their needs, and plans began to be made for a new modern structure. Early in the month of September 1966 the new building was ready for occupancy. Size of Fellowship Hall and overflow area is 40' x 72' and has a seating capacity of 300. The educational wing is 40' x 80' and provides rooms for the various Sunday School departments. The building is erected on a concrete with brick veneer exterior. Total cost of building including furnishings and electric heat is \$75,000.

SPRING CITY-The present parsonage and church building located at 311 Yost Avenue has been sold. The proceeds will be used to

finance the proposed new parsonage which is to be built on the present church lot at Pennhurst Road and Bridge Street. A legacy from a friend of the work will also be applied towards the cost of the new parsonage.

LEHIGHTON-The increasing demands for additional room have made it imperative for this congregation to seek additional ground for expansion. Accordingly a double dwelling and lot adjoining the present church property has been secured at a cost of \$19,500. The new property located at 135-137 N. Fourth Street has now been purchased. The former parsonage at 438 Cypress Street has been sold. The newly purchased property will soon be available for occupancy by the Pastor. Part of the new property is to be used by the Sunday School.

ROYERSFORD-The congregation voted to purchase a plot of ground located along Lewis Road with the objective in view of building a new church in the near future. The lot is 2.72 acres and the purchase price is \$10,000.

CEDAR CREST-Bethel congregation is in the process of forming a new congregation from part of its present membership. The new church is presently being built on the 12 acre plot of ground located at Cedar Blvd. and Route #309. The building will be 42' x 99' and the approximate cost without furnishings is \$150,000. Seating capacity will be about 300.

LANCASTER-A new parsonage is being constructed opposite the present church and should shortly be ready for occupancy. Total cost is expected to be about \$22,500. Part of the basement will be used for Sunday School. The present parsonage is to be sold and the proceeds applied towards the new building.

This is the hope that sustains us,
 This is our lamp in the night;
 This is the beacon we follow,
 Waiting till faith becomes sight.

This is the heart's choicest treasure,
 Balm for our sorrow and pain,
 Words that are precious as rubies -
 Christ Jesus is coming again!

Martha Snell Nicholson

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Balance from last year	\$	78.43	
Received from Church Ex-		7,100.00	
tension Fund			
			7,178.43

Expenses:(A) Appropriations:

Lehighton	360.00	
Harleysville	420.00	
Paradise	1,680.00	
Graterford	900.00	3,360.00

(B) Miscellaneous:

Telephone	185.70	
Postage and printing	41.30	
Specials to Churches	1,683.33	
Specials to Ministers	1,340.00	
Fares and meals	110.35	
Tent Crusade	50.00	
Transferred to Church Ex.	300.00	3,710.68

Balance in Treasury	107.75	7,178.43
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T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent

II. DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

"... Look up... for your redemption draweth nigh." - Luke 21:28

There never has been a period in the history of the human race when the world has faced such perilous conditions as today. Men live in fear and dread of the future discoveries of scientific minds. East-West relations are now strained so severely that within a very short time the entire free world, including our beloved nation, could lie in ruins. The Believer looks out upon a world devastated by the fruits of sinfulness and rejection of God and His Son. He looks up by faith in hope of the glorious redemption to be consummated at the close of this age.

For the Church to accomplish the task of reaching an indifferent and hostile world, with God's transforming message, there is an urgent need for men who are wholly dedicated to the cause of Christ. No movement and no denomination of churches can ever be stronger than the individuals who are given the responsibilities of leadership in various phases of activity within that organization.

All of us should be aware of the alarming shortage of men to assume Pastorates in our conference. Our Lord's prayer request is too familiar to some, but needs to forcefully come to the attention of this body at this time. Christ beseeches us to, "Pray ("beg" - New English Bible) the Lord of the harvest, that He will

send forth laborers into His harvest." We must observe that He requests us to pray, not merely for men, but for laborers. Our request must be for those who will be willing to pay a price and make the necessary sacrifices to participate in the greatest program in the history of this world - calling out a people for God's Name. The individual financial returns may often be meager compared to other pursuits, but the eternal reward which can not be fully estimated in this life are guaranteed by our great God.

At the conclusion of another year, we want to again express thanks to our gracious Lord for the many blessings received. Not the least of these was the safety experienced in all our travels. The time spent in fellowship with the Pastors and congregations was a source of spiritual blessing.

The Camp Meeting for our district was conducted first this year and the number of campers was higher than recent years. Victory Valley added four new cabins and saw a large increase in registrations for this excellent program which reached many young people in our churches with a vital and vibrant ministry.

The most important forward-looking enterprise for the Bible Fellowship Church was commenced this year with the beginning of the program to establish a Conference Center which will adequately provide for our summer program, Bible school and other facilities. It was launched in June with a banquet in the Lower Salford School at Harleysville, Pa. Most of our members and local churches have expressed much interest in this project and are now making periodic contributions. Several churches on the Bethlehem District have not yet completed the work of contacting their individual members in their fellowships. It is hoped that everyone will have completed this phase of the fund-raising program very soon.

Much time has been spent evaluating our present program of church extension with a desire to establish and strengthen new churches. It is apparent that many of our methods in the past are now inadequate and must be revised to a large extent in order to make this ministry more effective. We can no longer afford to open and operate new works for many years with a large investment of time and the Lord's money, under the supervision of inexperienced or poorly qualified men only to see them finally discontinued due to lack of growth and loss of interest.

After considerable planning and many delays due to unfortunate and unforeseen circumstances, the Home Board expects to commence the construction of a suitable home for our elderly members. If present plans materialize this building should be completed by next summer. We deeply appreciate Pastor Hertzog's willingness to assume the management of the home during this crucial period.

A matter which should cause concern for all of us is the need for an increase in the financial support being received by many of Pastors. A few of the Pastors are receiving an income comparable

to the average amount received by families in their congregations, but a large percent are underpaid. While it is true that our Pastors have the expenses relating to housing and utilities provided, it is also a fact that they have a large number of additional expenses not experienced by their parishioners.

No pastor can serve effectively when he must constantly be concerned regarding the privations placed upon his family due to lack of finances. Our conference has in recent years experienced the loss of several Pastors. One of the more apparent reasons for their removal from our fellowship was the financial difficulties constantly confronting them. Several of our churches are now giving the Pastor assistance with his car expenses. They are to be commended for this long-overdue action.

After many years of faithful ministry in the Bible Fellowship Church, Pastor Donald B. Schaeffer finds it necessary to move his family to a dry climate due to the physical condition of his youngest child. He will terminate his ministry with us very shortly. Pastor Schaeffer will be greatly missed by those who had the privilege of working with him. May the Lord's richest blessings be his family's portion and may our faithful God direct his pathway into future fruitful service.

Among the advances and improvements being made to facilities by churches on the Bethlehem District are the following:

ALLENTOWN (Salem) - This church has experienced substantial financial gains since operating on a unified budget. They are presently engaged in a program of extensive painting and redecorating for the church and parsonage interiors. They are also considering the possibility of constructing an educational wing this coming year.

COOPERSBURG - The construction of their new church edifice at a cost of approximately \$150,000 is proceeding rapidly. It should be ready for occupancy in less than six months.

DENVILLE - This work is located in a predominantly Roman Catholic area. However, under the able leadership of Pastor Mahurin they have seen their membership and finances quadruple in less than five years, and are petitioning this conference for the privilege of becoming a station. At the present time renovations are being made to their building to adequately provide for the growing Sunday School and they are planning to purchase a parsonage in the near future. This would make the Pastor's present living quarters available for Sunday School and church activities.

EMMAUS - Their educational building is rapidly nearing completion and will be a great asset to Bethel's Sunday School departments. The church has also recently purchased the house adjoining the church annex. If not immediately needed for the local work, it may become available for missionaries on furlough or a faculty member from Berean Bible School.

MAPLE GLEN - The dedication service for Maple Glen's beautiful church was conducted shortly after the last Annual Conference. They have moved many miles from their former location and are virtually in the position of commencing a new work. They will appreciate your prayerful interest as they seek to make Christ known in this residential area.

STATEN ISLAND - This metropolitan church has been advancing steadily in cooperation with Pastor Ziegler's progressive program. The present building is situated in an undesirable location and there is now a possibility that a more suitable building may become available. Your prayers concerning this prospect are earnestly solicited.

TERRE HILL - Several families from this church live in and near Ephrata. A well-constructed church and parsonage in Ephrata has become available and is being purchased by these people at a very reasonable price. The buildings are in excellent condition with a beautiful sanctuary capable of seating approximately 250. They are petitioning this conference for a Pastor to assist them in reaching this community more effectively with the gospel.

The church also purchased a tract of land to provide additional parking.

FINANCIAL

		Receipts	
Balance from last year		\$ 684.36	
Received from Church Extension Fund		<u>8,480.00</u>	
			\$ 9,164.36
		Expenses	
A. Appropriations:			
Denville		480.00	
Phila. (Emmanuel)		780.00	
Staten Island		720.00	
Stroudsburg		1,500.00	
Zionsville		<u>1,500.00</u>	
			4,980.00
B. Miscellaneous:			
Assistance to Churches		1,676.39	
Assistance to Pastors		1,028.15	
Mileage and Meals		58.39	
Telephone		206.41	
Ministerial Convention		25.00	
Moving Expenses		11.20	
Transferred to Church Extension		<u>400.00</u>	
			3,405.54
Balance, September 30, 1966		<u>778.82</u>	
			\$ 9,164.36

A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent

III. REPORT OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION DIRECTOR

"The glory of the Lord shall endure forever: the Lord shall rejoice in HIS works." Psalm 104:31

As we review the works of our God over another year we rejoice "with Him" in all that HE has wrought. The presence of His Spirit in the lives and ministry of the pastors of the Church Extension Department could be keenly sensed. Each pastor has remained true to the Word of God and many have been the reports from the fields that HIS Word has produced a sincere longing for Christ-likeness amongst the believers. It also is good to notice that a greater-than-average number of professions of faith in Jesus Christ have been reported by the pastors.

It is with somewhat mixed emotions that we bring a seven-year ministry in this administrative position to a conclusion. During this time we have seen some development in the area of internal expansion, with the elimination of circuits within the framework of our denomination, and the receiving of several churches as conference appointments. We have been convinced that much work was needed in this area before any degree of outreach would be feasible or possible. In our report submitted to the Annual Conference held five years ago the following was stated: (quote) "We as a church must recognize that a successful expansion program cannot be measured by the number of areas in which we begin, but rather the development of these areas into strong indigenous churches. Time and experience have proven that multiplying Church Extension works without establishing them in not improving nor strengthening our work. Actually it results in increasing our expenditures and decreasing our effectiveness, with little or no lasting accomplishment." (endquote). It was with this in mind that the Church Extension Board authorized the Director to proceed with whatever was necessary to attempt a solidifying of the Church Extension appointment in Binghamton, New York. It is with deep regret that after an unprecedented ten-month effort and thousands of dollars expended a request came from this church to have the work terminated. However, counteracting this regret, we are thrilled to report that another of our department churches is requesting the privilege of becoming a conference appointment this year.

The Director expresses sincere thanks to the Church Extension Board, to all the pastors having served in the department in the past seven years, the churches who have constantly prayed and expressed encouragement, and above all, to our great God for His constant provision and careful protection of his servant over the nearly one-quarter of a million miles traveled.

It is with a sense of satisfaction that we see an able servant of the Lord, Brother Earl M. Hosler, chosen to assume the leadership in this important ministry. He shall have our complete cooperation and our prayers.

One more word to the pastors of all the Bible Fellowship Churches. It is most interesting to note, and should be of no little concern, that the three most recent Bible Fellowship Churches came into being primarily through the deep interest and sacrificial spirit of nearby local pastors: Belvidere, because of Pastor Willard Cassel's leadership; Sinking Spring, through Pastor James G. Koch; and Cedar Crest-Allentown, through Pastor Carl C. Cassel. It seems obvious that the vision of our people to "reach out" is greatly determined by the vision, or "visionlessness" of their pastors. May our God enable each of us as pastors, to honestly inquire of Him as to where WE can fit into the picture of expanding the testimony of the Church of Jesus Christ here on earth.

BELVIDERE, NEW JERSEY

January 29, 1966 was a real day of victory for the believers of this congregation, for it was on this day that scores of other Christians from sister Bible Fellowship Churches met with them to dedicate their beautiful new church edifice on Pequest Road. Since that historic day, many new visitors have attended, some merely out of curiosity and others more recently in search of a Bible-preaching church home. Although the attendances are not large, more important is the constantly steady increase. We are convinced that God is using Pastor John H. Herb in the laying of a solid foundation for a super-structure of His design which will all be "to the praise of His glory."

FINESVILLE, NEW JERSEY

This congregation, at a Local Conference held March 3, 1965, voted to relocate their church, as God would lead and direct them to the area of his choosing. In an almost miraculous manner, after many many months of prayer and waiting upon Him, a very desirable three-acre property, on the main road in Holland Township, Route 519, has been made available at a cost of \$10,000. At this writing steps are being taken to consummate the purchase of this property. Real spiritual victories have been seen on this field through the able leadership of Pastor Bruce A. Ellingson who is concluding his fourth year of service here. It is hoped that this choice group of God's people will see their aspirations realized, in the building of new and more adequate church facilities. The potential for this church is exceptional.

MACUNGIE, PENNSYLVANIA

During the year a lovely dwelling at 213 E. Main Street in Macungie was purchased by this congregation for use as a parsonage. The move from a previously rural location has given much more prominence to the work of the Bible Fellowship Church in this small town, enabling the Pastor, John E. Golla to be closer to the church itself as well as to the center of the community life.

Pastor Golla has entered into the life of the Macungie church in

a most commendable manner. The most recent meeting of the director with this congregation revealed the greatest interest and best attendance of the past seven years. At the present time, the pastor is conducting Bible study classes in the homes of two new families, both of which have begun regular attendance at the church services. Pray much for these dear people, that their desire for outreach may be increased, and that the tremendous potential in this growing area may be realized.

MILLER HEIGHTS, PENNSYLVANIA

Pastor Austin B. Sullivan is concluding his first year of ministry at this location and has entered into the life and activity of this church with a real desire to serve His Lord. The believers here have stood with him, working in harmony to increase the effectiveness of their testimony. At present a new avenue of ministry is opening with the introduction of release time classes which will be conducted in our Bible Fellowship Church. This could prove to be a tremendous asset in reaching out into the neighborhood homes and winning parents of the boys and girls to Christ. Although classes will only begin two days from the time of this writing, already over 100 children have been registered for these weekly classes.

MILLERSVILLE, PENNSYLVANIA

A constantly aggressive spirit of evangelism permeates this congregation with a sincere desire to reach this religious area with the gospel of Jesus Christ! Some of the folks entered into a productive visitation program along with their pastor. As the expected growth is realized it will become imperative that the main floor to their church building be constructed. This is being considered at the present time. Pastor Harold G. Weaver gives himself unstintingly to the ministry of the Word and exhibits a real spirit of devotion to the work of this church. Although recently undergoing a serious operation, God has touched him, and has permitted him to take up the full work of the pastorate again. With the existing unity of pastor and people, we can expect to hear great things from this area of God's vineyard.

SINKING SPRING, PENNSYLVANIA

This will probably be the final report from a Church Extension Director for the church at Sinking Spring, since it is expected that the Annual Conference will enthusiastically approve its request to be recognized as a conference appointment. The work is only three years old, but has exhibited what CAN be done when Christians give themselves to a task without reservation. Pastor Robert Paul is proving to be the man of God's choice for this infant work, and has gained the confidence and cooperation of the believers. His aggressive spirit and God-inspired desire to reach the lost of the area for Jesus Christ has had no little effect upon the congregation. At this writing a number of new Christian folk are planning to unite in fellowship with this church. It is our belief that within a few

years this will be one of the strong churches of the Bible Fellowship denomination.

WALNUTPORT, PENNSYLVANIA

Again the Lord has given this small group of believers the privilege of maintaining a witness for Him through another year. Located within employment-driving-distance to Allentown and Bethlehem, the residential growth and the expected growth produces the need for a strong evangelical witness in this area. Pastor M. Leslie Campbell has served this church for the past four years and during most of this time attended almost daily classes at Berean Bible School in Allentown. His recent graduation makes it possible for him to now concentrate full-time upon developing the work at Walnutport. These people, with their pastor, are worthy of our continued prayer support and Christian concern.

FINANCIAL

Receipts:

Balance, October 1965	\$ 200.62	
From Church Extension Board	7,425.00	
Year Books	44.00	
Special gift	\$ 10.00	\$ 7,679.62

Disbursements:

Special Appropriations	\$ 550.00	
Assisting Churches	1,964.34	
Director's Travel	2,336.53	
Furnishings	465.00	
Equipment	130.54	
Summer Program	1,656.27	
Postage	41.00	
Board - meals and travel	51.70	
Literature	365.12	
Office Supplies	69.80	
	<u>\$7,630.30</u>	
Balance 10/10/66	49.32	\$ 7,679.62

William A. Heffner, Director

IV. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

The distinct function of the educational program of Berean Bible School is to provide first, a Christian life and world view and then to prepare students for Christian ministries or church vocations. To accomplish these goals subject matter is chosen from three areas of study: the Bible, the arts and sciences (as to general education content), and specialized or professional subjects which

give preparation for specific Christian ministries. With the above in mind we are in a process of building a stronger curriculum, as well as developing enriched co-curricular activities designed to assist the student to realize God's purpose for his life.

ENROLLMENT

This past year has seen an increased number of students enrolled in the regular collegiate courses and in the evening school. The scheduling of courses from the regular curriculum in the evening has enabled many who work during the day to enroll for full credit courses.

FACULTY

During the school year Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Gehman resigned in order to engage in missionary educational work in the Scott Theological College in Kenya, Africa. The contributions to Berean's program by this dedicated couple were large and are deeply appreciated. Rev. Leonard J. Coppes has been appointed to the faculty to teach Old Testament courses, Public Speaking and Greek. Miss Karen Ettinger was elected to serve as dean of women and to teach in the Christian Education department. We can be duly thankful for the talented and well trained faculty who serve so sacrificially and faithfully.

FINANCES

The financial need of the school remains as one of the major problems. For the first time the current funds for the fiscal year ended in deficit. All gifts received reached 93% of the total budgeted while the contributions from Bible Fellowship Churches reached 87% of the goal established. Other school income exceeded the budget. Efforts are being made to support our prayers that the financial crises will be overcome. The staff and faculty are receiving wages that are far below those received in secular employment. We are certain that our constituents are unaware of this and that when they are appraised of the situation the need will be met. Our Lord is faithful who will supply the needs for His work according to his riches.

FACILITIES

One of the most hopeful developments of the past year was the "Forward With Christ" campaign launched by our sponsoring church. The prospect of the new Conference Center with a new educational plant for Berean along with new facilities for a vigorous summer program of evangelism and Bible teaching is a most thrilling one. Planning has begun in earnest to project the program needs of Berean. Representatives of the Board of Directors of Berean are serving on the Planning Committee while the school staff is cooperating wholeheartedly to reach the goals established by the Committee.

SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

One of the most encouraging aspects of a program of Christian education that places the Bible at the core is to behold the spiritual development of students. This past year was the occasion for more student initiated prayer meetings, services conducted and evangelistic efforts than in any prior year. The young people at Berean are successfully coming to grips with personal adjustment problems as well as the major issues facing the Christian in this pessimistic space age.

A recent check on the activities of the alumni revealed that 45% of the graduates are involved in full time employment by Christian organizations. Another 22% of the graduates are involved as full-time students at other insitutions of higher learning. Many of these will doubtless become pastors, missionaries, teachers of the Word when their training is completed.

Berean Bible School exists for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Jansen E. Hartman, President

V REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE HOME

In submitting this sixty-first annual report, we thankfully acknowledge the faithfulness of the Lord in supplying the needed grace and means to carry on this work for another year. Through the prayers and encouragements of those who have shown an interest in the activities of the Home, the workers have been sustained. The Board met in two regular and five special meetings to transact the necessary business.

In the Home, many varied duties are fulfilled. The matron, Clara Messner, and her assistant, Kathryn Rosencranz, are busy with the housekeeping and the general happiness of the guests. The smiles and words of encouragement that they so freely give mean much to the residents. It takes much planning and work to accomodate all of the various needs and tastes of the guests, and the Staff performs even the lowliest of tasks with joy and blessing as they serve in the name of Christ.

Mrs. Mable Mummy, who had been a guest in the Home for more than five years, died on February 18, 1966. Miss Estella Sterner died on July 2, 1966. She was a guest in the Home since 1963. Both ladies were former members of Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa.

In every respect the blessings of the Lord have been manifest throughout the year. The Board is very grateful to all the members of the Bible Fellowship Church for the offerings received, and to the Women's Missionary Societies for the following donations: groceries valued at \$510; linens valued at \$35; clothing valued at \$80; and household items valued at \$40. A number of ladies donated

labor for housecleaning and general housework.

Your continued support of the Building Program will be most helpful to us in realizing our goal for enlargement and in providing better services to our people. Legacies of real estate, stocks, bonds and cash have played such an important role in the expansion and maintenance of the Home through the years.

On September 27, 1966, the Reverend Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Hertzog moved into the apartment at seven South New Street (rear). He will assume the administrative work of the Home and also oversee the construction of the new building, which will hopefully begin this Fall. The Reverend Mr. Hertzog has served on the Board of Directors of the Home for the past thirty-three years, recently in the capacity as President of the Board.

If you are interested in becoming a resident of the Home, write to the secretary, in care of the Home, 38 South New Street, Nazareth, Pennsylvania 18064, and ask for information and an application blank.

FINANCIAL REPORT

September 1, 1965 - August 31, 1966

Receipts:

Balance in Checking Account, September 1965		\$ 8,913.98
Matrons Working Capital, September 1965		1,383.62
Contributions:		
Churches	\$ 1,425.52	
Special	<u>3,294.45</u>	4,719.97
Dividends and Interest	5,971.24	
Payments on Investments	931.80	
Social Security, Pensions,		
Public Assistance	<u>5,522.44</u>	<u>12,425.48</u>
Total		\$ 27,443.05

Disbursements:

Architect's Fee	5,000.00
Attorney's Fee	125.00
Appliances and Equip.	535.00
Board of Directors	100.00
Food and Supplies	1,394.94
Fuel	1,776.25
Funeral & Cemetery	1,510.00
Guests Monthly Allowances	742.25
Maintenance	439.16
Medical	1,007.52

Public Utilities	1,174.75	
Repairs and Supplies	797.57	
Wages	8,899.50	
Miscellaneous	<u>416.91</u>	\$ 23,918.85
Matrons Working Capital, Aug. 31, 1966		1,538.40
Balance in Checking Account, Aug. 31, 1966		<u>1,985.80</u>
Total		27,443.05

INVENTORY

August 31, 1966

Property:

Home Property		
38 South New Street	\$38,000.00	
Home Property		
7 South New Street	<u>35,000.00</u>	\$ 73,000.00

Miscellaneous:

Furniture	2,000.00	
Appliances and Equip.	900.00	
Office Equipment	100.00	
Provisions	<u>150.00</u>	3,150.00

Securities:

Investments and Savings	184,940.72	
Loans:		
Board of Directors	16,000.00	
Lancaster Church	2,808.22	
Emmanuel Church,		
Philadelphia.	3,371.34	
Matron's Working Cap.	1,538.40	
Bal. Checking Account	<u>1,985.80</u>	<u>210,644.48</u>
Total		\$ 286,794.48

(F. B. Hertzog, Chairman; E. W. Bean, Secretary; Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Ernest B. Hartman, Paul H. Cressman, Board).

By-Laws of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE
BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the Corporation is the BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH HOME.

ARTICLE II

Purpose

The purpose of this Corporation shall be as set forth in the Charter granted by the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania which is as follows:

"The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are to establish a home for the aging and infirm and to engage in such other forms of benevolent and charitable work in connection with said home as may be determined by the Directors of the Corporation."

ARTICLE III

Membership

Section 1

The members of the Corporation are and shall be such persons who are duly qualified and in good standing under the By-Laws of the Corporation and the Faith and Order and By-Laws of the Bible Fellowship Church.

Section 2

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven Persons, all of whom shall be elected to the Board for a two year period by the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church, five of whom shall be ministers of the said Church, and two of whom shall be Laymen of the said Church. The Board shall be divided into two classes. The first class shall consist of two ministers and one layman and shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The second class shall consist of three ministers and one layman and shall be elected in even-numbered years.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the Board at the first meeting during Annual Conference.

Section 2

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and shall sign and execute all legal documents required and authorized by the Board; he shall also appoint committees as directed by the Board, and also perform such other duties that belong to the presiding officer.

Section 3

The Vice-President shall preside at meetings of the Board of Directors of the Corporation in the absence of the President, and at such meetings perform the duties of the President. He shall also perform any other duties assigned to him by the President.

Section 4

The Secretary shall keep accurate minutes of the meetings of the Board of Directors and attend to such correspondence as pertains to his office. He shall have charge of the seal of Corporation and be responsible for the care and proper maintenance of the records and papers of the Corporation as authorized. He shall sign all documents as required and authorized by the Board of Directors. He shall notify all the members of the Board of Directors and the Administrator of the Home of the regular meetings of the Board at least ten days prior to the meeting.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall have charge of all funds of the Corporation, together with all such books and papers as pertain to his office. He shall keep an accurate account of all monies and other assets he receives, transfers or disburses. He shall pay all orders drawn upon him by authority of the Board, which orders shall be signed by the President and Secretary. He shall open an account, or accounts, as Treasurer, in the name of the Corporation with a Bank or Trust Company which shall be approved by the Board of Directors, through which accounts all monies received or disbursed shall pass. He shall have his books and accounts ready for examination whenever so required by the Board. The Treasurer shall furnish a bond as the Board may determine, said bond, to be paid by the Corporation. He shall report all financial transactions at the regular meetings of the Board of Directors. At the Annual Meeting of the Board of Directors, he shall submit a report of all assets and liabilities of the Corporation, as well as a statement of all money and other assets received, expended, or transferred since the previous Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1

The Board of Directors of the Corporation shall meet at least five (5) times a year. The first meeting shall be an organizational meeting held at Annual Conference for the purpose of electing officers. The remaining meetings shall be held on the second Thursday of November, February, May and September. The meeting in the month of September shall constitute the Annual Meeting.

Section 2

Annual reports shall be submitted at the Annual Meeting by the Treasurer, the Administrator, and the Secretary.

Section 3

September 1, to August 31, shall be recognized as the fiscal year.

Section 4

Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the President whenever necessary, or upon the request of any three (3) members of the Board of Directors. Notice of special meetings shall be given to each member of the Board by the Secretary at least two (2) days prior to a special meeting.

Section 5

A majority of the members of the Board shall constitute a quorum

ARTICLE VI

Management

The general business and affairs of the Corporation shall be managed and conducted by the Board of Directors of the Home acting as a board, or through its properly authorized Officers in accordance with the By-Laws of the Corporation and which management of the corporate business and affairs shall be in accordance with and subject to the Faith and Order and By-Laws of the Bible Fellowship Church.

ARTICLE VII

Administrator and Employees

Section 1

The general conduct of the Home which the Corporation maintains shall be under the immediate supervision and control of an Administrator elected annually by the Board of Directors at the February Meeting and shall receive such compensation as the Board may determine. The Administrator shall be of unquestionable Christian character, and shall be directly responsible for the

proper conduct and administration of the Home. The Administrator shall assume office immediately following Annual Conference.

Section 2

The Administrator shall be present at all meetings of the Board of Directors, and to render a report of the affairs, conditions, and transactions of the Institution, and of the physical condition of its guests and staff at each regular meeting of the Board together with such recommendations and observations as he may deem wise and in the interests of the Corporation.

Section 3

The Administrator shall keep informed relative to current developments in the field of institutional programs, methods, policies, and trends, especially with current social and welfare trends. The Administrator shall interpret them to the Board.

Section 4

If at any time the Administrator refuses or neglects to perform his duties or is found guilty of improper conduct or administration, then the Board of Directors may immediately demand his resignation or declare the position vacant by a majority of the votes cast at any regular or special meeting.

Section 5

The duties of the Administrator and conditions under which he is employed shall be set forth in an agreement between him and Board of Directors.

Section 6

The Board of Directors, as occasion requires, shall select additional employees necessary to promote the efficient and satisfactory operation of the Home, and determine their duties, responsibilities, and compensation.

ARTICLE VIII

Vacancies and Elections

In the event of a vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors, such vacancy may be filled by the remaining Directors in an election by ballot. Replacements shall serve only until the Annual Conference of the Bible Fellowship Church. All members of the Board of Directors shall have due notice of such election. Should the number of Board members fall below the necessary quorum, the remaining members shall elect replacements in order that necessary business may be carried on.

ARTICLE IX

Committees

Committees as may from time to time be necessary shall be appointed by the President at any meeting of the Board of Directors, such committees are to be approved by the Board and shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE X

Order of Business

1. Devotions
2. Reading of minutes for approval and information
3. Reports of Officers
4. Report of Administrator
5. Report of Standing Committees
6. Report of Special Committees
7. Unfinished Business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

ARTICLE XI

Rules of Procedure

The rules contained in Roberts Rules of Order, Revised shall govern the Corporation in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the By-Laws or the special rules of order of this Corporation.

ARTICLE XII

Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors or at any special meeting of the Board called for that purpose, providing the proposed amendment is submitted in writing to all the Directors at least ten days prior to any regular or special meeting. A two-thirds vote of the total membership of the Board shall be required for adoption.

ARTICLE XIII

Church Responsibility

Section 1

Since the Home for the Aging is operated by the Church for the benefit of the members of the Bible Fellowship Church, it is expected that all the Churches of the Conference support it with their

generous gifts. The Board recommends that each congregation designate a Sunday annually for the purpose of promoting interest and support for the Home. At this time, churches which are not operating on a budget shall receive offerings toward the financial needs of the Home. Churches on a budget shall provide for their proportionate share of the need at the time of the preparation of their local budgets. Checks for the offerings and budgeted contributions shall be made payable to the Bible Fellowship Church Home, and submitted at the Adjourned Session of Annual Conference.

Section 2

Special contributions for the Home may be made at any time to the Administrator, any member of the Board of Directors of the Home, or the local Pastor.

Whereas, the Annual Conference granted permission (1961 Year Book, page 47) to the Bible Fellowship Church Home to incorporate; and,

Whereas, the Bible Fellowship Church Home was incorporated and a Charter granted by the Court of Common Pleas of Northampton County, Pennsylvania, on May 28, 1962; and,

Whereas, according to this Charter the Officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, which officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors in accordance with the By-Laws; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Home request Annual Conference of 1966, to grant the Board of Directors of the Home the privilege to elect the said Officers; and, be it further

Resolved, that the name Board of Directors of the Home be deleted from the Year Book as it now appears on page 9, Article IV, paragraph 1 and 2 (1965 Year Book).

Whereas, the complete By-Laws of any other Board of the Bible Fellowship Church do not appear in the Year Book; therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Board of Directors of the Home recommend that the By-Laws governing the Board of Directors of the Home be deleted from the Year Book.

The Home Board Accounts and this Report have been audited by Robert Ringler.

(F. B. Hertzog, Chairman; E. W. Bean, Secretary, Paul I. Wentz, Sr., Treasurer; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Ernest B. Hartman, Paul H. Cressman, Board).

VI YOUTH FELLOWSHIP GENERAL COMMITTEE

God has given many hundreds of young people to the Bible Fellowship Church. What potential they represent for the work of Christ! The degree to which they achieve that potential is dependent on how effectively we as a church challenge, teach and train them in all the things of Christ. If they fail to develop into useful, powerful Christian servants, it will be because we shall have failed to teach them all things Christ has commanded us (Matthew 28:20) and to present every one perfect in Christ (Colossians 1:28).

Our task of discipling these young people demands intensive study, thought, effort and devotion. It calls for the best in personnel and methods. The spiritual need of the world in our day and the possibilities of our "mighty army of the young" toward meeting that need make anything less than total dedication to this task unthinkable. Let us renew that dedication in the year ahead.

The Youth Fellowship General Committee met five times during the year to assist and encourage our churches in discipling young people.

Bethany Youth Fellowship of Lebanon was transferred from the Schuylkill Valley Region to the Capital Region, effective this fall.

The Committee planned two retreats this year. The first, a college-career retreat at Victory Valley, August 26-28, was attended by 28 young people. The theme was "A Training Camp in Witnessing". John Goodwin was the speaker.

Fifty-six teen-agers attended the Junior-Senior High Retreat September 9-11 at Brainerd Presbyterian Center, Snydersville, Pennsylvania. Rev. Albert Martin addressed the senior high students on "Scriptures and Standards". To the junior highers Mr. Earl Tschudy spoke of "Secular Science and Sacred Scriptures".

Attendance at both retreats this year was considerably below expectations - so low, in fact, as to be almost financially disastrous. This lack of support and interest forces the Committee seriously to question the desirability and feasibility of continuing to have denominational youth retreats. Have they outlived their usefulness? Shall this eighteenth year of retreats be the last?

Answers to these questions and announcement of plans for a retreat or retreats next year, should there be such plans, will be forthcoming as the Committee evaluates the responses to a questionnaire about retreats which has been sent to our pastors. We solicit the prayers of our members for divine guidance in this decision.

The Committee recommends the following:

1. That each Youth Fellowship remit an offering for the work of the

Youth Fellowship General Committee, and that this offering be payable to the treasurer of the Youth Fellowship General Committee and that it be submitted to the secretary of said Committee at the Adjourned Session of this Conference.

2. Whereas, Leroy O. Herb has resigned from the Youth Fellowship General Committee due to the obligations of military service, and,

Whereas, Michale L. Fiorelli has resigned from the Committee due to his work schedule, therefore,

Resolved, that the Annual Conference elect two laymen to fill the two years remaining in the unexpired terms of the two resigned members.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Receipts:

Balance, October 1, 1965		\$	171.08
Church Offerings	\$ 204.00		
Retreat Offerings	21.22		
Retreat Fees	894.00		
Gift	<u>10.00</u>		
Total			1,300.30

Expenditures:

Mailing	\$ 30.44		
Mileage	132.23		
Phone Calls	8.97		
Printing	108.43		
Retreats:			
Booklets	7.80		
Film	48.00		
Speakers	170.00		
Food	279.93		
Cooks	80.00		
Waitresses	55.00		
Counselor	11.00		
Brainerd Center	280.00		
Victory Valley	<u>45.00</u>		
Total			1,256.80
Balance, October 1, 1966		\$	43.50

This report was audited and approved by Mr. Clyde H. Snyder.

(Donald B. Schaeffer, Chairman; Daniel G. Ziegler, Secretary; Clyde Snyder, Treasurer; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Robert F. Johnson, Ronald C. Mahurin, Michael L. Fiorelli, Leroy O. Herb, Harold P. Shelly, Jr., James Sunday, Committee).

VII REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION AND PRINTING

1966

Receipts

Balance in treasury October 1, 1965	\$1563.91	
Received at Adjourned Session	1741.00	
From Sale of Year Books	<u>1119.00</u>	\$4423.91

Expenditures

Honorarium to Conference Secretary	\$ 75.00	
Honorarium to Conference Treasurer	75.00	
Five reams of Mimeograph paper	13.23	
Mimeograph Supplies	14.85	
Ballots for Conference	10.00	
1100 Minute Book Sheets	21.85	
1250 Year Books	1229.90	
Year Book Editing	64.67	
1200 Adjourned Session Supplements	46.50	
Committee Expenses	20.60	
Balance in Treasury September 30, 1966	<u>2852.31</u>	\$4423.91

(David E. Thomann, Chairman; John Dunn, Secretary, Robert W. Smock, Committee).

Audited by E. J. Dietzman

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

To the 83rd Annual Conference

The Board of Directors of the Bible Fellowship Church held seven meetings during the past year beginning on October 1, 1965 and ending September 30, 1966 to conduct the business committed to its care. The officers of the corporation elected for the year were: President and Chairman, Timothy D. Gehret; Vice President, Arlington L. Seifert; Secretary, Jansen E. Hartman; Treasurer, Paul I. Wentz.

The Board and the Church suffered a loss when one of its esteemed members, Daniel K. Ziegler passed away. The following memorial resolution is a part of the minutes:

"Whereas, in the good providence of an all wise God, our esteemed Brother Daniel K. Ziegler has been called home to be with the Lord on March 2, 1966,

Whereas, Brother Ziegler has given so much of himself and the God-given endowments of wisdom and faith with respect to the work of the Board and to the Bible Fellowship Church as a whole,

Therefore, be it resolved, that we give thanks to God for every remembrance of him and the contribution he has made to the cause of Christ, and the Bible Fellowship Church, and further that we express our appreciation for the life and many services of Brother Ziegler by sending a certified copy of this resolution to his widow, Mrs. Carolyn Ziegler, praying that God comfort her and the remaining children and that His peace may be their stay in this their hour of loss. "

Kermit K. Gehman of Emmaus was elected at the adjourned session of conference to fill the unexpired term of Brother Ziegler.

The Board of Directors carried out its corporate responsibilities for the Board of Church Extension, Board of Directors of Berean Bible School, Board of Foreign Missions, Board of Victory Valley and the Planning Committee for the new Bible Fellowship Church Conference Center. The Ministers' Retirement Fund was also administered by the Board. The homes owned by the church and occupied by the District Superintendents were supervised by the Board.

Various property matters were referred to the Board for advice and counsel. Churches served in this manner were located in the following cities: Nazareth, Macungie, Allentown (Salem Bible Fellowship Church), York, Lancaster, Quakertown and Lehighton.

The lots located at 703-13 East Hamilton Street, Allentown owned by the Conference were sold for \$2,400.00. The proceeds were turned over to the Board of Mizpah Grove.

The house and mill located in Lower Macungie Township were sold. The proceeds of this sale were turned over to the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School who informed the Board that they were designated for new facilities for the school. An amount of \$13,750.38 was placed in the new Bible Fellowship Church Conference Center Fund.

The Board received word from the Board of Church Extension that a Bible Fellowship Church is no longer functioning in Binghamton, N. Y. The Board has authorized the sale of the property and the settlement of all remaining obligations.

The Board of Church Extension has recommended the purchase of a lot located in Holland Township, Hunterdon County, New Jersey for the relocation of the Calvary Bible Fellowship Church now meeting in Finesville, New Jersey. Steps are being taken to acquire the property in behalf of the Board and the Finesville Congregation.

The acquisition of the tract of land in Upper Macungie Township owned by Earl T. Adams was delayed by his death. The Board gave notice of its intention of exercising the option to the representatives of the Estate of Earl T. Adams and subsequently when a description of the land was furnished an agreement of sale was signed. The

agreement of sale is in two parts in accordance with the original option. Settlement will be made for that Tract "A" containing approximately 134 acres and 624 feet fronting on Route #100, on or before November 15, 1966; for Tract "B", consisting of a stone house and barn with two acres of land, possession will be on or before March 1, 1967. Arrangements for financing the purchase have been made.

The Forward With Christ Campaign to raise funds for the development of the New Bible Fellowship Church Conference Center has received from Faith Promises \$13,410.61, from the Board of Mizpah Grove \$10,000.00 and from the Fund to Promote Berean Bible School \$13,750.38 for a total of \$36,917.89. To date we have had expenses of \$4,213.82 leaving a balance in the fund of \$32,947.17. The aim is to have \$75,000 in cash by the time settlement is made for Tract "A".

The Fund to Promote Church Extension has been made a revolving loan fund to provide financing of churches of the Bible Fellowship Church in new areas.

The Board authorized the payment of \$3,000 on the indebtedness of the Bethlehem District Superintendent's home.

A request was received from Pastor F. B. Hertzog that he be placed on the list of annuitants receiving a pension from the Ministers' Retirement Fund. Since he has reached the required age and the Credentials Committee received notification of his intentions the request was granted beginning October 1, 1966.

Since a recommendation from the ministering brethren convening at the Ministerial Convention in May at Victory Valley incorporates a change in the supervision of the Ministers' Retirement Fund, the Board halted the preparation of the report requested by the Annual Conference of 1965.

The Budget prepared for Conference Administration for the year 1967-1968 is submitted herewith:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of the BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Balance Sheet
October 1, 1966 compared with October 1, 1965

ASSETS	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Cash - Board of Directors	\$ 7,309.08	\$ 6,119.67
Cash - District Supt. Parsonages	3,712.59	3,192.91
Cash - Dormitory Fund	755.00	755.00
Cash - Moving Fund	3,016.64	753.14
Cash - Truck Fund	338.97	557.59
	<u>15,132.28</u>	<u>11,378.31</u>

Notes Receivable - Victory Valley	5,000.00	2,000.00
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Furnishings & Equipment:		
Mizpah Grove	1,448.89	1,448.89
District Supt. Parsonages	457.75	457.75
	<u>1,906.64</u>	<u>1,906.64</u>
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Real Estate:		
Berean Bible School	116,000.00	116,000.00
District Supt. Parsonage - Allentown (Net Equity)	7,556.93	7,556.93
District Supt. Parsonage - Bethlehem	21,807.86	21,807.86
Church Extension Director's Par.	16,000.00	16,000.00
Mizpah Grove	90,984.00	90,984.00
Victory Valley	67,489.01	67,489.01
Option to Purchase Fogelsville Land	1,000.00	1,000.00
	<u>320,837.80</u>	<u>320,837.80</u>
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FUND TO PROMOTE CHURCH EXTENSION

Cash - Fund to Promote Church Ext.	\$ 7,577.76	\$ (895.45)
Cash - Sinking Spring Church	(3,205.31)	(10,963.92)
Notes Receivable:		
Board of Church Ext. -Denville	11,000.00	11,000.00
Belvidere Bible Fellowship Church	11,000.00	11,000.00
Macungie Bible Fellowship Church	1,000.00	
Mortgage Receivable:		
Binghamton Bible Fellowship Church	3,967.71	4,079.18
First Newborn Tabernacle, Inc.	6,203.47	7,166.54
Miller Heights Bible Fellowship C.	2,000.00	3,500.00
Finesville Bible Fellowship Church	4,070.42	
Real Estate, Church at Sinking Spring	43,884.67	43,884.67
	<u>\$87,498.72</u>	<u>\$68,771.02</u>
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FUNDS TO PROMOTE BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Cash - Berean Bible School Fund	\$ 243.10
Real Estate in Lower Macungie Township	25,000.00
	<u>25,243.10</u>

FUNDS FOR CONFERENCE CENTER

Cash - Conference Center, Fogelsville	\$32,947.17
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REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Cash	2,255.13	2,255.13
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District Superintendent's Parsonage (interest free loan until Oct. 1, 1973)	11,244.87	11,244.87
	<u>13,500.00</u>	<u>13,500.00</u>

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS (Restricted Gifts)

Cash -	\$ 2,553.47	\$ 6,000.00
Mortgage - Miller Heights Church	6,851.53	
	<u>9,405.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>

TOTAL ASSETS \$ 486,227.61 \$ 449,636.87

STATEMENT "A"

 LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH
Liabilities

Accrued Payroll Taxes	\$ (17.68)	\$ 6.02
Notes Payable:		
Board of Foreign Missions	7,000.00	7,000.00
Berean Bible School Contract	5,000.00	5,000.00
Board of the Home (Victory Valley)	16,000.00	16,000.00
Ministers' Retirement Fund (Dist. Supt. Parsonage)	16,000.00	16,000.00
A Friend (Victory Valley)	5,000.00	
Mortgage Payable, Berean Bible School	5,141.99	5,581.56
	<u>\$54,124.31</u>	<u>\$49,587.58</u>

FUND TO PROMOTE CHURCH EXTENSION

Notes Payable - Sinking Spring Loan	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Mortgage Payable - People's Bank & Trust Co. Reading, Pa.	26,818.13	20,000.00
Fund for Sinking Spring - In Trust	10,179.36	9,920.75
Downpayment on sale of Trenton Church		1,200.00
Reserve to Promote Church Extension as of Oct. 1, 1965	\$34,650.27	
Transferred from Statement B	12,850.96/47,501.23	34,650.27
	<u>\$ 87,498.72</u>	<u>\$ 68,771.02</u>

RESERVE TO PROMOTE BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL

Reserve to Promote Berean Bible School as of Oct. 1, 1965	25,243.10	
Loss transferred from Statement "B"	(11,492.72)	13,750.38
Total transferred to Conference Center Fund	13,750.38	25,243.10

CONFERENCE CENTER FUND

Reserve as of Oct. 1, 1965

Gain trans. from Statement

"B"

19,196.79

19,196.79

32,947.17

REVOLVING LOAN FUND

Reserved for Revolving Loan Fund

13,500.00

13,500.00

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION FUND

Reserve for Special Contributions as

of Oct. 1, 1965

6,000.00

Distributed during year

(14,095.00)

Mortgage, Miller Heights

Church

6,851.53

Gain transferred from

Statement "B"

10,648.47

9,405.00

6,000.00

Unrestricted New Worth,

October 1, 1965

286,535.17

Transferred from

Statement "B"

2,217.24288,752.41286,535.17

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND

NET WORTH

\$

486,227.61

\$

449,636.87

STATEMENT "A"

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENSE

Year ended October 1, 1966 compared with October 1, 1965

	<u>1966</u>		<u>1965</u>
MIZPAH GROVE			
Income:			
Truck Fund	<u>298.70</u>		<u>354.20</u>
Total income		298.70	
Expenses:			
Truck Maint. Repairs	<u>517.32</u>		<u>342.53</u>
		<u>517.32</u>	<u>342.53</u>
Expenses over Income		(218.62)	11.67
DIST. SUPT. PARONSAGES			
Income:			
From Churches	<u>1,790.72</u>		<u>2,061.68</u>
Total income		1,790.72	<u>2,061.68</u>

Expenses:

Allentown District:

Maint. & Repairs		469.00	
Insurance	74.00		
Taxes, Water & Sewer Rent	<u>325.53</u>		<u>376.79</u>
Total expenses		399.53	<u>845.79</u>

Bethlehem District:

Interest	480.00		480.00
Maint. & Repairs	253.86		23.10
Taxes, Water & Sewer Rent	<u>137.65</u>		<u>135.35</u>
Total Expenses		871.51	<u>638.45</u>
Total		<u>1,271.04</u>	<u>1,484.24</u>
Income over expenses		519.68	<u>577.44</u>

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS

Income:

Administrative	850.00		850.00
Berean, Reduction of School indebtedness	439.57		460.87
Special (Restricted)	10,500.00		5,000.00
Interest - General	403.70		310.64
Moving Funds	<u>3,206.00</u>		<u>3,250.75</u>
Total Income		15,399.27	<u>9,872.26</u>

Expenses:

Attorney Fees	144.00		207.50
Committee expenses:			
Board of Directors	124.37		168.98
Ministerial Candidate Committee	289.50		63.14
Pulpit Supply Com.	201.40		
Com. on Church Forms	171.37		
Ministerial Conven.	29.90		
Statistical & Agenda	52.96		83.13
Credentials Com.	162.00		78.24
Com. to study Divorce	11.20		91.22
Youth Fellowship Gen. Committee	34.40		
Govt. Committee	411.07		279.26
Nom. Committee	92.09		
Stationery, postage	266.93		28.25
Ins., Workmen's Compensation	44.40		(59.57)
Moving Expenses	942.50		2,515.02
Safe Deposit Box	<u>5.00</u>		
Total Expenses		2,983.09	<u>3,455.17</u>
Trans. to Statement "A"		12,416.18	<u>6,417.09</u>
Trans. to Special Cont. Fund		<u>10,500.00</u>	<u>5,000.00</u>
To Net Worth		<u>2,217.24</u>	<u>2,006.20</u>

CHURCH EXPANSION FUND

Income:

Int. on Loans made out
of Fund to Promote

Church Extension	40.42		156.29
Sale of Trenton Ch.	15,877.17		10,500.00
Sinking Spring Church			
Reduction of Indeb.	<u>681.87</u>		

	16,599.46	<u>10,656.29</u>
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Expenses:

Macungie B. F. C.	1,000.00		
Trenton Liquidation	1,178.50		1,989.66
Payment of Encum- brance on Trenton			
Property			7,319.76
Sinking Spring B. F. C.	70.00		
Miller Heights B. F. C.	<u>1,500.00</u>		

	3,748.50	<u>9,309.43</u>
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Trans. to Statement "A"

	12,850.96	1,346.87
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FUND TO PROMOTE BEREAN

Income:

Gift of Real Estate, Lower Macungie			25,000.00
Rent from above prop.	<u>674.19</u>		1,025.00

674.19	<u>26,025.00</u>
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Expenses:

Maint. & Repairs	338.99		781.90
Liquidation Exp.	995.40		
Loss on Sale of Lower Macungie Real Estate	<u>10,832.52</u>		

	12,166.91	<u>781.90</u>
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Net Loss	11,492.72	25,243.10
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Loss transferred to Fund to

Promote Berean	11,492.72	25,243.10
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BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH CONFERENCE CENTER

Income:

Contributions	<u>23,410.61</u>	23,410.61
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Expenses:

Campaign Exp.	4,049.44		
Com. Fares-meals	<u>164.38</u>		

	<u>4,213.83</u>
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Gain transferred to Con.

Center Fund Statement "A"	19,196.79
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BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH
MINISTERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Balance Sheet
October 1, 1966 compared with October 1, 1965

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
ASSETS		
Cash - Ministers' Ret. Fund	\$ 35,279.55	\$ 31,923.10
Cash - Stocks and Bonds	48,740.45	48,740.45
Notes Rec. -Bethlehem District		
Supt. Parsonage	16,000.00	16,000.00
Notes Rec. -Lancaster Church	2,950.00	2,950.00
Notes Rec. -Paradise Church	6,987.25	7,365.24
Notes Rec. -Catasauqua Church	2,453.12	3,223.76
	<u>112,410.37</u>	<u>110,202.55</u>

LIABILITIES
(None)

NET WORTH

Net worth, Oct. 1, 1965 /110,202.55		
Gain trans. from		
Statement "D"	<u>2,207.82</u>	<u>110,202.55</u>

Total Liabilities & Net Worth	112,410.37	110,202.55
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	<u>Book Value</u>	<u>Market V.</u>
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200 shares Penn. Power & Light Company preferred with a dividend of 4.50 annually.	21,536.81	16,100.00
1-U.S. Treasury Bond (2 1/2% due 1969)	4,593.41	4,612.00
4-U.S. Treasury Bonds (2 1/2% due 1969)	22,610.23	18,448.00

Statement of Income and Expenses for year ended October 1, 1966
compared with year ended October 1, 1965

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
INCOME		
Contributions from Churches	3,616.62	3,826.00
Contributions from Pastors	2,595.25	2,593.03
Dividends received	900.00	675.00
Interest received	2,517.11	2,442.98
	<u>9,628.98</u>	<u>9,537.01</u>

EXPENSES

Retirement annuities	7,421.16	
Total expenses	<u>7,421.16</u>	<u>7,775.92</u>
Excess of Income over Expenses		
Trans. to Statement "C"	2,207.82	1,761.09

STATEMENT "D"

(T. D. Gehret, Chairman; A. L. Seifert, Vice President; Jansen E. Hartman, Secretary; Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer; Kermit K. Gehman, Bryon C. Cassel, Frank L. Herb, Jr., F. B. Hertzog, John H. Riggall, Board of Directors).

IX. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PUBLISH FELLOWSHIP NEWS

1965-1966 Conference Year

Interest in the Fellowship News remains at a high level and many of our subscribers have written to tell us of the anticipation with which they look forward to each issue.

At the present time Fellowship News is reaching into 29 states, the District of Columbia and 16 foreign countries. Presently, our circulation stands at 1,382. In these days when communication is so important we feel that Fellowship News is an important medium for keeping our constituency well informed on all denominational activities. To be better informed read the Fellowship News - ALL OF IT!

The committee makes the following recommendations:

1. The month of January be designated as subscription month.
2. A donation of \$50 each should be given by the Board of Foreign Missions, Sunday School Promotion Committee, Board of Church Extension and Board of Directors of Berean Bible School. Checks should be made payable to Fellowship News and sent to the secretary of the committee no later than February 1, 1967.

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR CONFERENCE YEAR 1965-1966

Balance -		
Business Manager	106.59	
Treasurer	<u>646.02</u>	\$ 752.61

RECEIPTS

Subscriptions	2,764.00
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Anonymous Contribution	23.90	
Donations: Sunday School Promotion Com.		
Church Extension Board, Board of Foreign Missions(\$50 each)	<u>150.00</u>	
Total Receipts and Balances		3,690.51

EXPENDITURES

Printing 12 issues of Fellowship News	2,428.51	
Business Manager's Expenses	144.86	
Refunds	18.50	
Honorariums for Bus. Mgr. & Editor	175.00	
Committee Expenses	<u>30.24</u>	
Total Expenses		2,797.11
Balance - Business Manager (8/31/66)	107.23	
Treasurer (9/15/66)	<u>786.17</u>	<u>893.40</u>
Total Expenses and year end balances		\$ 3,690.51

(Robert W. Smock, Chairman; Robert W. Gehret, Secretary; Paul T. Rutman, Treasurer; David E. Thomann, Editor; R. C. Reichenbach, Business Manager)

X REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

The average person thinks of America as a well-churched, Christian nation. There are an ample number of Churches in most communities, and there seems to be no need to add more. To speak of America as a mission field seems absurd.

The fact is, however, that despite the seeming abundance of churches, lawlessness, immorality, infidelity, materialism and spiritual indifference are everywhere on the increase. Multitudes never attend any church or Sunday School. And many of those who do attend find no answer to the souls' deepest needs. Many churches are destitute of the message of salvation through faith in Christ. America desperately needs an increase of those Churches that preach the life-changing gospel and faithfully teach the Bible as the Word of God.

May God give the Bible Fellowship Church the vision to help meet that need. May we be His instruments in helping to stem the tide of evil, to prepare men for life here and eternity hereafter.

The Board is grateful to the Churches and Sunday Schools of our Denomination for their generous support and covets your continued

prayer and financial support for the future.

We wish to thank Rev. William A. Heffner for his unselfish labour during the past seven years as director of this department. We pray God's blessing upon him as he assumes the pastoral ministry again.

We are also grateful that the Lord has provided a capable and spiritual man to assume these duties for the year ahead. We pray that he shall be endued the needed wisdom to carry on this important ministry.

The Board met eight times during the year to transact the business of the department.

During the year, the Macungie Church purchased a parsonage at 313 E. Main Street, Macungie, Pa. Our Finesville Church is purchasing three acres of land for the future erection of a new church building.

It is with deep regret that we announce the termination of our Binghamton appointment. An intensive summer program was conducted in a nearby area in an effort to stimulate new interest but without the desired results.

Plans to enter the Timonium, Lutherville area of Maryland had to be postponed due to the anticipated drain upon our personnel at this Annual Conference.

The following men have laboured under the direction of the Board of Church Extension during the year:

M. Leslie Campbell	John H. Herb
Bruce A. Ellingson	Austin B. Sullivan, Jr.
John E. Golla	Harold C. Weaber
Robert Paul	

FINANCIAL

Receipts:

Balance in Treas. Sept. 10, 1965	\$ 663.41
Received from churches	38,259.06
Received from Beth. Dist. Approp. Account	400.00
Received from Allen. Dist. Approp. Account	300.00
Received from Sunday Schools	6,392.03
Received from Finesville Mortg.	4,479.72
Received for tent rentals	45.00
Payment of Special loan	100.00
Total Receipts	\$50,639.22

Expenditures:

APPROPRIATIONS:

For Conference appointments:

Allentown District	\$7,110.00
Bethlehem District	8,480.00

For Church Extension Appoint-
ments:

Belvidere, N. J.	2,040.00
Finesville, N. J.	2,520.00
Macungie, Pa.	3,000.00
Miller Heights, Pa.	2,520.00
Millersville, Pa.	2,220.00
Sinking Spring, Pa.	1,200.00
Walnutport, Pa.	1,500.00
To Director for operating ex.	7,425.00

ADMINISTRATION:

Director's Salary	5,017.49
Director's Parsonage Maint.	1,060.43
Workman's Compensation	24.85
Board Expenses	111.31
Taxes	231.09
Service Charge	.67

GENERAL:

Donation to Bd. of Director	200.00	
Donation to Fellowship News	50.00	
Special loan	300.00	
Moving Expenses	1,144.32	
Assistance to Pastors	150.00	
Assistance to Churches	589.00	
Total Expenditures		\$46,894.16
Balance, Sept. 26, 1966.		3,745.06
		<u>50,639.22</u>

Due on Special Loan \$200.00

We recommend that the Annual Conference grant the petition of the Sinking Spring Congregation, to become a Conference Appointment.

(Jansen E. Hartman, Chairman; Frank L. Herb, Jr., Secretary; William A. Heffner, Director; John L. Deily, T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Clayton Weber, Board).

XI REPORT OF THE VICTORY VALLEY BOARD 1966

This year's program at Victory Valley indicates growing interest in the camp and its facilities by the people of the Bible Fellowship Church. The number of campers increased again this year to 430. This demanded a larger staff which the Lord also provided. Our prayer is that many of the young people who enjoyed our camp will continue to hear the voice of God speaking through the lessons learned, calling them to increased obedience and usefulness to Himself. What a thrill to find young people giving testimony of having come to a saving knowledge of the Lord or having heard His call to some form of ministry through the work of our Camp.

The leadership of our staff this year was provided by Ted S. Bull, serving as director, with Dean Stortz and Karen Ettinger as program directors. The staff of counselors was composed largely of young people from Berean Bible School and our churches; several staff people also came to us from other Christian schools.

Four additional cabin units were constructed for this reason. Each unit houses eight campers and two staff bringing our capacity to eighty campers. The total cost of this construction and equipment was \$7,017.04. We praise the Lord for specially designated gifts amounting to \$5,400.00 which made this possible; the remainder of the cost was met from current funds.

Our financial outlook is improved because of the increase in camp fees and the additional number of campers. The immediate outlook is not as bright as the long range because the cost of additional equipment for the increased number of campers had to be met by this year's income. Our goal is that the contributions from the churches will reach \$3,500.00 so that they can cover the yearly general administrative expenses; the summer program can be run with a cash surplus and improvements to our facilities can be made only through special contributions.

The rates for the campers for this coming year will remain the same. The rates for the use of the facilities by special groups throughout the year were restudied during this year and the following schedule is in effect:

Bible Fellowship Church Groups:

Basic Grounds Fee	No charge if groups are insured. insurance available at 50¢ per person.
Dining Room	\$ 10.00 per day
Kitchen	5.00 per meal
Over night facilities	1.00 per person
Swimming	.50 per person
	(\$10.00 minimum charge)

The camp must approve the life guard to be used. All groups must be insured; local church insurance is acceptable if the coverage is deemed adequate by the camp.

Groups from outside the Bible Fellowship Church:

Basic Grounds Fee	\$.75 per person with a \$10. minimum for insurance.
Dining Room	15.00 per day
Kitchen	7.50 per meal
Overnight facilities	1.50 per person
Swimming	.50 per person (\$10.00 minimum charge)

All groups must be covered by our insurance.

The camps will meet in the following schedule in the summer of 1967:

July 1 - 8	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 8 - 15	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 15 - 22	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 22 - 29	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 29 - Aug. 5	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
Aug. 5 - 12	Boys and Girls Junior High ages
Aug. 12 - 19	Boys and Girls Senior High ages

A choice will be given girls and boys in seventh and eighth grades to continue in Girls or Boys camps, respectively, or select Junior High Camp involving a co-ed situation, according to their preference.

We make the following recommendation:

That each church make a contribution to Victory Valley Camp. The anticipated budget of the Camp indicates need for contributions of at least \$3,500.00 by the churches. Checks shall be made payable to Victory Valley Camp and sent to the secretary of the Board before March 1, 1967.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Income:

Camp operation:

Camp fees and registrations	\$14,505.00	
Offerings	209.59	
Handcraft	427.85	
Snak Shak sales	901.25	
Reimbursements	42.95	\$16,086.64

General:

Contributions from:		
Churches	\$ 2,619.55	
Groups (rentals)	878.50	
Special	1,791.83	\$ 5,289.88

Restricted:

Contribution - New Cabins	\$ 4,400.00	\$ 4,400.00
Total Income		<u>\$25,776.52</u>

Expenses:

Camp operation:

Fuel and Power	\$ 1,125.59	
Food Purchased	3,374.04	
Handcraft	474.28	
Kitchen Supplies	813.93	
Medical	18.01	
Postage and Office Supplies	368.72	
Publicity	194.62	
Program Material	1,351.96	
Swimming Pool Maintenance	863.86	
Small Tools	76.74	
Snak Shak purchases	634.22	
Sports Equipment	58.49	
Telephone	201.75	
Truck and Tractor	632.00	
Wages	5,446.00	
Miscellaneous	168.97	
Board of Directors Assesment	100.00	
Insurance for Campers	560.65	<u>\$16,463.83</u>

General Administration:

Fuel and Power (White house)	147.93	
Insurance	431.00	
Interest	480.00	
Maintenance and Repairs:		
Building	153.25	
Equipment	139.95	
Grounds	1,392.11	
Membership fees	121.40	
Taxes	20.64	<u>2,886.28</u>
Total expenses		<u>\$19,350.11</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets:

Cash		\$ 383.78
Furniture and Fixture:		
10/1/65	\$ 2,773.13	
Addition	<u>1,103.93</u>	3,877.06
Swimming Pool		24,110.54
Real Estate:		
10/1/65	69,659.43	

New Cabins	<u>5,913.16</u>	75,572.59	
Engineering Expense in suspense		<u>495.80</u>	\$104,439.77

Liabilities and Net Worth:

Notes Payable		5,000.00	
Note Payable (Board of Directors of the Home for the Aging)		16,000.00	
Net Worth	77,013.36		
Gain	<u>6,426.41</u>	<u>83,439.77</u>	\$104,439.77

Mr. William Bobbitt has audited this report and found it to be correct.

(Carl C. Cassel, Chairman; LeRoy S. Heller, Secretary; Kermit Gehman, T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Paul I. Wentz, Jr., Clayton E. Weber, Board).

XII BOARD OF MIZPAH GROVE

The conclusion of another year at Mizpah Gove with its reflections on the commitments of lives to the work of the Lord and strengthening of believers once again justifies the need for a denominational summer program. Two camps were conducted from July 2 to 10 and July 16 to 24 with additional evening services between the camps. Attendances were excellent and the financial response was very good.

The Board wishes to again express thanks to the pastors and various laymen for their cooperation in the program of the camp, as well as the business administration of Berean Bible School for managing the cafeteria and food store.

There were 227 tents occupied during the Bethlehem District and 249 tents during the Allentown District.

Four experimental tents were purchased. The front of the auditorium and the rest rooms were painted under the direction of Pastors Bert N. Brosius and James A. Beil.

The books were audited by Walter A. Davis.

The Board announces the following:

1. There will be 2 Camp Meetings in 1967.

The churches of the Bethlehem District and the Church Extension Churches located at Belvidere, Finesville, Miller Heights and Macungie shall comprise this Camp Meeting to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, July 1 to 9, 1967.

The churches of the Allentown District and the Church Ex-

tension Churches located at Millersville, Sinking Spring and Walnutport shall comprise this camp meeting to be held in Mizpah Grove, Allentown, July 15 to 23, 1967.

Evening services will be held Wednesday through Friday of the week between camps. (July 12-14)

2. The rental of tents shall be \$10.00 per camp meeting. One (\$1.00) dollar registration fee (not refundable) shall accompany each tent order; the balance shall be paid at the camp.

3. All tent orders shall 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

<u>FINANCIAL</u>			
<u>Income</u>			
Balance 9/14/65			\$ 10,041.29
First District Camp			
Income	\$ 6,283.28		
Expended	2,077.78		
	<u>4,205.50</u>	\$ 4,205.50	4,205.50
Refund-First District			500.00
Second District Camp			
Income	\$ 7,137.78		
Expended	2,968.78		
	<u>4,169.00</u>	\$ 4,169.00	4,169.00
Cafeteria & Store			
Income	\$14,791.72		
Expended	14,459.79		
Bal. 9/66	331.93		
Bal. 9/65	105.32		
Total	<u>437.25</u>		
Trans.	300.00	300.00	300.00
Balance 9/66	<u>137.25</u>		
Refund-Cafeteria			2,000.00
Sale of Land		2,378.32	2,378.32
Sale of Hymn books		140.30	140.30
Telegram & Telephone Refunds		2.55	2.55
Redemption-U. S. Treas. Bill			
Principal	\$ 4,881.19		
Interest	118.81	118.81	5,000.00
Income during year		<u>\$11,311.48</u>	
Total			<u>\$ 28,736.96</u>

Expenditures

Improvements	\$ 1,114.78
Repairs	370.63
Insurance	338.21
Electric	499.50
Telephone	219.77

Taxes, Water, Sewer	1,217.46
Ground Maintenance	340.00
Equipment:	
Athletic	74.07
Cafeteria	425.00
Other	20.07
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	519.14
Care of Trees	325.00
Printing and Publicity	98.62
Fares	269.29
Meals	96.63
Contractors-Erection	393.90
Use of trucks (Board of Directors)	100.00
Assessment-(Board of Directors)	100.00
Investment-U.S. Treas. Bill (6 months)	4,881.19
Forwarded to Cafeteria & First Camp	2,500.00
Hardware	13.67
Postage	15.00
1000 Hymnals	375.00
Rental of Sound System	250.00
Legal Fees	46.00
Garbage Disposal	180.00
Rental of organ	100.00
Moving organ	25.00
Piano tuning	22.50
Miscellaneous	2.13
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	14,626.35
Balance 9/8/66	14,110.61
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	28,736.96 \$ 28,736.96

(T.D. Gehret, Chairman; Robert W. Smock, Secretary; James A. Beil, Bert N. Brosius, Robert W. Gehret, George W. Krigor, A. L. Seifert, David E. Thomann, A. L. Wentz, Board)

XIII REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION COMMITTEE

The Annual Sunday School Convention for the Bible Fellowship Denomination was held in the Faith Bible Fellowship Church in Fleetwood, Pa., on Saturday, April 30, 1966. The Lord showered literal rain and spiritual blessings upon this Convention. The outstanding hospitality and Christian love, for which the Fleetwood Congregation is well known, was very evident in the activities of the day. They provided nursery facilities and supervised activities for all children, baby through elementary ages. Closed circuit television was available for the overflow crowd meeting in the Educational Wing of the Church. Excellent arrangements were also made for the noon time lunch.

The blessings of the day were in no way limited to the temporal but, with the speakers ably fulfilling their assigned posts, helpful, Scriptural information and instructions were given to all in attendance. The speakers for the Convention included Rev. A. L. Seifert, Mr. Bill Knudson, Professor John R. Sawyer, Miss Ruth E. Turnwall and Dr. G. Beauchamp Vick. The music was under the direction of Mr. Robert E. Lee.

Approximately 500 adults, 90 children and a goodly number of local Church personnel attended the Convention. Each person in attendance was presented with many challenges, much enthusiasm, and the Convention was brought to a close on the theme "Quality Produces Quantity". It is our continuous prayer that all Bible Fellowship Sunday Schools would be Schools "Who bare record of the Word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ"(Rev. 1:2).

We are pleased to announce that plans are being formulated for our 1967 Denominational Sunday School Convention to be held in the Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Spring City, Pa., on Saturday, April 29, 1967. Complete details will be published at a later date.

The Visual Aids Library, operated by the Berean Bible School and supported by this Committee, continues to expand its film strip and record library. A number of new filmstrips were added this year and a newly revised Visual Aids Catalog was prepared and copies given to all our Schools. A number of Schools have used this service but we wish to take this opportunity to urge each of our Schools to avail themselves of these aids. This service is available without charge because it is supported through your annual offering for Sunday School Promotion.

The Committee continued its work regarding some of the over-all problems of Sunday School Standards and prepared a paper for consideration by the Annual Conference.

We believe that the Sunday School is a great missionary arm of the Church in the local communities. We, of the Sunday School Promotion Committee, are grateful for the assistance we have been able to render to our Schools. We appreciate your liberal offerings and prayer support. If we can render assistance to your school, please contact any of the members of our Committee.

We request that the Annual Conference meeting in the Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Hampden Blvd. and Marion Street, Reading, Pa., on Monday, October 10, 1966, approve the following recommendation:

1. That every Bible Fellowship Sunday School make a contribution for denominational Sunday School promotion. This contribution should be mailed to the Financial Secretary of the Committee before April 1, 1967.

FINANCES

Balance from previous year		\$1,015.41
<u>Receipts:</u>		
Offerings from Schools	\$1,192.91	
Convention Offerings	<u>421.00</u>	1,613.91
 Total receipts and balances		 \$2,629.32
 <u>Expenditures:</u>		
Convention expenses, including printing, honorariums & mileage for speakers	456.82	
Postage, phone, stationary & mileage	68.70	

Printing & promotion	65.91	
Berean - Visual Aids Library	200.00	
Board of Directors - Annual Contribution	100.00	
Fellowship News - Contribution	50.00	941.43

Balance in Treasury - September 10, 1966 \$1,687.89

(James G. Koch, Chairman; Norman L. Reed, Asst. Chairman; Harlan Wolf, Rec. Secretary; James R. Cressman, Financial Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, William A. Heffner, Robert W. Smock, David J. Watkins, Nicholas J. Sheetz, Robert E. Lee, William R. Hunsberger, Committee)

XIV. REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TREASURER

For Year Ended September 30, 1966

	Balance Oct. 1, 1965	Receipts	Disburse- ments	Balance Oct. 1, 1966
1. Board of Directors	1,956.44	41,932.04	36,892.27	6,996.21
2. Conference Center		37,160.99	4,213.82	32,947.17
3. Dormitory Fund	755.00	-	-	755.00
4. Revolving Loan Fund	2,255.13	-	-	2,255.13
5. Ministers' Moving F	753.14	3,206.00	942.50	3,016.64
6. Ministers' Retire.	31,923.10	10,777.61	7,421.16	35,279.55
7. Dist. Supts. Homes	3,192.91	1,790.72	1,271.04	3,712.59
8. Foreign Missions	1,123.30	246,418.66	234,134.93	9,662.51
Income for 1966-67	fiscal	year		3,744.52
				<u>13,407.03</u>
9. Home Board	8,913.98	12,798.01	19,726.19	1,985.80
10. Publication & Prtg.	1,563.91	2,860.00	1,571.60	2,852.31
11. Church Extension	663.41	49,975.81	46,894.16	3,745.06
12. Special Church Ext.	(895.45)	14,933.83	6,460.62	7,577.76
13. Victory Valley	(1,545.54)	16,549.40	14,620.08	383.78
14. Sunday S. Promotion	1,015.41	1,613.91	941.43	1,687.89
15. Mizpah Grove	10,041.29	18,695.67	14,626.35	14,110.61

Paul I. Wentz, Treasurer

XV. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL TO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it." Psalm 127:1

Berean Bible School is in a period of transition. This September, the step was taken from a three to four year program and this November, settlement will be made for the Bible Fellowship Church Conference Center site on which we hope to relocate the school. Transition can be dangerous for unless the Lord is directing we labor in vain. Berean, therefore, needs your prayers most of all and secondly it needs your moral and financial support.

This past year has been very difficult in many ways, but the Lord has been faithful and supplied the needed grace. President Jansen E. Hartman has served wholeheartedly, the faculty faithfully and the staff loyally.

There have been several faculty changes this year. Richard Gehman and his wife, Florence have left to serve the Lord as missionaries to Kenya, Africa under the Africa Inland Mission. We have acquired Mr. Leonard J. Coppes as an Instructor of Biblical Literature and Miss Karen Ettinger as an Instructor in Christian Education.

The full-time faculty members are Jansen E. Hartman, Ruth A. Hartman, Harold P. Shelly Jr., Raymond R. Dotts, Donal Nilsson, Leonard Coppes and Karen Ettinger.

The Part-time instructors are Theodore S. Bull, Willard E. Cassel, Alva C. Cassel, Carl C. Cassel, John E. Phillips, Charlene S. Cassel, Mary E. Dotts, Donald R. Knauer, Lenora A. Knauer and Esther L. Shelly.

On Monday, June 4, 1966, at 7:45 p.m. in our Bethel Church, Allentown, Pa., eight day students and five evening students were graduated from the school. This brings the total graduates to 158 in fourteen years. At the beginning of the 1966-67 school year, 54 have registered in the collegiate division and a goodly number in the evening school.

The board has met four times during the year to conduct its business. The various committees have functioned well and carried out the responsibilities placed upon them.

The Board organized as follows:

Chairman: T. D. Gehret
Secretary: W. B. Hottel
Treasurer: A. L. Wentz

The Board elected the following committees and they organized as follows:

The Committee on Finance: A. L. Seifert, Chairman; Bryon C. Cassel, Secretary; Representative to Executive Committee, A. L. Wentz, Dr. R. Wallace Journey and Jansen E. Hartman.

Committee on Faculty and Instruction: C. E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Horace A. Kauffman, Secretary; Representative to Executive Committee, C. E. Kirkwood, T. D. Gehret, Daniel K. Ziegler and Jansen E. Hartman.

Committee on Promotion: Harvey J. Fritz Jr., Chairman; John M. Stengele, Secretary; Representative to Executive Committee, Robert W. Gehret, Jansen E. Hartman and W. B. Hottel.

Executive Committee: T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, A. L. Wentz, C. E. Kirkwood and Robert W. Gehret.

Committee on Resolutions: Horace A. Kauffman and Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.

Jansen E. Hartman was re-elected President of the school for term of office from June 30, 1966 to June 30, 1967.

We praise the Lord that the school has been able to meet all of its financial obligations through the faithful and sacrificial support of the members and friends of the Bible Fellowship Church. We thank God for all those who pray and give in order to make the ministry of Berean Bible School possible.

The Board of Directors of Berean Bible School recommends to the Annual Conference meeting in Grace Church, Reading, Pa., on Monday, October 10, 1966:

That the following procedure for meeting the needs of Berean Bible School this coming year shall be:

That each church be encouraged to support Berean Bible School at a level equal to 4% of its annual offerings and that this support be remitted to the school in twelve monthly payments. The laymen on the Board of Directors of Berean Bible School shall maintain contact throughout the year with the pastors and official boards of each church keeping them informed of the work of the school and its needs.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Sheet, June 30, 1966

Exhibit A

Assets

I	Current Funds		
	General (Schedule 1)	\$ 9,388.53	
	Restricted - Cash	2,364.57	\$ 11,753.10

II	Loan Fund				
	Cash				109.63
III	Endowments and Other Non- Expendable Funds. Funds Subject to Annuity Agreements. Institutional Property.				1,535.33
IV	Plant Fund (Schedule 1)				158,335.01
V	Agency Funds (Schedule 5)				<u>1,893.38</u>
	Total Assets				<u>\$ 173,626.45</u>

Liabilities

I	Current Funds				
	Liabilities (Schedule 2)	\$	726.76		
	Surplus (Exhibit C)				
	Restricted		2,364.57		
	Unappropriated		<u>8,661.77</u>	<u>11,026.34</u>	\$ 11,753.10
II	Loan Fund				
	Principal of Fund				109.63
III	Endowments and Other Non-Expendable Funds Funds Subject to Annuity Agreements Unrestricted Principal (Schedule 6)				1,535.33
IV	Plant Fund				
	Invested in Plant				
	Liabilities - Mortgage Pay.		5,141.99		
	From Gifts & Current Funds		<u>153,193.02</u>		158,335.01
V	Agency Funds				
	Balance of Funds Due to Others (Schedule 2)				<u>1,893.38</u>
	Total Liabilities				<u>\$ 173,626.45</u>

BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL Exhibit B
Condensed Statement of Current Income and Expenditures
For the Year Ended, June 30, 1966.

Income

Educational and General -			
Student Fees	\$	12,659.89	
Gifts and Grants:			
Unrestricted		34,060.68	
Restricted		6,038.92	
General		<u>704.00</u>	\$ 53,463.49

Auxiliary Enterprises	24,251.57	
Other Non-Educational Income	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Income (Schedule 3)		<u>\$ 77,815.06</u>

Expenditures

Educational and General -		
Administration	\$ 14,123.85	
General Expense	7,678.66	
Instruction	18,378.42	
Library	2,822.77	
Operation & Maintenance of Physical Plant	<u>8,600.13</u>	\$ 51,603.83
Auxiliary Enterprises		19,495.96
Other Non-Educational Expenses		<u>2,389.69</u>
Total Expenditures (Schedule 4)		<u>\$ 73,489.48</u>

Excess of Income over Expenditures -		
Educational and General	1,859.66	
Auxiliary Enterprises	4,755.61	
Other Non-Educational Transactions	<u>(2,289.69)</u>	

Net Excess of Income over Expenditures (Exhibit C)		<u><u>\$ 4,325.58</u></u>
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BEREAN BIBLE SCHOOL
Statement of Current Funds Surplus
For the Year Ended, June 30, 1966

Exhibit C

Balance, June 30, 1965		\$ 9,919.74
Addition:		
Excess of income over expendi- tures for the Period (Exhibit B)	\$ 4,325.58	
Adjustment for accounts receiv- able, bookroom sales, prior years	<u>614.07</u>	<u>4,939.65</u>
		14,859.39
Deductions:		
Current funds transferred to plant fund:		
For acquisition of assets	\$ 3,307.33	
For retirement of debt	<u>525.10</u>	
	<u>3,832.43</u>	
Current funds transferred to loan fund	<u>.62</u>	<u>3,833.05</u>
Balance, June 30, 1966		<u><u>11,026.34</u></u>

Consisting of:

Restricted Surplus	2,364.57
Unappropriated Surplus	8,661.77

Total, Current Funds Surplus (Exhibit A)	\$ 11,026.34
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T. D. Gehret, Chairman
 W. B. Hottel, Secretary
 A. L. Wentz, Treasurer
 A. L. Seifert
 Jansen E. Hartman
 C. E. Kirkwood

Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
 Byron C. Cassel
 Horace A. Kauffman
 Robert W. Gehret
 John M. Stengele
 R. Wallace Journey
 Board

XVI. REPORT OF THE SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL MINISTERIAL CONVENTION

On Tuesday and Wednesday, May 24 and 25, 1966, the Seventy-Fifth Annual Ministerial Convention was held at Victory Valley Camp.

The officers of the Convention were James A. Beil, chairman; Glenn R. Huratiak, secretary, and Carl C. Cassel, W. B. Hottel, and David J. Watkins were program committee members.

On Tuesday morning at 9:30 the convention opened with a devotional period led by F. B. Hertzog who addressed the members on the theme, "The Work of the Minister". The major theme of the morning was on the subject of Separation. C. E. Kirkwood presented a paper on "Re-Thinking the Question of Separation" and Alva C. Cassel presented a paper on "The True Nature of Sin". Each of these was followed by a discussion period moderated by W. B. Hottel.

Tuesday afternoon, David J. Watkins served as moderator for the presentation and discussion of various subjects under the general heading of Evangelism. The first subject was a presentation on the subject of "The History of Evangelism" by Willard E. Cassel. Bert N. Brosius presented the subject of "Evaluating Significant Eras in Evangelism". A brief period of prayer ensued for the Billy Graham London Crusade. The third subject of the afternoon was "Significant Trends in Evangelism Today" given by Frank L. Herb, Jr.

Tuesday evening at 7:00, Rev. Alfred Larson, General Director of the Unevangelized Fields Mission, addressed the convention on the subject of "Love". This was a most stimulating address which was punctuated with illustrations taken from his personal experiences during the Congo uprising. After the evening session an informal discussion period ensued in which opportunity was given to discuss the books which were particularly meaningful to each during the past year.

The Wednesday morning session began at 9:30 with a devotional

period led by Ernest B. Hartman. His address was on the subject of "Prayer". The major theme of Separation was continued with a presentation of two papers. James G. Koch presented "The True Nature of Righteousness" and Donald T. Kirkwood presented "Applying the Scriptures". Each was again followed by a discussion period.

The Wednesday afternoon session involved the business of the Convention. Various committee reports were heard and the resolution passed that the Seventy-Sixth Ministerial Convention be held at Victory Valley Camp on May 23 and 24, 1967. Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., was elected chairman of the 1967 Convention, Robert F. Johnson as secretary, and James G. Koch, Norman R. Weiss, and Richard H. Kline were elected as program committee members. The Beneficiary Society also submitted a report and conducted business.

Following the business session, T. D. Gehret assisted by A. L. Seifert and Jansen E. Hartman conducted a discussion on the new Bible Fellowship Church Conference Center.

Chairman, James A. Beil, concluded the Convention with a devotional period asking each one to meet the challenges which were presented during the entire Convention.

(James A. Beil, Chairman; Carl C. Cassel, David J. Watkins, W. B. Hottel, Committee).

XVII REPORT OF THE STATIONING, BOUNDARY AND APPROPRIATING COMMITTEE

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

The Committee had a season of prayer for the men of God and for the Lord's direction relative to the decisions to be made.

Since the petitions from the churches at Denville, New Jersey, Graterford and Harleysville, Pa., were granted by the 83rd Annual Conference, the delegates from these churches participated in preparing this report.

We recommend that the petition of the church in Terre Hill, Pa. be approved and the church being formed in Ephrata, Pa., be placed under the supervision of the Board of Church Extension which will also supply a pastor and appropriate such financial assistance as necessary in the Board's judgment.

We recommend that the figure as to minimum salary appearing twice on page 8 of the 1965 Year Book be changed to \$4,200.00.

The following appointments are reported:

ALLENTOWN DISTRICT

T. D. Gehret, District Superintendent

Stations

Allentown (Bethel)	Carl C. Cassel
Allentown (Cedar Crest)	William A. Heffner
Graterford	David J. Watkins
Harleysville	David E. Thomann
Harrisburg	R. C. Reichenbach
Hatfield	Russell T. Allen
Lancaster	Norman R. Weiss
Lebanon	Bruce A. Ellingson
Mount Carmel	To be supplied
Nazareth	Richard H. Kline
Reading	James G. Koch
Royersford	Robert F. Johnson
Spring City	Bert N. Brosius
Shamokin	W. W. Hartman
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf
York	John H. Riggall

Missions

Catasauqua	Alva C. Cassel
Lehighton	To be supplied
Paradise	Leon K. Overpeck
Sinking Spring	Robert Paul

Retired Ministers

E. E. Kublic, Lebanon	J. B. Layne, York
E. J. Rutman, Florida	W. F. Heffner, Harrisburg
F. B. Hertzog, Nazareth	P. T. Stengele, Allentown (Bethel)

BETHLEHEM DISTRICT

A. L. Seifert, District Superintendent

Stations

Allentown (Salem)
Bethlehem
Blandon
Coopersburg
Denville
Easton
Emmaus
Fleetwood
Maple Glen
Philadelphia (Calvary)

Pastors

Willard E. Cassel
Frank L. Herb, Jr.
E. W. Bean
LeRoy S. Heller
Ronald C. Mahurin
To be supplied
Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.
George E. Herb
Donald T. Kirkwood
Keith E. Plows

Quakertown
Scranton
Terre Hill
Wallingford

Donald R. Knauer
James A. Beil
W. B. Hottel
C. E. Kirkwood

Missions

Philadelphia (Emmanuel)
Staten Island
Stroudsburg
Zionsville

John Dunn
Daniel G. Ziegler
To be supplied
Ernest B. Hartman

Ministers on Leave of Absence

Paul E. Baer, Easton

Robert W. Smock is referred to the Board of Church Extension for an appointment.

Reynold D. Gardner requests that he be granted an indefinite leave of absence because of personal reasons.

APPROPRIATIONS

Allentown District

Per Month

Catasauqua	\$ 40.00
Lehighton	25.00
Paradise	140.00
Sinking Spring	100.00

To be used by District Superintendent (3,750 per annum)

Bethlehem District

Per Month

Philadelphia (Emmanuel)	\$ 65.00
Staten Island	50.00
Stroudsburg	175.00
Zionsville	175.00

To be used by District Superintendent (3,500 per annum)

CHURCH EXTENSION DEPARTMENT

Earl M. Hosler, Director

Missions to be supplied

Belvidere, N. J.
Ephrata, Pa.
Finesville, N. J.
Macungie, Pa.

Miller Heights, Bethlehem, Pa.
Millersville, Pa.
Walnutport, Pa.

We recommend that a gift of \$200 be given to Pastor Donald B. Schaeffer from the Church Extension Fund to assist him with expenses involved in re-location.

For the church at Easton, Pa., Paul Kuder has been named as the stated supply. Brother Kuder is a member of Salem Bible Fellowship Church, Allentown, Pa. Married and father of three children, he is a graduate of Berean Bible School and is planning to take additional training at Eastern Pilgrim College.

For the church at Stroudsburg, Pa., Mark Smith has been named as the stated supply. Brother Smith is a member of the Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa. He attended Franklin and Marshall College and is a graduate of Philadelphia College of Bible and of Dallas Seminary.

For the church at Mount Carmel, Pa., Paul Zimmerman has been named as the stated pastor. Brother Zimmerman is a member of the Bible Fellowship Church at Bethlehem, Pa. He is a graduate of Moravian College and is now attending Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia. He has had several years experience in the Brooklyn office of the Africa Inland Mission.

For the church at Lehighton, Pa., Leslie Campbell has been named as the stated supply. Brother Campbell attended Bob Jones University, Philadelphia College of Bible and is a graduate of Berean Bible School. He has been serving as a pastor of the Bible Fellowship Church at Walnutport, Pa., in the Church Extension Department.

Since Reynold D. Gardner requests a leave of absence, we recommend that he be given an appropriation of \$350 out of the Church Extension Fund and also reasonable assistance toward his moving expenses.

Since the decision of the 83rd Annual Conference to elect only one District Superintendent, the committee is making no further study with respect to redistricting.

T. D. Gehret
 A. L. Seifert
 W. C. Rapp
 Kermit K. Gehman
 Byron C. Cassel
 Robert Breitegam
 Sterling E. Baer
 Robert E. McIntyre
 Harold Patton Shelly
 Allan F. Smith
 Walter A. Schlagel
 Horace A. Kauffman
 Harold W. Griest
 Paul I. Wentz

John I. Mengel
 John F. Moran
 Edward A. Stortz
 John F. Boyle
 A. W. Deppe
 J. S. Herb
 Harold A. Mann
 Carl H. Kellerman
 H. Phares Mumbauer
 N. W. Granda
 Leonard F. Kessler
 Wm. R. Hunsberger
 Norman L. Reed
 T. Lamarn Manney

Paul H. Cressman
R. Paul Schaeffer
David E. Weidner

Harry Wilkinson
Roy E. Williams

Committee

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 1967

1. Adjourned Session of Annual Conference
Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Reading, Pa.
April 1, 1967 at 9:00 a. m.
 2. Sunday School Convention
Faith Bible Fellowship Church, Pennhurst Road and Bridge Street, Spring City, Pa. Saturday, April 29, 1967.
 3. Ministerial Convention
Victory Valley, May 23, 24, 1967
 4. Victory Valley Camp

July 1-8	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 8-15	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 15-22	Girls 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 22-29	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
July 29-August 5	Boys 8-14 years old, grades 2-8
August 5-12	Boys and Girls Junior High ages
August 12-19	Boys and Girls Senior High ages
- A choice will be given girls and boys in seventh and eighth grades to continue in Girls or Boys camps, respectively, or select Junior High Camp involving a co-ed situation, according to their preference.
5. Camp Meetings
First Camp - Bethlehem District - July 1-9, 1967
Second Camp - Allentown District - July 15-23, 1967
Evening services will be held Wednesday through Friday of the week between camps. (July 12-14)
 6. Youth Fellowship Retreats
To be announced through the churches
 7. Annual Conference
Bethel Bible Fellowship Church, 528 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa., October 9, 1967 at 10:00 a. m.

XVIII. REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO PLAN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CONFERENCE CENTER.

"Praise ye the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever."

The Planning Committee of the New Conference Center looks back over this first year of its existence with praise to the Lord, for the wholehearted response of the churches toward this unprecedented forward step of our denomination.

This enthusiasm was definitely shown at the first banquet held at the Lower Salford Elementary School, Harleysville on June 17, 1966. Just about every church of our denomination was represented among the 250 persons, to hear Dr. Clarence Didden present the need of all members to stand behind this tremendous undertaking.

The duties of the Committee are:

1. To formulate plans for the raising of funds to the purchase of the New Conference Center.
2. To coordinate planning for the facilities of Berean Bible School and the Summer Bible Conference Grounds and whatever other conference activity may be centered there. This would include the development of long range land utilization plans for future development.
3. All matters referring to legal and financial matters shall be referred to the Board of Directors with recommendations.

This new property of the Bible Fellowship Church will officially be ours on November 1, 1966. On this date of settlement a down payment of \$75,000 must be made. A Fund Raising Campaign calling for a committment of \$500,000 over a three year period has already started, and has received the solid support of our churches. The Dedication Service to set this property aside to the Glory of God, will be held on November 13, 1966 at 3 p. m.

As we view the future of this New Property we can see many great possibilities, but with this goes added responsibility. Every member of our denomination must therefore shoulder this obligation, as unto the Lord, if we expect to see the complete fruition of this project.

May we unitedly go forward, "For the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus Christ."

(T. D. Gehret, Chairman; A. L. Seifert, Co-Chairman; John H. Riggall, Secretary; Jansen E. Hartman, Harvey J. Fritz, Jr., Robert W. Smock, Bert N. Brosius, James A. Beil, A. L. Wentz, Robert W. Gehret, Kermit Gehman, Committee).

**XIX. EIGHTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF
BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS
(Ending September 30, 1966)**

"And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others " (II Timothy 2:2).

This is the work of the missionary. You will note I did not say of the foreign missionary. The making of disciples, as Paul admonished Timothy to do, is the necessary work of every Christian leader. Maybe we have failed here in the homeland by not committing the Word to faithful men.

As we look at the continent of Africa, we see the emerging of countries who have been granted their independence. With independence comes the rise of nationalism with all of its vices. The ugly head of nationalism also rears its head in the church. There is a demand on the part of church leaders for more recognition and authority. This demand is good where the heart is prepared and yielded to the Lord. Too often the carnal heart controls the desires and there is conflict between the missionary and the national. This had been seen in the development of the Tanzanian church. The church-mission relationship has come to a position where the workers think their time is limited in the country. Some have returned home and others have transferred to other fields.

The picture is not as dark elsewhere. The missionary is desired, but he is now the co-worker with the worker of the church. This is as it should be as we fulfill the admonition of our text. Real spiritual leaders are emerging. Some of these leaders are taking their places in the list of world church leaders. They have visited the States and have been a great blessing to the church. We have heard missionaries make the statement: "We are working ourselves out of a job."

Everyone who stands and instructs, whether it be in the formal classroom, pulpit or individual conversation is committing the Word to faithful men. Our entire missionary family is engaged in this work. We are glad that we have the message that will change the heart and not methods which will only change the culture of the people.

In this report we are emphasizing the educational phase of the missionaries' work. There are three missionary couples who are engaged in full-time Bible teaching: Mr. and Mrs. Austin Shelly, Las Delicias Bible Institute, Caripe, Venezuela; Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ritter, Nordiska Bibelforeningen, Sweden and Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Gehman, newly arrived in Kenya, East Africa, to teach in the Scott Theological College.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gordon are engaged in educational work in the El Colegio Libertador in Cucuta, Colombia. This is an ele-

mentary school. There are approximately 50 boarding students. About 100 students come by bus from the surrounding area.

MISSIONARIES ON EXTENDED FURLOUGH

Dr. and Mrs. Robert Schoffstall continue to minister in Kentucky. Dr. Bob is heading up the Daniel Boone Clinic in Whitesburg, Kentucky. They are looking to the Lord for His time to return to the field.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Mann, Jr., have been living on the campus of Berean Bible School where Charles has been assisting in the maintenance work of the School. They too are looking to the Lord for His guidance as to the time and place of further foreign service.

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MISSIONARY CANDIDATES

Miss Harriet Kassay, a member of our Ebenezer Church, Bethlehem, has been accepted by the Latin America Mission for service in Colombia. She expects to leave December 1, 1966 for language school in Costa Rica.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lee, Jr. have been accepted by the Board of Foreign Missions and are presently attending the Missionary Internship program in Detroit. They are looking forward to service in Venezuela.

Mr. David K. Lilley is awaiting the Lord's leading as to service in India or West Pakistan. He has completed his work for his bachelor's degree from Muhlenberg College. Miss Joy Paget of Wheaton, Ill. and David were married on Saturday, November 5, 1966. At the present time, David is teaching school in Carpentersville, Illinois.

Miss Frances Yonce, a member of the Paradise Bible Fellowship Church, was accepted by the Central America Mission for service in a school for missionaries' children. She expects to leave December 15, 1966 for language school in Costa Rica.

Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Baker left during the year for Kenya. Sterling is engaged in teaching seventh and eighth grades in the Rift Valley Academy - school for missionaries' children. Dolores is working in the Kijabe Hospital as a nurse.

By the end of the this calendar year, Miss Frances Yonce from our Paradise Church expects to leave for Costa Rica language

school and then after a year move on to a school in Central America for missionaries' children.

This year has been a time of great blessing. It began last Annual Conference with the final ingathering of contributions for Foreign Mission which totaled \$110,454.65, an increase of nearly \$12,000.00. We are thankful to the Lord and His people for this liberality.

This year again has been furlough time. The following attended our summer conference program at Mizpah Grove: Mr. and Mrs. James Bigley, Dr. and Mrs. William Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Chaponniere, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hopkins, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Hoyle and Mr. and Mrs. Austin Shelly, Miss Frances Yonce served as counsellor for the cafeteria girls.

Women's Missionary Societies are active in the churches. There are six regions which meet semi-annually in rallies. The Spring Rally was held in Allentown, Bethel, with most of our furloughed missionaries and candidates taking part in the program.

THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS RECOMMEND THAT ALL FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS BE FORWARDED QUARTERLY TO THE GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

Balance in treasury, September 30, 1965	\$ 1,123.30
Received from Churches 10/65	90,224.25
Received from Sunday Schools	20,230.40
Interest	2,904.74
Contributions	852.50
Refund on loan	1,450.00
Materials sold	12.25
	116,797.44

EXPENDITURES:

Africa Inland Mission	12,620.00
Bible Club	330.00
Ceylon & India General Mission	133.33
Christian & Missionary Alliance	10,160.28
Greater Europe Mission	8,757.00
High School Evangelism, Inc.	3,600.00
Latin America Mission	6,540.00
Navigators	1,680.00

North Africa Mission	2,820.00	
Orinoco River Mission	12,000.00	
Overseas Missionary Fellowship	7,200.00	
Scripture Union	2,880.00	
The Evangelical Alliance Mission	11,388.00	
Trans World Radio	8,880.00	
Unevangelized Fields Mission	2,160.00	
West Indies Mission	3,804.00	
World-Wide Evangelization Crusade	3,600.00	
Wycliffe Bible Translators	1,500.00	
Missionary Internship	420.00	
Fares and Meals	461.46	
Postage	264.98	
Telephone	51.92	
Year Books	38.00	
Office Supplies	340.95	
Special Contributions:		
Mrs. Aaron Hoffman, passage	250.00	
Richard J. Gehman, passage	500.00	
Richard J. Gehman, monthly allowance	290.00	
Robert N. Gordon, emergency	500.00	
Miss Frances Yonce, fare	100.00	
J. Barclay Harley, emergency	250.00	
Sterling Baker, monthly allowance	250.00	
Board of Directors	250.00	
Honorarium for General Secretary	300.00	
General Secretary's S. A. Trip	150.00	
Camp Expenses	805.98	
Furniture Moving	45.50	
Rent	1,600.00	
Office Machine Maintenance	77.98	
Fellowship News	114.00	
Utilities	8.30	
Printing	9.50	
Secreterial Help	13.75	
		107,134.93
Balance in treasury, September 30, 1966		9,662.51
		<u>116,797.44</u>
Loan to Board of Directors	7,000.00	

The Foreign Mission Accounts and this Report have been audited by Robert E. McIntyre.

To date we have received \$56,275.05 from the Churches for use in the 1966-67 Conference Year. This is on deposit in the Fidelity-Phila. Trust Co. in 5% Saving Certificates. None of this money is included in the above report.

(C.E. Kirkwood, Chairman; Willard E. Cassel, General Secretary; T. D. Gehret, A. L. Seifert, Earl M. Hosler, James R. Cressman, Kermit K. Gehman, Harold W. Griest, Roy E. Williams, Board).

REPORTS CONCERNING INDIVIDUAL FOREIGN MISSIONARIES

BAKER, Mr. and Mrs. Sterling F., Africa Inland Mission, Kijabe, Kenya, East Africa - The Bakers are settling down to the work to which the Lord called them in Kenya. Sterling is teaching seventh and eighth grade subjects in the Rift Valley Academy - school for missionaries' children. Dolores is working into the nursing schedule on the large station at Kijabe. They also serve as house parents to 11 boys, grades 1-4.



Sterling and Delores Baker
Keith and Kimberly

During one of the recent breaks in the school schedule, the Bakers made a 16 days trip into northern Kenya to minister to the Rendille tribe. The missionaries on the trip helped build a road of about 9 miles of a needed 15 mile stretch of road in order to establish a station among the Rendille people. These people are very primitive but friendly and eagerly listened to the message from God's Word. Few of these people never heard the name of Christ before. One of the tribe said: "We have never heard of Christ before, it is hard to believe we should put our faith and trust in Him and live for Christ. We must know more, tell us more." The tribe is about 15,000 people.

BIGLEY, Mr. and Mrs. James, 1115 N. Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa. 18018 - The Bigley family arrived at the Philadelphia Airport via Lufthansa on Saturday, April 23, 1966. They are occupying an apartment at the above address which is owned by the Ebenezer Bible Fellowship Church. They intend to rent it to

other furloughed missionaries in time to come.

While yet on the field, the Lord laid the need of literature on the heart of James. He began to pray and plan to be able to distribute Christian literature to the emerging people of Kenya who are eager to read. I'll let him speak for himself in an article entitled OPPORTUNITY:

"I have entitled this article 'Opportunity', because I feel more than ever that now is the time to spread the printed page of God's Word. One day while doing some work in the Bookshop, I pondered the idea of taking God's Word to the people instead of waiting for them to come to our Bookshop here in Litein.

While visiting one of my African friends who owns a little shop, I thought more about the idea. I observed people coming in and buying things for their families. Upon seeing this, I was convinced that the same opportunity should be given them to purchase the Word of God.

And then, driving back to Litein, I started to plan my future moves towards this end, asking the Lord to prepare me for this task.



Bookmobile

This was the beginning of the A. I. M. Bookmobile ministry at Litein, in October 1963. Within a week I had made contacts with over 25 shop owners, and five of them agreed to sell Bibles and Christian books supplied by us. We now have 38 shop owners, carefully selected, in key locations within the Kipsigis, North and South Kisii, and Homa Bay areas. Our area covers over 90 square miles; many of these roads being quite treacherous especially during the wet season. We know we are taking the hope of eternal life to many unreached individuals; therefore we trust Him to guide us and protect us as we travel. Within each book supplied by us we have placed a message which reads, "If help needed, please write to A. I. M. Litein Bookshop." Gospel tracts, bookmarks, and Scripture Union cards are also supplied for free distribution.

There are many other areas of Kenya and East Africa which remain wide open for this type of ministry - the printed page. God's Word brings light to those who are in darkness - Psalm 119: 105, 130. I can hear them say as the Psalmist said in Psalm 43:3 "O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles."

Isn't this the real reason for our being here; to help those who are seeking the truth, but who know not where to find it?"

Jim Bigley

BUCK, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, P. O. Box 3255, Johannesburg, TVL, Republic of South Africa - Leonard's work is primarily in the bookstore of The Evangelical Alliance Mission in Johannesburg. Recent plans call for moving and renovations to the bookstore and office. The execution of this fell primarily to Leonard - getting of bids for floor covering and designing much needed shelving.

When the Gehmans passed through the area of South Africa, they were entertained by the Bucks while freight was unloaded at various ports.

We can rejoice in the blessing of the Lord upon the literature distribution. In May of this year the five bookstores conducted by TEAM passed the one million dollar mark. This is good considering they have only been in operation for eight years.

CAMPBELL, Dr. William F., 2201 Stanley Ave., S. W., Apt. A, Roanoke, Va. - We are happy to have Dr. Campbell write his own report for the Year Book:

"We thank God for the fresh spirit of oneness which He has given us at the Tulloch Memorial Hospital this year. Sometimes a change in technique does great things. In our case the holding of a short weekly business meeting instead of a long monthly one has been greatly used of God to expedite the work; to change plans and number of patients in response to sickness of the staff; and to discuss problems before they get out of hand.

Changing the prayer meeting to the late afternoon was also a good move. The Moroccan Christian staff has accepted the invitation to attend the prayer meetings and they have really entered into the work of the hospital in this way.

Last fall we finished the training of two aides. Sometimes, as I would preach on the Ward, one of them would say to me, "Thank you for the message." She also asked one of the Moroccan nurses how to pray. We were thrilled this spring when she accepted Christ at the All-Moroccan Spring Conference.

We have had problems in the hospital for some time because of lack of space. For example, the operating room nurse has had to use the operating room table to fold the surgical linens and pack

the drums for sterilizing. If we needed to do an operation she would have to put all the things away, get ready for the operation, clean up afterward and then get all the things out again. Obviously, a great waste of time. Another example is the linen which is spread out in five different small cupboards. The total shelf space is less than two cubic yards, but it means that a staff must run all over to find what they need.

Because of this we have been studying the problems of building for some time. This year the Lord brought an idea to my mind that will allow us to build without interrupting the work. It will give us 10 bed wards instead of 7 bed wards with more space around the beds. The old ward will be used for operating room preparation, a linen storage room, and several storage cupboards for medicines and equipment. The Lord has provided a hospital architect who is interested. Pray that He will guide in the final plan according to His will and provide the money to build.

We thank God for calling 13 new workers to North Africa. Among these he has provided two nurses and a pediatrician. BUT, our home office is so short of help that they have asked one of the nurses to work a month as a receptionist while another member of the staff has his vacation. Pray that God will supply a secretary and a bookkeeper for our home office, so that our nurse can get to the field.

Lastly, pray that the deputation work will glorify God. I will be visiting the churches during the last three months of 1966. From January 1 to June 30, 1967, the Lord has provided a surgical residency in Roanoke, Virginia.

CHAPONNIERE, Mr. and Mrs. Paul, .B.P. 4242, Kinshasa, Republic of Congo - It was our privilege to have the Chaponnieres at Mizpah this summer for the Allentown District Camp. Soon after camp, preparations were begun to return to the field.

They, minus Paulette, left on Tuesday, September 13, 1966 from the Philadelphia Airport. Paulette is attending Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

Their field location has not only the address. The Congo government, to get rid of all traces of Belgium rule, has changed the name of Leopoldville to Kinshasa. They will be engaged in the enlargement and advance of the Scripture Union Bible Study materials.

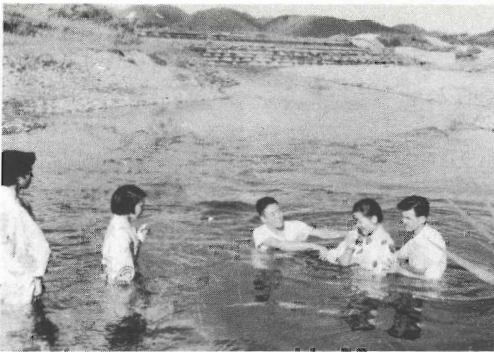
DYKE, Mr. and Mrs. C. Herbert, Mission House, Murtazapur, Akola District, Maharashtra, India - During the year, the Dykes have moved from Jalgaon to Murtazapur. Herb writes: "Life in Murtazapur is so different from that of Jalgaon! There are Christians who need shepherding, church groups - organized and unorganized - that need council, pastors, evangelists and lay-workers to encourage in their service, and - praise God - men and



Witnessing in a Village

women to instruct concerning their faith in Jesus Christ. I just came away from ten days of this type of instruction. The evangelists had been busy during the year. The seed had been planted. In the ten days that were ours with them, we had to confirm the fact of their new found faith in Christ and instruct them about the wonders of the walk with the Saviour. The seven who came seeking baptism were baptized on September 18. The compound was all aglow with victory for Jesus and a triumphant note was to be heard on all sides. The children of those baptized were dedicated and had their first Lord's supper that day. Hallelujah! Our joy knows no limit for this His work in the hearts of men and women! Pray for them; intercede for them as they go back into their non-Christian environments."

FISHER, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert, 730 Skin Kotoni Machi, Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan - The Fishers are engaged in evangelism on the island of Hokkaido. There have been tent campaigns during this past summer. Brother Fisher writes that the Lord gave a number of decisions and a number of books were sold in the district.



Baptismal Service in Japan

During one of the tent campaigns the following took place: Hubert writes: "I was irritated one night by a Bible school girl

giving tracts and announcements to children to give out on the street. However, a university lad was given an announcement by one of them and came in and was clearly converted that night."

He further writes: "Just now I am selling books from door-to-door in this field as I have already visited all of the homes. Now I will plan for longer visits with books. You will be surprised to hear that "Martin Luther's Life" is one of the best sellers. That is because so many listen to "The Lutheran Hour". Also, there is a real interest in knowing what the difference between Protestantism and Catholicism is."

GEHMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Richard J., Africa Inland Mission, Box 49, Machakos, Kenya, East Africa - This is our newest missionary couple. After a successful time on the faculty and staff at Berean Bible School, the Gehmans answered the call of the Lord for service at the Scott Theological College in Kenya, East Africa.

They left by freighter on July 22, 1966 and spent nearly seven weeks on the sea. Stops were made in South Africa which gave them their first taste of Africa and fellowship with the Bucks.



Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gehman

At the present time they are studying Swahili, the trade language of the area. English is the official language of Kenya and teaching at Scott will be done in English. It is necessary to know the native language to be able to better appreciate the culture and people. Their teaching will begin as of January, 1967.

GORDON, Mr. and Mrs. Robert, Box 576, Apartado, Cucuta, Colombia, South America - They have only been on the field since the end of June, 1966. Their departure was a bit delayed due to physical problems in the family. These were cleared by the

mission doctor and they arrived in Colombia in time to have conditions a bit in shape to welcome the General Secretary, Willard E. Cassel, as he visited them on his trip in Venezuela and Colombia.

They continue their work at the Colegio Libertado in Cucuta. This is a grade school with about 50 resident students and approximately 100 students who are brought in each day by bus. The campus of the school is developing into a conference center for that part of Colombia. They have an auditorium that will seat about 1,000 people.

HARLEY, Mr. and Mrs. J. Barclay, Apartado 75, Ciudad Bolivar, Venezuela - A new son, Robert Glen was born in Allentown on August 15, 1966. Their other son had previously left for the field to continue his education at the Orinoco Academy. The rest of the family left for the field on Friday, September 30, 1966. The Lord provided repair parts for the launch, Buena Esperanza, and upon their arrival, work on the launch will again begin. There are many people along the Orinoco River and its tributaries, who can only be reached by means of the launch. Pray for this unique ministry.

HATTON, Mr. and Mrs. Howard, House #2, Hospital Lane #1, Bangkok, Thailand - The Hattons continue working with the Overseas Missionary Fellowship literature arm. They are nicely settled in their new office space of which it was intimated in our last report. This makes for more efficiency in mailing out the literature all over the Far East.

Another contest with the rewards being stamps, was again conducted this year and the results have been very encouraging. The responses give contacts for follow-up by personal workers in the various areas.

HERTZOG, Mr. and Mrs. Roy, Box 141, Monte Carlo, Monaco - The Hertzogs continue their important ministry of radio. Although Roy's work is primarily along the technical line, this is important if the voice behind the microphone is to be heard.

During the year, permission was granted to Trans World Radio to use a medium wave band. This enhances the broadcast of the Gospel to a greater potential of hearers.

Fine reports are received daily from behind the Iron Curtain telling of souls being saved and believers encouraged through the ministry of Radio Monte Carlo.

Mrs. F. B. Hertzog and Miss Kathlyne Stortz visited the Hertzogs in August of this year.

HOFFMAN, Mrs. Aaron, P. O. Ukarumpa, E. H. D., Territory of New Guinea - The Hoffmans are engaged in a support ministry with

the Wycliffe Bible Translators. By this, we mean, that they are building and maintaining a base at Ukarumpa for the workers who are among the tribes in the area.



Marlene and Aaron Hoffman
 Daniel, 1 year
 David, 3 years

For a time they have been living in the guest house on the base. This is maintained for transients. Marlene has been able to get into nursing besides taking care of their two boys. The head builder on the base is due for furlough in December, 1966, so the Hoffmans hope that their house can be started before that time. There is a ministry to the nationals who work in the building and maintenance.

HOPKINS, Robert, % Mrs. Violet Smith, 2356 E. Washington Blvd., Pasadena, Calif. 91104 - It was our privilege to have the Hopkins' family at Mizpah this season. This was the first time for them. They report that they enjoyed the time and appreciated the hospitality.

Their return to the field at the end of six months, as planned, was delayed due to the physical condition in their son Mark's body. It is not serious, but another six months here in the States will enable them to return to Germany in good health sometime in the Spring.

HOYLE, Mr. and Mrs. Ron, 10 E. Spruce Street, Emmaus, Pa. 18049 - During most of the past term, Doris and Ron have been engaged in church planting in Amiens in northern France. It has not been easy, but the Lord has blessed and there is a small nucleus of believers. The picture below shows part of the people engaged in worship.



Worship Service in Amiens, France

They are enjoying their time of furlough living with Doris's parents in Emmaus. They expect to minister in most of our churches during the winter months.

KAUFFMAN, Mr. Timothy G., Chateau de St. Albain, par Fleurville (Saone et Loire) France - On March 9, 1966, Jeanne Annette was born to the Kauffmans in France.

They continue their work with the Grace Brethren Mission in the production and distribution of tracts and other literature. Due to the fact that a move to another chateau is necessary, the Kauffmans are cutting short their first term in France and expect to be home sometime in March 1967.

MOYER, Mr. and Mrs. Edward, 7 cite des Filaos, Capester. Guadeloupe, French West Indies - The return of the Moyers to Guadeloupe was delayed a bit due to necessary papers from the government, but this was a blessing in disguise. When the family arrived on the island, all their baggage passed through customs free - they were able to back a truck up to the plane and load directly for the trip to Capesterre. All this ease was due to the securing of all necessary papers before leaving the States.

Some concern and extra prayers were shown when hurricane "Inez" went over the island of Guladeloupe. Ed writes that they were better prepared for this storm than for Cleo. There was little damage to their house and no one was hurt. Extensive damage was realized by the national Christians and to church buildings. Again the hand of the Lord was upon His people!

POYSTI, Earl F., Box 141, Monte Carlo, Monaco - I wish to share a letter from Brother Poysti with you:

"In August I received a nine-page single-spaced letter from the Soviet Union, which came to us in a roundabout way! I will not

burden you with its entire contents, only to share one or two items: 'During the holidays of the 7th and 8th of November, 1965,' writes the author, 'which is our Harvest Day of Thanksgiving, a large and blessed open-air meeting was conducted in the city of Suhuma. Believers from other cities gathered here. Forty-seven young people turned to the Lord when the invitation was given and many expressed a desire to be baptized. After those who wished to be baptized were examined, we conducted a baptismal service in the Black Sea. The police arrived when everything was finished and in this case no harm was done. The Christians of this city continually prayed for revival. After a short time again in this city there were several who repented.'

'During the holidays of May first and second, 1966 a large meeting was conducted in Rostov on the River Don. Here there must have been about 1,500 believers that had gathered. Of course, we could not get all these people into a private home so a meeting was conducted out in the open near the house. Many unbelievers, a whole crowd of them, were watching the service and listening to the Word of God. There were people that were sitting even on the roofs of the neighboring houses and up in the trees. The Lord wonderfully blessed this service. As I remember, there were about eighty souls that repented at that service and most of these were young people. Out of this number there were twenty-three Comsomols (members of the Communist Youth League). The next morning after prayer, all the believers went right through the city to the River Don where a baptismal service was conducted.'

The Lord wonderfully undertook also in this situation so that another large meeting took place after the baptismal service. The most remarkable thing about what is happening in Russia is that the youth are turning to the Lord.

On another occasion, out of a large group that accepted Christ, only two were of 40 years of age. The rest were teen-agers and young people. Then this brother writes: 'Dear Friends, your labor is very important, very necessary and useful. It is forbidden now in our country to freely preach the Gospel. Russia is in the darkness of unbelief. The bright light of the Truth of God, may it shine through the missionary radio programs. Many people in our country have not heard about the truth of Christ since their childhood. There are those who have been converted to the Lord through your program; in fact, such who have never before heard the blessed message. Christians all over the world who are sincerely dedicated to the Lord must understand the significance and importance of such radio programs for our country, and help to build powerful radio stations. How we wish that they could be strengthened with more power and that these programs would be longer. A powerful radio station which would broadcast during long periods of time could cause a great influence all over our land. May the Lord bless your work, beloved workers in the Vineyard of God.'

I am tempted to share with you the whole letter, but this is

impossible. One thing that deeply impressed me is the constant appeal of this brother. 'Pray for us!' I know that you have prayed for our Russian brethren, but will you urge other members of your church to pray for them?

Another urgent prayer request is that we might come into the Soviet Union with an even stronger and clearer signal. Satan is not asleep. We have invaded his territory. Pray also that we might double the time of our programs. This is the cry of our listeners.

FURLOUGH - The Lord willing, June of next year begins our furlough. It will be of very short duration, three and a half months at most, due to the children's schooling and due to the specialized nature of our work, which takes no vacation. During this time we would like to visit our supporting churches and individuals and share with them what the Lord has done. We would like to plan an itinerary as early as possible.

RAWN, Miss Olive, Private Bag, AIM, Kasese, Uganda, East Africa - Olive writes as of September, 1966: "The Lord is good and we continue to see souls hungry for the Word of God. It is good to have the hospital evangelist report of those saved and re-stored each month. Then going out into the district, we have seen results likewise and thrill to have folks report of souls that have come to the Lord through their witness.

"I continue with the work of Kagando end of this medical unit. We live at Kasese and make the two and one-half mile trip to the dispensary by Volkswagon.



Children with ulcerated legs

"I also continue to have children's classes on Saturday afternoons. I'm beginning to make a circuit to try and reach more of the many, many children around here. I've made friends that run to the road to wave as I pass. Even if I can't see them I must wave as I hear their calls and cheers."

They are handicapped at the present time with the serious illness of Dr. Waddel, their only doctor. He is ill with infectious hepatitis. Pray for him as well as more medical staff for the hospitals opening up in the Congo!

RITTER, Mr. and Mrs. Donald J., Vastra Bangatan 53A, Marsta, Sweden - I quote from a recent field report from Sweden under the Greater Europe Mission:

Sweden is a country of seven and one-half million people. Ninety-five percent are classified as Lutheran. Of the 95%, three percent attend church occasionally. This depicts the spiritual "sickness" which is resident in the Lutheran framework! The non-Lutherans are made up of Baptist, Pentecostal, Methodist, Mission Covenant and other groups. Within this context there is a fairly active evangelical witness. As Ambassadors for Him in this land our task is twofold: a witness to the "lost" and a training "arm" to the redeemed. Because of the relatively active witness in the non-Lutheran groups, we find ourselves participating in ALL types of Christian ministry. Naturally, language study is our primary occupation during this first term! However, it has pleased the Lord to give us ministry in Bible classes, outdoor evangelism, Sunday-School teaching, and NOW an evening Bible school. It is understood to be His mind that we pursue His will for a FULL TIME DAY SCHOOL. This is being done by the initiation of an evening Bible school in Stockholm. There are presently 33 students enrolled in our three-evening, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Bible School. These students have a choice of six different courses which are offered. We believe the Lord is leading us to use this approach in various parts of the country for the next couple of years. This will enable us to establish a broad working foundation as a service "arm" to the existing churches as well as create rapport with the youth of the land in preparation for a day school.

Will you not join with us in prayer for a greater degree of language fluency; FULL discernment of His mind for the development of His program here in Sweden; much liberty in ALL phases of ministry; that we might be the KIND of servants that are bearing much fruit for the Lord; for those additional labourers the Lord of the Harvest would send forth to Sweden?

SHELLING, Mr. Theodore, 104-19 - 14th Street, Richmond Hills, N.Y. 11419 - This is our "foreign Missionary to New York City." Ted continues under the blessing of the Lord, to win the young people of the various high schools in the boroughs of the metropolitan New York area. He recently reported that the clubs had gotten off to a good start with growth evident in almost all of the clubs. A good sign was also seen in that boys were in the majority. This is a difficult and needy field. Pray for Ted and the future of the Hi B.A. work in New York City.

SHELLY, Mr. and Mrs. Austin, 1515 N. 22nd St., Allentown,

Pa. 18104 - The Shelly family returned to the States by oil tanker the early part of July. They were able to be in attendance for the Allentown District Camp meeting at Mizpah. They are enjoying a furnished house in which the Harleys lived when home on furlough.

While Austin has taught in the Las Delicias Bible Institute, Caripe, Venezuela, Ruth has been busy as librarian for the school and housewife and mother to their children. There is a great need for another seminary-trained couple to assist in the teaching. Pray for this need.

SNYDER, Mrs. Phoebe, 335 Mission Rd., Glendale, Calif., 91205 - Sister Snyder enjoys comparatively good health as she lives with other retirees in the Suppes Memorial Home. She is now 91 years of age.

SOLT, Mr. and Mrs. David, Box 855, San Salvador, El Salvador - For part of the summer, the Solt family was living in Managua, Nicaragua, as Dave was working on the technical end of the stations there which he originally built. He says that he will be travelling quite a bit during this coming year to rebuild some stations and build some new ones.

In a very recent letter, Dave wrote: "Enclosed please find a picture of the radio station YSHQ with its paved parking lot in the front. Alejandro Galeano, our program director, is talking with two visitors. We certainly praise the Lord for his taking over the programming end. We also appreciate your prayers for a new convert, Orlando Chicas, who is helping with the technical end. We trust that some day he may be able to handle that part completely."



Radio Station YSHQ

Their daughter Lois, was graduated this spring from Syracuse High School. She spent the summer with her parents in Nicaragua and is now in nurses' training at the Grand View Hospital, Sellersville, Pa.

STENGELE, Mr. and Mrs. Laird F., Mission Schools, Khamgaon, Buldana District, Maharashtra, India - Since last report, the Stengeles have been transferred to the Women's Bible Training School and the Girls' Boarding School. Laird is acting as administrator in the absence of the women who usually conduct the school. They are spending this year and a half in the States on furlough. He wrote that this is the first time since the school was started in 1906, that a man was placed in charge. There are 169 students in both schools. Both Laird and Mary Ann have opportunity to speak in the chapel services of the school.

VENABLE, Mr. and Mrs. Fred, Box 26, Monrovia, Liberia - I quote from a recent letter from the Venables:

Greetings from Bahn, Liberia:

It was a beautiful day and the coastline, with its waves smashing against the shore and rocks were invigorating. Ten minutes and I'd be rid of this heavy load of groceries. In a few minutes the mission came into sight. This is always a comforting sight. One big circle and the plane begins to let down. A glance northward gave me the assurance that the weather seemed OK for the trip north to home. A nice landing and the plane rolled to a stop where the crowd usually is waiting. After a short visit at the plane, the nurse comes up and told me there's a patient for Ghanta Hospital. By that time a middle aged woman looking tired came with a thin little boy. "He hasn't eaten for three weeks," broke in the nurse. "Bowels blocked, unless he gets to the hospital soon, there isn't much hope."

"I'll do my best," I assured her, and loaded them in. The lad was light colored, big bright eyes, at least as bright as could be, but very weak looking and nearly starved. His chest was swollen and his mother was rubbing around the heart. "Boy," I thought to myself, "Why do they wait so long to come for help. Bet they have tried all the country medicine that is available." The weather was fine until we reached half way, then it began to rain lightly. The further we went, the heavier it got. It soon was so heavy, I couldn't see. With this boy needing to get to the hospital, I'd go as far as possible. No longer able to see forward, I kept on my course by looking down at the railroad track. I prayed for an open spot, but it didn't look very promising. There are several fields up in the area I was going to, so I trusted I could get into one of them. When I reached close to one of our missions, the rain stopped completely. There was an opening to our mission. The direction of the hospital was closed in solid, so I headed for our strip. Once down I made arrangements to take them to the hospital by road. Then I jumped in the plane and made a bee line for home. As I zoomed towards home, I noticed that there was only a narrow strip open. Just the other side of the mission was a solid wall of rain. I scooted in and hangered the plane and it began to pour. God answers prayer. A few days later I heard that the boy was doing fine, they had to remove a piece of the bowel. Another life saved.

"Sylangbaa" means, "gift of God" and that's what we received on June 28. So we gave Dorothy Carolyn Venable that Gio name; and how pleased and proud we all are.

Your servants in Christ,
Fred and Janet Venable

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During the year, Miss Betty Doverspike resigned from the Bible Club Movement and returned from Germany. She is engaged in Bible teaching here in the States and so has been removed from our list of missionaries.

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Miss Sylvia Miller returned from Tanzania on August 20, 1966. The enemy of our souls is busy in Tanzania and Sylvia realized that it would become harder and harder to work in conjunction with the Church of Tanzania. Also after the year of pressure because of the work, her health worsened which was another reason for her shortened term.

She was married on Saturday, October 29, 1966 to Mr. Clair Bupp of the Faith Bible Fellowship Church, York, Pa.

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- Treasurer - Mrs. Roy Hoffman, 605 St. John St., Catasauqua,
Pa. 18032
- Meetings the fourth Friday of March & September
- REGION #5 Allentown (Salem), Belvidere, Bethlehem, Coopers-
burg, Denville, Easton, Finesville, Miller Heights,
Scranton, Staten Island, Stroudsburg
- President - Mrs. Walter J. Smock, R. D. #4, Bright Acres,
Bethlehem, Pa. 18015
- Vice President - Mrs. Winfield Transue, Sunset Drive, Butztown,
Pa. 18017
- Secretary - Mrs. Howard Treible, 115 Jane St., Stroudsburg,
Pa. 18360
- Treasurer - Mrs. Willard E. Cassel, 723 Filmore St., Allen-
town, Pa. 18103
- Meetings the third Thursday of March & September

REGION #6 Maple Glen, Phila. (Calvary), Phila. (Emmanuel)
 Wallingford

President - Mrs. Hiram Ware, 1032 Price St., Chester, Pa.
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Vice President - Mrs. Mark Messner, 1210 Nolen Rd., Roslyn, Pa.
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Secretary - Mrs. Myles Rickert, 4441 Uber St., Phila., Pa.
 19144

Treasurer - Mrs. Howard White, 624 W. Annsbury St., Phila.,
 Pa. 19140

Meetings the third Friday of March & September

MISSION BOARDS AND MISSIONARIES

AFRICA INLAND MISSION, 253 Henry St., Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Baker (2)
 Mr. & Mrs. James Bigley (3)
 Mr. & Mrs. Richard Gehman
 Miss Olive Rawn

CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE, 260 W. 44th St., New York, N. Y.
 10036

Mr. & Mrs. C. Herbert Dyke (4)
 Mrs. Phoebe Snyder
 Mr. & Mrs. Laird F. Stengele (3)

GREATER EUROPE MISSION, 214 N. Hale St., Wheaton, Ill. 60187

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Hoyle (1)
 Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ritter

HIGH SCHOOL EVANGELISM, INC., 15 Park Row, New York, N. Y. 10038

Mr. Ted Shelling

LATIN AMERICA MISSION, 285 Orchard Terrace, Bogota, N. Y. 07603

Mr. & Mrs. David Solt (2)

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Mr. Robert Hopkins

NORTH AFRICA MISSION, 241 Fairfield Ave., Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

Dr. William Campbell (1)

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19144

Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Fisher

Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hatton

SCRIPTURE UNION, 239 Fairfield Ave., Upper Darby, Pa. 19082

Mr. Paul Chaponniere (4)

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE MISSION, P. O. Box 969, Wheaton, Ill.
60187

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Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gordon (3)

TRANS WORLD RADIO, 354 Main St., Chatham, N. J.

Mr. & Mrs. Roy Hertzog (2)

Mr. Earl Poysti

UNEVANGELIZED FIELDS MISSION, Box 306, 306 Bala Ave., Bala Cynwyd,
Pa. 19004

Mr. Timothy Kauffman (1)

WEST INDIES MISSION, R. D. #1, Homer City, Pa. 15748

Mr. & Mrs. Edward Moyer (1)

WORLD-WIDE EVANGELIZATION CRUSADE, Box A, Fort Washington, Pa.
19034

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Venable (3)

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS, Box 1960, Santa Ana, Calif. 92703

Mrs. Aaron Hoffman

(Number following names designates the number of children in family supported by the Board of Foreign Missions)

MISSIONARIES ON EXTENDED FURLOUGH

Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Mann, Jr.

Dr. & Mrs. Robert Schoffstall

MISSIONARY CANDIDATES UNDER APPOINTMENT

Miss Harriet Kassay, Latin America Mission

Mr. & Mrs. George F. Lee, Jr. Orinoco River Mission

Mr. David K. Lilley, Ceylon & India General Mission

Miss Frances Yonce, Central America Mission

MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENTS TO CHURCHES

Allentown (Bethel)- - - - - - - - - - - Roy Hertzog
 Daniel
 Mrs. Aaron Hoffman
 Mrs. Ron Hoyle
 Mrs. Donald Ritter
 Ted Shelling
 Mr. & Mrs. Austin Shelly
 Susanne
 Joanne
 David Paul
 Mr. & Mrs. Laird Stengele
 Carole Sue
 Donald Lauren

Bethlehem- - - - - - - - - - - Mr. & Mrs. James Bigley
 James
 Joel
 Mr. & Mrs. Hubert Fisher
 Miss Harriet Kassay
 Earl Poysti

Coopersburg- - - - - - - - - - - Mrs. Leonard Buck

Emmaus- - - - - - - - - - - -Dr. William Campbell
 Matthew
 Timothy G. Kauffman

Easton- - - - - - - - - - - -Mrs. C. Herbert Dyke
 Nancy
 Bruce
 Elaine

Fleetwood- - - - - - - - - - - Leonard Buck
 Mrs. David Solt

Lancaster
 Philadelphia (Emmanuel)- - - - - - - Donald Ritter

Blandon
 Lebanon- - - - - - - - - - - Howard Hatton

Hatfield- - - - - - - - - - - -Olive Rawn
 David Solt
 Mr. & Mrs. Fred Venable

Maple Glen- - - - - - - - - - - -J. Barclay Harley
 Linda
 John
 Mrs. Phoebe Snyder

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

CHURCH	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday School	Church Extension	Church Extension in Sunday School	Conference Expenses	Total
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.						
Allentown (Bethel)	12,651.12	2,491.56	7,710.79	1,159.31	67.35	24,080.13
Catasauqua	251.84		133.34		7.65	392.83
Graterford	1,000.00		750.00		8.10	1,758.10
Harleysville	1,125.00		100.00		10.05	1,235.05
Harrisburg	1,622.00	395.00	661.00	401.00	18.45	3,097.45
Hatfield	8,500.00		3,000.00		25.00	11,525.00
Lancaster	967.00		339.00	136.00	8.55	1,450.55
Lebanon	665.00		665.00		10.00	1,340.00
Lehighton	182.00	131.69	142.00	131.69	10.05	597.43
Mt. Carmel	1,767.00	1,233.00	1,000.00		16.95	4,016.95
Nazareth	1,467.94	483.87	476.98	501.85	14.70	2,945.34
Paradise	156.60	548.30	50.54	42.41	5.40	803.25
Reading	627.00	3,374.49	1,213.12	867.00	44.10	6,125.71
Royersford	2,575.00	125.00	1,631.00	169.00	12.15	4,512.15
Shamokin	1,135.41	336.45	670.00	366.45	20.10	2,558.41
Spring City	2,965.00		300.00		11.85	3,276.85
Sunbury	2,593.00	1,115.00	1,066.00	442.00	29.55	5,245.55
York	8,117.15		856.35		26.25	8,999.75
Total	48,368.06	10,264.36	20,765.12	4,216.71	346.25	83,960.50
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.						
Allentown (Salem)	819.96		500.00		14.25	1,334.21
Bethlehem	7,756.82	4,354.01	3,030.00	550.33	47.70	15,738.86
Blandon	410.00	634.00	200.00		13.00	1,257.00
Coopersburg	2,400.00		500.00		20.55	2,920.55
Denville, N. J.	1,173.53	102.33		102.33	6.90	1,385.09
Easton	1,236.51		610.95		18.00	1,865.46
Emmaus	2,754.68	1,341.69	1,356.00	335.46	28.05	5,815.88
Fleetwood	2,155.16	216.25	1,763.00	122.77	21.30	4,278.48
Maple Glen	1,072.00		1,165.00		13.20	2,250.20
Phila. (Calvary)	1,180.32		304.54		11.40	1,496.26
Phila. (Emmanuel)	1,634.00	478.00	21.00		7.50	2,140.50
Quakertown	2,200.00		2,220.00		23.00	4,423.00
Scranton	1,058.72	110.62	286.24	110.62	9.60	1,575.80
Staten Island, N. Y.	428.00	122.00	2.00		5.40	557.40
Stroudsburg	425.00		200.00		5.85	630.85
Terre Hill	2,259.00	635.00	1,450.33	544.00	18.15	4,906.48
Wallingford	5,720.00		3,400.00		25.35	9,145.35
Zionsville	774.00	393.71	460.00		7.35	1,635.06
Total	35,457.70	8,387.61	17,449.06	1,765.51	296.55	63,356.43
Church Extension Department - William A. Heffner, Director						
Belvidere, N. J.	158.00	42.00				200.00
Finesville, N. J.	382.28					382.28
Macungie	570.00	80.00				650.00
Miller Heights		300.00				300.00
Millersville	443.00					443.00
Sinking Spring	800.38					800.38
Walnutport	200.00					200.00
Total	2,553.66	422.00				2,975.66
Grand Total	86,379.42	19,073.97	38,214.18	5,982.22	642.80	150,292.59
Increase					12.50	
Decrease	3,844.83	1,156.43	44.88	409.81		5,443.45

(Paul I. Wentz, Byron C. Cassel, Harold W. Griest, Roy E. Williams, Kermit K. Gehman, Committee).

PASTOR'S SUMMARY STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCH	PASTOR	District Sup't.	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Deacons	Stewards	Parsonage or Bldg. Fund Collectors	Class Leaders	Prayer Mtg. Classes	Received into Church Fellowship	Received by trans. from B. F. Churches	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.															
Allentown (Bethel)	Carl C. Cassel	1	5	1	8	4	4	4	2	15	71	15	6	30	16
Allentown (C. Crest)											71	71			
Catasauqua	Alva C. Cassel		1			1	1	1	1	10	10	10			
Graterford	David J. Watkins		1					1	1	14	4	18			
Harleysville	David E. Thomann		1					1	1	10	5	15	1		
Harrisburg	R. C. Reichenbach		3			1	1	2	1	12	2	14		3	1
Hatfield	C. E. Kirkwood		1					1	1	8		8	2		2
Lancaster	Norman R. Weiss		1			1	1	1	1	7		7		2	
Lebanon								1	1				1		
Lehighton	Bert N. Brosius		1			1	1	1	1		2	2			
Mt. Carmel	F. B. Hertzog		1					1	1	5		5	1		13
Nazareth	Richard H. Kline		1			1	1	1	1	9		9	1		
Paradise	Leon K. Overpeck		1			1	1	1	1	6		6			7
Reading	James G. Koch		1			3	3	2	1	10	2	12	3	4	
Royersford	Robert F. Johnson		1			1	1	1	1	3	2	5			4
Shamokin	W. W. Hartman		1					2	1	3		3	3	1	
Spring City	Harvey J. Fritz, Jr.		1					1	1	7		7	1		2
Sunbury	N. H. Wolf		1			2	2	2	2	16		16			7
York	Russell T. Allen		2			2	2	2	1	6		6	1		
Total		1	24	1	8	18	18	26	20	141	88	229	20	40	53
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.															
Allentown (Salem)	Willard E. Cassel		2					1	1						3
Bethlehem	Frank L. Herb, Jr.	1	2			4	4	4	2	2		2	2		
Blandon	E. W. Bean		1			1	1	2	1	3		3			1
Coopersburg	LeRoy S. Heller		1					1	1	3		3	2		
Denville, N.J.	Ronald C. Mahurin		1		2			1	1	10		10			7
Easton	Robert W. Smock							2	1	3		3	1	2	7
Emmaus	Earl M. Hosler		2			2	2	2	2	24		24	3	1	3
Fleetwood	George E. Herb		1			2	2	1	1	9	1	10	1	1	3
Maple Glen	Donald T. Kirkwood		1					1	1	2		2			4
Phila. (Calvary)	W. B. Hottel		1					1	1				2	1	
Phila. (Emmanuel)	John Dunn		1			1	1	1	1	6		6			1
Quakertown	Donald R. Knauer		1					2	1	1	2	3			
Scranton	James A. Beil		1					1	1						3
Staten Island, N.Y.	Daniel G. Ziegler		2			1	1	1	1						
Stroudsburg	Reynold D. Gardner		1					1	1						
Terre Hill	Donald B. Schaeffer		1			1	1	1	1						5
Wallingford	John H. Riggall		1					1	1	13		13	4		3
Zionsville	E. B. Hartman		1			1	1	2	1	3		3		2	1
Total		1	23		2	13	13	24	20	79	3	82	16	7	41
Church Extension Department															
			2	5		4	4	3	7	9	11	20	4	34	10
Grand Totals		2	49	6	10	35	35	53	47	229	102	331	40	81	104

CHURCH	Transferred to B. F. Churches	Transferred to Other Churches	Total decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Sermons preached	Pastoral visits	Baptized	Children dedicated	Staff Memb. Enrolled	Members enrolled	Total enrollment	Total Av. Attend.	Cradle Roll Members	Home Dept Members	Churches	Parsonages
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.																		
Allentown (Bethel)	71	7	130			334	60	495	8	9	92	544	636	482	46	3	1	1
Allentown (C. Crest)				71		71												
Catasauqua		2	2	8		51	160	285	11		16	100	116	91	5		1	1
Graterford				18		72	98	421	7	12	18	202	220	179			1	1
Harleysville	8	1	11	4		71	90	250	8	2	14	113	127	93	5		1	1
Harrisburg				4	10	133	107	448	5	3	24	241	265	177	10	4	1	1
Hatfield				4	4	161	160	510	7	8	33	273	306	213	20	60	1	1
Lancaster		2	4	3	60	123	312	6	4	20	150	170	126	8	3	1	1	1
Lebanon		5	6		6	59	78	167			19	118	137	100	13	4	1	1
Lehighton		1	1	1		68	128	317		1	14	116	130	102	8		1	1
Mt. Carmel		5	19		14	99	112	425	6	1	18	106	124	85	4		1	1
Nazareth				1	8	106	145	550	9	7	30	177	207	146			1	1
Paradise				1		35	113	305	8	6	20	144	164	126			1	1
Reading		1	8	4		298	147	523	9	5	53	343	396	286	6		1	1
Royersford		1	5			81	124	617	6	2	20	142	162	120			1	1
Shamokin				4	1	133	95	350	2	5	26	156	182	145			1	1
Spring City				3	4	83	116	375	5	2	16	150	166	118	5		1	1
Sunbury				7	9	206	239	420	18	5	34	307	341	256	38	20	1	1
York	2			3	3	178	110	442	8	2	28	310	338	253	15		1	1
Total	81	25	219	147	137	2299	2205	7954	123	74	495	3692	4187	3098	183	94	18	17
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.																		
Allentown (Salem)		2	6		6	89	72	235			18	122	140	117			1	1
Bethlehem		1	3		1	317	153	625		3	57	340	397	290	12	2	1	1
Blandon	2		3			83	92	420		6	24	196	220	177	10		1	1
Coopersburg		5	7		4	133	132	473	3		19	122	141	103		8	1	1
Denville, N. J.				3		49	125	431	8	7	21	126	147	101			1	1
Easton		1	11		8	112	150	470	2		25	95	120	102		2	1	1
Emmaus				7	17	204	106	500	19	6	33	271	304	232	8	6	1	1
Fleetwood		1	6	4		146	83	290	6	1	26	268	294	214	5	10	1	1
Maple Glen		3	7		5	83	87	323	2	1	12	75	87	55			1	1
Phila. (Calvary)				3		73	121	325			17	113	130	103	16		1	1
Phila. (Emmanuel)	2	2	5	1		51	115	411	5	5	16	79	95	70	6		1	1
Quakertown	6		6		3	159	103	367	3	3	27	198	225	169	6		1	1
Scranton				3	3	61	125	340		2	16	120	136	100	21		1	1
Staten Island, N.Y.						36	96	406	5	5	13	82	95	84	12		1	1
Stroudsburg		4	4		4	35	177	300		1	12	53	65	57	2		1	1
Terre Hill				5		116	119	410		4	36	249	285	198	43	33	1	1
Wallingford				7	6	175	84	605	3	6	38	282	320	226	17		1	1
Zionsville				3		49	147	280			18	68	86	71	2		1	1
Total	10	19	93	31	42	1971	2087	7211	53	50	428	2859	3287	2469	160	61	18	18
Church Extension Dept	12	2	62	8	50	241	946	2564	9	10	81	383	464	379	17	8	8	6
Grand Totals	103	46	374	186	229	4511	5238	17769	185	134	1004	6934	7938	5946	360	63	44	41

CHURCH	Increase of Church Property Valuation	Present Valuation of Church Property	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions in Sunday School	Church Extension	Church Extension in Sunday School	Home for the Aging	Ministers' Retirement Fund
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.								
Allentown (Bethel)		270,000.00	12,651.	2,492.	7,711.	1,159	100.	240.
Catasauqua		35,000.00	252.		133.		15.	37.
Graterford		87,000.00	1,000.		750.		30.	80.
Harleysville		45,000.00	1,125.		100.		10.	78.
Harrisburg		90,000.00	1,622.	395.	661.	401.	52.	155.
Hatfield		130,000.00	8,500.		3,000.		100.	200.
Lancaster	3,000.00	60,000.00	967.		339.	136.	15.	36.
Lebanon	7,000.00	29,000.00	665.		665.		30.	80.
Lehighton	14,000.00	38,000.00	182.	132.	142.	132.	13.	49.
Mt. Carmel		25,000.00	1,767.	1,233.	1,000.		75.	80.
Nazareth	67,000.00	99,000.00	1,468.	484.	477.	502.	25.	80.
Paradise		44,000.00	157.	548.	51.	42.	11.	31.
Reading		200,000.00	627.	3,374.	1,213.	867.	147.	335.
Royersford		61,000.00	2,575.	125.	1,631.	169.	46.	116.
Shamokin		52,000.00	1,135.	336.	670.	366.	35.	51.
Spring City		135,000.00	2,965.		300.		21.	95.
Sunbury	2,000.00	64,000.00	2,593.	1,115.	1,066.	442.	53.	197.
York	7,000.00	100,000.00	8,117.		856.		15.	76.
Total	100,000.00	1,564,000.00	48,368.	10,264.	20,765.	4,216.	793.	2,016.
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.								
Allentown (Salem)		30,000.00	820.		500.		35.	50.
Bethlehem	85,000.00	225,000.00	7,757.	4,354.	3,030	550.	55.	150.
Blandon		42,000.00	410.	634.	200.		25.	100.
Coopersburg	50,000.00	100,000.00	2,400.		500.		25.	75.
Denville, N.J.		60,000.00	1,173.	102.		102.	10.	20.
Easton		100,000.00	1,237.		611.		44.	80.
Emmaus	82,000.00	186,000.00	2,754.	1,342	1,356.	335.	90.	170.
Fleetwood		200,000.00	2,155.	216.	1,763.	123.	42.	140.
Maple Glen	60,000.00	180,000.00	1,072.		1,165.		20.	100.
Phila. (Calvary)	15,000.00	85,000.00	1,180.		305.		25.	60.
Phila. (Emmanuel)		65,000.00	1,634	478.	21.		15.	40.
Quakertown		70,000.00	2,200.		2,200.		40.	200.
Scranton		40,000.00	1,059	111.	286.	111.	35.	56.
Staten Island, N.Y.		65,000.00	428.	122.	2.		20.	20.
Stroudsburg	4,000.00	24,000.00	425.		200.		20.	63.
Terre Hill	2,200.00	67,200.00	2,259.	635.	1,450.	544.	60.	100.
Wallingford		230,000.00	5,720.		3,400.		50.	230.
Zionsville		33,000.00	774.	394.	460.		27.	37.
Total	298,200.00	1,802,200.00	35,457.	8,388.	17,449.	1,765.	638.	1,691.
D. S. Parsonages		40,609.66						
C. E. Dir. Parsonage		16,000.00						
C. E. Department	39,000.00	295,100.00	2,553.	422.				
Home for the Aging		73,000.00						
Camp Properties		184,753.97						
Berean Bible School		116,000.00						
Grand Totals	437,200.00	4,091,663.63	86,378.	19,074	38,214.	5,981.	1,431.	3,707.

CHURCH	Beneficiary Fund	Sunday School Promotion Committee	District Superintendent	District Superintendents' Parsonages	Berean Bible School	Victory Valley	Ministers in Cash	Pastor's Car Allowance	Sunday School
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.									
Allentown (Bethel)	60.	100.	1,300.	200.	2,032.	155.	7,902.		5,745.
Catasauqua	12.	15.	212.	12.	173.	25.	3,755.		823.
Graterford	20.	25.	340.	50.	292.	25.	4,079.		2,399.
Harleysville	5.	10.	286.	15.	180.	50.	4,160.		657.
Harrisburg	18.	36.	395.	41.	339.	38.	4,532.		1,574.
Hatfield	50.	50.	650.	100.	2,584.	200.	6,000.		2,535.
Lancaster	5.	20.	250.	32.	350.	25.	4,440.		1,182.
Lebanon	17.	19.	240.		120.		3,744.		562.
Lehighton	24.	19.	238.	22.	185.	16.	4,004.		859.
Mt. Carmel	15.	20.	460.	60.	660.	100.	4,560.		948.
Nazareth	20.	20.	300.	20.	387.	25.	5,005.		895.
Paradise	15.	15.	219.	15.	109.	20.	2,453.		2,420.
Reading	71.	122.	890.	140.	2,425.	255.	6,384.		3,659.
Royersford	30.	21.	387.	32.	1,252.	60.	5,345.		878.
Shamokin	10.	35.	296.	31.	447.	42.	4,346.		1,658.
Spring City	21.	21.	360.	35.	477.	42.	4,341.		1,093.
Sunbury	45.	25.	827.	50.	1,525.	25.	5,183.		4,648.
York	15.	45.	431.	25.	700.	40.	5,600.		1,977.
Total	453.	599.	8,081.	880.	14,237.	1,143.	85,893.		34,512.
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.									
Allentown (Salem)	12.	20.	300.	30.	250.	35.	4,000.	120.	921.
Bethlehem	40.	110.	1,001.	151.	3,074.	407.	8,005.		11,660.
Blandon	10.	20.	300.	15.	111.	20.	3,670.		1,120.
Coopersburg	25.	20.	415.	75.	300.	50.	4,400.		1,134.
Denville, N.J.	5.	10.	160.	5.	372.	32.	3,700.		834.
Easton	20.	30.	540.	40.	318.	44.	4,820.		785.
Emmaus	78.	50.	826.	112.	610.	315.	5,778.		4,199.
Fleetwood	26.	40.	624.	95.	947.	50.	5,470.		2,691.
Maple Glen	25.	15.	425.	50.	762.	25.	5,018.		424.
Phila. (Calvary)	20.	20.	360.	40.	479.	50.	4,650.		860.
Phila. (Emmanuel)	20.	20.	409.	45.	337.	20.	3,436.		784.
Quakertown	35.	25.	500.	50.	1,200.	100.	5,000.		1,397.
Scranton	20.	25.	260.	25.	651.	25.	4,000.		666.
Staten Island, N.Y.	5.	15.	140.	15.	228.	15.	3,340.		565.
Stroudsburg	10.	10.	250.	15.	305.	10.	2,100.		362.
Terre Hill	20.	60.	840.	150.	1,175.	100.	5,159.		2,477.
Wallingford	30.	25.	600.	50.	1,478.	50.	6,000.	1,200.	1,747.
Zionsville	27.	11.	175.	39.	120.	20.	2,010.		925.
Total	428.	526.	8,125.	1,002.	12,217.	1,368.	80,556.	1,320.	33,551.
Church Ex. Dep't.		58.	766.		833.	51.	12,968.		2,845.
Grand Totals	881.	1,183.	16,972.	1,882.	27,787.	2,562.	179,417.	1,320.	70,908.

CHURCH	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	Youth Fellowship General Committee	Adult Fellowship
Allentown District, T. D. Gehret, D. S.										
Allentown (Bethel)	23,116.	1,654.	22,453.				18.	6,011.	15.	
Catasauqua	2,257.			1,321.			97.	337.	-	
Graterford	9,116.		7,262.				171.	605.		152.
Harleysville	5,747.		1,314.	316.	741.		105.	122.	5.	
Harrisburg	5,489.			1,833.	4,335.	147.	142.	295.	5.	
Hatfield	11,736.	499.			5,427.	1,005.	154.	283.	15.	600.
Lancaster	3,817.			3,547.			21.	108.	5.	
Lebanon	2,479.	361.	1,693.			113.	13.	130.		
Lehighton	2,361.			466.	2,002.			117.		
Mt. Carmel	3,148.						68.	353.	5.	
Nazareth	3,813.	758.	9,154.	1,861.		200.	103.	347.		
Paradise	3,749.			1,071.			93.	131.	5.	
Reading	7,984.	828.		1,802.	8,765.		713.	660.	25.	
Royersford	3,555.	247.	7,617.	1,390.			136.	211.	5.	
Shamokin	3,326.	189.					177.	281.	5.	
Spring City	6,326.	440.	2,804.	755.	7,429.		22.	451.	3.	
Sunbury	4,690.	360.		1,913.			123.	246.	5.	
Yock	5,460.			2,171.		48.	259.	268.	10.	
Total	108,169.	5,336.	52,297.	18,473.	28,699.	1,536.	2,415.	10,956.	118.	752.
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.										
Allentown (Salem)	4,872.	25.	2,515.					78.		
Bethlehem	10,291.	332.	5,290.	5,431.			599.	901.	15.	
Blandon	2,321.	144.	539.	1,223.			225.	70.	10.	
Coopersburg	4,860.	377.	13,420.				41.	52.	5.	
Denville, N.J.	8,738.	541.	430.	2,477.		94.	112.	155.	148.	10.
Easton	2,586.	100.	172.		2,272.	40.	19.	132.	5.	
Emmaus	5,900.	1,140.	8,433.	2,688.		67.	128.	909.	5.	
Fleetwood	4,580.	106.		2,013.	9,140.		86.	620.	5.	
Maple Glen	13,034.				1,585.	15.	26.	2,459.	10.	72.
Phila. (Calvary)	3,670.	303.	758.	338.	3,202.	101.	59.	101.	3.	
Phila. (Emmanuel)	3,702.	99.		503.	2,861.			250.		
Quakertown	7,615.	100.	2,184.				100.	300.	5.	
Scranton	2,993.	120.			1,804.	25.	8.	216.	2.	
Staten Island, N.Y.	1,590.			2,073.	600.	112.	30.	56.	5.	
Stroudsburg	2,197.							224.	10.	
Terre Hill	4,446.	191.		2,863.	2,846.		82.	134.		
Wallingford	18,411.	500.	740.		8,364.	1,694.	52.	400.	10.	667.
Zionsville	2,273.			914.	847.	10.	108.	141.	5.	
Total	104,079.	4,078.	34,481.	20,523.	33,521.	2,270.	1,718.	7,191.	105.	739.
Church Ex. Dep't.	15,987.	518.	2,751.	5,129.	7,496.	200.	233.	369.	6.	
Grand Totals	228,235.	9,932.	89,529.	44,125.	69,716.	4,006.	4,366.	18,516.	229.	1,491.

CHURCH	Child Evangelism	Annual Conference Delegate Fund	Bible Fellowship Conference Center	Radio	Boys' Brigade	Pioneer Girls	Camp Meetings	Total Offerings
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.								
Allentown (Bethel)	480.	267.		1,951.				97,812.
Catasauqua		50.						9,536.
Graterford	100.	80.						26,576.
Harleysville		60.						15,086.
Harrisburg		108.						22,613.
Hatfield	218.	100.						44,006.
Lancaster		80.						15,402.
Lebanon		80.						10,992.
Lehighton		75.						11,038.
Mt. Carmel	85.	50.						14,687.
Nazareth	428.	80.						26,452.
Paradise		60.						11,215.
Reading	88.	100.	518.					41,992.
Royersford	189.	100.		379.				26,496.
Shamokin		108.						13,597.
Spring City	190.	72.	80.					28,343.
Sunbury		96.						25,227.
York	125.	75.			661.	494.		27,468.
Total	1,903.	1,641.	598.	2,330.	661.	494.		468,538.
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.								
Allentown (Salem)	221.	100.						14,903.
Bethlehem		123.		54.	768.	160.		64,308.
Blandon	175.	32.						11,374.
Coopersburg	239.	100.						28,607.
Denville, N.J.	363.	100.						19,599.
Easton	228.	80.						14,203.
Emmaus	1,076.	237.						38,598.
Fleetwood		80.						31,012.
Maple Glen		75.						26,377.
Phila. (Calvary)	152.	70.						16,806.
Phila. (Emmanuel)	131.	55.						14,860.
Quakertown	432.	75.						23,758.
Scranton	119.	35.						12,652.
Staten Island, N.Y.	225.	35.						9,641.
Stroudsburg	70.	70.						6,341.
Terre Hill	223.	100.						25,914.
Wallingford	198.	100.			242.			51,958.
Zionsville	38.	29.						9,384.
Total	3,890.	1,496.		54.	1,010.	160.		420,295.
Church Ex. Dep't.	566.							53,750.
Camp Meetings							13,421.	13,421.
Grand Totals	6,359.	3,137.	598.	2,384.	1,671.	654.	13,421.	956,004.

CHURCH	Subscribers to Fellowship News	Publication & Printing	Annual Conference Entertainment Fund	Moving Fund	Ministers in Other Contributions	Women's Missionary Society (donated materials)
Allentown District - T. D. Gehret, D. S.						
Allentown (Bethel)	105	180.	75.	337.	300.	3,116.
Catasauqua	13	17.	6.	32.	285.	140.
Graterford	35	22.	8.	41.	400.	
Harleysville	43	34.	10.	50.	620.	
Harrisburg	43	49.	18.	92.	500.	
Hatfield	50	63.	25.	118.	165.	250.
Lancaster	13	23.	9.	43.	300.	
Lebanon		26.	10.	49.		
Leighton	14	27.	10.	50.	295.	175.
Mt. Carmel	26	45.	17.	85.	318.	146.
Nazareth	39	39.	14.	74.	525.	
Paradise	14	14.	5.	27.	145.	
Reading	97	118.	44.	221.	395.	
Royersford	27	32.	12.	61.	559.	225.
Shamokin	23	54.	20.	101.	500.	
Spring City	41	32.	12.	59.	485.	
Sunbury	33	79.	30.	148.	867.	265.
York	29	70.	26.	131.	119.	
Total	645	922.	351.	1,571.	6,778.	3,827.
Bethlehem District - A. L. Seifert, D. S.						
Allentown (Salem)	21	38.	14.	71.		
Bethlehem	79	127.	48.	239.	543.	
Blandon	14	33.	13.	62.	300.	175.
Coopersburg	29	55.	20.	103.	352.	
Denville, N. J.	23	18.	7.	34.	350.	412.
Easton	26	48.	18.	90.	500.	
Emmaus	48	75.	28.	140.	757.	227.
Fleetwood	71	57.	21.	107.	302.	
Maple Glen	15	35.	13.	66.	566.	
Phila. (Calvary)	23	30.	11.	57.	270.	
Phila. (Emmanuel)	18	20.	8.	38.	222.	
Quakertown	74	63.	23	120.	200.	
Scranton	14	26.	10.	48.	304.	50.
Staten Island, N. Y.	21	14.	5.	27.	200.	102.
Stroudsburg	9	16.	6.	29.	455.	1,226.
Terre Hill	25	50.	18.	95.	893.	134.
Wallingford	39	68.	24.	128.	391.	
Zionsville	22	20.	7.	37.	340.	
Total	571	794.	296.	1,395.	6,944.	2,325.
Church Ex. Dep't.	74				1,684.	60.
Grand Totals	1290	1,716.	647.	2,966.	13,741.	6,213.

CHURCH	PASTOR	Ordained Ministers	Probationers	Stewards	Parsonage or Bld. Fund Collectors	Class Leaders	Prayer Meeting cls.	Received in Church Fellowship	Received by Trans. From B.F. Churches	Total Increase	Died	Withdrawn	Dropped	Transferred to B.F. Churches
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Church Extension Department - William A. Heffner, Director

Belvidere, N.J.	John Herb			1			1							2	2
Binghamton, N.Y.	Bruce A. Ellingson		1				1							32	
Finesville, N.J.	John E. Golla	1	1	1	1	1	1	4	4	8				2	2
Macungie	Austin B. Sullivan	1	1	1	1	1	1		3	3	1				4
Miller Heights	Harold Weaber	1	1	1	1	1	1							6	4
Millersville	Robert Paul							1	4	5					2
Sinking Spring	M. Leslie Campbell	1	1	1	1	1	1				3				4
Walnutport															
Total		2	5	4	4	3	7	9	11	20	4	34	10	12	

CHURCH	Transferred to Other Churches	Total Decrease	Net Increase	Net Decrease	Total Membership	Sermons preached	Pastoral Visits	Baptized	Children Dedicated	Staff Members Enr.	Members enrolled	Total enrollment	Total Av. Attend.	Cradle Roll Members	Home Dept. Members	Churches	Parsonages
Belvidere, N. J.		4	4	4	10	192	375		1	7	41	48	36	3	2	1	1
Binghamton, N. Y.	32		32		31	113	488										
Finesville, N. J.		4	4		33	114	514	4		10	46	56	41	2	5	1	1
Macungie	2	7	4	42	64	306			15	68	83	63	58	2	1	1	1
Miller Heights		2	2	28	124	342			11	53	64	54	67	5		1	1
Millersville		10	5	54	149	667	2	8	12	56	68	67	2	2	1	1	1
Sinking Spring		3	3	43	190	247			14	62	76	76	60	3	1	1	1
Walnutport																	
Total	2	62	8	50	241	946	2564	9	10	81	383	462	379	17	8	7	6

CHURCH	Increase of Church Property Valuation	Present Valuation of Ch. Property	Foreign Missions	Foreign Missions Sunday School	Sunday School Promotion Com.	Church Extension Director	Berean Bible School	Victory Valley
Belvidere, N. J.	23,000.	60,000.00	158.	42.		25.	100.	
Binghamton, N. Y.		15,500.00						
Finesville, N. J.		22,600.00	382.		5.	120.	245.	21.
Macungie	16,000.	42,000.00	570.	80.	18.	164.	172.	30.
Miller Heights		28,000.00		300.	10.	130.	82.	
Millersville		54,500.00	443.		10.	127.	110.	
Sinking Spring		55,000.00	800.		10.	110.	44.	
Walnutport		17,500.00	200.		5.	90.	80.	
Total	39,000.	295,100.00	2,553.	422.	58.	766.	833.	51.

CHURCH	Ministers in Cash	Sunday School	General Offerings	Missionary Conf.	New Church Prop. Improv. or Repairs	Parsonage or Building Fund	Received for Reduction of Indebtedness	Local Benevolent	Youth Fellowship	Women's Missionary Society	Y. F. Gen. Com.	Child Evangelism
Belvidere, N. J.	1,800.	239.	718.		372.	151.	2,476.	19.				20.
Finesville, N. J.	1,480.	676.	2,691.	226.	741.		934.	75.	55.	74.	4.	169.
Macungie	1,236.	887.	1,889.	70.		224.	1,398.			77.		125.
Miller Heights	1,384.	585.	1,943.	95.	337.	1,003.			63.	69.		58.
Millersville	1,660.	458.	2,486.	107.		1,940.			63.	63.		93.
Sinking Spring	3,000.		3,732.		873.	1,811.	1,898.	35.	46.	124.	2.	17.
Walnutport	2,408.		2,528.	20.	428.		789.	71.	6.	25.		84.
Total	12,968.	2,845.	15,987.	518.	2,751.	5,129.	7,495.	200.	233.	369.	6.	566.

CHURCH	Total Offerings	Subscribers to Fellowship News	Ministers in Other Contributions	Women's Missionary Society (donated materials)
Belvidere, N. J.	6,120.	8	250.	
Finesville, N. J.	7,898.	9		
Macungie	6,940.	15	275.	
Miller Heights	6,059.	13	120.	
Millersville	7,499.		510.	
Sinking Spring	12,500.	19	235.	60.
Walnutport	6,734.	10	294.	
Total	53,750.	74	1,684.	60.

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Statistical Committee

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE SUMMARY REPORT

Ministers and Officers

District Superintendents	2
Ordained Ministers	49
Probationers	6
Deacons	10
Stewards	35
Parsonage Fund Collectors	35
Class Leaders	53
Prayer Meeting Classes	47

Membership

Received into Church Fellowship	229
Received by transfer from B. F. Churches	102
Total increase	331
Died	40
Withdrawn	81
Dropped	104
Transferred to B. F. Churches	103
Transferred to other churches	46
Total decrease	374
Net decrease	43
Total membership	4,511

Pastor's Activities

Sermons preached	5,238
Pastoral visits	17,769
Baptized	185
Children dedicated	134

Sunday Schools

Staff members enrolled	1,004
Members enrolled	6,934
Total enrollment	7,938
Total average attendance	5,946
Cradle Roll members	360
Home Department members	163

Church Property

Churches	44
Parsonages	41
Increase of valuation of church properties	437,200.00
Present valuation	\$ 4,091,663.63

Offerings

Foreign Missions	\$	86,378.
Foreign Missions in Sunday School		19,074.
Church Extension		38,214.
Church Extension in Sunday School		5,981.
Home for the Aging		1,431.
Ministers' Retirement Fund		3,707.
Beneficiary Fund		881.
Sunday School Promotion Committee		1,183.
District Superintendents		16,206.
Church Extension Director (Missions)		766.
District Superintendents' Parsonages		1,882.
Berean Bible School		27,787.
Victory Valley		2,562.
Ministers' in Cash		179,417.
Pastor's Car Allowance		1,320.
Sunday Schools		70,908.
General Offerings		228,235.
Missionary Conferences		9,932.
New Church Property improvements/repairs		89,529.
Parsonage or Building Fund		44,125.
Received for reduction of indebtedness		69,716.
Local Benevolent Fund		4,006.
Youth Fellowship		4,366.
Women's Missionary Societies		18,516.
Youth Fellowship General Committee		229.
Adult Fellowship		1,491.
Child Evangelism		6,359.
Annual Conference Delegate Fund		3,137.
Bible Fellowship Church Conference Center		598.
Radio		2,384.
Boys' Brigade		1,671.
Pioneer Girls		654.
Mizpah Grove		13,421.
Total Offerings	\$	956,004.

Additional Statistics

Subscribers to Fellowship News		1,290
Publication and Printing	\$	1,716.
Annual Conference Entertainment Fund		647.
Moving Fund		2,967.
Ministers in Other Contributions		13,741.
Women's Missionary Societies (donated material)		6,213.

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ROLL AND DIRECTORY OF MINISTERS

1. Ordained Ministers Working Under the Direction of the Bible Fellowship Church:

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Assigned	Address	Zip Code
Allen, Russell T.	1955	1958	1966	75 West Broad Street, Hatfield, Pa.	19440
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. (Church)	1958	1961	1966	311 Yost Ave., Spring City, Pa.	19475
Cassel, Alva C.	1958	1962	1961	235 Walnut Street, Catasauqua, Pa.	18032
Cassel, Carl C. (Church)	1956	1959	1962	529 N. Eighth Street, Allentown, Pa.	18102
Cassel, Willard E.	1943	1946	1963	723 Filmore Street, Allentown, Pa.	18103
+Dotts, Raymond	1960	1965	1962	1020 S. Hall Street, Allentown, Pa.	18103
Dunn, John	1941	1950	1961	6902 Chelwynde Ave. Philadelphia, Pa.	19142
Ellingson, Bruce	1963	1966	1966	515 Locust Street, Lebanon, Pa.	17042
Fritz, Harvey J., Jr. (Church)	1959	1962	1966	313 North Third Street, Emmaus, Pa.	18049
**Gehret, T. D. (D. S.)	1921	1925	1962	2340 Union Street, Allentown, Pa.	18104
Golla, John E.	1941	1942	1965	213 East Main Street, Macungie, Pa.	18062
Hartman, Ernest B.	1927	1936	1959	Box 266, Zionsville, Pa.	18092
*Hartman, Jansen E.	1942	1946	1949	1020 South Hall Street, Allentown, Pa.	18103
Hartman, W. W.	1930	1937	1964	35 South Second Street, Shamokin, Pa.	17872
Heffner, William A.	1943	1951	1966	421 Elm Street, Emmaus, Pa.	18049
Heller, LeRoy S.	1955	1958	1962	504 Oxford Street, Coopersburg, Pa.	18036
Herb, Frank L., Jr. (Church)	1954	1957	1964	1124 North Main Street, Bethlehem, Pa.	18018
Herb, George, E.	1957	1960	1962	103 West Pine Street, Fleetwood, Pa.	19522
Herb, John H.	1962	1966	1964	17 Valley View Terrace, Washington, N. J.	07882

Name	Licensed	Ordained	Assigned	Phone	Address	
#Hosler, Earl M.	1953	1956	1966	215-967-1642	424 Ridge Street, Emmaus, Pa.	18049
Hottel, W. B.	1944	1947	1966	215-445-4401	404 West Main Street, Terre Hill, Pa.	17581
Johnson, Robert F.	1958	1961	1963	215-948-3014	630 Walnut Street, Royersford, Pa.	19468
Kirkwood, C. E.	1937	1940	1966	215-876-8449	723 South Providence Road, Wallingford, Pa.	19086
Kirkwood, Donald T. (Church)	1951	1954	1958	215-886-4862	418 Roslyn Ave., Glenside, Pa.	19038
Kline, Richard H.	1955	1958	1963	215-759-1712	16 South Broad Street, Nazareth, Pa.	18064
Knauer, Donald B.	1962	1965	1965	215-536-6096	25 South Third Street, Quakertown, Pa.	18951
Koch, James G. (Church)	1950	1953	1961	215-372-3330	1122 Hampden Blvd. Reading, Pa.	19604
Mahurin, Ronald C.	1960	1959	1963	215-373-5574	263 Diamond Spring Rd. Denzville, N. J.	07834
Overpeck, Leon K.	1958	1965	1963	201-627-6706	Box 32, Paradise, Pa.	17562
Paul, Robert	1962	1947	1965	215-687-7577	Green Valley Gardens, R.D.#5, Sinking Spring Pa.	19565
Reichenbach, R. C.	1937	1941	1964	215-678-4294	3210 North Fourth St., Harrisburg, Pa.	17110
Riggall, John H.	1950	1953	1962	717-843-4739	952 North Duke Street, York, Pa.	17404
**Seifert, A. L. (D. S.)	1950	1953	1962	215-868-2781	1218 E. Rosemont Drive, Bethlehem, Pa.	18018
Smock, Robert W.	1950	1953	1966	717-733-2526	111 E. Chestnut Street, Ephrata, Pa.	17522
Thomann, David E.	1943	1946	1965	215-256-8253	78 E. Harleysville Pike, Harleysville, Pa.	19438
Watkins, David J.	1962	1965	1963	215-489-2281	111 Bridge Street, Graterford, Pa.	19426
Weiss, Norman R.	1960	1963	1961	717-393-7677	608 Prospect Street, Lancaster, Pa.	17603
Wolf, N. H.	1916	1920	1958	717-286-6106	650 Catawissa Ave., Sunbury, Pa.	17801
Ziegler, Daniel G.	1960	1963	1964	212-442-2782	243 Taylor Street, Staten Island, New York	10310

+ Instructor - Berean Bible School

* President - Berean Bible School

Director of Church Extension

** District Superintendents

2. Ordained Ministers Working With Other Organizations

Name	Licensed	Ordnained	Assigned	Address
Frank, Walter H.	1939	1942		Greater Europe Mission, 214 N. Hale St., Wheaton, Illinois
Miller, C. Leslie	1928	1933		609 E. Cypress St., Apt. 21, Glendale, Calif. 91205
Yarrington, H. D.	1942	1952		Chaplain, Connecticut Valley Hospital, Box 351, Middletown, Conn

3. Ordained Ministers Retired and on Leave of Absence

Baer, Paul E.	1924	1928	215-253-0253	1334 Northampton Street, Easton, Pa.	18042
Gardner, Reynold D. Sr.	1955	1961			
Heffner, W. F.	1917	1920	717-564-2568	6103 Ann Street, Harrisburg, Pa.	17110
Hertzog, F. B.	1922	1925	215-759-4827	7 South New Street, Nazareth, Pa.	18064
Kublic, E. E.	1901	1907	717-272-1866	207 South Third Street, Lebanon, Pa.	17042
Layne, J. B.	1916	1919	717-938-2950	R. D. #2, Efters, Pa.	17319
Rutman, E. J.	1937	1940	813-636-2758	204 S. Raymond Ave. R. D. #1, Frostproof, Fla.	33843
Schaeffer, Donald B.	1955	1958	215-432-7410	712 S. Cedar Crest Blvd. Allentown, Pa.	18104
Stengle, P. T.	1918	1923	215-395-5691	Orefield, Pa.	18069

4. Probationers

Campbell, M. Leslie	1961		215-377-1277	127 North Fourth Street, Lehighton, Pa.	18235
Kuder, Paul	1966	1966	215-252-6352	1113 Whitney Ave., Easton, Pa.	18042
Plows, Keith (Church)	1966	1966	215-288-6369	4426 VanKirk Street, Philadelphia, Pa.	19135
Sullivan, Austin B. Jr.	1964	1965	215-743-3751		
Weaver, Harold C.	1963	1965	215-865-2191 717-872-8979	5th Street & Alt. Rt. 22, Miller Heights, Pa. R. D. #1, Millersville, Pa.	18017 17551

5. Supply Pastors

Smith, Mark T.		1966	717-421-0533	21 South Sixth Street, Stroudsburg, Pa.	18360
Zimmerman, Paul T.		1966	717-339-4693	132 West Fourth Street, Mount Carmel, Pa.	17851

6. Missionaries

Name	Liscensed	Ordained	
Baker, Sterling			
Baker, Sterling Mrs.			
Bigley, James	1962	1966	
Bigley, James Mrs.			
Buck, Leonard E.	1958		
Buck, Leonard Mrs.			
Chaponniere, Paul			
Chaponniere, Paul Mrs.			
Dyke, Herbert			
Dyke, Herbert Mrs.			
Gehman, Richard J.	1964		
Gehman, Richard Mrs.			
Gordon, Robert	1960	1960	
Gordon, Robert Mrs.			
Harley, J. Barclay	1956	1960	
Harley, J. Barclay Mrs.			
Hertzog, Roy	1959		
Hertzog, Roy Mrs.			
Hoffman, Aaron Mrs.			
Hoyle, Ron Mrs.			
Kassay, Harriet Miss			(candidate)
Kauffman, Timothy			
Lee, George F., Jr.			(candidate)
Lee, George F., Jr. Mrs.			(candidate)
Lilley, David K.			(candidate)
Mann, Charles L. Jr.			(extended furlough)
Mann, Charles Mrs.			(extended furlough)
Moyer, Edward			
Moyer, Edward Mrs.			
Rawn, Olive Miss			
Ritter, Donald J.			
Ritter, Donald J. Mrs.			
Schoffstall, Robert Dr.			(extended furlough)
Schoffstall, Robert Mrs.			(extended furlough)
Shelling, Theodore	1966		
Shelly, Austin	1956	1961	
Snyder, Phoebe Mrs.			(retired)
Solt, David			
Solt, David Mrs.			
Stengele, Laird			
Stengele, Laird Mrs.			
Venable, Fred			
Venable, Fred Mrs.			
Yonce, Frances Miss			(candidate)

Members of the Board of Directors:

Cassel, Byron C.	215-884-6622
Wentz, Paul I.	215-437-2775
Gehman, Kermit K.	215-965-2971

Bible Fellowship Church Home 38 South New Street, Nazareth, Pa.	215-759-3778
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Office	215-434-8151
Hartman, Jansen E.	215-434-2251
Shelly, Harold P.	215-434-5578
Dotts, Raymond R.	215-437-1787
Women's Dormitory	215-433-9868
Men's Dormitory	215-433-9034



Church and Parsonage at Ephrata, Pa.

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES

Church	Location	Time of Services		
		S.S.	A. M.	P. M.
Allentown(Bethel) - 528 N. Eighth Street		9:30	10:40	7:30
Allentown(Cedar Crest) -				
Allentown(Salem) -641 Genesee Street		9:00	10:15	7:30
Bethlehem - 1123 N. Main Street		9:00	10:15	7:15
Blandon - Chestnut Street		9:00	10:15	7:00
Catasauqua - 233 Walnut Street		10:30	9:15	7:00
Coopersburg - 518 N. Main Street		9:00	10:10	7:00
Denville - 263 Diamond Spring Road		9:30	10:45	7:00
Easton - 12th & Spruce Streets		9:30	10:45	7:30
Emmaus - 418-20 Elm Street		10:15	9:00	7:30
Fleetwood - South Richmond Street		10:30	9:15	7:30
Graterford - Route #29, Graterford, Pa.		9:30	10:40	7:00
Harleysville - 15 Maple Ave.		9:00	10:05	7:00
Harrisburg - Division and Reel Streets		9:30	10:35	7:30
Hatfield - West Broad Street		9:30	10:30	7:00
Lancaster - Prospect and Hager Streets		9:30	10:40	7:30
Lebanon - 521 Locust Street		9:30	10:30	7:30
Lehighon - Cypress and Fourth Streets		9:30	10:40	7:30
Maple Glen - Welsh Road		9:45	11:00	7:00
Mount Carmel - 130 W. Fourth Street		9:30	10:30	7:00
Nazareth - Rose Inn and Beil Ave.		9:30	10:30	7:30
Paradise - Lincoln Highway Rt. 30		9:30	10:35	7:30
Phila. (Calvary) - 4416 VanKirk Street		9:45	11:00	7:30
Phila. (Emmanuel) - 65th St. & Dickens Ave.		9:45	11:00	7:30
Quakertown - 27 South Third Street		9:00	10:05	7:00
Reading - Hampden Blvd. & Marion St.		9:30	10:45	7:30
Royersford - 618 Walnut Street		9:00	10:10	7:30
Scranton - 1021 Taylor Avenue		10:00	11:00	7:30
Shamokin - S. Second & Penn Streets		9:30	10:45	7:30
Sinking Spring - Route 422		10:00	'til 11:30	7:00
Spring City - Pennhurst Rd. & Bridge St.		9:30	10:45	7:00
Staten Island - 243 Taylor St. (W. Brighton)		9:45	11:00	7:00
Stroudsburg - 23 South 6th Street		9:30	10:30	7:30
Sunbury - Race St. near Sixth Street		9:30	10:30	7:30
Terre Hill - 407 W. Main Street		8:50	10:00	7:30
Wallingford - 723 S. Providence Road		9:30	10:45	7:00
York - 6th & Duke Streets (North York)		9:30	10:40	7:00
Zionsville - South Vera Cruz Road		9:30	10:30	7:30

CHURCH EXTENSION CHURCHES

Belvidere - Pequest Road	10:00	11:00	7:30
Ephrata - 101 E. Chestnut St.	9:15	10:30	7:30
Finesville - Main Road	9:30	10:45	7:30
Macungie - 108 Walnut Street	9:15	10:30	7:00
Miller Heights - 5th & Alternate Rt. 22	9:30	10:30	7:00
Millersville - R. D. 1	9:30	10:45	7:30
Walnutport - 233 Main Street	9:15	10:15	7:00

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