

YEARBOOK

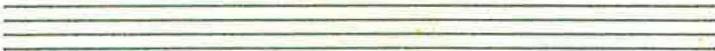
The Missionary Baptist Association of Texas 1951

NEXT SESSION

November 11-12, 1952

Longview Missionary Baptist Church—A. J. Wall, Pastor

Annual Sermon.....O. P. Meador
Alternate.....C. H. McBryde



THE
MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF TEXAS

Messenger Meeting, November 13-14, 1951
Corsicana Missionary Baptist Church



MODERATOR:

ELD. J. W. HARPER Box 11, Gallatin, Texas

ASSISTANT MODERATOR:

ELD. A. J. FINDLEY Omaha, Texas

RECORDING SECRETARIES:

DR. ALBERT GARNER Henderson, Texas

ELD. G. F. CRUMLEY Route 3, DeKalb, Texas

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-TREASURER:

ELD. J. W. HARPER Box 11, Gallatin, Texas

MISSIONARIES:

*ELD. J. W. HARPER Box 11, Gallatin, Texas

*ELD. R. E. RODGERS Box 132, Carthage, Texas

ELD. LARRY ROMERO Box 782, Pharr, Texas

ELD. W. B. WALKER Huntington, Texas

ELD. J. E. SHERRILL 2311 Pine Street, Dallas 15, Texas

ELD. R. F. HAMPTON Box 241, Loraine, Texas

ELD. G. H. VAUGHN Elkhart, Texas

Minutes of the Second Annual Session
of the
Missionary Baptist Association of Texas

Tuesday Morning

The Assembly was called to order by Moderator, Eld. J. W. Harper. A good Devotional was brought by Eld. Dan Griffith.

After the Devotional, the Assembly entered into the election of permanent officers. Eld. O. H. Griffith was asked to serve as Clerk pro-tem.

Nominations were declared in order for Moderator. Nominated was Eld. J. W. Harper, who was elected unanimously.

Nominated for Vice Moderator were Brethren A. J. Findley and O. P. Meador. Eld. Findley received the highest number of votes, and was declared elected. A motion carried to make the election unanimous for Brother Findley.

Nominated for Clerks were Brethren G. F. Crumley, O. H. Griffith, and Albert Garner. A motion was carried that the two receiving the highest number of votes be elected as the Clerks. Brethren Crumley and Garner were elected, and a motion carried to make the vote unanimous.

At this time, a motion carried that the visitors to the Assembly be recognized. They were recognized as follows:

Brother D. G. Breland, Providence Church, near Trinidad.

Brother E. E. Bandy, Orlando, Fla.

Dr. Leo A. Causey, Little Rock, Ark., Registrar of the Missionary Baptist Seminary and Institute, who brought a good report and greetings from both the Seminary and the Arkansas Baptist Association.

Eld. J. E. Hollingsworth, Central Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Eld. R. E. Cecil, Montgomery, Ala.

Dr. A. T. Powers, Secretary of Missions of the American Baptist Association, at Texarkana, U.S.A.

Mrs. A. T. Powers, Texarkana.

Eld. A. L. Patterson, Business Manager of the Baptist Sunday School Committee, Texarkana.

(NOTE: If there were other visitors present from out of state, and their names are not listed, it was because they failed to stand and be recognized by the Moderator at this time.—The Clerks.)

By mutual consent the Assembly entered into the selection of a meeting place for 1952. An invitation was extended by the Longview Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor A. J. Wall to meet with them. A motion carried to accept the invitation of the Longview Church and meet with them in 1952.

A motion failed to carry that the Assembly meet Tuesday after the second Sunday in October, instead of in November. Discussing the motion were Brethren G. C. Vaughn, O. P. Meador, A. J. Wall and A. J. Findley.

A motion carried to set the Mission Report as a special order of business the first thing after the noon recess.

A motion carried to hear the Christian Education Report as the next item of business after the Mission Report.

A suggestion was made by Eld. A. J. Kirkland to appoint a Committee on Missions to make recommendations with the report of the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer. Named to serve on this committee were Brethren G. P. Allen, Chairman; A. J. Findley, Aubrey Simmons, and R. D. Evans. The committee was called to meet immediately by the Chairman.

The time having arrived for the Annual Sermon, Dr. A. J. Kirkland was called to the stand. Eld. T. R. Vaughn directed the Assembly in singing "Wonderful Words of Life," and a prayer was led by Eld. R. D. Evans.

Dr. Kirkland chose as his text Joshua 1:1-9, and brought a great, soul-stirring message on "The Certain Victory of God's People." After the message, it was announced by the Moderator that following the benediction, the entire Assembly would be given the privilege of extending to Brother Kirkland the right hand of appreciation for his great message.

Announcements were made, and the following committees were named: Enrollment; Divine Service; Benevolence; and Christian Education. (The names of the committeemen will be found following the reports of each, in another place in these Minutes.—Clerks.)

A motion carried to recess until 1:30 p.m. The Assembly was dismissed by singing "He Will Keep His Promise to Me," led by Eld. T. R. Vaughn.

Tuesday Afternoon

The Assembly was called together by singing "Just When I Need Him Most" and "He Is Able to Deliver Thee," led by Eld. T. C. Jones. Eld. A. J. Findley acted as Moderator. A prayer was led by Eld. J. W. Harper. An inspiring Devotional was given by Eld. Ed Rhodes, who used as his text Romans 1:14-16.

At this time, the special order of business was called for. The Chairman of the Committee on Missions was called to read the report. A motion was made to adopt the report and the recommendations made by the committee. The reports of the work done by the following Missionaries were given to the Assembly as a part of the discussion of the motion: Brethren J. W. Harper, R. E. Rodgers, W. E. Sherill, R. F. Hampton, and W. B. Walker (read in his absence by G. P. Allen). Discussing the report were Brethren G. P. Allen, W. F. Lovelady, A. J. Wall, J. W. Harper, R. D. Evans, A. J. Findley, A. J. Kirkland, J. W. Harper, Oval Cogdill and Roy Pedigo. A motion to amend the report carried that there be placed on the field on a stipulated monthly salary two Missionaries, one to be the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer. A motion to amend the report carried to add to the report the following recommendation: "That there be created an Extension Fund for Missionaries to be used in establishing new work, and that it be recommended to the Churches of the Association that offerings be taken on each fifth Sunday for this purpose, and that a committee of two be appointed to work with the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer in the handling of said funds." The report as amended was adopted by the Assembly.

A motion carried that a Mission offering be taken at this time. The amount of the offering was \$151.35.

Those Missionaries who worked on the field last year, and who still have the endorsement of their churches, are still nominated for moral support.

Nominated and elected as one of the Missionaries to receive a stipulated monthly salary was Eld. R. E. Rodgers. Nominated and elected as the other Missionary on salary and also as the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer was Eld. J. W. Harper.

A motion carried to give moral endorsement to all other Missionaries recommended by their respective churches, and that each who receives moral endorsement receive exactly what money is designated for him.

A motion was made that the Assembly recommend a salary of \$250.00 and traveling expenses per month to each Missionary on salary. A motion to amend carried, that the salary be set at \$325.00 per month, and this to include expenses. Motion as amended carried.

The following committees were named: Finance, and Resolutions. (Names of the committeemen will be found appended to their reports.—Clerks.)

A speech of acceptance for the two Missionaries was made by Eld. J. W. Harper. At this time, a number of pastors and

church members pledged their whole-hearted support to State Missions for the coming year.

Dr. Kirkland offered to give one-half of the space in his paper, *The Baptist Monitor*, to the Association, and recommended that the Assembly elect someone as Editor for this space.

A motion to accept the gift and to elect as Editor, Eld. J. W. Harper, carried.

At this time, the Committee on Divine Service (the pastor and deacons of the host church) gave the privilege to the Assembly of electing the speaker for the evening. Nominated were Brethren A. T. Powers, R. E. Rodgers, T. R. Vaughn, Leo A. Causey, A. J. Wall, and M. C. Hughes. Elected was Dr. A. T. Powers.

A motion carried to elect someone to preach the Annual Sermon in 1952. Nominated were Brethren C. H. McBryde, M. F. Downing, Albert Garner, O. P. Meador, and W. F. Lovelady. A motion carried that the one receiving the highest number of votes be elected, and that the one receiving the second highest be Alternate. Elected to bring the Annual Sermon in 1952 was Eld. O. P. Meador, and Eld. C. H. McBryde, Alternate.

A motion to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. carried. The Assembly was dismissed in prayer by Eld. A. L. Patterson.

Tuesday Evening

The Assembly was called together by singing, led by Eld. W. E. Lee of Duncan, Okla. The songs were "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" and "The Touch of His Hand on Mine." The Assembly was led in prayer by Eld. Jim Corbin. Another song was sung, "What a Friend."

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education was read by Chairman, and a motion was made to adopt the report, and take an offering for Christian Education. Discussing the report were Brethren A. J. Kirkland (the faculty and some of the students of the Texas Baptist Institute were introduced and recognized); M. C. Hughes, Leo A. Causey, O. W. Leisinger, and Albert Garner. The motion carried, and the amount of the offering taken was \$93.64.

At this time, a trio of young ladies of the Missionary Baptist Church of Corsicana rendered a beautiful number, which was appreciated by all.

Mrs. R. W. Mitchell and Bro. H. D. Covington, from Lamesa, were called to the stand, and they rendered a beautiful, soul-stirring duet, which was greatly appreciated.

Dr. A. T. Powers was then asked to come forward, and he brought a great message, taking as his text Matthew 6:21.

After the inspiring message brought by Dr. Powers a motion carried that a Committee on Interstate and Foreign Missions be named.

A motion carried to name a Committee on Publications.

A motion to set the Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Missions as a special order for 10:30 a.m. Wednesday to be followed by a Missionary sermon carried.

A motion carried that the Report of the Committee on Benevolence be heard first on Wednesday morning, to be followed by the Report of the Committee on Publications.

Nominated to bring the Missionary Sermon were Brethren Leo A. Causey, J. B. Watson, W. E. Lee, R.E. Rodgers, and J. W. Harper. Elected was Dr. Leo A. Causey.

At this time, the Moderator named the Committees on Interstate and Foreign Missions, and Publications.

The Moderator asked that the Assembly elect the two committeemen for the special Extension Fund Committee to work with the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer as Chairman. A motion was ruled out of order that the Trustees of the Association, provided for in the Articles of Agreement, be the committee.

A motion carried that Brethren G. P. Allen and A. J. Wall be the two committeemen.

A motion carried to adjourn until 9:00 a.m. Wednesday. The Assembly was dismissed with prayer by Eld. R. E. Rodgers.

Wednesday Morning

The Assembly was called together by singing "I Know the Bible Is True" and "Higher Ground," directed by Dr. Albert Garner. The opening prayer was led by Eld. Arthur Smith.

The Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Missions was read by the Chairman of the committee. A motion carried to adopt the report as read. Discussed by Brethren A. T. Powers, J. W. Harper, Roy I. Pedigo, and W. F. Lovelady.

A motion carried that a form be inserted in the Baptist Monitor to be used by the Churches of the Association who were not represented by Messenger to this meeting, and that these churches be asked to fill them, and be counted as being represented by letter.

At this time, an offering was taken for the Minute Fund, which amounted to \$63.29.

The Report of the Committee on Publications was read by Chairman, A. L. Patterson, and a motion carried to adopt. Discussing the report were Brethren A. L. Patterson and G. F. Crumley.

The Moderator of the Missionary Committee of the Association

called for a meeting of the committee, to be held the second Tuesday in December, to be held with the Calvary Baptist Church of Henderson. The date, Dec. 11.

A motion carried to adopt the following resolution: "RESOLVED, That our Recording Secretaries be authorized to draft a suitable protest to the President of the United States of the appointing of a diplomatic representative to the Vatican, and that a copy of the protest be sent to the two Texas Senators, the President of the United States, and to the press."

The Report of the Finance Committee was read and discussed by Eld. Curtis Peace, and adopted by motion and second.

The Report of the Committee on Benevolence was read by the Chairman, and a motion was made to adopt. Discussing the report were Brethren C. H. McBryde, A. J. Kirkland, W. F. Lovelady, W. E. Lee, A. T. Powers, A. L. Patterson, and R. D. Evans. The report was adopted as read.

The Enrollment Committee reported that, according to a tentative count, there were represented by Messenger to the Assembly, one hundred twelve (112) churches, by one hundred eighty-five (185) Messengers. (NOTE: After all duplications were removed, there were slightly less than the above number of churches represented.—Clerks.)

A motion carried that there be an enrollment blank placed in the 1951 Minutes, and that churches be asked to fill them out prior to their Messengers coming to the Association in 1952.

A motion was made that the Recording Clerks be paid as they were last year. A substitute motion carried that they be paid \$35.00 each, and that each Church in the Association be asked to send an offering to the Minute Fund.

The Committee on Resolutions Report was read, and it was adopted by a standing vote.

The Assembly remained standing for song, "Higher Ground," led by Eld. W. E. Lee.

A motion carried to adjourn to meet with the Missionary Baptist Church in Longview Tuesday after the second Sunday in November, 1952, at 10:00 a.m.

After adjournment, Dr. Leo A. Causey was called to the stand, to bring the message of the hour. His subject was, "The Unfinished Work of Christ," and his text, Hebrews 7:25. After a great, inspirational message, the Assembly sang, "The Nail-Scarred Hand," directed by W. E. Lee. The Assembly was dismissed in prayer by Eld. A. J. Findley.

Committee Reports

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following report:

Since the Lord gave the Commission to the Church, we, your committee, recognize that Missions must ever remain in and under the jurisdiction of the churches of our Lord.

We recommend that the Messengers elect or recommend to be placed on the field on a stipulated monthly salary two missionaries, one to be the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, and that the salaries of the same be agreed upon by the Messengers here assembled.

This will not prevent any church or churches from electing their own Missionary. Such Missionaries to receive what monies are designated for them.

GARLAND P. ALLEN
W. A. SIMMONS
R. D. EVANS
A. J. FINDLEY

COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education is the carrying out of that part of the Great Commission which says, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." It should begin in the home, and be carried on in the Sunday School and Church.

In the field of training for our ministry and special workers, Association Baptists of our group have the Texas Baptist Institute at Henderson, Texas, and the Missionary Baptist Seminary of Little Rock, Ark., which we believe are worthy of our greatest possible support.

The School at Henderson has seen its greatest growth during the last year, and now has an enrollment of 69 students, 37 of whom are ministerial students.

Through the help given by the churches, ground has been purchased for buildings, and it contains one large ten-room house which is being used by our preacher students and their families.

The total amount received for all purposes last year is \$11,-659.38. This amount includes \$6,150.00 for the Building Fund.

Our indebtedness at this time is the amount of \$5,800.00, which is against the property which is above mentioned, and is secured by the property.

We urge our Texas churches to give all support possible to

the work of the Texas Baptist Institute, and that a cash offering be given at this time.

A. J. KIRKLAND
M. C. HUGHES
LEO A. CAUSEY
EARL CRESWELL
R. E. RODGERS

COMMITTEE ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

The churches of the American Baptist Association have some 15 God-called and church-sent Missionaries laboring as Interstate and Foreign Missionaries. They are doing a good work. The Missionaries have reported the salvation of more souls and the establishing of more churches this year than in recent years. The Interstate Missionaries have also done a valuable work in helping churches that were inactive and confused.

The claims of all Missionaries have been promptly paid each month, and the Mission finances are in a healthy condition.

Our greatest present need is for more laborers. Let us pray the Lord of the harvest for more laborers, and let us remember with our prayers and our money these noble men whom the Lord has called into His vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. POWERS
J. E. SHERILL
ROY I. PEDIGO

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

Your Committee on Literature and Publications reports as follows:

Every home should provide a Bible for each member of the home who is large enough to carry one. Systematic Bible study should be encouraged in the homes and churches.

As helps to Bible study, we recommend the Sunday School and Training Course literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee at Texarkana, and the Bible-related books available through the Baptist Sunday School Committee. Catalogs are available on request.

We urge that the Baptist Monitor be received and read in every home for information vital to a knowledge of important issues that confront our churches from time to time. In addition to the Baptist Monitor, we recommend the Missionary Baptist

Searchlight, published in Little Rock, as being valuable to those who would be well informed.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. PATTERSON
GARLAND P. ALLEN
A. J. KIRKLAND

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, submit the following report to the Assembly:

A summary of the funds submitted to this committee:

Minute Fund and Clerk hire.....	\$57.40
State Missions	24.07
Orphans Home	3.35
	<hr/>
Total.....	\$84.77

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS PEACE
A. E. ODEN, SR.
T. R. VAUGHN

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

We, your Committee on Benevolence, submit the following report:

We believe the Lord instructed His Church to be conscious of her benevolent work in carrying out the Great Commission.

We recommend the Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home for your regular prayers and support. The home at Texarkana is centrally located among our churches of the American Baptist Association. It is under the supervision and Christian influence of Brother and Sister Willie Miller. We feel that in supporting these children, we are helping to mould the lives, minds, and characters of the citizens of tomorrow.

We recommend that each church make this a matter of prayer, and support the home with an offering each month.

C. H. McBRYDE
WILSON GARNER
A. T. POWERS
G. C. VAUGHN
JIM CORBIN
O. L. McCOLLUM

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Enrolled as being represented by Messenger.....112 Churches
 Enrolled as Messengers.....185 Messengers
 Many visitors.

A. J. WALL

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS
RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

We express our sincere thanks to this Church for her warm hospitality and the great work she has done in making our visit a real joy. We recommend that we manifest our appreciation by a standing vote for this Church and Pastor.

O. P. MEADOR
 C. H. McBRYDE
 OVAL COGDILL



SUMMARY OF THE WORK DONE
by the
STATE MISSIONARIES, 1950-51

Work of R. F. Hampton from Dec. 15, 1950, to Nov. 1, 1951

Professions of faith.....	12
Additions to Churches.....	21
Times preached.....	145
Bible classes taught.....	20
Churches revived and reclaimed.....	2

Financial

Received from Secretary-Treasurer.....	\$ 158.48
Given direct to me.....	1519.80
Total received.....	1678.28

I thank each church and individual who has had a part in helping me in any way. May God bless each of us in His Kingdom Work that is being done by His Churches in Texas.

R. F. HAMPTON

ANNUAL REPORT OF J. W. HARPER

Miles traveled	3,500
Sermons preached	109
Churches visited	14
Days labored	70
Churches organized	2
Revivals conducted	7
Money received	\$899.00

The churches organized are: Unity Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas; Farmers' Academy Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, Texas.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. HARPER

ANNUAL REPORT OF R. E. RODGERS

Salary	\$2323.59
Souls saved	39
Additions to Churches witnessed.....	98

I helped to organize two new churches. We have a fine new church plant at Carthage. The membership at Carthage Church is 98.

R. E. RODGERS

ANNUAL REPORT OF J. E. SHERRILL

I visited many churches during the year, and seemingly was received graciously. I helped in the organization of the church in Waco, and have done Mission work toward the organization of other churches in other towns.

A summary of the money received from all sources is: \$810.48.

J. E. SHERRILL

ANNUAL REPORT OF W. B. WALKER

Miles traveled	400
Sermons and public addresses delivered.....	7
Churches visited	7

Many soul-talks, and sick calls were made. A minute account of the monies received was not kept.

W. B. WALKER



REPORT OF THE CORRESPONDING SEC'Y-TREAS.

MONEY RECEIVED

State Missions	\$ 968.87
Interstate Missions	49.10
Foreign Missions	65.91
Orphans Home	124.21
Texas Baptist Institute	22.50
Baptist Monitor	10.50
	<hr/>
Total	\$1,226.58

DISBURSEMENTS

State Missions	\$ 773.01
Interstate Missions	49.10
Foreign Missions	65.91
Orphans Home	124.21
Texas Baptist Institute	22.50
Baptist Monitor	10.50
Paper and Stamps	15.92
Trip to Tyler	4.00
	<hr/>
Total	\$1,065.15

In bank for W. B. Walker	\$ 39.48
Balance in bank Nov. 1, 195102
Balance in bank Nov. 13, 1951	122.71

APPENDIX

At the meeting of the Missionary Committee December 11, 1951, with the Calvary Baptist Church, Henderson, the following rules governing the Revolving Fund were adopted:

REVOLVING FUND

MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

We, your committee appointed at the State Associational meeting, submit the following rules to govern in the administering of funds entrusted to this committee:

1. All money entrusted to this committee shall be kept separate from all other funds of the Association.
2. The Corresponding Secretary of the Association shall be the Treasurer for the fund. He shall keep a correct record of all money received, and shall pay it out on order of the committee.
3. Applications shall be received from churches, who desire to buy lots or to build buildings for worship.
4. Loans will be made only by unanimous agreement of the committee.
5. Terms of loans shall be made by the committee, upon the merits of the application, time, the amount to be paid, monthly or annually, as the committee may determine.
6. In order to evaluate the loans and to provide for the expenses of the committee in making loans, three per cent (3%) interest shall be charged on all loans made.
7. The committee shall be paid their actual expenses in investigating applications for loans, the expenses being paid from the funds designated for this purpose.
8. All applications shall be made to the Chairman of the committee, when it has applications to be considered.
9. The committee shall set aside three per cent (3%) of all funds collected for operational expenses. This amount shall then be paid back to the Revolving Fund by the three per cent (3%) interest charged on loans.

A. J. WALL, Chairman
J. W. HARPER, Treasurer
G. P. ALLEN, Secretary

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT

ARTICLE I—NAME

This Association shall be known as The Missionary Baptist Association of Texas.

ARTICLE II—OBJECT

The object of this Association shall be to awaken a deeper interest in the welfare of the churches, to cultivate a closer fellowship among the churches, and to encourage, and perpetuate the very greatest possible activity in missionary, educational, and benevolent enterprises.

ARTICLE III—HOW COMPOSED

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of such regular independent Missionary Baptist Churches as may voluntarily choose to co-operate in carrying out the object of this Association.

Section 2. The Messenger Assemblies of this Association shall be composed of messengers elected by the churches composing it.

Section 3. Each church choosing to represent in this Association shall be entitled to three messengers.

Section 4. Each church shall be the sole judge of the qualification of her messengers.

ARTICLE IV—NATURE

The Messenger Assembly of this Association shall be, in nature, formed as a council in matters pertaining to missionary, educational, and benevolent work.

ARTICLE V—PRINCIPLES

The Messenger Assembly of this Association shall recognize the freedom of speech as essential to the highest achievement in its work. It shall stand or fall on its own conformity to the truth. It shall exercise no ecclesiastical authority, but it shall, by every precaution, recognize the independence and sovereignty of every individual church. It shall also encourage on the part of the church and the messengers the greatest possible freedom of expression in discussing matters pertaining to its work.

ARTICLE VI—POWERS

The action of the Messenger Assembly shall be limited to the work of awakening enthusiasm in missionary, educational, and benevolent enterprises, and receiving and distributing funds for the same.

ARTICLE VII—FUNDS

Section 1. All funds of this Association shall be raised by voluntary donations secured solely upon the merits of the cause in the interest of which appeals are made for gifts; provided, this is not to prevent the use of any income or any property that may be acquired by donation or by purchase.

Section 2. Distribution of funds shall be authorized by an act of this Messenger Assembly, or by an act of properly authorized committees of this assembly hereinafter provided for; but in no instance shall the assembly or any committee of it use means in violation of the expressed preference of the donor.

ARTICLE VIII—OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of this Messenger Assembly shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, two (2) recording secretaries, and a corresponding secretary-treasurer.

Section 2. All officers of this assembly shall be chosen annually, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected and the same shall be true of all members of standing committees. All officers shall be elected by a majority of the messengers voting. No moderator shall succeed himself more than one year.

Section 3. The duties of all officers shall be as may be directed by the Messenger Assembly, unless otherwise directed by the churches.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary-treasurer to take charge of money and valuables not specifically entrusted to someone else and to dispose of same as he may be directed by this Messenger Assembly. He shall make an annual report to this assembly of all monies received and disbursed.

Section 5. The recording secretaries, in addition to keeping the records of this Association, will superintend the printing and distribution of minutes of such regular meetings as the messengers may direct.

ARTICLE IX—COMMITTEES

Section 1. The missionary committee shall be composed of one representative of each church choosing to be represented. The duty of the committee shall be to meet quarterly, or as directed by the Messenger Assembly, in the interest of all the work. It shall be empowered to fill vacancies of regular offices, between sessions of the Messenger Assembly and to call a special meeting of a Messenger Assembly when needed.

Section 2. The following standing officers of the assembly shall

be the trustees of the Association: Namely, the moderator, assistant moderator, two recording secretaries, and secretary-treasurer, subject to the direction of the Moderator Assembly, and they are empowered to act in legal capacity as trustees of this Association.

ARTICLE X—MISSIONARIES

We hold that the authority for execution of the Great Commission was given to the New Testament church, and the authority must remain forever with the churches. Therefore, the right and privilege of every church of this Association to endorse, set apart or send out missionaries shall ever be respected. Each church may support missionaries of its own choosing, and the act of one church in sending out missionaries can in no way bind or obligate any other church. The churches shall be free and their support of missionaries shall be voluntary on their part.

ARTICLE XI—MEETING

The regular meeting of the Church Messengers shall be at such time and place as the assembled messengers may appoint.

ARTICLE XII—AMENDMENTS

The Messenger Assembly shall have no power to change the Articles of Agreement. Any church desiring a change shall send to the annual meeting a copy of the proposed change; the Messenger Assembly will then submit the proposed change to each co-operating church; if two-thirds of the co-operating churches vote for the change, then the Articles of Agreement shall be amended to conform to the proposed change. Two-thirds of the churches representing in the assembly in the previous year shall be the number in determining the results.

This form is given for the convenience of all churches in the Association, to assist in the keeping of records of enrollment, and to assure accuracy in our reports of the number of churches in the Association. Please clip this form and fill it, and bring it to the Messenger meeting to be held in 1952, or mail it to either of the Clerks.

.....
NAME OF CHURCH
.....
ADDRESS OF CHURCH
Pastor:
Address:
Clerk:
Address:
Representing by (Check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Messenger
<input type="checkbox"/> Letter

