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of Texas**

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NEXT SESSION

November 10-11, 1953

Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Snyder, Texas

Eld. Jack Dean, Pastor

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Annual Sermon..... Eld. W. H. Brown
Alternate..... Eld. Riley Dale
MODERATOR..... Eld. A. J. Findley, Omaha, Texas
ASSISTANT MODERATOR..... Eld. O. P. Meador, Augusta, Texas
RECORDING SECRETARIES:

Dr. Albert Garner, Box 1112, Henderson, Texas
Eld. G. F. Crumley, Rt. 3, DeKalb, Texas

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Messenger Meeting, November 10-11-1953

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CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Eld. J. W. Harper.....Box 11, Gallatin, Texas

MISSIONARIES:

Eld. J. W. Harper.....Gallatin, Texas

Eld. R. E. Rodgers.....Henderson, Texas

Eld. Edd Rhodes.....Port Arthur, Texas

Eld. Larry Romero.....Pharr, Texas

Eld. Clifford Bell.....Waco, Texas

Eld. Earl Creswell.....Snyder, Texas

Eld. J. E. Sherill.....Dallas, Texas

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MINUTES OF THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF TEXAS

November 11-12, 1952

TUESDAY MORNING

The services opened by singing "He Keeps Me Singing," directed by Eld. C. W. Pierce, with Mrs. J. L. Carpenter at the piano. After singing "Praise Him," the opening prayer was led by Dr. A. T. Powers.

An inspiring devotional message was brought by Eld. C. L. Jones of Little Rock, Ark. His text was John 17:1-26.

The Moderator, Eld. J. W. Harper, declared the 1952 Messenger Meeting of the Missionary Baptist Association to be in session. Eld. W. H. Brown, the host pastor, was recognized by Eld. J. W. Harper, the Moderator, to bring a message of welcome. The response to the welcome message was brought by Eld. M. F. Downing of Lamesa, Texas.

Nominations were declared in order for the officers of the Association.

Nominated for Moderator were Elders A. J. Findley and O. P. Meador. Elected was Eld. A. J. Findley.

Nominated for Vice-Moderator were Elders A. T. Powers and O. P. Meador. Elected was Eld. O. P. Meador.

Nominated and elected as Clerks were Elders G. F. Crumley and Albert Garner.

A standing vote of appreciation was given to Eld. J. W. Harper for his faithfulness in the office of Moderator.

At this time Eld. A. J. Findley was presented, and took charge of the business. All the newly elected officers expressed their appreciation of the honor conferred upon them.

The Moderator asked Eld. J. W. Harper to appoint the committees on various reports. While the selections were being made, Eld. W. B. Shirey of Amarillo was asked to bring a brief report of the work of one of our new churches in Amarillo.

At this time, a few visitors were recognized. Dr. L. D. Foreman, President of the Missionary Baptist Seminary of Little Rock, and Moderator of the Arkansas State Association, expressed his pleasure at being privileged to attend the session.

The committees selected were the Finance Committee, and the Enrollment Committee.

(Note.—The names of the committee members will be found appended to their reports.—The Clerks).

Eld. O. P. Meador was called to the stand to bring the Annual Message. He asked for a congregational hymn, "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Prayer was led by Eld. E. C. Gillentine. Eld. Walter Rippetoe sang a beautiful solo number, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Eld. Meador chose as his text, Romans 1:16, and brought a wonderful, soul-stirring message on, "Not Ashamed of the Gospel."

After the message, announcements were made by many brethren.

A motion carried to recess until 1:30 p.m. The Assembly was dismissed with prayer, led by Eld. M. F. Downing.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

The Assembly was called together by singing, "Love Lifted Me," directed by Eld. Walter Rippetoe. Prayer was led by Eld. W. H. Brown, after another hymn, "Amazing Grace."

An inspiring devotional message was brought from Hebrews 12 by Eld. O. H. Griffith.

Eld. O. P. Meador, the Vice-Moderator, was called to preside. The following committees were named: State Missions, Interstate and Foreign Missions, Orphans Home, Christian Education, Publications, and Resolutions.

The following visitors were introduced:

ELD. C. L. JONES—Interstate Missionary to the Deaf, Little Rock, Ark.

ELD. E. K. BEGLEY—Foreign Missionary to Hawaii; presently of Little Rock, Ark.

ELD. A. L. PATTERSON—Secretary-Treasurer of Missions of the American Baptist Association, Texarkana.

ELD. L. H. OWEN—Pastor, Unity Baptist Church, Texarkana.

ELD. LEO A. CAUSEY—Registrar, Missionary Baptist Seminary, Little Rock, Ark.

ELD. J. A. RESTER—Business Manager of the Baptist Sunday School Committee, Texarkana.

BRO. D. M. MASSEY—Waco, Texas.

BRO. WILLIE MILLER—Manager of the Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home, Texarkana (called on to make a brief report of some of the work of the Home).

ELD. W. E. LEE—Duncan, Okla., Moderator of the Oklahoma Baptist Assembly.

ELD. ROY I. PEDIGO—Pastor of the Beverly Baptist Church, Texarkana.

The Reports of the State Missionaries were called for.

The Report of the Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, Eld. J. W. Harper, was made. A motion to adopt the report was carried. Discussing the motion was Eld. J. W. Harper. An offering for State Missions was taken, amounting to \$131.74.

The Moderator, Eld. A. J. Findley, returned to the chair.

The Report of Eld. R. E. Rodgers was given, and a motion to adopt carried.

The Reports of Eld. J. E. Sherrill and Eld. R. F. Hampton were made.

The Report of the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Missions was read by the chairman of the committee, Eld. A. L. Patterson. A motion carried to adopt the report. Discussing the motion were Brethren A. L. Patterson, E. K. Begley, R. S. Wade, A. E. Odin, J. R. Hall, and Sister Marvin Barbee.

The Committee on Divine Service (the pastor and deacons of the host church) asked to be relieved of this responsibility, and asked the Moderator to appoint another committee or permit the Assembly to elect a speaker.

A motion carried to elect a speaker for the evening services.

Nominated were Elders W. A. Simmons, C. H. McBryde, and T. R. Vaughn. Elected was Eld. C. H. McBryde.

A suggestion was made to make the Report of the Committee on State Missions a special order for the evening services.

Selection of a place for meeting of the 1953 session was made. A motion carried to meet with the North Side Missionary Baptist Church of Snyder, at the invitation of the pastor, Eld. Jack Dean.

Announcements were made and the Assembly was dismissed with prayer led by Eld. A. L. Patterson.

TUESDAY EVENING

The services were opened by singing, "He Leadeth Me," and "Higher Ground." The opening prayer was led by Eld. Bruce Hibbitt. After singing "In the Cross," prayer was led by Eld. O. L. McCollum. Another song was sung, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Singing directed by Eld. W. E. Lee.

Eld. K. L. Bazar brought an inspiring devotional message, using as his text I Thessalonians 1:1-10.

Mrs. Bertha Jones was granted time to present the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary in the Cherokee Association. Also speaking on behalf of the ladies' work were Elders A. E. Odin and Albert Garner.

A motion carried to go immediately into the hearing of the Report of the Mission Committee.

Dr. A. T. Powers was recognized to read the Report. The Report was adopted, then discussed by Brethren A. T. Powers, Vernon L. Barr, W. A. Simmons, and J. R. Hall. At the request of Brother Barr, the name of Eld. Larry Romero was added to the ones recommended.

Motion carried that all missionaries recommended by their churches be recommended to the churches of the Association and to the grace of God, and that from this number, three (3) be chosen to be placed on salary.

Nominated as Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, and also as one of the three salaried missionaries was Eld. J. W. Harper. Eld. Harper was elected.

Nominated as a second salaried missionary were Elders R. E. Rodgers, Edd Rhodes, and Earl Creswell. Elected was Eld. R. E. Rodgers.

Nominated as the third of the salaried missionaries were Elders Edd Rhodes and Earl Creswell. Elected was Eld. Edd Rhodes.

Speaking concerning the State Missionaries was Dr. Albert Garner.

A motion was made that the Association underwrite the Missionaries recommended for moral support the sum of \$50.00 per month. Discussing the motion were Brethren J. W. Harper, Albert Garner, Vernon L. Barr, J. E. Sherrill. Brother Don Miller, who made the motion, withdrew it, and by mutual consent, the Assembly did not vote on the matter.

A motion carried to pay the same salaries as last year to the Missionaries on a stipulated salary. The motion discussed by Eld. J. W. Harper. The salary, \$250.00 per month, with \$75.00 allowed as expenses.

Time having come for the evening message, Eld. W. E. Lee was asked to direct a congregational hymn, "Praise Him." Eld. Walter Rippetoe rendered another beautiful solo number.

Eld. C. H. McBryde was presented to bring the message. The text he chose was I Corinthians 15:9, and his subject was, "A Glorious Future." He brought to the Assembly a soul-stirring, inspirational message.

A motion carried to adjourn until 9:30 a.m. Wednesday. Announcements were made and the Assembly was dismissed by prayer led by Eld. W. A. Simmons.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The Assembly was opened with singing, "When We All Get to Heaven," and "The Light of the World Is Jesus," directed by Eld. C. W. Pierce. An inspiring devotional was brought by Eld. Arthur Smith. His text: Matthew 17:1-5. Prayer was led by Eld. Dan Griffith. Another song was sung, "I Would Be True."

Nominated to preach at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday were Elders Roy I. Pedigo and A. T. Suskey. Elected was Eld. A. T. Suskey.

Nominations were made for one to bring the Annual Sermon in 1953. Nominated were Elders W. H. Brown, A. L. Patterson, M. C. Hughes and Riley Dale.

A motion carried to vote until a majority is had by one, but that the second highest be Alternate.

Elected to bring the Annual Sermon was Eld. W. H. Brown. The Alternate, Eld. Riley Dale.

The Report of the Committee on Christian Education was read by Dr. A. J. Kirkland. A motion carried to adopt the Report, which was discussed by Dr. Kirkland. An offering of \$136.07 was taken to be used in the buying of a set of Encyclopedias for the Texas Baptist Institute. Eld. E. K. Begley made an offer to the Institute of a late edition of Encyclopedia Americana.

The Vice-Moderator, Eld. O. P. Meador, was called to the chair to preside.

The Report of the Committee on Orphans Home was read by Eld. C. H. McBryde. A motion carried to adopt the Report. It was discussed by Elders C. H. McBryde and Roy I. Pedigo.

Eld. A. J. Wall spoke of the Revolving Fund Committee. Eld. J. W. Harper advised the discontinuing of the Revolving Fund.

A motion carried that the Secretary-Treasurer be instructed to contact the donors of the money to the Revolving Fund and ask the churches for permission to use the money to apply on the purchase of a tent to be used by the State Missionaries. Discussing the motion were Elders Vernon L. Barr, J. W. Harper, and J. R. Hall.

The Moderator, Eld. A. J. Findley, resumed the duties of the chair.

The Committee on Publications Report was read by Eld. O. H. Griffith. A motion to adopt carried, and was discussed by Eld. O. H. Griffith.

Dr. A. J. Kirkland made a suggestion that a committee be appointed to report to the Association on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. A motion carried to appoint such a committee. The committee appointed was: Brethren A. J. Kirkland, A. T. Powers, and C. W. Pierce.

A report by Eld. J. L. Carpenter was made that a young lady, Miss Helen Seales, plans to dedicate her life to Christian service in the Hawaiian Islands. Miss Seales spoke a few words of her plans for service.

The hour of 11:00 o'clock having arrived, and time for the message of the morning, a congregational hymn was directed by Eld. K. L. Bazar: "When We All Get to Heaven."

Eld. A. T. Suskey was presented to bring the message. His text: Acts 27:27, and the subject, "Four Anchors and a Wish." He delivered to the Assembly a truly uplifting and great message."

The Report of the Resolution Committee was read and a motion carried to adopt it.

The Special Committee on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible read their report, and a motion carried to adopt it.

The Report of the Enrollment Committee was read, and a motion carried to adopt it.

A motion carried to authorize the Clerks to have two thousand (2,000) Minutes printed, and to pay the Clerks as they were paid last year.

A motion carried that the Missionary Committee meet on Tuesday after the second Sunday in December (16). The invitation of the Calvary Baptist Church of Henderson was accepted by the Missionary Committee.

A motion carried to adjourn. After announcements, the Assembly was dismissed with prayer, led by Eld. J. W. Harper.

COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

We, your Committee on Publications, report as follows:

We recommend that our people read and study the Bible, and that a Bible be provided for every member of the family as soon as he is able to read, and that systematic Bible study be encouraged.

For helps in Bible study we recommend the Sunday School and Training Union Literature published by the Baptist Sunday School Committee, 214 East Broad Street, Texarkana, Ark.-Tex. There are also available many Bible-related books from our own Baptist Book Store in Texarkana. Catalogs are available at the above address on request.

We further recommend that our people read the *Baptist Monitor*, owned by Texas Baptist Institute, Henderson, Texas, and *The Soul-Winner*, Box 421, Longview, Texas. We also recommend the *Missionary Baptist Searchlight*, published in Little Rock, Ark., and all other religious papers published by our Missionary Baptist people.

Signed: O. H. Griffith
R. E. Rodgers
H. L. McNish

COMMITTEE ON ORPHANS HOME

We, your Committee on Orphans Home, submit the following:

We believe the Lord instructed His church to be conscious of benevolent work as she carries out the great commission.

We recommend the Texarkana Baptist Orphanage for regular prayers and support. The home is under the Christian influence and supervision of Bro. and Sister Willie Miller. They are doing a great job in moulding the lives of these orphans. Souls have even been saved recently in the prayer meetings of the home. We therefore recommend full and regular support in helping the new home to be constructed soon.

Signed: C. H. McBryde
O. L. McCollum
Curtis Peace

REPORT ON "REVISED STANDARD VERSION" OF
THE BIBLE

Your committee appointed to report on the recent publication of the Bible, known as the "Revised Standard Version," has found the following facts relative to this translation:

1. It is not a standard version at all and is therefore misnamed.
2. It is copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. It therefore appears to be a commercial enterprise rather than a service to Christianity.
3. There are deliberate departures from the original texts of both Hebrew and Greek which reflect the opinions of the translators rather than what the text says.

4. These departures from the original texts of the Scriptures are especially noticeable in connection with Scriptures dealing with the inspiration of the Scriptures themselves and with reference to Scriptures dealing with the Deity of Christ.

We believe the translation belies much Bible truth, is unsafe and therefore unsound. We believe its translators followed a design to belittle Divine Truth and to cast doubt on the central truth of God's Word, namely, that Jesus is the Son of God. We therefore recommend that our people and our churches reject it and warn others against it.

Signed: A. J. Kirkland
A. T. Powers
C. W. Pierce

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Texas Baptist Institute is now in its fifth year of operation as a full-time seminary for ministers and other Christian workers. We have our largest enrollment of full-time students this year, there being 38 ministers and six others. The school now has capital assets consisting of real estate and school equipment equaling \$14,000.00.

No tuition is charged our students other than a nominal registration fee of four dollars per semester and the school is operated on the free-will offerings of our churches. So far the offerings have been adequate to care for the running expenses. As we grow, however, and, as the work expands, our needs become greater.

Application for approval for the training of veterans has been made and we have assurance that we are receiving favorable consideration. This program will necessitate our having more equipment and even a larger building in the near future. We cannot be approved beyond an enrollment of sixty students with our present facilities. We are in desperate need of at least one up-to-date edition of Encyclopedia Britannica.

We do not have funds at present for these added facilities and are asking for special offerings for them. We recommend a cash offering now and that our messengers lay the matter of support for the school in prayers and offerings before our churches. We also urge continual offerings for the storeroom for our students, as this is a great help to them.

Signed: A. J. Kirkland
J. E. Sherrill
M. F. Downing

REPORT ON INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN MISSIONS

In view of the command of our Lord to His churches to preach the gospel to every creature in every nation and to baptize and teach them that believe, we urge that our churches take this command seriously and really be active in carrying out this commission.

We urge that the messengers attending this meeting present the matter of interstate and foreign missions to your churches as worthy of their support; and second, that each church initiate a systematic method of supporting the interstate and foreign missionaries of the American Baptist Association. And third, we recommend as a system the procedure being used to good advantage by some of our churches, of taking an offering every Wednesday night for missions, devoting at least one night per month to interstate and foreign missions.

Other churches devote Sunday School offerings to missions, devoting a monthly effort to interstate and foreign missions. Last, be sure to remember the missionaries regularly in prayer that God will keep them from harm and lead them in paths of the most possible usefulness.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: A. L. Patterson

G. P. Allen

A. E. Oden

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS

Your Committee on State Missions is fully aware of the good work done by our faithful State Missionaries. We feel that all of us should praise God for their achievements and by faith launch out into a greater work for another year.

During the past year Eld. J. W. Harper and Eld. R. E. Rodgers have worked full time with Bro. Harper serving as Missionary-Treasurer. These brethren have done a good work.

Also working for part time and without a stipulated salary were Brethren Larry Romero, W. B. Walker, J. E. Sherrill, R. F. Hampton and G. H. Vaughn.

We have the following names submitted as being available for work next year: Brethren who come set apart by their churches are: J. W. Harper, R. E. Rodgers, Edd Rhodes, Earl Creswell, C. W. Bell, J. E. Sherrill and Larry Romero.

On viewing the field, your committee would suggest that we should add as many men to the list who worked last year as can be done. Brother Edd Rhodes, Beckville, Texas, feels an especial call to work in South Texas and we feel that if possible one man should be designated to work in West Texas.

Therefore we submit these names: J. W. Harper, R. E. Rodgers, Edd Rhodes, Earl Creswell, C. W. Bell, J. E. Sherrill, and Larry Romero for your consideration and recommend that we select at least three to serve full time on a regular salary and one of these to serve as Secretary-Treasurer. The others we think should have our moral endorsement.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed: A. T. Powers

W. A. Simmons

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, submit the following:

That 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 this messenger assembly manifest their appreciation to the Longview Missionary Baptist Church by a standing vote, for this entertaining church and pastor.

Signed: C. O. Rhyne
M. C. Hughes
R. I. Pedigo

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your Committee on Finance, report as follows:

Monies sent in and turned to your finance committee during this annual session are as follows:

1. For State Minutes.....	\$ 90.93
2. For State Missions.....	30.10
3. For Foreign Missions (Gene Reagan).....	9.17

Total.....	\$130.20
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Respectfully submitted,

Signed: Raymond Alexander
Oran Hill
Ross Jones

FINANCIAL REPORT OF J. W. HARPER,
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY-TREASURER
OF STATE MISSIONS

RECEIPTS:

Collected on the field:

By J. W. Harper.....	\$2,558.36	
By R. E. Rodgers.....	1,420.06	
Received direct from the churches.....		\$3,978.42
Total received for State Missions.....		\$7,545.92
Received for Minutes.....		266.91
Interstate and Foreign Missions.....		52.15
For Lone Star lot.....		85.23
For Lone Star Church (White Oak).....		50.00
For Hughes Springs Ch. (by White Oak Ch.)..		50.00
For Bro. Romero (by Unity Church, Tyler)....		20.00
For Texarkana Orphans Home.....		24.92
For Revolving Fund.....		131.50
TOTAL RECEIPTS.....		\$8,226.63

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paid to Missionaries (11 mos. salaries at \$325)	\$7,150.00
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Paid Clerks	70.00
Paid Printing Minutes (Southwest Printers, Texarkana).....	178.15
Paid Albert Garner postage for mailing annual minutes	18.76
Paid Office Expenses, Acct. Book, Postage, etc.	25.59
Paid A. J. Wall for Lone Star lot.....	85.23
Paid Lone Star Church.....	50.00
Paid Hughes Springs Church.....	50.00
Paid Bro. Romero	20.00
Paid Interstate and Foreign Missions.....	52.15
Paid Texarkana Baptist Orphans Home.....	24.92
Paid dishonored check	5.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$7,729.80
BALANCE IN BANK AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS Nov. 1952	496.83
ASSETS IN BANK CURRENT:	
Revolving Fund	\$ 131.50
General Mission Fund	365.33
TOTAL ASSETS IN BANK.....	\$ 496.83

STATE MISSION REPORTS (Summary)

BY J. W. HARPER:

Monies collected on the field.....	\$2,558.36
Times preached	295
Revivals Conducted	16
Churches Organized	4
Miles traveled	Over 33,000
Additions to churches	74

BY R. E. RODGERS:

Collected on field	\$1,260.28
Miles traveled	45,000
Additions to churches	116
Souls saved	46
Revivals conducted	14
Churches organized	3

BY J. E. SHERRILL:

Collected on field	\$ 906.00
Revivals conducted	5
Churches organized	1
Souls saved	21
Additions to churches	42

(NOTE.—Bro. Sherrill was not on a stipulated salary and worked only part time. He had the moral endorsement of our Association, as also did Bro. Hampton who gave an oral report of his work to our messenger assembly).

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 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 1953, 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

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