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PROGRAM OF THE THIRTY SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
Theme: "The Christian Church in A Changing World"

MONDAY MORNING, AUGUST 11

9:00 Registration
10:00 National Convention Board Meeting

Monday Afternoon
2:00 Recommendations Committee Meeting
5:00 Dinner

Monday Evening
WELCOME PROGRAM

7:30 Opening Declaration ........................................ Blair T. Hunt
Welcome Program
Avalon Christian Church, Dr. Baxter Duke, Pastor, and
Sponsoring Churches of Los Angeles
Invocation ....................................................... C. B. Tarrance
The Lord's Prayer ............................................. Cecil Gates
(Combined Choirs) Harvey Huggins, Director
Presentation of the Masters of
Ceremonies, M. F. Mitchell ............................... Dr. Duke
Words of Welcome ........................................... A. W. Jacobs
Hymn (Choirs and
Congregation)—"The Church Is One Foundation"
Offertory
Greetings by Representatives from—
State of California
County of Los Angeles
City of Los Angeles
Local Organizations and Citizens
Introductions of National Officers and Platform Guests
Anthem—"The Day of Judgement" ....................... Arkhangelsky
(Combined Choirs)
Annual Message ............................................. Blair T. Hunt
Announcements
Closing Hymn—"Lord, I Want to Be A Christian"
Benediction .................................................... H. E. Fowler

TUESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 12

7:00 Breakfast—Thomas Jefferson High School Cafeteria
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding
8:30 Worship and Inspirational Message .................. E. L. Griffin
9:00 Guidance for the Day .. Blair T. Hunt & Emmett J. Dickson
9:15 Education Conferences
11:20 Hymn and Prayer
    Sermon ...................................................... George A. Frazier
    Invitation
12 Noon Benediction
12:15 Lunch
Tuesday Afternoon
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding

2:30 Hymn and Prayer
General Business
Reports and Committee Appointments
National Board and National Officers
3:50 Music
4:00 Report on Evangelism Charles H. Webb
4:20 Christian Plea, Christian Evangelist, World Call
Report of State Presidents (Alabama, Florida, Georgia and Kansas)
Adjournment
5:30 Dinner

Tuesday Evening
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding

7:30 Devotions Mrs. Agnes H. Jones
Sermon Peter C. Washington
Invitation
Rally of States Dr. J. E. Walker
Announcements and Benediction

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 13

7:00 Breakfast L. L. Dickerson, Presiding
8:30 Worship and Inspirational Message L. B. Facen
9:00 Guidance for the Day
9:15 Educational Conference
11:20 Sermon William K. Fox
Invitation
12 Noon Adjournment
12:15 Lunch

Wednesday Afternoon
J. T. Chandler, Presiding

2:30 Laymen’s League
4:00 State Presidents’ Reports (Ohio, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma)
4:30 General Business
5:00 Adjournment
5:30 Dinner

Wednesday Evening
L. L. Dickson, Presiding

7:30 Devotions H. B. Penn
Sermon R. L. Jordan
Invitation
Offering, Announcements and Benediction
9:00 Ministers’ Wives Program

THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 14

7:00 Breakfast Mrs. Jessie C. Mosley, Presiding
8:30 Worship and Inspirational Message Mrs. Dora Gaston
9:00 Guidance for the Day
9:15 Educational Conference

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11:20 Hymn and Prayer
Sermon .................................................... C. J. Hinson
Invitation
12 Noon Adjournment
12:15 Lunch

Thursday Afternoon
Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Presiding

2:30 Report on Missionary Organizations—
Education ........................................ Miss Anna Belle Jackson
Greetings and Recognition of State Missionary Presidents
Greetings from the First Vice-President of North California
Reports of State Presidents (South Carolina, Piedmont, Eastern North Carolina Districts, Tennessee, Texas and Eastern Seaboard)
4:45 General Business
Adjournment
5:30 Dinner

Thursday Evening
Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Presiding

7:30 Worship
Historical Review of Women’s Work
Inspirational Address
Presentation of National Project Gift .... Mrs. Lenoa Rolla
Taylor Memorial Fellowship House
Jamaica Relief
Acceptance .... Mrs Anna Belle Smith & Miss Velva Dreese
Presentation of Loving Cup
Offering .................................................... Mrs. Carnella J. Barnes
Announcements, Benediction

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 15

7:00 Breakfast
Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Presiding
8:30 Worship and Inspirational Message ...... Leonard Brown
9:00 Guidance for the Day
9:15 Educational Conference
11:20 Hymn and Prayer
Sermon .................................................... D. L. Kinard
Invitation
12 Noon Adjournment
12:15 Lunch

Friday Afternoon
Miss Willietta Schley, Presiding

2:00 Song and Prayer
Report on Christian Education ............. Lorenzo J. Evans
2:15 Bible School Hour
Recognition of State Superintendents
Address .................................................... George Oliver Taylor
3:00 Usher’s Fellowship .............................. Miss Ruby Ramsey
4:30 Eastern North Carolina Districts
General Business
5:30 Dinner

Friday Evening

Miss Bessie E. Chandler, Presiding

7:30 Devotions .................. National Christian Youth Fellowship
Inspirational Address ................ Mrs. Carnella J. Barnes
8:15 Youth Oratorical Contest
Offering
Presentation of Awards
Announcements and Benediction
9:45 Alumni Reception—
Jarvis College and Southern Christian Institute

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 16

7:00 Breakfast
Blair T. Hunt, Presiding

8:30 Hymn and Prayer
Business
Election of Officers
11:30 Memorial Service—Sermon ................ Rev. R. L LaTouche
12 Noon Adjournment
12:15 Lunch—
12:30 Saturday Afternoon Outing—Tour of Los Angeles
6:00 Dinner

Saturday Evening

8:00 Youth Rally—Miss Willietta Schley, Presiding

SUNDAY MORNING, AUGUST 17

8:00 Breakfast
Baxter Carroll Duke, Presiding

9:15 Church School—Miss Bessie E. Chandler and
George Reynolds

10:45 Morning Worship
Organ Meditation .................. Mrs. Vonnie Matthews
Call to Silence—“The Lord Is in His
Holy Temple” .................. Choirs
Processional—“Holy, Holy, Holy”—
No. 15 .......................... Choirs and Congregation
Call to Worship (Processional continued)
Verses 2 and 13
Congregational Song—No. 1,
“The Church’s One Foundation”
Selection .......................... Gospel Choir
Scripture Lesson—Selected
Invitation to Meditation—“Sweet Hour of Prayer”
Anthem—Selected .................. Convention Choir
Sermon—Subject Selected ........... Blair T. Hunt
Invitation—“Just As I Am”—No. 11
Stewardship Period
General Offering
Missions and Benevolence
Dedication of Offering
Resolutions and Announcements — Recessional
Dedication of Offering

Recessional—“On Zion’s Glorious Summit Stood” ... Choirs

Benediction

Refrain—“O Lord Have Mercy”

Closing Sentence—
“And the Disciples were called Christians, first in Antioch”—Acts 11:26

TUESDAY MORNING GENERAL SESSION

Elder L. L. Dickerson, First Vice-President, Presiding

Devotionals, Inspirational message by Elder E. L. Griffin, president of the Mississippi State Convention. Mr. Griffin spoke on the theme, “The Christian Church in A Changing World.” Should have faith and sacrificial love.

Hymn, “When I Survey The Wondrous Cross.” The program was adopted. Guidance of the day by E. J. Dickson. Mr. Dickson gave a resume of the seminar. It was motioned by Elder Jordan and seconded by Elder Sledge that the program as recommended by the board be adopted. Motion carried. Announcements.

Tuesday Morning — 11:15 A M.


Tuesday Afternoon—2:15 P.M.


The following were appointed to the Nominating Committee: P. C. Washington, California; B. F. Fleming, Arkansas; William Fox, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. B. A. Holmes, Oklahoma; E. W. Wibert, Ohio. Mrs. Lenora Rolla, Texas; Mrs. Cynthia Martin, Illinois; R. L. Jordan, Michigan; and Mrs. Amanda Davis, Kansas.

It was moved by R. W. Watson, Missouri, and seconded by R. L. Groves, Missouri, that the above would serve together with the members appointed by the board as the Nominating Committee. Motion carried. Members appointed by the board are: S. S. Myers, M. C. Dickson and Mrs. Elizabeth Herod. S. S. Myers, Chairman.

Chairman of Necrology Committee, Mrs. Titus. It was moved by J. E. Walker, Tennessee, and seconded by R. W. Watson, Missouri, that the following serve as Resolution Committee: C. L. Park, North Carolina; S. S. Myers, Missouri; Mrs. L. B. Facen, Arkansas. Motion carried. The following were appointed to by J. E. Walker, Tennessee, and seconded by R. W. Watson, Missouri; R. E. LaTouche, Illinois, and Mrs. Daisy Dean, Arkansas.
Reports were called for:

1. National Board: R. L. Saunders, Kansas, secretary, (read by Mrs. Parker). It was moved by C. B. Tarrence and seconded by Mr. Sledge that the report be accepted. Motion carried.

2. President's Report: Blair T. Hunt, Tennessee. It was moved by R. W. Watson and seconded by W. S. Sims that the report be accepted with thanks. Motion carried.

3. Third Vice-President: Mrs. B. E. Chandler, Missouri, (read by Mrs. Parker). It was moved by Mrs. B. A. Holmes and seconded by Mrs. Pearl Craggett that the report be accepted with thanks. Motion carried.

4. Fourth Vice-President: Miss Willietta Schley, Tennessee. It was moved by Mrs. Daisy Dean and seconded by R. Pouncy that the report be accepted with thanks. Motion carried.

5. Second Vice-President: Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Mississippi. It was moved by Mrs. Herod and seconded by Mrs. Groves and Mrs. Walker that the verbal report be accepted. Motion carried. The treasurer, Dr. J. E. Walker, requested that all persons please report at once to R. L. Saunders so that report can be mimeographed as a complete listings of money.

Expressions of greetings by various ministers who were attending the convention for the first time. They were: Elder E. Z. Coley, Wilson, North Carolina; Dr. R. Hines, Norfolk, Virginia; and Elder A. A. Henry, Texas. Recognition of first attendants from Illinois, Texas, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma and California. Announcements, Hymn, "Jesus Call Us," and Music.

The following reports were in order:

1. Report on Evangelism: Charles W. Webb. It was moved and seconded that the report be accepted.

2. Report of Christian Plea: L. L. Dickerson. It was moved by Jefferies and seconded by Mrs. Pearl Craggett that the report be accepted and recommendations be referred to the to the right source for consideration. Motion carried.

3. Christian Evangelist: E. J. Dickson. To be used by all members of the Christian Church. Activities to be sent in for publications, 2700 Pine Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri.

4. World Call: Mrs. C. E. Craggett, Ohio. One dollar and fifty cents a year at convention or $2.00 per year after convention. Contact her here at this convention. Reports accepted by common consent.

Reports of state presidents: Alabama, Elder A. J. Jefferies. Florida, Elder S. Edwards; Kansas, Elder George Lakes. It was moved and seconded that these reports be received. Announcements. Song, "He Has Never Left Me Alone." Benediction, Elder George Lakes.

Tuesday Evening — 7:30 P.M.

Devotions led by Mrs. Maude Davis. Songs, "Jesus Calls Us" and "O Worship The King" led by Miss Gee. Scripture, Elder Wilson, Texas 4th chapter of Ephesians. Prayer, Brother Thomas, Ohio. Solo, Mrs. Lula B. Allen. Hymn, "Amazing Grace." Blair T. Hunt, president. Elder M. F. Mitchell presented Dr. Royal J. Dyer, former Missionary to Africa. He spoke on his travel and work in Africa. His address was an inspiration and challenge to all.
Music, "Higher Gorund," led by Elder Henry and "Lord I Want to Be A Christian," Lord's Prayer, "Wade in The Water" all by the choir directed by Mrs. Patterson. Elder Hurdle introduced the speaker of the evening. Hymn, "Lift Him Up." Sermon by Elder Peter C. Washington of California. Subject, "Lift Up Jesus in A Changing World," St. John 15-5. High Points were: (1) Christ came to restore man to fine fellowships of truth, grace and mercy; (2) Man and his greedshave caused the conditions of today; (3) Church must lead the battle to overcome evil; (4) Church should step out and say they are against segreagtion and what is right; (5) Lift him up because of his teachings; and (6) Three classes of Christians: (a) Beater Upers—who are dissatisfied and try to destroy. (b) Passer byers; and (c) Lifter uppers. We must leave the other classes and join the "Lifter Uppers." Invitational hymn, "Jesus Calls Us." Remarks, Blair T. Hunt. Rally of the states conducted by Dr. J. E. Walker.

Moved by E J. Dickson and seconded by H. E. Fowler that in view of the fact that Ohio has for three years won the rally of the states, would retain permanently the plaque and that a new plaque be awarded next year. Motion carried. Total collected, $603.30. Those receiving first honors were: Ohio, California, Tennessee and Missouri. Prayer E. W. Wilbert, Ohio. Presentation to Rev. E. H. Fowler of a Parker Pen Set for service as past president of Ohio State Convention by L. L. Dickerson. Announcements. Benediction by Elder Jacobs.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13 — 8:30 A.M.


Wednesday Morning, August 13 — 11:20

The convention opened with devotions led by Elder L. L. Dickerson. Song, "Near The Cross;" sentence prayers by all present; song, "Precious Lord." Announcements were made.

The speaker for the hour was presented by Elder L. L. Dickerson. The message was brought by Elder W. K. Fox, pastor of Centennial Church, St. Louis, Mo. His message, well prepared and well delivered was very much in keeping with the general theme of the convention, "The Church in A Changing World."


Wednesday Afternoon — 2:30 P.M.


Ohio. History of Kentucky's League, A. D. Gault, Kentucky. History of Missouri League, R. L. Grove, Missouri. Introduction of A. C. Stone, Ohio. Introduction of speaker, M. C. Dickson, Texas. Address, Elder T. W. Pratt, Texas. Highlights: (1) What is a League? A group of men linked with the Church. All men are valuable; (2) Why? Basically a man's worlds. Establish gospel in lives of the men of the Church; channel for expression and active service; (3) What the league can do! (a) All men together in fellowship; (b) See the Mission of the Church and understand the task of the Church; (c) Discover and develop new leadership for the Church; (d) Recruiting station for men; (e) Reservoir of manpower; (f) Undergird the financial needs of Churches; (g) Enlist men in the world-wide task of missions; and (h) Examples for youth. Minister will lose sense of aloneness when the men work with him. Introduction of speaker, D. Ragland. Speaker, R. W. Watson, Missouri. Address, "If I Were A Laymen." (1) Be A Christian; (2) I am the Church; (3) Love; (4) Good Steward; (5) Friend to Preacher; (6) Support your preacher; (7) Grow by studying; (8) Praying Laymen; and (9) Evangelist Laymen. Must become the walls of the Church. Remarks by Blair T. Hunt. A challenge was given by the president of Laymen for greater service in the future. Greetings were read from A. M. E. Laymen of Southern California Conference. Expression of appreciation from the women, Mrs. Arah Garrett, Texas. Literature promotion, Charles E. Webb. The following were appointed to serve on a committee to draft a resolution on social issues: T. W. Pratt, Texas; Mrs. B. A. Holmes, Oklahoma. L. L. Dickerson, Ohio. Said committee to report Thursday afternoon. Business period; reports of state presidents: Ohio, Missouri, Elder W. K. Fox; Arkansas, Elder L. B. Facon; and Oklahoma, E. M. Barrett. It was moved by R. L. Jordan, Michigan, and seconded by Mrs. Pearl Craggett, Ohio, that the reports be received. Motion carried. Placement of young men should be considered seriously in the light of future service as ministers, L. L. Dickerson, Ohio. Long range program by E. J. Dickson. (1) Much emphasis was placed on our assuming our responsibilities; (2) Church must produce his own prophet; and (3) Can we bear the cost of our responsibilities of the answer to our prayers. Announcements. Benediction by Elder G. Frazier, Kentucky.

BIBLE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1952 — 11:15 A.M.
Elder L. L. Dickerson, presiding, (In the absence of Mrs. Bessie Chandler Rey, the national president). The convention was called to order by Elder L. L. Dickerson. Devotion conducted by Elder L. L. Dickerson as follows: Hymn, "Come, Thou Fount," and 'Lord, I Want To Be A Christian;" scriptural quotations by all present. the Lord's Prayer in unison. Announcements. Elder C. B. Tarrence, pastor of 28th Street Christian Church, of Hamilton Methodist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., presented Rev. D. Dewitt Turpeau, Jr., pastoral quotations by all present. the Lord's Prayer in unison. Announcements. The speaker was presented by Elder Blair T. Hunt, president of the convention. The speaker, Rev. Kincaid, who was scheduled for the address was absent.
The address of the hour was delivered by Dr. Emory Ross, who spent many years in Africa as a Missionary.

Dr. Ross stated that no people in history had made the progress and accomplished the things in any generation equal to that of the Africans. He further stated that there are 21,000,000 out of 150,000,000 in Africa who have accepted Christ, this over against 20 million out of 1,000,000,000 in other continents combined who have accepted Christ. “One great drawback,” he stated, “is that such a few American Negroes, for various reasons, are devoting their time and talent to the development of Africa. The speaker also gave a brief sketch of the life and activities of Jacob Kennoly, the First Missionary to Africa.

Mrs. Emory Ross was presented by her husband. Benediction

CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 1952 — 2:15 P.M.

Miss Millietta Schley, presiding.

The convention was called to order by the president, Miss Willietta Schley. Song, “Lord, I Want to Be A Christian;” Prayer.

Report by Brother Lorenzo Evans, director of Christian Education. Each delegate was provided with a mimeographed copy of the report.

Brother Evans presented Brother A. C. Stone, chairman of the Finance Committee of the Department of Christian Education.

Brother Stone made the following report on Bible Schools by states.

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Friday, August 15, 1952 — 2:15 P.M.

The officers of the Bible School, the state presidents of Bible Schools and the directors of Summer Conferences were presented by Brother Lorenzo Evans, the director of Christian Education.

Brother Evans introduced Mr. George Oliver Taylor, who made the principal address. Mr. Taylor's subject was, "Jesus, The Teacher." He concluded his address by saying that we must follow the example of Jesus if we are to teach. We must teach with our lives fully committed to him.

The Ushers' Fellowship then took their places on the platform.

Business Session. Friday, August 15, 1952 — 4:30 P.M.

Elder Blair T. Hunt, presiding.

This was the hour for general business. A quorum of the convention being present, the following business was transacted.

A report was made on the state of Tennessee by Rev. L. F. Sledge, president of the Tennessee State Convention. The report was received with enthusiasm.

The business of the convention was interrupted by a telegram stating that Bishop H. D. Davis had passed and that the funeral would be Monday, August 18, at Kinston, North Carolina.

It was moved, seconded and carried that convention, through its secretary send a night letter of condolence to the bereaved family of the late Bishop Davis.

The Committee on Social Issues, consisting of Mr. T. W. Pratt, Mrs. Bernice Holmes and Elder L. L. Dickerson, made its report. It was moved by Dr. J. E. Walker, seconded by Brother Henry that the report on Social Issues be accepted by the convention and released to the papers and journals of the United States. Motion was unanimously carried.

Elder Mitchell presented Dr. Harry Hill, pastor of First Christian Church, Southern California. Remarks were made by Dr. Hill. Committee arranging pulpits for ministers on Sunday morning reported through Brother Mitchell.

Elder Courts gave another reading of the proposed amendments to the constitution.

A mimeographed copy of the report of the Recommendations Committee was distributed.

MINUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

August 12, 1952

The first session of the Christian Youth Fellowship was opened by the presiding officer, Willietta Schley. Approximately 44 young people from the ages of 15 to 25 were present. After the making of acquaintances, Mr. Thomas Griffin, acting sponsor, directed a discussion on, "What Is Religious Living?" Some very good points were brought out about "What Religion Is Not." The discussion was enjoyed by everyone.

Suggestions on how to increase and improve Christian Youth Fellowship meetings were: through field of service, orientating children into Sunday School, and through Christian Youth Action teams.

Committees were appointed by the president. They were:

Nominating Committee, Rayford Pouncey, chairman; Pep Committee, Gene Moseley, chairman; Worship Committee No. 1; Bobby Barrett, chairman; Worship Committee No. II, Donald Barrett,
The second part of the session was used for workshop conducted by Mrs. Edith Bristowe. The meeting was adjourned.

President, Willetta Schley; acting secretary, Mary Esther Jackson.

August 13, 1952

The second session of the Christian Youth Fellowship assembled in the dining hall of the Jefferson High School, Los Angeles, California. Willetta Schley, presiding, led the group in prayer.

Miss Lola Greer led the group in discussion on the subject. "Putting Life in Gear." The discussion was based on "Thirteen Assets" stated by Miss Greer.

A Recommendations Committee was appointed by Miss Schley, the president; Floyd Osburne, chairman. The meeting was adjourned.

Willetta Schley, president; Mary Esther Jackson, acting secretary.

August 14, 1952

The third session was called to order by the presiding officer, Willetta Schley. We were led in devotion by Rev. Thomas Griffin. During assembly, reports were made by various committees. Included in the committee report was the program outline for Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. Edith Bristowe of Louisville, Kentucky, brought to the minds of the young people the importance of devoting their time to the Christian Education meetings. She further stated that we should try to better our local churches in our state.

We then discussed how to make state or local report to the National Convention. The meeting was then adjourned.

Willetta Schley, president; Mary E. Jackson, acting secretary

Friday Evening

The program Friday night was conducted by Miss Willetta Schley with Rayford Pouncey, Gene Moseley, Winifred Perpener, and E. M. Barrett rendering the devotional service. The inspirational address was delivered by Mrs. Carnelia J. Barnes who chose as her subject, "Horizons Unlimited." We live in a new age; we live in a new world of changes, and in this world, there are many frontiers to be conquered. The qualifications are high. Are we willing to dare. You and I are valuable in God's sight. The challenge of those and more are "Horizons Unlimited."

Youths from three states participated in the Fourth Annual Oratorical Contest, speaking on the subjects, "Christ Calls and Youth Answers." The participants were; Jesse Jacobs, Los Angeles; Queen Easter Jackson, Montgomery, Alabama; and Coleen Louisville, Port Gibson, Mississippi. Jesse Jacobs was awarded first prize and Coleen Louisville, the second prize.

Some interesting thoughts left with us were as follows: Young people are anxious to fill the places of their leaders, and are working for a better world in Christ. A clear conception of the fundamentals of Christian living is essential, there is a call for all men to tell the story of the cross ... the story of love. Youth is ready to sacrifice, therefore lay plans with Christ as the center, for the concepts of Christ must be enacted.
Youth has courage over humility. The call for Christ is a life service, and the teachings of Christ are obeyed by youth. Christ is the best example as to how youth shall live. The Church of tomorrow rests on the youth. Youth is ready and willing to serve.

Youth is strong, alert, vigorous, and adventurous. Youth is wanted in every segment of society such as leadership, evangelism, social action. Christ still calls youth and youth must answer. Youth exercises talent, and is ready to accept any responsibility. Christ continues to call the youth, and youth is able to answer.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENTS CONFERENCE

Mr. C. J. Henson was appointed as chairman by Mr. Lorenzo Evans. Director of discussion, Mr. George Oliver Taylor. Prayer, C. J. Henson. Introduction of theme, “Enlisting and developing workers.”

1. Qualifications of a good teacher: (a) Willing to prepare; (b) Willing to attend teachers meetings; (c) Consecrated to the task; (d) Understands needs and interest of various groups.

3. Who to look for: (a) Christian-active Church members; (b) A good mixer—friendly and interested in people; (c) Education or equivalent.

3. How to appeal to persons for teachers: (a) Personal appeal to persons; (b) Present the need of Children and Youth; (c) Responsibility to pass on values received.

There was an interesting discussion on the use and need of substitute teachers for all classes. It was also discussed the importance of raising the standard of Bible Schools to the extent it would interest public school teachers. Attendance for the day 12.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Chairman C. J. Hinson in charge. Prayer, Alfonza Wells. Discussion, George Oliver Taylor. Open discussion with a brief review and continued the discussion on Part III. How to appeal to persons for teachers: (a) Personal growth gained as a Christian; (b) Understand the Bible better. (c) Understand Christian teaching; (d) Honor gained—teacher is like a Missionary. (e) Satisfaction gained in helping mould lives.

5. What to promise (a) Church behind the teacher cooperation; (b) Challenge to interest the whole Church; (c) Finances; (d) Training to be provided; (e) Equipment and materials; and (f) Hard work, prayer and preparation.

6. What to expect of teachers: (a) Prompt and regular attendance; (b) Time off assisted by sub-teacher; and (c) Attendance at workers conference.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

Prayer, C. J. Hinson. Discussion continued by George Oliver Taylor on “What to Expect of Teachers.” (a) Adequate preparation; (b) Christian; and (c) Will take leadership training.

7. Who appoints teachers, alternate ways: (a) Elected by Board; (b) Nominating Committee; (c) Nominated by superintendent; (d) Elected by workers conference; and (e) Elected by Education Committee.

8. For how long appointed: (a) Annually.
9. Advantages: (a) They know they are wanted if re-elected and (b) Inefficient persons can be removed.

10. How to deal with failing teachers: (a) Help teachers succeed if possible; (b) Council with teachers; (c) Help them succeed; (d) Place him in another job; and (e) Talk with him before election.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Director, Mr. George Oliver Taylor. Prayer; continuation of discussion.

11. How to start new teachers: (a) Put them in leadership class; (b) Coaching on principles of teaching; (c) Assign as associate teachers or as helpers in the Children’s Department; (d) Have an experienced teacher serve as helping teacher or teacher counselor or associate superintendent; (e) Commend teacher progress; (f) Put good reading materials in their hands; and (g) Use growing workers chart, this chart motivates interest in study.

Discussion on books and materials for use and how to obtain it. Charts: achievement charts, growing school chart. It was moved and seconded that our director, George Oliver Taylor be given a standing vote of thanks for his wonderful directing.

Those present were instructed how to secure necessary materials for all purposes and phases of Bible School work.

Annie L. Henry, Secretary

Report to The National Christian Missionary Convention

MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS AND EDUCATION

Miss Anna Belle Jackson, Director

August 17-17, 1952

President Hunt, members of the National Board, officers, members and friends of the National Christian Missionary Convention. I am very happy to present to you at this time a brief resume of the work that I have done since our last convention. I find that the task to which we have been assigned cannot be completed within the brief span of a day, nor in a year, but the work of Kingdom building is a continuous one, though the way may seem rough at times. When looking back into the past year’s work it can readily be seen that the job is just begun. The harvest is truly white, but the laborers are few.

I have endeavored to do my part in completing the unfinished task through the following areas:

Office Work:

If the aims and objectives of the Christian Women's Fellowship and Missionary societies are to be reached, records must be kept, as well as promotional correspondence sent out at intervals; reports tabulated and financial goals recorded in the National Office. Some time is spent reviewing new materials.

Field Service — Conventions:

It has been a great joy serving in the various state conventions. It was my pleasure to attend the South Carolina State Convention during the month of October. The women are eager
and ripe for missions. The work is growing but very slowly. With much more planning and program development the work could be strengthened two-fold. Time will not allow me to enumerate each convention, however, I can truthfully say that judging from the various convention themes that the people, who are leaders and teachers of our brotherhood, are beginning to realize that the Kingdom of God can only be made to become a reality through the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere. In every convention, which I attended, Alabama, Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Goldsboro, and Raleigh the people were eager to do their share to put the program over.

I was present at the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ in Chicago, Illinois. Such meetings as this serve as an inspiration to all who attend. The workshops could not have been excelled. The CWF workshop theme was, “What’s Cooking on the Long Range.” The general convention theme was, “Brotherhood Unlimited,” a timely one at this point in our Crusade for a Christian World.

Youth Meet and Conferences

I had the privilege of attending the Young People’s Summer Conference and State Youth Meet of Kentucky. The young people of our generation are catching the vision and we adults must keep that vision clearly before them. The consecration services are always conducted with so much sincerity. If we fail to support our youth work, we fail in laying the ground work for Christ’s Church. Our youth are the Church, not of tomorrow but a vital part of the Church today.

Local Institute

I was called to conduct a local church institute by the pastor of the Wehrman Avenue Christian Church in Cincinnati, Ohio. We tried to look at missions as a total church program. I discovered a very profound interest in the Missionary work there.

Committee Meetings

As nearly as possible I kept all committee appointments. Attended the Central Committee meeting, the Field Staff meeting. We received such valuable information in these meetings that we feel them to be indispensable to the work of our brotherhood.

The Missionary Organizations Committee of the Convention Trustees held an extra meeting May 3, 1952. The work was studied, reviewed and the regular program items discussed as follows: (1) Loving Cup Requirements; (2) Missionary goals to be achieved; (3) National Project to be approved; (4) Special Missionary address by Miss Lois Anna Ely for this session of the convention. Miss Ely is a former missionary of China and a leader in missionary education. (5) Missionary Institutes were planned for five year areas.

Christian Women’s Fellowship

Whenever the occasion arises that necessitates the changing of name, it always provokes controversy. The change over from regular Missionary Societies to Christian Women’s Fellowship has not as yet been unanimous in all states and local congregations. However, there are those groups who have accepted
the Christian Women’s Fellowship Plan and are using it to the best advantage in bringing all women of the Church into the fellowship, regardless of age. It is our hope that all societies will adopt this plan in the incoming year.

As of July 1, the Missionary Organizations Department of The United Christian Missionary Society became known as the Department of Christian Women’s Fellowship. It was recommended to and voted by the board of Managers, and approved by the International Convention to become no longer the Department of Missionary Organizations, but the Department of Christian Women’s Fellowship. In order that we might be a part of the total fellowship, we should also be in line with the organizational pattern of the United Christian Missionary Society. Therefore, we should change our name and emphases of the Department of Missionary Organizations and Education to read the Department of Missionary Education and Christian Women’s Fellowship.

Loving Cup — Missionary Award

It has been our custom, through the years, to present the Loving Cup Award to the group submitting the best report of work done during the year in all phases of the Missionary task. This cup symbolizes the efforts and ambitions which the group exhibits. It also serves as a challenge to those who are slow in their Missionary work.

Last year the cup was presented to, and held by, the Christian Women’s Fellowship of the Summit Avenue Christian Church of Dayton, Ohio, Rev. E. W. Wilbert, pastor. This year, as in other years, the cup will be awarded on the basis of the committees report in accordance with the requirements of the Loving Cup Award.

Future Plans

In promoting the Long Range Program, a series of officers training institutes have been planned. The dates for the institutes shall be determined at this convention. We have thought in terms of five areas: Alabama, Texas, Mississippi, Tennessee and Piedmont Area. I am convinced that until we are all informed and realize fully the relationship of our national work to our state and local work, we are merely groping in the dark with nothing tangible in view. As a step in the right direction we have planned these institutes.

Secondly, we hope to promote schools of missions to the extent where there will be one in each church within the next year. How this can be done is well illustrated by Miss Lois Anna Ely in her “Apropos of Banquets.” (see enclosure of same)

National Project

Each year the women of the National Convention choose some project for the year. This year they chose two. The first half of the year was donations for Taylor Memorial Fellowship House. The project for the second half of our missionary year was to have been used clothing for Jamaica. Due to the fact that enough clothing had been donated, the societies made contributions of money which accounts for the meager sum listed for Jamaica Relief. However, a number of Churches had sent clothing and money to Jamaica before the need was sufficiently
supplied. The project for next year will be decided in this con-
vention in session.

With the contributions which were sent in for the first half
of the year, the following improvements were made in the Tay-
lor Memorial Fellowship House.

The house was equipped with venitian blinds and
plans are completed for redecorating the kitchen, which
is to be finished before the opening of school in Sep-
tember, 1952. (Exhibit C)

May I take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Jessie Mosley, our
second vice-president, the Board of Trustees, and the women on
the field for the wonderful cooperation given me. I solicit your
support again as we go forward in another year’s work. The
needs are great and it is up to us to meet those needs. We can
do it if we band together to do the work, through little fel-
lowships all over the world.

Truly we are living in a changing world, but let us not
change in our basic convictions of truths and might. The Mission
that Christ left for us to fulfill will never change. The world
rushes on but Christians who have deep convictions, and the de-
termination to make Christ’s will manifest in all people—cannot
and must not fail.

May I present the following recommendations:

1. That all state Missionary organizations conform to the
new name Christian Women’s Fellowship.

2. That the Department of Missionary Organizations - Educa-
tion of the National Christian Missionary Convention be changed
to the Department of Missionary Education and Christian Wo-
men’s Fellowship, and the constitution be amended to that effect.

3. That a committee be appointed to study the requirements
of the Loving Cup in the light of “progressive” reports of or-
organizations.

(The above recommendations referred to the Committee on
recommendations.)

Humbly submitted,
Anna Belle Jackson, Director

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE MISSIONARY AWARD

1. That the society shall hold at least twelve (12) regular
meetings per year.

2. That the society shall hold twelve (12) executive meetings.

3. That the president or some member of the society partici-
pate in some meetings which give opportunity for personal en-
richment, and leadership development.

4. That quarterly reports shall be sent to the state secretary.

5. That the society shall be represented in its state or area
and the National Convention.

6. That the society must sponsor at least one organization
for young people and children.

7. That the society use the current study materials for the
Missionary year.

8. That societies observe Women’s Day and Easter Week of
Prayer.
9. That the society or members subscribe and use World Call
10. In addition to the above requirements each society must
meet state and national requirements.

Awards Committee:
Mrs. Jessie B. Mosley  Mrs. S. P. Walker
Mrs. Bessie L. Parks  Mrs. Arah Garrett
Mrs. Mary Whyte

Exhibit C

REPORT OF NATIONAL PROJECT — 1951-52
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Indianapolis, Indiana

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REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
Avalon Boulevard Christian Church, Los Angeles, Calif.
August, 1952

LORENZO J. EVANS, Director of Religious Education
Mr. President, members of the board and friends of the Na-
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tional Convention; as we gather here for the 36th annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention, I am proud of the opportunity to bring to you a report of my work. Our success and our failures, our joys and our sorrows, in the midst of all, it has been a real joy to serve as we have tried to bring into realization the fondest dreams of those who have been concerned about the educational program of our brotherhood. It has been a real inspiration to serve with those across the country who have given of their time, talents, even their possessions, to make our dreams come true.

Local Church Institutes

Institutes were held in several local churches with the idea of helping to develop their leaders and to organize a better functioning educational program in the local church. In two of these local church institutes we served as a team in Nashville and Memphis, Tennessee, with the third vice-president of the convention. I hope that more of our local churches will call in more outside talent for the purpose of helping to develop their local leaders.

Superintendents' Retreats

The superintendents retreat has become an established part of our program in some states and areas. It has proven to be very helpful as the superintendents and teachers have been brought together for the purpose of program planning and fellowship.

State Conventions

Since our last convention I have had the privilege to serve in three state conventions: South Carolina, Alabama, and Texas. In these conventions I worked in the workshops to help train and develop leaders for the local church and state work. The total program was a lift up to the group with the hope of challenging them to the point of accepting their responsibility as Christians.

World Fellowship Meets

Eight World Fellowship Meets were held this year at which time the missionary emphases were brought to the attention of three or four hundred of our young people. In these World Fellowship Meets, one of our major objectives was to help our young people become world minded Christian and lead them to the point of sharing in the total world wide program of our brotherhood. We only hope that more local churches will provide this opportunity for more of the young people in your church to have this experience.

Lab Schools

The Lab School program is still being promoted through our National Office in connection with the states and areas. We would suggest that in states and areas where the Lab Schools are held that more advance planning be done in order to give the National Office more time to work with the state or area committees in helping to select outside leadership. When the dates have not been set far enough in advance it makes it rather difficult to secure the best leadership because they have already been booked.
International CYF Commission

This year the International CYF Commission is meeting at Purdue University, Lafayette, Indiana, August 22-25. In this meeting the program emphasis for the youth of our brotherhood are planned. Each state or convention area of the National Convention is entitled to send one young person as your representative to help in the program planning. This young person is to be selected by the state or convention area and the name sent to the National Office. We hope that every state will see that their young people are represented in this planning meeting.

International Council of Religious Education

I attended the International Council of Religious Education which met in Columbus, Ohio. Also served again on the Executive Committee of the leadership education section. The International Council is made up of the major protestant bodies of this country.

International Convention

It was my privilege again this year to have the rich experience of attending the International Convention in Chicago. Joint sessions were held in connection with the American Baptist. On the mountain top experiences of the convention was the communion service of some twelve or fifteen thousand Disciples and Baptist around the table of the Lord.

Minister's Institute

This year I served for a second time in one of the Minister's Institutes of the Goldsboro Raleigh District. It is always a real inspiration for one to work with this group to see how they show such a desire to learn more about God's way of life.

Commission on Christian Education

For several years in the minds of some of the leaders of our Brotherhood in the area of Christian Education, they have dreamed of an organization that would serve more effectively the local church. This dream was realized last year. The results achieved already leads us to believe that we have set up a pattern to do one of the most thorough jobs in Christian Education that has ever been realized, but let us not lose sight of the fact that it will take work. (Please note exhibit on organizational set up and money reported before the convention).

The financial reports from our church schools have been the best we have had in the history of our convention. This is a result of the finance committee organized by the commission with Mr. A. C. Stone of Cincinnati, Ohio serving as chairman. Even with this increase this is far from being enough to carry on the type of program that is needed. We still believe that by the work of this committee and the support of your schools it is possible for us to achieve our financial goal. It is up to you as to whether or not our dreams will come true.

State Commissions

We have been promoting the idea for states to organize commissions of committees that would give sometime to planning and setting goals for the total state. One of the best jobs done in this area has been in the state of Alabama. A planning meeting was
held and the state secretary director was invited. The major objective for the state was set up including the total program emphasis with a financial budget planned to undergird the work. These goals or objectives were sent out to all the churches in order that they might make a united approach upon the work. It has been gratifying to see what this has done for the total state program. The hope of our work lies in the fact of a planned program and then following through with our plans. This I know will require constant work on our part if we are to achieve our goals.

Field Staff Meetings

Again this year I attended the field staff meetings of the department of religious education, UCMS, serving on different committees of the department.

Field Service

This year, I had the opportunity to render service in the following states or areas: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Missouri, Maryland, Tennessee, Ohio, South Carolina, Kansas and Texas.

Third World Conference, Travencore, India

An outstanding honor has come to Kenneth Henry, one of our young people of the National Convention. He has been selected by the American Committee to attend the Third World Conference of Christian Youth which will meet in Travencore, India, December 11-25, 1953. Only two Disciple youth were chosen to represent the total youth of our brotherhood. (Newton Fowler, a Junior at Lynchburg College, West Virginia and Kenneth Henry, a Freshman this past school year at Jarvis College, Hawkins, Texas) It will take $3,500.00 for Kenneth to make this trip and visit the state conventions, youth meets, young people's summer conferences and local churches, telling his story upon his return. This is to be raised over and above our regular support of the ongoing work by special contributions from interested individuals. The Board of Trustees of the National Convention treasury and the first $25.00 to that fund was given by Mrs. Henry L. Herod of Indianapolis. This will be a real challenge for these two young men and we must see them through. They are being asked to take one full year out of school, in order that they might share their experience with us upon their return.

Long Range Program

A few years ago several of our leaders in Christian Education began to think through a program for the next ten years. Minimum goals were set and a course was charted as to the direction we should go if the churches are to meet the demands of the present community. We are now entering into our third year of this ten year program. Some of our dreams have been realized as shown in the exhibits, but not as much program has been made as we should have recorded. The major part of our dreams are still ahead of us, but they can be realized if we are willing to work. God's kingdom and His will can be realized to the extent that men and women are willing to work with Him in the service of humanity.
Family Workshop

This is one phase of the work growing out of the long range program. We have already held two workshops, one with the Centennial Church, St. Louis, Missouri, and Second Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. A third workshop is planned for October with the Chicago churches. Our major objective in these workshops has been to bring the families of the church together and try and make them aware of the fact that they are a part of the larger family, the church, and call to their attention that the progress of the church is their responsibility in helping to carry it out. We try to face such questions as what should families expect from the church as it relates to their children, or what would the church in its teaching program expect from the parents. It is our belief that as we make families more aware of their responsibility in the total program of God's kingdom that they will be willing to make better use of their God given talents. It is in this direction that we hope to move with this area of work.

Summer Conference

Growing out of the long range program a two year goal was set for our young people's summer conference which will end with this year's conference program. I feel sure that we will go over the goals that were set. (Note exhibit) This year will be the largest attendance we have had in the history of our conference program with the largest increase shown in the conference at Goldsboro, North Carolina, and Jarvis College, Hawkins, Tex. This does not, however, by any means indicate that we are reaching all the young people that should be reached with this training program. It simply should serve as a challenge for us to work just that much more at this task.

We are living in a changing world and yet in the midst of all these changes man wants something that is secure. Something that his very soul can hold on to and feel secure. That assurance can only be found in Jesus the Christ that changeth not. When everything around us seems to be falling apart it is then the church must lift its banner high and point out to men the way to God. It is only in Him that real security, peace of mind, and happiness can be found. This is what the church must do and we dare not fail.
Based on Treasurer's Reports

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Camps and Conferences based on Year Book Reports 1947-51

EXHIBIT D

Goals Achieved 1951-52

1. State Planning Meetings:
   - Alabama, Ohio, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Eastern Seaboard and Kentucky.

2. Christian Family Life Workshops:
   - Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana
   - Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri
   - Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois
   (To be held October 1-2, 1952)

3. Conference Report this year:

   Name of Conference  | Attendance | Character Bond Giving
   -------------------|------------|----------------------
   Central, Kentucky   | 32         | $94.00               
   Goldsboro, North Carolina | 119      | 61.00                 
   Bonner Springs, Kansas | 50       | 40.00                 
   South West, Texas   | 57         |
   Alabama             |            |
   Piedmont Magnolia   |            |

Finance Committee set up for the Commission:
   - A. C. Stone, Chairman; Miss Odie Belle Lewis, Kentucky; C. J. Hinson, Alabama; I. J. Hurdle, Texas; and W. H. Brown, North Carolina.

ANNUAL REPORT 1952

CHARLES H. WEBB

To. The National Board
Delegates of the 36th Session, National Christian Missionary Convention
Friends

Greetings:
The National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of
Christ, is a great organization and is becoming more and more a symbol of cooperation and consecration. It is a pleasure to have had the opportunity of this very close and intimate association with this work. It is my sincere hope that the fullest capacities of the greatest available leadership may be utilized to the best possible good of the associated churches and the individuals who may be touched by our influence, and to the Brotherhood of Disciples of Christ everywhere.

Before the last delegates had left the convention city last year, we were busily engaged in the business of preparing the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House for occupancy before the expected occupants arrived. By the time school opened, the house was in good condition, the matron was in residence, and seven young men were ready to enroll in Butler University. The first year of operation has been a rather rugged one, but has supplied us with valuable experience which will facilitate our efforts the second year. There is a prospect that two or three additional men will be added to the number in the new school year.

I. Recruitment

It may be that some people are already beginning to ask questions, and are expressing doubts that some of the men take advantage of generosity of our Brotherhood and the ministerial training program. Some believe that several of our young men will never be of any real value to the Brotherhood. Of course it has been borne out by much study that it takes three recruits to make a preacher. Our percentage is a bit higher than that for the past two decades and by concentration of effort we can have relative assurance that it will not lessen. Some of the men who are screened through our process will not hold out but some of them will. Those who will are the ones for whom our efforts are put forth.

II. Planning for Service

It has been the privilege of the director to attend meetings of the Christian Education Planning Conference of our own Department of Christian Education; the fall and spring meetings of the National Brotherhood group “The Home and State Missions Planning Conference,” and working as a member of its committee on Evangelism. In this committee the program of evangelism of the Brotherhood is carefully worked out and ways by which it may be adopted and utilized by any and every church which finds a need for them. The Pre-Easter evangelism materials will be mailed to each minister early in the fall so that early plans for the spring campaigns may be launched. The 1953 Pre-Easter theme will be “Christ Gives Power for Today.”

One of the most forward looking trends in the Brotherhood today is the trend toward state-wide planning. It has been my privilege to assist in planning meetings held by state boards or/designated representatives of all the constituent departments in several areas, including Texas, Oklahoma, Alabama and Tennessee. The next in the emphasis on planning is a concentration on the local planning for the church. The most thorough planning job now being done is at the national level. Efficiency, thoroughness and even interest, tend progressively downward to the local church level. The trend continues on down from over-all

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church planning to departments and committees within the church. There should be as much concern shown for planning in the local church as the national groups show in planning for the local church. The responsibility, of course, is upon the minister.

III. Long Range Program

It was during the 1930's that one of the best crop of young men were gathered together, as ministerial recruits, given the opportunity of training and guided into the work of the church, insofar as it was possible. It should be said that only a small percentage of that group and the few subsequent groups have contributed to a pastoral ministry. For example, in a three year period between 1936-39 eleven men spent at least one year in residence at the Coop House for ministerial students in Indianapolis. Of that eleven men, two were teachers from Southern Christian Institute and Jarvis doing graduate work. They returned to their post, leaving nine. Four of these have served the church in no capacity of leadership since they left Butler in 1939. Two entered full time teaching fields within the Brotherhood, though one later accepted a position with another institution out of the Brotherhood. Only three have ever held full time pastorates. Today of the eleven, five are committed to full time religious work, but only one is holding a full time pastoral ministry to the church. Only one.

This narrative points up several things which gain added significance as we pursue the problem of recruitment and training and placement of ministers. (1) In the first place we need not attempt to be clairvoyant to the point of being able to judge with our frail human capacities whom God has called to be His messengers, most certainly we can not know, but we can most assuredly practice a far better brand of judgement in the selection of the men in whom the vast investments of interest, money and hope will be made. The percentage of full time ministers which will accrue from a given number is small enough when all the best methods of recruitment and training are practiced. (2) The significant pain in this is that job opportunities were scarce when these men were ready, and (3) There is no evidence, except in one case, that 35% of the 11 would have accepted Christian service had the opportunity been presented. This is an indication of basic indifference or an absence of the fundamental first step in the Christian warfare, the compelling passion.

Today there are six principle institutions which are supposedly training ministers for Negro Disciples of Christ churches. They are Butler University, Jarvis College, Southern Christian Institute, The College of the Scriptures, Winston Salem Bible College and Howard University. From the best available information the total number now in training is about 30 in these six institutions.

We are able to produce preachers at about the rate the churches can absorb the brand produced. There are about five men who have entered the ministry from adult laymen's groups in the last two years. These men had families and home responsibilities and therefore cherished no hope of receiving formal training, but all of them have accepted calls to churches and are preaching every Sunday. A young seminary student refused a student pastorate that would not pay more than $80
to $100 per month while his schooling was assured and he needed the experience.

Actually the picture is a confused one with our churches. According to the 1951 Year Book, there are 546 churches and 573 ministers. Of the churches 118 have preaching every Sunday and 342 have part-time preaching. Seventy-two hold no regular services. Of the ministers, 46 are full time pastors, about 240 serve the 470 churches having regular services; of the remaining 287 a majority of the lay ministers and NBO's and many whose activities are accountable to no one.

In the field of evangelism the Long Range Prospect is that each year will add to its membership a number equal to 10% of its current strength. In the course of ten years there should be a net increase of approximately ten percent over the 1950 report if the church program continues consistently. This will require not only a strong teaching program but a strong preaching program as well. One of the principle jobs of the pastor is his preaching. When he gets tired the first thing he weakens on is the preaching. It takes strong, convincing, and powerful preaching to make and keep churches strong. Furthermore it will be the means by which many now groping in darkness will be led to the Christ way and eternal salvation.

IV. Institutes and Conferences

In the majority of cases I have been called into youth groups, minister's meetings and conventions to teach courses and lead discussions on a theme with which the individuals in charge felt we qualified to deal by virtue of special experience and broader information gathered through our wide travel. In a lesser number of institutes and retreats for ministers, my principle objective was to observe the method of operation, building program and etc., in order that the best that they have, when practical, might be utilized to the advantage of our ministers. This year a new need is realized which can be met only through a closer working and clinical relationship with the ministers and pastors. It is therefore our hope that this year our state minister's institutes, or pastor's retreats may be revived. With the active and financial participation of the state convention and the missionary associations, such will be easily possible.

V. Local Church Services

Local church visits have been made to the following cities: St. Louis, Baltimore, Maryland; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Dallas, Texas; Rusk, Oklahoma; Flint, Michigan; Canton, Ohio; Roanoke, Virginia; and many others. It has been inspiring to share with the pastors, their officials and congregations in the execution of special emphasis programs such as National Christian Teaching Missions, local church institutes, special missionary emphasis projects and evangelistic campaigns. Yes, that part of the work with the local church has been enriching and rewarding. It has not been so pleasant in other areas of local church visitations where some conflict is the cause of the visit. It would be a far more effective procedure for settling grievances if both parties of a disagreement will give the third party their confidence and full cooperation. If both of the disputing parties are inclined to settle their troubles without injury to the good cause, the church or to the ministers and the people, the kind
of agreement then reached will be secure and beautiful. The three occasions of this type which have commanded my attention have left me somewhat less sure of the genuineness of some peoples' appeal for peace in the church where division threatens.

VI. Promotional and Educational

A portion of the tremendously important job of getting the National Convention to the local church in visible form was accomplished in Kentucky when Brother L. J. Evans and I joined President Frazier for a one week tour of some strategic points in the state. We promoted the state, national and brotherhood program, answering and asking questions. As a result of this and a similar tour of Texas as well as a steadily increasing revelation of the desire of the people on the field to know more about the causes which they were being called upon to support, a four page promotional leaflet has been developed presenting all phases of the work of our National Convention.

Evangelism—emphasize the need for preaching—its importance of preaching in church.

VII. Laymen's Work

Nationally, the title approved... for men's organization which follow the prescribed pattern generally is Christian Men's Fellowship." It is urged that all new laymen's groups which are organized in the local churches will be set up under this title. We also hope that other state groups will establish functioning CMF groups on a state level. This has been done in the Piedmont District, Kentucky, Tennessee, and perhaps one or two others. Of course men are carrying a great part of the responsibility in the church all along the line, but they enjoy doing things together as a group of laymen.

The National President of the Laymen's League along with Mr. Dickson and your director, planned and promoted a National Laymen's Retreat which was to have been held in Memphis during June. It was necessary to postpone the Retreat when it became apparent that for a number of excellent reasons, there would not be enough men in attendance to justify the effort and expense. There are strong plans under way now to hold this Retreat in the late fall. We request at this point that if you receive a letter requesting information regarding your ability to attend such a meeting please write back.

My friends, I have put in writing a sketchy statement of the effort made by the Director of Church Development and Evangelism. I can add to the list the fact that through my efforts 19 were added to the church and one young man made the commitment to full life Christian ministry, about 15,000 miles of traveling done, twenty seven local churches served; attended four minister's institutes and five state conventions; taught numerous classes and preached uncounted number of sermons. But still the story is not told. For the real report is about people. It is about chairmen of church boards, presidents of conventions, officers of state conventions, ministerial students facing problems, and pastors of progressive and stagnant churches. The real report would tell of elections, resignations, pastoral calls and recommendations. It would tell telegrams, phone calls, night long auto drives and half day conferences. There would be heart rending stories of fist-fights, curse words, threats and libellous
letters. all within the arena of the self-styled family of God — The Church of Christ. It has not been an “out of the ordinary” year. I say what any field worker in any year and of any church could say if the whole truth were told. Such a report would simply bring into focus for all the world to see, a life-sized, full color three dimensional picture of “The Christian Church in a Changing World.” The world is being made over and we are not going to like it. This is our big opportunity—church to hit a moving target. This is the chance of the age, for the church to bring to light the great principles of Christian virtue in daily living and in long range and short range planning.

Lest there be a tragic reversal of thought and we find ourselves, the cringing church in a dynamic world, the church had better be her age. Yes, and better still the church had better be of her age; the power of her age; the hope of her age; and the salvation of her age.

Recommendation

That the National Laymen’s Organization accept the title of Christian Men’s Fellowship and that the constitution be amended to conform thereto.

Refer to the Laymen’s League and Recommendations Committee.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

L. L. DICKERSON, Editor

Mr. President and members of the National Board of the National Christian Missionary Convention:

Please allow me to submit this report for the Christian Plea. Four years ago I was elected editor of the Plea. While I have done my best to give to our Brotherhood the kind of journal it should have, one that would not only carry news items from various churches, but a paper that would also interpret to some degree the hopes and aims and aspirations of some 60,000 Negro Disciples. A medium through which we could speak to our Brotherhood at large and the world in general. “A journalistic platform” that would permit one and all who so desired to express themselves on all questions and issues of interest to our people.

I confess that the high hopes of four years ago have not been realized. While we have not missed an issue of the Plea during these four years, a great many issues have been late and hardly any of them have been of the high journalistic quality that we desired and the Brotherhood deserves. While I certainly do not want to put myself in the position of offering alibis for my failure to do a good job as editor of the Plea, I do feel that I should point out again some of the things that make the editing of the Plea a most difficult and almost impossible task.

I say “again,” because my predecessors in this work and many others who have had no direct experience with the Plea as editor, have repeatedly pointed out the problems of publishing the paper. First of all our major problem is finance. Or I should say a lack of adequate financing. One of the reasons the Plea has been coming out at irregular intervals is that we have not had sufficient funds to have the Plea printed by reliable and efficient
printers. We have had to have our printing done by small shops that could do it comparatively cheap but not efficiently, and take it when ever we could get it.

Another problem is collecting subscriptions when due. Even though we have sent out hundreds of notices to delinquent subscribers and dozens of letters to local pastors and church leaders, we have not been able to collect from more than about 40 per cent of our subscribers in any given year, and more than half of that amount has been collected by the editor in person at state and national conventions. Only about 20 per cent of our subscribers pay their subscriptions by mail.

Another problem is to keep the Plea from being a “one man paper.” We have tried in vain to get the ministers and leaders of our churches to contribute from time to time articles that would be of interest to our readers. With but a very few exceptions all of the items appearing in the Plea aside from the news items from the various churches and promotional letters from the officers and the staff, were the thinking of the editor. This has served to limit the usefulness of the Plea and also kept it from being more interesting.

I feel sure that most of our people believe that we need some kind of an organ that will serve as a “voice” for our Negro Brotherhood. Some “link of fellowship” with our widely scattered brethren of like precious faith. No religious body can succeed very well without a journal and a school. These are two “must” for us if we are to survive and continue to progress. The National Convention contributes $1,000 a year to the Plea. We receive about $150.00 a year from ads. About $400.00 a year from subscriptions and approximately $300.00 a year from convention registrations. A total of approximately $1,800.00.

The cost of publishing the Plea is as follows:

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An approximate total of $1,930.00.

The Plea should have an additional $600.00 to be used as follows: Travel $300.00; editorial assistance $100.00; clerical help, $100.00; making a total of $300.00 a year for clerical help.

Recommendations:

1. That we provide the Christian Plea with an additional $600, $300 of this amount could come from funds used by the staff for “direct by mail promotion.” A letter to the churches through the Plea would reach more people and get better results than a letter sent to individuals which in most cases ends up in the waste basket without being read. This would also lessen the work load of our office secretary in Indianapolis. In this manner the Plea could serve in a larger way as a medium of promotion and at the same time carry enough other material to make it interesting and effective.

2. That the trustees secure as soon as possible another editor. I would like very much to be relieved of this honor and responsibility, especially the responsibility.
Financial Report — March 1 to July 31, 1952

Receipts:

National Christian Missionary Convention
(March, April, May, June, July) $415.00
Christian Board of Publication, ads 30.00
Subscriptions 8.00
Total $453.00

Disbursements
Printing four issues 500.00
Mailing 10.00
Clerical Help 76.00
Miscellaneous Supplies 7.38
Addressing Wrappers 7.96
Wrappers (5,000) 7.96
Total 605.68

Respectfully Submitted,
L. L. Dickerson, Editor

REPORT TO THE NATIONAL BOARD

The journey across the years has brought us to the 36th annual session of the National Christian Missionary Convention. We have had a full staff for the year. We are proud of the sincere consecrated work done by the staff and we rejoice in the cooperation given the staff by the churches and members of this brotherhood.

The Annual Session
Dr. Baxter C. Duke, host minister, is here to do all that is in his power to care for the needs of the convention. This session is significant because of the emphasis that must be placed on the long range program. The reports show that we are reaching toward our goals set in the various departments. We are working for full cooperation in the Council of Agencies and all our work is to move forward in the framework of the Council of Agencies. We must set our eyes to the future and so act that 1960 will find us with every high goal achieved and every low goal revised and exceeded.

Goals
Each year we send a dollar goal to each church asking that they accept and respond by sending the money to Dr. J. E. Walker, and Unified Promotion. We shall have divided goals again this year. The principle of increase for this year is 50 per cent over 1949 goal or giving. If a church has reached its goal for the year the increase is 10 per cent of its giving. Goal will be sent to each church and the totals for each state will be sent to the presidents of the departments of each state.
This release will come in September.

International Convention
The National Christian Missionary Convention made formal application for membership in the International Convention at the International Convention at the Chicago Assembly. We are glad to report that our application was accepted and filed for
vote at the Portland, Oregon, Assembly July 4 to 9, 1953 (See

greetings and actions)

The constitutional amendment called for by our applica-
tion for membership should be recommended to this session of
the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Budget

We have conducted the spending well within the limits of the
budget. We have asked that the cooperating agencies support
us at the same level as last year, and that the National Chris-
tion Missionary Convention churches be asked for an increase of
$800 and that an additional $800 come from the Taylor Funds
making an increase of $1,600.

We are not able to expand the program on such small in-
creases in budget. But we shall continue to hope for expansion

Recommendations

1. Upon the presentation of properly signed vouchers, the
   treasurer be authorized to pay convention expenses.

2. That the constitution be amended to meet the request for
   membership in the International Convention.

3. That the principle of goal increase be accepted and dollar
   goals be sent to each church.

REPORT OF RECORDING SECRETARY

R. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary

To the officers and delegates of the thirty-sixth National Mis-
sionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ of America. Greet-
ings:

As the recording secretary of the National Board and Con-
vention, I hereby submit this report of the Trustees and Na-
tional Board for your information and approval.

The board has held two regular meetings, one at the close
of the convention at Indianapolis (Aug., 1951), the other at the
beginning of the 36th National Convention, held at Los Angeles
(Aug., 1952). The Trustee Board held two meetings, one at the
convention in Indianapolis (August, 1951) and the other in March
27 & 28, 1952, in Indianapolis. At these meetings, reports and
recommendations were given by the staff workers and the Chris-
tian Plea editor. Each report was given consideration. From
the reports, it could be clearly seen that the work is progressing.

The first meeting was given wholly to the organization of
the board into trustees and organization into the following com-
mittees:

1. Administration and Finance
2. Missionary Organization and Education
3. Christian Education
4. Evangelism and Church Development
5. Management of Real and Personal Property

The necessary sub-committees were also formed.

Each committee gave prayerful attention and thought to its
respective work.
The meeting of the goals of the "Long Range Program" is the most important issue before the Brotherhood and convention at this time.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the report of money and personnel from Cooperating Agencies would remain the same as last year. We are deeply grateful for the support that the agencies have so faithfully given our work during the past year.

It is the hope and aspiration of the National Board that we strengthen our work to the point that we will be able to expand to meet the needs of our Brotherhood. Some of the outstanding needs from the standpoint of personnel are children's workers, men's workers, and trained area leaders.

The treasurer's report was received together with certificate of C. P. A., which stated the accounts were fairly accurate as to receipts and disbursements.

**Spending Budget**

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As secretary, I wish to express my appreciation for the cooperation that has been given me.

Respectfully submitted,

R. L. Saunders, Secretary
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MINUTES, NATIONAL LAYMEN’S LEAGUE

Tuesday Morning

The first session of the Laymen was opened with Rev. L. L. Dickerson, first vice-president of the convention presiding. Rev. Dickerson made a few remarks concerning the program for the week and the anticipated reorganization of men’s work. Alfred Thomas of Cincinnati, Ohio, was elected temporary chairman, and Edward Owens of Dayton, Ohio, was elected temporary secretary.

Temporary chairman, Alfred Thomas, made a few remarks in regards to the work for the week, suggesting the great need for a dynamic national promotion program.

Several other laymen present made remarks.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Wednesday Morning

Meeting opened with temporary chairman, Alfred Thomas presiding.

There was a continuation of the discussion on national promotional work.

The chairman appointed the following members to serve on the nominating committee:

Brother Butler, Ohio
Brother Gault, Kentucky
Brother Groves, Missouri
Brother Wiley

Wednesday Afternoon — Laymen’s Program

SONG PRAYER ......................................................... Brother H. J. Penn
SCRIPTURE ....................................................... Brother Wilson
REMARKS ......................................................... Vice-President L. L. Dickerson
REMARKS—“Program in Ohio” .............. President Alfred Thomas
REMARKS—“Men’s Program in Kentucky” .......... A. D. Gault
REMARKS—“Program in Missouri” ............. R. L. Groves
SYMPOSIUM
A. “If I Were A Minister” ......................... T. W. Pratt
B. “If I Were A Laymen” ......................... Elder Watson

BENEDICTION

Thursday Morning

The presiding chairman, Alfred Thomas, opened the meeting.

A short period of devotionals followed.

A motion that a message of condolence be sent to the former chairman, T. J. Chandler was presented, seconded and carried. Mr. Chandler was unable to be present at this convention because of the illness of his mother. Authority was given to the acting chairman and secretary to sign this message.

Discussion ensued concerning apportionments.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the officials of this body take steps to promote the program and to be responsible for the promotion of the national program, also.
It was moved, seconded and carried that the name of the organization be changed from Layman's League to Christian Men's Fellowship.

It was moved, seconded and carried that each local organization send $2.00 to the national convention.

The nominating committee made the following report, which was accepted:

President, Alfred Thomas, Ohio  
Vice-President, R. L. Groves, Missouri  
Secretary, Edward Owen, Ohio  
Treasurer, T. W. Pratt, Texas  

Brother Poore gave the closing prayer.

Friday Morning

The president, Alfred Thomas, opened the meeting.

A short period of devotional followed.

It was moved, seconded and carried that each local organization be asked to give a token gift toward the total goal of $500.00.

Brother Thomas stated the reasons for a need of $500. This money is needed for the following items:
1. Finance for promotion
2. Stationary
3. Stamps
4. Emergency Travel

It was decided to ask the convention for $100 for promotion purposes. (This was later granted.)

Adjournment

August 12, 1952

C. W. F. Workshop

The C. W. F. Workshop met in the auditorium of Jefferson High School at 9:15 a.m. Miss Annabelle Jackson gave the call to worship.

Miss Dreese was presented and announced the studies for the week, "As We Look at Missions." She also presented material for guidance as we work and study together. Recommended two books as must. "Missionary Education in The Church" by N. C. Harnes and David D. Baker, and "Wake Up or Blow Up" by Frank C. Laubach.

Four things were pointed out in Mission work:
1. Teach Jesus to people that they might accept Him and His Church.
2. Prepare Christian Leadership
3. Meet the need of the people
4. Develop a world mind.

The 12 countries in which we work were named. The largest church in the world is in Bolenge, Africa. A membership of 70,000 giving one-half of their income for others.
Mrs. Mosley conducted devotional from the theme, “I Will Not Be Enslaved By Anything.” Second hour, Miss Dreese spoke on the theme, “A Woman’s Worth To God.” This made us conscious of the fact that whatever we do we are doing it for God. A few minutes were spent studying the strength and weakness of the organizations. We closed with prayer.

August 13, 1952

The Work’ Shop opened with Miss Dreese offering prayer. A talk was given on the work in the Philippines—some needs were named. Mrs. Kennedy was presented and told the story of some of the customs in the Philippines. She displayed some of their work. She asked that we have concern beyond the Missionaries and put the natives on our prayer lists.

Mr. Kennedy told of the hard times he had teaching the English language, and learning their language. He showed a sardine can and Japanese shell put together and used for many things. They took rubber left by our soldiers and made shoes. He also told of their customs in the home—how they eat with their fingers without difficulty. War, mixes up people, it has done so in the Philippines. They gave up many of their customs for Christianity. Mr. Kennedy told of the fear that comes upon the natives when the lightning comes or it thunders. When they become members of C. E. S. or any organization they say they are half-Christians. They worship what they call “Five gods.”

Children eat grass for food. It is equally as sad in Korea today. In 1946, the Philippines were given their freedom. An American teacher asked a native which race he belonged to? He answered “A Salad”—mixed. Hour closed with prayer.

Miss Jackson presented Miss Dreese who told of some of the significant things we have done. One was “Missionary Emphasis.” The church is the Missionary Society of the world—both men and women are included. A report on our increased giving was made. Our goals named. How we do our Missionary work was discussed. Greatest avenues are through preaching, praying, giving, working together, fellowship serving with our hands, etc. We do this work through the total church program. Missionary materials for men were shown. They call themselves C.M.F.

Business Session, August 14, 1952

Song service led by Mrs. Johnson of North Carolina.

Reports: Miss Annabelle Jackson, director of Missionary Education organization made her report (see reports). The state presidents and key women of the states were presented and extended greetings and made a few remarks concerning their fields. The first verse of our fellowship song, “Lo! Here Is Fellowship,” was sung. It was interesting to note so much fine work being done and the Brotherhood doesn’t seem to know about it. At this point Elder L. L. Dickerson led in singing, “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot.”

A representative from the division of Church World Service of Los Angeles was presented and talk of the “Meal for Millions” movement. Making special mention of the 3 cent meals. He told
of the varieties of foods and said much of it has been sent to Japan and Korea. Song, "Jesus Keep Me Near The Cross," was sung. Sermon, Elder Eli Wilbur of Ohio, text Heb. 13:8, theme, "A Changeless Christ in A Changing World." The message was a masterpiece, emphasizing the task of the church.

Invitation song, "Savior More Than Life to Me." Treasurer J. E. Walker, made his report (see reports). Motion prevailed to extend time five minutes to read changes in the constitution.

Thursday, August 14, 1952 — 8:00 P.M.

The evening session opened with processional of Fellowship women. "Onward Christian Soldiers" was played. Worship by delegates from Missouri and Kansas; choir sang, "The Lord's Prayer." Historical reviews were given by Mrs. B. A. Holmes through script, and Mrs. C. C. Mosley through pictures. Mrs. Alberta Craggett sang a beautiful solo, after which Miss Lois Anna Ely of U.C.M.S. was presented and spoke of glowing personalities. Told many interesting stories of happenings on the field. Churches like individuals must glow and grow and go. She talked much of the achievements in India. In 1882 our Brotherhood went to India and also to Edwards, Miss., (S. C. I.). A few years ago India was indeed a sad country.

Mrs. Carnilla Barnes made remarks and had the students from Jarvis and S. C. I. stand. Solo by Miss Winifred Perpens of Jarvis College.

Mr. McCullum of All Peoples Church of Los Angeles spoke on "Stewardship Among Women." He reminded us that this is God's world and we have God's resources.

Offering; Mrs. Rolla of Texas presented our National Projects as follows. Taylor Memorial Fellowship House to Elder C. H. Webb and Jamaica Relief to Miss Dreese. These projects were received with thanks. The Loving Cup was awarded to Cross Street Fellowship, Little Rock, Arkansas. The consecrated offering service was conducted by Mrs. Carnella Barnes.

Thursday, 7 o'clock a.m. the Sacrificial Service of the convention was conducted by Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago. More than 30 persons attended. Theme, "The Meaning of The Cross." Five dollars and fifty cents were received and turned over to C. W. F. Funds.

Mrs. C. C. Mosley, presiding.

August 14, 1952

Morning session opened with song and sentence prayers. Mrs. Smith from Ohio conducted worship reading, Matt. 5:1-16, for guidance. Solo, "Only A Look At Jesus," was rendered by Mrs. Johnson of North Carolina. Mrs. Dora Gaston brought a great message from the theme, "The Church in A Changing World." She said nothing is stable but the Church of Christ, and numerated four distinct elements in verses 13 through 16. Music; Mrs. Maud Davis made remarks. Motion prevailed that a committee be appointed to study and revise the report blank for the awarding of the Loving Cup; the committee was appointed. Mrs. Jackson brought two recommendations. Our visitors were introduced and took a bow.
Miss Dreese presented bridges of fellowship. She showed place maps and napkins from Africa. A responsibilities of Africa’s women shown in the 4 corners of the napkin. She recommend a study book, “These Rights We Hold.” At this point we bowed in prayer for Rosa Page Welch who was about to start on a trip to many lands. It was agreed that we send her a little mustard seed with a note pinned on it. Put Rosa Page Welch’s name on your prayer list. As we sang “Have Thine On Way Lord,” Elder Peoples led in prayer.

Mrs. Mosley read a part of a letter from Miss Jessie Trout who was in Australia when she wrote it. Her letter closed with I John 1:3.

Miss Jackson led in discussion of “The Woman’s Worth to The Church.” We were given some way to build or even double membership. It was said that good leaders do not do all the leading. Give every woman a task. When she tries and fails let your criticism be constructive. Whatever you do, use your children. They must take up next.

In the next meeting Elder L. L. Dickerson came in and led us in song and presented Elder Hinson of Alabama, who brought a great message from the text Acts 27:30-31. Theme, “Except, We Abide in The Ship, We Will All Perish.” He said the church of Christ is the ship. Invitation.

August 15, 1952 — 9:15 A.M.

Miss Jackson presented Mr. and Mrs. Emory Ross, former missionaries to Africa. Mr. Ross spoke on 15 million people in Africa under foreign rule. They don’t have human rights, no modern conveniences because we do not know Africa is why we do not do any more for them. Mrs. Ross began her discourse on Africa by presenting book material on the life of the people. Some books were a must and would be in all church groups. The way to get them in is to build a center of interest in the church where every one can see it. Four things you should have around the center: (1) Constitution of U. S. A.; (2) Bill of Rights; (3) Preamble to the charter of the United Nations; and (4) The universal declaration of Human Rights. Be sure you have Bible quotations on Human Rights. Art plays an important part in visualizing Human Rights and other things. She urged to adopt an African proverb this year. Build African villages to interest children. A good film “The Challenge of Africa,” it rents for $8.00.

Mrs. Mosley led the closing worship. She reminded us of Hortesene Turner who is our Missionary in Mexico, put her on your prayer list.

Jamaica Relief, $166; Taylor House, $192; offering Thursday evening, $153. Total $411.

Cynthia T. Martin, acting secretary.
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE
INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION OF DISCIPLES OF CHRIST
FROM THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY
CONVENTION, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

To the International Convention of Disciples of Christ assembled in Chicago May 19, 1952,

Greetings:

The National Christian Missionary Convention is a non-profit corporation chartered in the state of Tennessee with general headquarters at 222 South Downey Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana. The purpose is to co-operate in the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, to promote the cause of evangelism; to foster and maintain a program of Christian Education, Missions, and Benevolence among the Christian churches of the Brotherhood, to perform such general supervisory functions as the best interest the work may require, and to cooperate with the International Convention, The United Christian Missionary Society, Unified Promotion and other Brotherhood agencies and boards and movements for the furthering of the world program of the church, and to work with other religious movements chosen by the Brotherhood.

By order of the trustees and officers of the National Christian Missionary Convention, we hereby make application to become a reporting and cooperating member agency of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, according to Article VI of the constitution of the International Convention or any other resolutions pertaining to membership.

Whatever constitutional changes are necessary to meet the requirements for membership will be presented to the annual assembly of the National Christian Missionary Convention in Los Angeles, California, August, 1952, and will follow provisions made by the constitution for its amendment with a pledge of membership.

Signed, Blair T. Hunt, President
Emmett J. Dickson, Executive Secretary
R. L. Saunders, Secretary of Corp.

The Committee on Recommendations recommended that the application for membership in the International Convention of Disciples of Christ by the National Christian Missionary Convention be received and filed in accordance with provisions of the constitution of the International Convention.

Action—VOTED approval by the International Convention Assembly of the recommendation to receive and file the application of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

July 19, 1952
To the National Christian Missionary Convention
Attention: Mr. Emmett J. Dickson, Executive Secretary
Dear Brethren,

The application for membership in the International Convention of Disciples of Christ by the National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of Christ, copy of which is attached, was received by the Convention as Business Item No. 67. I am happy to report the action of the Convention as follows:

Voted approval by the International Convention Assembly of the recommendation of the Committee on Recommendations to receive and file the application of the National Christian Missionary Convention in accordance with provisions of the Constitution of the International Convention.

Article VI. "Admission of Cooperating Organizations" amended by the Chicago Assembly, reads as follows:

"Any general Brotherhood missionary, educational or philanthropic organization may present its application for membership to a regular Assembly of the International Convention. Such application will be filed, and acted upon at the next Annual Convention Assembly. During the intervening year the application will be studied by the Board of Directors of the Convention. Interested groups, including the applicant, will be consulted as to the eligibility of the said organization for membership in the convention. At the next Annual Assembly the application will be presented to the convention together with the recommendation of the Board of Directors and the same being favorably reported by the Committee on Recommendations and approved by a two-thirds vote of the Convention, the said applicant will become a cooperating organization, provided it will agree to insert in its Constitution and By-Laws a provision to submit its reports to the Convention and to hold its books and accounts, and all its records open to the inspection of the Committees on Recommendations or of the Board of Directors of the Convention between annual meetings of the Convention whenever such inspection is desired either by the Convention or by either of these bodies. The Convention will in every way with in its power, under its Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws, aid in promoting the works of its cooperating organizations. Cooperation between the Convention and a cooperating organization may be terminated at the expiration of one year after written notice of desire to terminate such cooperation shall have been given by one or the other."

Therefore, action in accordance with the above Article will be taken at the Portland Convention Assembly, July 4-9, 1953, regarding the application of the Nat'l. Christian Missionary Conv. Please note that the application is to be studied by the Board of Directors during the coming year and that interested groups, including the applicant, will be consulted as to the eligibility of the National Christian Missionary Convention for membership.

It appears to the Executive Secretary of the International Convention that your Convention will meet all of the requirements of membership. We are very happy that the application has been filed and we will look forward to the formal action of the Convention Assembly next July.

Cordially,

Gaines M. Cook

Executive Secretary

International Convention of Disciples of Christ
RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION TO BECOME A COOPERATING ORGANIZATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION, DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

WHEREAS, There is a strong feeling on the part of a large number of supporters of the National Christian Missionary Convention that the Convention file application for membership in the International Convention in order to meet the need for unity in Christ,

WHEREAS, The constitution of the National Christian Missionary Convention is not in accord with the requirements of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ for membership acceptance,

WHEREAS, The International Convention Disciples of Christ has received the application for membership of the National Christian Missionary Convention in its 1952 Assembly in Chicago, Ill.,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That a Section 3, added to Article III, “Membership,” of the Constitution of the National Christian Missionary Convention, Disciples of Christ reads as follows:

This Convention as a cooperating organization of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ shall submit its reports to the Convention and hold its books, accounts, and all its records open to the inspection of the Committee on Recommendations or of the Board of Directors of the International Convention between annual meetings of the Convention whenever such inspection is desired either by the Convention or by either of these bodies, and to comply with the By-Laws of the International Convention regarding cooperating organizations.

REPORT OF TREASURER
As of July 31, 1952
INCOME - 1951-52

Gross receipts from National Convention
(Indianapolis, Indiana) $4,068.17
Balance in Treasury at the Indianapolis Convention 1,080.39

$5,148.56

Sept. Twelfth Street Christian Church, Austin, Texas $ 14.00
Oct. Second Christian Church, Columbia, Kentucky 5.00
Christian Church, Fulton, Missouri 10.00
Dec. Indiana Avenue Christian Church, Chicago, Ill. 250.00
Charles H. Webb (Check re-deposited) 10.00
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church,
Memphis, Tennessee 150.00
Centennial Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri 10.00
Jan. East Vine Avenue Christian Church, Knoxville,
Tennessee 115.00
Central Christian Church, Louisville, Ky. 70.00
Christian Chapel Church, Port Gibson, Miss. 10.00
March
Fair Street Christian Church, Springfield, Ohio ........................................... 2.20
Boll Street Christian Church, Dallas, Texas .................................................. 120.00
West Campbell Street Christian Church, 
Paris, Texas ........................................................................................................ 20.00
Crockett Street Christian Church, 
San Antonio, Texas ............................................................................................... 4.00
Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana .............................................. 250.00
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Crestview Christian Church, Temple, Texas ..................................................... 5.00
Clay Street Christian Church, Waco, Texas ....................................................... 12.00
East Annie Street Christian Church 
Fort Worth, Texas .................................................................................................. 14.49
Fellowship Christian Church, Houston, Texas ................................................. 11.00
May
Cephas Chapel Christian Church, Wrightsville, Ark. ..................................... 11.00
Institutional Christian Church, Kansas City, Kas. .......................................... 8.00
Second Christian Church, Oakland, Calif. ......................................................... 10.00
Maple Street Christian Church, Lockland, Ohio .............................................. 25.00
Second Christian Church, Hagerstown, Md. .................................................... 32.30
Providence Christian Church, Tillman, Miss. .................................................... 5.00
Bethlehem Christian, Cedar, Texas ..................................................................... 6.09
Clark Street Christian Church, Greenville, Texas ........................................... 12.01
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Bethel Christian Church, Clinton, Miss. ............................................................ 10.00
High Street Christian Church, Mt. Sterling, Ky. ................................................ 134.00
Third Christian Church, Louisville, Ky. .............................................................. 100.00
Summit Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio ............................................................ 150.00
McKinney's Chapel Christian Church, 
Indianola, Miss. .................................................................................................... 5.00
West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City, Mo. ............................................. 200.00
College Addition Christian Church, Jackson, Miss. ........................................ 10.55
Mt. Olivet Christian Church, Baltimore, Md. ..................................................... 25.00
Eleventh Street Christian Church, 
Birmingham, Ala. .................................................................................................. 100.00
Wehrman Avenue Christian Church, 
Cincinnati, Ohio ................................................................................................... 70.00
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Fifth Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio ............................................................ 75.00
East Sixth Street Christian Church, 
Oklahoma City, Okla. ............................................................................................. 36.00
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First Christian Church, Mound Bayou, Miss. .................................................... 21.72
Popular Hill Christian Church, Ridgeville, S. C. ............................................ 28.00
Shaw Christian Church, Shaw, Miss. ................................................................ 11.25
Grove Street Christian Church, Houston, Texas .............................................. 1.00
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St. Luke Christian Church, Goldsboro, N. C. ..................................................... 10.00
Indiana Christian Church, Indianola, Miss. ..................................................... 25.00
Morgan Avenue Christian Church, Parsons, Kas. ........................................... 15.00
Forest Grove Christian Church, Port Gibson, Miss. ......................................... 5.00

   Bible Schools

Dec. Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church 
      Bible School, Memphis, Tenn. ................................................................. $ 100.00
Jan. South Side Christ Church 
      Bible School, Chicago, Ill. ................................................................. 75.00
      Indiana Avenue Christian Church 
      Bible School, Chicago, Ill. ................................................................. 50.00

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United Christian Church
Bible School, Detroit, Mich. .................................. 27.50
Fifth Christian Church
Bible School, Cincinnati, Ohio ............................. 25.00
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Alabama State Bible School .................................. 10.00
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Bible School, Youngstown, Ohio ............................. 12.50
Kansas State Bible School .................................. 10.00

$1,126.03

Missionary Societies
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Elm Street Christian Church
Missionary Society, Jefferson City, Mo. .................. 35.00
East Main Street Christian Church
Missionary Society, Xena, Ohio ............................. 10.00
April
Second Christian Church
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Pine Hill Missionary Society, Ponca, Texas ........... 5.00
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Contributing Agencies

- United Christian Missionary Society .................................. $13,083.30
- National Benevolent Association ..................................... 750.00
- Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ .................................. 600.00
- Board of Church Extension ............................................. 600.00
- Christian Board of Publication ....................................... 2,000.00

$17,033.30

Special Gifts

**Aug.**
- Miss Beatrice Chandler, Nashville, Tenn. .................. $ 25.00
- Mrs. Emma W. Owens, Jeffersonville, Ind. (For her husband the late Rev. William Owens) 50.00

**Sept.**
- Mrs. Sallie Parks, Cincinnati, Ohio ......................... 50.00

**Oct.**
- Mrs. Cammie Doolin, Frankfort, Mo. ......................... 25.00

**Dec.**
- Mrs. Daisy Dean, Little Rock, Ark. ......................... 25.00
- Mrs. Amanda Davis, Kansas City, Kas. ..................... 50.00

**March**
- Reverend M. C. Dickson, Dallas, Texas .................... 10.00
- Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Warrick, Kansas City, Mo. ...... 5.00

**April**
- Mrs. Christian Smith, Knoxville, Tenn. .............. 50.00
- Reverend I. C. Franklin, Port Gibson, Miss. ........ 10.00
- Mr. J. M. Hurdle, Mauriceville, Texas ................ 2.00
- Mr. K. S. Smith, Hawkins, Texas ......................... 1.00
- Mrs. Arah E. Garrett, Taylor, Texas .................... 5.00
- Mrs. Lena Rossa, Fort Worth, Texas .................... 1.00
- Mr. H. P. Wallick, Hawkins, Texas ...................... 1.00
- Mrs. M. A. Wallick, Hawkins, Texas ...................... 1.00

**May**
- Mrs. Lizzie P. Bly, Paris, Texas (Memorial for her mother, the late Mrs. Jane Pratt) 50.00
- Mrs. Reta Logan, Kirkwood, Mo. ....................... 25.00
- Professor E. W. Rand, Baton Rouge, La. ............ 12.00
- Mrs. Jennie Wallice, Kansas City, Mo. ............ 30.00
- Bishop H. D. Davis, Kinston, N. C. .................. 10.00

**July**
- Professor C. A. Berry, Hawkins, Texas ............ 1.00
- Mr. John H. Smith, Houston, Texas .................. 5.00
- Mrs. Sims, Houston, Texas ......................... 1.00
- Reverend O. Zallar, Houston, Texas ............... 1.00
- Mrs. O. Zallar, Houston, Texas ...................... 1.00
- Mrs. C. E. Lee, Houston, Texas ...................... 1.00
- The Merl R. Eppse Family, Nashville, Tenn. .... 20.00

$468.00

**Men - Women $100.00 Movement for Evangelism**

**Aug.**
- Professor T. W. Pratt, Dallas, Texas ..................... $ 100.00
- Mrs. Elizabeth Herod, Indianapolis, Ind. (Memorial for her husband, the late Dr. H. L. Herod) .... 100.00
- Mrs. Lelia Walker, Memphis, Tenn. (Memorial for her mother, the late Mrs. T. F. Thomas) .... 100.00
- Reverend R. H. Davis, Chicago, Ill. ................. 50.00

**Sept.**
- Mr. Lorenzo J. Evans, Indianapolis, Ind. ........... 100.00

**Nov.**
- Mrs. Thomas Callens, Youngstown, Ohio ............ 100.00

**Dec.**
- Dr. J. E. Walker, Memphis, Tenn. ................... 100.00
- Miss Anna Belle Jackson, Indianapolis, Ind. .... 50.00

**March**
- Reverend E. K. Burton, Madison, Mo. ............... 100.00

50
May  Reverend P. T. Hunt, Memphis, Tenn. .......................... 100.00
June  Mr. Emmett J. Dickson, Indianapolis, Ind. ................. 50.00
July  Professor A. I. Terrell, Winston-Salem, N. C. .............. 100.00

$1,066.66

GRAND TOTAL ........................................... $30,550.76
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ........................................... $28,883.94
BALANCE IN TREASURY ......................................... $ 1,666.82

NOTE: Taylor Memorial Fellowship House, Library
Project in Treasury, $38.65

Crusade Fund

INCOME
Balance brought forward from 1950-51 $ 4,266.61
Income from Distribution Checks 1,044.96
TOTAL INCOME .............................................. $ 5,311.57

DISBURSEMENTS
Emmett J. Dickson, For Taylor
Memorial Fellowship House,
Library Project $1,000.00
National Christian Missionary
Convention 1,000.00
Goldsboro Christian Institute 1,200.00
3,200.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY ......................................... $2,111.57

Ministers' Fund

National Christian Ministers' Fellowship
BALANCE IN TREASURY ......................................... $191.79

1951-51

DISBURSEMENTS
Aug.  National Convention Expenses ................................ $1,485.44
L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense 323.00
Jesse H. Turner, C.P.A., Auditing Services 35.00
Hooks Brothers, Framed Photograph of
Dr. Walker 38.25
Pension Fund Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb 64.67
McDaniel Press, For Printing 110.77

Sept.  L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense 63.00
Pension Fund Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb 64.67
Postage, Office of the Treasurer 5.00
Unhonored Check, Charles H. Webb 10.00
L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense 63.00
United Christian Missionary Society, for Services 340.10
Bowers Envelope and Lithograph Company 17.01
Allens & Lounsbury Company, Service & Supplies 35.90
Kenneth Henry, one-half Scholarship Award 25.00

Oct.  Emmett J. Dickson, Office Expense 50.00
### United Christian Missionary Society, for Services
- Indianapolis Recorder: $17.09
- Lorenzo J. Evans, Fall Planning Conference: $175.00
- Ohio Christian Missionary Society: $46.33
- L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense: $83.00
- L. L. Dickerson, Travel Expense: $16.50
- J. F. Whitfield, National Convention dues to National Fraternal Council of Churches: $50.00
- Pension Fund, Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb: $83.67

### J. H. Gulledge Insurance Agency, Premium on Bond for Treasurer
- $25.00

### Postage, Office of the Treasurer
- $22.35

### United Christian Missionary Society, for Services
- Modern Barber College, Scholarship for Ruby Flax Allen & Lounsbury, Inc., Supplies: $50.00
- Pension Fund, Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb: $66.00
- L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense: $83.00
- J. E. Walker, Travel Expenses, Indianapolis: $53.27
- B. T. Hunt, Travel Expense, Indianapolis: $37.73
- Miss Barbara Dodd, Scholarship Award: $50.00
- L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense: $83.00
- L. L. Dickerson, Travel Expense, Indianapolis: $15.50

### Emmett J. Dickson, Office Expense
- $50.00

### United Christian Missionary Society, for Services
- Allen & Lounsbury, Inc., Services & Supplies: $26.82
- McDaniel Press, Supplies and Printing: $33.00
- Indianapolis Recorder, Services: $15.00
- Pension Fund, Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb: $66.00

### March
- L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense: $83.00

### Brownie Printing Company, Deposit on Printing of Minutes
- $150.00

### Eminett J. Dickson, Office Expense
- $25.00

### United Christian Missionary Society, Services
- $156.45

### Leroy G. Gordon, Workmen's Compensation and Liability Insurance
- $30.80

### Miss Barbara Dodd, Bal. on Scholarship Award
- $50.00

### Pension Fund, Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb
- $66.00

### Miss Ruby Ramsey, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $33.00

### F. T. Floyd, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $10.25

### T. W. Pratt, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $98.57

### D. W. Heath, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $39.95

### R. H. Davis, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $19.50

### Mrs. Daisy W. Dean, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $42.30

### Mrs. C. C. Mosley, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $64.00

### Mrs. Bernice Holmes, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis
- $69.10

### Total
- $167.78

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R. L. Jordan, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis 31.25
L. L. Dickerson, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis 21.00
Miss Willietta Schley, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis 119.86

March
J. T. Chandler, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis 53.37
Mrs. Dona Goodwin, Indianapolis (For Meals) 74.00

April
B. T. Hunt, Travel and Expenses, Indianapolis 35.36
L. L. Dickson, Christian Plea Expense 83.00
United Christian Missionary Society, Services 184.25

May
Emmett J. Dickson, Office Expense 60.00
Royal Typewriter Company, Inc. 100.00
Ropal 15" Elite Typewriter 25.00
Kenneth Henry, Balance on Scholarship 83.00
Pension Fund, Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb 66.00
Unhonored Check, East Annie Street Christian Church, Ft. Worth, Texas 14.49

June
Brownie Printing Company, Balance due on Printing of Minutes 457.75
R. L. Saunders, Postage for Mailing of Minutes 30.00
Postage, Office of the Treasurer 5.00
United Christian Missionary Society, Services 106.51
Royal Typewriter Company 100.00
Allen & Lounsbury, Inc., Services & Supplies 23.75
Pension Fund, Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb 66.00
L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expenses 83.00
Miss Ida M. Walker, Secretarial Work 50.00
Tri-State Bank of Memphis, Safe Deposit Box Rent 4.80
Emmett J. Dickson, Office Expense 225.00
L. L. Dickerson, Christian Plea Expense 83.00
Pension Fund, Dues for Dickson, Evans & Webb 66.00

Total 8,408.51

Salary and Travel of Staff Workers

EMMETT J. DICKSON:
Salary ........................................... $3,736.38
Travel ........................................... 1,525.00 5,261.38

CHARLES H. WEBB
Salary ........................................... $3,334.25
Travel ........................................... 1,1160.00 4,494.25

LORENZO J. EVANS
Salary ........................................... $3,334.25
Travel ........................................... 1,166.00 4,500.25

MISS ANNA BELLE JACKSON:
Salary ........................................... $2,714.67
Travel ........................................... 975.00 3,689.67
MRS. MARJORIE C. PARKER (Salarp) .................................. 2,529.86
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .................................................. $28,883.94

Taylor Estate
As of July 31, 1952

1951-52

INCOME

Balance in Treasury at the Indianapolis Convention .................. $ 3,650.57
Aug. Report of M. R. Eppse (July 2-26) .................................. 528.63
Oct. Report of M. R. Eppse (July 30-September 1) ...................... 638.57
Nov. Report of M. R. Eppse (October 1-27) ............................... 507.23
Report of M. R. Eppse (September 3-29) ............................... 500.13
Sale of Furniture .................................................................. 1,245.26
Dec. Report of M. R. Eppse (Nov. 5-Dec. 1) ............................. 511.84
Jan. Report of M. R. Eppse (December 3-29) ............................ 577.63
April Report of M. R. Eppse (Feb. 4-March 1) ........................... 660.65
March Report of M. R. Eppse (December 31-February 2) .......... 399.38
May Report of M. R. Eppse (March 3-29) ................................. 530.07
June Report of M. R. Eppse (March 31-April 26) ...................... 521.00
Julp Report of M. R. Eppse (April 28-May 31) ......................... 521.00
Report of M. R. Eppse (June 2-June 28) ................................. 751.00

TOTAL INCOME ................................................................. $11,771.12

DISBURSEMENTS

Aug. Emmett J. Dickson, Taylor Memorial Fellowship House .......... $ 1,000.00
Oct. R. H. Davis, Travel and Expense, Nashville ........................ 32.50
S. S. Myers, Travel and Expense, Nashville ............................. 47.50
B. T. Hunt, Travel and Expense, Nashville .............................. 18.98
J. E. Walker, Travel and Expense, Nashville ......................... 26.75
L. L. Dickerson, Travel and Expense, Nashville ....................... 42.64
M. R. Eppse, Bills, Taylor Estate .......................................... 899.10
Nov. Goodpasture, Carpenter & Dale, Attys.
Retainer Fee (1951) ................................................................ 250.00
Dec. Miss Ida M. Walker, Secretarial Work .............................. 50.00
M. R. Eppse, Honorarium, Julp-December, 1951 ..................... 380.00
Feb. National Christian Missionary Convention ....................... $ 2,000.00
B. T. Hunt, Travel and Expense, Nashville .............................. 19.98
J. E. Walker, Travel and Expense, Nashville .......................... 38.50
S. S. Myers, Travel and Expense, Nashville ............................ 42.50
T. W. Pratt, Travel and Expense, Nashville ............................ 61.00
March M. R. Eppse, Travel and Expense, Nashville ................. 38.00
J. Eric Carlson, Travel and Expense, Nashville ...................... 38.00
April M. R. Eppse, Bills, Taylor Estate ................................... 756.51
May M. R. Eppse, Repairing, Tuning and Shipping of Piano .......... 106.65
June B. T. Hunt, Travel and Expense (Nashville) ........................
for J. E. Walker and B. T. Hunt ........................................ 51.93
S. S. Myers, Travel and Expense, Nashville ........................... 46.67
T. W. Pratt, Travel and Expense, Nashville ............................ 61.23
L. L. Dickerson, Travel and Expenses, 
International Convention, Chicago, Ill. ............................... 61.50
L. L. Dickerson, Travel and Expense, Nashville ...................... 41.75
L. L. Dickerson, Phone Call and Telegrams ............................. 3.75
L. L. Dickerson, Attorney Fee for drawing up Contract .................. 15.00
July M. R. Eppse, Honorarium, January-June, 1952 ... 360.00
Miss Ida M. Walker, Secretarial Work .................. 50.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .................................................. $ 6,519.39

BALANCE IN TREASURY (Cash) ........................................... $ 5,251.73
Board of Church Extension (Trust Fund) ...................... 5,000.00
Interest on Trust Fund .................................. 289.82

TOTAL BALANCE .......................................................... $10,541.55

TO: TREASURER

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the National Christian Missionary Convention, Indianapolis, Indiana, for the period, August 9, 1951, to July 19, 1952, verified certain invoices and checked other accounting records and vouchers to the extent and by means we deemed necessary. Our examination included tracing of cash receipts to deposits in bank (except $1,485.44 cash spent during 1951 Convention), verifying certain requisitions with checks and checking returned checks for proper endorsement, signature of maker and amount cash in bank ($1,680.66) as of July 1952, was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository.

It is our opinion that this statement presents fairly the cash receipts and disbursements as shown by the books and accounting record of the National Christian Missionary Convention for the period, August 9, 1951, to July 29, 1952.

JESSE H. TURNER
Certified Public Accountant

Memphis, Tennessee
August 4, 1952
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J. T. Whitfield, Washington, D. C. ..................... $10.00
R. H. Davis, Chicago, Ill. ............................. $50.00
F. M. Mitchell, Los Angeles, Calif. .................... $25.00
Miss Anna Bell Jackson, Indianapolis, Indiana ........ $50.00
C. L. Parks, North Carolina .......................... $10.00
D. L. Jackson, Jackson, Miss. ........................ $3.00
C. W. Webb, Indianapolis, Ind. ......................... $25.00
Mrs. E. G. Titus, Dallas, Texas ......................... $50.00
Memorial for Rev. L. H. Crawford by Mrs. E. G. Titus  $25.00

NOTE. This is a report of the money that has come through the Secretary's office on apportionments and special gifts at this Convention (Los Angeles, Calif., August 11-17, 1952.)

Signed: R. L. Saunders, Secretary

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1952-53 ACCEPTED RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that we accept the Long-Range Plan of Missionary Organizations—Education as submitted to us and that each church strive to adjust itself as to the local program as the need demands without withdrawal or discrimination.

2. We recommend that we have a press and public relations committee for the National Convention. We further recommend that the local city where the convention meets select an editorial manager for the committee.

3. We recommend that all National Convention financial reports to our treasurer have a postmark not later than July 31 be reported in the June report.

4. The spending budget and the asking budget be accepted as submitted and accepted by the National Board.

5. That we set special local church goals for National Christian Missionary Convention be reported on December 1, March 31, June 1, and July 31. Other funds, special or convention registrations to be sent or brought to the convention in sessions.
6. That the total goal of the churches in a state will be brought to the attention of the president and officers of that convention with an agreed method of how the money may be raised in that state. In unorganized states, each congregation will make its agreement.

7. That March shall be National Christian Missionary Convention month with an effort put forth to awaken a large number to a realization of their obligations and privileges to the work of the church which is vital for their own salvation.

8. That we should train and develop special contact persons for each area of our work. Remembering that our best promotion is to tell the people our needs and have faith that they will respond.

9. That we build a list of sustaining and participating friends and members who care enough to share in order that the work will grow.

10. That the goals for 1952-53 of the National Christian Missionary Convention and Unified Promotion be accepted and presented to the Convention for acceptance.

11. That we set our goal for at least sixty-two new youth groups in areas as stated in the report of the Director of Christian Education.

12. That by 1953 we try to have at least 500 young people attending summer conferences with a study being made for the purpose of serving the young people more adequately in Tennessee, Ohio and the Washington-Norfolk District. Our goal is to increase character bond giving to at least $750 by 1953.

13. That one advance conference experience be made available for our young people and those having finished the four year high school conference.

14. That each state will hold a conference on evangelism during the ensuing year when there is a committee on evangelism, supplement one-half cost.

15. That a standing committee on recruitment be set up to work in collaboration with the Directors of Church Development and Evangelism and Christian Education.

16. That authorization be given in this setting of the National Convention for the preparation and declaration of a statement representing the opinion of the convention on church splits renegade conventions.

17. That we endorse evanglistic goals of 10 per cent of the present membership for the year 1952-53.

18. That we urge general use of evangelistic materials as prepared by the Home and State Missions Planning Council and the Department of Church Development and Evangelism.

19. That this convention go on record urging that after every sermon a gospel invitation be extended to the group by the preacher of the occasion.
20. That a letter of appreciation from this convention be sent to ministers who are incapacitated because of age, illness or otherwise.

21. That we give our support to the National Fraternal Council by giving the sum of $25.00 toward the building indebtedness and $25.00 for the annual dues. This is recommended in view of the larger cooperation the Council is now experiencing with some other communions.

22. We recommend that we work to eliminate the estimates in our year books reports.

23. That every Christian family of the Disciples of Christ subscribe to at least one of our religious periodicals.

24. That a greater financial support to the UCMS be given from our churches.

25. That the National Board appoint a committee to work with the National Benevolent Association of the Disciple Church to provide for the care of the aged and orphans of the Negro Disciples of Christ.

26. That the convention endorse the $100 Movement for Evangelism.

27. That we strive for the inclusion of all races in local church membership.

28. That a greater emphasis of evangelism, missions, stewardship and Christian education be negotiated.

29. That all delegates attend regularly the entire convention, i.e. the workshops, the conferences, the committee meetings, etc.

30. We recommend an increased interest and participation in the Laymen’s League program.

31. We recommend a discovery and use of avenues of publicity for Christian churches.

32. We recommend that this convention draw up resolutions expressing “thanks” to all contributing agencies and boards.

33. We recommend that we continue to work for the sanctity of the home, the overthrow of liquor evil, etc.

34. We recommend a greater constructive manifested interest in our two colleges, S. C. I., and Jarvis.

35. We recommend that the staff of the National Convention put forth every effort to cultivate interest and secure cooperation of all ministers and Christian churches that are not cooperating with this convention.

36. We recommend a study and a definite execution of the ten year or longer range program.

37. That the present conflict in Korea bears tragic witness to the deep disorder of the world in this our day, rejoice in the vitality and effectiveness of the United Nations, therefore, we recommend suitable resolutions be sent to this August body.

38. That UCMS be implored to initiate necessary procedure to invite representation of the National Christian Missionary Convention to become members of the board or boards of our school, SCI and Jarvis.
39. That the International Convention of Disciples of Christ be requested to give adequate representation on all committees of the convention, including the executive committee and the committee on program and arrangements to representative to minority groups in the brotherhood.

40. That the National Christian Missionary Convention and the International Convention of Disciples of Christ be requested to appoint a joint committee to study state laws and city ordinances regarding mixed public assemblies for the purpose of establishing an acceptable policy in the matter of selecting the place of holding the International Convention Assembly. We also request that this joint committee be charged with the responsibilities of exploring all areas affecting the relations of the minority groups to the total life of the Brotherhood of the Disciples of Christ.

41. That the Committee on Program arrangements be requested of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ to see that equal accommodations with regards to housing, meals and other facilities are provided for all delegates without discrimination or segregation.

42. We recommend that each person who is an official delegate from local churches or states be certified by presenting a letter from the church or state authorizing them to serve on the Recommendations committee.

43. We recommend that this Convention request the president to name a commission of five or seven members to study the entire field of finance from the local, state and national levels and report a program of finances for our operation for another year.

44. We recommend that there will be held a Ministers' Institute in areas where needed during the year 1952-53. The personnel and finance to be supplied by the National Office and the State Offices.

45. We recommend that each state or convention area send a delegate to the International Youth Fellowship Planning Commission, and that announcements and information of the meetings be sent to these states and areas.

46. Since communism is one of the most dangerous anti-Christ of modern time, be it resolved by this convention that we condemn communism as not only the greatest menace of all the hallowed principles for which Christianity stands, human sympathy, sanctity of the home, sex morality, human brotherhood, human kindness, and love.

47. In view of the face that we are rushed in the National Convention and do not have ample time for discussion of important issues which come before the convention, we recommend that the convention begin Monday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1953, and that the registration fee be increased to care for the additional expense, not more than $17.00.

48. Endorse record to establish YMCA in Jamaica. Petition on "Ingram Case" the word demand be substituted for request (refer to Recommendation Committee or study and investigation).
49. Whereas, the great Greenwood Cemetery of Nashville, Tennessee, a great gift to the National Christian Missionary Convention from the late Preston Taylor, is in need of improvements, development, and a pre-needed grave and lot sale. Whereas, there is a great competition in the cemetery business in Nashville and a greater competition is promised; Whereas, some percent of our National Convention finance is net proceeds from the Greenwood cemetery and without a re-development of same, the proceeds from the cemetery will be greatly reduced; Whereas, the Trustees have studied the plans for re-development, etc.
Whereas, the Trustees voted against the contract as published in the Christian Plea; Therefore, be it resolved, that the Trustees make a further study of conditions and contracts.
Resolve that when contract for re-development and increased revenue is drawn up which will be for the lasting benefit of the Taylor Estate and the National Convention, the Trustees be empowered to enter into such contract.

50. That the department of women's work of the National Christian Missionary Convention have its name changed from the Department of Missionary Organizations-Education to the Department of Missionary Education and Christian Women's Fellowship and that the constitution be amended to that effect.

51. That a committee be appointed to study the requirements of the Loving Cup in the light of the progressive reports of organizations.

52. That the National Laymen's Organization accept the title of Christian Men's Fellowship and that the constitution be amended to conform thereto.

53. That the reports of churches be printed statistically instead of in paragraphs.

54. Western Avenue Christian Church, located at 3000 South Western Avenue, Los Angeles, California, being a comparatively new mission church, and not having formally expressed the desire, hitherto, would like to be recognized officially as a working and tangible part of the National Christian Missionary Convention.

55. That the National Christian Missionary Convention become a reporting agency to the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ with all rights and privileges to be gained under the constitution of the International Convention.

56. That the constitution be amended to meet the request for membership in the International Convention.

57. The principle of increase in the 1952-53 church goals is 50% over 1949 goal or giving. If a church has reached its goal for the year, the increase is 10% of its giving. We recommend that this principle of goal increase be accepted and dollar goals be sent to each church.

58. Whereas, there is a scarcity of Christian Churches in these United States of America, even in some of our very large cities, Whereas, this condition has caused many of our mem-
bers to attend other churches and finally become members therefore, be it resolved that there be every effort possible put forth by the Department of Evangelism and Church Development to organize and establish churches in every city and town of these United States which has five thousand (5,000) or more Negro inhabitants.

59. We recommend that all churches who are seeking pastors be urged to secure the endorsement of the National Office of Church Development and Evangelism, State Board or Regional Evangelist will not be considered in good standing in this convention.

60. That each church would receive more information concerning the youth department of the National Christian Missionary Convention and the oratorical contest through the Christian Plea and other Christian literature being sent to the local churches.

61. That there be a pre-youth rally on the day the board meets at each National Christian Missionary Convention annual session.

62. That the states take definite steps to see that each local youth group is organized in each church reporting to the state.

63. That each state youth group pay $5.00 representation fee to the National Convention and each local group pay $10.00 representation fee as a minimum.

64. That the adult sponsor be on the alert for advancement of the youth group.

65. That Tuesday or Wednesday night be given over to the youth of the National Convention annual program.

66. That we accept the invitation from Louden Avenue Christian Church to entertain the 37th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention. (Roanoke, Virginia)

67. That there be allowed for not more than two years from 1953 to 1955 the sum of $500.00 to be matched by the states or areas to be used for evangelistic work in the weaker states.

68. That a conference of state presidents be held in cooperation with Unified Promotion, United Christian Missionary Society, National Christian Missionary Convention, and other interested agencies for the planning and promotion of the Brotherhood program.

69. That whenever the Gay-Lea Christian Fellowship effect legally a corporate church body and secure a bona fide Christian minister the Preston Taylor Estate, Trustee Board of the National Board make financial supplement for the program of the same.

Whereas, the National Christian Missionary Convention, as compared to contemporary national church bodies, is comparatively young, and,

Whereas it has been and is now the aim of the National Christian Missionary Convention to build up as large a constituency as possible, and

Whereas, that in recent years this aim has been in a large measure achieved by convening the convention in areas easily
accessible to the large majority of our churches, and
Whereas, in order to accommodate the California churches with
a National Convention session for at least one time in our na-
tional history, we have placed ourselves in the position of
arresting this growth and expansion which are major objectives
of the convention.

70. Inasmuch as the convention is made of people, and since that
people are important, we feel that hospitality and Christian
feeling is so important to the welfare of the convention that we
can not leave this responsibility to the host church alone. We
therefore recommend that the convention assume at least a
portion of this responsibility by at least placing a committee
on welcoming and hospitality.

71. Whereas, Bishop T. Hunt, minister, educator and orator has
served our National Christian Missionary Convention for two
consecutive years and led us to great spiritual heights.
Whereas, in appreciation of the high level of administrative
ability we are humbly trying to express our love and esteem
for one who has served us so valiantly,
Whereas, we the committee on recommendations do hereby
wish for our great president and his fine staff, long life and
continued prosperity for their untiring service rendered,
Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be recorded in
the minutes of the convention.

72. That the National Convention allow $100.00 a year for the
promotion of Laymen's League among our churches. Refer
to trustees.

73. We the pastor, officers and members of the Summit Christian
Church of Dayton, Ohio, extend an invitation to the National
Christian Missionary Convention to meet with our church in
either of the following years, 1953, or 1954 or 1955. This invi-
tation comes from the entire membership of the church. We
assure you that we will meet every requirement that the con-
vention demands of the entertaining church in caring for the
convention. We truly hope that you will accept our invita-
tion to be our guest in one of the years stated above.

74. That our Brotherhood urge greater financial aid to our two
fine colleges, Jarvis Christian and Southern Christian Institute.
We further recommend that the Brotherhood carry on a greater
program of student recruitment for these two colleges.

75. That we provide the Christian Plea with an additional $600.00.
$300.00 of this amount could come from the funds used by the
staff for "direct by mail promotion." In view of the above
this committee recommends that this recommendation be re-
ferred to the trustees, and that they take appropriate action
which will insure the continued publication of the Christian
Plan monthly.

76. In accordance with the desires of the present editor, L. L.
Dickerson, we recommend that trustees secure as soon as
possible another editor.

77. Whereas, the National Convention has concern for young peo-
ples in SCfI and Jarvis, we recommend that a continuing con-
sultant committee be appointed for the evaluation and promo-
tion of the welfare of the same.
78. Be it resolved that this convention go on record as strongly opposed to all forces that operate in violation to any and all of God's laws. In particular we wish to go on record as opposed to war, the various forms of aggression, and acts which we believe lead to aggression including compulsory universal military training. Be it resolved further that this convention both as a body and as individuals do all in its power to express our sincere concern in this approach to solve the problems in this changing world. We further resolve to offer as substitute to this un-Christian approach the one unique thing we have to offer the world. That is CHRIST.


REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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STATE (AREA) CONVENTION REPORTS
MISSOURI STATE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

Name of Convention, Missouri State Disciples of Christ. President, Raymond Raymond, 2000 Settle, Hannibal, Missouri. Number of churches in Convention Area, 19; Number Represented, 18; Number in total membership of Convention area, Resident, 1,422; non-resident 36. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 6; Part-time 9. Total, 15. Number of Bible Schools, 13. Total Membership, 749. Number of Women’s Organizations, 14; Total Membership, 356. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 169; Transfer, 17; Number of Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 6; Total Membership, 75. Total value of all church properties (incuding parsonages), $237,850. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $1,243.73. Victories and Achievements—Give a statement of accomplishments for the past year: 1. Christian Education Planning Conference held; 2. Newsletter Published. and 3. Conference on Evangelism i Jefferson City. State Your Outstanding Needs—I. Ministers and 2. Revitalized Churches.

Date and Place of next convention: Date set for State Board to decide also place... Names and addresses of 1952-53 officers: General President, Raymond Brown, 2000 Settles, Hannibal, Mo.; Secretary, Mrs. F. H. Coleman, 208 First Ave., Columbia, Mo.; Treasurer, Elmer Doolin, Frankford, Mo.; President Women’s Department, Mrs. L. R. Groves, 714 E. Miller, Jefferson City, Mo.; Bible School President, Miss Marjorie Hill, 2704 Olive, Kansas City, Mo.; President of Youth Department, Miss Vivian Dudley, 840 Franklin, Fulton, Mo.

KENTUCKY CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Kentucky Christian Missionary. President, George A. Frazier, 405 E. High Street, Mt. Sterling, Kentucky. Number of churches in Convention Area, 38; Number represented, 27. Number in total membership of Convention Area, Resident, 3100; Non-resident, 350. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 8; Part-time, 13; Total, 21. Number of Bible Schools, 22. Number of Women’s Organizations, 20. Number of Youth Groups; CE, CYF, 15. Number of Laymen’s Organization, 7. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 76. Transfer, 55; Number of Deaths, 34. Total value of all church properties (including parsonages) $199,000. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $3,250. Budget Statement for last year: $2,600. Victories and Achievements—Give a statement of accomplishments for the past year: This year was one of the best years in the history of our convention. State paper was increased from a four pager to an eight pager. State Your Outstanding Needs—I. State Evangelist, and 2. More ministers who will give full or part time service. Significant plans for the future include the following: To carry out our long range program; to evaluate same in five years; To indoctrinate the people in the characteristic beliefs of the Disciples; and To purchase resources in form of property. Date and place of next convention: July, 1953, Mt. Sterling Ky. Names and addresses of 1952-53 officers: General President, George A. Frazier, 405 E. High St., Mt. Sterling, Ky.; Secretary, George French, 2321 W. Chestnut, Louisville, Ky.; Treasurer, Weldon Smothers, R. R. No. 3, Nicholasville, Ky.; President of Women’s Department, Lydia Everett, P. O. Box, Midway, Ky.; Bible School President of Youth Department, Louise Patton, R. R. No. 3, Paris Ky.; Usher Board President, Zella Halloway, Lexington, Ky.; Laymen’s League President, B. W. Hall, P. O. Box, N. Middletown,
OKLAHOMA CONVENTION

Name of State, Oklahoma. State President, E. M. Barrett, 2237 Emporia, Muskogee, Okla.; State Secretary, Mrs. O. M. Reeves, 2019 Denison, Muskogee, Okla. Number of Churches in State, 9; Number of Churches Reporting to State Convention, 7. Number of Pastors in State, 6. Number of Churches Without Pastors, 3. Number of Additions by Baptism, 32; Number of Additions Otherwise, 31. Does State Employ an Evangelist, No. Amount of Money Raised by State Convention, $505.69. Number of Members in State, 601. Amount sent for National Representative fee, $50. Name of Delegate, Mr. E. M. Barrett, 2237 Emporia, Muskogee, Okla. E. M. Barrett, president, and Mrs. O. M. Reeves secretary.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Florida State Convention. President, J. R. Booth, River Junction, Fla. Number of churches in Convention Area, 14. Number in total membership of Convention Area, Resident, 285. Number of Bible Schools, 8. Number of Women's Organizations, 8. Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 8. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 75. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $500.00. Victories and Achievements—Give a statement of accomplishments for the past year: One new congregation organized by our State Evangelist Elder P. J. Jackson with 26 members. State your outstandings needs: Finance to support our evangelist. Significant plans for the future include the following: Employ a full-time evangelist. 2 weeks summer training school; more support for national work and United Christian Missionary Society.

ARKANSAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Arkansas Christian Missionary Convention. President, L. B. Facen, 1209 W. 31st St., Little Rock, Ark. Number of churches in Convention Area, 7; Number represented, 3. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 2; Part-time, 3; Total, 5. Number of Bible Schools, 6. Total Membership, approx. 175; Number of Women's Organizations, 5. Total Membership, 65. Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 3; Total Membership, 50. Number of Laymen's Organization, none. Total Church Additions: all church properties (including parsonages $50,000.00. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $250.00. Budget Statement for last year: Operating budget for year 750.00. Victories and Achievements—Give a statement of accomplishments for the past year: 2 Vacations Schools, Shared in School of Missions Youth—Arkansas-Tennessee Youth Meet, Ordination of one for ministry, one local elder and 3 deacon.; an awakening to the need of program of state. Plan organization of State Usher Board. State Your Outstandings Needs: Assistant in our Evangelism endeavors and more Preachers. Significant plans for the future include the following: To work out some of our unreached areas. Date and Place of next convention: August, Russellville, Ark. Names and addresses of 1952-53 officers, General President, L. B. Facen, 1209 W. 31st St., Little Rock, Ark.; Secretary, Mary V. Moore, 417 W. 28th St., North Little Rock, Ark. 67
ALABAMA STATE CHRISTIAN CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Alabama State Christian Convention. President, Rev. A. J. Jeffries, 424 Harding St., Birmingham, Ala. Number of churches in Convention Area, 16; Number represented, 16. Number in total membership of Convention Area, Resident, 950. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 2; Part-time, 7. Total 9. Number of Bible Schools, 16. Total Membership, 100. Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 3; Total Membership, 85. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 48; Transfer, 25; Number of Deaths, 5. Total value of all church properties (including parsonages) $83,000. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $435.85. Budget Statement for last year: $1,600. Significant plans for the future include the following: Budget Plans $1,600 and Youth’s Conference $400. Date and place of next convention: Oxmoor, Ala. Names and addresses of 1952-53 officers: General President, A. J. Jeffries, 424 Harding St., Birmingham, Ala.; Secretary, Mary A. Elmore, Mathews, Ala.; Treasurer, C. J. Hinson, 42 Mill St., Montgomery, Ala.; President of Women’s Department, Maud Jackson, Rt. 4, Box 746, Birmingham, Ala.; Bible School President, C. J. Hinson, 42 Mill St., Montgomery, Ala.; President of Youth Department, Queen Esther Jackson. Laymen’s League President, Prof. E. R. Williams, Box 233, Tuskegee, Ala.; other.

FLORIDA STATE CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Florida State Convention. President, Officers, Mrs. C. Brayboy, State Field Worker.

KANSAS CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Kansas Christian Missionary Convention. President, G. Ellison Lakes, 2315 Morgan Ave., Parsons, Kansas. Number of churches in Convention Area, 9; Number represented, 7. Number in total membership of Convention Area, Resident, 469. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 1; Part-time, 7; Total, 8. Number of Bible Schools, 7; Total Membership, 190. Number of Women’s Organizations, 5. Total Membership, 95. Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 2; Total Membership, 20. Number of Laymen’s Organization, 1. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 50. Transfer, none. Total value of all church properties (including parsonages), $178.800. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $337.21. Budget Statement for last year: $600.00. Victories and Achievements—Give a state League have been organized at the Eighth St. Church, Kansas. Number of accomplishments for the past year: C.W.F. and Laymen’s City by Brother and Sister Saunders. Property improvements at all of the churches. State Your Outstanding Needs: 1. More Brotherhood minded Pastors and Leaders, and 2. Christians willing to support the ministry. Significant plans for the future include the following: To raise a budget of $1,000.00; to plan a program to take the convention to every church during the year; to have our state fully represented in every organization. Date and Place of next convention: July 9-12, 1953, Kansas Technical Institute, Topeka, Kansas. Names and addresses of 1952-53 officers: General President, G. Ellison Lakes, 2315 Morgan Ave., Parsons, Kansas; Secretary, Mrs. Agnes H. Jones, 716 Lafayette
Ave., Kansas City, Kansas; Treasurer, Mr. L. R. Wallace, 1907 North 4th St., Kansas City, Kansas; President of Women's Department, Mrs. O. R. L. Saunders, 750 Everett, Kansas City, Kansas; Bible School President, Elder Paul Sim, 518 East 13th St., Lawrence, Kansas; President of Youth Department, William Ellis, Jr., R. 1, Kansas City, Kansas.

MISSISSIPPI CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Mississippi Christian Missionary Convention. President, Elder E. L. Griffin, Box, 85A, Shelby, Miss. Number of churches in Convention Area, 33; Number represented, about 25. Number in total membership of Convention Area, Resident 2,175. Number of Bible Schools, 33; Total Membership, 400 plus. Number of Women's Organizations, 18; Total Membership, 75 plus. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $1,122.00. Victories and Achievements—Give a statement of accomplishments for the past year: Elected and supported a full-time State Evangelist. Helped to repair church building and supported mission and national work. State Your Outstanding Needs: More prepared ministers; Better church buildings; More churches organized. Significant plans for the future include the following: We are planning a state ministers school for two weeks to be held at S. C. I., Edwards, Miss., assisted by National Field Workers of Evangelism and State Church Convention. Date and Place of next convention: Mound Bayou, Miss. Name and addresses of 1952-53 officers: General President, E. L. Griffin, 85A, Shelby, Miss.; Secretary, E. L. Brown, 2370 Whiting Mill Rd., Jackson, Miss.; Treasurer, S. L. Mackey, Tillman, Miss.-President of Women's Department, Mrs. I. S. Spiller, Rt. 1, Box 3, Port Gibson, Miss.; Bible School President, J. A. Wilson, Rt. 1, Box 116, Hermanville, Miss.-President of Youth Department, C. E. Chambliss, Tillman, Miss.; M. N. Brown, Port Gibson, Miss.

OHIO TATE CONVENTION

Name of Convention, Ohio State Convention. President, Rev. S. J. Compton, R.F.D. 4, Mapelston, Canton, Ohio. Number of churches in Convention Area, 15. Number represented, 13. Number in total membership of Convention Area, Resident, 3,000; Non-resident, 25. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 8; Part-time, 5; Number of Women's Organizations, 13; Total Membership, 385. Total, 13. Number of Bible Schools, 13; Total Membership, 3,000. Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 6. Number of Laymen’s Organizations, 10. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 70. Transfer, 122; Number of Deaths, 15. Total value of all church properties (including parsonages) $585,000. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, 1,193.75. Victories and Achievements—Give a statement of accomplishments for the past year: Increased interest in national program and continued whole-hearted support of brotherhood programs. Investigating possibility of state project. State Your Outstanding Needs: More trained leadership. Date and Place of next convention, Xenia, July, 1953. Names and addresses of 1952-53 officers: General President, Rev. S. J. Compton, RFD 4, Canton, Ohio; Secretary, Mrs. C. E. Craggett, 6708 Belvidere, Cleveland, Ohio; Treasurer, Mr. I. J. Dickerson, 535 Church, Xenia, Ohio; President of Women's Department, Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith, 845 Oliver St., Cinti, Ohio; Bible School
President, Mr. A. C. Stone, 1545 Ruth Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio; President of Youth Department, Miss Della Thomas, Cleveland, Ohio; Laymen's League President, Mr. Alfred Thomas.

TENNESSEE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY

Name of Convention, Tennessee Christian Missionary. President, Elder L. F. Sledge, 1310 Horace, Memphis, Tennessee. Number of churches in Convention Area, 13; Number represented, 9. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 2; Part-time, 5; Total, 7. Number of Bible Schools, 13; Total Membership, 1,200. Number of Women's Organizations, 13; Total Membership, 140. Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 13; Total Membership, 95. Number of Laymen's Organization, 5. Total Membership, 75. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 75; Transfer, 20; Number of Deaths, 4. Total value of all church properties (including parsonages), $250,000. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $454.00. Budget Statement for last year: Our goal last year $600.00. Victories and Achievements—Give a statement of accomplishments for the past year: We doubled our enrollment and money raised. State Your Outstanding Needs: Pastors at least 2; More giving of time and money; State Evangelist or Secretary. Significant plans for the future include the following: 3 districts organized, increased fellowship, finances increased and pastor's salaries increased. Date and Place of next convention, Mississippi Blvd., Memphis. Names and addresses of 1952-53 officers: General President, L. F. Sledge, 1310 Horace, Memphis, Tenn.; Secretary, Fannie T. Powell, Nashville, Tenn.; Treasurer, Marie Brown, E. Vine Church of Christ, Knoxville, Tenn.; President of Women's Department, Harris, Almeda Christian, Nashville, Tenn.; Bible School President, Elder R. C. Malory, pastor, Almeda Church, Nashville, Tenn.; President of Youth Department, Rosa Lee Collins, Riverview Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Laymen's League President, C. W. Wynn, Mississippi Blvd., 968 Mississippi, Memphis, Tenn.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION

Name of Convention, South Carolina. President, F. O. Williams, R. 2, Box 160A, Holly Hill, S. C.; Number of churches in Convention Area, 19; Number represented, 19. Number in total membership of Convention Area, Resident, 5132; Non-resident, 950. Number of Pastors: Full-time, 8; Part-time, 11; Total, 15. Number of Bible Schools, 14; Total Membership, 280. Number of Women's Organizations, 12; Total Membership, 150. Number of Youth Groups: CE, CYF, 12. Total Membership, 100. Number of Laymen's Organization, 8; Total Membership, 8. Total Church Additions: Baptism, 50; Number of Deaths, 16. Total value of all church properties (including parsonages), $20,000. Amount of money raised by the convention during the year, $954.74. Budget Statement for last year, $553.90. Significant plans for the future include the following: New churches and members. We are sending a financial report of $20.00 to Treasurer J. E. Walker for the National Convention to be added to our state report. Date and Place of next convention: Has not been decided.
TEXAS CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Jarvis C. C., Organization, CWF. Officers: Mrs. A. E. Garrett, 513 E. 3rd, Talor, Texas, president; Miss S. P. Walker, 2314 Lucille, Dallas 4, Texas, secretary; Mrs. E. G. Titus, 3511 Packard St., Dallas, Texas, treasurer; Mrs. Robie Pierson, 3519 Packard St., Dallas, Texas, world call chairman. Mrs. Lewis Rolla, State Field Worker. Rev. M. C. Dickson, president of convention. Number of Societies, 33. Report for the Year: Number meetings held, 1; average attendance, 200. numbers members, 370; number world call subscriptions, 120; number books read, 28. Offering sent to National Convention, $25.00. Observance of Special Days and Meetings: World Community Day, 10; Women's Day, 30; World Day of Prayer, 25; Easter Week of Prayer, 30; May Fellowship, 2; District Convention, 6. State Convention, 1; Conference, 3; Adult Conference, 2; School of Missions, 2 and Mission Study Class, 4.

OHIO CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP—1952

City, Cincinnati; State or Area, Ohio. Officers: President, Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith, 845 Oliver St., Cincinnati, Ohio. Secretary, Mrs. Frances Robinson, 171 Walnut Est., N. E., Warren, Ohio; Treasurer, Mrs. Frona C. Walker, 1403 Glenwood, Youngstown. Number of organizations and members: C.W.F. 5, 284; Missionary Societies, 7, 101. CYF, 3, 75, 460 including youth; Total 385. Number of Church Schools of Missions sponsored or participated in, 4; Number of Christian Plea, 39. Number of Mission Study Classes, 8; Number of World Call Subscriptions, 11. Interdenominational affairs or Council of Church Women? Yes. How many Youth Fellowship Meets were held this year? 1. Observed all Special Days. a Total giving for year, $3,294.21. Financial Projects: (a) How many adult societies have support the United Christian Missionary Society or Unified Promotion 9; (b) How many young people's groups participate in the Christian World Friendship Fund? 3; (c) How many children's groups participate in the Children's Definite object of giving- none. (d) National Projects, 6. Representation fee, $10.00. State Scholarship Fund, $100.00 award; $250.00 loans.

OHIO CYF REPORT

President, Della Mae Thomas, 8340 Buckeye Road, Cleveland, Ohio. Enrollment, number of groups, 10. Amount contributed for CWF, $10.00.