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August 16-22, 1954

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held with

Centennial Christian Church

REV. W. K. FOX

Host Pastor

L. L. DICKERSON, President

National Christian Missionary Convention

R. L. SAUNDERS, Secretary

National Christian Missionary Convention
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REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
EMMET J. DICKSON

Introduction

It is with joy that we hold the 38th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention in St. Louis, Missouri with the Centennial Christian Church. This church is now celebrating its Golden Anniversary of 50 years service in this big city. The MORTGAGE burning ceremony has been conducted and the program expanded in all directions.

Staff

This year of evangelism kept the staff in the field with the churches. All the members are veterans and we are pleased to say that each has rendered faithful consecrated service to the National Christian Missionary Convention.

Annual Session

St. Louis is ready. We are here!

Now here before us is Our Year of Stewardship. This great emphasis is another phase of our Long Range Program. We are working in harmony with all the program planning bodies of the brotherhood.

Elder Eli W. Wilbert of Dayton, Ohio, Chairman of the Program Committee. Mr. J. T. Chandler of Memphis, Tennessee is chairman of the recommendations committee and will guide all recommendations, resolutions, propositions through for final action.

International Convention

The International Convention will meet in Miami, Florida October 26-31, 1954. We shall make our first report to this grand assembly. We hope that many of the National Christian Missionary Convention members will attend.

Goals

Since we must promote for National Christian Missionary Convention and Unified Promotion, the new goal format shows clearly the responsibility of each church and convention. This year we must have increased giving from churches. We have been dragging our feet on the program of double giving by 1960. With full acceptance and paying each goal as suggested would place us in better position and standing in our total work. This year of stewardship should bring a great increase in giving to the causes of the church.

Budget

We have conducted the spending within the limits of the 1953-54 operating budget.

1954-55 Spending Budget

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Board of Church Extension .............................................. 900.00
Pension Fund ............................................................. 900.00
Board of Higher Education .............................................. 400.00
National Benevolent Association .................................... 1,200.00
Field Reports ............................................................ 600.00
Gifts for Ministerial Training ......................................... 1,000.00

Total $39,500.00

The Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships VOTED approval of the report of the National Christian Missionary Convention including approval of budget askings for 1954-55 or $41,500.00.

Special action was taken by the commission regarding individual gifts:

"The Commission considers organized approaches to individuals who are members of Churches of Disciples of Christ to raise funds for institutions and agencies to be campaigns. The Commission respectfully requests that the institutions and agencies carrying on such activities approach the Budget Commission for prior approval.

VOTED that the Commission urges that gifts secured from individuals by agencies of the Disciples of Christ be reported by the agency to the churches of the Disciples of Christ to which the individuals belong.

VOTED that the Commission on Budgets and Promotional Relationships urges that local churches follow the practice of advising members that individual gifts to our agencies be reported to the local church as a part of its total gifts to others."

Recommendations
1. Upon the presentation of properly signed vouchers, we recommend that the treasurer be authorized to pay 1954 Convention expenses.
2. That the suggested goals be accepted and presented to the Convention and released to the churches.

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR
OF CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND EVANGELISM
C. H. WEBB

The year now closing has been a challenging year from the very beginning. It has been necessary to give a great amount of attention to every single phase of work which comes within the purview of Department of Church Development and Evangelism. This, of course, includes recruitment of ministerial students, helping to direct a ministerial training program, ministerial placement, church development and program planning working toward the successful close of Our Year of Evangelism and laying good ground work for the current year of Christian stewardship.

Reports in Evangelism

Even though we are still far short of the desired goals it has been encouraging to note the interest of our pastors in the evangelism reports from the churches. To Date, August 9, we have received replies from 49 ministers. There were 309 cards and letters mailed to ministers requesting information. This means, a few more than one out of every seven contacted responded with information on evangelistic gains for the year. There was a total of 1157 additions with 560 baptisms with only 16% of the cards being returned. (See exhibit A, attached.) We calculate that the numbers of additions reported represents approximately 40% of the total evangelistic achievements. Thus a fair estimate of evangelistic gains would be 2890 with 1400 baptisms. Total additions listed in the 1953 Year
January 5, 1954
February 4, 1954
March 26, 1954
March 16, 1954
March 23, 1954

Texas
Mississippi
Alabama
Plymouth, North Carolina
Goldsboro, North Carolina

Total attendance: 136

The estimated gain for 1954 would be 1553.

Revivals

The Director has been called upon to be guest preacher for evangelistic services on four occasions. The Lincoln Blvd. Church, Youngstown, Ohio; Summit Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio; West Paseo Church in Kansas City, Mo. and Cedar Avenue Church, Cleveland, Ohio were the churches served for a total of 13 additions. Numerous other Churches across the Brotherhood had fine Pre-Easter and Post-Easter evangelism campaigns. Evangelistic results were measurably increased when visitation projects were attempted.

Ministers Institutes

Ministers Institutes for the year were held as follows:

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The interest in the ministers Institutes grows. The Institutes are valuable for three timely purposes: in-service training, essential promotion of current programs and fellowship for those attending. The Institutes this year have been greatly helpful in providing the opportunity for a “home stretch” in Our Year of Evangelism as well as a “tee off” for the “Year of Stewardship”.

Conventions, Conferences, Committees

Special Events

It has been my good fortune this year to attend state conventions in Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma and the Piedmont-Tri State District. It has been very gratifying to observe the vigorous manner in which the leaders in the state conventions have attacked the responsibilities incident to the year of Christian stewardship. All the conventions had themes closely associated with the general stewardship emphasis. If the general awareness of the program is any indication, the “Year of Christian Stewardship” is going to be a vital shot in the arm across the Brotherhood.

I also attended the Piedmont Young People’s Conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Conferences, Committees and Special Events attended were as follows:

5. Dedication of Macon Church, Georgia, February 1954.
7. Recognition Service for pastor R. H. Davis by the Park Manor Christian Church, Chicago.

Taylor Memorial Fellowship House

In the course of the three years of the operation of the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House there has been eleven men to receive the benefits of the residence. One student who enrolled as a special student for two years, in 1953, accepted the pastorate of the East Annie Street Church in Ft. Worth and is doing a creditable job.

Butler School of Religion this year awarded the B. D. degree to the first resident student to qualify from the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House. Mr. S. W. Hylton, Roanoke, Virginia, was awarded certificates in scholarship and in student...
Fellowship. He maintained a consistently High all-around record in the University and community. On the end of his graduation he was called to the pastorate of the Cleveland Avenue Christian Church of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he began his service June 28. There are at present three men registered for residence and one prospect. (See exhibit B.) Also receiving the Bachelor of Divinity Degree in June was Mr. Ernest J. Newborn who graduated from the Howard University School of Religion in Washington D.C. Mr. Newborn has been called, and accepted the pastorate of the Cherry Street Church of Christ in Canton, Ohio. Brother Newborn has received the Mrs. J. E. Walker Scholarship for the past three years.

Our Year of Christian Stewardship

Our Year of Christian Stewardship has begun. It is for the advantages of the National Convention that the official launching of the year's program (Sept. 12-24) follows the annual session by four weeks. This provides an opportunity for distribution of additional materials and also gives the national personnel a chance to make a direct presentation on stewardship to all state leaders. (See Convention program page 9-10 also final exhibit.)

EXHIBIT A
1954 Report

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**Note:** The 54% increase herewith indicated is not official and hence should not cause too much rejoicing. There are evidences of improved Evangelistic endeavor but these figures reflect more on our reporting than on our resourcefulness as Evangelists.
Mr. President, members, friends of the 38th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention and National Board, this has been a year of hard work and yet it has brought much joy because of some of the dreams that we have had through the years are beginning to become a reality. On the other hand let us not deceive ourselves because as yet we have not tapped the resources of God which are available to us and must be drawn upon if we are to do adequately the task that belongs to us.

Promotional Finance Committee

During the early part of September the chairman of the Promotional Finance Committee, A. C. Stone, called a meeting with the president of the department, a representative from Unified Promotion, the Executive Secretary of the National Convention, the president of the National Convention and me to plan a strategy of promotion for the year. This meeting was held at the Hotel Manse, Cincinnati, Ohio. For an expense account of the meeting, please note Exhibit A.

Fall State Conventions

I attended three of the Fall Conventions: South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. The South Carolina Convention was well attended with every church in the state represented. Coming out of this convention plans were set in motion to hold the first young peoples summer conference in this state.

Our Georgia Convention is still quite weak, and is in need of some good leadership. It is my hope that with the new church at Macon under the leadership of Brother M. C. Knowles, it will add strength to the state program.

I attended the all state planning meeting for the fourth year in Alabama. I have watched this state since the planning program was introduced and as a result the work of the state has grown each year in attendance as well as in finance. Brother A. J. Jeffries and Brother Beal, the Secretary Director, are giving some very fine cooperative leadership.

Fourth District Meeting of Kentucky

I attended the fourth district meeting of Kentucky which met with the Third Church, Louisville. The goals both in evangelism and stewardship were presented to the group.

Curriculum and Program Council

I attended the Curriculum Program Council of the Division of Christian Education UCMS which met at Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis, Missouri and Indianapolis carrying my regular assigned responsibility with the Committee. Mrs. E. W. Wilbert, National Volunteer Children Worker also attended these meetings.

Local Church Clinics

A local Church School Clinic was held with Brother R. L. Saunders while he was with the Eighth Street Church, Kansas City, Kansas. This clinic was held for three evenings with the superintendent and church school teachers. The purpose of this clinic was to lift up materials and to demonstrate how they can be used in the development of Christian growth. A second clinic was held with the Mosley Avenue Church, Macon, Georgia. For the first three evenings all of the prospective teachers were brought in and we went over together the Bethany Church School materials suggesting how it could best be used in the teaching program of the church. On the fourth evening the state children worker and a couple of workers from First Church, Macon, came in and we went into the different rooms with the age level teachers to plan and suggest ways as how to set up a room so as it might lend itself to a good teaching program. We are looking forward to a strong program being developed in Macon under the leadership of Brother Knowles.
Local Church Director of Religious Education

We want to commend Brother S. S. Myers for the forward step taken by the employment of a local Director of Christian Education, Miss Dorothy M. Colson. This is the first full time local director employed by any of our churches. I had the opportunity of meeting in a conference with Brother Myers and Miss Colson to discuss the opportunities and possibilities of such a worker. I hope more of our churches will move in this direction of employing an adequate staff to develop a program of service in our church communities.

Local Church School Retreat

For the first time the idea of the superintendent's retreat was attempted at the level of the local church. This program was tried with the Centennial Church School - St. Louis, Missouri. The first evening the General Superintendent, Mrs. O. M. Reed, with the departmental superintendents to evaluate the things they were doing over against what a superintendent should do. The second evening the teachers joined the departmental superintendents for a self study and appraisal of the work being done in the departments. This meeting proved to be helpful to the total group and I suggest more of our church schools make a similar study and evaluation of their teaching program.

National Planning Conference and Commission

During Thanksgiving week-end the Seventh National Planning Conference and the Third Commission on Christian Education was held at the Second Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana. This was by far the best planning meeting and commission that we have had over the years. Fifty persons were in attendance, excluding the resource leaders, representing ten states and areas. An itemized statement of the expense of the meeting, exhibit B.

Woman's Day Speaker

During the month of December I served as the Woman's Day speaker for the Christian Women's Fellowship of the Summit Avenue Christian Church, Dayton, Ohio. Brother E. W. Wilbert - Minister.

Conference Directors Meeting

With the shift in the emphasis from the Dean to the Director of Young Peoples Conferences, more and more thought will be given to the training of directors. All of our directors of Camp and Conferences were invited to attend the directors meeting in their area with expenses paid. We had an attendance of seven in three of these regional meetings. I was in attendance at two of these regional meetings to give some personal guidance to the directors of the National Convention Conferences. These meetings were very helpful to those directing the conference for the first time.

Executive CYF Commission

It was the Executive CYF Commission I attended at Missions Building during the Christmas holidays. Gene Mosley, the Fourth Vice-President of the National Convention, was present to carry out his responsibilities. This is the group to do pre-planning for the Commission which will be held at Bethany Hill, Nashville, Tennessee beginning August 22, 1954. I hope each organized state and area will have their youth representative there to help plan the program emphasis for the youth of our brotherhood for the year 1955-56.

Promotional Finance Committee

A meeting of the Promotional Finance Committee met in Cincinnati, Ohio at Hotel Manse with all the area representatives in attendance. A new member, F. B. Bradley, was added to the committee to represent the Eastern Seaboard area. This meeting was primarily devoted to ways and methods of promoting the giving of the Church Schools. The church school giving has more than tripled in the last few years and yet our giving is below the asking and the ability of the schools to give. For a record of the giving to the Convention during this year, note the treasurer's report. An expense account of the meeting is found in Exhibit C.
Division of Christian Education NCCC

I attended again this year the Division of Christian Education, National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA, as one of the representatives of the Disciples of Christ, serving on the Committee of Leadership Education. It is always an inspirational experience to meet with other leaders of the major protestant bodies to discuss and plan new methods of approach to the educational work of the church.

Field Staff Meeting

I attended the annual field staff meeting of the Division of Christian Education UCMS. It is in this meeting where an exchange of ideas are shared and plans are made for better implementing the program of Christian Education in the different states and areas.

Conferences with Volunteer Workers

Several conferences were held during the year with Mrs. E. W. Bristow, Third Vice-president of the Convention and presiding officer of the Department of Christian Education; Miss Bessie Chandler, Chairman of the Commission; Mrs. E. W. Wilbert, National Volunteer Children Worker and A.C. Stone, Chairman of the Promotional Finance Committee. All of these conferences were held in the interest of planning and promoting the work.

Superintendent’s Retreats

The superintendents’ retreats are growing in number and are proving to be very effective. Retreats were held this year in Kentucky, Ohio, Piedmont Area, Arkansas, Missouri, Texas and Tennessee. As a result of these retreats we are beginning to see an improvement in the educational program of these states. It is our goal to have a superintendents retreat in every organized state or area.

Minister’s Institutes

I served with Brother Webb in the Mississippi Minister’s Institute carrying the program of Christian Education. The meeting this year was held at Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Mississippi with ministers in attendance representing twenty-four of the thirty churches in the state.

State Planning Commission

The South Carolina State Planning Commission was March 13 at First Church, Erhardt, South Carolina. I had the privilege of attending this meeting again this year serving as a resource leader for the group. One of the hopes of the Church is to plan a program of work and then work the plans. The state or area that will do some creative planning will be the one that will develop a program of work.

Summer Camp and Conferences

Our conference program hit an all time high this year. Eight conferences and two camps sponsored by the Convention. A new conference was held in South Carolina and for the first time the conference in Mississippi was sponsored by the leadership of the local churches. In some areas our young people are attending conference on an inter-racial basis which is the direction we hope the total conference program will be able to move.

International Convention

The International Convention is meeting this year in Miami, Florida October 26-31. I am looking forward to this rich experience with a large number of disciples from across this nation.

National Volunteer Children Worker

By an arrangement worked with Mr. Dickson and Mr. Taylor the children work formerly carried by Miss Jackson’s department was transferred to religious education. This has been made possible by Miss Carrie Dee Hancock of the Division of Christian Education, U.C.M.S. carrying the administrative load and Mrs. E.W. Wilbert serving as National Volunteer Children Worker. Both of them have done
very commendable work during the past year. For an expense account of Mrs. Wilbert attending the required meetings please note Exhibit D.

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Travel (Room and Board) for Mrs. Eli W. Wilbert to CPC Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri $49.30
Travel (Room and Board) for Mrs. Dorothy Wilbert to Indianapolis, Ind. 17.61
Travel to Commission to Indianapolis for Mrs. Wilbert 5.29
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PROGRAM ACTIVITIES FOR 1953-54

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Superintendents Retreats

- Tennessee at Nashville
- Arkansas at Little Rock
- Ohio at Cleveland
- Kentucky at Louisville
- Texas at Greenville and Bay City
- Piedmont at Reidsville, North Carolina
- Missouri at Jefferson City

Local Church Superintendents Retreat: Centennial at St. Louis

Church School Clinic: 8th Street, Kansas City, Kansas
- Mosley Avenue, Macon, Georgia

State Conventions: Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Ohio

Fall Planning Conference and Commission

International CYF Commission Executive Meeting

Field Staff Meeting

CPC Meeting

Division of Christian Education

National Council of Churches of Christ in the USA

State Planning, South Carolina

Ministers Institute

Conference Directors meetings
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR MISSIONARY EDUCATION
CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

MISS ANNA B. JACKSON

To the president, officers, members and friends of the National Christian Missionary Convention, I greet you! I am happy to be present and part of such a great fellowship as this. It affords me much pleasure to present to you at this time a brief report of the work that we have tried to do through the Department of Missionary Education and Christian Women's Fellowship.

May I say in the outset how grateful I am for the fine spirit of cooperation that I have found in all the churches with whom I had contact during the year and also for your patience and untiring efforts to meet the needs and demands which have been placed upon you through the National Office. If there is ever a time when we, as Disciples of Christ, need to stand together in unity, it is NOW. Let us go down from this place with determination that we can work and live and serve Him as one in Christ Jesus, Our Lord.

I have tried to serve, to the best of my ability, in the following ways; always with the feeling of the magnificence and importance of the task before me but ever with a prayer for guidance that I might fulfill the assignment as Christ would have me do.

Office work

There is always an abundance of correspondence to be done in the office if the demands and requests of our local churches are to be met adequately. Much time was spent in the office taking care of such minute but indispensable duties.

Field Services

Immediately following the Roanoke Convention, plans were made to attend the October Convention in Georgia and Alabama. It was a surprise to me to find such a few people in attendance at the Convention in Georgia. The program is far behind in general emphases which we stress each year notwithstanding the CWF program. The women's work is at a low ebb but with some cultivation of leadership there I feel that the work could be brought up to par. The spirit is good and as long as people are willing to do much can be done. For the first time all three of the National Directors were together in a state meeting.

Following the Georgia Convention, we worked in the Alabama State Planning Meeting which is an annual affair preceding each state convention. This convention met in Ft. Deposit with the Bible Schools and CYF Conventions having met previously. One significant job that was done was the planning of the years program on a state level. Plans are underway for a merger of all departments wherein only one convention per year will be necessary.

Washington-Norfolk Assembly October 6–9

I worked for the second year in succession in the annual assembly in Williams- ton, North Carolina. The financial report was the largest that has ever been reported in the history of the assembly which totaled approximately nine thousand dollars. The women are most willing to cooperate with the brotherhood and plans were made to hold an institute there.

School of Missions—October 29–31

A School of Missions was supervised and directed at the Cross Street Christian Church in Little Rock, Arkansas. The attendance was average but the interest was very keen. To our surprise the men led out in the discussions using the text “We have been Going”, and for the children “We are All God's Children”. It is our desire that all churches of the National Convention hold an extensive School of Missions sometimes during the year.

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Due to illness I was unable to attend the Curriculum Committee which convened in this city November 2–6, 1953.
National Convention Trustees

I was present when the National Convention trustees met November 23–24 at Second Christian Church in Indianapolis, Indiana. This meeting was prior to the Christian Education Commission which met at the same church November 27–28. The meeting was well attended with some of the trustees remaining for the Commission. Many well founded plans were laid for the future work.

Woman's Day

I was called to speak on two occasions for the observance of Woman's Day. It was a pleasure to return to my Alma Mater for such an event, Jarvis Christian College on December 6; as well as a joy to speak and worship with the congregation at East Second Church in Lexington, Kentucky, May 23.

Special Meetings Attended


Field Staff Meeting January 9–13, 1954. The Christian Women's Fellowship workers met at Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Indiana for its annual staff meeting.

I had the opportunity of sitting in on the meeting of the Promotional Finance Committee of the Christian Education Department of the National Christian Missionary Convention which met at the Manse Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was an interesting meeting with all area workers present.

National Convention Program Committee Meeting, April 21–22, 1954

The National Convention Program Committee met in Indianapolis with Rev. Eli Wilbert in charge to formulate plans for the 38th Annual Session of the Convention. The meeting ran smoothly and much planning was done.

Young Peoples Conference

It was my privilege to serve as dean for the Southwest Young Peoples Conference. There was an attendance of forty-six young people and nine teachers. My Christian friends, the time has come when we will have to give our young people the support that they need if we intend to win the world for Christ. There has been a lack of interest on the part of some leaders in our summer conference programs. The field is white unto harvest for missionaries and what better place can the challenge be made to the youth of our brotherhood other than through our conference programs.

Capital for Kingdom Building

This year the women, who previously have had a project of their own, shares with the total Convention in an over and above gift of $2000.00 to be used for repairs on All Peoples Christian Church parsonage. We sincerely pray that we will exceed the goal. The gifts that we bring over and above our regular giving signifies our love for Christ and His Kingdom which we hope to establish in the hearts and minds of men and women everywhere. Let's reach the top.

Christian Women's Fellowship Institutes

Four institutes for the development of Christian living and service have been held this year. They were conducted in the following areas:

GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, February 15–16, 1954

This was the first Missionary Education Institute to be held in this area, and was sponsored jointly by the Missionary Education Department of UCMS and the Christian Women's Fellowship Department of the National Christian Missionary Convention. The meeting was well attended by the women and several men, Miss Genevieve Brown, Executive Secretary of Missionary Education of the United Christian Missionary Society; Mrs. H. H. Settle, State CWF Secretary of North Carolina; Mr. Emmett J. Dickson and yours truly, served as resource leaders. It
was most gratifying and encouraging to see the women so eager to enter into a world-wide fellowship. We were successful in getting the women to see that Home Missions is important only as it relates to the work that we do abroad. An expression of their love and concern was revealed, through an offering for world-wide missions, remitted to Unified Promotion. The goal for the North Carolina Assembly next year is $100 for missions.

The president of the Woman's Home Missions of Goldsboro Raleigh District expressed the desire to know more about the Christian Women's Fellowship and it was agreed that after studying the organizational pattern steps would be taken to organize CWF groups in that area.

PLYMOUTH, NORTH CAROLINA, February 17–18, 1954

The same type of program was presented to the women of the Washington Norfolk area. This was due to the vastness of space and the unusually large attendance of such meetings.

WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA, February 27, 1954

A one day institute was held at the Cleveland Avenue Church in Winston-Salem, North Carolina for the CWF groups of the Piedmont Area. Enthusiasm ran high. The presence of the ministers was appreciated and they contributed nicely to the discussions. We need to be inspired, informed and re-dedicated to this great cause of being Christians.

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, March 26–27, 1954

The first attempt at holding a joint institute for ministers and CWF groups was made March 26–27. This meeting was held at Ross Street Christian Church in Montgomery. We had a good meeting ironing out certain technicalities which are very necessary to the growth of the work as a whole. More and more we realize that the progress of any group in the church is determined largely by the promotion which the minister projects from his pulpit. So in order that he might keep abreast of the work of the CWF the meetings were held jointly. (See Exhibit A for financial report.)

There is a need for closer correlation of the National and state work. This could be done through an over-all planning meeting with national and state workers. The Institutes serve their purpose on a state level but there should be a definite tie-in with the national program.

Taylor Memorial Fellowship House

It was decided at the Roanoke Convention that each state would contribute soap and other supplies during the school year in the following order:

- Alabama, October, 1953
- Arkansas, November, 1953
- California, December, 1953
- Eastern Seaboard, January, 1954
- Florida, February, 1954
- Illinois, March, 1954
- Kansas, April, 1954
- Kentucky, May, 1954
- Missouri, June, 1954
- Mississippi, July, 1954
- Ohio, August, 1954
- Oklahoma, September, 1954
- Piedmont Area, October, 1954
- South Carolina, November, 1954
- Tennessee, December, 1954
- Texas, January, 1955

I might say that the states have responded beautifully and we are most grateful. (See exhibit B.)

State Conventions

I worked in state conventions in Kansas, Tennessee and Ohio; and visited the Kentucky Convention for a couple of days. The state conventions are progressing spiritually as well as in numerical strength. With strong state programs we look forward to a stronger National Convention.

Our Year of Stewardship

July 1 marked the beginning of our stewardship year. If we follow the thought suggested by our convention theme we will seek to become informed to the point
where we will be inspired and after having become inspired, share our knowledge, our time and our talents with others. Listen to the words of one of our great church hymns; to me, this is stewardship:

"Were the whole realm of nature mine
  That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
  Demands my life, my love, my all."

May God's richest blessings be with us all as we continue in His work.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That all local churches set aside a definite period on their local church calendar for a "School of Missions" and that the guidance manual and annual supplement for Church Schools of Missions 1954–55 be used in preparation for the same.

2. That the program of missionary institutes be continued within the budget allotment. (Refer to general recommendation committee.)

3. That all CWF and Missionary Study Groups secure and use the study materials prepared on general missionary education themes "The City" and "India, Pakistan, and Ceylon."

4. That all CWF and missionary groups accept a goal for giving to missions on the principle of 10% or more above the giving of last year and make a special effort to report the accepted goal to the Christian Women's Fellowship Department.

5. That quarterly remittances be made to Unified Promotion or The United Christian Missionary Society.

6. That the Love Gift Box Project be accepted and that they be returned to the National Convention in Dayton, Ohio in 1955.

7. That a National CWF Planning group composed of the national officers and state presidents be held at an early date, preferably November.

EXHIBIT A

EXPENSES OF MISSIONARY INSTITUTES
1953-1954

| Cash received for Institutes, February 1, 1954 | $200.00 |
| Disbursements | 195.56 |
| Balance on hand | $ 4.44 |

Goldsboro, North Carolina, February 15-16, 1954

EXPENDITURES

| Food | $ 45.43 |
| Women who prepared meals | 32.34 |
| Travel | 8.20 |
| Outside meals | 6.50 |
| Rent on turn-table | 4.00 |
| Postage | 4.26 |

Total: 105.73

Plymouth, North Carolina, February 16-18, 1954

EXPENDITURES

| One-hundred thirty-two meals | $153.00 |
| Sexton | 2.00 |

Total: 155.00
Winston-Salem, North Carolina, February 27, 1954

Food, cost of meat only ........................................ $15.00

Montgomery, Alabama, March 26–27, 1954

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One hundred dollars of the Goldsboro expense was received from other sources. (Missionary Education Dept. of The United Christian Missionary Society.)

EXHIBIT B

STATES WHO RESPONDED TO THE TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE PROJECT

Christian Women's Fellowship

- September
- November
- February
- April
- May
- July
- August

States: Kansas, Alabama, Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas and Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Missouri

STATES WHO HAVE NOT REPORTED

- California
- Eastern Seaboard
- Florida
- Mississippi

STATES EXPECTED TO REPORT

- September
- October
- November
- December
- January, 55
- February, 55

States: Oklahoma, Piedmont Tri State Area, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Georgia
SOCIAL ACTION REPORT

MR. R. L. JORDAN

Since our Roanoke Convention last year, your Social Action Commission has tried to keep abreast of the changes made in our secular and religious life. It has attempted to discover ways and means by which to stimulate our churches so they will take more active roles in developing a Christian social order. To secure the necessary knowledge and know-how for this, the chairman attended the Social Action Conference, sponsored by the Social Welfare Department of U. C. M. S. at Spring Mills Inn, Mitchell, Indiana, October 19 - 21, 1953. Valuable assistance was gained at this conference.

Preceding the National Convention Board of Trustee meeting November 23, the Commission on Social Action met at Second Christian Church, Indianapolis to review the present day trends and to charter a course of Christian Social Action to help solve the perplexing problems of war, communism, segregation and other social evils preventing the Kingdoms of this world from becoming the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Thought was given to methods our brotherhood could employ to arouse our churches and members to action. Three ideas dominated the commission meeting. We prepared a summary of the commission report made at our last convention to be included in the packets distributed to all of our churches on Race Relations Sunday by the Department of Social Welfare of United Society. This was done. We discussed compiling a list of names of persons who would be able to attend one of the Racial and Cultural Institutes held in the United States. Plans were discussed to inform every state convention president of the National Convention’s Action and urge each to form a State Social Action Commission or Committee.

Look at our world, changes are still taking place. Godless Communism is on the march; the shooting war is over but its twin brothers, suspicion and hate, still exist. There is plenty of food, but people are still starving for they have none. There is unrest everywhere. Jerusalem, the cradle of Christianity, symbolizes this fact. Tension mounts between its inhabitants, the Arabs and the Jews; Revolution seems certain in some of the countries of Africa. Here in these United States the Supreme Court has outlawed segregation in our public schools, but demagogues of race prejudice vow to prevent its being put into practice. Regardless of what people do, changes are still taking place in our national life. For instance:

Alabama Medical Society admits first Negro physician to membership. Memphis names park for Negro who saved 32 whites in River disaster. Two Negroes named to Houston committee for city planning. Six Negro candidates qualify for primary elections in Mobile. Jacksonville Naval Air Station discharges white barbers who refuse to serve Negro GIs. Southern Railway ends dining car Jim crow. Negro lawyer seeks seat in Alabama legislature. Louisville hospital admits first Negro student nurses. Virginia minister’s union elects first Negro president. Nashville golf course opened to Negroes. First Negro prosecutor appointed in Baltimore. University of Georgia student newspaper hits segregation. Florida Negro wins damage suit of $60,000. JIM CROW signs removed at TVA. Progress is still being made. This is evidence by the burning of a segregated school in a Northern City, Hillsboro, Ohio by Phillip Partridge, a white man who felt all along the children in that community regardless of race should attend the same school. However wrong this might seem, it reveals this fact, people's thinking are changing.

We must not become discouraged in our struggles. Let us be reminded we are marching up the highway toward freedom, although many obstacles impede our progress, our course is forward. One of the obstacles however, is our own failure to prepare ourselves for the larger role our race must assume in the broadening community of social participation. We must be prepared now as never before. May 17, 1954 the Supreme Court of these United States handed down the greatest decision this country has witnessed since the Emancipation Proclamation: “The out-lawing of segregation in our public schools, its impact upon our social order is and will be tremendous. This decision goes farther than most of us realize.
It outlaws segregation. Your commission recognizes the problems involved in this transition period. It calls upon our brotherhood requesting our churches to instruct their members to meet this situation with patience and prayer. Recognizing all of the problems involved cannot be resolved over night. It also requests this convention to encourage our churches to begin seminars to educate our people for the larger role we are called upon to play in our community life. We are, aware also, that action is necessary to realize the full intent of the Supreme Court's decision; therefore we recommend that our Convention and its churches explore ways and means; this can be achieved while recognizing the peculiar nature, laws, and custom of the several sections of our country.

Within our divided churches it is to our shame that we have so often lived in pre-occupation with our internal affairs, looking inward upon our own concerns instead of forgetting ourselves in out-going love and service. The church must go out to find men in the midst of the battle of life. It must leave its sheltering walls and identify itself with their struggles and sufferings.

The Church is the best and perhaps the only institution which can meet completely the challenge of the time.

Christianity is a social religion. It is not a way of life for one man living alone, but for all men living together. It has a social nature as well as a spiritual one. It encourages a sense of balance about the material order. By emphasis upon the eternal values of the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, it raises the earning of bread and personal satisfaction to their proper place as means to a greater end, the end of serving God. Only if individuals find and maintain this sense of balance can they find happiness in living and working together.

The church has only one way of giving to men and women, living on farms, in villages and in cities, serving those about them. By working together in parishes and missions for the social as well as the spiritual values of their religion, they can help in the building of better communities for themselves and their children.

The social responsibility of the church must extend beyond the four walls of the sanctuary. It is truly a sad commentary on the American church to be in the rear while secular organizations, such as labor unions and N.A.A.C.P. champion the cause, and win many rights for oppressed people that have their origin in the Christian Faith. We therefore call upon our churches to correct this trend by taking their rightful places of leadership in every local community.

Your social action commission is compelled again this year to submit to you two other devastating evils: ALCOHOL and GAMBLING. Both have been given a degree of respectability by our government, but in the light of common decency and morality they are termites which undermine Christianity, destroying normal home life and causing adult and juvenile delinquency, and are contributing factors to our increased death rate on our highways and divorces also. The degree with which we refuse to cry out against these evils will some day plague us and cause God to send another Amos in our very midst to speak for Him unless we lift our voices against these evils and declare the whole gospel to sinful humanity. The commission feels the clergy and laity ought to prevail with the news papers and other mediums of communication such as radio and television companies, insisting on the eliminating advertisement of alcoholic beverage for it effects our children and warps their thinking.

To overcome these evils we must see and understand the meaning of the most relevant social fact of our immediate community and of the larger world. This means a continuous search for sources of infection to the community in which our churches are called upon to serve. Always the church of the living God must ask, what is the will of God, when any law, or any measure which gives social sanction to things like alcohol and gambling are passed. It must after careful scrutiny protest and challenge until righteous men rise up in Christian protest against all that is un-Christian and evil. This is not only the task of secular groups, but the work of the church.
RESOLUTIONS

WHEREAS, the past year has brought additional evidence of the changes taking place in America, moving toward the full equality of all persons without regard to race or color and

WHEREAS, the Negro and other colored groups are yet in the status of second class citizenship, ostracized in some places, tolerated in others and barred from many,

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that this Convention go on record in commendation of those persons and organizations, public and private who have worked to improve the political, social, educational, and economic opportunities of minority groups in America; and that we urge all members of our churches to give political, financial, and personal support to bringing full equality to all our people.

The Supreme Court

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States on May 17, 1954 declared in an unanimous decision that segregation in the public schools is unconstitutional, and

WHEREAS, the Federal government has given outstanding leadership in ending segregation in the Armed Services; the Veteran’s Administration, in the appointment of Negroes to responsible positions of leadership.

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that we commend the Supreme Court for its decision and the present National Administration for its leadership, and pledge our support for continued effort toward eliminating barriers of segregation on every inch of land in our country.

Guilty Before Trial

WHEREAS, one of the cardinal principles in the United States is this — “No one is guilty of any crime, until that person has been found guilty in the courts of our nation,” and

WHEREAS, there are those in our National government, who label persons guilty, before they are found to be so, and

WHEREAS, this is slanderous, Un-American and Un-Christian

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that this convention expresses to the Senate of our Nation and the President our deep pain over this situation.

World Peace

WHEREAS, the churches of Christendom are dedicated to peace, and

WHEREAS, the development of the hydrogen bomb, the continued stockpiling of atomic bombs, and the possibilities of the “cobalt bomb” all with fearsome possibilities for indiscriminate destruction — make imperative the working for peace,

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that we commend and support President Eisenhower’s proposal for the creation of a United National International Atomic Emergency Agency to encourage and facilitate peacetime use of atomic materials; that we commit ourselves to work as we pray for peace that is erected on brotherhood and anchored in the knowledge that God is our common Father.

United Nations

Since there are forces in our Nations seeking to destroy the United Nations or to have us withdraw there from, and

WHEREAS, the United Nations inspite of its imperfections remains civilized mans greatest creation for inter-national understanding, and

WHEREAS, the races of mankind whether representatives of small nations or large ones are accorded equal privileges to resolve their differences, and

WHEREAS, the United Nations is concerned with the health of all mankind, serving as the channel for the distribution of food to the hungering peoples of the poverty stricken nations of the world;
BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, that we urge our nation to continue its membership in the United Nations and urge our churches to continue their moral support of this organization.

Alcohol and Gambling

WHEREAS, alcohol and gambling like cancer poison our system, shackles our minds, and in most instances wreck our home life, causing adult and child delinquency and is a contributing factor to broken homes and divorce.

BE IT RESOLVED, that our churches unitedly send a protest to all radio and television headquarters requesting them to discontinue the practice of advertising alcoholic beverage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our people intensify their efforts to expose and eliminate gambling, wherever found, and that a copy of the resolution on alcohol and gambling be sent at once to the recommendations committee of the International Convention.

Child Welfare

WHEREAS, vandalism by teen-agers is on the increase all over the U.S. and WHEREAS, many feel this spirit in youth is the result of neglect in early childhood, unwholesome home life, the lack of parental affection and training, and WHEREAS, mothers were called to leave their homes and children to work in the factories, on the farms, etc., while the Nation was in peril, and WHEREAS, this brought about an abnormal home life and unhealthy community in which our children were to develop,

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore, our church call upon our nations leaders, our industrial heads and labor unions supervisors to press for the needed reform in our national and economic life to correct this evil before it is too late.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that our convention urge other church bodies to join with it in this endeavor, if possible.

NAACP

WHEREAS, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has been and remains a persistent organization fighting for racial equality, and WHEREAS, it has continued its battle to remove barriers among the races; through the years, and WHEREAS, the recent Supreme Court decision was in a good measure the result of its able legal staff; Thurgood Marshall and others handling of the precedings,

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore that we commend NAACP and pledge anew our cooperation in the struggle it fosters for our social redemption.

Calling for Holding Conventions in Cities Offering Equal Accomodations to All Members (Resolution)

WHEREAS the International Convention of Disciples of Christ meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1936 voted that the meetings places of all convention sessions, including the assembly hall, special dinners, and other activities of the convention be held only where these would be open without any discrimination because of race, and WHEREAS the International Convention meeting in Columbus, Ohio in 1944 commended the arrangement where the headquarters hotel was open without discrimination for all delegates regardless of race and expressed the hope that this policy might be continued, and WHEREAS the International Convention meeting in Portland, Oregon, in 1953 through its action on Resolution No. 45 and No. 78 expressed its deep concern that hotel housing and eating facilities should be available to all on a non-segregated basis, and
WHEREAS there are evidence of increasingly improved inter-racial accommodations throughout the nation, and in light of the recent Supreme Court decision on integration, the church has an opportunity to confirm progress already made and to encourage more advanced steps toward inter-racial understanding, and
WHEREAS the convention officers and staff have, through diligent work, secured non-segregated accommodations of the finest in the Miami area for the 1954 convention,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this International Convention of Disciples of Christ in Convention Assembly at Miami, Florida, that all International Conventions be held in cities where there are adequate facilities in first-rate hotels and other places of meeting that are open to all participants without discrimination on account of race and color in such matters as Convention meeting places, hotel accommodations, room assignments and dining facilities,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution supercedes previous action on this subject and that it shall serve as a directive to the Time and Place Committee, and that the recommendation committee of the International Convention be advised at once of the approval of the National Convention of this resolution,

FURTHERMORE, we recommend that the Board of the National Convention and its committee on recommendations be given serious study in the next year to this resolution in relation to its meaning for the National Convention.

Colleges of Our Brotherhood

WHEREAS, all seminaries and graduate schools affiliated with the Board of Higher Education of the Disciples of Christ have now adopted the policy of admitting students without regard to race,

WHEREAS, some but not all of our colleges have adopted the same Christian and democratic policy

BE IT RESOLVED, therefore that we recommend the graduate schools that have provided education opportunity to persons of all races, and call upon all our colleges to open their doors to students without regard to race.

Membership Practices of Local Congregations

WHEREAS, the Centennial Assembly of the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ, in session at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 25–30, 1949, referred to the Department of Social Welfare a resolution entitles “inclusion of all races in Church membership”.

WHEREAS the 1950 Assembly of the International Convention, meeting at Oklahoma City, October 9–16 approved the substance of the resolution “inclusion of all races in church membership”, which called upon the local congregations to make the inclusion of all races in the membership the first goal of the new century.

WHEREAS the overwhelming majority of Disciple of Christ churches are still made up of one race and we are now five years into the second century of our existence as a brotherhood.

BE IT RESOLVED therefore that we call the resolution “Inclusion of all Races in Church Membership” to the attention of the officers of the International Convention, asking them to implement this action of the International Convention,

That we call upon all churches affiliated with the National Christian Missionary Convention to examine their present program of evangelism and membership requirement, and to proclaim publicity that they seek and welcome members of all races; that we encourage members of our congregation to become members of the Christian church nearest their home.

That we call upon the staff and officers of the National Christian Missionary Convention to work in every way possible to bring all the churches of the Disciples of Christ to racially inclusive fellowship.
Racial Inclusiveness of CHI RHO, CYF, and Other Youth Meets

WHEREAS the U.S. Supreme Court has set the stage for the racial inclusiveness of public school education across the country,

BE IT RESOLVED that our churches and church leaders working with youth begin to move at once toward the racial inclusiveness of Chi Rho Camps, CYF, Conferences, and other youth activities in those states and areas where this is not now the case, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the recommendations committee of the International Convention.

Recommendation for Provision for Committee on Social Action

We recommend that the Board of the National Christian Missionary Convention make available funds to enable the Social Action Committee to meet four times per year to carry on its work.

REPORT OF THE EDITOR OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA

W. K. FOX

Preface

One year and a half ago, The Christian Plea moved its offices to St. Louis, Missouri and continued publication through the courtesy of The Christian Board of Publication, sanction of the National Christian Missionary Convention and the indirect cooperation of the Centennial Church of the same city. It was the greatest investment in a cooperative enterprise our convention had made in years. Our problem now is to impress people like you with the fact that the $1.50 you invest in a Christian Plea subscription is the best investment you will ever make.

Body

A. Announcements of progress:

1. The Christian Plea has been accepted as a member of the Associated Church press and received the right hand of fellowship at the annual meeting in New York City April 21, 1954 via James Flanagan of The Christian Evangelist.

2. The Christian Plea has been extended an invitation to be an exhibitor in the Exhibit Room at the International Convention Assembly in Miami October 25-31, 1954.

3. The Christian Plea editor has been granted press privileges to cover the World Council of Churches meeting in Evanston, Illinois Aug. 15-31. He has received full credentials for covering all meetings, joining the World Call and The Christian Evangelist as the official press representative at the World Council Assembly (for Disciples of Christ). Mr. James Flanagan attended the Press and Broadcaster’s reception at the Edgewater Beach Hotel August 14th in the place of The Christian Plea editor.

4. We are developing a wider reader interest. Many of our white brethren are writing in for information on work of our convention.

5. News comes in with reasonable frequency.

6. At the April 22, 1954 Trustee Board meeting in Indianapolis, Indiana; the editor was granted the privilege of exploring for sufficient funds to guarantee full or additional support of the paper. This exploration is still in process.

B. Promotional measures used:

1. Bundles containing 10 Pleas each have been sent to 66 ministers for the
past six months. This service was cut off as of June, 1954. Bundles will now be sent only on request.

2. Two advertisements appeared in two issues of The Christian Evangelist (i.e., issues February and March).


4. Notices have been sent to persons whose subscriptions are due.

5. A "Convention Daily" was published during the Roanoke Convention.

C. Pressing problems

1. WE ARE “IN THE RED”. We are not able to carry on current expenses and at the same time fully meet our current obligations.

2. Two hundred fifty-two patrons were dropped in July, 1954.

Recommendations

That an offering be taken up by this convention to assist in the promotion of a Christian Plea booth at the International Convention in Miami, Florida, October 25-31, 1954.

That every church appoint a Christian Plea secretary.

THE FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA
August 5, 1953 - July 31, 1954

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SUMMARY

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On hand July 31 $ 30.80

A PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CHRISTIAN PLEA DURING THE YEAR 1954-55

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Promotional travel and expense ............................................. 340.00
Special Services (includes photography, writers) ....................... 120.00
Miscellaneous (includes office supplies, etc.).......................... 60.00

TOTAL OF PROPOSED BUDGET $3423.00

SUGGESTED SOURCES OF BUDGET
The National Convention .................................................... $1600.00
Subscriptions ......................................................................... 750.00
Advertisements ....................................................................... 100.00
Benevolent patrons ................................................................ 973.00

TOTAL $3423.00

REPORT OF NATIONAL BOARD
R. L. SAUNDERS, SECRETARY

To officers and members of the 38th Annual Session of the National Christian Missionary Convention of the Disciples of Christ. As recording secretary of the National Convention I submit to you the report of the work of the National Board for the fiscal year 1953-54.

The National Board has held two regular meetings; one at the close of the 37th annual session and one at the beginning of the 38th annual session. Two regular meetings of the Board of Trustees were held in Indianapolis, Indiana at the Second Christian Church. The Board gave itself to the consideration of work done by the members of the staff; the execution of the business of the National Convention; and planning of the future progress of the work of the church. The Board wishes to report progress. Special attention has been given to the development of the Taylor Estate, operation of the Preston Taylor Memorial Fellowship House; the merger of Tougaloo Southern Christian College; Capital for Kingdom Building; and Rosa Page Welch Scholarship Fund.

Commission on the Ministry has been established to study the matter of recruiting, training, placing and supporting an adequate ministry for our churches.

The Young Adult Fellowship is scheduled to work as a department in this session of the Convention Workshop.

Churches were urged during the year to support ministers enrolled in Pension Fund, Disciples of Christ.

The National Convention made a contribution toward a token of esteem upon the retirement of Dr. Jesse M. Bader, Executive Secretary of Joint Department of Evangelism, National Council of Churches.

June 30 closed Our Year of Evangelism. Of the churches reporting, approximately 1200 members were added to church membership rolls. A detailed report will be given by the National Director of Church Development and Evangelism.

The National Board wishes to emphasize that the Month of March be used to awaken our churches to their obligation of promoting the program of the National Christian Missionary Convention and that all funds raised for this purpose be sent to the treasurer immediately.

One of the great needs of the convention in order to carry out the program of the Convention is increased giving on the part of the local churches, the departments, and conventions. This being Our Year of Stewardship, we appeal to the churches to increase their giving and feel responsible for obtaining their goals.

The following budget has been approved by the National Board for 1954-55:
SPENDING BUDGET

Salaries.............................................. $21,834.00
Travel.................................................. 5,400.00
Office Equipment & Expense..................... 2,000.00
Program............................................... 2,900.00
National Convention and Trustee Meetings..... 2,400.00
Christian Plea....................................... 1,600.00
Pension Dues......................................... 1,583.33
Ministerial Training............................... 2,000.00
Miscellaneous...................................... 382.67
Nashville, Tennessee Church..................... 300.00

$39,500.00

ASKING BUDGET

United Christian Missionary Society........... $14,500.00
National Convention Churches.................. 12,500.00
Taylor Estate...................................... 3,500.00
Christian Board of Publication................ 4,000.00
Board of Church Extension...................... 900.00
Pension Fund....................................... 900.00
Board of Higher Education...................... 400.00
National Benevolent Association.............. 1,200.00
Field Reports...................................... 600.00
Gifts for Ministerial Training.................. 1,000.00

$39,500.00

THE EASTERN SEABOARD REGIONAL EVANGELIST REPORT

S. E. TILLMAN

Mr. President and Fellow Disciples, I seek your permission to make my Annual Report:

First, I am very thankful to God to be a part of this 38th Annual session of the Disciples of Christ Convention, and I'm happy to have the honor to report my work to you. I don't know, I may have to make my next report at the Bar of Judge-ment. I'm thanking God that we are spared to meet together in this great Conven-tion, however, voices who sang with ours this time a year ago has been hushed, and they have made their departure to the great beyond.

Report

Last November, I was called to the Fountain Christian Church, in Brooklyn, New York, where there was a misunderstanding. I was called there to correct the same, and along with me went the following Committee:

Rev. R. W. Williams
Rev. G. Tarry
Dec. H. P. Miley

The matter was a certain Bishop of the vicinity had gone to the Church the Sunday before and caused a confusion to the extent, that the members had to seek other quarters to hold their services. The Minister and members being disturbed at the action of said Bishop was at a loss as to what they should do, as Repre-sentative of the area was called by them to correct the same.

The meeting was opened and a chairman chose to preside. The question arouse concerning which body the local Church belonged to. The Bishop who had called the meeting refused to attend, however he had representatives there.

I was asked to explain the working of the United Christian Missionary Con-vention of which I did. An opposition was brought on the floor by an apposing
element, who said that they were members of the assembly and could only be
so far as they were concerned.

I made it known to all members present that their Church was accepted in the
National Convention, in Roanoke, Virginia, last August at the 37th Annual
Session which we recognized them to be a part of, and expected their cooper-
ation in every possible way. At this point, I asked for a vote as to how they
wished to work. A motion was made and seconded to accept this Convention as
its governing body. The motion was put before the house and out 220 members
being present, all voted to accept this body, with only 3 opposes.

At this point, the present Minister presented a certificate of Incorporation
proving, that the said Church was in its rights in voting for this Convention.
The question then arose concerning who was Pastor, or who would be Pastor? It
was brought out in a discussion that this Bishop had in mind of appointing some
other friend of his, as Pastor and the members disapproved. I asked them who
did they want for Pastor, and I explained to them that they were a part of his
body and that their Minister should be one in good standing with the body.

A motion was then made and seconded that the Rev. J. Rice, who was a mem-
ber of this Convention and in good standing be the Pastor of this Church. It was
unanimously carried, and immediately this two-hundred and some members gave
the widow of the former Pastor $200, and to the present Pastor, Rev. J. Rice
the sum of $300.

Since that time I have visited the Church, and they were working very, very
fine. On June 20th, this year, I visited the Church and preached at 11:00 o’clock.
The Church was filled to capacity. In the afternoon they gave him his first
Anniversary as Pastor, a purse of $696.00, presented him by the members of the
Church. The service was closed with an elaborate banquet.

I’m thankful to God that I can say The Eastern Seaboard is on the upward
March. The Ministers and local Churches seem to be working more cooperative
now than ever before.

We held a very successful Youth Meet at the Fellowship Christian Church,
in Philadelphia in April of this year. Rev. Eugene Patterson, Pastor, under the
very fine leadership of the Director of Youth Work, Mrs. Rosa McCrea, the Youth
received a real challenge. The Rev. R. L. Saunders, Secretary of this Convention
and as Pastor of the Stuyvesant Heights Christian Church made his first appear-
ance as Pastor, among the brotherhood at the Youth Convention.

He was received with great honor. Brother Saunders did not come acting
strange or foreign, but rolled up his sleeve as a fighter, and went to work. It
seems his presence there with a very fine delegation put enthusiasm into the
Youth Meet.

Local Churches and Convention

The 16th Annual Session of the Eastern Seaboard was held with the Antioch
Christian Church, New Brunswick, N.J., June 24th–27th. It is said that this was
the best Convention held in the area. I must admit it was largely attended.

We have 16 cooperating Churches in the Eastern Seaboard District. Fifteen
(15) of them reported at the last District Convention. I feel this is remarkable.
It is hoped within the next year, that all these Churches and perhaps others will
report in the District. I am glad to acknowledge they all have gone on record as
supporters of this Convention. They elected a very fine group of leader’s to the
Eastern Seaboard for the next year.

Rev. F. B. Bradley of Washington, D. C. — President
Rev. R. W. Williams of Brooklyn, N. Y. — Vice President
Rev. C. L. Whitfield of Baltimore Maryland — Secretary
Rev. Eugene Patterson of Philadelphia — State Evangelist
Mrs. H. P. Miley — President of CWF

I feel this is a very fine staff, while there are others that was placed in the
Office, that I do not have their names or locations. I must say this session at
New Brunswick closed with high spirit. Rev. R. L. Saunders and Mrs. Saunders
worked out a musical program; where all Choirs and Choruses took a part in the afternoon musical service. It was the first time this has ever happened.

My Personal Service

Since the last Convention, I have preached 48 sermons, I have delivered 15 addresses, visited 11 sick in homes. I have made 32 Hospital visits, Baptized 7, Married 8, and buried 10. I have donated $83.00 to Charity. I have received outside donations of $70.00. It may please you to know that I am a full time Pastor at a salary of $125.00 per month plus showers.

I believe if it could be arranged through this body and convention that a paid well trained field worker was employed in the Eastern Seaboard, to give his full time to the work in which we are doing in this Convention, it would mean more, not only to this convention but the local Church as well.

The truth is the average Church member knows very little about the needs of the National body and not too much about the local, where as little interest is shown on their part concerning foreign Missions and a very little pertaining to home Missions. It is seldom that they hear anything about higher education and youth training service, Summer Vacation Schools, Scholarship Funds, their own Brotherhood paper and preparation for better education. I further believe that more Doctrinal Sermons should be preached and the people taught. Many of them, even Ministers do not know the History of their Church.

The Eastern Seaboard is in need of this type of leadership. I feel in the due course of time that the district itself will have funds available to support or help to support such persons. However, I believe if this convention could make available a small sum of $600 a year for the next 2 to 3 years for such purposes it would more than pay for the efforts being made on your parts, I so urge the recommendation committee to make this matter under advisement.

REPORT OF SECOND VICE-PRESIDENT

MRS. BERNIECE A. HOLMES

Another year's work is behind us, how much have we accomplished is the question that some are asking; others are saying we have finished our work for the year, and many of us know that the year's work is neither an accomplishment or a finished task, but simply preparation for a greater year's work in the field of kingdom building for the year ahead.

Nineteen hundred fifty-three and fifty-four have given us cause to rejoice as well as moments of sorrow; all of our people have not been concerned that the task of missions is the task of the whole church. Christian Women's Fellowship or missionary societies in our churches have come along nicely but we have not harnessed all of our loyal church women into the strong unit we have dreamed of and planned for. Many of our people see their local church as their mission field. Others, mission fields are broader—as their community or state. Some go a little further to the United States, through the National Convention; and some are accepting the whole world as their field and feel responsible for seeing that the gospel is preached to the utmost parts of the world.

There is much to be done in our local congregation to convince our people that Christianity knows no class, status or personality. We have not yet learned that education is the fine art of learning to live with folk, and Christianity is serving all peoples. The church member who limits his or her services to a special group because of friendship, status, age or any other cause that keep us from accepting our church program and the program of Christian Women's Fellowship, is not converted to true Christianity and is not exhibiting a spirit of a true Christian.

The day of appeasement, special favors, political and cheap church competi-
tion has passed. Christian friends we must be bigger in spirit and stronger in Christ. Since the beginning of time we have prayed for unity and worked for division. We prayed Lord forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. We want to be forgiven but forget that we must first forgive. As Christians we must cultivate the policy of honesty first with ourselves, our neighbor and our maker.

During this year I have experienced some things I am not proud of as a Christian and as your representative of National Convention. As I observe the change and growth in my community, and note the growth of our church, I realize we are not keeping pace with the time and what is true in my community is true all over the country. Growing population, expanding territory, but we consider it almost sinful to have two churches in one town, large cities have one struggling congregation and if there are two one is usually considered non-cooperative. Small town church and church in rural areas are almost as the forgotten man, many of our small town congregations have no minister and have almost discontinued services. Many of our members are accepting membership with other communions, and because of this factor the National Convention with an increasing budget and a decreasing membership has ceased to be self-supporting concern. We have to draw heavily on the Preston Taylor Estate treasury to meet our obligation with all the support from the cooperating agencies and boards of the Disciples of Christ of the country. Christian friends it is time for us to be disturbed about the life of our churches, our finance and our program. Most of all we should be concerned about the spirit of indifference and poor organization of our churches.

We need to study the structure of our organization know the purpose and make an honest effort to carry out our program of Christian Education and Missions for which we stand.

Christian Women's Fellowship group all over the states have worked hard this year to try to carry through on plans as worked out at the National Convention last year. We have seen results as the year passed by. We had many fine articles in the Christian Plea and one article in World Call. Women's Day programs and speakers; Easter Week of Prayer and May Fellowship Services; World Community Day and World Day of Prayer brought many of our women into action. Too much can not be said to encourage us to learn of service of our local Council of Church Women. We say we want to have no discrimination, or division—then we must work for it.

There has been an honest effort on the part of our CWF to meet their state and national goals. Capital for Kingdom project was accepted by the National Convention and most of us have worked to meet our goal.

Services Rendered

I attended the Board of Trustees meeting of the National Convention April, 1954 in Indianapolis. I am your representative on the Advisory Council of the International Convention. I attended two meetings of this Council at which time we planned material for 1954–55; 1955–56. This is a newly created office and responsible for our National Press, it is good that we have someone on this planning council. Let us try to always represent ourselves with a person who can make the kind of contribution we need.

I held one Education Conference on Oklahoma and one program as Woman's Day speaker for the Pine Street Christian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. I also visited the church in Chickasha, Muskogee, and Okmulgee, Oklahoma. I made one television appearance over K.W.T.V. during Brotherhood week on the Brook Lauring program. Served as instructor on the faculty of the Oklahoma Youth Meet; attended services at West Paseo Christian Church, Kansas City, Missouri April. All the churches we visited we noticed progress. The new church building at Chickasha has brought new interest to the congregation there and the new building under construction at Tulsa promises a greater future for the community.

We are glad to welcome one new pastor to the Muskogee church who has given new hope and life to the congregation. Correspondence to the National Office has been one of my duties that I have made an effort to keep up and answer all mail
that required attention.

In closing let me say to the National Convention, we are still striving to unite the National Convention into one great concern. Too long we have said the women are to do this or that is the youth responsibility, or the men should be more interested because it is their problem.

The church and the National Convention is every Christian's responsibility. We must accept our obligations and meet them. There is too much half-heartiness about our National and inter-national work. There is not enough selling of the total church program at the level, not enough out reach and expanding of our church.

Too much doing for us or to us and not near enough of with us. The partnership of church, state and national work should be partnership and not boss and servant. We are concerned about our Christian Education program for youth and adult. We are concerned about new church buildings; pastors for some congregations; the lost of our churches to other groups; the poor showing we make in our financial giving; our schools and what they are doing in relationship with church leadership and world problems.

We know too little about most of these things and we are doing too little about all of them. There must be a relationship built between the National Convention and our school that is going to give us trained men and women to accept church leadership and responsibilities in order to keep our churches progressing.

Let us pray for forgiveness and above all, let us be forgiving, taking Jesus at his word and walk out in the darkness for Him, for He said, “And lo I am with you...”. If we believe this we will not be afraid to serve Him and build His church for the coming generations.

REPORT OF THIRD VICE-PRESIDENT
MRS. EDITH W. BRISTOW

To the delegates, members and friends of the National Christian Missionary Convention GREETINGS!

This report closes my position as third vice-president of this convention. During the past year I have attended the following meetings:

1. All state board meetings in Kentucky, many district meetings in Kentucky
2. Planning meeting and Commission on Christian Education in Indianapolis, Nov. 1953
3. Planning meeting for Youth Meets in Shelbyville, Kentucky, December, 1953
4. Meeting concerning care for the aged and orphan that met in St. Louis during early spring of 1954; called by National Benevolent Association
5. Conducted Youth Meet in Louisville, Kentucky, March, 1954
6. Met committee that completed plans for Central Conference
7. Conducted Central Conference in June, 1954 at Lincoln Ridge, Kentucky
8. Attended Kentucky State Convention and directed institute sessions for young people and their evening sessions as well
10. Was at Centennial Church, St. Louis, on the Sunday of its celebration and enjoyed the fellowship while there.

In all of my going I spoke for the National Convention and urged more financial support for it.

The need in our brotherhood, as I see it, is for a concerted effort to have the ministers in agreement. Our church members, with no slight toward them, accept what the ministers say without question. Many times the ministers express their own views rather than the general over all picture and therefore bias the opinions
of the membership. An example of what I mean follows—a revival was being held in a church by an able minister from another city. The host pastor asked the evangelist to ordain a man as deacon. After realizing that the candidate was not prepared for ordination (the evangelist had let the candidate read passages from the bible, conduct prayer service and pray and saw his incompetence) the evangelist asked the members how many of them would fast three days before the ordination service. When there was no response, he said that he would have nothing to do with the service unless the people fasted. Hence on that premise (lack of fasting) he did not ordain the man as deacon. Two weeks later the man was ordained by the local pastor. Would it have been done (the ordination) if the evangelist had explained carefully all the steps leading toward an ordination to the entire membership? I firmly believe that ministers should take definite stands and not loopholes through which to jump when issues face them.

I am not against ministers, we NEED them and we SHOULD SUPPORT them financially and otherwise, but if they are in agreement on matters of the church there will be more understanding by the members and less confusion.

Bible School superintendents come next in line of needs to be improved in our churches. It is hard to conceive a superintendent who looks at the position from the standpoint of honor and do no work in the office. Here is a chance for cooperative work and planning with the teachers, ministers and other interested persons. Get all information you can on a wide awake Bible School, share this with your fellow workers, have a time to let the entire church know what is being done by the Bible School, have leadership training classes, conduct daily Vacation Bible Schools attend all meetings that are for the on-going of Bible School work.

State Presidents of Bible Schools should visit local church schools telling of the program in all its phases, encouraging more support for National Convention and knowing whether or not there are organizations for youth, intermediates and young adults in the churches. Be resourceful and explain to local churches how they can help in getting these groups started.

Friends, this may not be the type of a last message that you were expecting but honestly, the day has passed when we ought be content with flowery speeches, let’s face reality with an eye toward betterment and improvement. Take stock of our position now, draw up plans for advancement and devise ways and methods for working those plans. This quotation expresses this better than I — “the road to success may be steep to climb, but it puts to the proof the energies of him who would reach the summit. By experience a man soon learns how obstacles are to be overcome by grappling with them,—how soft as silk the nettle becomes when it is boldly grasped,—and how powerful a principle of realizing the object proposed, is the moral conviction that we can and will accomplish it. Thus difficulties often fall away of themselves, before the determination to overcome them. In nine cases out of ten, if marched boldly up to, they will flee away. Like thieves they often disappear at a glance. What looked like insuperable obstacles, like some great mountain chain in our way, frowning danger and trial, are found to become practicable when approached, and paths formerly unseen, though they may be narrow and difficult, open a way for us through the hills.”

May all of our roads in the work of the church lead to success. May God’s richest blessings rest upon each of you.

REPORT OF FIFTH VICE-PRESIDENT

ALFRED THOMAS

Mr. President, officers, and members of the National Christian Missionary Convention, friends:

The return of men to the church is the greatest movement in the world since the institution of the church. During no time in the history of the church has there been a comparable manifestation of God’s will. Men are returning to their
scripturally ordained places in the church. Many times the church has experienced periods of high fervor and passionate zeal similar to that which we are now witnessing in the great world-wide evangelization, and we praise God for those blessings. Yet, I hold that the return of the head of the family to the undergirding of the whole program of the church presents an answer to many of our economic ills. The family altar will return; the rate of juvenile delinquency lowered, and the general standard of living raised by the participation of men in the stewardship.

The Christian Men's Fellowship of our Convention is represented by men in many vocations. The ten talented men who follow careers in various professions but we are blessed with those one talent family heads who are sometimes skilled and unskilled manual laborers whose love of truth and for the church keeps the family intact, sharing his small worldly means by sending and keeping the wife and children in church, well clothed, well fed, with consistent offerings. Now these men are finding their way back to the church attending with their families; teaching, living and discussing the scriptures in their lives.

As the retiring president of Christian Men's Fellowship, I wish to thank the Board of Trustees and you, the Convention, for the fine way you have worked with me during the past two years. I leave this office with a fond hope and burning desire to see this Convention embrace the realization of the necessity for the office of public relations with its many facets for the recognition generally of all the fine work that is being done by this convention.

Christian Men's Fellowship stresses the use of these mediums in our public relations: The Christian Plea (our National organ); National Speakers' Bureau; National insignia lapel buttons; television; radio; newspapers; newsletters and National and State exhibitions of local CMF group photographs.

We are looking forward to the establishing of a co-ordinating committee of representatives from all departments for publicity. The Christian Men's Fellowship Banquet was inaugurated in our effort to bring our men together with the ministry to further express our mutual interest in the whole program of the church congenially socializing, eating together, hearing and teaching the Christian doctrine and principles.

To stimulate fraternal endeavors and increased interest among local churches of the Brotherhood, we have an annual fellowship trophy cup awarded to the local CMF group sending the largest delegation of laymen to the banquet. May the new president of Christian Men's Fellowship receive the cooperation and understanding which I shall always cherish in his work toward the promotion of CMF and the increase of the Kingdom.

REPORT OF THE VOLUNTEER CHILDREN'S WORKER

MRS. DOROTHY WILBERT

The Volunteer Children's Worker attended the following meetings during the missionary year 1953-54:

Curriculum and Program Council Meeting at Christian Board of Publication St. Louis, Missouri—November 2-7, 1953.


Ohio State Youth Meet held in Columbus, Ohio April 2-3, 1954, served as dean.

Curriculum and Program Council May 24-28, 1954; Indianapolis, Indiana.
Ohio Chi-Rho Camp IV at Camp Christian; Magnetic Springs, Ohio, July 11–17, served as counsellor.

Ohio State Convention in Springfield, Ohio, July 27 – August 1, 1954. Was instructor of the Children's Workers Class.

Wrote three articles as special correspondent to the Christian Plea. Secured subscriptions for the same.

One hundred ninety-two Children's Work Newsletters were sent from the National Office to state and district/area children workers and to directors of state observation bible school directors. (Fall and Summer issues.)

NATIONAL CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 16-22, 1954

GENERAL SESSION

L. L. DICKERSON, PRESIDING

Tuesday, August 17; 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was opened at 8:30 A.M., with Elder L. L. Dickerson, presiding.

Opening Song: "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me"

Song: "Jesus Shall Reign"

Prayer ....................................................... L. L. Dickerson, President

Song: "Love Divine"

Guidance for the Day ............................... L. L. Dickerson

Bro. E. W. Wilbert, program director, gave remarks and information on the program, emphasizing the time element.

Bro. I. Q. Hurdle directed the different groups to their respective workshops.

SOCIAL ACTION SEMINAR

ELDER R. L. JORDAN, PRESIDING

MR. LEWIS DEER, RESOURCE LEADER

Tuesday, August 17, 9:00 A.M.

Mr. Lewis Deer, Department of Social Welfare, United Christian Missionary Society, Indianapolis, Indiana, was introduced by Elder R. L. Jordan.

Mr. Deer stated that the Brotherhood has two emphasis for this year as follows: "Stewardship," the local emphasis and "The Church and Minority Groups," the outreach emphasis.

"The church through the Department of Social Welfare," says Mr. Deer, "speaks for justice and Christian practice in the area of race relations. The Christian Church should have been at the forefront.... It was not until 1930 that Protestant churches had courage enough to even criticize the pattern of our practices.... The issue on which the church of Jesus Christ stands or falls is the issue on color." A questioning period followed Mr. Deer's talk.

Closing remarks ...................................................... Elder Jordan
GENERAL SESSION
ELDER L. L. DICKERSON, PRESIDING

Tuesday, August 17, 11:00 A. M.

Music.............................................................. Congregation
Prayer......................................................................
Solo ................................................................. Mrs. Rosa McCrea

A very soul stirring sermon was delivered by Elder Lawrence E. Hall.

Elder Hall emphasized the fact that Christians must present their bodies as living sacrifices. "Christians of today," declared Elder Hall, "like the early Christians must give themselves sacrificially and without reservations to the cause of Christ."

Hymn of Invitation: "Stand Up for Jesus"
Benediction.......................................................... Rev. Lawrence E. Hall

GENERAL SESSION
ELDER L. L. DICKERSON, PRESIDING

Tuesday, August 17, 2:00 P. M.

Hymn & Prayer
Elder C. H. Webb, Director of Church Development and Evangelism, made report. (Mimeographed copies of said report were distributed among the delegation.)

Song: "Blessed Assurance"

Ministers attending the National Convention for the first time were presented.

The names of the members of the Necrology, Scholarship, and Resolutions Committees were read.

S. S. Myers, Missouri, T. J. Griffin, Oklahoma, C. L. Parks, North Carolina, Mrs. Carrie Clemons, Kentucky, Mrs. C. C. Mosely, Mississippi, R. L. Cole, Arkansas, C. J. Hinson, Alabama, and Mrs. A. L. Martin, Illinois, were elected members of the Nominating Committee.

Copies of the Treasurer's reports were distributed. The Treasurer's supplementary report was read by Mrs. Marjorie C. Parker.

All reports were approved.

Benediction.

GENERAL SESSION
M. F. MITCHELL, PRESIDING

Tuesday, August 17, 7:45

Worship.............................................................. Centennial Church
Address: "The Power That Saves".................... Attorney H. McKinley Rowan,
  Oklahoma City, Okla.
Sermon: "The Witnessing of the Church"............... Elder S. S. Myers
Hymn of Invitation: "Draw Me Nearer"
A rising vote of thanks was given Attorney Rowan and Elder Myers.

The rally of the States was conducted by Dr. J. E. Walker.
Total amount of States' Rally.............................. $782.10

Announcements
Benediction

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GENERAL SESSION
M. F. MITCHELL, PRESIDING

Wednesday, August 18, 8:30 A. M.

Song
Scripture & Prayer
Song
Hymn of Invitation: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone"

Mrs. Pearl Cragett gave a sales talk on some of the outstanding books she
had for sale in her booth.

A Committee, known as the Committee on Observation and Suggestions was
appointed by the President. Elder J. O. Bowles was appointed Chairman and
all ministers not serving on other committees were asked to serve on the committee
with Elder Bowles.

Remarks.................................... Elder Emmett J. Dickson
Remarks.................................... Elder C. H. Webb
Benediction............................. Elder M. C. Knowles

SOCIAL ACTION SEMINAR
ELDER R. L. JORDAN, PRESIDING
MR. LEWIS DEER, RESOURCE LEADER

Wednesday, August 18, 9:00 A. M.

The second seminar on Social Action was opened at 9 A. M., by the Chairman,
Elder R. L. Jordan.

The Outreach Emphasis of the Brotherhood, "The Church and Minority Groups"
was continued by Mr. Deer. Mr. Deer reviewed the pamphlet: "The Church and
Minority Groups".

"A Christian Church", says Mr. Deer, "is a congregation made up of followers
of Christ without regard to race. It is also a church that meets the needs of the
community."

A questioning period followed Mr. Deer's discussion.
Closing remarks were made by Elder R. L. Jordan.
Dismissal.

GENERAL SESSION—BIBLE SCHOOL DEPT.
MRS. EDITH BRISTOW, PRESIDING

Friday, August 20, 7:45 P. M.

Worship
Special Music............................ Dayton Youth Choir,
under the direction of Mr. James Brower.
Address: "Christian Steward Sharing."............................ Dr. E. W. Rand,
Dept. of Education, Southern University, Baton Rouge, La.

"The Christian Steward is responsible as a community leader," declares Dr.
Rand.

The Annual Oratorial Contest, under the direction of Elder Lorenzo Evans,
was held.

The participants were Marlene Crawford, 6th Christian Church, Oklahoma
City, Oklahoma; Miriam Lawson, 2nd Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana; Arthur Hayes, Christian Chapel, Port Gibson, Mississippi.

The Department of Religious Education awarded Progress Certificates to a number of persons, who had been enrolled in the various Bible School Departments during the week.

Remarks and presentations, including the newly elected officers, were made by Elder L. L. Dickerson, President.

The following decision of the Judges of the Oratorial Contest was submitted by Dean Gill of Jarvis Christian College:

First Prize (A $100 Scholarship) ............................................... Marlene Crawford, 6th St. Christian Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Second Prize (A $50 Scholarship) ............................................... Miriam Lawson, 2nd Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana

Presentation of awards to the winners was made by Elder Lorenzo Evans, Director of Religious Education, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Bible School Achievement Plaque was awarded The Centennial Bible School, Anita Reed, Superintendent.

Remarks were made by Elder E. W. Wilbert, Program Director.

Elder Wilbert presented Mr. James Brower, director of the Dayton Youth Choir.

Benediction

GENERAL SESSION

M. F. MITCHELL, PRESIDING

Wednesday, August 18, 7:45

Testimonial Period led by President L. L. Dickerson
Devotionals led by Centennial Church
Song ................................................................. Jefferson City Choir
Address: “Hide & Why Would We” ......................... Wilbur Cramblet, Missouri
Highlights: “With faith in God we can increase our energy in Stewardship.”
Solo ............................ Ardis Mack
Sermon ......................................................... Elder C. B. Tarrence, California
Invitation: “God Is Real”
Offering
Benediction .................................................. Elder C. B. Tarrence

CHRISTIAN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM PERIOD

S. W. HILTON, SR., PRESIDING

Wednesday, August 18, 3:30 P. M.

Remarks .................................................. Elder L. L. Dickerson
Song: “Come We That Love The Lord” — Led by Bro. McWilliams of Indiana
Scripture .................................................. R. L. Grove
Prayer
Solo: “My Taks” ................................. Ardis Mack — 28th St. Ch., Los Angeles
What Stewardship Means to Me.
C. J. Hinson, Ala. ........................................... Treasure
Tuesday morning, August 17, 1954

The National Ushers Fellowship Union met as scheduled with the president presiding. Devotion (Would you like to be a steward) led by the chaplain, Mrs. Henrietta Bell after which the group got acquainted. There were seven present, and each received a copy of the constitution and recommendations.

Mrs. Bell told of the activities in her local board and our national president was guest speaker on one occasion. Report of delegates - Six were present. Total fee was $15.00. Meeting was adjourned by the chaplain.

Wednesday morning, August 18, 1954

The ushers Fellowship was called to order by the president. The devotion was led by Bro. M. M. Brown after which the roll was called and the minutes were read and adopted. The president reminded us that each local board is asked to observe the second Sunday in January for national ushers day of the brotherhood, and that money or said sum of money is to be $25.00 and is to be sent to Dr. J. E. Walker 480 Linden Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee.

The following money was collected:
1. Louden Avenue Chr. Church.................... Roanoke, Va. $5.00, by Bro. J. Anthony
2. Ross St. Chr. Church........................ Montgomery, Ala. $10.00 by Bro. John Hinson
3. Central Chr. Church.......................... Cleveland, Ohio $5.00 by Sis. H. Boyd
4. Monroe Ave. Chr. Church....................... Columbus, Ohio $5.00 by Sis. Clara Bush
5. Cross St. Chr. Church.......................... Little Rock, Ark. $5.00 by Sis. Lottie Brock
7. Centennial Chr. Church......................... St. Louis, Mo. $5.00 Sis. Lucinda Rice
8. Williamsbury Chr. Church..................... Brooklyn, N.Y. $5.00 by Sis. D. Williams

Money already sent to Dr. J. E. Walker included the following:
1. Second Chr. Church.............................. Ind., Ind. $40.00
2. Park Manor Chr. Church......................... Chicago, Ill. $30.00
3. Third Chr. Church.............................. Louisville, Ky. $25.00
4. Oklahoma City, Okla. Sixth St. Chr. Church.. $10.00

The meeting was adjourned by the chaplain.

Thursday morning, August 19, 1954

The Ushers Fellowship Union was opened by the chaplain with a song led by Mrs. Williams of New York. Mrs. Bell read the scripture.

Prayer by Mother A. L. Martin.

The president opened the meeting by having a report of committees. The committees were composed of the following:

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
Bro. M. M. Brown—Chairman
Sis. Clara Bush
Mr. John Hinson
Mrs. Mahle Walker
Mrs. Henrietta Bell—Secretary

THE RECOMMENDATIONS COMMITTEE
Mrs. Esna Edkis—Chairman
Mr. John Anthony - Co-chairman
Mrs. Daisy Williams
Mrs. Elroy McDoland

THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Ruby Ramsey Ingram - Chairman
Mrs. Lucinda Rice
Mrs. Dottie Jones
Mrs. Claudia Williamson

The meeting was adjourned.

Friday morning, August 20, 1954

The Ushers Fellowship Union was opened with the 2nd Vice president presiding. Prayer by the chaplain. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. The roll was called, after which the president introduced the visitors. They were: Mrs. W. S. Sims of Lawrence, Kan. and Mrs. Beatrice Everett of Missouri. The president then selected area workers as follows:

Missouri ...................... Mrs. Lucinda Rice, 4739 A Kensington Pl., St. Louis, Missouri.
Illinois ....................... Mr. George Washington and Mrs. Ruby Ramsey Ingram

The names of State area workers are as follows for the convention year 1954-55:

Alabama - Mr. John Hinson, 675 Mill St., Montgomery, Alabama
Ohio - Mrs. Clara Bush, 1180 E. Long St.
Missouri - Mrs. Frances Robinson, 171 Walnut St., Warren, Ohio
Illinois - Mrs. Odessa Leak, 3315 Perkins St.
Kentucky - Mr. Tom Henderson 2340 Chestnut Street, Louisville
Mississippi - Mrs. Sadie James, Rt. 1, Port Gibson, Miss.
Missouri - Mr. M. M. Brown, 106 Chestnut St., Port Gibson, Miss.
Oklahoma - Mr. Albert Thompson, 1136 N. E. Sixth St.
Indiana - Mrs. Henrietta Bell, 2101 Blvd. Pl., Indianapolis, Ind.
Texas - Mrs. Elroy McDonald, 1136 Church St., Dallas, Tex.

The following chairmans were appointed: Program Committee, Mrs. Lucinda Rice of St. Louis, Mo.; Membership Committee, Mrs. Gertrude Gilmore of Illinois; Entertaining Committee, Mrs. Cora Bernard of Indiana; Reporter for the Plea, Mrs. A. L. Martin of Chicago, Ill.

The meeting was adjourned.

We wish to thank the Host Ushers and the members of the Centennial Christian Church for the fine hospitality shown us while in the city of St. Louis, Missouri.

Mrs. Ruby Ramsey Ingram, President
Mrs. Emily Robinson, Secretary

PROGRAM

USHER'S FELLOWSHIP ORDER OF SERVICE

Roll Call of States
Congregational Song
Introduction of Mistress of Ceremony - Mrs. Ruby Ramsey Ingram, Illinois
Mistress of Ceremony - Mrs. Claudia Williamson of Warren, Ohio
Prayer - Mrs. A. L. Martin of Illinois (Mother of Ushers Fellowship)
Song
Scripture - Rev. Thomas J. Griffin, Oklahoma
Welcome Address - Mrs. Lucinda Rice, President of Centennial Christian Church Usher's Board
Response - Mrs. Charles C. Mosley, former president of Women's work for Na-
PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

USHERS FELLOWSHIP UNION

Friday, August 20, 1954

Officers, members, and fellow delegates to the National Christian Missionary Convention.

On behalf of the Ushers Fellowship Union, it has been a pleasure for us to serve this convention, and we sincerely hope that we have had some small part in making it a success. Our job as ushers is to do all we can to serve God's people wherever they are at work. To realize the accomplishment of this goal is our highest aim.

To serve this convention we have organized our Ushers Fellowship Union, which is made up of usher boards from many churches in our brotherhood. Coming from various parts of the country as we do has added to the difficulty of our organizing and working as a single unit for the convention.

However, our task has been made easier, not only by the splendid co-operation of the ushers themselves but by the assistance and co-operation of the various churches and ministers who are represented by these ushers.

We feel that as ushers, we have a unique and responsible position in the church and through our training and organization we try to maintain that position honorably and with dignity. Our working orders and training chiefly must come from the "book of books" which says "Go into my vineyard and work and whatsoever is right that will I pay you".

Our work requires that we are disciplined and accept the challenge of Christian teaching, secondly, we must rid ourselves of worldly inducements, and finally we must live and work in perfect alliance with God. There should be that strictness and firmness that enables us to act and work with dignity which ushering in God's House requires. We must desire to be more like "Him" to whom we have dedicated our lives.

As part of our training, we are instructed in the qualifications we must have in order to adequately serve God's people.

Each of our ushers should have in his possession our manual which is our guide to working and enables all ushers to have the same purpose and to work uniformly.

In order to have a more effective Ushers Fellowship Union as part of our convention, we are appealing to the ministers and churches represented here to give our local board the spiritual and financial co-operation necessary to make them stronger in your individual churches.

We sincerely feel that what we have to offer to the church in the way of service and support is invaluable and should not be overlooked. Our aim is not to be conspicuous but to sincerely use our time and energy to help the church goer to be comfortable and enjoy the service he is attending. We hope that each church in our brotherhood that does not have an usher board will feel the necessity of having one as part of its program. There are persons in all churches who have the qualifications necessary to fulfill this task, and the church has no greater function than to encourage its members to use their talents to the best advantage for the building of the Kingdom of God.

An usher board cannot truly serve a church if the need of one is not felt by
by the minister and the total membership.

Thanks to this spirit of cooperation on the part of the churches in our brotherhood, each year our Ushers Fellowship Union is stronger and does a better job of serving our convention. With the co-operation that has been given to us, we become more dedicated to our work and more determined in our purposes.

It is the hope and dream of every usher to have his board rank high among the organizations of his church who are making a contribution to its progress.

Although we desire to serve in an inconspicuous, quiet way, we hope that the service which we have to offer will be felt throughout the total church and will be received in the same spirit with which we give it.

As ushers we have dedicated our lives to the service of the church. We have been commissioned to do our work by God through Jesus Christ.

Our motto which should be the guiding spirit of ushers everywhere is stated simply and clearly in the Holy Bible: "I would rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked." With this motto has our guide, we of the Ushers Fellowship Union hope to grow stronger and do a greater work for our National Christian Missionary Convention.

The true ushers spirit says and means I love my church with a respect, more tender and more holy and profound than I do my own life.

This spirit enables the ushers to give their time, their talent, their money and their wealth of experience to the church.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1954-55

President: Mrs. Ruby Ramsey Ingram, Chicago, Illinois
1st Vice President: Mrs. Daisy Williams of New York
2nd Vice President: Mrs. Clara Bush of Columbus, Ohio
Recording Secretary: Mrs. Emily Robinson, Paris, Kentucky
Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Esna Edkis, Dallas, Texas
Mother of the Usher Board: Mrs. A. L. Martin, Chicago, Illinois

MINUTES OF THE CHRISTIAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

THE YOUTH RALLY

Monday afternoon, August 16, 1954

The meeting was called to order at 2:45 P.M. by the group leader, Mr. Gene Mosley.

The youth presented Miss Lois Mothershed in a musical recital. Her accompanist was Mr. Lloyd Facen. Remarks by the Local C.Y.F. president.

Queen Esther Jackson, Secretary
Gene Mosley, President

Tuesday morning, August 17, 1954

The initial meeting of the C.Y.F. opened at 9:30 a.m. with the president, Gene Mosley presiding. Approximately forty-five young people were present at this meeting. Each person present was introduced to the group. A selection of songs followed the introductions. These songs included such old favorites as: "The More We get Together," and "Down by the Old Mill Stream." Rev. Paul Sims discussed the local C.Y.F. Highpoints of the discussion included the following:

1. The C.Y.F. is not a social club, but rather it is an organization for the purpose of helping us to increase our knowledge of God and of the Church.
2. Variety is an important factor of a good C.Y.F.
3. The C.Y.F. is a program of service and should deepen our commitment of God.

Rev. Sims introduced the new C.Y.F. handbook This Is C.Y.F. written by Russell Harrison, and encouraged all the young people to purchase it. The book, explained Rev. Sims, has everything we should know about the Christian Youth
Fellowship. He also gave the duties of each officer of the C. Y. F., and said that the key to a good C. Y. F. is a good executive meeting. A worship committee was appointed by the Pres. The meeting was adjourned.

Queen Esther Jackson, Secretary
Gene Mosley, President

Wednesday morning, August 18, 1954

The second session of the C. Y. F. began at 9:30 on Wednesday morning. The president, Gene Mosley called the meeting to order. A song session followed with Miss Lois Mothershed as song leader. Songs included the following: "John Jacob Jingosmith", and "She’ll Be Coming Round the Mountain When She Comes," and Little Peter Rabbit.

Rev. Reed Carter, pastor of the Dover Place Christian Church, organized the group into a Mock World Fellowship Meet, and appointed various committees. A song session followed the appointment after which each committee reported what had been done in the committee. Nomination of officers followed the committee reports. The following were nominated for president and secretary. Miss Lois Mothershed of Arkansas, president and Harry Wilbert of Ohio as secretary. The meeting was adjourned.

Queen Esther Jackson, Secretary
Gene Mosley, President

Thursday morning, August 19, 1954

The third session of the C. Y. F. opened at 9:30 A.M. with Gene Mosley, presiding. There were approximately 35 young people present at this session. Miss Ann Dickerson lead the group in a song session. Newcomers were introduced to the group. Rev. Charles Palmer of St. Louis discussed the work of the C. Y. F. on the State level. Highpoints: C. Y. F. programs vary from state to state. (2) Do the best youth work that we can in the best possible way. A question and answer session followed the discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

Queen Esther Jackson, Secretary
Gene Mosley, President

CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday

1st Hour

General discussion period subject: "CHURCH AND MINORITY GROUPS"
Leaders.......................................................... Mr. Behler—Mr. Deer
Many interesting points were brought out by the speaker, ministers, laymen, and women present.
This continued each morning through Friday.

2nd Hour

Mrs. B. A. Holmes presiding.
The call to prayer was given by Mrs. Holmes. Each person was asked to pray for vision, knowledge, and love.
Introduction of Miss Lawrence who served as one of our resource leaders.
The following workshops were set up as follows:
Presidents—Mrs. Berniece A. Holmes Leader
Worship—Mrs. R. H. Peoples Leader
Study—Miss Margaret Lawrence and Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith
Service—Mrs. Katie Yarbrough and Miss Anna B. Jackson
Announcement
The group then separated into the four groups (group reports are together on another page).

Wednesday

2nd Hour

Missionary Message “Christians are Minority”.................Miss Lawerence

The following committees were appointed by the president:

Loving Cup Award—Mrs. L. Grove, Chrm

- Mrs. Lee
- Mrs. A. Vaughan
- Mrs. S. P. Walker
- Mrs. Franklin

Offering

- Mrs. Pearl Cragget, Chairman
  Byers, Thomas, Butler, Hilton, Trevan, Sims, Miley, and Brock.

Party

- Mrs. Yarbrough, Chairman
  Hollaway, Frazier, Dodge.

Remembrance

- Mrs. Robinson
  Miley, Dickson

Publicity

- Mrs. Daisy Dean, Chairman

Friday A. M.

The Institute was held as a group meeting with 80 women present.

Mrs. Holmes expressed her thanks for the cooperation of the women during the past two years.

Goal sheets were passed out and explained by Miss Jackson.

Reports from the various groups were called for:

Study........................................Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith

Service.....................................Mrs. Aleatha Robinson

Presidents..................................Mrs. B. A. Holmes

The Remembrance Committee made a report that they would mail the cards to the absent members before Convention closed.

The closing worship was presented by Mrs. R. H. Peoples, chairman of the worship committee. Theme “Brotherhood.”

Mrs. Berniece A. Holmes, Pres.
Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith, Secty.

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S FELLOWSHIP WORKSHOPS

Presidents

Mrs B. A. Holmes

1. How can the president assist?
   She should offer help to the Chairman.
   She should study materials before she gives them to the Study Chairman.
   The President should meet with all committees.
   Planning sessions should be held so the work will move smoothly.

Study

Miss Margaret Lawerence, Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith.......................Leaders

1. The scope of study
   Missions
   Devotional Life

2. Tools to work with
   Books
   Visual Aids

3. Fields of Study
   General Study
   Mission both home and abroad
The new materials were presented and discussed which included the following packets, The City, And Gladly Give, Brotherhood Outreach, Year Book.

Some time was spent in discussing the problems and the promotion of study in the various types of churches both large and small.

Worship
Mrs. R. H. Peoples, Mrs. Lorraine Grove....................... Leaders

1. The purpose of the committee was:
   To plan programs for the C. W. F. worship workshops.
   To make recommendations to improve the worship services in the local CHURCH.

   Many suggestions were offered, and the members of the committee shared their local C. W. F. worship experience with the group.

   Each member of the committee was asked to choose a prayer partner for the remainder of the convention.

Service
Miss A. B. Jackson, Mrs. Katie Yarbrough....................... Leaders

1. Why women serve the church?
2. Whom they serve
3. Areas of Service
   a. Church
   b. Community
   c. World through Missions
4. Discussion and acceptance of Love Gift Boxes

   This was a small group but very interesting. Some time was spent in discussing the points listed above.

Publicity

Organized for the purpose of channeling news of the local churches to the Christian Plea.

   Method will be in addition to other sources through editorials from various women throughout the Brotherhood and by contributions of the Publicity Committee.

Members:
Mrs. Daisy Dean—Chairman, 2024 Howard St., Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. Charles C. Mosley—Secretary, R. 2 No. 39 Jackson, Miss.
Mrs. S. S. Meyers, 2400 W. Paseo, Kansas, Mo.
Mrs. Pearl Cragget, 6708 Belverdire, Cleveland, Ohio
Mrs. Johnnie B. Williams, 446 Halsey St., Brooklyn, N.Y.
Mrs. E. E. Penn 307 Chestnut Ave., N. W., Roanoke, Va.
Mrs. Maude Jackson, R. 1 No. 746, Birmingham, Ala.
Mrs. A. M. Dumas, 1558 W. 47 St., Los Angeles 62, Calif.
Mrs. Ruth Davis, 3622 Meyers St., Dallas 15, Texas
Mrs. M. I. Butler, 403 E. 8th St., Fulton, Mo.
Mrs. Ethel Bass, 25 Melba St., Dayton 7, Ohio
Mrs. Isabell Botts, Fairview Christian Church, Sharpsburg, Ky.
Minnie Mc Lendon, 342 Haskell, Kansas City, Kansas
Mrs. Esther Elmore, 927 Harding St., Rockford, Ill.

Thursday

The annual day set aside as Christian Women’s Fellowship day opened with the Sacrificial Service under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Martin of Ill. Offering 12.05.

8:30 Worship
Mrs. Holmes, Presiding

   A very effective worship was presented by Miss Mary V. Moore, Ark. Subject: “Sharing Stewards”.

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Highlights
1. Find the use of sharing in the light of present day needs.
2. Beware of selfishness and unwillingness to share results.
3. Share with all people both at home and abroad.
4. No gift is good without the giver.

Greetings .......................................................... Miss Harrison, Jamaica B. W. I.
Guidance for the Day .............................................. L. L. Dickerson

2:00 P. M.

The afternoon worship was called to order by the President by Mrs. Holmes.

Hymn and Prayer
National Report..................................................... Miss A. B. Jackson
President Report .................................................... Mrs. B. A. Holmes
Solo “Hear My Cry” ................................................. Mrs. Evans, Texas

L. L. Dickerson, presiding
Social Action Report — R. L. Jordan (See report)
Discussion on Capitol for Kingdom Building

Rally Offering ........................................................ $112.55

Goal sheets were passed out and explained. It was moved by Mrs. Meyers and
seconded by I. V. Butler that the goals be accepted. Motion passed.

Offertory Prayer ..................................................... I. Q. Hurdle
First reading of the constitutional amendment.

Benediction.

Thursday evening, 7:45 P. M.

Organ prelude
Worship ............................................................. Miss Margaret Lee, Dayton
“Sharing Christ in Prayer”
Special Music ....................................................... Mrs. Vivian Allen
Presentation of Speaker ............................................ Mrs. B. A. Holmes
Address .............................................................. Mrs. R. B. Bracy

Highlights
1. Preparedness to meet that hour when doors are opened.
2. Christ’s work is for all
3. Christian in each community should unite for good causes

Invitation .......................................................... “I’m Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Offering ............................................................. $163.57

Presentations
$200.00 from Miss Justine A. Spencer to build two homes in Africa...........Mrs. Penn
Acceptance .......................................................... Miss Margaret Lawrence
$100.00 to Taylor House from Ohio State C. W. F. Sarah Wilson Scholarship
Loan Fund .............................................................. Mrs. H. Marcetta Smith
Acceptance .......................................................... Eld. Chas. H. Webb
Token to Mrs. Bracy .................................................. Mrs. C. L. Parks
Loving Cup Award .................................................... Miss A. B. Jackson

E. Annie St. Christian Church Okla.

Missionary Benediction
CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP
ELDER MITCHELL PRESIDING

Tuesday, August 17

Song: "What A Fellowship"
Prayer - Bro. Penn
Song: "Oh, How I Love Jesus"

Minutes of last convention read and approved with necessary corrections.

A moment in silent prayer for our President, Bro. Alfred Thomas, who was suddenly stricken with illness, was spent.

Prayer - Bro. Charles Butler

A roster of the laymen present was taken.

On motion made, duly seconded and carried, Bro. Hilton of Roanoke, Va., was elected as the Temporary Chairman.

Remarks - Bro. C. H. Webb

It was properly moved, duly seconded and carried that the laymen’s banquet be open to everyone.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Bro. Webb deliver his Stewardship message on Wednesday morning.

It was suggested by Bro. Webb that Attorney McKinley Rowan be contacted as a resource leader some time during the week.

Bro. Hilton appointed committee chairmen as follows:
Nominating committee—Bro. Charles Butler, Dayton, Ohio; Promotion and Program committee—Bro. E. McWilliams, Indianapolis, Ind., and Bro. Harry McGill, Dayton, Ohio.

Closing Prayer—Bro. Banks.

Wednesday, August 18

The meeting was called to order by Mr. S. W. Hilton, the Temporary Chairman.

Moment of silent meditation.
Prayer—Bro. William E. Shumate.

Report from the Nominating Committee was made by Bro. Butler, Chairman.

The following report of the Nominating Committee was received:
S. W. Hilton, Roanoke, Va. — President
Edward L. Owens, Dayton, Ohio — Secretary

Attorney H. McKinley Rowan of Oklahoma City, was introduced as the resource speaker for the morning.

The following are some of the highlights of Attorney Rowan’s message:
1. Men have always been called upon in time of war, especially young men.
2. Men need to support the church, and not the minister, for when you support the church, the minister will get his.
3. If the men are not going to work, they should get out of the way and let the minister and the women run the church.

Remarks—President L. L. Dickerson
Benediction.
WORSHIP SERVICE
M. F. MITCHELL, PRESIDING

Wednesday, August 18, 7:45 P. M.
Leader—Miss Elizabeth Givens
Theme: We Grow In Christian Stewardship
Order of Service
Call to Worship
Hymn: "Come Thou Almighty King"
Meditation Thoughts and Scripture
Prayer
Prayer Hymn (one verse) "Just As I Am, Thine Own To Be"
Closing Hymn (1, 2, 5 verses) "Dear Lord & Father of Mankind"
Closing Thought

Here, Great God, today we offer
Of thine own to Thee;
And for thine acceptance proffer
All unworthily,
Hearts and minds and hand and voices
In our choicest Melody. AMEN.

CHRISTIAN MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Thursday, August 19
Meeting was called to order by Acting Chairman, Bro. Hylton of Va.
Prayer
New members were introduced.
Bro. Hunt of Ohio was appointed on the committee to visit Bro. Alfred Thomas, who is in the hospital.

Announcements were made.

Bro. Ellington, upon the request of Bro. Stone, presented the following project:

150 men to give $10 each to help the Taylor Fellowship House, and that these men receive recognition at the men's banquet.


Bro. Webb was presented as the resource leader for the morning.
Bro. Webb spoke on "Our Christian Stewardship as Laymen"

Highlights:
1. He explained the functions of the Taylor House.
2. He explained this year of Christian Stewardship.

It was moved, seconded, and carried that the CMF request permission to meet Friday morning for 2 hours.

Benediction

Friday, August 20, Bro. Hilton Presiding

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Hylton, Acting Chairman.
Prayer
Introduction of new members.
Remarks
It was moved, seconded and carried that the minutes of each meeting be made in duplicate, in order that minutes of previous meetings may be read in each respective meeting.
Remarks

Bro. Miller, Texas.
It was moved, seconded and carried that the name of each local organization be designated by the local church.

It was moved, seconded and carried that we adopt an Educational Project that will help.

The condition of Taylor Fellowship House were explained by Bro. Blair, a student from there.

Remarks were made by Bro. Butler, a graduate student.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the CMF assist Taylor Fellowship House during the convention year 1954–55.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the report from the Kentucky State President be received.

Reports were received from Warren, Ohio, Dayton, Ohio and Brooklyn, N.Y.

The Program Committee's report was received.

The report of the Budgeting Committee was received.

Bro. Webb explained the work of the Taylor Fellowship House.

Brothers McWilliams of Indianapolis, Ellington of Mo. and Stone of Ohio were elected to sponsor the project in the interest of the Taylor Fellowship House.

Remarks ................................................................. Hylton

Benediction

Saturday, August 21, Bro. Hylton, Presiding

Meeting was called to order by Bro. Hylton, President-Elect

Song led by Bro. Mack of California, "What A Friend We Have In Jesus"

Song by Cleedus M. Wilson, Mo.

Remarks ................................................................. President Hylton

Discussion: "The Taylor Fellowship House Project"

Remarks concerning the project ...................................... Bro. McWilliams, Ind.

Bro. Ellington was appointed Chairman and Bro. McWilliams, Secretary of the Committee to sponsor the project.

It was moved, seconded and carried that all money raised for the project be sent to Brother C. H. Webb.

It was moved, seconded and carried that Bro. Hylton be sent to the International Convention to be held at Miami, Fla., in October.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the President appoint an alternate representative to the International Convention.

It was moved, seconded and carried that the ministers will not be included in deciding the winner of the trophy at the Annual Banquet.

Remarks ................................................................. Edward Owens, Secretary

Closing remarks ........................................................ President Hylton

Closing and Handshake (Song "God Be With You")

Closing prayer ......................................................... Bro. Wm. S. Barker

REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

CONTINUING GRANTS

Wm. J. Barber, N. C. ................................................ Butler Univ. $100.00
James L. Blair, Ohio ................................................ Butler Univ. 100.00
James L. Claiborne, Miss. - T. C. U. .............................. 100.00
Mary L. Smith, N. C. ................................................ Winston Salem 100.00
Claude Walker, Va. .................................................... Jarvis 100.00
NEW GRANTS

Donald A. Gibbs, Mo. ................................................................. $100.00
Gerald Cunningham, Mo. .......................................................... 50.00
Panciel Carmon, N. C. ............................................................... 50.00
Johnny L. Millner, N. C. ............................................................. 50.00

RECOMMENDATIONS 1954–55

1. That section 1 article 7 of the Constitution be amended to read as follows: The officers of the Convention shall be elected annually and the tenure of office for president and vice president shall not exceed four years in succession, and that no president or vice president shall succeed themselves after serving the full tenure, without one year intervening. Other officers are not subject to this four year tenure of service.

That paragraph A, under Section 1, be added to read as follows: That when president has served 2 years in succession, if the Nomination Committee desires to recommend him or her for the 3rd or 4th term, they must nominate one other person in addition to present incumbent. (disapproved.)

2. That all national officers be active in their local church. (approved.)

3. That the president of the Eastern Seaboard become a member of the National Board, and any other person from that Area that may be required. (disapproved.)

4. That all department heads such as the Director of Christian Education, Pres. of the CWF, CYF, CMP, SUNDAY SCHOOL, and USHER BOARD be given space on the program of the National Convention. (referred to Program Committee.)

5. That no person or persons be recognized by the National Christian Missionary Convention, to participate on any committees, nor receive the endorsement of the National Convention in any activity; unless he works in cooperation with the State Convention from whence they come. (tabled.)

6. That the Taylor Memorial Fellowship House, 4133 Rookwood Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana become our national Project for the Convention year of 1954–55:
   a. That there be an enlistment or recruiting program to convince capable young men and women to accept the challenge of the Christian ministry.
   b. That the Interior be decorated and that the exterior be preserved.
   c. That there be a plaque be made to indicate the fact that this house represents a memorial to Bro. Taylor, and that it is representation of our whole brotherhood’s interest in the growth of an informed ministry. (passed.)

7. That a team of two or more persons be sent out from the National Office to inform the churches concerning the work of the Independent movement especially in Texas. (passed.)

8. That it is the sense of this body that invaluable good has resulted from our cooperation with and support of the program of the National Fraternal Council of Churches and that this relationship may finally help in the achievement of the ultimate goal of the abundant life in this earth. (passed.)

9. From Forest Avenue Christian Church, 1802 Forest Avenue, Dallas, Texas. Dear Sirs; Again this year we renew our invitation to the National Christian Missionary Convention to be the guest of Forest Avenue Christian Church in Dallas, Texas in 1956. Forest Avenue is the old Boll Street congregation. We have move to a new location in Dallas this year and are looking with anticipation to entertain the convention.

A letter from our official board is enroute to the convention expressing this same desire. (passed.)
10. WHEREAS, the smaller churches of our brotherhood in many cases are in trouble and need council and guidance, WHEREAS, we have in our staff the ways and means of helping these churches in their need, BE IT RESOLVED, that our convention staff be instructed to visit, counsel our smaller churches to meet the needs of our brotherhood. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: we do all in our power to make this our National Convention our means of expression and information, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we implement our National Convention program and policy to this extent. (Passed.)

11. WHEREAS: The National Benevolent Association, is an agency of the Disciples of Christ reporting to the International Convention and appeals to the Christian churches for support and, WHEREAS, It is the policy of the NBA to accept only white persons in the old peoples homes and homes for dependent children, BE IT RESOLVED: Therefore, that we express our dissatisfaction with the policy that makes no provision for the care of old people or children who are not of the white race and call upon the NBA to adopt the Christian practice of ministering to human need without regard to race or color. (passed.)

12. That the Ushers work shop period be changed to a more convenient time so that all ushers may attend. The time to be stated, by the National Usher Board President at the National Board planning conference. (Passed.)

13. That the National Convention official staff work with the president of the ushers fellowship in promotion of ushers Fellowship throughout brotherhood. (Passed.)

14. In preparing and mailing materials to the various churches, containing information about usher boards, urging that they be set up where there are none, in field Contacts. Inquire and promote usher boards. (Passed.)

15. That a representative be placed on the Recommendations Committee of the National from the Ushers fellowship department. (Disapproved.)

16. That State Presidents of Christian Women Fellowship meet in a body in a midterm meeting to discuss their common problems, and progress that has been made in the local societies of their respective state. (Passed.)

17. WHEREAS: Article 4, Section 2 gives the principles of rotating system of the Board Members requiring the retiring of one-third of the members of the Board each year; We recommend that a member may succeed himself for one additional time, serving a total of six (6) years, after a second three-year term, he must retire from the board for at least one year. Amendment: this does not apply to members who represent COOPERATING AGENCIES. (Passed.)

18. That specific rules and regulations concerning facilities and services for the entertainment of the National Convention be set up by the Executive Secretary, subject to the approval of the trustees. (Passed.)

19. That any church entertaining the National Convention be required to accept these rules and regulations, and agree in writing to be governed by them in all of its relations pertaining to the entertainment of the Convention Delegates. (Disapproved.)

20. That the President and the Executive Secretary be given authority to carry out these regulations before and during the convention session. (Disapproved.)

21. Social Action Report to the 38th Annual Session National Christian Missionary Convention, R. L. Jordan, be accepted, with the one recommendation which reads as follows: That the Board of the National Christian Missionary Convention make available funds to enable the Social Action Committee to meet four times per year to carry on its work. (Passed.)

22. That the 1954-55 Goals for our year of Stewardship be accepted as written. (Passed.)

23. That the National Christian Missionary Convention appoint a committee of
three persons to work jointly with a committee of the Southern Christian Institute Alumni Association to study the whole situation involving Southern Christian Institute.

We further recommend that this joint committee be given power to represent both groups in any and all negotiations concerning Southern Christian Institute. (Passed.)

24. That a tentative program for committee meeting be set up in advance of the National Convention to prevent an overlapping. (Passed.)

25. That we be permitted to accept as a project for the year 1954 and 1955 the Taylor Memorial fellowship House to be promoted by a special committee appointed by the C. M. F. (Passed.)

Respectfully submitted,
The Recommendation Committee
J. T. Chandler, Chairman
Martha J. Pipkin, Secretary

REPORT OF TREASURER
As of July 30, 1954

INCOME

1953–54

Gross Receipts from National Convention—Roanoke, Virginia $4,557.98
Balance in Treasury at Roanoke Convention 1,021.98
$5,579.96

CHURCHES

October
Second Christian Church—Indianapolis, Indiana 325.00
Second Christian Church—Vandalia, Missouri 10.00

November
Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church—Memphis, Tenn. 300.00
Community Christian Church—Bluefield, West Virginia 8.65
Institutional Christian Church—Kansas City, Kansas 10.00

December
Wehrman Avenue Christian Church—Cincinnati, Ohio 110.00
Broadway Christian Church—Winchester, Kentucky 5.00
Alameda Christian Church—Nashville, Tennessee 4.00
Second Christian Church—Oakland, California 20.00
Boll Street Christian Church—Dallas, Texas 25.00
Park Manor Christian Church—Chicago, Illinois 100.00

January
Crockett Street Christian Church—San Antonio, Texas 2.00

February
Centennial Christian Church—St. Louis, Missouri 25.00
Jones Street Christian Church—Bluefield, W. Virginia 10.00
United Christian Church—Detroit, Michigan 70.00

March
East 6th Street Christian Church—Oklahoma City, Okla. 54.00
Macedonia Christian Church—Oxmoor, Alabama 10.00
Second Christian Church—Chamois, Missouri 10.00
Central Christian Church—Louisville, Ky. 26.30

April
Twelfth Street Christian Church—Washington, D.C. 10.25
East Vine Avenue Christian Church—Knoxville, Tenn. 75.00
Clark Street Christian Church—Greenville, Texas 75.00
Second Christian Church—Jefferson City, Missouri 25.00
Cross Street Christian Church—Little Rock, Arkansas 20.00
Mt. Sinai Christian Church—North Little Rock, Arkansas 10.00
Mt. Beulah Christian Church—Pine Bluff, Arkansas 9.00
Oak Grove Christian Church—Scott, Arkansas 5.00
Pea Ridge Christian Church—Scott, Arkansas 6.00
Cephas Chapel Christian Church—Wrightsville, Arkansas 5.50
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MISSIONARY SOCIETIES

December CWF of Louden Avenue Christian Church—Roanoke, Virginia $25.00
January CWF of Second Christian Church—Fulton, Missouri .......... $27.50
          CWF of West Paseo Christian Church—Kansas City, Missouri  $50.00
          CWF of West Dallas Christian Church—Dallas, Texas .......... $7.50
          CWF of Lincoln Avenue Christian Church—Youngstown, Ohio $27.50
February Missionary Society of East Main St. Christian Church—Xenia, Ohio .............................................. $10.00
          Missionary Society of East Annie St. Christian Church—Fort Worth, Texas ......... $27.50
March CWF of Second Christian Church—Indianapolis, Indiana ......... $75.00
          CWF of Second Christian Church—Hagerstown, Maryland ....... $10.00
          CWF of Fifth Christian Church—Cincinnati, Ohio ........... $15.00
April Missionary Society of Osage Christian Church—Oklahoma, Oklahoma .............................................. $10.00
May Missionary Society of Seventh St. Christian Church—Paris, Ky. .. $16.00
          CWF of Avalon Christian Church—Los Angeles, Calif. ....... $25.00
          CWF of Hill Street Christian Church—Louisville, Ky ........ $20.00
June CWF of Central Christian Church—Cleveland, Ohio ................ $10.00
          Missionary Society of Lorman Christian Church—Lorman, Miss. $27.00
October Missionary Society of Cedar Christian Church—Cleveland, Ohio $14.17
          CWF of Broadway Christian Church—Winchester, Ky ......... $5.80
          CWF of Williamsburg Christian Church—Brooklyn, N.Y ....... $30.00
July CWF of Summit Christian Church—Dayton, Ohio .................. $10.00

$ 447.97

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR,

CYF, USHER BOARDS, REGISTRATION FEES

August Usher Board of Mississippi Blvd. Christian Church—Memphis, Tenn. .................. $5.00
          YAF of Second Christian Church—Indianapolis, Indiana .... $10.00
March CYF of Macedonia Christian Church—Oxmoor, Alabama ...... $8.00
April CYF of Clark Street Christian Church—Greenville, Tex .... $2.50
Senior Usher Board of Park Manor Christian Church—Chicago, Ill.  $30.00
May CYF of United Christian Church—Detroit, Michigan ........... $12.50
          Senior Usher Board of Loudon Avenue Christian Church—Roanoke, Va. $25.00
          Usher Board of Second Christian Church—Indianapolis, Indiana $40.00
October Usher Board of Ross Street Christian Church—Montgomery, Alabama .................. $10.00
July CYF of Morgan Avenue Christian Church—Parsons, Kansas .... $5.00
          CYF of Second Christian Church—Indianapolis, Indiana ...... $10.00
          Usher Board of Third Christian Church—Louisville, Ky ....... $25.00

$ 183.00

CONVENTIONS

July Arkansas State Convention ........................................ $40.00
          Alabama State Bible School Convention ..................... $10.00
          Kansas Christian Missionary Convention ................... $30.00
          Eastern Seaboard Area ....................................... $25.00
          Florida State Convention .................................. $25.00

$ 130.00

MISCELLANEOUS

August Minister’s Fund ............................................ $55.00
October Communion Service Offering ............................... $120.00

Refund—Louden Avenue Christian Church—In payment of
Loan to M. C. Dickson ........................................ 43.00
November Taylor Estate .................................... 3500.00
February Refund—Lorenzo J. Evans—Financial Promotion Committee Meeting Exp. .................. 26.61
July Crusade Fund ........................................... 1200.00

CONTRIBUTING AGENCIES

United Christian Missionary Society ..................... $13,541.67
National Benevolent Association ......................... 750.00
Board of Higher Education ................................ 300.00
Pension Fund of Disciples of Christ ..................... 600.00
Board of Church Extension ................................. 600.00
Christian Board of Publication ......................... 2,000.00

$17,791.67

CHRISTIAN MEN’S FELLOWSHIP

February CMF of Lincoln Avenue Christian Church—Youngstown, Ohio $ 10.00
April Christian Men’s Fellowship Pins (A. Thomas) .......... 4.20
May CMF of High Street Christian Church—Mt. Sterling, Ky. .... 12.00
June CMF of 12th Street Christian Church—Washington D.C. .... 12.00
July CMF of the 6th District of the State of Kentucky ........ 12.00

$ 60.20

SPECIAL GIFTS

Mrs. Amanda Davis—Kansas City, Kansas .................. $ 75.00
Reverend Blair T. Hunt—Memphis, Tennessee ............. 20.00
Kansas Christian Missionary Convention ................... 50.00

$ 95.00

MEN-WOMEN $100.00 MOVEMENT FOR EVANGELISM

Chaplain Clifford Spears ................................... $ 100.00
Dr. J. E. Walker—Memphis, Tennessee .................... 100.00
Mrs. Alice H. Callens—Youngstown, Ohio .................. 100.00
Mr. A. I. Terrell—Winston-Salem, N. Carolina ............ 100.00
Mr. Isaac Hathaway—Montgomery, Alabama ................. 100.00
Reverend E. K. Burton—Madison, Missouri (On Pledge) .... 50.00

$ 550.00

CAPITAL FOR KINGDOM BUILDING

United Christian Church—Detroit, Michigan .............. $ 50.00
Park Manor Christian Church—Chicago, Illinois .......... 50.00

$ 100.00

TOTAL INCOME ............................................ $34,161.96
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS .......... 33,787.34
BALANCE IN TREASURY .................. $ 374.62

CRUSADE FUND

INCOME

Balance Brought Forward From 1952–53 .................... $ 1,583.46
Income from Distribution Check .......................... 124.55
TOTAL INCOME ............................................ $ 1,708.01
DISBURSEMENTS

Taylor Memorial Fellowship House ........................................ $ 500.00
National Christian Missionary Convention .......................... 1,200.00 1,700.00

BALANCE IN TREASURY ....................................................... $ 8.01

INFORMATION

MINISTER’S FUND (Amount in Treasury) ................................. $ 191.79
TAYLOR MEMORIAL FELLOWSHIP HOUSE LIBRARY PROJECT (Amount in Treasury) .... 38.65
ROSA PAGE WELCH SCHOLARSHIP FUND (Amount in Treasury) .......... 727.50

DISBURSEMENTS

1953-54

August
National Convention Expenses ....................................... $ 1,990.00
Jesse H. Turner, CPA—Auditing Services ......................... 35.00
Johnson Printery—For Printing ....................................... 25.00
Postage—Office of the Treasurer ................................... 5.00

September
Emmett J. Dickson—Office Expense ................................. 47.54
Bowers Envelope & Lithograph Company ............................... 48.95
Miss Anna Belle Jackson—SCI Africa Project ..................... 20.00
W. H. Brown—Minister’s Fund ........................................ 35.00
Ditto, Inc. ........................................................................ 14.58
Eddie Lo Evans—½ Award—Youth Oratorial Contest ............... 25.00
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb .................................................. 100.84
R. L. Saunders—Deposit on Printing of Minutes .................. 100.00
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense ................................... 100.00
Mrs. G. A. Evans—Directing of Music at National Convention Central Southern Ins. Agency, Inc.—Bond Premium for Treasurer .................................................. 5.00

October
United Christian Missionary Society—Services .................. 224.25
Lorenzo J. Evans—Financial Promotion Committee ................ 29.25
Kee Lox—For Supplies ................................................... 24.25
Board of Church Extension—Payment on Ditto Machine ........ 25.00
Pension Fund—Communion Service Offering ........................ 120.45
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb .................................................. 120.43
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense ................................... 100.00
United Christian Missionary Society—Services ................. 132.06
Taylor Memorial Fellowship House—Ministerial Training ... 500.00
Allen & Lounsbury, Inc. ................................................. 41.05
Board of Church Extension .............................................. 25.00
Ditto, Inc. ........................................................................ 24.10
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense ................................... 100.00
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb .................................................. 107.37

November
Postage—Office of the Treasurer .................................... 5.00
Lorenzo J. Evans—Fall Planning Conference ....................... 250.00
R. L. Jordan—Spring Mill Social Action Conference .............. 38.79
R. L. Saunders—Balance due on Printing of 1953 Minutes—$410; Postage—$25.00 ......................... 435.00
Trustees of National Christian Missionary Convention— Travel and Expense, Indianapolis, Indiana .................. 609.02
United Christian Missionary Society—Services .................. 359.39
Regal Flower Shop—Floral Offering .................................... 10.00
Bank and Office Stationary Company ................................ 37.10
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb .................................................. 107.37
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense ................................... 100.00

December
United Christian Missionary Society—Services .................. 132.88
The Wright Studio—For Citations............................................. 72.00
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb.................................................. 107.37
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense.......................................................... 100.00
Charles H. Webb—Minister’s Fund $25.00, Minister’s Institute $200.00........................................... 225.00

January
Emmet J. Dickson—Refund Travel Expense for Thomas J. Griffin .................................................. 55.06
Postage—Office of the Treasurer................................................................. 5.00
George J. Mayer Company........................................................................... 4.50
Miss Anna Belle Jackson—CWF Institutes...................................................... 200.00
Board of Church Extension—Payment on Ditto Machine..................................................... 25.00
United Christian Missionary Society—Services.................................................... 111.67
Lorenzo J. Evans—Financial Promotion Committee Expense ........................................... 270.75
Bank & Office Stationary Company...................................................................... 20.75

February
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense................................................................. 100.00
Pension Fund—Dues For Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb.................................................. 107.37
Blair T. Hunt—Travel Expense, Nashville, Tennessee................................................... 23.50
L. L. Dickerson—Travel Expense, California......................................................... 200.00

March
United Christian Missionary Society—Services.................................................... 95.72
Allen & Lounsbury, Inc. ........................................................................................ 28.25
Eddie Lo Evans—Balance of Scholarship.................................................................... 25.00
Lorenzo J. Evans—Program Fund............................................................................. 49.30
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense........................................................................ 100.00
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb.................................................. 107.37
Postage—Office of the Treasurer.............................................................................. 5.00
United Christian Missionary Society—Services.................................................... 168.74
Board of Church Extension—Payment on Ditto Machine..................................................... 50.00
International Convention—Year Books...................................................................... 10.00
McDaniel Press—For Printing.................................................................................. 81.00
Gardner Agency—Renewal of Workmen’s C & O Insurance Policies.......................... 43.72
Bank & Office Stationary Company—For Supplies..................................................... 36.50
Mrs. Edith Bristow—Travel Expense to National Benevolent Meeting......................... 39.14
S. S. Myers—Travel Expense to Nat’l Benevolent Meeting........................................... 18.50
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense........................................................................ 100.00

April
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb.................................................. 107.37
Unified Promotion—Refund, Camp Branch Bible School, Martinsville, Virginia.......................... 5.00
Tri-State Bank—Safe Deposit Box Rent........................................................................ 4.40
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense........................................................................ 290.00
Trustees of National Christian Missionary Convention—Travel and Expense—Indianapolis, Indiana. 607.98
United Christian Missionary Society—Services.................................................... 137.86
F. E. Mason & Sons—For Printing.............................................................................. 48.18
Board of Church Extension—Payment on Ditto Machine..................................................... 25.00
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense........................................................................ 100.00

May
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb.................................................. 107.37
Postage—Office of the Treasurer.............................................................................. 5.00
Board of Church Extension....................................................................................... 25.00
United Christian Missionary Society—Services.................................................... 106.85
Bank & Office Stationary Company............................................................................. 9.80
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker and Webb.................................................. 107.37
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense........................................................................ 100.00

June
Capital for Kingdom Building—United Christian Church $50,00; Park Manor Christian Church $50,00. 100.00
United Christian Missionary Society—Services................................................................ 126.17

57
McDaniel Press—For Printing ........................................ 47.50
Atkins Flower Shop .............................................. 20.20
Taylor Memorial Fellowship House ......................... 241.50
Bank & Office Stationery Company ......................... 16.30
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense ....................... 100.00
Pension Fund—Dues for Dickson, Evans, Jackson, Parker
and Webb ..................................................... 107.37
July
Postage—Office of the Treasurer ..................................... 5.00
Miss Ida Mae Walker—Secretarial Work .................. 125.00
United Christian Missionary Society—Services ........ 170.31
Board of Church Extension—Balance on Ditto Machine.. 25.00
W. K. Fox—Christian Plea Expense ....................... 100.00
Emmett J. Dickson—Office Expense ....................... 100.00

$11,887.41

SALARY AND TRAVEL FOR STAFF WORKERS:
Emmett J. Dickson:
Salary ...................................................... $4,217.96
Travel ...................................................... 1,250.00 5,467.96

Charles H. Webb:
Salary ...................................................... $3,761.95
Travel ...................................................... 1,050.00 4,811.95

Lorenzo J. Evans:
Salary ...................................................... $3,761.95
Travel ...................................................... 1,079.30 4,841.25

Miss Anna Belle Jackson:
Salary ...................................................... $3,078.39
Travel ...................................................... 850.00 3,928.39

Mrs. Marjorie C. Parker:
Salary ...................................................... 2,850.38

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS ................................................ $33,787.34

TAYLOR ESTATE
Report of Treasurer
As of July 30, 1954

INCOME
1953-54
Balance in Treasury at the Roanoke Convention (Cash) .......... $ 368.47
Cash from Trust Fund (Balance in Full) .......................... 5,582.33
October Report of M. R. Eppse (June 29—October 3) .................. 511.77
January Report of M. R. Eppse (October 5—December 31) ........ 957.97
April Report of M. R. Eppse (January 1—March 27) ............. 1,279.81
July Report of M. R. Eppse (March 29—July 3) .................... 1,697.61

TOTAL INCOME ...................................................... $10,397.96

DISBURSEMENTS
M. R. Eppse,
November Bills, Taylor Estate—Insurance $305.01; Taxes
$127.60; Telephone $25.62 ...................................... $ 458.23
National Christian Missionary Convention ....................... 1,500.00
December M. R. Eppse—Honorarium, July—December, 1953 .... 360.00
Miss Ida Mae Walker—Secretarial Work ....................... 125.00
February National Christian Missionary Convention ........ 1,000.00
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**BALANCE IN TREASURY**  $4,077.12
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 year ended July 31, 1954, 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 $1,990.00 cash spent during 1953 Convention), verifying certain requisitions with checks and checking returned checks for proper endorsement, signature and maker and amount. Cash in bank ($374.62) as of July 31, 1954 was confirmed by direct correspondence with the depository. Our audit did not include an examination of all transactions.

It is our opinion that, except for cash disbursement made at the 1953 Convention, this statement presents fairly the cash receipts and disbursements as shown by the books and accounting records of the National Christian Missionary Convention for the year ended July 31, 1954.

JESSE H. TURNER
Certified Public Accountant
Memphis, Tennessee
August 12, 1954
## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL REPORT

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Cleveland—Cedar | 100.00 | | | | | 
3rd Ch.—Warren | | | | | | 
Central C.—Cleveland | | | | | | 
**Oklahoma**

East 6th St.—Oklahoma City | 28.00 | 25.00 | 10.00 | | 10.00 | 10.00
Oklahoma Convention | 15.00 | 15.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 | | 10.00

**Tennessee**

State Convention | 50.00 | | | | | 5.00
Miss. Blvd. C.—Memphis | | | | | | 5.00

**Texas**

State Convention | 35.00 | | | | | 
East Annie | 100.00 | 5.00 | | | | 
Forest Ave.—Dallas | | | | 25.00 | | 

**Virginia**

Fayette St.—Martinsville | 20.00 | 12.00 | | 15.00 | | 
1st Ch.—Stuart | | | | 10.00 | | 
Pine Creek Ch | 5.00 | | | | | 
West Liberty—Woolvine | 5.00 | | | | | 
Loudon Ave.—Roanoke | 75.00 | | | 5.00 | | 8.00
Piedmont-Tri-State | 25.00 | 15.00 | 5.00 | | 10.00 | 
District Bible School | | | | | | 

**SPECIAL GIFTS**

**Capital For Kingdom Building**

11th St., Birmingham | | | | | | $ 5.00
Reidsville, N. C. by Mrs. Vaughn | | | | | 25.00
Monroe Ave., Columbus | | | | | 40.00
Wehrman Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio | | | | | 50.00
Ross Street, Montgomery, Alabama | | | | | 10.00
Summitt, Dayton, Ohio | | | | | 20.00
R. E. Brown, 2nd Christian, Hannibal, Mo | | | | | 10.00
2nd Christian, Muskogee, Oklahoma | | | | | 8.00
Loudon Ave, Church | | | | | 10.00
E. 28th St. C.W.F., Los Angeles, California | | | | | 25.00
Stuyvesant Heights C. Church, Brooklyn | | | | | 25.00
Greenville Texas C.W.F | | | | | 10.00
A. C. Stone | | | | | 5.00
St. Luke, Pensacola, Florida | | | | | 5.00
Park Manor C.W.F., Chicago | | | | | 10.00

**Rosa Page Welch Scholarship**

Cedar Christian Church, Cleveland, Ohio | $ 19.50
Charles H. Butler | 100.00
Henrietta Bell | 25.00
Mrs. A. C. Stone | 20.00
Mr. & Mrs. R. McDuffy | 90.00
Rev. G. F. Lakes | 5.00
Mrs. Minnie Greenwade | 20.00
Miss Margaret Lee | 13.00

**TOTAL** | **$278.00**
Miscellaneous

Estella Hines (State Rally) ...................................................... $ 5.00
Mrs. Mar Van Buren (State Rally) ............................................. 3.00
Elder William F. Keyes (Ministers' Fellowship) .......................... 1.00
C. E. Chandler (Ministers’ Wives) ........................................... 10.00

CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED TOO LATE
TO BE LISTED IN THE TREASURER'S REPORT
as of July 30, 1954

Alameda Street Christian Church Bible School—Nashville, Tenn. .... $ 12.50
Mt. Zion Christian Church—St. Petersburg, Florida ...................... 5.00
CWF of Mt. Zion Christian Church—St. Petersburg, Florida ............ 5.00
Laymen League of Mt. Zion Christian Church—St. Petersburg, Florida.. 7.00
CWF of Seventh Street Christian Church—Paris, Kentucky ........... 4.00
Mt. Olivet Christian Church—Baltimore, Maryland ...................... 50.00
United Christian Church Bible School—Detroit, Michigan ............. 10.00
Cosmopolitan Christian Church—Los Angeles, California ............... 25.00
Reverend M. Frederick Mitchell—Los Angeles, California (On Pledge) 10.00
Contribution to All Peoples Church from Cosmopolitan Christian Church 25.00
Payment on Cosmopolitan Christian Church's pledge to the Rosa Page 10.00
Welch Scholarship Fund ....................................................... 10.00

TOTAL ................................................................. $163.50