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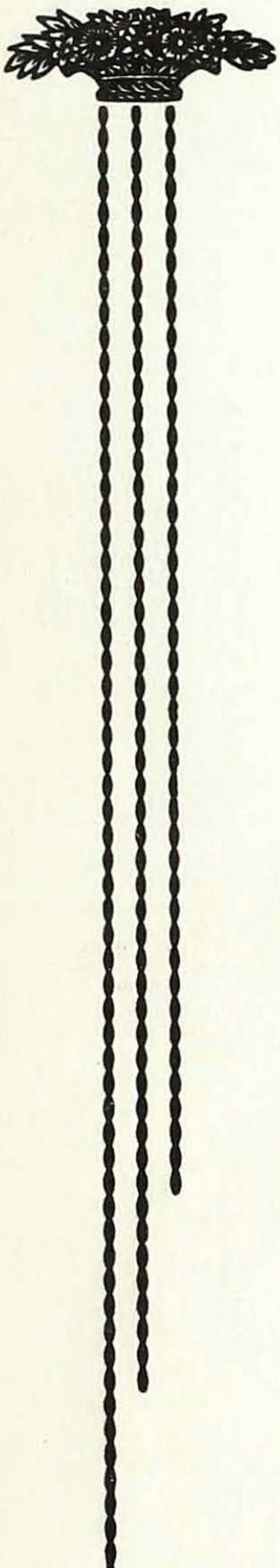

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The ministers who met in that organizational meeting are as follows: G. W. Honey, Jacob Miller, Mack Henson, Daniel Gregory, Samuel Allen, W. O. Sheety, Larkin Carper, Archie Johnson, J. T. Hill, T. T. Leach, T. G. Lacy, Alex Campbell, London Morris, Isaac Wright, Cyrus Hackett, Daniel Harper and Charles Scruggs. Bishop Thomas Bowman was the presiding officer.

"By faith they looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Heb. 11:10). "They all died in faith, not having receved the promise, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Heb. 11:13).

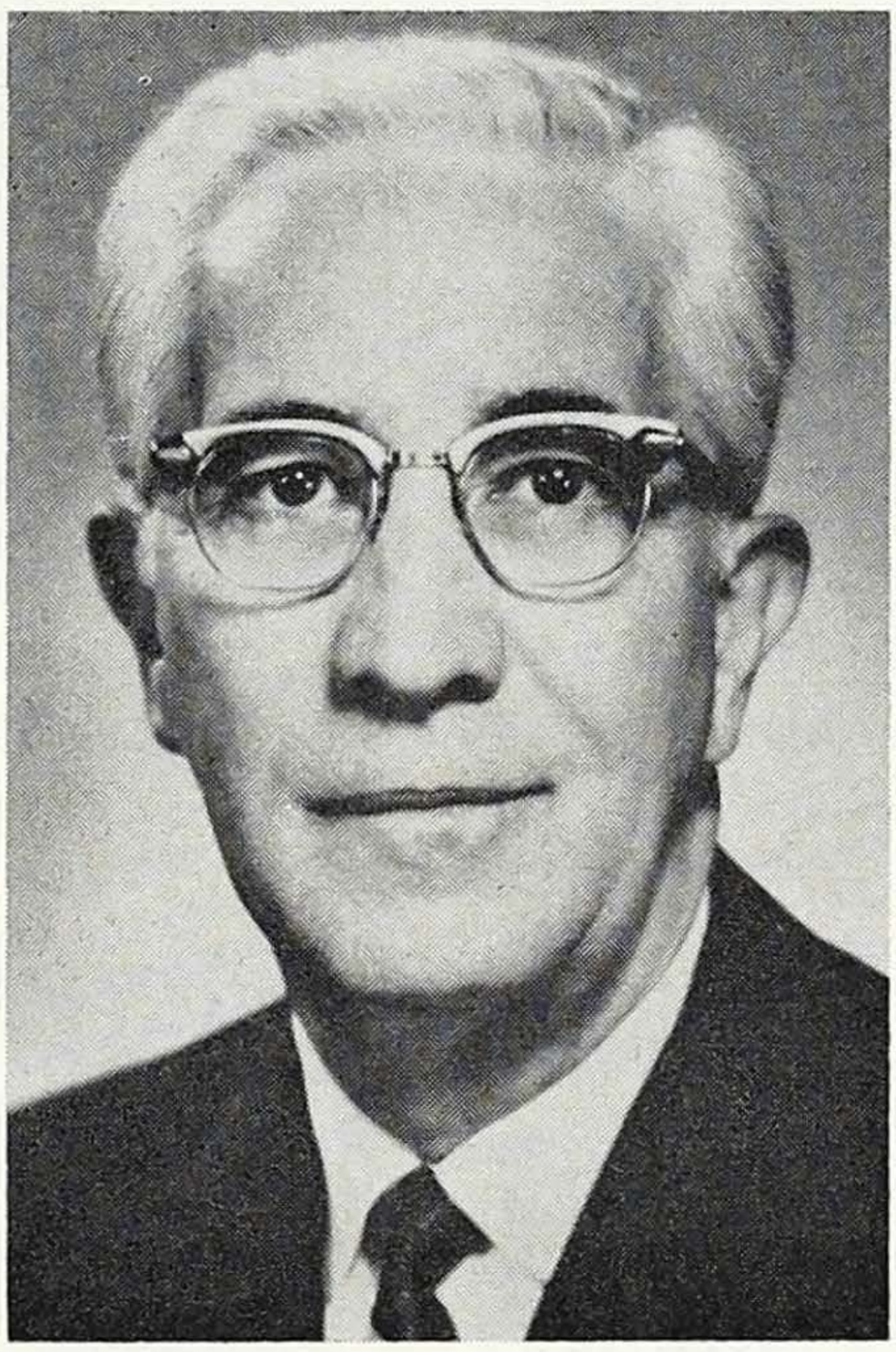
In "an endless line of splendor" others followed in their foot steps. Of these ministers and laymen whose works do follow them, these words by A. L. Frink express our sentiments:

Near a shady wall a rose once grew,
Budded and blossomed in God's free light,
Watered and fed by morning dew,
Shedding its sweetness day and night.

As it grew and blossomed fair and tall,
Slowly rising to loftier height,
It came to a crevice in the wall,
Through which there shone a beam of light.

Onward it crept with added strength,
With never a thought of fear or pride.
It followed the light through the crevice's length
And unfolded itself on the other side.

Shall claim of death cause us to grieve,
And make our courage faint or fail?
Nay! Let us faith and hope receive:
The rose still grows beyond the wall.



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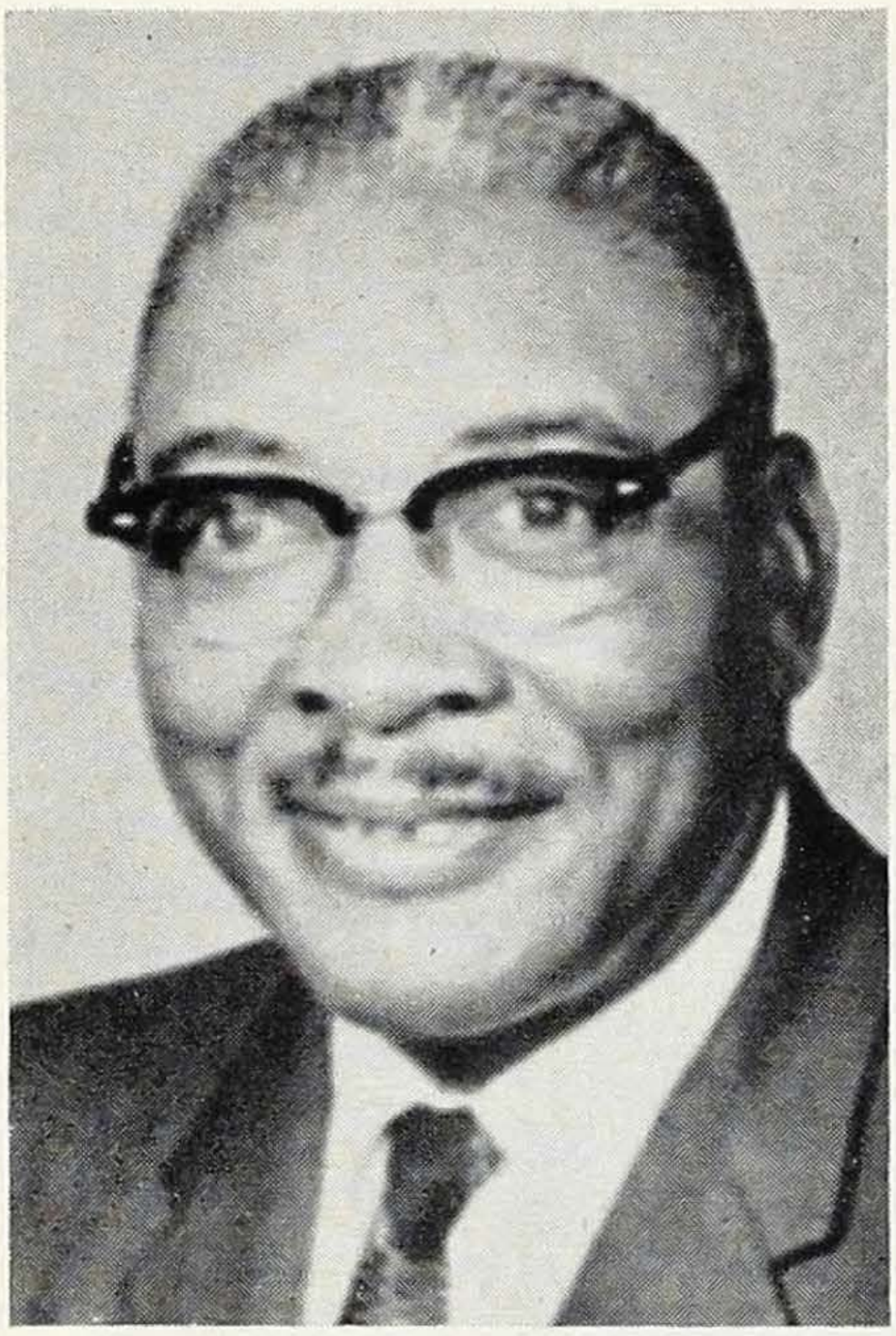

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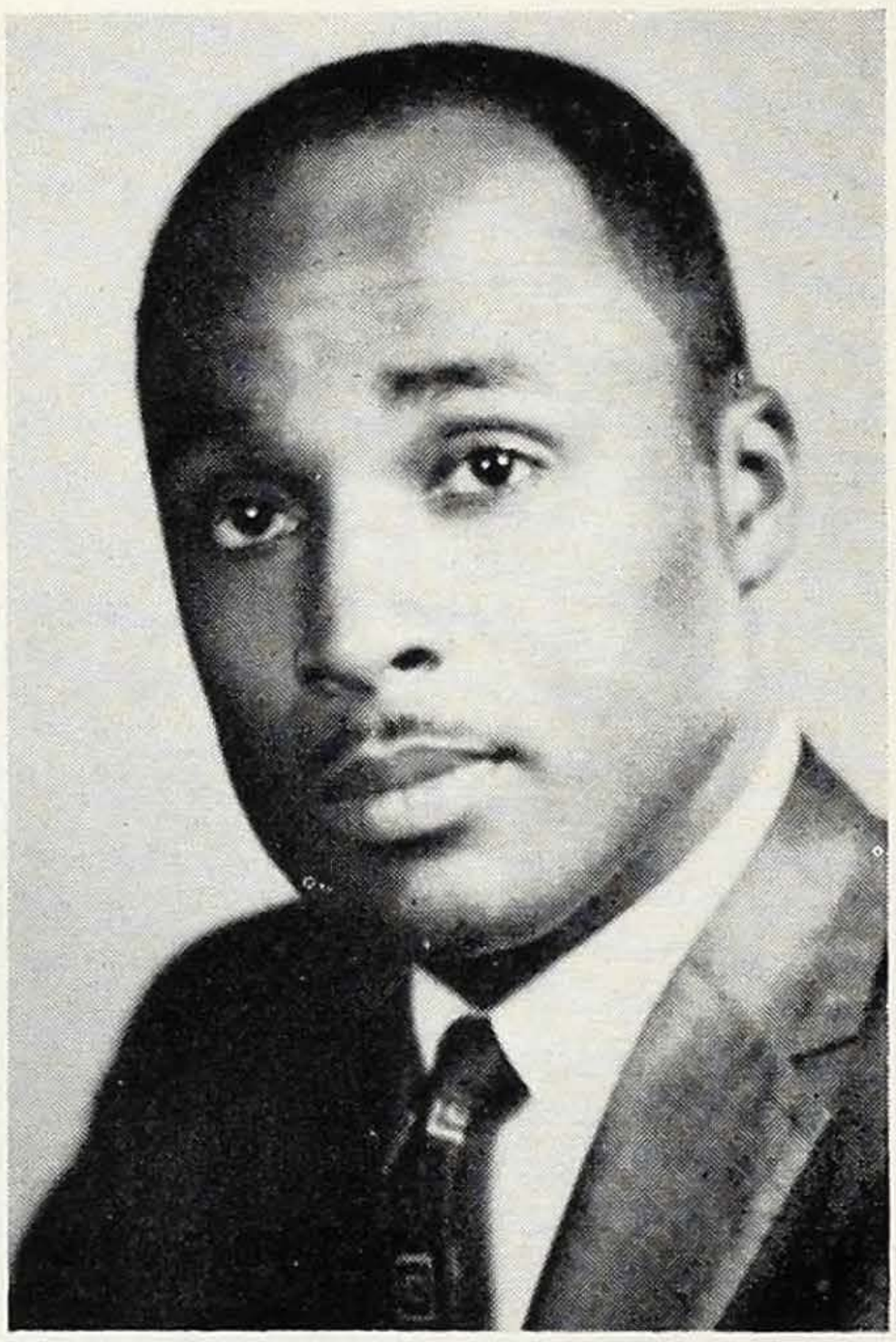

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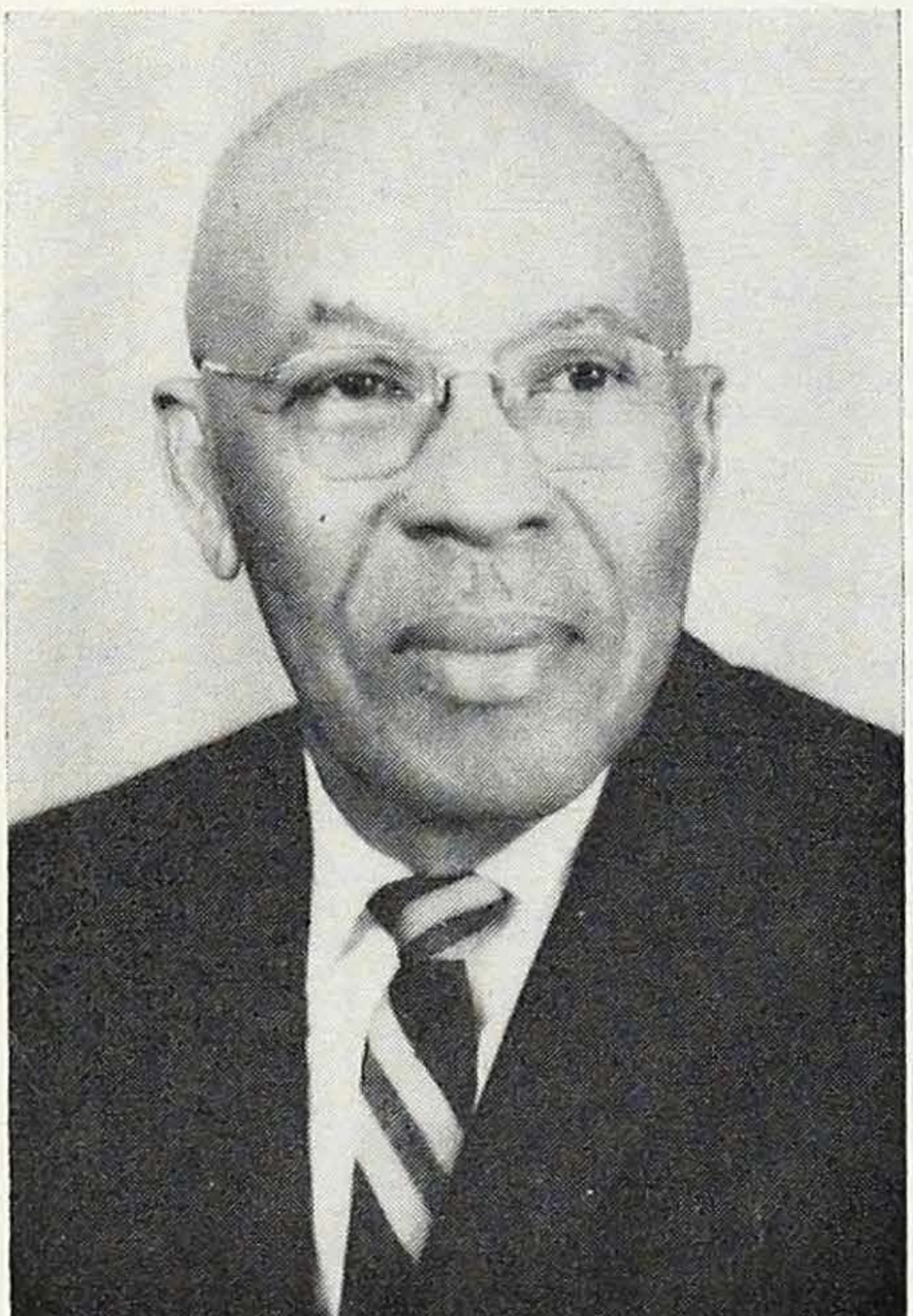

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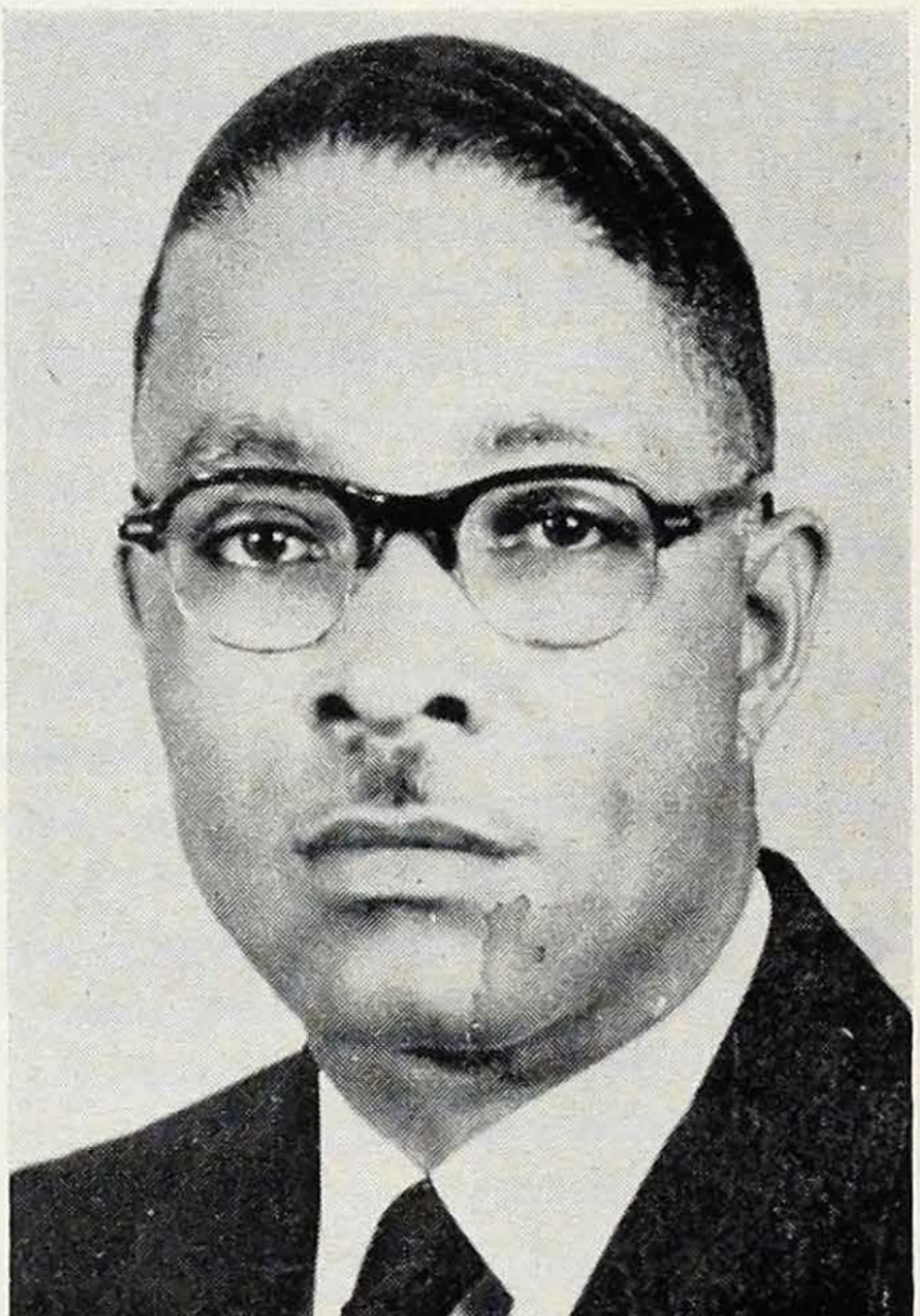

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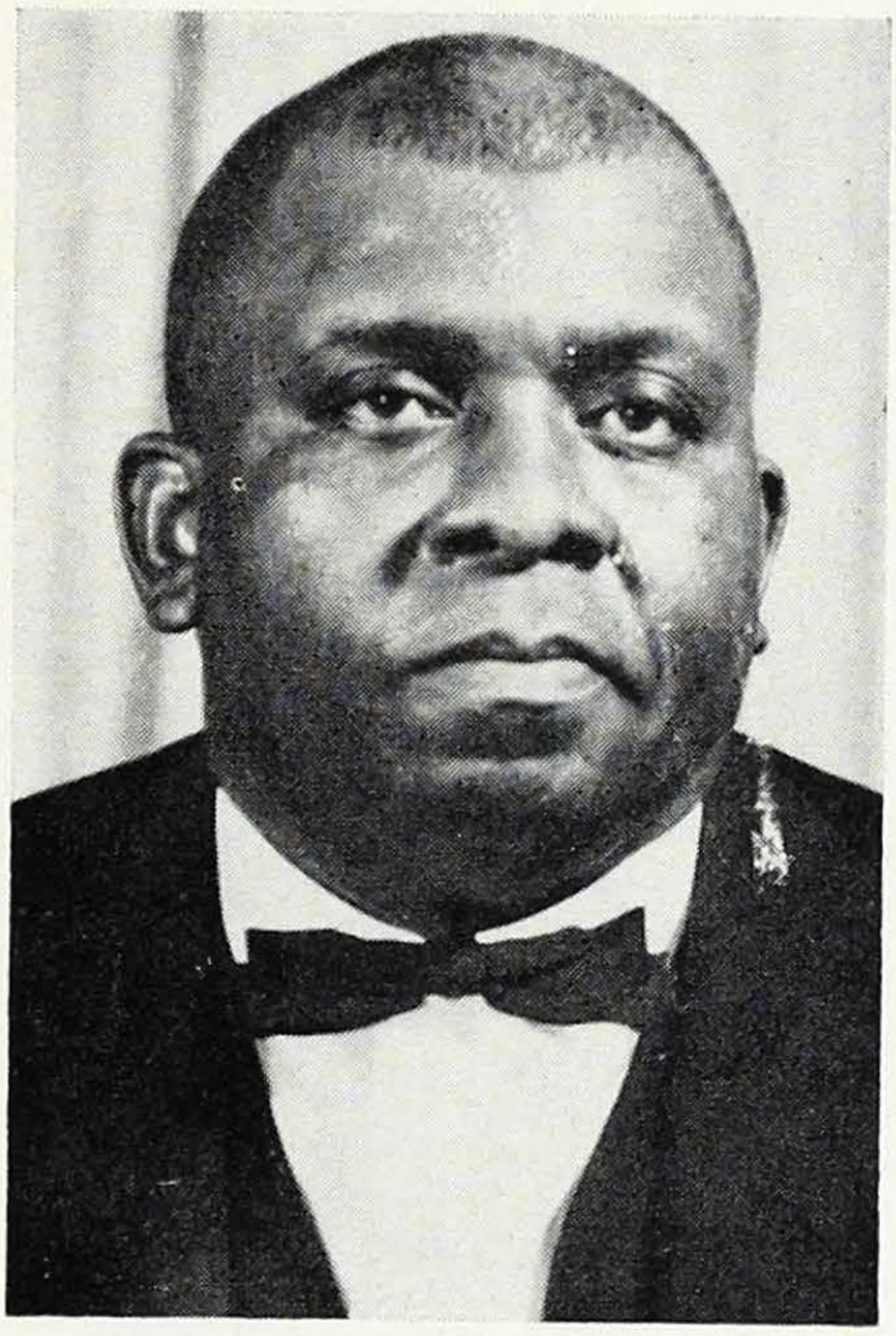

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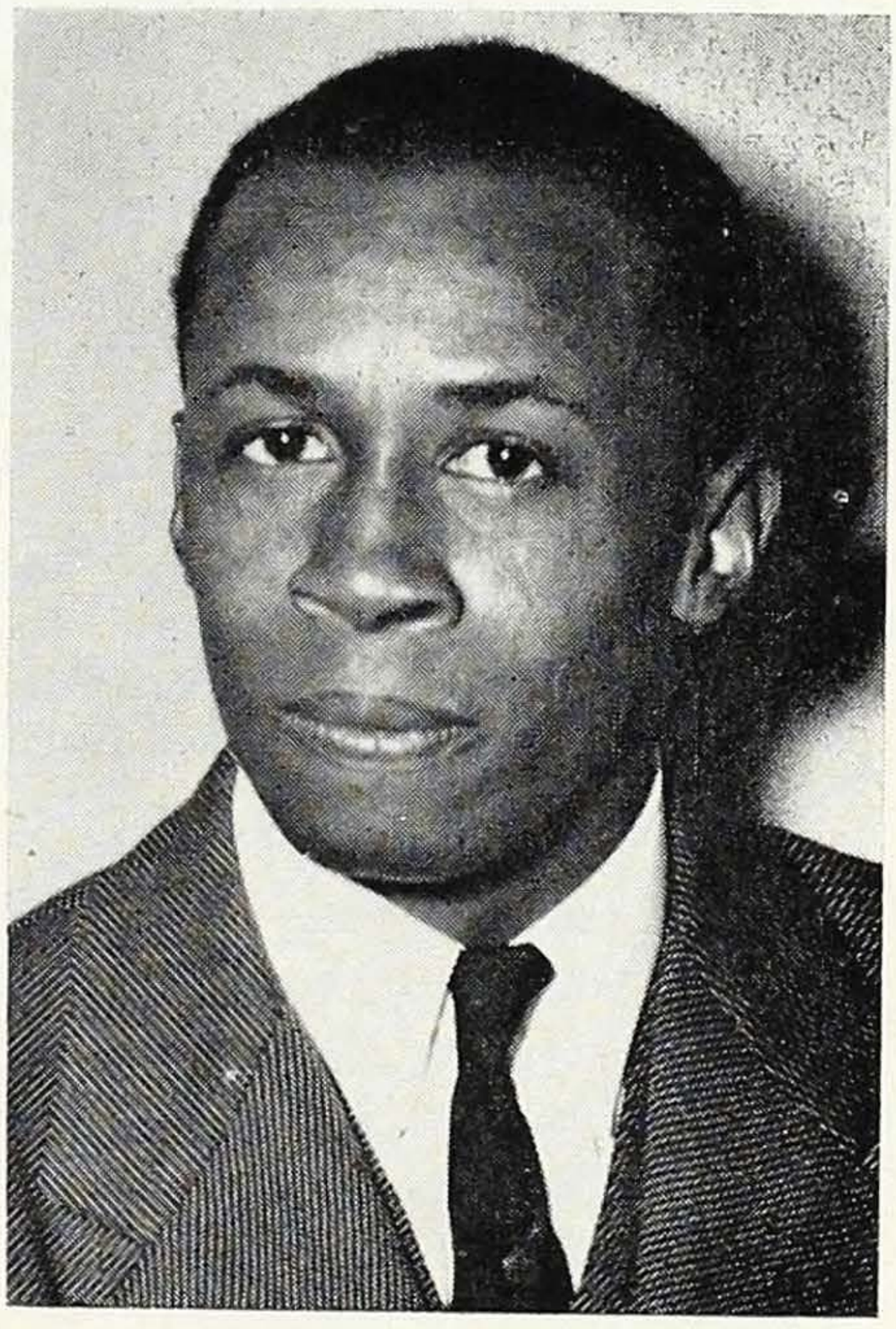

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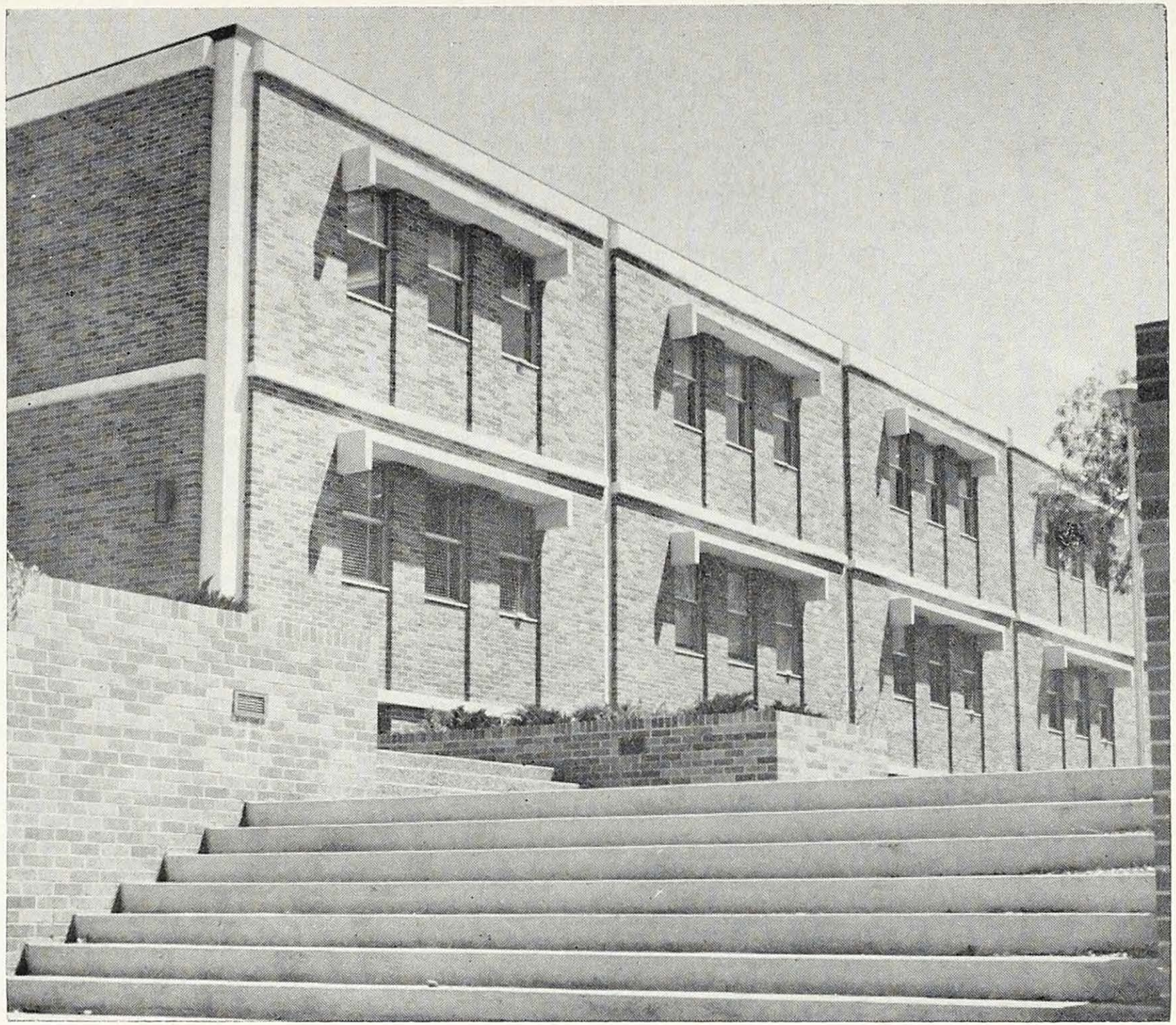

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IV

Daily Proceedings

CONFERENCE MINUTES

First Day - Monday, May 18, 1970
1 to 6 p.m.

The Boards, and Committees of the conference met in general assembly and were assigned to the various conference rooms where they reviewed their reports to be presented to th annual conference sessions.

7:30 p.m. — After the opening hymn was sung, the host-pastor, J. Hudson Carruthers invited the conference to turn to No. 830, the Ritual for the administration of the Holy Communion. He read the opening scriptural collects. The Conference stood and sang Hymn No. 233. Dale H. Hansboro led the responsive prayer for the state of the church.

The Epistle, 1st. Corinthians 13th chapter, was read by Zan W. Holmes, Jr. The choir presented the anthem. The Gospel was read from St. John's Gospel using the 10th chapter, by E. Charles Purnell. The Conference stood and re-affirmed its faith using No. 740. The choir led the conference in the Gloria Patri.

Announcements were made. J. H. Carruthers presented Bishop Oliver Eugene Slater, president of the conference. He announced the purpose of the Communion offering as being given for the CARL EVERETT DOWNS professor-ship chair being established at Huston-Tillotson College.

The Stewards came forward, the oral offertory prayer was said, and the stewards went forth to receive the offering. $235.33 was announced as being received.

J. H. Carruthers presented Bishop Slater as the communion speaker, and led the hymn of preparation. Mr. Israel Smith, soloist of Wesley choir, sand "They Crucified My Lord". Bishop Slater based his Communion Meditation on the 10th chapter of St. John's gospel, the 48th verse. He delivered an inspirational message.

Assisted by the district superintendents and host-pastor, Bishop Slater consecrated the elements and delivered the communion to them. There were 290 communicants served.

Bishop Slater, assisted by the district superintendents and host-pastor, closed the Communion service by leading the conference in the Prayer of Thanksgiving. After appropriate announcements were made, the conference, led by the choir, sang the closing hymn. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Slater.

Second Session - Tuesday, May 19, 1970
8:00 o'clock a.m.

DEVOTIONS — The Conference stood and sang Hymn No. 336, Mrs. John T. King at the organ. Prayer No. 724 was read and the Apostles Creed recited. The Scripture was read by the devotional leader, E. J. Tanner. The Pastoral Prayer was given by H. T. Franks. Hymn No. 239 was sung under direction of Martin J. Walker, conference song leader. Bishop Slater was presented. He commended the devotional leaders for their services.

MOTION — The printed program was adopted with the necessary changes. The Bar of the conference was set by a vote of the conference. A motion by William J. Washington, to elect Albert S. Pitts as reporter to the news media was adopted. It was seconded by P. L. Woods.

REPORT — Bishop Slater called for the report of the district superintendents. The composite report was read by E. C. Purnell, chairman of the Cabinet. His report pointed out that the Church today faces one of the most challenging hours that it perhaps has faced. "The Church as well as political powers of the nation and world must seek to discern what it is that the new generation is trying to say, through its various protests, widespread withdrawal from social patterns of conduct, increasing rejection of tra-

ditionally established values, and the emerging new morality embraced by those who write us off as phonies and hypocrites." He said, "It is in this kind of world situation that we as Christians are called to bring words and actions of reconciliation"; "To adequately prepare for the task the Cabinet engaged in efforts to bring about reconciliation, first of all, in the household of God through participation in merger negotiations with conferences in United Methodism which overlap the West Texas Conference boundaries."

Bishop Slater recognized the work of J. H. Carruthers, E. J. Tanner, and J. S. Grattan in supervising the continued work of the Austin-Victoria District following the appointment of J. Garfield Owens to the San Antonio District of the Southwest Texas Conference.

Bishop Slater called for the report of the Program Council. E. C. Purnell, conference Chairman of the Council presented a brief statement and presented P. L. Woods Conference Director of the Program Council. The Conference received him with a standing ovation. (See report section) During the presentation of his report the following representatives were called by him and brief statements made in regard to their work: J. S. Grattan, John T. King, and William J. Washington. Bishop Slater also presented Bishop Kenneth Pope who arrived during the report.

I. B. Loud made a motion that the West Texas Conference organize a West Texas Fellowship for the purpose of maintaining mutual interests and fellowship among former members of the West Texas Annual Conference. The motion was tabled on the motion of William J. Washington and the Second of L. L. Haynes, Sr. until the afternoon session.

RECESS — The conference was in recess for fifteen minutes. Promptly at 10:45 the conference song leader, Martin J. Walker led the conference in singing "Lord I Want To Be A Christian". Bishop Slater presented Bishop Pope who presided over the session. A part of the Program Council report was amended by a vote of the conference on a motion by William J. Washington which "provides that each successor conference to the West Texas Annual Conference inaugurate a 'Conference Commission' on Religion and Race which may be an extension of existing Committees on Merger. It is anticipated that such Commissions will comply with the proposed recommendations of organizations suggested by the General Commission on Religion and Race, and be appropriately related to the General Commission on Religion and Race.

ORDER OF THE DAY — The Conference Board of Pensions set Wednesday afternoon for the presentation of its report.

MEMORIAL SERVICE — J. Boyd Richardson, chairman of memorials, was invited to the rostrum to present the memorial service. Hymn No. 289 was sung; the Scripture was read by E. M. Cooper. St. John 14th chapter was read after which he offered the prayer. Hymn No. 235 was sung. An organ musical medley was presented by Mrs. John T. King. The sermon was delivered by Robert S. Mosby from Hebrews 11:1; Martin J. Walker sang "God Will Take Care of You".

Bishop Slater made a presentation to Mr. Mosby. After appropriate announcements were made. Mr. Mosby pronounced the benediction. The conference adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Tuesday afternoon - 2:15 p.m.

Hymn No. 224 was sung after which Zan W. Holmes, Sr. offered the prayer.

REPORT — Bishop Slater called for the report of the Conference Board of Education. Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr. made a brief statement and presented John W. Elliott, Executive Secretary of the Board who made the report. Statements were made by J. J. Seabrook and William J. Washington.

I. B. Loud made a motion that the conference consider the matter of organizing the "West Texas Fellowship" and appoint a convener. It was seconded by Mr. O. H. Elliott. The conference adopted the motion and Dale H. Hansboro was appointed.

REPORT — The Commission on Minimum Salary report was called for. M. A. Freeman made the report. The conference voted to include in

the report that "the minimum salary schedule of the successor conferences be accepted by the ministers of the West Texas Conference going into the successor conferences. It was adopted. The report with this insertion was adopted.

REPORT — The Board of Trustees report was called. Lavalle Lowe, Jr., Board Chairman, presented the report. (See report section).

PRESENTATIONS — Individuals presented during the sessions were: Jerry J. Smith, and Tony Bantly of the Southwest Texas Conference; Arthur Kulah, Liberia, Africa; Mr. and Mrs. C. Jordan Mann, W. G. Birkner, and Gregory Robertson, of Southwest Texas Conference; Spurgeon M. Dunnam III, Editor and General Manager of "THE TEXAS METHODIST"; and Bob Robertson, Executive Director of the United Methodist Communications Council; William J. Washington, representative of the General Board of Education; Clayton Hammons, Religion and Race.

Announcements were made and the benediction pronounced. The conference was adjourned.

Evening Session - 8:00 p.m.

The evening session began with a medley of songs: "Take Time to be Holy", "Jesus is all The World to Me", and "Only Trust Him" were used.

Hymn No. 336, "And Are We Yet Alive" was sung; the prayer was given by Zan W. Holmes, Sr. J. H. Carruthers called 17 ministers to come to the front seats and be seated. The program was presented in four scenes.

Scene I: "Old Time Church Service" led by Brother Madison. The following songs were sung, "When I Lay My Burden Down", "It's Not My Brother, But It's Me, O Lord, Standing In the Need of Prayer".

Scene II: I. B. Loud called the roll of the "Seventeen" who had finished their labors.

Scene III: Timothy B. Echols was asked to portray the likeness of the late Ruben S. Lovinggood who was the prime mover of Samuel Huston College after its organization. This scene closed with the singing "My Old Sam Huston Home".

I. B. Loud asked that the offering be received at this time. $222.53 was received.

Scene IV: J. J. Seabrook, president emeritus of Huston-Tillotson College, told of his experiences before and after becoming President of Huston-Tillotson. He also presented Mr. and Mrs. John T. King, Huston-Tillotson College President and his wife. Words of appreciation and encouragement were spoken by Mr. King.

Bishop Slater spoke words of appreciation for the History of West Texas Conference. Recognition was given Fred D. Young for 35 years service as a member of the Huston-Tillotson Board of Trustees. The closing prayer was given by R. L. Palmer, following the "Hallelujah Chorus" by the choir.

Fourth Session
Wednesday, May 20, 1970
8:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS — The devotional leader, J. S. Grattan presented the conference song leader, Martin J. Walker. He announced Hymn No. 83 as the opening hymn. The Apostles Creed was said, and the Lord's Prayer chanted. Psalter No. 565 was read responsively followed by the Gloria Patri. The Scripture was read by Mr. Grattan. He presented the devotional meditation. Hymn No. 306 brought the devotional period to a close. Bishop Slater was presented.

REPORT — The conference committee on Journal reported that the minutes of the previous day were read and found to be correct. Zan W. Holmes, Sr., chairman, moved the adoption of the report. It was adopted.

REQUEST — The Conference Secretary requested the priviledge of sending the New Mexico Annual Conference in session at Albuquerque, New Mexico, a telegram from West Texas Conference. The request was granted.

REPORT — Bishop Slater called for the report of the Commission on

World Service and Finance. The report was read by S. A. Keesee, chairman. The report was adopted. (See report section).

S. A. Keesee asked for the priviledge of having J. Garfield Owens, former Treasurer, to read the Treasurers report on Thursday. It was granted by the conference.

SPECIAL PRIVILEDGE — Albert S. Pitts reported the hospitalizing of Mrs. Edward Clark, wife of Edward Clark, a local preacher, and requested an offering and the excuse from the conference of Mr. Clark. It was granted. The conference received $130.25 for Mr. Clark.

REPORT — Bishop Slater invited Mrs. T. L. Bell, conference president of the Women's Society of Christian Service to the rostrum. Mrs. Bell read her report to the Conference. It was accepted. Mrs. Bell presented Mrs. Jo Ann Wilshusen, conference Society president of the Southwest Texas Conference. She brought greetings from the women of her conference, and commended the work of Mrs. Bell for her work in preparing the women of West Texas for the merger sessions. Mrs. Bell reported having traveled 100,000 miles. She also presented Mrs. Norris McMillan of Southwest Texas conference. In her closing statement to the conference she said, "The hour is late. The clock is about to stop for blacks and whites to continue serving and worshipping separated, and join hands and in His Name lead men and women, boys and girls to 'Choose life'."

REPORT — Mr. Odie E. Davis, Jr. was called to make his report for the Board of the Laity. His report was received and adopted. (see report section)

Mr. Jenkins, representing the Methodist Publishing House, was presented. He brought greetings from the Publishing House and presented a check to Bishop Slater for $4,173.03 to be used for the Conference Claimants Fund. He also announced that the Cokesbury Bookstore was set-up in the basement of the church and invited the members of the conference and visitors to visit the store.

REPORT — The report of the Committee on Publishing Interests was presented by the chairman, Meredith C. Stone, (see report section).

It was reported that the property bought by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Marlin to be used for a Day Care Center is for sale. The proceeds to be divided, one half to Huston-Tillotson College, and one half to the Pension Fund.

PRESENTATION — The following visitors were presented: Robert S. Tate, S. R. Wofford, Doyle W. Morton, S. Merle Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Heinsohn, and John Donaho, of Southwest Texas Conference; Mr. Jack R. Leols, Mrs. C. A. Barr, Mrs. Norris McMillan, and John Gilbert, Southwest Texas Conference; Earl E. Harvey, North Texas Conference; Gordon Casad, North Texas Conference; W. V. Bane, Central Texas Conference; J. W. Sprinkle, Central Texas Conference; and Mrs. M. R. Loud, of California.

ORDER OF THE DAY — Hymn No. 244 began the mid-day worship service. Affirmation of Faith No. 738 was said, and Psalter No. 661 was read responsively after which the Gloria Patri was sung. The prayer was given by Zan W. Holmes, Sr.; I. B. Loud presented the conference song leader to lead the conference in singing Hymn No. 92. Bishop Slater presented Bishop Willis J. King (retired). The conference listened to Bishop King's message on "The Christian Church in a Changing World". Following the message the conference adjourned for the lunch hour.

Fifth Session
Wednesday - 2:30 p.m.

The Conference Song Leader, Martin J. Walker, led the conference in singing Hymn No. 291 and Bishop Slater offered the prayer. The Report of the Board of Pensions was presented by the chairman, I. B. Loud. The report was adopted. The report contained the following resolutions: That the birthdate for Earl L. Spencer be changed from 1897 to 1898. It was done; That Meredith C. Stone be given annuity credit for three (3) years served as a full time supply pastor, It was done; requested permission to continue sales of properties now being sold the proceeds to go for the pension fund. It was done.

I. B. Loud presented Mr. Lyle A. Weed, representative of the General Board of Pensions. He gave helpful assistance to the Conference Board in arriving at facts as they are.

Mr. Loud presented the following ministers and laymen certificates of service: All effective ministers; Mrs. A. B. Hudspeth, Mrs. M. M. Loud, Mrs. A. L. Owens, Mrs. M. M. Sanford, Mrs. K. W. McMillan, Mrs. W. M. Ellison, Jr., Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, Mrs. I. C. McAlister, Miss Mildred Davis, Mrs. E. M. Gilbert, Miss Dora Smith, Mrs. Harieddie Hammond; Mr. Odie E. Davis, Jr., Mr. E. C. Ransom, Mr. O. H. Elliott, Mr. Timothy Johns, Mr. John T. King, Mr. Raymond Williams, Mr. Eddie J. Evans, Mr. Foster Roberts, and Mr. W. R. Bryant. Bishops Slater and Willis J. King, and Mr. Lyle A. Weed.

Bishop Slater presented Judge Tom Reavley, Lay Leader of the Southwest Texas Conference, and Roy H. May. After greetings from Judge Reavley he presented a box of hand made gavels as a gift from his father to Bishop Slater to be distributed to leaders of the conference. The following members of the conference received a gavel: Freddie B. Dixon, John Wesley Tatum, Martin J. Walker, E. C. Purnell, Meredith C. Stone, Zan Wesley Holmes, Jr., Dale H. Hansboro, J. Garfield Owens, Mr. John T. King, and Mr. Odie E. Davis, Jr.

The Board of the Ministry report included in its report the following: Admitted into full membership and ordained Elders, Freddie B. Dixon, John Wesley Tatum.

The following were admitted as probationary members: Troy Bell, W. V. Cade, James L. Houston, and Lloyd E. Willis. Admitted as an Associate Member, William E. Mitchell. Ordained as Deacons, H. D. Hamilton, Leroy Welch, Lloyd E. Willis, William E. Mitchell and Troy James Bell.

Question No. 40-b was reopened. Two conference memberships were terminated by involuntary location: James E. Broughton and Dennis A. Woodling.

Bishop Slater announced the transfer of J. Garfield Owens from West Texas Conference to Southwest Texas Conference, effective February 1, 1970; R. W. Johnson from West Texas Conference to Texas Conference effective May 20, 1970; received by transfer from the Gulf Coast Conference, H. M. Taylor effective May 20, 1970.

The Board of the Ministry report was adopted, and a standing ovation given to Lavalle Lowe for the excellent service rendered the conference. Following the announcements the conference adjourned.

Wednesday - 8:30 p.m.

Albert S. Pitts called the conference to order. With the choir of the Simpson United Methodist Church presenting the music, Hymn No. 72 was sung. The Apostle's Creed was said. The Scripture Lesson was read from John 17th Chapter. The prayer was given by Martin J. Walker. The choir sang, "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory", after which Dr. John T. King addressed the conference. As a part of Dr. King's presentation, Fred D. Young was applauded and given a gift for his years of service on the Boar dof Trustees. J. J. Seabrook, President Emeritus, was given recognition.

The Offering was taken for the host church. $167.29 was raised. A. S. Pitts presented the evening preacher in the person of L. L. Haynes, Sr. and the choir sang two selections of Gospel songs. Mr. Haynes preached from Acts 8th. chapter 26th verse, "The Spirit of the Lord said to Phillip, take the desert road". After the sermon the invitation to Christian discipleship was extended. The benediction was pronounced by Mr. Haynes. The conference was adjourned.

Sixth Session

Thursday, May 21, 1970
8:30 a.m.

DEVOTIONS — Bishop Slater presented Harold T. Ashurst, devotional leader. Mr. Ashurst, assisted by the conference song leader, Martin J. Walker, led the conference in singing Hymn No. 93. The Scripture was

read by Luther W. Henry after which he gave the morning prayer. Hymn No. 226 was sung, and Mr. Ashurst brought the devotional meditation using as his subject, "A Name Worth Deserving". Hymn No. 129 brought the devotional period to a close. Bishop Slater was presented.

REPORT — Zan W. Holmes, Sr., chairman of the committee on Journal reported that the minutes of the previous day had been examine dand found to be correct. He moved adoption of the report. It was adopted.

Mrs. A. L. Owens, conference treasurer, presented J. Garfield Owens, former conference treasurer, to read the Treasurer's report. It was adopted (see report section).

REPORT — Bishop Slater called Garrett J. Goff, conference statistician, to make his report. After a brief discussion the report was adopted (see report section). The conference was in recess for 15 minutes.

The conference reassembled promptly at 10:30 a.m. and the report of the Ministers' Wives and Daughters Association was called for. Mrs. A. L. Owens was presented to the conference by Bishop Slater. Mrs. Owens invited the district presidents, and members of the organization to join her on the rostrum. This was a very historic report as it reminisced on the organizations early beginning having been organized in 1944. The first president, Mrs. Anabelle Hudspeth who served in that capacity from 1944 to 1952; others who served are Mrs. M. M. Loud, Mrs. M. M. Sanford, and Mrs. Owens. The organization drew praise from the leadership of the conference.

The financial report was as follows:

Austin-Victoria District	$1,812.00
Dallas District	1,615.00
San Antonio District	1,711.00
Waco District	1,150.00
Public Offering	44.00
Grand Total	$6,308.00

ANNOUNCEMENT — Bishop Slater announced to the conference that Bishop King, conference speaker, was much improved after having suffered a slight attack following the noon-day message on Wednesday. He also announced that W. T. Handy, Jr., representative of the Methodist Publishing House would be the days noon-day speaker.

REPORT — The report of the plan of merger was called and John T. King made the report. Zan W. Holmes, Jr. spoke on the progress of the North Texas Conference; Eric C. Purnell, on the progress of the Central Texas Conference; J. Hudson Carruthers on the progress of the Southwest Texas Conference; M. T. Reed on that of the Northwest Texas Conference, and Meredith C. Stone on that of the New Mexico Conference. S. A. Keesee also spoke.

A motion was offered calling for the re-naming of the merged conferences. The conference voted down this motion. Another motion carried which supported the geographical naming of the merged conferences. M. T. Reed and Meredith C. Stone spoke for the motion. It was adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY — The hour having arrived for the noon-day message Earl D. Alexander, devotional leader, led the conference in singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone". He read Mark 8:11-13 as the Scripture Reading afterwhich he gave the prayer. The Hymn of preparation No. 183 was sung. Bishop Slater presented Mr. W. T. Handy, Jr. who spoke on the subject, "Only a Miracle"; his message was thrilling and inspirational. The conference sang "Rise Up O Men of God" and the benediction was pronounced by Mr. Handy. The conference adjourned for lunch.

Thursday - 2:15 p.m.

The conference song leader, Martin J. Walker led in singing Hymn No. 1 after which Bishop Slater was presented. He gave special recognition to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Isaacs, laymen from St. Paul United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas, for their gift of $500.00 to Huston-Tillotson College in behalf of Mrs. Isaac's sister and brother-in-law, the late Rev. and Mrs. V. A. Cooke.

The conference gave the Board of Pensions, the Board of the Ministry,

and the Conference Secretary the responsibility of correcting the record of every minister in the conference on the motion of H. T. Franks, seconded by Albert S. Pitts.

Zan W. Holmes, Jr., secretary of the Cabinet presented the nominations of those to constitute the continuing Board of Trustees. The following were elected: I. B. Loud, Lavalle Lowe, Jr., S. A. Keesee, Treasurer; E. Charles Purnell, Mr. Charles Akins, and Attorney Clifford Davis.

PRESENTATION — I. B. Loud presented Mrs. Slater with a certificate of appreciation for her years of dedicated Christian service.

REPORT — J. Boyd Richardson, chairman of the committee on courtesies read his report. It was adopted by a standing vote (see report section).

ORDINATION SERVICE — The hour having arrived for the Ordination Service, E. T. Dixon, presiding officer, gave the invocation. Hymn No. 239 was sung; the responsive reading No. 651 was read responsively afterwhich the Affirmation of Faith was said followed by the Gloria Patri. George Brewer read II Timothy 1:3, 6-14 as the scripture.

The following ministers served as stewards, P. L. Woods, Ralph G. Nathan, E. J. Tanner, Zan W. Holmes, Sr., and M. T. Reed. An offering of $107.50 was given.

The conference sang as the Hymn of Preparation Hymn No. 337. Dale H. Hansboro presented Fred D. Young who delivered the ordination sermon. His message was one of challenge.

Bishop Slater called for the retiring class. Saul White, being ill, was not present. Collie J. Polk came forward. Bishop Slater thanked him for the years of service he gave to West Texas and presented him with his certificate and pen of retirement.

The class to be ordained Deacon was presented: Troy Bell, Leroy Welch, Lloyd Willis, William Mitchell, H. D. Hamilton. The class to be ordained Elder was presented: Freddie B. Dixon and John Wesley Tatum.

Bishop Slater was assisted by the District Superintendents. E. T. Dixon expressed his gratitude to the conference for the influence it had on his son, Freddie B. who turned down many lucrative offers by the Southwest Conference to become a member of the West Texas Conference.

Bishop Slater, having informed that all items of business of the West Texas Annual Conference had been cared for, read the appointments (see appointments).

The conference stood and sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"; the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Slater and the conference adjourned.

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THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the West Texas Annual Conference held in Austin, Texas, from May 18, 1970 through May 21, 1970, Bishop O. Eugene Slater, presiding. Date when Organized, Jan. 22, 1875. Number of this Session, 96th.

Part I. Organization and General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium: (Para. 661.6, 909)
   Secretary? Meredith C. Stone, 3021 Missouri Ave., El Paso, Texas 79903
   Statistician? Garrett J. Goff, 1210 Paul Quinn Ave., Waco, Texas 76704
   Treasurer? Mrs. Arthelene Owens, 222 Clearview, San Antonio, Tex. 78228

2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated? (Para. 661.1) Yes.

3. Bonding and auditing:
   (a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts? (Para. 913, 1508) Mrs. Arthelene Owens, Treasurer and S. A. Keesee, Chm. World Service and Finance; $10,000.00.
   (b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited? (Para. 909, 913, 1508) Yes.

4. Have the conference boards, commissions, and committees been appointed or elected? (Answer Yes or No)
   (a) Annual Conference Program Council? Yes.
   (b) Board of Christian Social Concerns? Yes.
   (c) Board of Education? Yes.
   (d) Board of Evangelism? Yes.
   (e) Board of Health and Welfare Ministries? Yes.
   (f) Board of Laity? Yes.
   (g) Board of the Ministry? Yes.
   (h) Board of Missions? Yes.
   (i) Board of Pensions? Yes.
   (j) Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes.
   (k) Commission on Archives and History? Yes.
   (l) Commission on Enlistment for Church Occupations? Yes.
   (m) Commission on Minimum Salaries? Yes.
   (n) Commission on World Service and Finance? Yes.
   (o) Committee of Investigation? Yes.
   (p) Committee on Publishing Interest? Yes.
   (q) Conference Women's Society of Christian Service? Yes.
   (r) District Boards of Church Location and Building? Yes.
   (s) District Committee on the Ministry? Yes.

5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respactive records upon and according to the forms prescribed by The United Methodist Church? (Para. 664.6) Yes.

6. What is the report of the statistician? (See report)

7. What is the report of the treasurer? (See report)

8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See report)

9. What is the schedule of minimum salaries for pastors? (Para. 924) Full-time single pastor, $4,100.00. Full-time married pastor, $4,600.00.

10. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year? (Para. 908) 18% of the Pastor's and Associate Pastors' Estimated Salaries.

11. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the Conference? (Para. 1380.4, 6) 20% of Pastor's and Associate Pastor's Cash Salaries.

12. What are the apportionments to this conference:
   (a) For the World Service Fund? $33,016.00.
   (b) For the Episcopal Fund? 2% of Pastor's cash salary.
   (c) For the General Administration Fund? $1,596.00.
   (d) For the Interdenominational Co-operation Fund? $826.00.
   (e) For the Temporary General Aid Fund? $1,026.00.
   (f) For the National Ministerial Education Fund? $5,165.00.
   (g) For the maintenance of our institutions of higher learning? $14,365.00

13. What is the percentage division between world service and conference benevolences for the current year: (Para. 902) World Service? 51.43% Conference benevolences? 48.57%

14. What are the reports, recommendations and plans of the conference agencies:
   (a) What is the report of the Board of Pensions? (Para. 1380) (See report)
   (b) What is the report of the Board of Mission of disbursements of missionary aid within the conference? (Para. 1366) (See report)
   (c) What is the report of the Commission on World Service and Finance? (Para. 898, 918) (See report)
   (d) What is the report of the Commission on Enlistment for Church Occupations? (Para. 666) No report.
   (e) What are the other reports?

15. What United Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for pension responsibility? (Para. 1379.4g) Dallas-Intercity Parish, Conference Program Director, Huston-Tillotson College, Conference Board of Education (Executive Secretary).

16. What date is determined for Golden Cross Enrollment Sunday? (Para. 1178) The Sunday before Thanksgiving.

17. Conference lay leader (Para. 1250)
(a) Name: Odie E. Davis, Jr., 1014 Montana St., San Antonio, Tex. 78203
(b) What is his report? (See report section)
(c) Who are district and associate district lay leaders? (Para. 1264) Austin-Victoria: Timothy Johns, 1910 East 10th St., Austin, Texas 78702; Dallas: E. C. Ransom, 3514 Packard St., Dallas, Texas 75215; Raymond Williams, 1246 Whispering Trail, Dallas, Texas 75241; San Antonio: Foster Roberts, 305 Preston Ave., San Antonio, Texas; Raymond Cantu, 319 Edna Ave., San Antonio, Texas 78220; Waco: Eddie J. Evans, 912 Faulkner Lane, Waco, Texas 76704; Willie Medearis, 512 S. Henderson, Temple, Texas 76501; Edward Garnett, 514 East "C" Street, Temple, Texas 76501.

18. What local churches have been:
(a) Organized? (Para. 142) None.
(b) Merged? (Para. 1547-48) None.
(c) Discontinued or abandoned? (Para. 130, 351.2, 1550) None.
(d) Relocated and to what address?
(e) Changed name of church? None.
(f) Transferred into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership? (Para. 668)
(1) This year? None.
(2) Previously this quadrennium? (Name and Membership) Arthur City, 131; Clarksville, 159; East Mexia, 50; Honey Grove, 64; Paris, 193; Terrell, 109.
(g) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches? None.

19. What changes have been made in district and charge lines? None.

Part II. Pertaining to Ministerial Relations

20. Are all the ministerial members of the conference blamesless in their life and official administration? Yes.

21. Who constitute the Conference Committee on Investigation? (Para. 1740.1) J. H. Carruthers, Marcus A. Freeman, C. D. Owens, G. J Goff, Dale H. Hansboro, RESERVES: A. S. Pitts, S. A. Keesee, M. C. Stone, Charles W. Smith, Sr., E. L. Spencer.

22. Who are eligible to be appointed as:
(a) Full-time lay pastors? (Para. 348.1) and what progress has each made in the course of study?
First Year: Millard Rucker, Bertram Elsworth Collie.
Continued in First Year: Joel R. Harris.
Advanced to Fourth Year: (Mrs.) Dorothy R. Finch.
Completed Course of Study: H. D. Hamilton, Lloyd E. Willis, Crorin Finley, Robert L. Williams.
(b) Part-time lay pastors? (Para. 348.2) and what progress has each made in the course of study?
First Year: Thomas Brooks, Henry Cavaness, Howard Mims, J. L. Thomas, J. C. Williams, George L. Morris.
Continued in First Year: Arthur Bell, Edward Clark, I. J. Fountaine, Sherman Franks, H. A. Gregory, R. H. Hamilton, S. L. Holland, Warren Jenkins, Nathaniel Johnson, C. M. Mangrum, C. M. Minor, James Rawlins, Bervick Simien, F. T. Smith, Berry White, Frank Williams, Willie Woods.
Continued in Second Year: Lloyd Ferrell, Mark G. Clark, Johnny C. Holmes, Henry Williams.
Continued in Third Year: Harvey Kinchlow, William H. Pettet.
Continued in Fourth Year: William Brothers.

Advanced to Fourth Year: Joseph Murphy, Curtis Pittman.
(c) Student lay pastors? (Para. 348.3) and in what schools are they enrolled? C. W. Anderson, Texas Wesleyan University, Ft. Worth, Texas; Aaron Don Black, Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Texas; Charles E. Mitchell, Bright Theological Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas (T.C.U.); Don Wayne Mitchell, Dallas Baptist College, Dallas, Texas.

23. What lay pastors are granted pension credit on account of approved full-time service during the past year? (Para. 1379.3b) Bertram Elsworth Collie, (Mrs. Dorothy R. Finch, H. D. Hamilton, William E. Mitchell, Lloyd E. Willis, Joel R. Harris, Crorin Finley, Robert L. Williams.

24. What preachers, coming from other Christian churches, have had their orders recognized?
(a) As deacons? None.
(b) As elders? None.

25. Who have been admitted from other Christian churches? (Para. 375-375.3)
(a) As Associate Members? None.
(b) As Probationary Members? None.
(c) As Members in Full Connection? None.

26. Who have been admitted as Associate Members? (Para. 323) None.

27. Who are admitted as Probationary Members?
(a) With degrees from accredited or approved colleges and credits from accredited or approved school of theology? (Para. 327.1-327.2) Troy James Bell.
(b) With degrees from colleges not accredited by the University Senate and credits from accredited or approved school of theology? (Para. 328.1) None.
(c) With degrees from accredited or approved college or university, 2 yrs. advanced study beyond requirement for Associate Membership and 2 years of service as an Associate Member. (Para. 328.2) W. V. Cade, James L. Houston, Lloyd E. Willis (325.3 - 1964)

28. Who are continued as Probationary Members and what progress have they made in their ministerial studies? (Para. 329)
(a) As students in approved schools of theology? John A. Green, Jr., continuing work at S.M.U. Perkins. Henry Lewis Masters, continuing work at Perkins (S.M.U.)
(b) As graduates of approved schools of theology? None.
(c) In the advanced ministerial course of study? None.

29. Who are discontinued as Probationary Members? Freddie B. Dixon, John Wesley Tatum, Martin J. Walker.

30. Who are admitted into full connection? (Para. 333) Freddie B. Dixon, John Wesley Tatum, Martin J. Walker.

31. Who have been elected deacons: (Para. 312)
(a) Lay pastors received into Associate Membership? (Para. 312.1) H. D. Hamilton, Leroy Welch, Lloyd E. Willis, Wm. E. Mitchell (393 - 1964)
(b) Theological students? (Para. 312.2) Troy James Bell.

32. Who have been ordained deacons? (Para. 314) Troy James Bell, Lloyd E. Willis, Wm. E. Mitchell, H. D. Hamilton, Leroy Welch.

33. Who have been elected elders: (Para. 314)
(a) Theological graduates? (Para. 314.1) Freddie B. Dixon, John Wesley Tatum.
(b) Probationary Members previously Associate Members? (Para. 314.2) None.

34. Who have been ordained elders? Freddie B. Dixon, John Wesley Tatum.

35. Who have been admitted or ordained to accommodate other conferences:
(a) Admitted: As Associate Members? None. As Probationary Members? None, As Members in Full Connection? None.

(b) Ordained after election by this conference: Deacons? None. Elders? None.
(c) Ordained after election by other conferences: Deacons? None. Elders? None.

36. Who are readmitted? (Para. 367)
(a) As Associate members? None.
(b) As Members in Full Connection? None.

37. What retired members have been made effective:
(a) As Associate Members? None.
(b) As Members in Full Connection? None.

38. Who have been received by transfer? H. M. Taylor from the Gulf Coast Confeernce, May 20, 1970.

39. Who have been transferred out? J. Garfield Owens to Southwest Texas Annual Conference, February 1, 1970; R. W. Johnson to the Texas Annual Conference, May 20, 1970.

40. Who have had their conference membership terminated:
(a) By voluntary location? (Para. 366) None.
(b) By involuntary location? (Para. 368) James E. Broughton, Dennis A. Woodling.
(c) By Surrender of Ministerial Office? (Para. 371) None.
(d) By withdrawal? (Para. 372) None.
(e) By judicial procedure (expelled)? (Para. 1740.5) None.

41. Deceased
(a) What Associate members have died during the year?
Effective: None. Retired: None.
(b) What Probationary Members have died during the year? None.
(c) What Members in Full Connection have died during the year?
Effective: None. Retired: James F. Muse, Born - March 31, 1883, Date Received into Full Connection - December 14, 1913; Joshua B. Phoenix, Date Received into Full Connection - December 14, 1924.
(d) What lay pastors have died during the year? None.

42. Who are the supernumerary ministers and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation? (Para. 358) None.

43. Who are granted sabbatical leave? (Para. 356) None.

44. What actions have been taken concerning disabled ministers and lay pastors?
(a) Who were granted disability leave since the last Annual Conference session? (Para. 357.2) None.
(b) Who have had their disability leave terminated since the last conference session? (Para. 357.5) None.
(c) Who are granted disability leave at this session? None.
(d) What lay pastors have been recommended by the Joint Committee on Disability for disability benefits during the ensuing year? None.

45. What members in Full Connection have been retired?
(a) This year? Saul A. White, Collie J. Polk.
(b) Previously? Baker, Daniel B.; Baker, William W.; Brewster, O. K.; Bruton, T. Madison; Carter, Elvis H.; Coe, O. B.; Echols, Timothy B.; Foy, R. L.; Franklin, Samuel M.; Greene, Clifford R.; Johnson, George L.; King, Charles L.; Kuykendall, H. E.; Majors, Marshall; Miller, Samuel D.; Muse, Luckie E.; Palmer, Rell L.; Pierce, Ila H.; Porter, Ashley D.; Proctor, L. R.; Rogers, Ed Adolph; Seabrook, J. J.; Walmsley, Walter; Watkins, T. R.; Wattley, James L.; Young, Frederick D.

46. What Associate Members have been retired:
(a) This year? None.
(b) Previously? None.

47. What lay pastors have been retired:
(a) This year? None.

(b) Previously? W. L. Andrews, Barry W. Anderson, J. W. Goode, L. D. Johnson, Elmo Watson.

48. Who are appointed to attend school? (Para. 352.7)
(a) Associate Member? None.
(b) Probationary Member? John A. Green, Jr., Henry Lewis Masters, Troy James Bell.

49. What is the number of: Pastoral charges? 94. Lay Pastors? 40. Received as Associate Members? 3. Received as Probationary Members? 6. Received into Full Connection? 3. Transferred In? 1. Transferred Out? 2. Received from other evangelical churches? None. Readmitted? None. Discontinued? None. Withdrawn? None. Expelled? None. Located? 2. Deceased? 2. Retired made effective? None.

50. What is the number of ministers? 140.

Categories	Members In Full Connection	Probationary Members	Associate Members
Pastors and Dist. Supts.	50	4	5
Special Appointments	12	0	0
Appointed to Attend School	0	2	0
On Sabbatical Leave	0	0	0
Disability Leave	0	0	0
Supernumerary	0	0	0
Retired	30	0	5
Total Number Ministers	91	6	10
Grand Total All Ministers	107		

51. What other personal notation should be made? Meredith C. Stone, on the approval of the Conference Board of Pensions and vote of the Conference, was granted Annuity credit for three (3) years served as a full time Supply Pastor. Earl L. Spencer, on approval of the Conference Board of Pensions and vote of the Conference, was declared to have been born November 16, 1898. The Conference voted the office and officer, of Secretary, Meredith C. Stone, to remain effective until the opening session of the General Conference at which time it, and he, will cease to exist as such, for the purpose of supplying information to successor conferences who may need it.

Part III. Concluding Business

52. Where shall the next Conference Session be held? The West Texas Annual Conference, having come to a close with the reading of the appointments, this question was unasked and unanswered.

53. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference Session? None.

54. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (See Appointment list)

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

On the 21st day of May in the Year of our Lord 1970, I,
OLIVER EUGENE SLATER,
ordained as Deacons the following:
TROY JAMES BELL - H. D. HAMILTON - LEROY WELCH
WILLIAM E. MITCHELL - LLOYD E. WILLIS
On the same day, assisted by the District Superintendents,
I ordained as Elders the following:
FREDDIE B. DIXON - JOHN WESLEY TATUM

Signed:
Oliver Eugene Slater
Presiding Bishop

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West Texas Annual Conference

APPOINTMENTS — 1970 - 1971

O. Eugene Slater, Resident Bishop

NOTE: Symbol interpretation: *Full time Lay Pastor; =+Part time Lay Pastor; +Retired Elder; #Associate Member; **Retired Lay Pastor

Central Texas

Charge	Pastor	Years
Bartlett	=+(Millard Rucker)	(1)
Belton Ct.	=+(Millard Rucker)	(2)
Brownwood	*(B. E. Collie)	(2)
Corsicana	=+(Abram McGill)	(3)
Ennis: St. Delight	*(William Mitchell)	(4)
Fort Worth:		
Cogswell	=+(C. W. Anderson)	(1)
Cowan-McMillan	Cleo C. Metcalf	(1)
Morningside	J. Boyd Richardson	(4)
Saint Andrews	L. L. Haynes, Sr.	(14)
Thompson Chapel	S. A. Keesee	(12)
Georgetown Ct.	*(Lloyd Ferrell)	(3)
Groesbeck: Dennis Chapel	E. M. Cooper	(4)
Hubbard-Hillsboro	William L. Shaw	(1)
Mart Circuit	S. W. Curtis	(7)
Mexia:		
Jones Chapel	E. M. Cooper	(4)
Launza	E. M. Cooper	(1)
Union Memorial	William L. Shaw	(1)
Milford-Italy	#(Glover Thomas)	(7)
Moody-Gatesville	*(R. H. Hamilton)	(7)
Pelham Circuit	To be supplied	
Rocky-Froza-Ct.	*(Henry D. Hamilton)	(13)
Temple: Saint James	John W. Elliott, Sr.	(3)
Valley Mills Ct.	Garrett J. Goff	(1)
Waco:		
Bracks Chapel	W. V. Cade	(3)
Mount Zion	Roy E. Stanley	(5)
Saint James	Marcus A. Lucas Freeman	(5)
Wesley Chapel	Garrett J. Goff	(8)
Waxahachie: St. Andrews	=+(Joseph Murphy)	(4)

Special Appointment:

E. Charles Purnell ..... Central Texas Conference

Northwest Texas Conference

Special Appointment (With Annuity Claim on United Meth. Ch. Gen. Board)
William J. Washington ..... General Board of Education
Division of Local Church

Abilene: Plum Street	+(R. L. Palmer)	(4)
Amarillo: Wyatt Memorial	Lloyd Willis	(3)
Levelland: St. Luke	#(Wilbar Bledsoe)	(6)
Lubbock: Mount Vernon	M. Tee Reed	(13)
Midland: Hollowell	Harold T. Ashurst	(2)

New Mexico Conference

El Paso: Myrtle Avenue	Meredith C. Stone	(2)
Odessa: Mackey Chapel	Earl L. Spencer	(4)

North Texas

Arthur City	Roscoe Nunley	(2)
Clarksville	Charles Espie	(2)
Dallas:		
Crest-Moore	Zan W. Holmes, Sr.	(7)
Hamilton Park	L. Wade Henry	(3)
Highland Hills	George Brawer	(3)
Lambuth Memorial	Albert S. Pitts	(1)

Charge	Pastor	Years
Saint Luke	+(Timothy B. Echols)	(6)
Saint Paul	Ira B. Loud	(23)
Warren	J. B. Mooring	(3)
Denison: Haven Chapel	Ralph G. Nathan	(2)
Grand Prairie: Trinity	Marshall E. Hodge	(2)
Lancaster-Ferris	#(J. R. Carruthers)	(6)
Paris-Honey Grove	H. M. Taylor	(2)
Sherman: Saint James	To be supplied	
Terrell-Rosser	=+(Curtis Pittman)	(1)
Wichita Falls: Saint Delight	#(James L. Houston)	(2)

Special Appointment:

District Supt., Dallas Metropolitan District	Zan W. Holmes, Jr.	(2)
Dallas Inner-City Parish (With Annuity)	J. Wesley Tatum	(1)

Southwest Texas

Altair Circuit	=+(Frank Williams)	(5)
Austin:		
Saint Peters	Taylor S. Stewart	(4)
Simpson	E. Joseph Tanner	(6)
Wesley	J. Hudson Carruthers	(3)
Beeville: Jones Chapel	To be supplied	
Belmont Parish	=+(C. M. Mangrum)	(4)
Columbus: Saint Paul	Charlie J. Houston	(3)
Corpus Christi: Saint Paul	C. Doresy Owens	(7)
Cuero-Yorktown	Charles W. Smith, Sr.	(8)
Dale-Smithville	=+(Corin Finley)	(2)
Del Rio-Uvalde	=+(Harvey Kinchlow)	(13)
Edna-Morales	Joe H. Carter	(1)
El Paso Parish	*(J. M. Moreland)	(2)
Goliad Parish	=+(Robert L. Williams)	(6)
Gonzales Parish	Isaac H. Greer	(1)
Hallettsville	=+(J. Roger Harris)	(2)
Harlingen	#(Leroy R. Welch)	(4)
Kerrville: Barnett Chapel	E. T. Fuller	(2)
Kingsville: Scotts Chapel	Earl D. Alexander	(6)
La Grange Parish	*(J. C. Williams)	(2)
Lockhart: Saint Marks	Mason Johnson	(3)
Luling-Union Hill	H. T. Franks	(1)
Nixon-Runge	*(William R. Brothers)	(13)
Oakland Parish	+(Charles L. King)	(3)
San Angelo: Wesley	S. M. Cleaver	(4)
San Marcos: Jackson Chapel	+(T. R. Watkins)	(2)
San Antonio:		
Downs Memorial	*(Morris Daughty)	(3)
East Saint Paul	Dale H. Hansboro	(1)
Ellison-Eads-Saint Luke	C. M. Minor	(1)
Jacobs Chapel	Ernest L. Harrison	(4)
Jones Chapel	Freddie B. Dixon	(1)
Sanford Chapel	Antone Dykes	(9)
Saint Paul	Lavalle Lowe, Jr.	(4)
Seguin:		
Harpers Chapel	**(Elmo Watson)	(2)
Wesley	Martin J. Walker	(3)
Tilman-Martindale	Robert T. King	(1)
Victoria: Webster	J. S. C. Grattan	(7)
Winchester Ct.	*(Mrs. D. R. Finch)	(4)
Yoakum-Shiner	+(O. K. Brewster)	(5)

Special Appointments:

With Annuity Claim:
Charles W. Grose ..... Professor, Huston-Tillotson College
Prenza L. Woods ..... Associate Program Director
With Annuity Claim: On United Methodist Board or Agency:
Ernest T. Dixon ..... Program Council, Assistant Secretary
Without Annuity Claim:

Charge	Pastor	Years
Edwin Edmonds ..... Dixwell Congregational Church, New Haven, Conn.		
Chaplains:		
U. S. Air Force	Samuel H. Callier	
U. S. Army	Irwin C. Loud	
U. S. Army	Alexander M. Mason, Jr.	
Deaconesses:		
(Miss) Dr. Carmen Lowery ..... Huston-Tillotson College		
Appointed to attend School:		
Perkins School of Theology	John A. Greene, Jr.	
Perkins School of Theology	Troy Bell	
Perkins School of Theology	Henry Lewis Masters	
Perkins School of Theology	Aaron Black	

VII

Reports

REPORT NUMBER 1

COMPOSITE REPORT OF DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS

The Church in America today is facing one of its most challenging hours. The Church as well as the political powers of the nation and world must discern what it is that the new generations have been, and still are trying to say to us, through the variety of protests, through the widespread withdrawal from social patterns of conduct, the increasing rejection of traditionally established values and the emerging new morality embraced by those who write us off as phonies and hypocrites. The cry of despair by oppressed minorities has contributed to the consolidation of a massive force of the frustrated poor in our country, the like of which we have never known. War, estrangement, the generation gap, drug abuse, and the rising crime rate are further evidences of the crises in our society which confronts the Church today.

It is in this kind of world situation that we as the people of God are called to bring words and actions of reconciliation.

To adequately prepare for the task we of the West Texas Conference have been engaged in efforts to bring about reconciliation, first of all within the household of God. These efforts have specifically been expressed in our participation in merger negotiations with other conferences in United Methodism which overlap our boundaries. The implementation of these mergers has been the number one item on our agenda for this conference year.

Under the challenging, capable, and understanding leadership of Bishop O. Eugene Slater and the members of our Merger Committee we have sought a merger that does justice to our beloved West Texas Conference which had its noble beginning at this historic church some ninety-six years ago. Although the pending results, in some instances, may appear less than ideal, we believe that we are on the threshold of a beginning in each merger that will lead us into the eventual realization of an inclusive church that the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ so urgently demands.

The first significant breakthrough was the appointment of Dr. J. G. Owens, by Bishop Slater, to the District Superintendancy of the San Antonio District of the Southwest Texas Conference and Dr. Prenza L. Woods as Associate Program Director of the same Conference. Bishop Kenneth Pope of the Fort Worth - Dallas Area has announced that Dr. Zan W. Holmes, Jr. will be appointed District Superintendent of the newly created Dallas Metropolitan District and that Reverend Eric C. Purnell will be named Coordinator of Program Agencies in the New Central Texas Conferenc. In keeping with the plan of merger, at least one major board in each conference will be chaired by a member of the former West Texas Conference and memberships on each board and agency of each new merged conference will be held by persons, both clerical and lay, from the former West Texas Conference. Steps have been taken to insure that ministerial members of the West Texas

Conference will share equal benefits from Pnsion programs and Minimum Salary programs of each new merged conference.

Each instance of merger must be viewed as only another step toward a truly inclusive church. The real challenge will be that of making the merger work after we have merged with other conferences. Making merger work involves some specific concerns that we must maintain.

First, the number one challenge for the Church in its ministry to its largest racial minority lies in the urban communities of our nation. Nothing short of a massive outlay of the whole church in terms of personnel, finance and facilities to support a genuine concern and determination to bring the healing ministry of the Church to the hurt and brokeness of our cities will suffice in our times.

Secondly, the responsibility for continuing educational opportunities for blacks and other minorities as provided partly through our colleges must be adequately planned and supported by the Church.

Thirdly, the influence of the Church must be brought to bear on the major problems of its people. The major problems facing the nation's poor today are housing, employment and education, with a multitude of related problems.

Fourthly, it is exceedingly necessary that a continuing and responsible process of implementation be established in the merged conferences until the mission of racial inclusiveness both structurally and functionally, shall have become a reality at every level in the life of The United Methodist Church.

So we come to these days with a task fit for a church body — crucial, impinging, and relevant. Our deliberations will, in affect, be our last will and testament and yet it will be more — it will be the basis upon which we come to the end of our era and pronounce as foundations for the days which are immediately ahead.

Letus not go down from here without Christians everywhere knowing the direction in which we shall set our sail and chart our course. Let us go among our brethren with whom we merge with a spirit of reconciliation so that no man shall be ignorant of the God to whom we bow our heads and the altar before which we bow.

In conclusion we give our thanks and appreciation to Bishop O. Eugene Slater who has led us so ably during these days of change and challenge. In him we have seen the spirit of Christ and the symbol of the Christian unity that we seek and by the Grace of God, shall someday become a living reality.

Prayerfully submitted,

J. Hudson Carruthers
Dale H. Hansboro
Z. W. Holmes, Jr.
E. C. Purnell

REPORT NUMBER 2

REPORT OF CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

To the 96th Session of The West Texas Conference of
The United Methodist Church:

Mr. Chairman and Members of the 96th Session of
The United Methodist Church:

By the Grace of God we are able to assemble in this the 96th Session of our West Texas Conference. Through the wise Providence of God we are blessed to have as our Resident and Presiding Bishop our Brother, Beloved O. Eugene Slater.

We give thanks to God for this devout Christian Leader and for his good wife who walks by his side in Christian Service.

God has liberally blessed our people financially and they have given liberally to God's Church.

With faith in Jesus Christ our Lord who said "I am The Resurrection and the Life," we mention the name of our departed Brother C. H. Johnson,

who was a faithful member of our Commission and a faithful member of The United Methodist Church.

Statement of facts concerning the election of Mrs. A. L. Owens to the Conference Treasurership and S. A. Keesee, co-signer with Mrs. Owens of all Conference checks beginning February 10, 1970.

Reverend J. Garfield Owens, the elected Treasurer of The West Texas Conference for the 1968-72 Quadrennium was transferred to the Southwest Texas Conference by Bishop Slater. The transfer effective February 1, 1970.

Your Commission on World Service and Finance, acting in accordance with Para. 909 of the Discipline of The United Methodist Church, elected Mrs. A. L. Owens, the wife of the Reverend J. Garfield Owens, as treasurer for the remainder of the Annual Conference Year. Mrs. Owns has carried on the work of the Treasurer in a very efficient way.

Your Commission on World Service and Finance also elected S. A. Keesee, President of the Commission on World Service and Finance to co-sign the checks with Mrs. A. L. Owens.

Mrs. A. L. Owens and S. A. Keesee are bonded for $10,000.00 each with The Home Indemnity Company of New York. These bonds expire Feb. 17, 1971.

Signed Your Commission on World Service and Finance
S. A. Keesee, Chairman

Report No. 1 - Recommendation No. 1

Your Conference Commission on World Service and Finance recommends that Mrs. A. L. Owens be continued as Treasurer of the Funds of The West Texas Conference until the present Budgetary Financial Liabilities of The West Texas Conference are adjusted within the Financial ability of The West Texas Conference, provided that in paying Budgetary Items strict adherence shall be given to the official manner of Paying Priorities and other Budgetary Items presented to the 1969 Session of The West Texas Conference by the Commission on World Service and Finance and adopted by the 1969 Session of The West Texas Conference.

See page 52 of the 1969 West Texas Conference Journal. The first five paragraphs.

Signed Your Commission on World Service and Finance
S. A. Keesee, Chairman

Report No. 2 - Recommendation No. 2

Your Commission on World Service and Finance recommends that S. A. Keesee, President of The Commission be continued as co-signer with the Treasurer of all Conference checks to be issued by the Conference Treasurer.

Your Commission further recommends with the concurrence of the Presiding Bishop and Cabinet of this 96th Session of The West Texas Conference. That the books of The West Texas Conference Treasurer be audited by a Certified Public Accountant at the earliest possible date.

The Executive Committee of your Conference Commission on World Service and Finance hereby authorizes S. A. Keesee, Chairman of The Commission to supervise the Audit for the World Service Commission. The Conference Treasurer's Books are to be audited for The West Texas Conference Year of 1969 - 1970 that ends at the close of this 96th Session of The West Texas Conference.

When the Treasurer of The West Texas Conference Budgetary Funds and other Special Conference Funds shall have performed the above Disciplinary Financial Task and when the Treasurer's Books have been Audited by a Certified Public Accountant under the direction of S. A. Keesee for the Conference Commission on World Service and Finance.

The Commission shall officially report the results to the Presiding Bishop of this 96th Session of The West Texas Conference and also to the proposed Board of Trustees included in the Plan of Merger Section 10 page 75 of the 1969 West Texas Conference Journal. See also Section 10 page 135 of the 1969 Central Texas Conference Journal.

Signed Your Commission on World Service and Finance
S. A. Keesee, Chairman

Report No. 3 - Recommendation No. 3

Conference Claimant Funds, Pension Funds, Minimum Salary Funds, Trustee Funds and other Special Funds for which the Conference Treasury is the Depository.

Your Commission on World Service and Finance Sincerely desires that it be understood by all that the Conference Treasury is by recommendation of the above mentioned Conference Organizations and the approval of The West Texas Conference the Depository for the Funds of these Conference Organizations and Special Funds.

Your Commission hereby recommends that the Conference Treasurer shall issue checks on the above mentioned Fund as directed by the Conference Officials who are in charge of the above mentioned Conference Organizations and Special Funds.

Signed Your Commission on World Service and Finance
S. A. Keesee, Chairman

West Texas Conference - The United Methodist Church

Total Church Membership used as a basis for determining the percentages of the Groups of Pastoral Charges to be Merged with the Geographical Conferences. Total Conference Membership 20,046. Total World Service and Conference Benevolence Budget $100,000.00

Total General and Jurisdiction Apportionments to The West Texas Conference 1970 - $47,795.00. General World Service $33,016.00, General Administration Fund $1,596.00, Interdenominational Cooperation Fund $826.00, Temporary General Aid $975.00, Ministerial Education Fund $10,329.00, Jurisdiction Administration Fund $1,053.00.

Pastoral Charge Groups				Inter-				Total
Mem.	%	Gen. W. S.	Gen. Adm. Fund	denom. Co-op. Fund	Temp. Gen. Aid	Min. Educ. Fund	Juris. Adm. Fund	Gen. & Juris. Claims
South West Texas Conf., West Texas Conf. Charges								
9480	47.3%	$15617	$ 755	$391	$461	$ 4886	$ 498	$22608
Central Texas Conf., West Texas Conf. Charges								
5607	28.0%	9244	447	231	273	2892	295	13382
North Texas Conf., West Texas Conf. Charges								
4218	21.0%	6933	335	174	205	2169	221	10037
North West Texas Conf., West Texas Conf. Charges								
555	2.8%	925	45	23	27	289	29	1338
New Mexico Conf., West Texas Conf. Charges								
180	.9%	297	14	7	9	93	10	430
20040	100.0%	$33016	$1596	$826	$975	$10329	$1053	$47795

REPORT NUMBER 3

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND
REPORT BY CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Dallas, Texas
April 30, 1971

Reverend S. A. Keesee, Chairman
Conference Commission on
World Service and Finance
West Texas Conference of the
United Methodist Church

We have examined the books and records of the West Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church for the period June 24, 1969, through March 31, 1971, in connection therewith, we have examined recorded cash receipts, bank statements, cancelled checks, and such other records to the extent we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion the accompanying statements present fairly the recorded cash receipts and disbursements for the period June 24, 1969 through March

31, 1971, and the cash position of the conference at March 31, 1971, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

CONLY, PETERS & SMITH

Summary of Cash Transactions
June 24, 1969 through March 31, 1971

Cash in First National Bank in Dallas at June 23, 1969	$ 59,105
Add receipts from churches and other sources for the period	199,702
Total cash available	258,807
Less disbursements for the period	255,363
Cash in First National Bank in Dallas at March 31, 1971	$ 3,444

Bank Reconciliation

Balance in First National Bank in Dallas at March 31, 1971, per bank statement	$ 3,944
Less outstanding check, no. 3852	500
Balance in First National Bank in Dallas at March 31, 1971	$ 3,444

Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
June 24, 1969 through March 31, 1971

RECEIPTS		
From Districts:		
Austin - Victoria	$ 26,536	
Dallas	45,224	
San Antonio	36,771	
Waco	24,080	
		132,611
Other receipts		67,091
		199,702
DISBURSEMENTS		
National Board of Missions	$ 5,569	
Ministerial items	101,442	
Council on World Service and Finance	27,050	
Commission on Higher Education	12,551	
Conference officers and boards	23,515	
Conference Board of Missions	7,021	
Church indebtedness, insurance and buildings	1,230	
District superintendents	34,750	
Conference special and emergency expenses	23,505	
Other disbursements	18,730	
		255,363
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts		$(55,661)

Schedule of Receipts
June 24, 1969 through March 31, 1971

		Districts			
	Total	Aus-Vic	Dallas	San Ant	Waco
RECEIPTS FROM DISTRICTS BY FUND					
Dist. supts. fund	$ 33,179	$ 6,369	$10,635	$10,402	$ 5,773
Episcopal fund	3,768	725	1,247	1,068	728
Conf. claimants fund	28,374	5,582	10,395	7,017	5,380
World serv. conf. benev.	55,119	12,077	17,242	16,086	9,714
Gen. advance specials	899	94	527	115	163
One Great Hr. of Sharing	299	81	107	56	55

Meth. Student Day	169	9	84	44	32
Meth. Youth Fund	62	21	19	10	12
Race Relations Fund	2,717	345	1,054	538	780
Church School Rally Day	95	7	47	25	16
Wide World Communion ..	382	33	150	118	81
Minimum salary fund	1,012	113	391	256	252
Fund for reconciliation	1,744	210	558	674	302
Other benev. & misc.	1,942	848	564	337	193
Project equality	193	22	80	25	66
Special pensions	2,657	....	2,124	....	533
	$132,611	$26,536	$45,224	$36,771	$24,080

OTHER RECEIPTS

Natl. Board of Missions ..	8,745
Meth. Publishing House ..	4,566
Council on World Serv.	27,887
Special Gifts	2,316
Ministers' wives fund	5,468
Checks redeposited	817
Conference change fund ..	560
Sale of property	16,732
	67,091
	$199,702

Schedule of Disbursements
June 24, 1969 through March 31, 1971

NATIONAL BOARD OF MISSIONS

National board of missions for pastors	$ 5,069
Interdenominational cooperation fund	500
	$ 5,569

MINISTERIAL ITEMS

General board of pensions - conference claimants	$ 59,333
Death benefit program	9,630
Episcopal fund	3,626
Temporary general aid	26,453
Inner-city ministry	400
Ministerial education	2,000
	$101,442

COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE

World Service	$ 20,000
One Great Hour of Sharing	250
General Administration	2,750
Temporary general aid	500
Fund for reconciliation	1,750
Hurricane relief	900
Fellowship of suffering and service	400
Methodist Student Day	200
Advance specials	300
	$ 27,050

COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION

Huston-Tillotson College	$ 12,225
Perkins School of Theology	326
	$ 12,551

CONFERENCE OFFICERS AND BOARDS	
Conference program director	$ 13,482
Conference Director of Education	3,861
Conference secretary	1,069
Conference statistician	461
Conference treasurer	3,700
Conference chairman - world service & finance	942
	$ 23,515
CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS	
Missionary secretary	$ 1,013
Conference board of lay activities	658
Conference board of evangelism	251
Conference board of christian social concern	149
Conference board of ministerial training	452
Conference board of pensions	2,875
Conference chairman historical society	150
Publishing committee	1,473
	$ 7,021
CHURCH INDEBTEDNESS, INSURANCE AND BUILDINGS	
Grand Prairie Church - note payable	$ 330
Brownwood United Methodist Church - note payable	500
District parsonage insurance and note payable	400
	$ 1,230
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS FEES	
Austin-Victoria:	
J. G. Owens	$ 7,000
J. H. Carruthers	1,000
J. S. C. Grattan	1,000
F. S. Tanner	1,000
	10,000
Dallas: J. W. Holmes, Jr.	8,250
San Antonio: D. H. Hansboro	8,250
Waco: E. C. Purnell	8,250
	$ 34,750
CONFERENCE SPECIAL AND EMERGENCY EXPENSES	
South Texas Printing Co. - conference journal	$ 1,500
Annual audit	675
Conference entertainment	750
Change fund	600
Subscriptions to "Texas Methodist"	358
Cabinet meetings, donations, telephone, bookkeeping, equipment maintenance and other expenses	19,622
	$ 23,505
OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	
District trustees, institutes and workshops	$ 3,730
Ministers' wives fund	30
Project equality	182
South Central jurisdiction	500
United communication board	200
Church relocation and purchase of new lots	12,388
Continuing trustee fund	1,700
	$ 18,730

REPORT NUMBER 4

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE PROGRAM COUNCIL REPORT

E. Charles Purnell, Chairman
P. L. Woods, Program Director

As I have attempted to serve as Program Director of the Conference Program Council for the past two years I have wished many times that the West Texas Conference had followed the suggestion of Joseph Washington when he was Executive Secretary of the Board of Education. Brother Washington urged us to consider organizing a Conference Council, and I, along with others, realize now how much our Conference would have benefitted from such a structure. Such a structure would have provided a good foundation as we came to the Program Council structure in 1968. But, in spite of having no previous experience, the West Texas Conference Program Council has earnestly been about the business of initiating, interpreting, co-ordinating, planning and promoting. The Council has been alert, active, and cooperative, and the Program Director expresses his sincere appreciation for the support given by the Council.

During the March 14, 1970 meeting of the Program Council it was agreed that the reports of Boards would be compiled and mimeographed for distribution by the Conference Secretary. Recognizing that the reports of some Board would deal with the essential concerns of merger and require detailed presentation and consideration, the Council directed the Program Director to include in the Council's report the projected concerns of the other Boards. The following Boards are represented in this report: Evangelism, Christian Social Concerns, Missions, Enlistment and Christian Vocation, Higher Education, Health and Welfare Ministries, Ecumenical Affairs, Worship, and Publishing Interest.

Evangelism:

Z. W. Holmes, Sr. has served as Chairman of the Board of Evangelism and E. J. Tanner has served as Conference Secretary of Evangelism. These men have given distinguished leadership. They have attended Conference and Jurisdictional meetings and have presented to our Conference program guidelines and promotions. In cooperation with the District Superintendents and District Secretaries, they have kept evangelism in its priority place in the life of the local church. The statistical report will reveal significant membership increases in many of our churches — particularly in the cities. We call your attention to the Evangelism Conference and Week-End Workshop to be held at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly — July 20-24 and July 24-26. Dr. Joseph Yeakel, Executive Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism will address the Southwest Texas Conference meeting in San Antonio nxt week. A national Convocation on Evangelism will be held January 4-8, 1971 in New Orleans. E. J. Tanner will become vice-chairman of the Board of Evangelism, Southwest Texas Conference, at the time of the merger.

Christian Social Concerns:

The Board of Christian Social Concerns lifted the following concerns during the year: Project Equality, Meaning-Value-Life-Style, White Racism and Black Revolution, World Peace, Economic Exploitation, Population Explosion and Hunger, Environmental Pollution, Extension of Voting Rights of 1965, Martin Luther King Motion Picture, and Relationships with merged Conference Boards of Christian Social Concerns. A detailed treatment of each of these concerns is found in the published report of the Board. At the last session of the West Texas Conference, Project Equality was presented and approved for support by the Conference. The Board recommends continued local church support of Project Equality and urgently requests the Board of Christian Social Concerns in the Conferences with which we will merge to bring to the floor a motion that the merged Conferences join Project Equality. (Present Joseph Edelan, South Texas Office, Project Equality)

A Briefing Conference on Christian Social Concerns is to be held July 17-19 at Mt. Sequoyah. J. S. C. Grattan has served effectively as Chairman of the Board of Christian Social Concerns and will become vice-chairman of the Southwest Texas Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Missions:

J. H. Carruthers has headed our Conference Board of Missions for many years. We salute his dedication and express our gratitude for his leadership. Working closely with Superintendents and District Secretaries, the Board has presented both the call and cause of missions. Building upon the larger concept of "the Church in mission" the emphasis has been upon the personal involvement of the individual. Workshops, seminars, and local Church Schools of Missions have been promoted. An ample supply of mission materials has been provided and film-strips have been shown through-out the Conference. C. D. Owens, Conference Missionary Secretary, has been involved in the promotions of the Board of Missions and has made a very meaningful contribution to the work of the Board. Jurisdictional opportunities for this summer are in the Mission Conference, July 27-31, and the Missions Week-end Workshop, July 31-August 2 — both at Mt. Sequoyah. J. H. Carruthers has been elected vice-chairman of the Board of Missions of the Southwest Texas Conference.

Enlistment and Christian Vocation:

The Bishop's Convocation on the Ministry has promoted by this Commission with some 30 young people from our Conference participating. The vocations booklet entitled "Church Occupations and Voluntary Services" has been distributed and opportunities for Voluntary Services have been presented. John W. Elliott, Sr. has provided the leadership for this Commission along with his duties as part-time director of Christian Education.

Higher Education:

A Huston-Tillotson College presentation will be made on Wednesday evening prior to the worship service. In addition to holding up the continuing claim of Huston-Tillotson College upon our loves, loyalties, and pocket books, this presentation will explain Huston-Tillotson College being admitted into the Texas Methodist College Association. (Present Dr. King for a statement) The Board of Ministry will include in its report a recommendation regarding our support of the Ministerial Education Fund.

Health and Welfare Ministries:

To the best of our knowledge all of the Hospitals, Homes for the Aged, Children's Homes, etc. operated by the Conferences with which the West Texas Conference will merge are operated on a completely opened basis and no one is denied admission because of race. We recognize our obligation to join in the support of all of these institutions and call upon our pastors to direct our people in taking advantage of the services offered by them. The Health and Welfare Weekend is scheduled for July 17-19, Mt. Sequoyah. Antone Dykes has served as Chairman of Health and Welfare Ministries.

Ecumenical Affairs:

In our Conference the larger spirit of ecumenism has been somewhat lost in the more immediate considerations of merger with fellow Methodists. We, however, wholeheartedly support the ecumenical movement and look with favor upon the Consultations on Church Union. Three black Methodist denominations are participating in the Consultation. The General Conference asked the 11 million United Methodists to make a "thorough study" of the Consultations on Church Union draft plan of the proposed merger . . . "wherever possible in company with Christians of the other participating churches." The time table calls for the draft of the Plan of Union to be studied by the 9 participating denominations for two years, revised in the light of study, and then returned to the denominations for final action. The General Conference also authorized its Commission on Ecumenical Affairs to set up an ad hoc committee which from now on will represent United Methodism in proceedings of COCU in the perfecting of the proposed Plan of Union. A. S. Pitts has served as Chairman of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, and C. D. Owens will assume the Chairmanship of the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs in the Southwest Texas Conference when merger is completed.

Worship:

George Brewer, Chairman of the Commission on Worship urges pastors to send participants to the Church Music Institute in June and to aid in

getting local church musicians related to the National Association. "New Dimensions in Worship" is a helpful resource for use in understanding and implementing worship. While remaining faithful in the use of The Methodist Hymnal and The Book of Worship, we are urged not to be afraid of the experimental worship designs with their fresh approach to the worship experience.

Publishing Interests:

M. C. Stone, Publishing Interests Chairman, has a detailed report in the Pre-Conference Reports. To it I would only add that The Methodist Publishing House is in a transitional period at this time, and indications are that the Board of Publications will respond in a positive way to the findings of the General Conference Committee appointed to study the Publishing House. Lovie Pierce, President and Publisher, will retire in October, and the Board of Publications will meet on July 10 in Nashville to hear the report of the nominating committee appointed to nominate a successor to Mr. Pierce.

Also, recognizing the great service rendered our Conference by The St. Paul United Methodist Church paper, Dallas, edited by I. B. Loud, we recommend that for a period of at least one year this paper continue to circulate to the membership of the West Texas Conference and that the cost be underwritten by this session of the Conference. This recommendation takes into account the fact that Brother Loud, through this paper, has done an outstanding job in keeping us in touch across the vast reaches of the Conference. Many times we have only known about each others fortunes or misfortunes as we have read it in the St. Paul edition. It is suggested that during the days ahead we need to keep in touch and in the "know". We earnestly recommend a favorable consideration.

A Resolution regarding a Continuing Officer is before you. We invite you to consider it at this time following a word of further explanation from M. C. Stone, Conference Secretary.

Fund For Reconciliation:

The 1969 sessions of the Rio Grande, West Texas, and Southwest Texas Conferences authorized a Fund for Reconciliation Committee be appointed and continued for the remainder of this quadrennium. The recommendation of this Committee is that we continue to give first priority for funds to the following three projects, and that those funds be in the amount designated by each project.

(1) "The Church in Christian Witness" in the Rio Grande Volley. $5,000.
(2) Community Developer Program headquartered at St. Paul United Methodist Church in San Antonio, $8,500.
(3) Dos Mundos School Training Enterprises in Corpus Christi, $3,000 for school and $2,000 for scholarships.

The Community Developer is scheduled to appear before this Conference Wednesday afternoon to give a detailed report of his work during the past year.

It is understood that pledges and payments on the part of local churches to the Fund for Reconciliations are to be transferred to the Conference with which they will be merged at the close of this Conference session.

At the beginning of this report I expressed my appreciation to the Program Council for its support and cooperation during this two year period. Permit me, please, to express a specific and personal word of appreciation to E. Charles Purnell who has served as Chairman of the Program Council for the past two years. I want to publicly acknowledge my gratitude to him for his fine spirit and devotion and for his patience with me. He has been both understanding and helpful and even when I would pull a Keesee trick and call him at 6:00 o'clock in the morning I found him kind and gentle. Thank you, Brother Purnell, for your friendship and for what you have meant to me and to the Program Council.

I have appreciated the opportunity to serve in this capacity, and I cannot close this report without a word of appreciation to the entire West Texas Conference for its loyalty and support. I have had membership in the West Texas Conference just 22 of the 96 years the Conference has been in existence. They have been good and rewarding years, and I am grateful for

everyone of them. I admit that there is a strange and strong tug in my own bosom as the organizational structure of the West Texas Conference comes to an end . . . not because I have done so much for the Conference, but because the Conference has done so much for me. We carry with us, as we merge with other Conferences, the spirit of West Texas, and I have the feeling that these Conferences will greatly benefit, because of our spirit. "God of our weary years, God of our silent tears, Thou who hast brought us this far along the way. Thou who hast by Thy might, led us into the light, keep us forever, in the path we pray. Lest our feet . . . stray from the places our God where we met thee . . . lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world we forget Thee . . . Shadowed beneath Thy hand . . . may we forever stand. True to our God, true to our Church, true to our native land." "She is His new creation . . . and we are a part of it."

REPORT NO. 5-A

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF THE LAITY

The Conference Board of the Laity presented programs that gave the Laity on all Districts many opportunities to become a part of the dialogue needed to bring grass root knowledge of our problems.

Suggested method of removing blocks and open avenues for fair and just relations became an immediate concern of the Committee on Merger. Their goals were to project sound workable guide-lines for the respective Annual Conferences involved.

Urban Laity on all Districts assume understandable progressive roles.

Rural Laity on Districts receive their communication with some degree of slowness which created the following question or concern:

Loss of Heritage
Joining rather than Merging
Wrongness rather than unlikeness
Selling of Churches
Selling of Cemeteries

The Conference Board of the Laity can say this is an area of concern, yet, the question or concerns carry many elements of misconception.

Workshops:

Lay Speaking — offered envolvement in Christian witness relating to the services needed.

Council on Ministers' Workshop — to help people make fair appraisal of their lives which is a pre-requisite for good council on Ministries experience.

Lay-Clergy Relations — awareness that all are called to work in Kingdom Building. Respect for Lay witness program. Understanding the role of the minister.

United Methodist Men — Envolvement for men to find true purposes and fulfillment. Representatives from our Conference attended the National United Methodist Men's Conference held at Purdue University. To eliminate the club attitude, your Conference Board stressed that United Methodist Men's charter fees be a part of the Church Budget.

Laity Sunday — Education of the true meaning of Laity and following the Discipline year by year. Over 100 Churches observed this day with certified Lay Speakers.

The Conference Board of Laity offered two closing statements:
We are behind the guide-lines set by our Committee on Merger.
We accept John 17-21 — "That They All Might Be One."
In this spirit our work continues: **"Building God's Kingdom Here on Earth."**

Results of Workshops in Rural Areas
San Antonio - - - Austin-Victoria Districts
300 People

1. Name your reasons for attending this session.
   *To get a clearer understanding of the United Methodist Church.

*To get better understanding of the United Church so I can serve the church under the Master's will.
*Seeking information on the Merger of Conferences and how I can find my place in the new church.

2. What are your views about making Personal Commitments to Christ.
*If one is to be successful with himself and others, he must commit himself to Christ.
*In making commitments you are setting up goals or objectives; and these are necessary to know in order to serve as guidelines to greater growth.
*My personal commitment to Christ is to try and be a better disciple.
*Personal Commitment to Christ is the first step but to be effective one must live up to his commitment.

3. Our Style of Life put the emphasis on **being** rather than doing. (What a man is, becomes more essential than what he does.) What do you think?
*Always practice what you preach.
*Both are very essential.
*A man should be what he is and act the same.
*What one does in his Christian life is more essential, for he is witnessing in a world of unrest.
*The Style of Life is somewhat warped. I think doing is becoming.
*It is not what one does. It is the kind of spirit prevailing during the act.

4. Some of man's responsibilities are unavoidable.
(A man is called to help bear the burden of men)
*Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the laws of God.
*Man is called upon to bear one another's burdens.
*Do not want to be involved, yet our responsibilities are unavoidable.

NOTE: What was really the concerns in these workshops, was the continued emphasis on keeping all members informed about the church programs. There is a **Gap** between available church literature and personal understanding or the lack of authorative promotion which leads to better projection.

Section on Stewardship Education

1236. Functions. — The Section on Stewardship Education shall concern itself with the following functions and such others as may be assigned to it by the division:

1. To develop literature, audio1visual aids, and other educational materials.

2. To bring United Methodists to an understanding of the theological meaning of Christian stewardship and its application to the entire life of the Christian, including the use of time, influence, personal abilities, and material resources.

3. To emphasize Christian motivation in regard to acquiring, investing, and spending material resources.

4. To develop a program which will arouse concern for the conservation of natural resources.

5. To participate in schools of training for pastors and laymen in cooperation with other agencies where stewardship is desired.

1237. Membership. — The membership of the section is specified in Para. 1232.

1238. Officers and Tenure. — The officers of the section shall be a chairman, nominated by the division and elected by the board, and a vice-chairman and a recording secretary, who shall be elected by the section at the first annual meeting of each quadrennium. They shall serve until their successors have been elected and installed.

1239. Committees. — There shall be such committees as the section deems necessary.

1240. Meetings. — The section shall meet at the same time and place as the board. Special meetings of the section may be called only when authorized by the board or its executive committee.

Stewardship Concerns

1. We have hundreds of churches without pastors.

2. We have thousands of pastors who have not been fully trained.

3. Many students in our seminaries do NOT want to become parish pastors.

4. Many clergymen are despondent.

5. Thirty to forty percent of our members are unaccounted for and unaccountable.

6. We operate our churches at a 40% level of participation.

7. Twenty-five percent of our members give eighty percent of the money in our local churches.

8. Small churches are being forced to merge or die.

9. One-half of the world's population is illiterate.

10. Millions in America are hungry and poorly housed.

11. Our lakes and streams are polluted with industrial waste.

12. Our air is filled with gases that burn our lungs and eyes. A Chicago sociologist told me that working downtown in Chicago is the equivalent of smoking 1½ packs of cigarettes a day.

13. Mountains and hills are left uninhabitable after mineral rape has been perpetrated on them.

14. Insecticides have killed nature's balance of birds and insects and filled our vegetables and fish with high levels of poison.

15. Garbage piles high in cities and no one knows what to do about the increase in indissoluble waste which will soon amount to six pounds per day per person.

16. The streets of the world's cities are filled with youth trying to find something and to say something.

17. American youth, 13-19, spend about 19-21 billion dollars a year. People living in 111 of the 132 countries reporting to the United Nation's Statistical Office have to support their families on less income than American youth have for "spending money."

18. In 1939 only four percent of American families had an income of $10,000 per year. In 1969 the average income is projected to be $10,000!

19. A recent TV special stated that only 44 percent of all family income goes for necessities. The remaining 56 percent is where we select our style of life.

20. American families declared in a Gallup Poll in October 1967 that their major problem was "making ends meet." In 1968 it has been estimated that American families spent 106 percent of their annual income and in the spring of 1969 the CHICAGO AMERICAN stated that 25 percent of American families are in serious financial difficulties.

21. In the latest report, the United Methodist Church member averages $69 per year or about $1.33 per week in giving to support his church. This is less than one hour's labor at the most minimum wage level.

22. United Methodists give about 20¢ per week of $10 per year to all mission causes.

23. United Methodists spend 84.3% of all funds raised on their own local church needs.

24. The percentage of income given to the church continues to decline as personal income increases.

25. In the last year of record the United Methodist Church had a net membership loss of 21,405.

Odie E. Davis, Jr.
Conf. Lay Leader

REPORT NO. 5-B

ASSOCIATE CONFERENCE LAY LEADERS' REPORT

The Associate Lay Leader of Lay Life and Work during the past Conference year became involved in the promotion of the work of Lay Speaking and United Methodist Men on the Dallas and Waco Districts. Our District Lay Leader, Raymond Williams of the Dallas District and Eddie Evans of the Waco District have worked diligently in setting up programs for the

Laity in the District. The lay people have expressed a sincere appreciation for these programs and have been most helpful. They have been involved in the various programs and business of the Church and have taken active part in determining the direction and goals. The laymen have been well represented on many of the local church Boards and committees. Methodist laymen are very much active in Community service fields also. Many are found serving on Boards of Chambers of Commerce, Neighborhood organizations, scout groups, and youth organizations. Some of the laymen have helped with the promotion and appeal for the Fund for Reconciliation.

The Waco District Board of the Laity, under the fine leadership of its District layleader, held a very successful annual banquet on April 24.

Two training courses have been held for lay speaking in the two districts. These were very successful and out of it came a spiritual renewal among those who participated in the training. In many cases the local church pastors served graciously as instructors for the courses. Nineteen laymen were certified as lay speakers as a result of these courses on the Dallas District. Sixteen received certification on the Waco District. The Dallas District Lay Leader together with the Associate Lay Leader led a group of laymen in attendance at the Temple Clinic for Laymen sponsored by the General Board of Lay Activities held in Temple, Texas on November 1-2.

The United Methodist Men, in some of the churches have been very active. Charters have been renewed and some of the organizations have been re-activated.

Fellowship Breakfasts are held in many of the local churches sponsored by the organization.

Laymen's Day was widely observed in many of the churches across the Conference. Laymen went from pew to pulpit and laymen were guest speakers in churches other than those where they were members.

In other areas, we had Lay representation as a delegate to the Texas Conference of Churches that met in Dallas, Texas on Feb. 23-24-25. Our own Bishop Slater joined us at the place designated for the West Texas delegates at this conference. We had representation at the National Conference of United Methodist Men.

The Conference Board of the Laity had two of its officers to attend as Lay Delegates to the Special Session of the General Conference held in St. Louis, Mo., April 19-24. The Associate Conference Lay Leader participated in the promotion of the film, "Two A Penny", shown at various theaters in connection with the preliminary planning and invitation extended to Billy Graham for the Dallas-Ft. Worth Crusade.

As we point to the highlight in the activities of the Laity during the conference year, we would single out one meeting which made history; At the last District Conference held on the Dallas District of the closing West Texas Conference the District Board of the Laity took on special responsibilities. They met prior to the District Conference and concerned themselves with the plans for the coming merger of the conferences. The District Lay Leader together with a group of laymen met with the North Texas Conference Bishop and showed their concern in the appointment of special officers as the merger takes place.

The Associate Conference Lay Leader recently met with the North Texas Conference Lay Leader and his staff to effect plans for the Laity in the coming merger of the two conferences. The Associate Conference Lay Leader of Life and Work was invited to accept that same office on the North Texas Conference Board of the Laity with special responsibility for the promotion of spiritual life.

Associate Conference Lay Leader

E. C. Ranson

REPORT NO. 6

GENERAL BOARD OF PENSIONS
of The United Methodist Church

Claire C. Hoyt,
General Secretary
Harley E. Hiller,
Associate Gen. Sec'y.

1200 Davis Street
Evanston, Illinois
60201

March 23, 1970

Dr. Ira B. Loud
5102 Wanonah
Dallas, Texas 75209

Dear Dr. Loud:

Enclosed are copies of the two Joint Distributing Committee reports adopted at the March 12 meeting in Dallas.

Also enclosed are copies of all West Texas and Gulf Coast charges showing the successor conferences which are to receive any pension responsibility related to each charge. As you indicated at the Dallas meeting, the members of the successor conference committees may need to consult with you on the Gulf Coast committee members to locate where these charges were or are geographically located.

Another set of these two lists of charges have also been sent to the Reverend Meredith C. Stone, as well as two sets of the two reports.

Thank you again for your kindness in providing transportation to the airport for Ray Whatley and myself. I will look forward to seeing you in Austin at the West Texas Conference meeting in May.

Sincerely yours,
ss/Lyle A. Weed

LAW:ns
Encl.
cc: Reverend M. C. Stone

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The Reverend Meredith C. Stone
3021 Missouri Street
El Paso, Texas 79903

Dear Brother Stone:

Enclosed are two copies of the Joint Distributing Committee report related to the distribution of West Texas Conference pension responsibility as adopted in Dallas March 12.

The second copy of the report is being sent to you so you can have one copy in your file while the other copy is in the hands of the printers who will be printing the 1970 journal of the West Texas Conference.

We are also enclosing copies of lists of charges of both the Gulf Coast and West Texas Conferences which show the successor conferences to which pension responsibility is being assigned.

Sincerely yours,
ss/Lyle A. Weed

LAW:ns
Encl.
cc: Dr. Ira B. Loud

THE REPORT OF THE JOINT DISTRIBUTING COMMITTEE

Involving the Merger of the West Texas Annual Conference with the Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and

Texas Annual Conferences and with a portion of the Gulf Coast Annual Conference.

The Joint Distributing Committee, representing the several conferences concerned with the merger of the West Txas Annual Conference with the Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and Texas Annual Conferences and with a portion of the Gulf Coast Annual Conference, in accordance with the authority granted in Para. 1383 of the **1968 Book of Discipline** of The United Methodist Church, presents herewith a report of agreements by which the pension responsibility is allocated to the several successor Annual Conferences and by which the pension assets are distributed to the several successor Annual Conferences, such report to be published in the Annual Journal of each conference involved in this merger in accordance with Para. 1383.3d of the **1968 Book of Discipline.**

I. ALLOCATION OF PENSION RESPONSIBILITY

The pension responsibility of the West Texas Annual Conference, and the geographical portion of the Gulf Coast Annual Conference which becomes a part of the West Texas Annual Conference, on account of approved service rendered prior to June 1, 1970 be ministerial members and lay pastors or approved supply pastors thereof, as approved by the West Texas and Gulf Coast Annual Conferences, is hereby accepted and approved for pension responsibility on the successor Annual Conferences, in accordance with the following principles:

1. Responsibility for all approved service to a pastoral charge shall be allocated to the successor conference within whose geographical boundaries the charge was located.
2. Responsibility for any approved service which cannot be directly related to a pastoral charge shall be allocated to the successor Annual Conferences in proportion to the number of years of approved service related directly to pastoral charges which will be allocated to such Annual Conferences.
3. Any responsibility for service rendered as a lay pastor or approved supply pastor, entitled to pension credit, which has not been approved and/or is not a part of the total distribution, shall be the responsibility of the conference in which was located the charge where such service was rendered.
4. Consecutive years of service as a lay pastor and/or approved supply pastor with pension credit in one of the merging conferences together with service as a lay pastor in a successor conference shall be counted as consecutive years in one conference for the purpose of qualifying a retired lay pastor for a pension under provisions of Para. 1379.3b of the **1968 Book of Discipline.**

   The pension responsibility Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, and Texas Annual Conferences shall be the pension responsibility of the successor Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas and Texas Annual Conferences respectively.

II. DISTRIBUTION OF PENSION ASSETS

1. Service Annuity credits in the Ministers Reserve Pension Fund and the Partial Reserve Pension Fund related to service in one of the merging Annual Conferences shall be counted as distributable assets, and shall be distributed to the successor conferences as Ministers Reserve Pension Fund or a Partial Reserve Pension Fund assets, as credits in such accounts of the ministers involved. Any annuity provided from these accounts at the time of the minister's retirement may be counted as part of the pension payable by the successor Annual Conference to such minister and/or to his widow.
2. The pension assets of the West Texas and Gulf Coast Annual Conferences shall be distributed to the successor conferences in proportion to the pension responsibility received by such conferences.
3. Pension assets of the former Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and Texas Annual Conferences

shall be pension assets of the successor Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas and Texas Annual Conferences respectively.

III. ASSIGNMENT OF RETIRED MINISTERS AND OTHER BENEFICIARIES

1. **Retired Ministers**

In the absence of specific notice from the resident Bishop of a successor Annual Conference to the contrary, it is to be assumed that each retired member of the West Texas and Gulf Coast Annual Conferences is to be considered to be a retired member of the successor conference in whose geographical boundaries was situated the Quarterly or Charge Conference in which such retired minister was last a member while in the effective relation, and that the retired members of the former Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and Texas Annual Conferences will be retired members of the so named respective successor Annual Conferences.

2. **Widows and Dependent Children**

In the absence of specific notice from the resident Bishop of the successor conference to the contrary, the last West Texas Quarterly or Charge Conference membership held by a deceased ministerial member of that conference shall determine the successor conference to which his widow and dependent children shall be related, and the General Board is hereby authorized to make such assignment on the basis of this determination, for purpose of setting up procedures for the payment of pensions to them, and such basis shall determine which successor conference is responsible for providing benefit program coverages for such persons.

IV. CLAIMS AND LIENS

Any amounts collected by the General Board of Pensions related to claims or liens filed by the West Texas Conference shall be allocated to the successor conferences in accordance with pro-rata formula used to distribute the assets of the West Texas Annual Conference to the successor Conferences.

V. AUTHORIZATIONS

1. The General Board of Pensions is hereby authorized and directed to put into effect the principles agreed upon by this Joint Distributing Committee and to distribute the pension assets and to allocate the pension responsibilities of the conferences involved in this merger in accordance with the 1968 **Book of Discipline** and the principles agreed upon by this Joint Distributing Committee, according to the service records of the ministers, widows and dependent children as they have been compiled and as adjustments may be necessary upon the discovery of sufficient evidence that such adjustments should be made.
2. The Chairman and Secretary of the Joint Distributing Committee together with a representative from the General Board of Pensions, are authorized to represent the Joint Distributing Committee in any recall of the committee by the General Secretary of the General Board of Pensions and the Chairman of the Joint Distributing Committee is instructed to notify all members of the committee for the purpose, date, and place of such meeting.
3. The General Board of Pensions is hereby requested to furnish to each successor Annual Conference a list of the names of the charges and/or former charges in the West Texas Annual Conferences indicating the successor conference in the bounds of which the charges are or were located.

Signed for the Joint Distributing Committee:

ss/Samuel P. Auslam, Chairman
ss/I. B. Loud, Secretary

Participating Members: (First name shown is designated representative)

Central Texas
Floyd E. Johnson
Roy J. Grogran
H. Brown Loyd

Gulf Coast
Simon Snell
L. B. Felder, Sr.
D. L. Walker

New Mexico
C. Edward Ditterline
Hollis Shook
M. Buren Stewart

North Texas
Julian D. Thomas

Northwest Texas
Samuel P. Auslem
Harold O. Harriger
J. Edward Kirby

Southwest Texas
Milton Bohmfalk
D. Rhea Allison
James E. Ferguson, Jr.

Texas
Walton B. Gardner
Lamar S. Clark
R. G. Rice

West Texas
Ira B. Loud
Meredith C. Stone

West Texas Conference Charges Showing Successor Conferences

1. Abilene-Bellinger ..... Northwest Texas
   Plum Street
2. Altair Circuit ..... Southwest Texas
   Altair: Wesley
   Garwood: St. Paul
   Green Chapel
3. Amarillo ..... Northwest Texas
   Wyatt Memorial
4. Aquilla ..... Central Texas
5. Arthur City ..... North Texas
6. Austin: St. Peter-Tilmon ..... Southwest Texas
7. Bartlett Parish ..... Central Texas
   Bartlett-Davilla-Granger-Thompsonville
8. Bastrop ..... Southwest Texas
9. Bay City ..... Texas
10. Beeville-Pettus ..... Southwest Texas
11. Belmont Parish ..... Southwest Texas
12. Belton Parish ..... Central Texas
    Belton: Mt. Zion
    Kells Branch
    Cedar Creek
13. Bishop-Robstown ..... Southwest Texas
14. Bloomington ..... Southwest Texas
15. Bowman Chapel ..... Texas
16. Brady: St. Paul ..... Southwest Texas
    San Saba
    Picketts Chapel
    (Brady: St. Paul - Formerly with Burnett;
    San Saba - from Lampasas;
    Picketts Chapel - no record)
17. Bremond ..... Texas
18. Brownfield-Colorado City ..... Northwest Texas
19. Brownwood: Emanuel Chapel ..... Central Texas
20. Calvert: St. Paul ..... Texas
21. Chilton (Mooresville) ..... Texas
    Goodville
22. Clarksville ..... North Texas
23. Cleburne-Alvarado ..... Central Texas
24. Columbus: St. Paul ..... Southwest Texas
    Alleyton-Eagle Lake
25. Corpus Christi: St. Paul ..... Southwest Texas
26. Corsicana: St. Andrews ..... Central Texas
27. Cowen-McMillan (Ft. Worth) ..... Central Texas
28. Crest Moore (Dallas) ..... North Texas

29. Cuero ..... Southwest Texas
    Yorktown-Runge-Flaccus
    Karnes City
30. Dale-Corinth-Hart's Chapel-Smithville ..... Southwest Texas
31. Dallas: Carver Heights ..... North Texas
32. Del Rio-Uvalde Parish ..... Southwest Texas
    Hondo: Simpson-Pearsall
33. Denison: Haven Chapel ..... North Texas
34. Eagle Pass ..... Southwest Texas
35. East Mexia ..... Central Texas
36. San Antonio: East St. Paul ..... Southwest Texas
37. Edinburg ..... Southwest Texas
38. Edna: Scruggs Chapel-Morales ..... Southwest Texas
39. El Campo Parish ..... Southwest Texas
    El Campo
    Granado: Bowman Chapel
    Wharton
40. Ellison Eades-Lavernia ..... Southwest Texas
41. El Paso: Myrtle Avenue ..... New Mexico
42. Ennis: St. Delight ..... Central Texas
43. Ferris-Lancaster ..... Central Texas
43. Floresville: St. Paul-Pleasanton ..... Southwest Texas
44. Ft. Worth: ..... Central Texas
    Cogswell: Saint Paul
45. Frederick Temple: Austin ..... Southwest Texas
46. Froza-Springfield ..... Central Texas
    Moody: Bowman Chapel
    Gatesville-Crawford-Rogers
47. Goliad Parish: ..... Southwest Texas
    Cologn
    Goliad: Fannin Street
    Lamesa-Mission Valley
48. Georgetown Ct. ..... Central Texas
    Georgetown: Saint Paul
    Hutto-Liberty Hill
49. Gonzales: Parish ..... Southwest Texas
    Evans Chapel
    Gonzales: Henson Chapel
    Waelder-Elm
50. Graham ..... Central Texas
51. Grand Prairie: St. Rose ..... North Texas
52. Groesbeck-Bremond ..... Central Texas
53. Hallettsville: Richardson Chapel-Breslau ..... Southwest Texas
54. Dallas: Hamilton Park ..... North Texas
55. Dallas: Highland Hills ..... North Texas
56. Hobbs-Lovington ..... New Mexico
57. Hubbard-Hillsboro-Dawson ..... Central Texas
58. San Antonio: Jacobs Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
59. San Antonio: Jones Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
60. Kerrville: Barnetts Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
61. Kingsbury ..... Southwest Texas
62. Kingsville: Scott Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
63. Kosse Circuit ..... Texas
64. Kyle ..... Southwest Texas
65. LaGrange Parish ..... Southwest Texas
    Fayetteville-Liberty
    Industry: Cherry Chapel
    La Grange: St. James
    Ellenger: Peach Grove
66. Dallas: Lambuth ..... North Texas
67. Lampasas: Doolittle ..... Southwest Texas
    Llano: Alice Chapel
    (Doolittle-from Llano, Llano formerly separate,
    Alice Chapel-no record,
    San Saba-with Brady)

68. Levelland: St. Luke ..... Northwest Texas
O'Donnell
(Llano and Doolittle-now with Lampasas,
Llano: Mason-now separate as Mason Charge)
69. Lexington ..... Texas
70. Lockhart-Bright Ct. ..... Southwest Texas
St. Mark
(Martindale-separate)
Mt. Salem
71. Lubbock: Mt. Vernon ..... Northwest Texas
72. Luling: William Taylor-Union Hill-Zion ..... Southwest Texas
73. Manor-Littig ..... Southwest Texas
74. Marlin: Davis Chapel ..... Texas
75. Mart-Springhill ..... Central Texas
76. Martindale-Staples (from Lockhart Chg.) ..... Southwest Texas
Maxwell
77. Mason
Burnet
Porter's Chapel
Wesley
(Mason fermerly listed under Llano; Burnet formerly
separate; Porter's Chapel-from Burnet;
Wesley-no record)
78. May Pearl ..... Central Texas
79. Maysfield Ct. ..... Texas
Maysfield, Port Sullivan-Rosebud-Lott
Cameron-Milam Grove
80. Mexia: Jones Chapel ..... Central Texas
81. Midland: Hollowell ..... Northwest Texas
82. Milford-Italy ..... Central Texas
Pilgrim Rest
83. Ft. Worth: Morningside ..... Central Texas
84. Waco: Mt. Zion ..... Central Texas
85. Nixon-Leesville-Runge-Gillett ..... Southwest Texas
86. Oakland Ct: Salem-Shiloh-West Point ..... Southwest Texas
87. Odessa: Mackey Chapel ..... New Mexico
88. O'Donnell ..... Northwest Texas
89. Paris-Honey Grove ..... North Texas
90. Pelham Ct: St. Delight-Antioch ..... Central Texas
Wesley Chapel
91. Port Lavaca ..... Southwest Texas
Placedo: Williams Chapel
92. Pilot Point ..... North Texas
93. Rocky Chapel-Cedar Chapel ..... Central Texas
94. Ft. Worth: St. Andrews ..... Central Texas
95. Waco: St. James ..... Central Texas
96. Dallas: St. Luke ..... North Texas
97. Dallas: St. Paul ..... North Texas
98. San Angelo: Wesley Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
99. San Antonio: Downs Memorial ..... Southwest Texas
100. Lincoln Heights-San Antonio ..... Southwest Texas
101. San Marcos: Jackson Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
Reedsville-Tilmon
102. Satin-Majors-Gurley (Waco) ..... Central Texas
103. Schulenburg Parish ..... Southwest Texas
Brown's Chapel
Independent
Oakland: Saint Paul
Willow Springs
104. Seguin-Olmus ..... Southwest Texas
Harpers Chapel
105. Sherman: St. James ..... North Texas
McKinney
106. Austin: Simpson Memorial ..... Southwest Texas
107. Slatan-Sudan ..... Northwest Texas
108. Smithville ..... Southwest Texas

109. Sublime ..... Southwest Texas
110. Sutherland Springs ..... Southwest Texas
111. Sweetwater ..... Northwest Texas
112. Taylor-Rockdale ..... Central Texas
113. Temple: St. James ..... Central Texas
114. Ft. Worth: Thompson Chapel ..... Central Texas
115. Trinity ..... North Texas
Grand Prairie
116. Troy ..... Central Texas
117. Turnerville ..... Central Texas
118. Union Memorial ..... Central Texas
119. Victoria: Webster Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
120. Valley Mills ..... Central Texas
121. Waco ..... Central Texas
Bracks Chapel
Aquilla
Jones Chapel-(now called Wesley)
Carver Mission
122. Dallas: Warren ..... North Texas
123. Waxahachie-Dennis ..... Central Texas
St. Andrews
124. Wesley ..... Northwest Texas
125. Wesley Chapel ..... Southwest Texas
126. Wesley Memorial ..... Southwest Texas
127. San Antonio: West Laurel Heights ..... Southwest Texas
128. Wichita Falls-Graham ..... North Texas
Mount Calvary
129. Winchester Ct. ..... Southwest Texas
Schulenburg: Stevens Chapel
Weimar
Giddings-Leo ..... Texas
Lexington ..... Texas
130. Yoakum-Sweet Home ..... Southwest Texas
St. John
Shiner: Johnson Chapel

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Payment to Annuitants Report

Period Covered: 07-01-69 thru 06-30-70
Responsible Conference - West Texas CJ

RETIRED INSIDE

	Total	Current Dist.	Annuity Reserve
Anderson, Barry W.	$ 480.00	$ 480.00	$
Andrews, W. L.	680.04	680.04	
Baker, Daniel B.	1,300.08	1,300.08	
Baker, William W.	1,323.60	1,285.08	38.52
Brewster, O. K.	1,020.00	1,020.00	
Bruton, Thomas M.	1,634.28	1,587.48	46.80
Carter, Elvis H.	900.00	886.08	13.92
Coe, Obie V.	1,583.88	1,561.68	22.20
Echols, Timothy B.	960.00	960.00	
Foy, R. L.	320.04	306.84	13.20
Franklin, Samuel M.	680.04	661.32	18.72
Goode, J. W.	440.04	440.04	
Greene, Clifford R.	950.04	950.04	
Johnson, George L.	896.28	837.00	59.28
Johnson, L. D.	320.04	320.04	
King, Charles L.	1,140.00	1,136.16	3.84
Kuykendall, Henry E.	1,100.04	1,081.32	18.72
Majors, Marshall	1,260.00	1,228.44	31.56
Miller, Samuel D.	1,464.84	1,423.20	41.64
Mosby, Robert S.	1,409.04	1,284.96	124.08
Muse, James F.	290.00	290.00	

Muse, Luckie E.	1,544.04	1,511.04	33.00
Palmer, Rell L.	1,650.72	1,620.00	30.72
Phoenix, Joshua B.	120.84	120.84	
Pierce, Ila H.	1,450.08	1,443.48	6.60
Porter, Ashley D.	1,020.00	1,020.00	
Proctor, Lonnie Renor	640.08	640.08	
Rogers, Ed Adolph	440.04	440.04	
Seabrook, Jr., John J.	430.08	430.08	
Walmsley, Walter	540.00	540.00	
Watkins, Theodore R.	1,100.04	1,060.44	39.60
Watson, Elmo	1,440.00	1,440.00	
Wattley, James L.	1,756.56	1,717.56	39.00
Young, Frederick D.	1,560.96	1,526.40	34.56

RETIRED ELSEWHERE

	Total	Current Dist.	Annuity Reserve
Beal, Zephaniah N.	240.00	240.00	
Davis, Ralph M.	200.04	200.04	
Handy, Sr., W. Talbot	110.04	110.04	
Haywood, John W.	40.08	40.08	
Pointer, Ira A.	320.04	320.04	
Weiss, Paul W.			
Reitred Total	$34,755.92	$34,139.96	$615.96

WIDOWS INSIDE

	Total	Current Dist.	Annuity Reserve
Alexander, Nanie	$ 1,055.28	$ 1,047.36	$ 7.92
Bailey, Mary Amanda	280.08	280.08	
Barnwell, Mabel M.	406.08	406.08	
Blair, Nancy G.	280.08	280.08	
Browne, Earle L.	280.08	280.08	
Burkley, Alberta C.	742.08	742.08	
Byars, Lula	336.00	336.00	
Caesar, Emma	784.08	784.08	
Ellison, Myrtle M.	1,007.64	965.88	41.76
Eusan, Florence M.	651.00	651.00	
Fountain, Eddie K.	7.08	7.08	
Foy, Ida	1,134.00	1,134.00	
Gooden, Gilberta L.	280.08	280.08	
Hallond, Alma	280.08	280.08	
Hardeman, Albenia	301.08	301.08	
Haywood, Laura M.	651.00	628.32	22.68
Holden, Josephine	966.00	949.08	16.92
Holden, Dorris T.	280.08	280.08	
Hudson, Susie G.	392.04	392.04	
Hudspeth, Anna Belle	630.00	630.00	
Jacques, Callie S.	812.04	812.04	
Kelly, Ethel	749.04	749.04	
King, Elizabeth	835.80	785.28	50.52
King, Lue Delia	280.08	280.08	
Lindsey, Beatrice	399.00	399.00	
Marshall, Rosa B.	799.08	792.60	6.48
Mathis, Zullah H.	280.08	280.08	
Mayfield, Mary L.	287.04	287.04	
McKinney, Catherine	385.08	385.08	
McMillan, Vera	910.08	910.08	
Minor, Helen L.	601.32	574.08	27.24
Moore, Denolis V.	392.04	392.04	
Moore, Fannie	1,036.08	1,036.08	
Morgan, Hattie Bell	343.08	343.08	
Moseley, Eugenia E.	749.04	749.04	
Muse, Etta M.	233.40	233.40	
Pharms, Elvia J.	280.08	266.28	13.80
Phoenix, Vera E.	930.49	930.49	

Prince, Thelma B.	308.04	308.04
Robinson, Malinda	252.00	252.00
Ross, Ella B.	966.06	966.06
Sanford, Mrs. Isaac T.	756.00	756.00
Simmons, Ossie O.	280.08	280.08
Simms, Mable	994.08	991.68
Tollerson, Virginia	289.36	289.36
Webb, Ruth N.	579.36	553.08
Whitaker, Clara	539.04	539.04
White, Augusta P.	343.08	343.08
Wills, Dicie	938.04	938.04
Wyatt, Estelle	1,044.20	1,044.20

WIDOWS ELSEWHERE

	Total	Current Dist.	Annuity Reserve
Caldwell, Julia B.	$ 175.08	$ 175.08	$
Carrington, Muriel	238.08	238.08	
Jones, Mary R.	112.08	112.08	
McCutchin, Josephine	154.02	154.02	
Moore, Emma	175.08	175.08	
Tucker, Mae	658.08	658.08	
Turner, Fannie	168.00	168.00	
Wardah, Alva F.	189.00	189.00	
Widows Total	$30,205.45	$29,989.45	$216.00

CHILDREN INSIDE

	Total	Current Dist.	Annuity Reserve
Ellison, Linda L.	$ 350.04	$ 350.04	$
Holden, Brenda J.	100.08	100.08	
Parker, Dorris J.	25.02	25.02	
Holden, Janice R.	100.08	100.08	
Holden, Jr., Joseph	100.08	100.08	
Holden, Odessa J.	100.08	100.08	
Johnson, Jared	100.08	100.08	
Johnson, Rodney	100.08	100.08	
Johnson, Rosalyn	100.08	100.08	
Mayfield, Debra J.	102.60	102.60	
Mayfield, Linda J.	25.65	25.65	
Mayfield, Royce C.	102.60	102.60	
Minor, Timothy B.	58.77	58.77	
Moore, Keith T.	145.08	145.08	
Moore, Jr., Sherrill E.	145.08	145.08	
Moore, Wanda Faye	145.08	145.08	
Prince, Katherine	145.08	145.08	
Prince, Thelma L.	145.08	145.08	

CHILDREN ELSEWHERE

	Total	Current Dist.	Annuity Reserve
Jones, Carroll Wayne	$ 40.08	$ 40.08	$
Jones, Francis Robert	40.08	40.08	
Jones, Iris Faye		40.08	
Jones, Marcus	40.08	40.08	
Williams, Rubbie	40.08	40.08	
Children Total	$ 2,291.04	$ 2,291.04	
Conference Total	$67,252.41	$66,420.45	$831.96

REPIRT NO. 7

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Bishop O. Eugene Slater;
Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is with great joy and pride that I make this report, my first and

last report as president of the West Texas Conference Women's Society of Christian Service.

One hundred years ago last March the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was born. It is a thrilling story of the eight women who met in Tremont Street Church, March 23, 1869, on a rainy afternoon to organize the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

After one hundred years, we have moved toward new ways in the greatly changed structure of the United Methodist Churh, including the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

I hope we have been awakened to our responsibility and can face the future unafraid, with the determination and assurance that we can do our work.

My fundamental purpose of the work of the Women's Society of Christian Service for the last ten months has been to help women in six conferences become equipped adequately to deal with the "New Society" that she will face tomorrow.

I have completed the pre-merger work in five conferences, with only the North Texas Conference work to be completed. We have traveled more than 100,000 (one hundred thousand) miles since September 1969, at the expense of the Women's Division. As I traveled, I thought of the past present, and future. In all of "my ways I acknowledged Him, and He directed my path."

We have five black women who will serve as conference officers in merged conferences; two Co-Deans of Schools of Christian Missions; many have been elected to serve as District Officers and on Conference and District Committees. Many have reveived training by attending Conference Leadership Work-Shops, Regional Schools of Christian Missions, Schools of Christian Missions, Planning Meetings for conferences, committees meeting on program, finance, school of Christian Missions, Nominating, and By-Laws with merging conferences.

Many women of the West Texas Conference attended the Eighth General Assembly, May 7-10 in Houston, Texas. Women from 50 states were present. More than 10,000 (ten thousand) were present. The Division reported 1,800,000 members in the Society and Guild, and 38,000 local units. The meeting was held in the Sam Houston Coliseum. The first since the 1968 union of the former Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Churches; and the merger of their respective Women's Organizations.

The Assembly Theme was, "CHOOSE LIFE". Mrs. Amy Allen of San Antonio, Texas was one of the ten winners in the South Central Jurisdiction who wrote an essay on "Choose Life". Amy said she had tried to pattern her life work in the community and church according to St. Matthew 25: verses 17 and 22. "Choosing Life", is serving God and letting Him show us the way.

We can pride ourselves in that Methodist Women are the best informed women in the world. However, we cannot be content with past accomplishments. We have tried various ways to get the whole Church excited in study.

Can we, as West Texas Conference Women, pride ourselves because we have paid our pledge to missions? No, because we have not paid our pledge. Many societies did not make a 1970 pledge, because they were mis-directed. Not by me. Districts have held back money. Money in this work is Christ extending His hands in blessings. It is a fine thing to have mission trees if the money raised to to be used for missions. God's mission **must** be performed by us, and as we perform it we **must** remember the purpose of this organization. We cannot help people grow in the experiences of God as revealed in Jesus Christ, if we have not given.

Many of the 87,000 women that I have worked with in the six conferences, the West Texas, New Mexico, Central Texas, Northwest Texas, North Texas and the Southwest Texas in the last ten months, have dedicated themselves to the teachings of Jesus. Some of them really want to change. Others do not.

When we do not pay our pledge to missions we are guilty of sentencing Missionaries and Deaconesses to work without food. shelter, clothing, books, medicine, and other necessities. The West Texas Conference has come up

with small tables and half empty rice bowls. Hats off to the Austin-Victoria District!

In a recent letter from Miss Florence Little, Treasurer of the National Division, she stated that "many people do not understand the word "Merger". Any funds on any level belongs to this organization."

During the last 30 years Women's Society and Guild members have given more than 750 million dollars to missions and related Christian causes at home and overseas for use in local church and community programs. The Women's Division is not only one of the four major units of the Board of Missions, it is also the National Policy making body for almost 2,000,000 United Methodist women in 36,500 local Women's Societies and Wesleyan Service Guilds throughout the nation.

The top Staff Executive is a black woman, Miss Theresa Hoover. The hour is late. The clock is about to stop for blacks and whites to discontinue serving and worshipping separated, and join hands; and in His name, lead men and women, boys and girls to "Choose Life".

I have enjoyed being a part of this history-making event. I have been strengthend throughout these months from letters I have received from ministers, laymen, Bishops, and friends. Most of the 297 letters I have received will be made into a scrapbook. I would like to share a few with you:

Dear Mrs. Bell:

I have the highest respect for you as a Christian Woman. I want you to know how much I appreciate your service.

Sincerely,
Bishop O. Eugene Slater

Dear Lenora:

You have shed many tears I am sure, but you have done a great job. When you think back over your administration you will see that you have had a most important part in making history. Some joys, some tears, but this is part of the burden of leadership. I have enjoyed working with you. I love you.

Mary Muade McMillan

Dear Lenora:

Coming to know you was one of the peps of working toward merger. I appreciate your leadership, I wish you well.

Yours in Christ,
Jo Ann Wilshusen, President
Southwest Texas Conference

Dear Mrs. Bell:

We appreciate what you are doing. You have a big job, but God is with you.

Sincerely,
Bishop W. Kenneth Pope

Dear Lenora:

Our work leading to merger is just about to reach final stages. New fields of service for our God and fellowman challenge us to the best service "together" we can manage to render. We love you and hope the best for you.

Sincerely yours,
Marie Gilbert

Dear Lord before I go
May I thank you for my friends?
The One's who stood beside me,
And listened to my witness.
They don't want wealth or fame
Lord, for kindness they do.
I'm sure they are more pleased
When I speak of them to You.
I know our friendship will remain
Whenever we must part
And if I haven't thanked you
I do now, from my heart.
—Author Unknown

Sincerely,
Mrs. T. L. Bell, President
West Texas Conference Women's
Society of Christian Service

REPORT NO. 8

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON MINIMUM SALARY

Mr. Chairman:

We, your Commission on Minimum Salary wish to express our deep appreciation to Bishop O. Eugene Slater and the West Texas Conference for entrusting us with the significant task of implementing plans and programs to finance and supplement the salaries of our ministers.

Therefore, be it resolved that we go into the Southwest Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas and Gulf Coast Conferences deeply involved in the program of Minimum Salary so much so that every minsiter eligible will receive comfortable support.

1. That we will accept the merger adopted by the General Conference as a step toward Christian Growth.

2. That each merged Conference establish rules in paying Minimum Salaries and that these shall be applicable to all Conference members, lay pastors, and charges in like manner.

3. That all funds received from Temporary General Aid Fund for Salary Aid be distributed in accordance with the guidelines as set forth in the section on Salary Aid, pages 18-20, Report of Commission on Inter-Jurisdictional Relations to 1968 General Conference.

4. That all funds from Mission Aid will continue to be distributed wherever needs are and we will seek to secure Temporary General Aid Funds to subsidize the Minimum Salary to Church that need Minimum Salary.

A. SALARY SCHEDULE

1. $6510 shall be the Minimum Salary of a married Conference member On Trial or in Effective relationship.
2. $6210 shall be the Minimum Salary of a single Conference member On Trial or in Effective relationship.
3. $6210 shall be the Minimum Salary of a married Approved Lay Pastor with a degree from an accredited college.
4. $5910 shall be the Minimum Salary for a single Approved Lay Pastor with a degree from an accredited college.
5. $5910 shall be the Minimum Salary for a married Approved Lay Pastor without a degree.
6. $5610 shall be the Minimum Salary for a single Approved Lay Pastor without a degree.
7. A pastor taking as much as 9 hours of college work shall receive that salary for his categorry less $1,310.00.
8. $160.00 of the above are allowed to pay dues for Death Benefit Program and premium for Hospitalization Insurance. Participants must be members in order to receive this benefit.
9. $50.00 per year will be added for each year of service with annuity credit beginning with the 6th year through the 20th year for a maximum of $750.00.

B. POLICIES

1. Retired Lay Pastors and Retired Conference Members serving as pastors shall be eligible for Minimum Salary. Further, any pastor 65 or over who has served in the ministry of the Church or in a secular career who is now drawing retirement income shall not be eligible for Minimum Salary unless the total received from Charge and retirement pay equals an amount less than he is entitled to under Minimum Salary.
2. That each participant in the Minimum Salary must live on the Charge, give full time to the ministry, and cannot be otherwise gainfully employed beyond the amount of $50.00 each month.
3. That a Charge must have an increase in salary of at least 5% each year to be eligible for participation in Minimum Salary except by ⅔rds vote of the commission at its Annual Conference Session upon application by the District Superintendent not later than 10 days prior to Annual Conference.
4. That a participant in Minimum Salary shall not receive more than

$3,000.00 from this Commission. However, for a second Church on a Charge $200.00 will be paid, and for each additional Church $100.00 will be paid.

5. Charges with a total membership as of the preceding December 31, of less than 150 members shall not be eligible for Minimum Salary except by ⅔rds vote of the commission at its Annual Conference Session upon application by the District Superintendent not later than two days prior to Annual Conference; however, if approved as provided above, charges with less than 100 members shall receive only 80% of the salary schedule. In no case will the 150 member requirement be waived for men in the retired status.
6. A charge which qualifies under all other requirements for Minimum Salary shall not be disqualified by service increment allowance.
7. Charges with pastors receiving Minimum Salary support shall not pay percentages for Bishops and District Superintendents on money received by their pastors from Minimum Salary, but pastors shall pay the 2% apportionment for Pension Endowment on such funds.
8. Churches receiving Minimum Salary shall conduct each year a Stewardship Cultivation Program and Every-Member Commitment approved by the District Superintendent and in accordance with Disciplinary directives.
9. Associate pastors, special appointments, and any other appointments outside the bounds of our Annual Conference shall not be eligible for Minimum Salary.
10. For clarification, the aggregate of the following shall be used as the basis on which the church makes its application for Minimum Salary support:
    (a) Minister's conference relationship
    (b) Minister's marital status
    (c) Minister's education
    (d) Minister's years of service
    (e) Pastoral work-load.

Humbly submitted,

Marcus A. Lucas Freeman, Chairman
Lavalle Lowe, Jr. Secretary
Luther Wade Henry
Odie Davis
Mrs. T. L. Bell
Silas M. Cleaver
Ralph G. Nathan
Eric Charles Purnell

REPORT NO. 9

BLACK COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS PROGRAM

Beginning work as a Black Community Developer November 15, 1969, I immediately endeavored to meet and talk with the many existing organizations and societies as well as individual persons to discuss their programs and problems and also to appraise them of the Black Community Developers Program sponsored by the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church.

Thereafter, I have endeavored to follow the guidelines so set-up by the Board of Missions under the direction of Dr. Negail Riley, and the Board of Directors from the local church. Those being: 1. To develop community service programs. 2. To strengthen the ties between the church and the indigenous community. 3. To recruit lay leadership for involvement in movements of social change in the church and community.

I am presently involved and working with the following on-going organizations:

1. PROJECT FREE FAMILY REHABILITATION
2. ELLA AUSTIN COMMUNITY CENTER
3. EASTSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS
4. CONCENTRATED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
5. ALAMO AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
7. SOUTHEAST CLUSTER OF CHURCHES
8. SAN ANTONIO BUILDING TRADES APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

Some of the services performed under each organization listed above are as follows:

1. PROJECT FREE FAMILY REHABILITATION
   A. Voluntary assistance in community development
      a. Provided volunteers from church, community and colleges to work during voter registration drive. Approximately 1,800 persons were registered.
      b. Worked with youth to help set up year around work program.
      c. Referrals: Food Stamp Assistance (16), Emergency Food and Medical Service (7), Consultation (4), Youth Opportunities Program (7), Voter Registration Workers (10). Approximate number of persons (44).

2. ELLA AUSTIN COMMUNITY CENTER
   A. Voluntary assistance in community development
      a. Solicited community assistance to work with youth groups at center as coaches, teachers, advisors and chaperones of various meetings, parties and other affairs.
      b. Provided volunteers from church, community and colleges to work during voter registration drive. Approximately 1,200 persons were registered.
      c. Worked with interested persons in community wishing to obtain information concerning co-operative buying clubs. Meetings were set up at center.
      d. Worked to help organize Boy Scout Chapter within center.
      e. Referrals: Day Care for Senior Citizens (5), Legal Aid (3), Planned Parenthood (8), Medical Aid (2), Voter Registration Workers (9). Approximate number of persons (27).

3. EASTSIDE SENIOR CITIZENS
   A. Seek voluntter assistance to Senior Citizens Program in the form of Transportation, Day Care and Group Workers.
      a. Referrals: Transportation (6), Day Care (5), Group Workers (2). Approximate number of persons (13).

4. CONCENTRATED EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM
   A. Make known job announcements from information sheets received.
      a. Referrals: Civil Service (64), Jop Placements (5), Counseling (4), Youth Opportunities Program (24), Support Services to Unemployed and Underemployed (6), Private Corporations (7). Approximate number of persons (110).

5. ALAMO AREA COUNCIL BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
   A. Working in community through churches and parent-teacher associations to organize and help organize Cub and Boy Scout Chapters.
      a. Approximate number of boys contacted showing an interest in scouting (63), Approximate number of men willing to work with scouts (16). Approximate number of persons contacted (79).

6. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION
   A. Established for the purpose of resolving any problems which develop under the Federal Civil Rights Act.
      a. Referrals: Discrimination complaints (3). Approximate number of persons (3).

7. SOUTHEAST CLUSTER OF CHURCHES
   A. Group of churches of various denominations interested in supporting on-going programs financially and voluntarily.
      a. Worked with members of group to survey various areas to deter-

mine needs of community. (Medical, Day Care Nursery, Day Care Senior Citizens).

8. SAN ANTONIO BUILDING TRADES APPRENTICESHIP OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM
   A. Set up to provide trades through apprenticeship for hard-core unemployed and high school dropouts.
      a. Referrals: Apprenticeship Program (9). Approximate number (9).

9. SERVICES PROVIDED THROUGH BLACK COMMUNITY DEVELOPERS PROGRAM
   A. Office hours: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
      a. Information obtainable in office: Bulletins of College requirements, scholarships and data pertaining to facilities. Social Security and Old Age Assistance information. Job recruitment information.
      b. Provided services to community in the preparation of Census and Income Tax forms.
      c. Worked with youth in church to assist in various projects such as the Canned Milk Program under the direction of the San Antonio Council of Churches. Projected goal for the Canned Milk Program was 500 gallons over a two month period. Approximate amount of milk delivered 230 gallons.
      d. Set up and planned for three sessions of preparing meals on a limited budget using the facilities of the church. This program instructed the people in the buying and preparing of nourishing foods for consumption. These sessions were attended by approximately 35 to 40 persons over the three day period.
      e. Presently working with youth of the community and church using church facilities for The Agape House. At present time activities are slow due to the Truckers Strike which has delayed delivery on some of the equipment needed. Some of the various activities are supervised games in and out of doors, meeting place for youth club gatherings and Guest speakers, who will speak on drug addiction, law and order and various other topics. The Agape House is presently twice weekly. At present time the youth are soliciting support to buy paint, brushes and other materials in order to redecorate one of the rooms.
      f. The Black Community Developers Program also has worked to provide a meeting place for various groups and organizations, using the facilities of the church.
      g. Presently preparing a proposal to the City Council for use of the Auditorium located within the Carver Library, 226 N. Hackberry, for the Langston Hughes Theater Group, as a place for rehearsals and place for storage for stage equipment.
      h. Plans For The Immediate Future: Drug Rehabilitation Center, Tutitorial Services Program.

James S. Williams
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REPORT NO. 10

REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board has sought this year to establish a complete listing of abandoned properties belonging to The West Texas Annual Conference. Letters have gone to the several superintendents, requesting that they present unused properties of our conference to the 1970 session of the Annual Conference, so that the conference may take necessary action to abandon these properties. Following the conference action, these properties will be listed for immediate sale, and the proceeds remitted to the Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church.

The abandoned property at Slaton, Texas was sold for the sum of $500.00.

The proceeds were remitted to the Mt. Vernon United Methodist Church of Lubbock, Texas as directed by The West Texas Conference (See 1968 Journal, page 28, question 18-c).

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REPORT NO. 11

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERNS

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, and members of the ninety-sixth session of the West Texas Annual Conference, of the United Methodist Church.

The Board of Christian Social Concerns, in its annual session, held at Huston-Tillotson College, March 14, 1970, reaffirmed adoption of the 1968-'72 quadrennial program of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Para. 981 in the Book of Discipline sets forth the following purpose:

Its purpose shall be to relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Members of the Church and to the persons and structures of the communities and world in which they live. It shall seek to bring the whole life of man, his activities, possessions, and community and world relationship into conformity with the will of God. It shall show the members of the Church and the society, that the reconciliation which God effects through Christ involves personal, social, and civic righteousness. To achieve this purpose, the Board shall project plans and programs that challenge the members of The United Methodist Church to work through their own local church, through ecumenical channels, and through society, such righteousness to analyze the issues which confront the person, the local community and the world; and to encourage Christian lines of action which assists man-kind to move toward a world where peace and justice are achieved.

Para. 962: Authority—

It shall be the responsibility of the Board and its executives to give forth-right leadership and witness on those issues that call Christians to action as forgiven men for whom Christ died. The Board should speak to the church and to the world its convictions, interpretations, and concerns, recognizing the freedom and responsibility of all Christian men to study, interpret, and act on any or all recommendations in keeping with their own Christian calling.

I. Theological Presuppositions

1. We understand the Church to be the community of persons who have accepted God's call to worship, witness, and work in the world in the name of Jesus Christ.

2. The mission of the Church in the world is to produce by word and deed the gospel of God's forgiving love as the power which recreates and transforms individuals and structures into the New Creation of God's own making.

3. The Church's mission may be expressed through the institutional forms of church life or involvements in other corporate entities.

4. The Gospel of God's accepting love bestows upon those who accept its freedom from the tyranny of a self-secured and self-sufficient existence and freedom for responsible participation in the public and private affairs of general community life.

5. God's gift of freedom in love leads us to action which seeks to liberate men and women, young and old, imprisonment in cultural patterns which degrade and depersonalize the human being.

6. The Spirit of Christ, whose grace is judgment, and whose judgment is grace, governs all our encounters with men, the enslavers as well as the

enslaved, so that we are not eager to condemn, but quickly to understand, not rejoicing in evil, but grateful for every mark of goodness.

7. The aim of our work is to call men to responsibility before God in all of life, enlisting the support of men at all levels of life, and equipping them with skills for the difficult task of shaping institutions and social structures which nurture the welfare of persons.

8. The demands of authentic Christian witness requires that all action be erected upon a foundation of sound research and careful strategy, and deal effectively with the causes of social disorder as well as symptom control.

9. The acknowledgement of the Holy Spirit at work in the world obligates the churches to support and encourage every worthy agency and movement serving the health and welfare of men and the cause of worthy justice.

II. Style of Work

We live in a time of rapid social change. This rapid change is both created and enhanced by technological developments and their implications for mass communication, rapid transportation, work patterns and the like; urbanization; secularization; and the world-wide awakening of suppressed and oppressed peoples.

The Board does not necessarily create change, but seeks to become involved in the swift pace of change, in order to shape, direct, and guide those processes toward goals commensurate with a Christian understanding of the meaning of human existence.

The West Texas Conference Board of Christian Social Concerns chose the following issues as deserving of priority attention by districts and local churches. These issues are: (1) Project Equality, (2) Meaning Value Life Style, (3) White Racism and Black Revolution, (4) World Peace and War, (5) Patterns of Economic Exploitation, (6) Population Explosion and Hunger, (7) Environmental Pollution, (8) Motion Picture, entitled "King", (9) Extension of Voting Rights Act of 1965, (10) Mutual Relationship with Merged conference Boards of Christian Social Concerns.

Project Equality:

Project Equality of South Texas is an inter-faith program providing the methods, tools, techniques and administrative procedures to religious institutions so they may lend their moral persuation and economic power to achievement of equal employment opportunity for all citizens. Because of what it is, and the affirmative actions taken, we voted unanimously for continued local church membership in, and full support of Project Equality. We urgently request the Boards of Christian Social Concerns of the Southwest Texas, New Mexico Conference, North Texas Conference, Central Texas Conference, Northwest Texas Conference, and Texas Conference, bring to the floor a motion that the merged Conferences join Project Equality.

Meaning, Value, Life Style:

People today frequently express doubt and uncertainty about the meaning and value of life. Is life worthwhile in any ultimate sense? The future seems fearsome — weapons that annihilate millions, over population, pollution, polarization caused by value conflicts, hostile economic and political systems. All of this causes feelings of meaninglessness.

The Christian, however, finds ultimate meaning and value in the gospel of Christ as it relates to the modern world. That meaning comes as the follower of Christ actively participates in the church and world. Perception of meaning and value and building a life style is basic to the way in which persons confront issues, such as, racism, war, economic exploitation. Thus helping persons percieve meaning and value and build life style undergirds involvement in other issues. There are certain issues, though, which seem particularly pertinent to a person's life style and values. Here are two, for instance, with which the Board of Christian Social Concerns is dealing:

1. Drug Use and Abuse:

The increasing use of drugs such as marijuana and LSD by young people has been viewed with concern and alarm by adults, most notably parents, police, and physicians. Panic reactions have led parents and concerned citizens across the country to organize committees, councils, task forces, and other ad hoc groups to combat the drug problem. Most of these efforts are anti-drug campaigns which ignore or by-pass social,

psychological, and spiritual dimensions of drug use.

Dependency producing drugs such as alcohol, barbituates, heroin, and others are hazards to the physical and social health of the individual and harmful to society. Addiction to alcohol, for example, accounts for the suffering of millions, thousands of deaths on the highways, many broken homes, and the sorrow and disappointment of millions of family members. Dependence of the parbituate type seems to be the hidden addiction of thousands of suburban housewives. Still the highest risk group to heroin addiction is the young, black, inner-city male. But heroin addiction is certainly not confined to the urban ghetto. Persons who abuse alcohol, barbituates, heroin, and opium deriviates are seeking escape routes from hopelessness and meaninglessness. They need compassion, not condemnation; treatment, not punishment. Society must change the conditions which cause drug abuse as well as treat the symptoms.

The church at all times has an important role to play in assisting pastors, laymen, parents and children, to approach the drug issue effectively and responsibly.

The way in which one percieves a problem is basic in determining the way in which he approaches it. Thus the Board of Christian Social Concerns is actively engaged in serving as a clearing-house for educational resources and methods appropriate for use by church groups, producing resource material for education and training, developing and supporting humane drug legislation, consulting with communities on how to deal with youthful drug experimentation and lessen parental fears and other projects.

2. Public Education:

Historically, education has projected and nurtured basic democratic principles. With education, American minorities have moved into the mainstream of the American dream. But for certain segments of society education has played neither role.

Efforts to upgrade education have revealed a grave financial crisis facing school authorities. This points to a need to rethink the tax structure supporting schools in the past. The situation is complex, but the church can inject its witness on the level of national policy and at state and local levels.

White Racism and Black Revolution:

The predominantly White church in this country has fostered the racist structure of society. The civil rights movement and the Black revolution have exposed White racist attitude and practices — in society and church. Too often the church has stood as a preserver of the status quo rather than a resource of change. Today the church must highlight the nature and implication of White racism in this time of increasing racial polarization.

But, can the church deal with its own racism? And can it make its witness felt on the racism within the total society? In response to such basic questions, the Board of Christian Social Concerns, in close harmony with the Commission on Religion and Race, works to achieve goals such as these in church and society:

1. Sponsoring Project Equality so that church funds may more fully support fair employment practices. Project Equality is a private program to utilize the hiring and purchasing power of religious judicatories to end employment discrimination in their own institutions and in all the firms which supply them with goods and services.

2. Recruiting, employing, utilizing, paying and promoting professional staffs of agencies and other personnel without regard to race, color, or sex.

3. Strengthening the efforts to erase anti-semitic concepts from literature of the church and society.

4. Fostering the understanding of the need for Black economic empowerment and clarifying the philosophy of Black Power. Monies from the fund for Reconciliation have in many instances gone to finance Black projects. Can the churches accept the challenge of the need for a radical response to the problems of the Black community?

5. Supporting Congressional, State and Local efforts to eradicate all vestiges of segregation. Such support would extend to fair housing, com-

munity development, school desegregation, and other legislation aimed at assuring minority rights.

Law, Justice, and Community Relations:

The rapidly rising rate of crime in American Society has preoccupied the thought of its citizens. Increase in serious crime may be interpreted as one of the immediate effects of increased urbanization and of a larger percentage of youth in the population. There is a direct relationship between the prevalence of poverty and incidence of crime, particularly in the urban sectors of the society.

Any ultimate aim of reducing crime must be approached by opening opportunities and meeting needs of the poor. To achieve stability, forceful crime control must be accompanied by an even stronger effort toward social change.

The mood of the dominant majority of the society is one of fear. This fear prevents the social changes that could eventually reduce the causes of the crimes that have created the dread. The church has a heavy responsibility for helping to turn the fear of the majority citizenry into a faith motivating them to invest in social change. Their investment could change despair of the poor into hope and determination.

World Peace and War:

More than ever before in the history of mankind, vast resources and power, human and material, go into military preparedness and warfare. What kind of leadership is required of the Church to move the world toward peace and international law and order? Working for world peace, the Board of Christian Social Concerns has identified three specific areas needing concentrated attention:

1. United States Foreign Policy:

The United States is a member of the world community. In every situation envisioned in the United Nations Charter, the United States should not act alone. It should work for a new concept of nationalism and regionalism. The new concept should be congruent with internationalism and operate to distribute power more equitably.

The United States needs to bring the war in Vietnaw to an early end to remove its forces from that country. It also needs to improve its relations with the People's Republic of China and to withdraw its opposition toward that country's representation in the UN. Furthermore, the United States needs to revise its relations with Japan and other countries of Asia in line with a reduction of the United States' presence in that area.

2. Strengthening the United Nations:

Support for the United Nations must be extended to include bolstering its authority, budget and staff in the fields of peace-making and peace-keeping. Efforts in this direction are contingent on the reduction of the military forces of the nations — particularly the great powers. Concerned organizations need to plan together, on the local as well as on the national level, regarding an effective program of strengthening international organizations and securing public and governmental support in the United States.

3. The Arms Race and the Military Establishment:

The enormous rise in military spending has increased the influence of military leadership both in the United States and in the affairs of other nations receiving United States military assistance. The vast military bureauracy reaches into influential areas of national life and affects the course of events n scores of other countries whose military leaders have been trained by American Armed Forces. This has enlarged the role and impact of military leaders in both domestic and foreign policy.

Patterns of Economic Exploitation:

Today great numbers of people feel that others are "using" them. Economic exploitation does exist. Producers exploit consumers. The affluent exploit the poor. Our national wealth depends on exploitation of natural resources. Can the Church provide some new thinking and leadership to

help move individuals, corporations, and nations towards elimination of exploitation?

The Board of Christian Social Concerns is working at a number of issues involving or resulting from economic exploitation. Local church chairmen or Commission on Christian Social Concerns may find, and work at, parallel issues in their own communities.

1. Employment and Manpower:

The Methodist Social Creed of 1968 fundamentally dealt with manpower policy. This creed supported protection of the worker from industrial accidents, opposed child labor, supported a living wage, supported the regulation of the conditions of labor for women, opposed the sweat shops, and undergirded the drive of the workers for unionization.

Today, some of the goals sought by the United Methodist Church have been reached. But further problems have emerged in relationship to a rapidly differentiating economy. There is a continued need for basic research, education and action in the field of manpower and employment policy. Manpower policy analyzes the factors creating a change in the demand for job skills. It develops programs to produce new skills, matches skills with jobs, and analyzes the factors in job satisfaction and personality growth. The solution to human exploitation can best be achieved through a broadly conceived program of manpower policy and employment which has the resources of the nation behind it.

A few examples, not exhaustive, of the style of work conducted by the Board of Christian Social Concerns in this program area are listed below. Local churches may find directions for their own action in these examples:

1. Housing:

The facts of the housing crises are quite simple. Housing costs more than a significant segment of society can pay. The possible solutions are complex for not only the problems of housing costs are involved but also the relationship of public and private resources to any possible solution. Low-rent public housing has not been accepted as an adequate answer by the general public. The possible solution seems to rest in the application of a new determination to address this problem area with all our resources, both public and private. With the passage of the 1968 Housing Bill new opportunities have developed for confronting this problem area.

2. Health and Human Development:

Health must be viewed as the total condition of man which encompasses his physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Man must be seen in his unity if health is to be developed and his infirmities treated.

Society faces high medical costs and with the rising costs, a growing population of medically indigent. The poor do not have adequate access to positive health programs, thus making them mare in need of remedial health care. In our cities, as high as 40 per cent of the mothers giving birth to children had no pre-natal care. In our society it is true, "The poor get sick and the sick get poor." Health services are not available to some because they are outside of their social system and comprehension. Adequate health care, mental and physical, must move into the realm of delivering the services to the people in a context which can be accepted and used.

3. Income Maintenance:

The present public welfare system pleases no one. Change is going to take place, but the nature of that change is not at all clear. Our present system through its decentralized funding and administration has not been able to address itself to poverty, hunger, or malnutrition. In those areas where there are creative administrators and legislatures which provide adequate funds, the system has demonstrated potential for solution of some of the vexing problems. But these elements rarely combine in the ratio that is required, and hence, the crisis in public welfare and poverty.

The federal enabling acts conveying public welfare policy have reflected more punitive attitudes on the part of society to the recipients of assistance. It is necessary for the church to relate its value orientation to these developments.

4. Population Explosion and Hunger:

Throughout the world millions of people face starvation and starvation-related illnesses. In much of the world, population growth out-distances food production and distribution. The increasing gap between the affluent nations and the poverty-stricken world affronts the Christian conscience. Can the Church provide the leadership, creative planning, and new strategies and programs that will build awareness and aid economic development?

5. World Development, Food and Population:

Hunger that dulls the mind, weakens the body and destroys the hope of those created in the image of God is an offense against God. Christians will therefore want to take every possible step to bring to an end. these steps will include short-range measures to meet existing hunger. But major attention must also be given to building aid, trade, and population policies that will help developing peoples achieve the ability to sustain themselves at a decent level of life.

Environmental Pollution:

The rapidly-expanding population and technical advances serving a consumption-minded economy contribute to large-scale environmental pollution. The quality of water and air is deteriorating. Indiscriminate use of pesticides threatens to annihilate whole species of animal life and jeopardize the food supply. Noise pollution causes fatigue and nervous tension.

Since the Church is committed to man's becoming more fully human, the church cannot remain indifferent to his ravaging of nature. When man degrades his natural environment, he utterly degrades himself as well. There is no time to delay. Inaction now means further exploitation and degradation. With a sense of urgency, the church must work to bring about changes. Here are some directions in which the church can move:

1. Altering an apathetic public to the seriousness of the present ecological crisis. Christian educators can foster a new ecological awareness and sense of environmental responsibility.
2. Calling into question those cultural values, structures and operations which prevent man from living in harmony with his natural environment.
3. Challenging the widespread belief that technological progress in and of itself represents genuine human progress.
4. Insisting that no one be allowed to degrade the environment simply for the sake of personal profit.
5. Opposing the military's claim to the natural resources and their willingness to risk massive environmental contamination for the sake of offensive and defensive gains.
6. Protesting tax laws, zoning regulations, and lack of planning which make exploitative and ecologically unsound development virtually inevitable.
7. Urging political units at all levels to begin to take vigorous action now.

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REPORT NO. 12

PUBLISHING INTERESTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, and Members of the ninety-sixth session of the West Texas Annual Conference:

GREETINGS: This has been a year of great achievements. The House has had new recognitions bestowed upon it; has conducted its first major church-wide circulation campaign since the merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and The Methodist Church. Publishing operations have been drawn closer; excess operations have been closed out; Retail operations merged, and published its first novel in many years.

Following the General Board of Publication action authorizing the sale of the House's Printing Plants in Dayton, Harrisburg, and Cincinnati. The Cincinnati operation was closed down January 1, 1970, with all of the work being transferred to the Nashville Plant. Sales of the Dayton and Harrisburg plants are being negotiated with employee groups in those cities. Centralization of printing operations in Nashville has for many years been considered an ideal situation that would afford increased efficiency and economy in printing operations.

Merger of Methodist-EUB publishing operations in February, 1969, brought the retail stores of the former EUB in Dayton and Harrisburg into the Cokesbury bookstore operations of the North Central and Northeastern Regions, respectively. All mailing lists and accounts of former EUB retail customers were transferred to the appropriate regional service center, effective February 1, 1970. The Pittsburg Cokesbury was relocated at 901 Penn Avenue during the year.

The quality of work performed by the various operating units of the Publishing House has for many years been recognized through awards to its printing division and selection of certain of its publications for inclusion in various book clubs.

This year it was in the form of the John Barnes "Publisher of the Year" Award presented to Abingdon Press, the House's book publishing department, be the American Booksellers Association in recognition of efficient service to the booksellers. This is a first for a denominational publisher. In addition, nine Abingdon books were selected by Book Clubs for distribution to their members during the year.

Structural union of the former EUB and Methodist publishing operations has brought about certain changes in procedure and format of materials to reflect the concept of a new church. Included was a new format for the church's official family magazine which continued the name of its Methodist predecessor, TOGETHER, while incorporating features of TOGETHER and the former EUB family publication, CHURCH AND HOME.

Consolidation of subscription mailing lists of the two former publications brought the peak circulation for the new TOGETHER to 646,000 with the February, 1969 issue. The following twelve months witnessed a drop in circulation of over 150,000 copies. New support for TOGETHER came in the form of an endorsement by the Council of Bishops who then joined with the Program Council in designating September 28 - November 2, 1969, as an emphasis month for increasing circulation.

The TOGETHER AREA NEWS EDITIONS continue to serve TOGETHER subscribers with news of annual conference and area interest. The four-page inserts are provided free of charge for use by each bishop having at least 10% of his area constituency enlisted as TOGETHER subscribers.

For the second consecutive year, the General Board of Publication authorized an appropriation of $1 million dollars from Publishing House Proceeds for distribution to annual conference pensioners in 1970.

Abingdon Press produced three hundred and ninety-three new items during the year including 106 new book titles and 39 church music publications. An average of 1,779,637 church bulletins were distributed each Sunday. Abingdon published its first novel in many years, "Hushed Were The Hills". In just over three months, more than 18,000 copies were purchased. Circulation of church school curriculum audio-visuals, such as filmstrips, filmslips, and records increased 11% during the year.

Mr. Chairman, we rejoice in the accomplishments of the Publishing House, but we must not become satisfied. We shall not be satisfied.

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REPORT NUMBER 13

A PROPOSED PLAN OF MERGER BY THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE WITH THE CENTRAL TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, NORTH TEXAS NORTHWEST TEXAS, SOUTHWEST TEXAS AND TEXAS CONFERENCES OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

I Preamble

Whereas the West Texas, Central Texas, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and Texas Conferences, at their respective Annual Conference Sessions in 1968 each adopted a resolution declaring its intention that the West Texas Conference shall merge, at the close of the 1970 Session of The West Texas Conference with each conference in which it lies geographically; and

Whereas the New Mexico Conference has, on several occasions, invited the churches of the West Texas Conference within its geographical territory to become a part of the New Mexico Conference; and

Whereas by the action of the conferences withinthe South Central Jurisdiction and the conferences of the former Central Jurisdiction, The West Texas Conference became a conference of the South Central Jurisdiction,

BE IT RESOLVED;

1. That the boundaries of the Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and Texas Conferences of the South Central Jurisdiction shall be so determined as to include all local churches of the West Texas Conference which lie within their geographical territories.
2. That the ministerial members and Approved Lay Pastors of the West Texas Conference whose appointments or conference relationships are within the geographical boundaries of the Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and Texas Conferences shall become members of and/or related to the respective conferences, retaining comparable status and full years of service tenure held in the West Texas Conference, thus giving them all the rights, privileges, and responsibilities thereunto appertaining.
3. That all details of the mergers shall be worked out as rapidly as feasible by consultation between the West Texas Conference and each Annual Conference involved, and that the effective time of the mergers shall be the conclusion of the 1970 Session of the West Texas Conference. It is understood that the consumation of merger with any one of these conferences shall be contingent upon a satisfactory

acceptance by all of the Annual Conferences involved.

II Churches

That the churches of the West Texas Conference shall be an integral part of the respective merged conferencs in which thy are located geographically. (See appendix "B".)

III Abandoned Property

That abandoned church properties in the West Texas Conference shall become the property of the respective mrged Annual Conference in which they are geographically located. (See appendix "C".)

IV District Parsonages

That the District Parsonages belonging to the several districts of the West Texas Conference shall become the property of the respective merged conferencs in which thy ar locatd gographically.

V Pension Responsibility and Assets

1. That all pension responsibility and assets of the West Texas Conference be transferred to the Boards of Pensions of the Central Texas, New Mexico, North Texas, Northwest Texas, Southwest Texas, and in accordance with the division made by the Joint Distributing Committee as provided in paragraph 1383 of the 1968 Discipline.
2. That the annuity rate adopted by each of the merged conferences apply to all members, their widows, and dependent children, and all lay pastors, their wives, and dependent children in accordance with the formula as set forth in paragraph 1379.7 of the 1968 Discipline and the Pension Manual of the United Methodist Church. Payments for the years of approved prior service shall be computed according to the current annuity rate paid to members of the conference or conferences within whose bounds the respective number of years of service were rendered. It is understood that the successor of all former West Texas Conference Service at a uniform rate for all members of the successor conference or conferences.
3. The exact amount in the West Texas Conference Ministers Reserve Pension Fund, Ministers Reserve Annuity Credits, Permanent Pension Fund, Stabilization Fund, and Distribution Fund shall be determined by the Distribution Committee and the General Board of Pensions authorized to distribute to each of the merged conferences the pro rata share of these assets.

VI Minimum Salary Provisions

1. That each merged conference establish rules in paying minimum salaries and that these shall be applicable to all conference members, lay pastors, and charges in like manner.
2. That all funds received from the Temporary General Aid Fund for salary aid be distributed in accordance with the guidelines set forth in the section on Salary Aid, pages 18-20, REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON INTER-JURISDICTIONAL RELATIONS to the 1968 General Conference, as long as not in conflict.

VII Other Assets and Outstanding Obligations

That all assets and liabilities of the West Texas Conference be transferred to the respective merged conferences according to a formula based on the number of church members being transferred to each of these conferencs.

VIII Depository of Records

That Huston-Tillotson College shall be the depository of all official records of the West Texas Conference, thus establishing the Official Archives of the West Texas Conference. Wesly, Austin, St. Paul, Dallas, and San Antonio shall serve with Huston-Tillotson as co-depositories.

IX Special Appoitments

That all conference members under special appointment (with annuity on the Annual Conference) be paid by their Annual Conference through May 31, 1970 and that the Annual Conference to which they are appointed

at the 1970 session of the merged conference assume their salary payment as of June 1, 1970.

X Continuation of Officers

1. That prior to merger the West Texas Conference shall elect a Board of Trustees authorized to act in accordance with section VII by signing deeds and other legal documents in order to comply with the plan of merger.
2. That this Board of Trustees make an Annual Report to each Annual Conference and be continued until the Annual Conference session; however, if the report of this Board so warrants, each Annual Conference shall elect two members who were members of the former West Texas Conference to serve for one year and continued after 1974 only if voted to do so by all the respective merged Annual Conferences.

XI Representation on Boards and Agencies

1. That all Boards and Agencies of the respective merged conference be organized at its 1970 session giving each former conference reasonable representation, on all Conference Boards, and Agencies, including some Chairmanships, in the respective conferences.
2. That the presiding Bishop of the merged conference give consideration to the matter of the appointment of District Superintendents so that there will always be adequate representation in the several Cabinets by persons, who historically would have been a member of the West Texas Conference.

XII Support of Huston-Tillotson and Wiley Colleges

1. It is expected that the respective merged conferences will recognize the historic commitment of the West Texas Conference to Huston-Tillotson College and that the merged conferences pledge themselves to support this institution with pride and enthusiasm.
2. That the respective merged conferences direct a pro-rata share of their contributions for Texas Methodist Colleges to Huston-Tillotson and Wiley Colleges.

XIII By-Laws and Standing Rules

That a Committeee be appointed by the nominating Committee of each Annual Conference at the 1969 Session of the Annual Conferences to work with an equal number of members of the West Texas Conference serving with in the bounds of that Conference to re-write the Standing Rules and By-Laws to be presented for adoption by the 1970 session of the merged conference.

REPORT NO. 14

STATEMENT NO. 1 FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

The West Texas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church was organized in 1874.

On Christmas Day, 1865, Bishop Thomas Bowman of The Methodist Episcopal Church organized the Mississippi Mission Conference in Wesley Church in New Orleans.

Even though the Emancipation Proclamation was signed by Mr. Lincoln, on January 1, 1863, the slaves in the southern states were not given freedom until the summer of 1865. This was after the assassination of President Lincoln in April of 1865 and the surrender of General Lee to General Grant at Appomattox. In Texas, the actual date was Monday, June 19, 1865.

The Mississippi Mission Conference was composed of all the Negro work in Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

Two of the West Texas Conference churches were in this Mississippi Conference. They were Wesley Church in Austin and St. Paul Church in San Antonio.

In 1867, all the work in Texas was organized into the Texas Annual Conference at the Trinity Church in Houston.

At the session of the Texas Annual Conference held in Ebeneezer Church in Marshall, January 8, 1874, it was voted to organize the second Annual Conference in Texas.

On the morning of January 22, 1874, seventeen preachers met Bishop Thomas Bowman at Wesley Church in Austin for the organization of the West Texas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. These pioneers were: G. W. Honey, Jacob Miller, Mack Henson, Daniel Gregory, Samuel Allen, W. O. Sheety, Larkin Carper, Archie Johnson, J. T. Hill, T. T. Leach, T. G. Lacy, Alex Campbell, London Morris, Isaac Wright, Cyrus Hackett, Daniel Harper and Charles Scruggs.

In 1875, in the St. Paul Church, Dallas, the Annual Conference organized a college. The school was transferred to Austin and named to honor an Iowa farmer who made a gift of $9,000 to the school. His name was Samuel Huston.

The Congregational Church organized Tillotson College in Austin in 1876.

These two schools worked harmoniously together in the city of Austin for many years. In 1952, the two schools were united into Huston-Tillotson College, supported by the American Missionary Society of the Congregational Church and the Board of Education of The Methodist Church.

From the beginning, the West Texas Annual Conference was integrated. The first name on the list of "Honored Dead" of the Conference is James E. Ferguson. He was the father of Texas Governor, James E. Ferguson.

Several of the Negro pioneer ministers had served with the Union Army. In many places, these newly established churches served as places of worship and the only public school for the Negro children. The minister preached and taught the three R's to the children. One report was given to me by George Shirley, a Dallas businessman and a member of St. Paul for nearly seventy years. He said that his first teacher was his mother's pastor, Rev. Harry Swann; and the school was the basement of St. Paul Church. The minutes show that Rev. Harry Swann came to Dallas-St. Paul as pastor in 1875. At that time, this was the only school for Negro children in town.

These men studied under their elders, their neighbors and each other. They worked hard to improve themselves and became mighty men of God. They believed both in a called ministry and a trained ministry. They were men of faith and men of courage. Nothing could stop them.

When the Conference was sixty-five years old, there was not a man in the conference with a salary as much as three thousand dollars per year. In spite of poverty, they won people to Christ educated their children and paid the assessment of the Church. And counted it a joy.

The story is told of two of these pioneers examining a young minister at the session of the conference, who wanted to join the Conference. When the two seniors were to themselves, one said, "Tom, I do not know about this young man. The way he answers questions. I seriously doubt if he is called." The other replied, "I would not worry about that, John, let him go through. If God did not call him, the people will surely send him back."

The West Texas Annual Conference was organized in the Methodist Episcopal Church and remained until Unification in 1939 when it became the West Texas Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. The name changed again in 1968 when The Methodist Church united with the Evangelical United Brethren to become The United Methodist Church.

In 1939, the Colorado Mission Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church came into the West Texas Annual Conference because of Unification. They added 1,350 members, 28 ministers, 12 churches and $45,000 in property value.

Conference Journals will show that debate began in the Conference as early as 1875 to separate white and Negro ministers into separate Annual Conferences.

In 1873, one year before the organization of the West Texas Annual Conference, the Texas Mission Conference met in Galveston January 8-13. Bishop Isaac W. Wiley presided and Rev. William R. Fayle was secretary. There were seven districts: Western German, Eastern German, Austin (now San Antonio), Navasota and the Houston district.

The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church elected the

first two Negro General Superintendents in its history at Des Moines, Iowa in May 1920. Those elected were Dr. Robert E. Jones, editor of the Southwestern Christian Advocate; and Dr. Matthew Walker Clair, Sr., district superintendent in Washington, D.C. Prior to 1920, during the forty-six years of the West Texas Annual Conference, 31 Bishops had served the Conference. Since 1920: Bishop Robert E. Jones, 1920-36; Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, 1936-40; Bishop W. A. C. Hughes, 1940 (lived 21 days); Bishop Robert E. Jones, 1940-44; Bishop Robert N. Brooks, 1944-53 (deceased, Aug. 1953); Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, 1953-56; Bishop Willis J. King, 1956-60; Bishop Noah W. Moore, Jr., 1960-68; and Bishop O. Eugene Slater, 1968.

Because of the low income level of the membership of the West Texas Conference, the building of churches was considered with the total growth of the communities.

Across the years, the Board of Missions has helped with grants and loans. I have seen a copy of a $250 grant made to St. Paul Church, Dallas, for the erection of a church, dated April 14, 1875. This came from the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia.

The Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church and of The Methodist Church have helped the churches with loans and grants in church building and also with maintenance funds supplementing meager salaries of pastors.

Beginning in the 1950's, Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas and the Dallas Board of Missions have made continuous generous contributions to the Texas Texas Annual Conference churches in the Dallas area.

In Dallas, six churches have either been built or purchased with the direct help of Highland Park and the Dallas Board.

The West Texas Annual Conference had four churches and slightly above 1,000 members in Dallas in 1948. In 1970, there are seven churches in Dallas and one in Grand Prairie with a membership above 4,200.

Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta and the Board of Ministerial Training of the Methodist Board of Education in Nashville have cooperated fully in the training of the ministry of the Conference. Since 1952, we have also had the additional help of Perkins School of Theology.

The Conference reached its peak in membership during the quadrennium of 1948-1952.

Deep in the heart of the Conference always has been the college at Austin. Many of the leaders, both ministerial and lay people, are products of Samuel Huston and Huston-Tillotson. The College has ever worked helpfully with the Conference; and the Conference has always given its support to the College.

I. B. Loud
W. W. Baker
J. S. C. Grattan
C. J. Houston
S. A. Keesee
W. J. Washington
J. G. Owens
J. B. Phoenix
M. T. Reed
Roy Stanley
M. C. Stone
J. L. Wattley
Saul A. White

Mmes.
Jewel Manning
Lillie M. Brooks
Mary Hansboro
Minnie Lane
Eugenia Mosley
C. A. Whitiker
Marie Loud
Miss Lois Schermack
Frank Mondine
O. H. Elliott

REPORT NO. 14 - A

STATEMENT NO. 2 FROM THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

On Christmas Day, 1865 at Wesley Church in New Orleans, Bishop Thomas Bowman organized the Mississippi Mission Annual Conference of The Methodist Episcopal Church. This Conference was organized primarily for the slaves who had been recently freed that year following the death of President Lincoln by assassination and the surrender to General Robert E. Lee to General Grant at Appomattox. While the Conference included all the Negro work of The Methodist Episcopal Church in Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi, it was never segregated.

After two sessions of the Mississippi Mission Conference, the Texas Conference was organized at Trinity Church in Houston in 1867.

The Texas Conference in its eighth session held at Ebeneezer Church in Marshall, January 8, 1874 voted to organize the second Annual Conference in the State.

On January 22, 1874, 17 men met Bishop Thomas Bowman at Wesley Church in Austin for the organization of the West Texas Conference. They were the holy seventeen: G. W. Honey, Jacob Miller, Mack Henson, Daniel Gregory, Samuel Allen, W. O. Sheety, Larkin Carper, Archie Johnson, J. T. Hill, T. T. Leach, T. G. Lacy, Alex Campbell, London Morris, Isaac Wright, Cyrus Hackett, Daniel Harper, Charles Scruggs. One other name is honored along with these. He was not present because several days prior to this he was buried at Belton; and thus becomes the first name on the roll of our Honored Dead. He was James E. Ferguson, father of one of the Governors of Texas. The Conference Journal of 1875 reveals that one year later the annual session was held in Columbus with Bishop J. O. Andrews presiding. There were 66 preachers and 6,729 members.

The geography of the West Texas Annual Conference, when it was organized, included all the Negro work of Arizona and New Mexico and more than two-thirds of the State of Texas. All the large cities of the State, with the exception of Houston, Beaumont and Longview, are in the West Texas Annual Conference boundary line. The Conference started with four districts: Austin, Columbus, San Antonio and Waco. Seven years later, the Dallas district was added.

Samuel Huston College was organized in the basement of St. Paul Church, Dallas, in 1875. A site was later purchased in Austin by a gift of $9,000 from an Iowa farmer by the name of Samuel Huston; and the school was moved to Austin. Dr. Ruben S. Lovingood was elected president in 1900 and for sixteen years, until his death in 1916, he worked tirelessly to build up the college. Tillotson College was organized in Austin by the Congregational Church in 1876. Tilloson, under the guidance of the American Missionary Association and Samuel Huston of The Methodist Church, worked together harmoniously in the city of Austin for years. In 1952, the two colleges were merged. The first president was Dr. Matthew Simpson Davage followed by Dr. J. J. Seabrook; and the school is now led by Dr. John T. King. Following Dr. Lovingood's death, a young educator was elected, Matthew Simpson Davage. Dr. Davage also served the College a second time as president. When the two schools merged, it was under his leadership and he was the first president of Huston-Tillotson College. Dr. Davage, now in semi-retirement at the age of 91, lives on the campus of Dillard University in New Orleans with his beautiful wife who has walked by his side for 65 years.

Other presidents of the Conference college were: Dr. Robert N. Brooks, who was the Episcopal leader of this area when he died; Dr. Willis J. King, now a retired Bishop living in New Orleans; Dr. Davis; Dr. Karl E. Downs, the first alumnus of the College to serve as president. He died in 1948 at the age of 35. Dr. Stanley E. Granum; both Dr. Davis and Dr. Granum are deceased; and Dr. Robert F. Harrington, a New Orleans District Superintendent. From the beginning, these pioneers moved under the compulsion of a double-barreled mandate, to prepare the minds of the youth and to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The 17 men who formed the organization of the Conference were an inter-racial brotherhood. Among the pioneers in the organization the names which come up first are: Mack Henson, C. L. Madison, Samuel Gates, Moses Smith, B. F. Smith, A. M. Mason, D. C. Lacy, W. H. Mosby, Andrew Foster, N. J. Johnson, J. H. Brawley, J. H. Purnell, Larkin Carper, Elijah Nesby, J. T. Gibbons. Tome nor space permits the freedom for names which should be included in this document.

The turn of the century, 1900, saw a new group coming into leadership. Names like T. H. Wyatt, L. H. Richardson, J. W. Weakley, P. M. Carmichael, F. L. Kirkpatrick, John Swann, H. W. Warren, M. C. Caviness, J. S. Wyatt and many, many others are a part on an "endless line of splendor". From two preaching places in the boundary of this Conference in 1874, these former slaves and their descendants hit the trails in West Texas over the prairies, along the river banks, into new towns, following the migrant

workers of the cotton fields into for West Texas; establishing new congregations and moving on to win others to Jesus Christ.

Negro Bishops Elected by the American Methodist Church Since 1784

FRANCIS BURNS, Missionary Bishop of Methodist Episcopal Church, born in Albany, New York, Dec. 5, 1809; elected Missionary Bishop by the Liberia Conference, 1858; died in Baltimore, Md., April 18, 1863, three months after Emancipation; buried in Monrovia, Liberia.

JOHN WRIGHT ROBERTS, born Sept. 8, 1812, Petersburg, Va.; mother escaped slave, reared three sons in Monrovia Liberia; elected second Methodist Episcopal Missionary Bishop, 1866; died in 1875; buried in Monrovia, Liberia.

ISAIAH BENJAMIN SCOTT, Missionary Bishop, Liberia; born in Midway, Woodford County near Frankfurt, Ky., Sept. 30, 1854 of free parents; elected in 1904; died in Nashville, July 4, 1931 and was buried there.

ALEXANDER PRIESTLEY CAMPHOR, born August 9, 1865, in the part of New Orleans, La. known as Carrolton; elected in 1916; died in Orange, New Jersey, Dec. 10, 1919; buried in New Orleans; Missionary Bishop to Africa.

ROBERT ELIJAH JONES, born Feb. 19, 1872, Greensboro, North Carolina; first Negro General Superintendent elected by The Methodist Church; elected by General Conference, Mthodist Episcopal Church, Des Moines, Iowa, May 1920; died 1960; buried at Gulfside Assembly.

MATTHEW W. CLAIR, SR., born in Union, W. Virginia, Oct. 21, 1865; elected May 1920, Des Moines, Iowa; died in Covington, Ky., June 28, 1948; buried in Washington, D. C.

ALEXANDER PRESTON SHAW, born in Abbeville, Miss., April 18, 1879; elected in Columbus, Ohio, General Conference, 1936; died L. A., Calif.

WILLIAM ALFRED CARROLL HUGHES, born June 19, 1877, Westminister, Md.; first elected by Central Jurisdictional Conference, 1940, died July 27, 1940.

LORENZO HOUSTON KING, born Jan. 2, 1878, Macon, Miss.; elected 1940; deceased.

WILLIS JEFFERSON KING, born in Rose Hall, Harris County, October 1, 1886; elected 1944; retired 1960; present address New Orleans, La.

ROBERT NATHANIEL BROOKS, born Hollis, N. Carolina, May 8, 1888; elected 1944; died Aug. 1953, Gulfside Assembly; buried Waveland, Miss.

EDWARD WENDALL KELLY, born Dec. 27, 1880, Mexia, Texas; elected 1944; deceased.

JOHN WESLEY EDWARD BOWEN, elected 1948; retired 1960; deceased.

EDGAR A. LOVE, elected 1952; retired 1960; present address, Baltimore, Maryland.

MATTHEW W. CLAIR, JR., elected 1952; retired 1960; deceased.

PRINCE ALBERT TAYLOR, elected 1956; serving Princeton, New Jersey area.

CHARLES W. GOLDEN, elected 1960; serving California-Nevada area.

NOAH WATSON MOORE, JR., elected 1960; now serving Nebraska area.

M. LAFAYETTE HARRIS, elected 1960; deceased.

JAMES S. THOMAS, elected 1964; now serving Iowa area.

L. SCOTT ALLEN, elected 1966; now serving Hollston area.

ROY NICHOLS, elected 1968; now serving Pittsburgh area.

The women began their work early under the guidance of the Women's Foreign Mission, the Women's Home Mission and the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Kay W. McMillan was the first president of the Women's Society of Christian Service in the Conference. She was elected in 1940.

Christian Education in the local church has for many years been one of the main emphasis of the conference. The pioneer in this work in our conference is Dr. Timothy B. Echols.

As for the West Texas layman, he is some man. From the days of Adam

Wilson to Dr. John T. King, they have always carried more than their share of the load.

Almost 100 years, 96 to be exact, comes to an end for West Texas May, 1970. We come to the merger with more than 100 ordained and lay preachers; approximately 100 charges; 2,100 members; 7½ million dollars worth of property. Is that all? No, we come with a firm faith in God that the best is yet to come . . .

I. B. Loud
W. W. Baker
J. S. C. Grattan
C. J. Houston
S. A. Keesee
W. J. Washington
J. G. Owens
J. B. Phoenix
M. T. Reed
Roy Stanley
M. C. Stone,
J. L. Wattley
Saul White
Taylor Stewart

Mmes.
Jewel Manning
Lillie M. Brooks
Mary Hansboro
Minnie Lane
Eugenia Mosley
C. A. Whitaker
Marie Loud
Miss Lois Schermack
Frank Mondine
O. H. Elliott

(Even though this Conference is discontinued, we will continue to work on this history until perfected.)

REPORT NO. 15

THE REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

Received on Profession of Faith or Restoration	198
Received from other United Methodist Churches	120
Received from other Denominations	234
Total Membership	16,484
Average Attendance at the Principal Worship Service	6,774
Number of Persons Baptized (all ages)	289
Number of Leaders	952
Church School Membership	6,669
Average Church School Attendance	3,535
Number of Ongoing Classes or Groups	707
Number of Short-term Classes or Groups	311
Women's Society of Christian Service Members	2,335
Women's Society of Christian Service Paid for Local Work	20,717
Number of Methodist Men Groups	54
Valuation of Church Property	$4,725,140
Valuation of Parsonages	$828,035
Valuation of other Property	$110,169
Indebtedness of Church and Parsonage Property	$522,666
Other Indebtedness	$31,099

Garrett J. Goff, Statistician

REPORT NO. 16

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE UNITED METHODIST COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL OF TEXAS

I. The name of this organization shall be the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas.

II. The purpose of the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas shall be to coordinate communications in information activities of the United Methodist Church in Texas.

A. One objective of the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas shall be to oversee, through its Informational Service Division, the publication of THE TEXAS METHODIST (formerly The Texas Christian Advocate), a weekly news paper; and cultivate a strong relationship with other mass media of the State with the production and distribution of news releases, and other means, to tell the story of the work of the Church.

B. The second objective of the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas will be to oversee, through its Electronic Services Division, the efforts of the United Methodist Church of Texas in the field of Electronic media. The council will oversee the efforts to disseminate information concerning availability of films, audio tapes, and video tape from all sources.

III. MEMBERSHIP:

A. Membership of the Communications Council shall be drawn equally from United Methodist Conferences in the State of Texas, divided thusly:

1. The bishops who are assigned for episcopal leadership for Annual Conferences in Texas shall be members of the Communications Council.
2. There shall be six (6) representatives from each Annual Confrence, which shall include the Chairman of the Conference Communications Committee and Editor of the conference page in The Texas Methodist.
3. At least two (2) representatives from each Annual Conference shall be lay persons.
4. It is recommended that at least two (2) of these six (6) be practicing professionals in the field of Communications. It is further recommended that the person or persons responsible for Program Direction be included.

B. Representatives to the Communications Council shall be elected by each annual conference at the beginning of each quadrennium on nomination of the Conference Nominating Committee and shall serve for the quadrennium. Communications Council representatives who become affiliated with an annual conference other than the one from which they were originally elected shall be replaced at the next regular session of the annual conference.

C. The annual conference shall qualify and designate their elected representatives for service on the Communications Council equally in the Divisions of Informational Service and Electronic Services.

IV. OFFICERS:

A. Officers of the Communications Council shall consist of the following: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairman of the two Divisions elected from membership of the respective divisions.

1. The duties of the Chairman shall be:
   a. To preside over all meetings.
   b. To call the Annual meeting and any other meetings of the Communications Council or its Executive Committee as may be needed during the year.
2. The duties of the Vice-Chairman shall be to perform the duties of the Chairman during his absence.
3. The duties of the Secretary shall be to accurately record the proceedings of the Communications Council and its Executive Committee. Minutes of each of these meetings shall be distributed to all members after each meeting.
4. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to dispense funds held by the Communications Council, as budgeted by the Council. The records of the Treasurer shall be given a certified audit at the end of each calendar year.
5. Prior to annual adoption of the budget, the Executive Committee of the Council shall seek the advice and counsel of the World Service Commission of the several conferences involved.

B. Officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Communications Council and no one may serve in the same office more than four (4) years nor as an officer of the Council more than eight (8) years.

C. The Executive Committee shall appoint annually a Nominating Committee to submit a slate of officers to the Communications Council

provided that additional nominations may be made from the floor, at the time of the election.

V. STAFF:

A. The Council may employ staff persons of the Divisions on the recommendation of the Personnel Committee of that Division.

B. The Executive Committee may nominate an Executive Director to be elected by the Council.

VI. COMMITTEES:

A. There shall be the following Standing Committee and such other Committees as the Council may determine:

1. Executive Committee:

a. This Committee shall be composed of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Chairmen of the Divisions. There shall also be one (1) representative selected by his conconference representatives from each annual conference not otherwise represented by these officers and Division chairmen.

b. The Executive Committee shall be empowered to conduct any business of the Communications Council between meetings of the Communications Council.

c. Minutes of the meetings of the Executive Committee shall be sent to each member of the Communications Council promptly after each meeting of the Committee.

d. Decisions of the Executive Committee shall be subject to review by the Communications Council at its meetings.

e. Meetings of the Executive Committee may be called by the Chairman of the Communications Council as needed or on the request of any member of the Executive Committee. Notice of such meeting and agenda shall be sent to all members of the Communications Council, who may attend as ex-officio members.

f. Special committees may be appointed by the Executive Committee and such other committees as the Council may determine.

g. To review requests from the divisions and recommend a budget to the Council.

VII. DIVISIONS:

A. Informational Services Division:

1. This Division shall be composed of a Chairman elected by the Communications Council, a Vice-Chairman and a Secretary elected by the Division and other members as designated by their respective annual conferences.

2. This Division shall be empowered to conduct any business of The Texas Methodist and related activities between meetings of the Council.

3. Minutes of the meetings of this Division shall be sent to each member of the Communications Council promptly after each meeting of the Division.

4. Decisions of this Division shall be subject to review by the Communications Council at its meetings.

5. Meetings of the Informational Services Division will be held annually at the time of the Communications Council and additionally once each year or may be called by the Chairman of the Informational Services Division as needed or on the request of any member of this Division.

6. The following committees may be created by the Informational Services Division to implement programs in the following areas:

a. Committee for Finances.

b. Committee on Personnel.

c. To co-ordinate United Methodist Publishing Interests and United Methodist news services in the State of Texas.

d. To provide consultation services for printed media and to establish good relations with news media.

e. To develop a philosophy and train leadership in church-related journalism.
f. Additional committees as needed.

B. Electronic Services Division:

1. This Division shall be composed of a Chairman elected by the Communications Council, a Vice-Chairman and Secretary elected by the Division and other members as designated by their respective annual conferences.
2. This Division shall be empowered to conduct any business in the field of Electronic Service and related activities between meetings of the Communications Council.
3. Minutes of the meetings of this Division shall be sent to each member of the Communications Council promptly after each meeting of the Division.
4. Decisions of this Division shall be subject to review by the Communications Council at its meetings.
5. Meetings of the Electronic Services Division shall be held annually at the time of the Communications Council and additionally once each year or may be called by the Chairman of the Electronic Services Division as needed or request of any member of the Division.
6. The following committees may be created by the Electronic Services Division to implement programs in the following areas:

a. To assemble and disseminate information about the availability and usage of television, radio, and film resources.
b. To co-ordinate existing Annual Conference film library resources and to study means of co-operation in their use.
c. The placement of audio-visual materials on television and radio in the market areas of Texas and to seek to make the voice of the Church heard in secular production.
d. To co-ordinate the production of resources in the area of radio, film, and television.
e. To develop a philosophy and train leadership in the use of audio-visual resources.
f. Committee for Finance.
g. Committee for Personnel.
h. Additional committees as needed.

IX. AMENDMENTS:

A. Amendments to this Constitution, and the creation or amendments of By-Laws, may be adopted at any regular meeting of the Communications Council, provided notice of such Amendments is sent to each member of the Communications Council at least one month prior to the meeting at which such Amendments are to be voted upon.
B. The vote required to adopt such changes shall be two-thirds of those present and voting, provided that there is a quorum present.
C. Amendments to the Constitution shall also be ratified by two-thirds of the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the State of Texas.

X. CONSTITUTION:

A. This Constitution shall become operative and in effect when approved by two-thirds of the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the State of Texas.
B. Should, because of lapse of time or otherwise, this United Methodist Communications Council of Texas cease to exist, all of its real and acquired assets shall be equally divided to the Annual Conferences of the United Methodist Church in the State of Texas.

REPORT NO. 17

ORDER NO. 1

LETTER ORDERED BY CONFERENCE

Mr. T. M. Reavley
516 North Mound
Nacogdoches, Texas

Dear Mr. Reavley:

The West Texas Annual Conference has authorized me to acknowledge reception of the gavels delivered to us by your son, the honorable Thomas M. Reavley. Bishop O. Eugene Slater, presiding officer, has made one of them available to be placed in the Conference Archive at Huston-Tillotson College to become a part of our glorious history.

Gavels have been so distributed that every segment of the conference will be touched and have memory of your gift to this historic ninety-sixth session.

This letter will take its place in the final journal of the West Texas Conference. You will be sent copy No. 1 upon its completion. May God, our Father bless you for your interest and concern for our closing session.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, President
Very sincerely yours,
Meredith C. Stone, Secretary

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ORDER NO. 2

TELEGRAMS ORDERED BY CONFERENCE

The New Mexico Annual Conference
1201 First National Bank Building
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87108

We wish you to know that we are aware that you will be giving account of your Stewardship to our Father, God.

We trust that your Conference will be as spiritually blessed as that of West Texas. May God bless your efforts.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, President
Meredith C. Stone, Conf. Sec.

REPORT NUMBER 18

RESOLUTION NO. 1

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS AND COURTESIES

Bishop O. Eugene Slater and Members of the West Texas Annual Conference:

The Committee on Resolutions and Courtesies submits the following:

We are aware that neither time nor space will permit us to adequately express our profound gratitude and appreciation to the host-pastor, congregation, and the citizens of Austin, Texas.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, our resident Bishop, the many Conference preachers, representatives from the various general boards, fraternal visitors, and all the other congenial people and organizations that have combined their efforts and resources to make this 96th Session of the West Texas Annual Conference an outstanding one.

It is our hope, that in the brief period of time allotted to us, we shall be able to convey to all, the depth of our gratitude and sincere appreciation.

WHEREAS, the Host-Pastor and congregation have provided us the use of the beautiful and spacious Wesley Chapel Church for the sessions of the Conference, and the host-church, along with the generous-hearted citizens in the capital city and the immeasurable vision of the President of Huston-Tillotson College, all of this great state of Texas, have so graciously and efficiently provided for our every need and comfort.

WHEREAS, our many Conference preachers, through their inspiring and

thought-provoking sermons, have lifted us to new spiritual heights and given us a greater, a more profound understanding of our task as a body of Christian believers;

WHEREAS, the many contributions to the Conference Program by representatives of the General Boards and Members of the Annual Conference, were both informative and inspiring;

WHEREAS, the music furnished by the choirs - Wesley United Methodist Church, Simpson United Methodist Church and other singing groups.

WHEREAS, the service of Holy Communion, so elegantly administered, set the tone for an enriching Conference.

WHEREAS, Special Events have been of great spiritual value to all who attended and have brought about a spirit of love and brotherhood fitting to the need of our present age.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a standing vote of thanks be given to the Host-Pastor, and congregation, the President of Huston-Tillotson College and all who, in any way, made this ending session of the West Texas Annual Conference a great success and one long to be cherished with precious memories in the beginning and the ending. May God bless the history the West Texas Conference had made in 96 years.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Richardson, Chairman
Merrel T. Reed
Mrs. Cleo Booker
Frank Breedlove
E. D. Alexander

RESOLUTION NO. 2

TO: West Texas Conference Board of Pensions

RE: Request for Annuity Credit for Service Rendered
Dr. Ira B. Loud, Chairman of the Conference Board of Pensions, and members of the Board:

Greetings:

WHEREAS: I have been aware of three (3) years I served as a Full Time Accepted Supply Pastor for which I have not been given annuity credit,

AND WHEREAS: With the dissolution and merger of the West Texas Annual Conference with successor conferences not familiar with the record substantiating the validity of this claim their being: appointed October 20, 1940 to Eads Circuit by District Superintendent J. Walt Moore; appointed by Bishop R. E. Jones October 12, 1941 to Eads Circuit; appointed by Bishop Alexander P. Shaw, October 11, 1942 to Pearsall.

I THEREFORE PETITION:

The Conference Board of Pensions to examine the record to confirm the validity of the claim and present to the West Texas Annual Conference for its action my request.

Humbly submitted:
Meredith C. Stone

RECORD OF ACTION BY THE Conference Board of Pensions:
Adopted this 20th day of May, 1970.

Signed:
Dr. Ira B. Loud, Chairman
Rev. A. S. Pitts, Secretary

RESOLUTION NO. 3

CONFERENCE NAME RESOLUTION

Whereas on the evening of May 27, 1970 a certain portion of the West Texas Annual Conference and the Southwest Texas Annual Conference shall be merged into one new annual conference, and it is necessary to give the new conference a name, and

Whereas it will be useful to have within the name of the conference its geographical identification, then

Be it Resolved by the West Texas Annual Conference on this 21st day of May, 1970, that the name of said new conference shall be the Southwest Texas Annual Conference.

Adopted: May 21, 1970

VIII

CONFERENCE HISTORY

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in annual Conference relations in New Orleans, La., December 25, 1865, by Bishop Edward Thompson. The Conference then organized included Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas, and was named the "Mississippi Mission Conference." Three annual sessions of this Conference was held and in January, 1867, the Texas Conference was organized out of the Mississippi Mission Conference, which included the entire State of Texas. There were eight annual sessions of the Texas Conference held, and it was during the eighth session of the Conference, held at Marshall, Texas, January 7, 1874, that the "West Texas Conference" was organized, with Bishop Thomas Bowman, President.

The ministers comprising the West Texas Conference were called to meet in Wesley Chapel Methodist Episcopal Church in Austin, Texas, January 22, 1874. Those present at the organization were: G. W. Honey, Jacob Miller, Mack Henson, Daniel Gregory, Samuel Allen, W. O. Sheety, Larkin Carper, Archie Johnson, J. T. Hill, T. T. Leach, T. G. Lacy, Alex Campbell, London Morris, Isaac Wright, Cyrus Hackett, Daniel Harper, and Charles Scruggs. All have finished their labors.

This Conference to date has four districts, 103 Pastoral Appointments, and a school that is a credit to the denomination, viz., Huston - Tillotson College, located at Austin, Texas.

GENERAL AND JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE DELEGATES

1876—C. L. Madison

1880—C. L. Madison
Reserve: Samuel Gates

1884—C. L. Madison
Reserve: Samuel Gates

1888—Harry Swann
Reserve: Moses Smith

1892—Harry Swann
Reserve: B. F. Smith

1896—Harry Swann
Reserve: Moses Smith

1900—Harry Swann, A. M. Mason, Sr.
Reserves: D. C. Lacy, Moses Smith

1904—Harry Swann, A. M. Mason, Sr. Ministerial Delegates:
Reserves: Mack Henson, N. J. Johnson
Lay Delegates: R. S. Lovingood, G. J. Starnes

1908—Ministerial Delegates: D. C. Lacy, L. H. Richardson
Reserves: J. W. Weakly, A. M. Mason, Sr.
Lay Delegates: R. S. Lovingood, J. W. Frazier

1912—Ministerial Delegates: L. H. Richardson, Harry Swann
Reserves: A. M. Mason, Sr., D. C. Lacy
Lay Delegates: R. S. Lovingood, J. W. Frazier

1916—Ministerial Delegates: Harry Swann, D. C. Lacy
Reserves: A. M. Mason, Sr., J. S. Wyatt
Lay Delegates: R. S. Lovingood, R. L. Smith
Reserves: J. W. Frazier, R. A. Atkinson

1920—Ministerial Delegates: T. H. Wyatt, J. W. Warren
Reserves: Harry Swann, L. H. Richardson
Lay Delegates: M. S. Davage, J. W. Frazier
Reserves: R. A. Atkinson, W. D. Kirkpatrick

1924—Ministerial Delegates: Harry Swann, L. H. Richardson
Reserves:
Lay Delegates: M. S. Davage, R. A. Atkinson
Reserves:

1928—Ministerial Delegates: K. W. McMillan, R. N. Brooks, T. B. Echols
Reserves: C. S. Williams, J. W. Warren, J. W. Weakly

Lay Delegates: J. S. Henry, T. R. Davis, R. A. Atkinson
Reserves: W. D. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. D. N. Swann

1932—Ministerial Delegates: K. W. McMillan, Willis J. King, T. H. Wyatt
Reserves: J. W. Warren, T. B. Echols

Lay Delegates: J. S. Henry, J. W. Frazier, Mrs. I. T. Sanford
Reserves:

1936—Ministerial Delegates: K. W. McMillan, T. B. Echols
Reserves: S. E. Grannum, Willis J. King

Lay Delegates: E. M. Cooper, Mrs. C. S. Williams
Reserves: J. S. Henry, S. L. Brown

Delegates to Uniting Conference

1939—Ministerial Delegate: S. E. Grannum
Reserve: C. E. Whitiker

Lay Delegate: E. M. Cooper
Reserve: R. L. Smith

General Conference Delegates

1940—Ministerial Delegates: S. E. Grannum, K. W. McMillan
Reserves: C. E. Whitiker, T. B. Echols

Lay Delegates: E. M. Cooper, S. L. Brown
Reserves: J. S. Henry, Mrs. M. M. Brown

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1940—Ministerial Delegates: S. E. Grannum, K. W. McMillan, C. E. Whitiker
Reserves: Ralph W. Allen, J. J. Hardiman

Lay Delegates: E. M. Cooper, S. L. Brown, J. S. Henry, Mrs. M. M. Brown, Mrs. Myrtle Ellison, R. A. Atkinson
Reserves: J. W. Frazier, Mrs. Dorothy M. Swann

General Conference Delegates

1944—Ministerial Delegates: K. W. McMillan, Karl E. Downs
Reserves: T. B. Echols, R. S. Mosby

Lay Delegates: J. S. Henry, S. L. Brown
Reserves: Mrs. E. Vera McMillan, Mrs. M. M. Brown

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1944—Ministerial Delegates: Karl E. Downs, K. W. McMillan, T. B. Echols, Robert S. Mosby

Lay Delegates: J. S. Henry, S. L. Brown, Mrs. E. Vera McMillan, Mrs. M. M. Brown

General Conference Delegates

1948—Ministerial Delegates: Karl E. Downs, I. B. Loud, K. W. McMillan, T. B. Echols
Reserves: Zan W. Holmes, Sr., Fred D. Young

Lay Delegates: S. L. Brown, J. S. Henry, Mrs. O. B. Coe, R. A. Atkinson
Reserves:

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1948—Ministerial Delegates: Karl E. Downs, I. B. Loud, K. W. McMillan, T. B. Echols, Zan W. Holmes, Sr., Fred D. Young
Reserves:

Lay Delegates: S. L. Brown, J. S. Henry, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, R. A. Atkinson, Mrs. C. S. Edmondson, L. S. Stephens

General Conference Delegates

1952—Ministerial Delegates: Fred D. Young, Robert S. Mosby, Ira B. Loud, Timothy B. Echols
Reserve Delegates: R. F. Harrington, Zan W. Holmes, Sr.

Lay Delegates: S. L. Brown, Mrs. Mattie Ruth Bell, Robert A. Atkinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe
Reserve Delegates: L. S. Stephens, J. S. Henry

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1952—Ministerial Delegates: Fred D. Young, Robert S. Mosby, Ira B. Loud, Timothy B. Echols, Robert F. Harrington, Zan W. Holmes, Sr.

Lay Delegates: S. L. Brown, Mrs. Mattie Ruth Bell, Robert A. Atkinson, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, L. S. Stephens, J. S. Henry

General Conference Delegates

1956—Ministerial Delegates: Ira B. Loud, Robert S. Mosby, J. Hudson Carruthers, Timothy B. Echols
Reserve Delegates: Prenza L. Woods, S. A. Keesee

Lay Delegates: John T. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, Mrs. Mattie Ruth Bell, C. H. Johnson
Reserve Delegates: Mrs. Odessa Garland, H. R. Blair

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1956—Ministerial Delegates: Ira B. Loud, Robert S. Mosby, J. Hudson Carruthers, Timothy B. Echols
Reserve Delegates: Prenza S. Woods, S. A. Keesee

Lay Delegates: John T. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, Mrs. Mattie Ruth Bell, C. H. Johnson
Reserve Delegates: Mrs. Odessa Garland, H. R. Blair

General Conference Delegates

1960—Ministerial Delegates: Ira B. Loud, Robert S. Mosby
Reserve Delegates: Earnest T. Dixon, J. Hudson Carruthers

Lay Delegates: John T. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe
Reserve Delegates: C. H. Johnson, W. Astor Kirk

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1960—Ministerial Delegates: Ira B. Loud, Robert S. Mosby, Earnest T. Dixon, J. Hudson Carruthers
Reserve Delegates: J. J. Seabrook, J. Garfield Owens
Lay Delegates: John T. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, C. H. Johnson, W. Astor Kirk
Reserve Delegates: Mrs. Odessa Garland, Odie E. Davis

General Conference Delegates

1964—Ministerial Delegates: Earnest T. Dixon
Reserve Delegates: J. Garfield Owens, J. J. Seabrook
Lay Delegate: John T. King
Reserve Delegates: Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, W. Astor Kirk

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1964—Ministerial Delegates: Earnest T. Dixon, J. Garfield Owens, J. J. Seabrook
Reserve Delegates: Prenza S. Woods, William J. Washington
Lay Delegates: John T. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, W. Astor Kirk
Reserve Delegates: Mrs. I. C. McAlister, O. H. Elliott

Special Jurisdictional Conference Delegation

1966—Ministerial Delegates: Earnest T. Dixon, Prenza L. Woods, J. Garfield Owens
Reserve Delegates: Ira B. Loud, William J. Washinghon
Lay Delegation: John T. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, E. C. Ransom
Reserve Delegates: O. H. Elliott, Odie E. Davis, Jr.

General Conference Delegates

1968—Ministerial Delegate: Earnest T. Dixon
Reserve Delegates: Prenza L. Woods, J. Garfield Owens
Lay Delegate: John T. King
Reserve Delegates: Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, E. C. Ransom

Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

1968—Ministerial Delegates: Earnest T. Dixon, Prenza L. Woods, J. Garfield Owens
Reserve Delegates: Ira B. Loud, William J. Washington
Lay Delegates: John T. King, Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, E. C. Ransom
Reserve Delegates: O. H. Elliott, Odie E. Davis, Jr.

Special General Conference Delegates

1970—Ministerial Delegate: Earnest T. Dixon
Reserve Delegates: Prenza L. Woods, J. Garfield Owens
Lay Delegate: John T. King
Reserve Delegates: Mrs. Elizabeth Coe, E. C. Ransom

ANNUAL CONFERENCE RULES

1. **Nominations**
The District Superintendents shall be a standing committee on nominations and shall nominate all members of the quadrennial and **annual boards,** commissions, and committees except where they are otherwise provided for.

2. **Limits**
No member of the Conference shall be permitted to serve upon more than two of the major Conference Boards, except where the Discipline shall provide otherwise. Special effort should be made to place every Conference member upon at least one Board. All vacancies occurring on any Board or Committee shall be filled according to the provisions in rule 1.

3. **Lay Representation**
Lay members to the Annual Conference shall be elected annually.

4. **Conference Program**
A program for the Annual Conference shall be arranged by a planning Committee made up of the resident bishop, all district Superintendents,

the host-Pastor, the chairman of major boards, the executive secretary of the Conference Board of Education, the Secretary of the Conference, the President of the WSCS and the Conference Lay Leader.

This committee shall have the responsibility for the planning and printing of the annual Conference Program—to be paid for by the Annual Conference.

5. **Reports and Resolutions**

All reports and resolutions intended for publication in the conference journal shall be typewritten and submitted in triplicate to the Conference Secretary.

6. **District Board of the Ministry**

The District Board of the Ministry examining local preachers shall consist of five traveling elders in the district.

The names of the District Board shall be printed in the Conference Journal.

7. **Pastors Reports**

All Pastors' reports to the Conference Treasurer and Conference Statistician shall be turned in at least fifteen days before the dates set for the meeting of the Annual Conference.

8. **Determining Correct Age of Pastors**

Where there are two conflicting dates in a Minister's Service Record, the Conference will accept the first date given as the correct age.

9. Any Pastor officiating at the funeral of a minister or a minister's wife, or widow shall be required to send a program to the Conference Secretary, and the Chairman of the Conference Board of Pensions.

10. Additional rules may be added to this list and these present may be amended or deleted by order of the Annual Conference.

(Rules adopted by 79th Conference Session.)

ANNUAL CONFERENCE SESSIONS

Note: Annual Conference Sessions held during the period when the present WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE was a part of the Mississippi Mission Conference and the Texas Conference respectively, are listed first.

SESSIONS OF THE MISSISSIPPI MISSION CONFERENCE

Bishop	Secretary	Place and Year
Edward Thompson	J. P. Newman	New Orleans, Dec. 25, 1865
Matthew Simpson	J. P. Newman	New Orleans, Dec. 13, 1866
E. R. Ames	J. B. Lynch	New Orleans, Dec. 19, 1867

SESSIONS OF THE TEXAS CONFERENCE

Bishop	Secretary	Place and Year
Matthew Simpson	Joseph Welch	Houston, Jan. 3, 1867
E. R. Ames	G. W. Honey	Houston, Jan. 3, 1868
Matthew Simpson	Joseph Welch	Austin, Jan. 21, 1869
Levi Scott	G. W. Honey	Houston, Jan. 14, 1870
E. S. James	G. W. Honey	Austin, Dec. 6, 1871
I. W. Wiley	W. B. Fayle	Galveston, Jan. 8, 1872
Thomas Bowman	W. B. Fayle	Marshall, Jan. 7, 1873

WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

SESSIONS OF THE WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE

BISHOP	SECRETARY	PLACE AND YEAR
Thomas Bowman	G. W. Honey	Austin, Jan. 23, 1874
W. L. Harris	L. H. Carhart	Columbus, Feb. 22, 1875
E. G. Andrews	L. H. Carhart	Austin, Feb. 20, 1876
R. S. Foster	A. M. Gregory	Waco, Nov. 28, 1877
Gilbert Haven	A. M. Gregory	Columbus, Nov. 28, 1878
E. O. Haven	B. F. Smith	Victoria, Dec. 3, 1879
H. W. Warren	B. F. Smith	Austin, Dec. 1, 1880
Thomas Bowman	B. F. Smith	Calvert, Dec. 1, 1881
E. G. Andrews	B. F. Smith	Columbus, Dec. 7, 1882
W. L. Harris	B. F. Smith	San Antonio, Dec. 12, 1883
S. M. Merrill	B. F. Smith	Waco, Dec. 4, 1884
R. S. Foster	B. F. Smith	Austin, Dec. 18, 1885
J. F. Hurst	J. T. Gibbons	Victoria, Dec. 16, 1886
Thomas Bowman	J. W. Robinson	Columbus, Dec. 7, 1887
D. A. Goodsell	J. T. Gibbons	Calvert, Feb. 7, 1889
J. M. Walder	J. T. Gibbons	San Antonio, Feb. 6, 1890
C. D. Foss	J. T. Gibbons	Waco, Feb. 5, 1891
S. M. Merrill	B. F. Smith	Austin, Dec. 15, 1892
J. N. Fitzgerald	J. T. Gibbons	Dallas, Dec. 15, 1893
H. W. Warren	Andrew Foster	Columbus, Dec. 5, 1894
E. G. Andrews	Andrew Foster	Calvert, Dec. 2, 1895
W. X. Nindle	Andrew Foster	Cuero, Dec. 8, 1896
W. F. Mallalieu	N. J. Johnson	Waco, Dec. 8, 1897
C. H. Fowler	N. J. Johnson	Denison, Dec. 6, 1898
D. A. Goodsell	N. J. Johnson	Austin, Dec. 22, 1899
I. W. Joyce	N. J. Johnson	Victoria, Dec. 19, 1900
I. W. Joyce	J. W. H. Pickney	Dallas, Dec. 8, 1901
W. F. Mallalieu	Andrew Foster	Luling, Dec. 8, 1902
J. M. Walden	Andrew Foster	Waco, Dec. 16, 1903
L. B. Wilson	Andrew Foster	Fort Worth, Dec. 14, 1904
Henry Spellmyer	T. H. Wyatt	San Antonio, Nov. 30, 1905
L. B. Wilson	T. H. Wyatt	Columbus, Dec. 13, 1906
W. M. Burt	T. H. Wyatt,	Marlin, Nov. 28, 1907
W. A. Quayle	T. H. Wyatt	Victoria, Nov. 26, 1908
T. B. Neely	T. H. Wyatt	Waco, Nov. 25, 1909
D. H. Moore	T. H. Wyatt	Austin, Nov. 6, 1910
T. B. Neely	T. H. Wyatt	San Antonio, Nov. 23, 1911
Robert McIntyre	T. H. Wyatt	Luling, Dec. 11, 1912
Robert McIntyre	T. H. Wyatt	Calvert, Dec. 10, 1913
W. O. Sheppard	T. H. Wyatt	Austin, Dec. 10, 1914
W. O. Sheppard	T. H. Wyatt	Victoria, Dec. 9, 1915
R. J. Cooke	J. W. Warren	Waco, Dec. 13, 1916
Chas. B. Mitchell	J. W. Warren	Cuero, Dec. 10, 1917
Chas. B. Mitchell	J. W. Warren	Fort Worth, Dec. 18, 1918
R. E. Jones	J. W. Warren	Yoakum, Nov. 12, 1919
R. E. Jones	S. N. Harvey	Georgetown, Dec. 8, 1920
R. E. Jones	F. W. Brown	San Antonio, 1921
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	Austin, 1922
F. T. Keeney	C. W. Franklin	Fort Worth, 1923
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	Austin, 1924
C. L. Meade	C. W. Franklin	Waco, 1925
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	Victoria, 1926
R. E. Jones	C. W. Franklin	San Antonio, 1927
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Dallas, 1928
Wallace E. Brown	J. H. R. Dudley	Austin, 1929
Chas. F. Locke	J. H. R. Dudley	Columbus, 1930
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Fort Worth, 1931
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Waco, 1932
R. E. Jones	W. W. Baker	San Antonio, 1933
Chas. L. Meade	W. W. Baker	Marlin, 1934
R. E. Jones	W. W. Baker	Dallas, 1935
A. P. Shaw	W. W. Baker	Austin, 1936
A. P. Shaw	W. W. Baker	Waco, 1937
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Fort Worth, 1938
A. P. Shaw	J. H. R. Dudley	San Antonio, 1939
R. E. Jones	C. R. Greene	Dallas, 1945
R. E. Jones	J. H. R. Dudley	Dallas, 1940
A. P. Shaw	J. H. R. Dudley	Austin, 1941
R. E. Jones	C. R. Greene	Waco, 1942
R. N. Brooks	C. R. Greene	Fort Worth, 1943
R. N. Brooks	C. R. Greene	San Antonio, 1944
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	Austin, Sept. 25, 1946
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	Waco, Oct. 7, 1947
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	San Antonio, Oct. 12, 1948
R. N. Brooks	F. D. Young	Dallas, Oct. 11, 1949
E. W. Kelley	Prenza L. S. Woods	Austin, April 11, 1950
R. N. Brooks	Prenza L. S. Woods	San Antonio, May 1, 1951
R. N. Brooks	Prenza L. S. Woods	Fort Worth, July 1, 1952
J. W. E. Bowen	Prenza L. S. Woods	Waco, June 16, 1953
A. P. Shaw	Prenza L. S. Woods	Austin, May 19, 1954
A. P. Shaw	William Ellison, Jr.	Dallas, May 18, 1955
A. P. Shaw	William Ellison, Jr.	Corpus Christi, May 24, 1956

BISHOP	SECRETARY	PLACE AND YEAR
Willis J. King	William Ellison, Jr.	Fort Worth, May 8, 1957
Willis J. King	T. R. Watkins	Waco, April 23, 1958
Willis J. King	T. R. Watkins	Dallas, April 22, 1959
Willis J. King	T. R. Watkins	San Antonio, May 18, 1960
Noah W. Moore, Jr.	T. R. Watkins	Austin, April 19-23, 1961
Noah W. Moore, Jr.	T. R. Watkins	Ft. Worth, May 2-6, 1962
Noah W. Moore, Jr.	T. R. Watkins	Waco, May 1-5, 1963
Matthew W. Clair, Jr.	M. C. Stone	Dallas, May 13-17, 1964
Noah W. Moore, Jr.	M. C. Stone	San Antonio, May 11-16, 1965
Noah W. Moore, Jr.	M. C. Stone	Dallas, June 6-9, 1966
Noah W. Moore, Jr.	M. C. Stone	Ft. Worth, May 8-11, 1967
Noah W. Moore, Jr.	M. C. Stone	Austin, May 27-30, 1968
O. Eugene Slater	M. C. Stone	San Antonio, June 2-5, 1969
O. Eugene Slater	M. C. Stone	Austin, May 18-21, 1970

In Memory of the Deceased

WHO DIED DURING THE CONFERENCE YEAR

1969 - 1970

MINISTERS

JAMES F. MUSE JOSHUA B. PHOENIX

WIVES

MRS. M. L. WYATT MRS. ELLA B. ROSS

LAYMEN LEADERS

MISS LILLIE BELLE WILSON MR. CHARLIE H. JOHNSON

Servant of God, well done!
Rest from thy loved employ:
The battle fought, the victory won,
Enter thy Master's joy.

The pains of death are past,
Labor and sorrow cease,
And Life's long warfare closed as last,
Thy soul is found in peace.

— James Montgomery

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OUR HONORED DEAD

"THESE ALL DIED IN FAITH . . ."

NAME AND DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL	Time Entered Ministry	Years In Ministry
J. E. Ferguson, Jan. 6, 1874	Bell County	1854	20
J. S. Strickland, March 25, 1874	Not given	1870	4
E. S. Havens, Feb. 29, 1875	Girard, Kan.	1870	5
Reuben Coleman, Dec. 3, 1875	Bastroy	1870	5
Isaac Wright, April 3, 1875	Austin	1874	2
J. G. Webster, March 14, 1877	Cootonwood Colony	1874	3
Ben Hoffman, March 31, 1878	Eagle Lake	1874	4
John Wright, Jan. 17, 1880	Cottonwood County	1874	6
Archey Johnson, Feb. 6, 1880	Giddings	1874	6
Hiram Melton, Aug. 3, 1880	Limestone County	1874	6
Jacob A. Oakman, Oct. 1, 1882	Flatonia	1872	10
Jackson Johnson, Oct. 1, 1882	Manor	1875	7

NAME AND DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL	Time Entered Ministry	Years In Ministry
Jackson Caesar, Sept. 21, 1883	Wharton	1879	4
Larkin Carper, April 26, 1885	San Antonio	1870	15
Elijah Nesby, Sept. 26, 1885	Sprinkle	1875	10
Caesar King, Aug. 16, 1885	Georgetown	1874	11
Washington Goodwin, May 3, 1890	Manor	1876	14
G. W. Brothers, Aug. 20, 1893	Cuero	1883	10
J. W. Robinson, Sept. 1, 1888	Austin	1874	14
J. H. Brawley, April 20, 1893	Luling	1887	6
I. S. Smith, 1894	Not given	1875	19
Toney Augustus, June 10, 1894	Marlin	1910	12
J. H. Purnell, Oct. 30, 1894	Columbus	1879	15
J. H. Williams, Oct. 3, 1895	Denison	1893	2
J. T. Gibbons, Aug. 3, 1895	San Antonio	1883	12
A. L. Armstrong, Sept. 6, 1896	Gatesville	1883	3
Daniel Harper, Sept. 1, 1896	Victoria	1874	22
Nathan Caswell, Dec. 20, 1896	Austin	1875	21
C. L. Madison, Sept. 16, 1900	Austin	1876	25
G. A. Shanklin, Dec. 29, 1900	Hubbard City	1881	19
B. F. Smith, March 20, 1902	Cuero	1877	25
L. A. Harvey, July 4, 1902	Cuero	1896	6
A. S. Bethany, June 30, 1902	Fort Worth	1893	9
Chas. Hart, Aug. 10, 1902	Winchester	1877	25
Daniel Humphrey, July 4, 1903	Marlin	1877	16
Samuel Gates, Feb. 25, 1905	Austin	1874	31
Mack Henson, June 17, 1905	Austin	1874	31
Anderson Brack, Sept. 10, 1905	Waco	1874	31
Andrew Foster, Nov. 26, 1906	Victoria	1880	26
B. I. Adams, March 10, 1908	Littig	1893	15
John Neal, March 22, 1908	Davilla	1894	14
Thos. Watkins, Jan. 10, 1908	Marlin	1886	22
Willis Graves, May 10, 1908	Waco	1876	32
Gabriel Wilson, July 16, 1908	Calvert	1875	33
James Jorman, Dec. 9, 1908	Seguin	1877	31
Jefferson Buel, June 10, 1910	Waco	1882	28
W. H. Davis, Sept. 12, 1910	Seguin	1887	23
J. T. Jacobs, March 11, 1911	San Antonio	1882	29
A. J. Lynch, March 18, 1911	Victoria	1893	18
J. W. Mitchell, Dec. 7, 1911	Bremond	1878	33
C. P. Westbrooks, Dec. 30, 1911	Hubbard City	1885	26
J. H. Holden, May 1, 1912	Hondo	1887	16
M. C. Caviness, June 28, 1912	Lockhart	1887	25
Robert Dukes, July, 1912	Luling	1886	26
R. H. Ponton, Sept. 19, 1912	Belton	1882	30
Lee Reed, May 14, 1913	Luling	1881	32
Alfred Dickerson, June 9, 1913	Sprinkle	1887	26
E. E. Henderson, Sept. 9, 1913	San Antonio	1881	32
F. L. Kirkpatrick, Dec., 1915	Austin	1897	18
Grauvil Norman, 1915	Los Angeles, Calif.	1908	7
W. H. Mosby, Jan., 1916	Gonzales	1888	28
W. E. Blackson, Feb. 9, 1916	Austin	1899	17
R. S. Lovinggood, Dec. 1, 1916	Austin	1901	15
Christopher Young, Aug. 13, 1916	Victoria	1875	41
G. W. Townsend, Sept. 19, 1916	Victoria	1883	33
J. S. Wyatt, Dec. 24, 1916	Victoria	1896	20
L. R. Parker, 1916	Smithville	1901	15
John Bickman, Oct. 24, 1917	Groesbeck	1896	21
Joseph Harriford, 1917	Winchester	1891	26
Ephrahrim Jones, April, 1918	Seguin	1897	27
A. T. Jackson, 1918	Dallas	1887	34
P. B. Bennett, 1918	Waco	1887	31
Riley Sodia, Nov. 3, 1918	Edna	1895	23
W. L. Huff, 1918	Austin	1917	1
C. C. Scruggs, 1919	Yoakum	1877	42
R. N. Dennis, 1919	Calvert	1902	17
A. Lockhart, 1921	Waco	1879	34
E. L. Jackson, 1921	Temple	1894	26

NAME AND DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL	Time Entered Ministry	Years In Ministry
C. H. Franklin, 1921	San Antonio	1905	16
J. W. Warmley, 1921	Winchester	1888	32
G. W. Nevils, March, 1922	La Grange	1892	32
Primus Gates, 1922	La Grange	1874	17
A. L. Carper, 1924	San Antonio	1899	25
S. D. Humphrey, May 16, 1924	Waco	1875	19
D. C. Hailey, 1924	Waxahachie	1896	26
B. J. Goff, Jan. 8, 1925	Waco	1890	33
D. C. Lacy, Dec. 25, 1925	Mexia	1887	37
Harry Swann, May 25, 1925	Victoria	1875	46
W. H. Stevens, 1925	Winchester	1877	22
W. H. Purnell, April, 1925	Waco	1906	19
Moses Smith, Jan. 12, 1925	Austin	1882	43
Moten Lott, 1925	Austin	1876	5
W. M. Mooney, Nov. 30, 1925	Cuero	1893	30
J. C. Mayes, 1925	Temple	1900	25
Albert Johnson, Feb. 26, 1926	Smithville	1893	30
C. N. Strait, 1927	Georgetown	1920	7
J. C. Eusan, Feb. 21, 1927	San Antonio	1898	30
N. H. Townsend, Aug., 1928	Yoakum	1894	30
H. H. Qualls, June 10, 1928	Waco	1897	31
Peter M. Carmichael, 1928	West Point	Unknown	
J. H. Swann, June 11, 1928	Lytton Springs	1899	35
S. W. Harvey, Aug. 10, 1928	Ennis	1881	36
J. W. Wright, 1929	Mexia	1902	16
J. L. S. Edmonson, Oct. 13, 1929	San Antonio	1919	10
M. S. Jordan, 1930	Cuero	1893	30
B. F. Wright, Oct. 15, 1930	Fayetteville	1929	1
J. H. Hutchinson, 1930	Austin	1892	32
Alfred Brown, 1931	Shiner	1882	36
A. J. Glover, April, 1931	Unknown	Unknown	
William Reed, 1931	Waco	1884	35
C. B. Melton, 1931	Kerrville	1899	28
George Pleasant, 1931	Austin	1892	5
J. W. Weakley, 1932	Luling	1891	41
G. M. Moten, 1932	Waco	1928	4
Clinton Schuler, 1932	Luling	1925	5
S. E. Jones, 1933	Cuero	1899	30
D. L. Mosby, 1933	Columbus	1924	9
J. N. Napier, 1933	San Antonio	1889	43
John Coe, Dec. 3, 1933	Marlin	1911	18
J. E. Brown, May 19, 1934	Lampasas	1909	25
E. E. Cooper, 1934	Oakland	1877	12
Enoch Cogswell, 1934	Mart	1875	20
L. W. Roberts, July 18, 1935	Milford	1908	27
J. W. Stone, Jr., June 8, 1935	Hubbard City	1915	19
C. S. Williams, 1935	Marshall	1903	32
J. W. Stone, Sr., May, 1937	Lockhart	1897	40
C. H. Hamilton, 1937	Mexia Ct.	1916	21
George Waters, 1937	Yoakum	1898	30
James Coe, June 12, 1938	Luling	1911	5
I. T. Sanford, July 13, 1938	Waco	1894	33
H. A. Jones, Dec. 23, 1938	Austin	1904	34
A. D. Jacques, January 13, 1939	Pine Bluff, Ark.	1907	32
L. L. Strait, January, 1939	Gonzales	1922	17
A. M. Cuerington, Aug. 22, 1939	Cameron	1936	3
G. M. Mallory, 1939	Waco	1910	22
W. A. Robinson, August 8, 1940	El Paso	1933	7
R. F. Bradan, Prot. Meth., Sept. 21, 1940	Lockhart	1888	21
T. J. Jackson, (Prot. Meth.) 1940	Dale	1939	
S. S. Hudspeth, (Prot. Meth.) 1940	Lockhart	1939	
E. C. Henderson, 1941	Schulenburg	1905	16
George Bailey, Prot. Meth., 1941	San Marcos	1939	21
A. M. Mason, Sr., Aug. 30, 1941	San Antonio	1893	48
J. W. Downs, Feb. 18, 1941	Austin	1919	20

NAME AND DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF BURIAL	Time Entered Ministry	Years In Ministry
S. D. Mosley, Nov. 22, 1941	San Antonio	1912	26
L. H. Richardson, Nov. 23, 1941	Austin	1894	37
M. Fountain, July, 1942	Waco	1904	24
J. G. Brown, Dec. 20, 1942	Waco	1906	39
J. D. Mackey, 1942	Luling	1916	21
J. T. Carper, 1942	Houston	1905	29
E. T. Allen, Aug. 9, 1943	Granbury	1926	9
C. E. Whitiker, March 16, 1943	Austin	1923	20
M. L. Wyatt, 1943	San Angelo	1914	29
Ralph A. Allen, March 28, 1943	Goliad	1924	24
M. W. Stephens, Oct. 20, 1943	San Antonio	1916	27
J. B. Eggleston, Oct. 29, 1943	Yoakum	1919	24
J. W. Warren, Nov. 23, 1943	San Antonio	1904	39
D. F. Vance, Dec., 1943	Austin	1905	35
R. R. Bailey, Sept. 12, 1944	Not given	1923	
B. J. Easter, May 4, 1944	San Antonio	1921	13
N. J. Moore, Aug., 1944	Winchester	1900	44
W. M. White, Oct. 14, 1944	Hondo	1917	17
T. S. Moore, 1945	Marlin	1892	31
F. C. Callihan, Prot. Meth., 1945	Not given	1920	19
M. C. Ellison, Sept. 27, 1946	Luling	1922	24
A. G. Russell, Oct. 6, 1946	Floresville	1922	24
J. H. R. Dudley, Oct., 1947	Giddings	1917	29
J. S. Medlock, 1947	Mexia	1900	33
Victor A. Cook, Dec. 15, 1947	Austin	1915	32
S. G. Graham, Oct. 1, 1948	Waco	1918	31
T. H. Wyatt, June 1, 1948	Austin	1892	47
T. H. Bryant, Aug. 12, 1948	Alleyton	1926	22
Karl Downs, Feb. 26, 1948	Austin	1935	13
H. L. McKinney, Aug. 24, 1949	San Antonio	1926	14
Frank Blair, Feb. 24, 1949	Mexia Ct.	1925	24
J. H. Brown, July 27, 1950	Columbus	1926	20
Silas Mathis, 1950	Bremond	1940	10
H. G. Grant, 1950	Hallettsville	1942	10
Joel S. Jordan, 1950	Cuero	1927	22
H. S. Byars, Prot. Meth., 1950	San Antonio	1927	22
J. W. Maye, 1950	San Antonio	1920	30
W. B. Houston, Prot. Meth., 1950	Kyle	1902	38
J. W. V. Hutchinson, 1950	Austin	1913	26
J. H. Strait, 1950	San Antonio	1921	21
A. D. Holden, Feb. 23, 1951	Hondo	1923	27
J. N. Hooey, 1951	Houston	1914	34
(B. A. Byars), 1951	San Antonio	1919	32
G. A. Deslandes, Jan. 26, 1951	San Antonio	1900	41
R. H. Duncan, 1951	Austin	1896	23
S. N. Harvey, 1951	Hallettsville	1905	46
(Belt Prince), 1951	Edna	1937	11
G. V. Cavitt, 1952	Floresville	1910	37
(W. M. Booker), Sept. 13, 1953	Oakland	1943	9
W. B. Lott, 1953	San Antonio	1900	41
F. M. Hudspeth, May 2, 1954	San Antonio	1920	22
B. F. Lee, 1955	San Antonio	1922	33
Esau Smith, 1955	El Campo	1921	36
(T. W. Stevens), 1955	Hallettsville	1933	22
E. N. King, 1955	Maysfield	1935	20
W. M. Franklin, 1956	Victoria	1921	33
P. H. Philips	Lampasas	1939	
J. W. Morgan, 1956	Waco	1930	16
D. T. Tucker, Feb. 21, 1957	Mexia	1927	28
Geo. W. Kelley, April, 1957	Luling	1934	27
B. D. Lindsey, 1957	Waco	1943	14
(Jack Caesar), 1957	Hallettsville	1929	28
R. A. Appling, 1958	Fort Worth	1910	28
W. M. Moseley, May 5, 1958	San Antonio	1927	16
F. Rivers Barnwell, 1958	Fort Worth	1942	15

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H. C. Tollerson, 1958	San Antonio	1942	16
C. C. Brown, March 24, 1959	Austin	1930	29
T. H. Foy, April 6, 1959	Valley Mills	1915	41
Samuel T. Johnson, April 10, 1959	Kennedale	1957	2
J. J. Hardeman, 1959	Luling	1917	42
Turner Snow, 1959		1939	9
J. A. Wills, 1959	Midland	1924	35
K. W. McMillan, May 31, 1960	Ft. Worth	1900	53
Andrew Gooden, 1961	Waco	1958	3
Freddie Freeman, March 18, 1961	Mexia	1958	3
F. J. Hutchinson, 1962	Luling	1914	36
G. F. Alexander, 1962	Austin	1920	40
(J. L. Mayfield), 1962	Brady	1950	12
D. C. Carroll, 1963	Schulenburg	1930	31
W. M. Ellison, Sr., June 8, 1963	San Antonio	1912	40
N. W. Stephens, Oct. 23, 1963	San Antonio	1926	11
(Earl Goins), 1964	Dallas		
(J. W. Carroll), March 24, 1964	Sandy Community		
(J. T. Thomas), July 3, 1964			
W. M. Ellison, Jr., Oct. 29, 1964	Austin	1929	35
J. H. Childs, Sept. 3, 1964	Dallas	1915	30
H. G. Simmons, Jan. 30, 1966	Winnsboro	1949	5
Sherrel E. Moore, May 21, 1966	Center Union Community	1946	16
Leo H. Haywood, Dec. 12, 1966	St. Hedwig	1943	23
(J. B. Holden) Feb. 17, 1967	Georgetown		
John H. Marshall, March 9, 1967	Kerrville	1925	35
J. S. Ross, March 10, 1967	Lockhart Prodt. Meth.	1889	47
(Jesse Hudson), March 1, 1967	Longbranch		
A. C. Holden, April 3, 1967	Hondo		
C. W. Franklin, April 15, 1967	San Antonio		
Samuel G. Pharms, June 15, 1967	Mexia	1929	38
M. B. Burkley, July 25, 1967	Waco	1922	45
Zebra E. King, Sept. 28, 1967	Bremond	1929	38
A. D. Minor, May 8, 1968	Waco	1949	19
W. A. Webb, June 12, 1969	Gonzales	1953	13
T. J. D. Simms, Oct. 9, 1969	Beeville	1923	38
James F. Muse	Mexia	1913	
Joshua B. Phoenix	Pelham	1924	

LAYMEN

NAME - DIED	PLACE BURIED
Miss Lillie Belle Wilson, June, 1969	Austin
Mr. Charlie H. Johnson, August 27, 1969	San Angelo

Abbreviations: O.T.—On Trial
Re. —Retired F.C.—Full Connection
Ef. —Effective D.L.—Disability Leave

MINISTER'S SERVICE RECORD

Supply
Located
Supernumerary

Exc.—Years Not Effective
More than two years on trial
Student without Pastoral Work

Name	Present Relation	Conference	First Admitted Year	How	Full Year Connection	Ordained Deacon	Ordained Elder	How and When Rec'd - West Texas		Exc.	Date Ret'd	Years of Service
Alexander, E. D.	Ef.	West Texas	1947	O.T.	1951	1947	1951	O.T.	1947	7		16
Ashurst, Harold T.	Ef.	West Texas	1966	O.T.	1969	1966	1969	O.T.	1966			4
Baker, D. B.	Re.	West Texas	1921	O.T.	1922	1921	1925	O.T.	1921		1956	34
Baker, W. W.	Re.	West Texas	1921	O.T.	1923	1921	1925	O.T.	1921		1962	40
Bell, Troy James	O.T.	West Texas	1970	O.T.		1970		O.T.	1970			
Brewer, George	Ef.	West Texas	1964	O.T.		1964		O.T.	1964			6
Brewster, O. K.	Re.	West Texas	1941	O.T.	1943	1941	1945	O.T.	1941		1962	20
Bruton, T. M.	Re.	West Texas	1924	O.T.	1926	1926	1928	O.T.	1924			42
Cade, W. V.	O.T.	West Texas	1970	O.T.		1967		O.T.	1970			1
*Callier, Samuel L.	Ef.	West Texas										
Carter, E. H.	Re.	West Texas	1954	O.T.	1956	1954	1956	O.T.	1954		1963	22
*Carter, Joe H.	Ef.	West Texas	1957	O.T.	1959	1956	1959	O.T.	1957			13
Carruthers, J. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1929	O.T.	1931	1929	1933	O.T.	1929			41
Cleaver, S. M.	Ef.	West Texas	1954	O.T.	1956	1954	1956	O.T.	1954			16
Coe, O. B.	Re.	West Texas	1924	O.T.	1924	1924	1929	O.T.	1924		1964	39
Cooper, E. M.	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1953	1951	1955	O.T.	1951	4		15
Curtis, S. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1941	1947	O.T.	1943			28
Dixon, E. T.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1945	1946	O.T.	1943			28
Dixon, Freddie B.	Ef.	West Texas	1969	Trans.	1970	1968	1970	Trans.	S.W. Conf.			2
Dykes, Antone	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1955	1951	1955	O.T.	1951			19
Echols, T. B.	Re.	West Texas	1922	O.T.	1924	1922	1926	O.T.	1922		1964	42
Edmonds, Edwin	Ef.	West Texas	1945	O.T.	1951	1945	1951	O.T.	1945			23
*Elliott, John W., Sr.	Ef.	West Texas	1954	O.T.	1955	1954	1955	O.T.	1954			16
*Espie, Charles	Ef.	West Texas	1956	O.T.	1958	1956	1958	O.T.	1956			15
Foy, R. L.	Re.	West Texas	1948	O.T.	1950	1948	1952	O.T.	1948	4	1964	10
Franklin, S. M.	Re.	West Texas	1946	Cred.	1946		1946	Cred.	1946		1964	18
*Franks, H. T.	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1955	1951	1955	O.T.				19
Freeman, M. A.	Ef.	West Texas	1928	O.T.	1930	1928	1931	O.T.	1928	3		39
Fuller, E. T.	Ef.	West Texas	1924	O.T.	1927	1924	1929	Mer.	1939			46
Goff, G. J.	Ef.	West Texas	1946	O.T.	1951	1945	1951	O.T.	1946			24
*Grattan, J. S. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1959	Cred.	1959			Cred.	1959			11
Green, John A., Jr.	O.T.	West Texas	1969	O.T.		1969		O.T.	1969			2
Greer, I. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1933	O.T.	1935	1933	1935	O.T.	1933			37
*Gross, Chas. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1966	Trans.	1952	1948	1952	Trans.	1966			5
Hansboro, D. H.	Ef.	West Texas	1937	O.T.	1939	1937	1939	O.T.	1937			33
Harrison, E. L.	Ef.	West Texas	1936	O.T.	1938	1936	1938	Trans.	1959			11
Haynes, L. L., Sr.	Ef.	West Texas		O.T.								
*Henry, L. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1962	O.T.	1965	1962	1965	O.T.	1962			8
Hodge, M. E.	Ef.	West Texas	1952	O.T.	1955	1952	1955	O.T.	1955	3		12
Holmes, Zan W., Sr.	Ef.	West Texas	1927	O.T.	1929	1927	1931	O.T.	1929			43
Holmes, Zan W., Jr.	Ef.	West Texas	1957	O.T.	1959	1957	1959	O.T.	1957			13
Houston, C. J.	Ef.	West Texas	1928	O.T.	1931	1928	1933	Mer.	1939			42
Houston, James L.	O.T.	West Texas	1970	O.T.		1970		O.T.	1970			1
Johnson, George L.	Re.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1943	1947	O.T.	1943		1965	21
Johnson, Mason	Ef.	West Texas	1959	O.T.	1961	1956	1961	O.T.	1959			11
*Johnson, Robert W.	Ef.	West Texas	1953	Cred.	1955		1955	Cred.				17

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Keesee, S. A.	Ef.	West Texas	1929	O.T.	1931	1929	1931	O.T.	1929			41
King, C. L.	Re.	West Texas	1940	O.T.	1942	1940	1944	O.T.	1940			28
*King, Robert	Ef.	West Texas	1953	O.T.	1955	1953	1955	O.T.	1953			17
Kuykendall, H. E.	Re.	West Texas	1923	O.T.	1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1923		1964	40
Loud, I. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1933	O.T.	1935	1933	1937	O.T.	1933			38
Loud, I. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1947	O.T.	1951	1947	1951	O.T.	1951			17
Majors, Marshall	Re.	West Texas	1925	O.T.	1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1925		1965	37
Masters, Henry L.	O.T.	West Texas	1969	O.T.		1969		O.T.	1969			2
Metcalf, Cleo C.	Ef.	West Texas	1959	O.T.	1961	1955	1961	O.T.	1959			11
Miller, S. D.	Re.	West Texas	1924	O.T.				Mer.	1939		1965	36
Muse, L. E.	Re.	West Texas	1922	O.T.	1924	1922	1926	O.T.	1922		1963	38
Mason, Alexander M.	Ef.	West Texas	1959	O.T.	1963	1959	1963	O.T.	1959			10
Mooring, J. D.	Ef.	West Texas			1959			Cred.	1959			12
Nathan, Ralph G.	Ef.	West Texas	1966	Trans.				Trans.	1966			5
Nunley, Roscoe	Ef.	West Texas	1969	Trans.	1969	1956	1966	Trans.	Gulf Coast			
Owens, C. D.	Ef.	West Texas	1946		1948	1946	1948	O.T.	1946			25
Owens, J. G.	Ef.	West Texas	1939		1941	1943	1941	O.T.	1939			32
Palmer, R. L.	Re.	West Texas	1925		1927	1925	1929	O.T.	1925		1966	40
Pierce, I. H.	Re.	West Texas	1924	O.T.	1926	1924	1926	O.T.	1924			37
Pitts, A. S.	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1955	1951	1955	O.T.	1951			20
Polk, Collie J.	Re.	West Texas	1957	O.T.	1955	1957	1959	O.T.	1957			12
Porter, A. D.	Re.	West Texas	1917	O.T.	1919	1917	1921	Mer.	1939		1963	50
Proctor, L. R.	Re.	West Texas	1940	O.T.	1943	1940	1943	O.T.	1940			28
Purnell, E. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1946	O.T.	1948	1946	1950	O.T.	1946			24
Reed, M. T.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1941	1947	O.T.	1943			28
Richardson, J. B.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1941	1947	O.T.	1943			28
Rogers, E. A.	Dl.	West Texas	1956	O.T.	1958	1956	1959	O.T.	1956			14
Seabrook, J. J.	Re.	West Texas	1928	O.T.				Trans.				37
Shaw, William	Ef.	West Texas	1936	Trans.	1950	1948	1929	Trans.	1936			31
Smith, C. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1947	O.T.	1949	1948	1951	O.T.	1947			24
Stanley, Roy E.	Ef.	West Texas	1952	O.T.	1954	1952	1956	O.T.	1952			17
Spencer, E. L.	Ef.	West Texas	1936	Cred.				Cred.	1936			35
Stewart, Taylor	Ef.	West Texas	1954	O.T.	1956	1954	1958	O.T.	1954			15
Stone, M. C.	Ef.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1941	1947	O.T.	1943			31
Tanner, Emmitt J.	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1955	1951	1955	O.T.	1951			20
Tatum, J. W.	Ef.	West Texas	1964	O.T.	1970	1964	1970	O.T.	1964			8
Taylor, H. M.	Ef.	West Texas	1966	Trans.	1966	1946	1948	Trans.	Gulf Coast			5
Walker, Martin J.	Ef.	West Texas	1968	O.T.	1970	1966	1968	O.T.	1968			2
Walmsley, Walter	Re.	West Texas	1948	O.T.	1950	1948	1950	O.T.	1948		1964	14
Washington, L. D.	Ef.	West Texas	1953	O.T.	1955	1953	1955	O.T.	1953	2		15
Washington, Wm. J.	Ef.	West Texas	1951	O.T.	1951	1947	1951	O.T.	1951			20
Watkins, T. R.	Re.	West Texas	1943	O.T.	1945	1941	1947	O.T.	1943			24
White, S. A.	Ef.	West Texas	1937	O.T.	1939	1937	1939	O.T.	1937	12		23
Willis, Lloyd E.	O.T.	West Texas	1970	O.T.		1970		O.T.	1970			1
Woods, P. L. S.	Ef.	West Texas	1941	O.T.	1948	1945	1948	O.T.	1941	6		24
Walker, Martin J.	O.T.	West Texas	1967	O.T.		1962	1964	O.T.	1967			5
Wattley, J. L.	Re.	West Texas	1919	O.T.	1921	1919	1923	O.T.	1919		1964	43
Young, F. D.	Re.	West Texas	1923	O.T.	1925	1923	1925				1962	39

*Service Record in process of being completed.

The United Methodist Church

Table No. 1
West Texas Conference, South Central Jurisdiction, 1970

Statistical Report
Garrett J. Goff, Waco, Texas

	CHURCH MEMBERSHIP												CHURCH SCHOOL							W.S.C.S.			PROPERTY AND OTHER ASSETS				
	1 Total Members Reported at Close of Last Year	2 Received This Year on Confession of Faith or Restored	3 Received from Other United Methodist Churches	4 Received from Other Denominations	5 Removed by Charge Conference Action or Withdrawn	6 Removed by Transfer to Other United Methodist Churches	7 Removed by Transfer to Other Denominations	8 Removed by Death	9 Total Members at Close of This Year	10 Average Attendance at the Principal Weekly Worship Service(s)	11 Number of Persons Baptized This Year (all ages)	12 Preparatory Members Now on Roll (all baptized children under 16)	13 Number of Leaders	14 Children (birth through sixth grade)in All Classes and Groups	15 Youth	16 Adults	17 Total Church School Membership	18 Average Attendance	19 Number of Ongoing Classes and Groups for Learning	20 Number of Short-term Classes and Groups for Learning	21 Membership of Society (including Wesleyan Service Guild)	22 Amount Paid for Local Church and Community Work	23 United Methodist Men Group	24 Value of Church, Land, Buildings and Equipment	25 Value of Church Owned Parsonages and Furniture	26 Value of Other Assets (cash, bonds, other property, etc.)	27 Unpaid Balance on Indebtedness on Items 24, 25, 26	28 Balance of Other Indebtedness (current expenses, etc.)
1.	88	1	0	1	0	1	3	2	84	50	4	5	15	5	15	10	45	20	2	0	0	0	1	16000	500		292	
2.	186	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	185	15	7	71	15	51	19	39	124	40	2	0	20	96	0	15000	8000		732	
3.	496	3	0	0	2	3	0	2	492	145	2	16	16	36	24	12	88	55	6	0	40	270	0	75000	12000	3000	4000	
4.	560	0	0	0	250	0		8	302	120	0	50	12	52	22	15	101	45	0	2	178.	1150	1	122000	22000	2000	28844	1500
5.	38	5	0	0	1				42	15		8	1	5	7	4	17	17	0					6500	50			
6.	71				10	9	8	2	42	20	2	1	6	5	20	5	36	10	0	0	20	100	0	38000	8000		8000	1500
7.	261		1	1				7	256	100		43	8	22	24	10	64	35	5		21	150		38000	8000		3000	
8.	121		2				1	1	121	37		2	12	25	9	11	57							5000	2500			
9.	78				20				58	10			4	5	6	15	30	10	0	0	10		1	26000	10000			
10.	209						4	15	190	78	2	10	10	14	18	1	43	30	8		20			44000	10000			
11.	154	1			5		2	2	146	66	10	12	12	16	17	24	69	34	4	2				23000	4400		2000	
12.	150							2	148	25	1	11	4			16	20							8000	400			
13.	207				21				186	130		32	15	23	22	6	66	66	8	4	65	435	1	25000	6200	1400		
14.	106	1					1		106	26	2	4	10	9	2	18	39	19	2	1				7500	4500			
15.	21								21	19			5	1	8	7	21	9	2					7500	4500			
16.	230				60	1	10	9	150	30		22	10	14	18	103	145	40	8	3	35	175		65000	20000		10000	
17.	258		1	2	15	9	8	11	218	100	3	23	13	30	25	10	78	25	7	1	21	24		40000	5000		89	
18.	97	1		1		2			97	63	2	12	8	30	31	17	86	40	1	2	8	45		10000	2000			
19.	49		1	2	5				47	12	2	12	6	30	31	17	84	40	3	1				13000	3000			
20.	200	1	1	2	35	40	12	3	114	55	3	48	9	28	15	12	64	30			15	200	1	45000	8000		4500	
21.	185	12	0	3	0	4		3	193	92	8	14	14	20	21	81	136	93	103	70	80	400	1	80000	29000	600	12000	0
22.	69				7			2	60	30		15	7	15	9	14	45	38	6	2				5700			500	
23.	50	2				2		2	48	25	2		3	16		5	24							15500	5000			
#.	3857	27	7	13	431	71	50	73	3306	1263	50	411	215	452	363	452	1482	696	194	88	376	3045	6	730700	190050	7000	73957	3000
f.	3991	41	7	10	2	61	57	45	3884	1400	82	326	237	414	378	394	1424	661	105	50	515	3037	8	775845	188100	9000	67042	1456
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**.	134	14	0				7		578	137	32		22		15		12				139			45145		2000		

\# Total
f Total Last Year
* Increase
** Decrease

1. Altair Circuit, (Frank Williams)
2. Austin: St. Peter, Taylor Stewart
3. Austin: Simpson, E.J. Tanner
4. Austin: Wesley, J. Hudson Carruthers
5. Brady-San Saba, R.T. King
6. Brownwood: Emanuel, (B.E. Collte)
7. Columbus: St. Paul, C.J. Houston
8. Cuero-Yorktown, Chas. W. Smith
9. Dale-Smithville, (Conn Finley)
10. Edna-Morales, Collie J. Polk
11. El Campo Parish, (J.M. Moorland)
12. Goliad Parish, (R.L. William, Jr.)
13. Halletsville Circuit, (Joel Harris)
14. La Grange Parish, (J.C. Williams)
15. Lampasses-Llano, (S.D. Miller)
16. Lockhart: St. Mark, Mason Johnson
17. Luling-Union Hill, J.C. Greer
18. Oakland Parish, (C.L. King)
19. Port Lavaca-Placedo, L.D. Washington
20. San Marcus-Tilman, (T.R. Watkins)
21. Victoria:Webster, J.S.C. Gratton
22. Winchester Circuit, (D.R. Finch)
23. Yoakum-Shiner, (O.K. Brewster)
40. District Properties - $17,000

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1.	74	2	6	2	20	2	3		59	45	2	15	12	12	12	12	48	35	20	10	30	200	1	30000	10000	400	6500	
2.	120					12	10	13	85	80		19	11	19	10	20	60	45	3	3	29		1	35000	2205	19364		
3.	152	1	1				1	4	149	75	7	11	6	21	27	17	71	5	4		18	300	1	26500	16000		200	
4.	47				1			3	43	30			5	5	10	12	32	12			34	560	1	12000	3560			
5.	131			4		1	2		132	100		77	10	44	5	12	71	40	4	4	12	175	1	150000	10000		18000	
6.	406	6	3	4		2		1	416	330	6	196	40	188	104	50	382	300	40	4	60	108	1	178000	15000		34000	
7.	163	4	3	6	2		1		173	140	5	43	16	49	37	18	120	60	14	10	18	250	1	55000	10000		17500	1200
8.	97	3	4	8		4		1	107	75	6	37	6	12	15	21	54	35			20		1	125000	15000		60000	
9.	86		6	1	5				88	35	8	33	12	21	12	23	68	28	2	2	15	60	1	32000	3000		9000	
10.	1712	1	14	8		2		14	1719	500	14	150	50	160	150	250	610	350	20	5	200	3000	1	432000	60000	40000	15000	
11.	674	3	6	6	95	3		1	590	200	13	58	22	20	25	120	187	100	22	5	72	500	1	450000	10000	2350		
12.	72	7		7				3	83	46		9	4	4	9	7	24	16	4		33	100	1	25000	7000	500		312
13.	28	7		4	2				37	24		12	2	6	8	5	21	12	3	2	4		1	5000				
14.	91							1	90	56	6	12	6	20	11	14	51	30			9			7500	2800		2000	
15.	41	1		1				1	42	18	4	6	5	7	3	2	17	4			10		1	10000	1900		990	
16.	449						4		445	35	1		5	50	30	15	100	40	35		46	400	1	38000			3142	
17.	345		4	2				1	350	150	5	16	12	15	12	15	54	25	7		12	100	1	125000	15000		75000	
18.	1213	10	6	6	309			17	909	350	21	15	22	25	20	75	142	128	30	5	315	1196	1	150000	25000		3000	1682
19.	278	6				3		1	280	150		51	15	40	35	55	145	90	1		50	1200	1	75000	15000		15700	
20.	71	41		20	16	8	5	2	101	30	10	44	5	20	10	4	39	19	5	3				50000		9000	3705	
21.	43								43	28		23	4	11	12	57	84	4	4	7	7	65	1	9000	2500			
22.	215	6	2	1	18	4	4	5	193	125	4	84	9	20	40	34	103	50	7	4	22	386	1	85000	20000		32000	
23.	40							4	36	7		17	6	20	10	10	46	25			12	80	1	22000	15000	500		943
24.	418							2	416	75		2	9	14	18	11	52	38		2	30	15	2	42000	8000		10000	
25.	40	1						1	40	25		7	6		7	17	30	25					1	15000	5000			
26.	43	2					2		43	20	4	26	6	21	5		32	25			15	100	1	25000	5000		6500	134
27.	106								106	9		3	2	10	2	5	19	10	2					3000				
28.	59				9	8	8	1	33	10	4		10				10				8		1	10000	2300		900	
29.	134			1	17	3	9	10	96	20	11	28	5	11	17	10	43	30	5	2	15	183	1	25000	18000		5000	
40.																									18000		1000	
#.	7348	101	55	81	494	52	49	86	6904	2788	131	994	323	845	656	891	2715	1581	232	68	1096	8978	27	2247000	337965	72114	319137	4271
‡.	6586	68	34	27	56	21	30	56	6552	2609	134	1008	354	889	660	726	2612	1555	198	57	1258	8473	18	2164700	300000	84716	184193	2984
*.	762	43	21	34	438	31	19	30	352	179						165	103	26	34	11		505	9	82300	37965		134944	1287
**.											3	14	31	44	4						162					12602		

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\# Total
‡ Total Last Year
* Increase
** Decrease

1. Amarillo: Wyatt Memorial, Lloyd Willis
2. Arthur City: St. Marks, Roscoe Nunley
3. Clarksville: St. Paul, Charles Espie
4. Corsicana: St. Andrews, (Abram McGill)
5. Dallas: Crestmoore, Zan W. Holmes, Sr.
6. Dallas: Hamilton Park, Luther W. Henry
7. Dallas: Highland Hills, George Brewer
8. Dallas: Lambert, Cleo Metcalf
9. Dallas: St. Luke, (T.B. Echols; John Tatum,(Assoc.)
10. Dallas: St. Paul, Ira B. Loud
11. Dallas: Warren, J.D. Mooring
12. Denison: Haven, Ralph G. Nathan
13. Ennis: St. Delight, (W.M. Mitchell)
14. Ferris: Qualls: Lancaster, (J.R. Carruthers)
15. Ft. Worth: Cogswell, (J.L. Watley)
16. Ft. Worth: Cowen-McMillan, Saul White
17. Ft. Worth: Morningside, J. Boyd Richardson
18. Ft. Worth: St. Andrews, L.L. Haynes
19. Ft. Worth: Thompson, S.A. Keese
20. Grand Prairie: Trinity, Marshall Hodge
21. Leveland: St. Luke, (Wilbur Bledsoe)
22. Lubbock: Mt. Vernon, M.T. Reed
23. Milford-Italy Ct., (Glover Thomas)
24. Paris-Honey Grove Ct., H.M. Taylor
25. Pelham: Wesley, (J.B. Phoenix, deceased)
26. Sherman: St. James, (George L. Johnson)
27. Terrel-Rosser Ct., (Saul Espie)
28. Waxahachia: St. James, (Joseph Murphy)
29. Wichita Falls: Mt. Calvary, (J.L. Houston)
40. District Properties

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1.	46							2	44	20		25	6	11	8		25				7	24		8800	4700			
2.	66				20		3	3	40	30	9	12	4	14		14	32	25	4			1000		8000	2500			
3.	518	6	2	1	153	3	6	0	365	190	7	62	25	82	45	75	227	152	18	20	52	520	1	132000	22000		18500	
4.	54	5				1			58	34	4	9	2	9			11	3			12	134		13800				
5.	85		1		10	1		2	73	45	1	14	7	9	3	4	23	10			19	200		40000	10500		500	75
6.	74				37				37	20	1	3	4	6	7	2	19	10	2					16000				
7.	232				132				100	30	1	24	5	14	22	10	51	20	3	1	5	248		25000	10000		4799	
8.	129		2		1	2	3		125	30		23	7	22	1	22	52	22	7	2	12	220	1	20000	10000	1200	2000	200
9.	48					1	8	1	38	12		1									10	150		3000				
10.	97						1		96	45		24	6	19	6	9	40	35	4	1	11	200		16328	6000	2980	1400	698
11.	65				5				60	40	2	12	8	21	7	21	57	50	4	1	10		1	25000	15000		1000	
12.	62	1		1				2	62	25			5	7	12	8	32	15			16	40		9000	2000	7460	6600	
13.	257			1				2	255	100		41	12	42	5	8	67	55	11	5	40	175	1	50000	25000	5072		
14.	88	1							89	33		34	10	20	15		45	12	4	2	6	100	1	24090			5321	
15.	308		5	2			3	2	310	217	1	67	9	38	37	15	99	45	9	4	56	264	1	60000	10000			7709
16.	35	2	2		4				35	20	1	5	5	5	4	6	20	13	3	1	6	90		10000	4000			
17.	737	18	1	5	330	2	4	8	417	210	6	15	27	125	35	22	209	85	11	5	52	50		90000	15000	3000	12119	170
18.	144		3	2			1		148	45	6	15	6		8	1	15	23			12			31500	9700			
19.	130	12		6	10	6		3	129	35	4	8	9	8	3	3	23	10	2	4	12	300	1	18000	4000			
20.	43	2						2	43	10	1	33	5	6	8	6	25							6000	4000			
21.	1140	4	22	23		3	3	27	1156	389	9	82	19	55	45	61	180	119	15	14	100	300	1	480000	20000	10000	49957	1835
22.	56								56	15			4	8	11	22	45	11			14	75		9000	2000			
23.	181				2	19	19	1	140	80	2	43	5	22	25	12	64	10		2	10	120		60000	10000		8500	
40.																									15000			
#.	4595	51	38	40	704	58	51	55	3876	1675	55	552	190	543	307	321	1361	725	93	62	462	4210	8	1155518	201400	29712	110696	10678
£.	4987	27	17	19	206	57	64	68	4655	1774	75	490	199	455	314	346	1309	661	133	32	485	3025	10	1257928	181790	46501	118383	200
*.		24	21	21	498	1						62		88			52	64		30		1175			19610			10478
**.	392						13	13	779	99	20		9		7	25			40		14		2	102410		16789	7687	

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Total
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** Decrease

1. Beeville-Jones Chap., (T.M. Bruton)
2. Belmont Parish, (C.M. Mangrum)
3. Corpus Christi: St. Paul, C.D. Owens
4. Del Rio-Uvalde, (Harvey Kinchlow)
5. El Paso: Myrtle St., M.C. Stone
6. Floresville Parish, (C.M. Miner)
7. Gonzales Parish, H.T. Franks
8. Harlingen, (Leroy R. Welch)
9. Hondo, Antone Dykes
10. Kerrville: Burnett, T.T. Fuller
11. Kingsville: Scotts Chap., E.D. Alexander
12. Nixon-Runge Parish, (W.R. Brothers)
13. San Angelo: Wesley, S.M. Cleaver
14. San Antonio: Downs Memorial, Morris Daugherty
15. San Antonio: East St. Paul, A.S. Pitts
16. San Antonio: Ellison-Eades, (S.M. Holland)
17. San Antonio: Jacobs Chap., W.L. Harrison
18. San Antonio: Jones Chap., Joe Carter
19. San Antonio: Sanford Chap., Antone Dykes
20. San Antonio: St. Luke, (Mark Fields)
21. San Antonio: St. Paul, Lavalle Lowe, Jr.
22. Seguin: Harpers, Elmo Watson
23. Seguin: Wesley, Martin J. Walker
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1.	82	2	2				18	2	66	29		12	5		7	9	21	11	2				1	40000	4000		1755	
2.	35				9				26	11			4			17	21		17	1	6	55		10000	5000			
3.	74	1		1				1	75	45	4	18	16	9	12	8	45	29	5		9	422	1	25000	18000			
4.	95				25		11	2	57	20	2	2	16	2			18				10	18	1	25000	1000			
5.	102				37	28		2	35	45		13	8	16	8	25	57	45	20	25	15	230	1	15000	500			
6.	61				4	2			56	15		9	3	4	6	15	28	12			13	56		11000	4000			
7.	128	1			3		3	2	101	70		40	9	40	23	3	75		30		32	150	1	26250	4470		1353	
8.	165	2			45			5	117	75	3	14	10	12	14	35	71	45	60	20	21	200	1	40000	5600		450	900
9.	60	1	2		8	2		3	50	30	3	15	12	8	5	10	35	20	4	1	10	80	1	15000	5000			
10.	195	2			30	18	2	6	141	101	5	62	15	35	38	50	138	90	12	4	30	200		30000		100	500	385
11.	135			1	26		18	4	88	35	3	18	10	65	15	20	110	50	4	1	20	110	1	70000	10750			11945
12.	26								26	12			6		5	6	17	10	2					7000				
13.	81	1	2		18	2	3		61	37		15	4	12	10	10	36	18			*10	250		10000	6000			500
14.	86							1	85	25	1	2	5		2	10	17	8	2		12	40		6700	2000			
15.	195	1						4	192	120		60	20	30	45	25	120	65	9	4	50	1000	1	43500	10000	1200	10000	
16.	69			1	1	4		1	64	40	2	31	13	30	18	25	86	40	6	2	15	50		10000	1000			
17.	233	1	5	1				1	239	150		63	18	46	47	22	133	28	8	5	20	175	1	20000	12000		3000	
18.	216	2		11	29	3	1	5	191	85	8	39	12	27	19	16	74	4		3	25	563	1	2500		123		
19.	530	1	3			10	115	7	402	30	7	130	18	37	47	43	145	68	9	1	108	150	1	120000	20000			1100
20.	246	4	6	3	13	18	3	3	222	150	12	51	16	50	31	26	123	75	8	7	76	725	1	65000	7000		1950	
#.	2811	19	20	17	248	87	174	49	2294	1125	53	594	220	423	352	375	1370	618	198	74	482	4474	13	591950	116320	1423	19008	13150
£.	3524	26	17	13	7	21	65	51	3436	1346	79	659	251	530	434	433	1646	928	120	30	569	3455	9	683953	129950	7000	33004	1400
*.			3	4	241	66	109												78	44		1019	4					11750
**.	713	7						2	1142	221	26	65	31	117	82	58	384	310			87			92003	13630	5577	13996	

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\# Total
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1. Ablilene-Plum St., (R.L. Palmer)
2. Barllett Ct. (Millard Rucker)
3. Belton Ct., (Millard Rucker)
4. Georgetown Ct., (Lloyd Ferrell)
5. Groesbeck, E. M. Cooper
6. Hubbard-Hillsburo, (F.T. Smith)
7. Mart-Spring Hill, S.W. Curtis
8. Mexia:Jones, E.M. Cooper
9. Mexia: Launza Chap., R.E. Polk
10. Mexia: Union Memorial, E.C. Purnell
11. Midland: Hollowell, Harold Ashurst
12. Moody-Gatesville, (R.H. Hamilton)
13. Odessa: Mackey Chap., E.L. Spencer
14. Rocky-Cedar-Froza, (H.D. Hamilton)
15. Temple: St. James, John W. Elliott, Sr.
16. Valley Mills-Crawford, G.J. Goff
17. Waco: Bracks Chap., (W.V. Cade)
18. Waco: Mt. Zion, Roy E. Stanley
19. Waco: St. James, M.A.L. Freeman
20. Waco: Wesley, G.J. Goff

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2.	7348	101	55	81	494	52	49	86	6904	2788	131	994	323	845	656	891	2715	1581	232	68	1096	8978	27	2247000	337965	72114	319137	4271
3.	4595	51	38	40	704	58	51	55	3856	1675	55	552	190	543	307	321	1361	725	93	62	462	4210	8	1155518	201400	29712	110696	10678
4.	2811	19	20	17	248	87	174	49	2309	1125	53	594	220	423	352	375	1370	618	198	74	482	4474	13	591950	116320	1423	19008	13150
#.	18611	198	120	151	1877	268	324	263	16348	6851	289	2551	948	2263	1678	2039	6928	3620	717	292	2416	20707	54	4725168	845735	110249	522798	31099
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