

# Zion's Advocate

"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day, for they shall have the gift and power of the Holy Ghost."—I Nephi 3:187.

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## Thanks - giving Song

I heard the voice of the shouting wind  
And the voice of the threshing pines;  
I heard them sing a high song,  
A long song,  
A strong song:  
I heard the voice of the passing wind,  
And the answering voice of the pines.

I listened to the still song  
Of the tiny moss,  
The fairy moss;  
I heard the song of the cool moss,  
And its voice was small and sweet:  
    Be still,  
    Be still,  
    To learn His will;  
    Where the Master steps,  
    The green moss grows.

I listened to the wind-song,  
The high song,  
The long song:  
I listened to the old song  
That the rocking pines repeat.

But I learned the words of the still song  
Of the branching moss,  
The spangled moss;  
I learned the song of the clustered moss  
That huddles at their feet:

    Be still,  
    Be still,  
    To learn His will;  
    Where the Master steps,  
    The green moss grows.

Then I saw, in a vision, the Gardener  
Mary met by the Tomb,  
Moving, silent, through the grove,  
Speaking silence to the pines;  
And I heard the song of the velvet moss  
That grew beneath His feet:

    Be still,  
    Be still,  
    To learn His will;  
    Where the Master steps,  
    The green moss springs.

Dorothy Fern Seibel

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### EDITORIAL

Can a man by searching find out God?

The Egyptians with their magnificent and elaborate temples and dramatic and wierd rituals of worship named to themselves false gods by the thousands; and the civilization of Egypt flourished until it dominated the surrounding nations with an influence far exceeding that of its armies. But Moses alone discovered the true Jehovah in the quiet and beauty of the mountain top. In the Pantheon of Rome the assembled gods of wood and stone bolstered by the pomp and splendor of that mighty empire held sway over all the peoples and catered to the evil passions of that lustful heathen nation. But the Son of the living God and Creator of all things in heaven and earth walked the streets of a conquered people and prayed alone in the wilderness, nor had a place to lay His head; and called to himself the honest in heart who were to lay the foundation for all Christianity. Throughout the full span of history we find God speaking through a thin line of prophets, in a still small voice lost admist the thundering armies of the nations but with the steadfastness of eternity. How then can a man find out God?

Jonah found God from the belly of a great sea monster; to the three Hebrews children He came in the fiery furnace, and to Daniel in the lion's den. Pharoah found God from the throne of Egypt to his great sorrow. Others find God in the recesses of their closets or in the groves and mountain tops. But only those who, with all their hearts, seek righteousness and love the truth are permitted to know God, and none even of these can see His face; for no one can look upon God and live, so great is His majesty and brightness.

Joseph Smith found God, not in the center of one of the most fantastic revivals the world has ever seen, but under the trees in the quiet and seclusion of the forests of New York. The vision of the heavenly beings received there sent this ignorant farm lad on a course of action that had greater influence upon the world

than that of any other single individual of our times, and restored the Church of Christ to all the world.

This small, sincere people have recently met in solemn conclave upon the hallowed spot of ground which the Prophet has established through revelation as the place where the Temple will be raised to the living God and from which Christ Himself will deliver the laws of Zion to His people. Many came in prayer and fasting; all came with a sincere desire to learn the will of God and to obtain spiritual blessings at this center place, the godly land, which we all love. Those who sought God with humbleness of spirit, with full repentance, and hearts overflowing with a love of truth and righteousness found God and obtained a renewal of that peace which passes all understanding. True, there were differences of opinion as there always are when strong men and women of deep religious convictions come together to exchange views, but the spirit of love ruled; for God's Holy Spirit was in our midst and was found by all who sought Him with diligence. God is always near and can be found.

To enter that holy room where so many of the Saints have met before with God and been filled with His Spirit, to obtain a touch of that Spirit and feel the almost tangible love of the brethren is a spiritual blessing that the carnal mind cannot grasp. For this we are ever grateful; that God the Creator is mindful of His creature, and that man can, by searching, find out God.

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### NEWS NOTES

Arriving at the Conference we rejoiced to again clasp hands with many friends and loved ones from far and near. Our pleasure would have been greater but for the absence of Apostles T. J. Jordan, B. C. Flint, L. A. Gould and Tom Barton, all of whom could not be with us due to illness in their families or themselves. Our prayers and best wishes are extended to all that they may enjoy God's blessings in their behalf.

Lovita G. Seibel

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### REUNION NOTICE

The Missouri District Reunion will be held at the Joe Yates farm August 1st to 3rd. Instructions on the route to be followed will be given later. This Reunion includes all States that are in the same missionary field as Missouri. We invite all who wish to attend to make arrangements to do so.

Iretus Keeney

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### ADVOCATE NOTICE

May we urge all who have material to be published in the Advocate to be sure to have it in the hands of the Editors by the 5th of the month previous to its mailing. Example: Material for the July issue should be in the hands of the Editors by June 5. This will help us to get the paper out on time.

Material should be typewritten when possible. Please submit all typewritten material double spaced.

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The Editors

**Minutes of the Annual Ministers' Conference of the  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Convened on the  
Temple Lot, Monday, April 7, 1958  
10:00 A. M. Session**

Apostle William A. Sheldon in charge, assisted by  
Apostle William F. Anderson.

Opening Song: No. 347—Let the lower lights be  
burning.

Opening prayer by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

Scripture was read by the Chairman, which con-  
sisted of the first 16 verses of the second chapter of  
Paul's letter to the Phillipian saints.

**Chairmanship of the Conference.**

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved that the Council of  
Twelve have charge over the conference. Seconded  
by Bro. John A. Sweem. Carried.

**Secretary of the Conference.**

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that Bro. Forest Maley  
be the secretary of the conference with the power to  
choose his assistants. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola.  
Carried.

**Press Committee.**

Nominations: Marvin Ely, Archie F. Bell, Robert L.  
Maley.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that nominations  
close and these three be declared the committee. Sec-  
onded by Bro. Leslie P. Case. Carried.

**Ushers:**

Nomination: James M. Case.

Bro. John Gill moved that nominations cease and  
Brother Case be the usher with power to choose assis-  
tants. Seconded By Bro. Thomas Barton, Jr. Carried.

First reading was given to the tentative program  
recommended by the Council of Twelve.

First reading was given the ministerial report by  
Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to take up the  
tentative program of the conference and adopt or dis-  
pose of it. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon. Carried.

Upon request, the chair ruled the consideration  
would be paragraph by paragraph.

Reading of paragraph 1 revealed that the confer-  
ence had already complied and the Chair ruled that  
no action would be necessary further on this para-  
graph.

Paragraph 2 was read.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the last sentence  
of paragraph 2 be stricken out, and place in its place  
that "All other matters shall be handled according to  
the 1939 Referendum action of the church." Seconded  
by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved the previous ques-  
tion. Seconded by Bro. Thomas S. Maley. Carried.

Vote was called on the amendment. Carried.

Bro. Thomas S. Maley moved to adopt paragraph  
2 as amended. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.  
Carried.

Paragraph 3 was read.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the adoption of para-  
graph 3. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Car-  
ried.

Under "Daily Sessions" was read the paragraph  
on Sunday Services.

Bro. Ed. Podhola moved the adoption of Sunday Ser-  
vices. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Carried.

The paragraph on prayer services was read.

Bro. Ed. Podhola moved the adoption of the para-  
graph on prayer services. Seconded by Bro. John A.  
Sweem. Carried.

The paragraph on morning business sessions was  
read.

Bro. John Gill moved the adoption of the paragraph  
on morning business sessions. Seconded by Bro. Ed.  
Podhola. Carried.

The paragraph on afternoon business sessions was  
read.

Bro. Marshal T. Jamison moved to adopt the para-  
graph on afternoon business sessions. Seconded by  
Bro. John A. Sweem. Carried.

The paragraph on evening preaching was read.

Bro. Ed. Podhola moved to adopt the paragraph on  
evening preaching. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon.  
Carried.

The paragraph on proceeding according to church  
rules was read.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the recom-  
mendation on conducting business according to  
Church rules. Seconded by Bro. Harry. Hutchison  
Carried.

The Chair ruled that our action constituted the ap-  
proval of the entire document as amended, without  
further action necessary.

The Tentative Program of the Ministers' Conference  
as adopted follows:

April 6, 1958

To the Church of Christ  
Conference, Assembled  
Greetings:

The Council of Apostles here submits to you for your  
approval the following tentative program for this con-  
ference.

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM OF MINISTERS'  
CONFERENCE**

**Order of Business**

1. Selecting the presiding authority and secretaries  
of the conference.

2. The secretary shall give the first reading to mat-  
ters of business submitted to the conference by the  
Council of Apostles. All other matters shall be hand-  
led according to the 1939 Referendum action of the  
Church.

**Daily Sessions**

Sunday services will be provided by direction of  
the Council of Apostles.

1. Begin each conference day with a prayer service  
beginning at 8:30 A. M. continuing until 9:30 A. M.

2. Business session at 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 M.

3. Business session at 2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

4. Evening services begin with song service at 7:30 P. M. and preaching at 8:00 P. M.

All business to be conducted according to the rules of order adopted by the church.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed) William A. Sheldon, Sec'y.  
Council of Apostles

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved to adjourn to 2:00 P. M. Seconded by Bro. Thomas S. Maley. Carried.

Closing song: No. 81—Lord at this closing hour.

Closing prayer by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson.

**Minutes of the Conference, April 7, 1958**  
**2:00 P. M. Session**

Apostle Wm. F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle Arthur M. Smith.

Opening Song: No. 351—Come ye that love the Lord.

As a scripture reading, the chairman read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

The following documents were given first reading:

1. Ministerial report of Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.
2. Ministerial report of Apostle Don W. Housnecht.
3. Ministerial report of Apostle E. Leon Yates.
4. Ministerial report of Elder L. V. Aldridge.
5. Ministerial report of Apostle R. R. Robertson.
6. Recommendation of the Twelve on referendum balloting.
7. Recommendations of the Bishops on the Business Manager.
8. Petition of the General Sunday School Association for time.

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved that the Sunday School document be referred to the Council of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Lost.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to approve the request of the Sunday School Association, for the time from 10:00 A. M. to 12:00 Wednesday. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation of the Bishopric; it follows:

Independence, Missouri  
April 6, 1958

To the Conference  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
Independence, Missouri  
Greetings:

The General Bishopric recommends to the conference that Bishop Vance H. Harris be the Business Manager for the coming year.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the long hours of splendid work accomplished by Brother Harris as the Business Manager in past years.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.  
Sec'y. of the General Bishopric

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we approve the recommendation that Bro. Harris be the Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation of the Twelve on referendum balloting. Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved to adopt the recommendation on referendum balloting.

Seconded by Bro. John Gill.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend the recommendation by adding "This resolution in no wise alters nor interferes with the People's Conference provision of the referendum. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion to adopt the document on referendum balloting as amended. Carried.

The recommendation of the Twelve on referendum balloting as amended and adopted follows:

April 6, 1958

The Conference of the  
Church of Christ, Assembled  
Greetings:

The following document has been approved by the Council of Apostles, and we herewith offer it for your consideration and approval.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed) William A. Sheldon  
Sec'y. Council of Apostles

1. Whereas the present system of sending out the referendum ballots to the church for their vote, in the form of a supplement to Zion's Advocate, has not proved to be satisfactory, and since, throughout the years, this system has never given us more than a very small per cent of the real vote of the people of the church; and, Whereas we are admonished in the Book of Mormon, "Therefore, this shall ye observe and make it your law to do your business by the voice of the people" (Mosiah 13:36); therefore, that more people (members of the church) may be brought into closer touch with the church, and may be encouraged to be more active in response to the referendum ballots sent out to the church for their vote; and, that we may be assured that more of our members receive these ballots, other than the few subscribers to the Advocate, be it

2. Resolved, that from now on, all ballots sent out by the Conference to the people of the Church of Christ, shall either be printed or mimeographed in such a way and form that they may be sent out to the members of the Church as first class mail.

3. Missionaries in charge of fields, and the pastor and secretary of each local shall, upon adoption of this amendment to the referendum rules, send, to the General Church Recorder, the names and addresses of all members in their locality, or scattered members affiliated with them, to be made available to the Referendum Committee in sending out ballots. Ballots shall be sent to all scattered members, as far as information may be available from the Recorder's records.

4. Be it further resolved, that these ballots shall not be promiscuously distributed to individuals for the purpose of passing them on to others to vote on. If missionaries in their fields find members who have not received a ballot, they shall forward the names and addresses of said members to the Referendum Committee.

5. Be it further resolved, that the General Church Recorder, shall, at the earliest date possible, set up and establish a mailing list of the scattered members of the Church, and their addresses; this list to be divided by states. Such lists to be available to the missionary traveling in the various states so listed; and it shall become the duty of the ministry through the whole Church, to send to the General Church Recorder all names and addresses of all saints who have not been recorded, or who may have changed their address very recently.

6. All former action in conflict with this document is hereby rescinded.

7. This resolution in no wise alters nor interferes with the Peoples Conference provision of the referendum.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that this document on referendum balloting as amended be sent out to referendum as Bill No. 1. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Carried 38 to 0 with only the ministry voting.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that 5:00 P. M., April 8, 1958 shall be the time limit for the introduction of new business. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

There being no further business on the table at this time the Chair ruled that the body would proceed with the election of officers and committees.

**Election of Officers and Committees.  
General Church Secretary.**

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that Bro. Forest Maley succeed himself as General Church Secretary. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

**General Church Recorder.**

Nominations: James M. Case.

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved to defer action on the General Church Recorder until Quorum of Twelve complete their action relative to this matter. Seconded by Bro. R. R. Robertson. Carried.

**General Church Chorister.**

Nominations: Marion D. Sprague.

There being no further nominations the body voted to accept Sr. Sprague.

First reading was given a resolution on a guide of doctrine.

**Editor of Zion's Advocate.**

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that it be the sense of this conference that it is unwise, because of their missionary and temporal responsibilities, that any member of the Council of Twelve or the General Bishopric should serve as the Editor, or a member of the Editorial Staff, or as a member of the Board of Publications, other than that the Business Manager of the Church shall act as a member of the Board of Publications. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

This proposal was discussed at some length, many taking part. Vote was called and the motion lost 22 to 31.

Nominations were opened:

Ed McIndoo—11

Robert L. Maley—14

Wm. A. Sheldon—declined

Lois Harris—declined

Harvey Seibel, Sr.—26

Nicholas F. Denham—declined

Tom Maley—declined

Voting as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., as Editor of the Zion's Advocate.

**Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate.**

Nominations:

Ed McIndoo

Loveta Seibel—declined

Harvey Seibel, Jr.

Metta Anderson—declined

Archie F. Bell—declined

Lois Harris—declined

E. Leon Yates—declined

L. V. Aldridge—declined

Marvin Ely—declined

Caroline Hedrick—declined

Marion D. Sprague—declined

Clarence Thompson—declined

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved to adjourn to 10:00 A. M., tomorrow. Seconded by Bro. Byron Wentworth. Carried.

Closing Song: No. 14—Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Closing prayer by Bro. Arthur M. Smith.

**Minutes of the Conference, April 8, 1958  
10:00 A. M. Session**

Apostle William F. Anderson in charge assisted by Apostle Arthur M. Smith.

Opening Song: No. 175—Guide us Oh thou great Jehovah.

Opening prayer by Apostle Arthur M. Smith.

The Chairman read for a scripture the entire 19th Psalm.

The minutes of April 7, 1958—10:00 A. M. session were read and voted to stand approved as read.

The following matters were given a first reading:

1. Letter from Elder Asa Grinstead.

2. Recommendation of the Twelve on conference minutes.

3. Request of the United Workers for time.

4. Ministerial report of Apostle Leon A. Gould.

**Election of Officers**—continued.

**Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate:**

Nominations standing at end of previous session are as follows:

Ed McIndoo

Harvey Seibel, Jr.

Further nominations:

Kenneth J. Smith

Metta Anderson

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved to defer action on the election of the Associate Editors until we have the referendum matter pertaining to it read. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that Bro. Archie F. Bell and Bro. Forest Maley be the committee to look up the record of the editorial policy and report to the next session of the conference. Seconded by Sr. Marion D. Sprague. Carried.

**Dining Hall Committee:**

Nominations:

Minnie Smith—declined  
 Lois Harris—declined  
 Gladys Nast—declined  
 Silva Rudd—declined  
 Katherine Matthews  
 Irene Maley—declined  
 Byron Wentworth  
 Bertha Case—declined  
 Edna Smith—declined  
 Doris Sheldon—declined  
 Velma Wheaton—declined  
 Forest Maley—declined  
 LeRoy Wheaton—declined  
 Leslie P. Case

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that nominations cease and these three be declared the Dining Hall Committee. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried. This resulted in the election of Sr. Katherine Matthews and Brethren Byron Wentworth and Leslie P. Case.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the Dining Hall Committee be authorized to solicit funds throughout the Church and from the General Bishopric to carry on the work of the Dining Hall. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that we give Sr. Smith and those associated with her in this Dining Hall work a rising vote of thanks. Seconded by Bro. Vance H. Harris. Carried unanimously by standing vote.

#### Reception Committee

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to change the name of the Reception Committee, be changed to "Reception and Housing Committee, and that the names of the committee members and their addresses be published along with the notice from the committee so that people know who to write to; to arrange for housing. Seconded by Bro. James M. Case. Carried.

Nominations:

Vance H. Harris—41  
 Denver Chapman—51  
 Marvin M. Case—43  
 Nicholas F. Denham—52

The Chair declared nominations closed and the vote was taken with the above noted count, resulting in the election of Brethren Denver Chapman, Marvin M. Case and Nicholas F. Denham.

#### Auditing Committee

Nominations:

James M. Case—37  
 Marvin M. Case—15

The voting resulted in the election of Bro. James M. Case, for three years, the other members being Bro. Leslie P. Case (2) and Bro. Rolland D. Sprague (1).

#### Referendum Committee

Nominations:

Nicholas F. Denham—23  
 Kenneth J. Smith—24  
 Marvin M. Case—6

The voting resulted in the election of Bro. Kenneth J. Smith, for three years, the other members being Bro. Denver Chapman (2) and Sr. Ora Derry (1).

#### Relations Committee

Nominations: Arthur M. Smith

There being no further nominations, the body voted to elect Bro. Arthur M. Smith to a three year term, the other members being Bro. E. Leon Yates (2) and Bro. Leon A. Gould (1).

#### Board of General Church Historians

Nominations:

Archie F. Bell—26  
 Nicholas F. Denham—4  
 Robert L. Maley—17  
 Alexander M. Smith—9

Voting resulted in the election of Bro. Archie F. Bell for three years, the other members being Bro. Arthur M. Smith (2) and Bro. LeRoy Whetaton (1).

#### Library Board

Nominations:

Leslie P. Case—20 revoted to 30  
 Richard A. Wheaton—17  
 Arthur M. Smith—20 revoted to 26

Voting resulted in the election of Bro. Leslie P. Case for three years, the other members being Bro. Vance H. Harris (2) and Bro. James M. Case (1).

#### Board of Publications

Nominations:

Leslie P. Case—28  
 Thomas S. Maley—25  
 Forest Maley—declined  
 Robert L. Maley—31  
 Kenneth J. Smith—31

Voting resulted in the election of Brethren Robert L. Maley and Kenneth J. Smith for three years, the other members being Brethren Leon A. Gould (2) and Arthur M. Smith (2). The Business Manager is the fifth member and chairman of this Board.

#### Archeological and Visual Aids Committee

Nominations:

Fernando Ojeda  
 Harold B. Schultz

Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Jr., moved that the nominations cease and these two be elected for three year terms. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried. The other members of this committee are Brethren Robert L. Maley (2), Oren Caviness (2), E. J. McIndoo (1) and Forest Maley (1).

The Chairman ruled the session to stand adjourned.

Closing Song: No. 293—Unto God who knows our every weakness.

Closing prayer by Bro. Arthur M. Smith.

#### Minutes of the Conference, April 8, 1958

##### 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge assisted by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

Opening Song: No. 295—Jesus I my cross have taken.

Opening prayer by Apostle R. R. Robertson.

The Chair read a scripture from Luke 12:41.

The following documents were given a first reading:

1. Ministerial report of Apostle B. C. Flint.
2. Resolution on a delegate type conference.
3. Resolutions on an Elder's type conference.

Bro. Forest Maley reported for the committee to look up referendum material on the Editorial policy of the Advocate, which consisted of Bill No. 7 of the 1939 referendum.

Nominations were continued on the Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate as follows:

Nominations:

Marion Sprague—declined

Richard A. Wheaton—29

Marvin M. Case—27

Ora B. Derry—30

Nominations standing from previous sessions:

Ed. J. McIndoo—2

Harvey Seibel, Jr.—2

Metta Anderson—30

Voting resulted in the election of Sr. Ora B. Derry and Sr. Metta Anderson as Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the Advocate be sent out to every member of the Church without charge and that the subscription rate for non-members remain at \$1.50 or \$1.75 for Canada, and that we solicit offerings from the membership at large to support the publication of Zion's Advocate. Seconded by Bro. Alexander M. Smith.

After considerable discussion the vote was called and motion carried 20 to 24.

Communications from the United Workers was given second reading:

Independence, Missouri  
April 8, 1958

To the Conference Assembled  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

Greetings:

The General United Workers Organization requests that the afternoon session beginning at 2 o'clock on Thursday, April 10, 1958, be allotted for its annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed) Lois Harris  
Secretary

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved that this request of the United Workers be granted. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Second reading was given the recommendation of the Twelve on the minutes:

To the Church of Christ  
Conference, Assembled  
April 7, 1958

Greetings:

The Council of Apostles recommends that the full conference minutes, as approved, be submitted for publication in the Zion's Advocate.

Respectfully submitted,  
(signed) William A. Sheldon  
Sec'y. Council of Apostles

Bro. Harry Hutchinson moved to adopt the recommendation of the Twelve on the minutes. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that all ministerial reports, committee reports, auditor's report or any other reports be printed in a separate section at the close of the minutes, by the secretary of the conference. Seconded by Bro. Vance H. Harris.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion on printing reports. Carried 26 to 22.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to adjourn now and hold the secretary's table open until 5:00 P. M. to receive

new business. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

Closing prayer by Bro. R. R. Robertson.

### Minutes of the Conference, April 9, 1958 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle R. R. Robertson in charge, assisted by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

Opening Song: No. 151—Dear to the heart of the Shepherd.

Opening prayer by Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton.

The Chairman read for a scripture lesson Matthew 7:1-20.

The minutes of April 7, 1958—2:00 P. M. were read and ruled to stand approved as read.

The following documents were given a first reading:

1. The Auditor's report.
2. Report of the General Church Recorder.
3. Ministerial report of Elder James M. Case.
4. Recommended budget.

5. Recommendations of the Joint Council on two bishops and the caretaker. Bro. Vance H. Harris moved that we read and consider the matter on a delegate conference. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried 29 to 20.

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved to take from the table and consider with the view of adoption the resolution on delegate conference. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson.

The resolution on a delegate conference was presented and examined by the sponsor Bro. Arthur M. Smith.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the resolution for a delegate conference be laid on the table. Seconded by Bro. Vance H. Harris. Carried 29 to 24.

Brother Clarence L. Wheaton moved to take from the table the resolution on an Elders' conference and adopt it. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

The resolution on an Elders' conference was presented and examined by the sponsor Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that this matter of an Elders' conference be laid on the table. Seconded by Bro. Thomas S. Maley.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved to adjourn. Seconded. Lost 14 against a great majority.

Vote was called on the motion to table. Carried, 31 to 17.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that the deadline for the introduction of business from the Council of Twelve, the Bishops and committees be 5:00 P. M. Friday and that vacancies and appointments not provided for by then by that time be reinstated on the same basis of the preceding year, and that the adjournment of this conference shall be by midnight, April 12, 1958. Seconded by Bro. Thomas S. Maley.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the previous question on the motion before us. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion for deadline of business and adjournment. Carried 41 to 7.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved to adjourn to 10:00 A. M. tomorrow. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Carried.

Closing prayer by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton.



## A Resolution To Change Our Present System of Conducting Our General Conference

### Preamble

Whereas, our present system of conducting our General Conference as a ministers' conference has proven to be both confusing and unsatisfactory and has never given satisfactory results, but has engendered bitterness and discouragement among the people of the Church, and

Whereas, this present system is neither practical, nor just;

Therefore, be it resolved that the present system of a Ministers' Conference be abolished, and discontinued, and that henceforth, the General Conference of the Church of Christ shall be known as a Delegate Conference, and shall be conducted as follows:

### CONFERENCES

The General Conference of the Church of Christ shall convene April 6, at 10 A. M., in the upper auditorium of the Church of Christ building on the Temple Lot, Independence, Missouri, with the Council of Twelve in charge.

No. 1. The conference shall consist of those holding the Melchisedek priesthood, and properly selected and chosen delegates from the local churches of the Church of Christ.

No. 2. Delegates shall be chosen on a basis of, one delegate for every six members, or fraction of three or more. No delegate shall be empowered to cast more than three votes. (Example: If a local shall be entitled to three delegates, and only one delegate can be present, the one delegate may be empowered to cast all three votes; if he be so authorized by the Secretary and Pastor of the local church which he represents.)

No. 3. Delegates may be chosen from the priesthood or lay members in good standing. No person shall be permitted to represent more than one local or group.

No. 4. For the purpose of choosing delegates, scattered members should register their membership with the local nearest them, or where there are six scattered members meeting together, they may send delegates in harmony with Article No. 2, if they send a list of names and addresses of members meeting in their group.

No. 5. All those holding the Melchisedek priesthood have the right, by their calling and ordination, to represent the church in all the world. They therefore shall have the rights and privileges of the conference floor and their exofficio vote.

No. 6. An Apostle shall not be selected as a delegate at any time, except it shall be to represent a local church in a foreign land. (All countries outside of the borders of the United States shall be defined as foreign lands.)

No. 7. Local churches in foreign lands may select delegates from the ministry or membership of the church, who they know will be present at the conference, and they shall have full power to instruct such delegates upon all measures presented to the conference of which they shall have pre-conference knowledge.

No. 8. Any Elder or Apostle accepting an appointment as a delegate shall forfeit his exofficio vote.

### (a) Duties of Local Churches

1. It shall be the duty of all locals to send names of the members of their church to the General Church Recorder, to be used by the Credentials Committee. If they have scattered members on their records, they shall send their names and addresses. **If they do not have the addresses of the scattered members, they are not to be counted.**

No. 2. All lists of names and lists of delegates are to be sent to the General Church Recorder by March 1, each year. These lists are to be checked by the Credentials Committee for accuracy.

No. 3. Each local church shall hold a business meeting for the selection and instruction of their delegates, prior to February 1, each year. The meeting should be announced at least two weeks before it is held.

No. 4. In case a local church cannot send a delegate. Upon request from them, to the Council of Twelve, the Council shall have power to appoint a substitute delegate for them, using their preference if possible, of their first, second and third choices.

### (b) Credentials

No. 1. Each delegate shall bring credentials from his local church, stating the number of delegate votes the local is entitled to and how many of them are allocated to him. These shall be presented to the Credentials Committee.

No. 2. The Council of Twelve shall appoint a committee of three, before each conference, to act as a Credentials Committee. Their duties shall be: To examine all credentials and exofficios; to see that each exofficio's or delegate's name and number of votes are properly listed.

No. 3. It shall be the duty of each Elder to see that his name is properly filed with the Credentials Committee so his exofficio vote may be established.

### (c) General Procedures

No. 1. All members of the church in good standing, shall have the right to introduce measures for the conference's consideration, ask questions, make motions or discuss any question before the house. They shall not have the right to vote except they are a delegate to this conference.

No. 2. Every local church shall have the right to instruct their delegate upon all measures known to them before conference convenes. A copy of such instructions must be sent to the General Church Secretary previous to the OPENING OF CONFERENCE.

No. 3. Should the delegate be absent at the time the vote is cast, the General Church Secretary shall be authorized to cast the vote for such a delegate in harmony with the instructions received from the Secretary of his local church.

No. 4. Every local church shall have the right to send to the conference any bill or proposed measure. If sent by a majority vote of the local by its Secretary; such a measure shall be presented to the conference without change or alteration, except the local grants to the conference the right to modify without changing the intent of the bill.

### (d) General Procedures

No. 1. Any measure may be sent out for referendum by a majority vote of the conference.

No. 2. Any measure defeated upon the conference



floor may be resubmitted to the conference, for the purpose of sending it out for a referendum vote of the whole church, it is to be sent out as a minority bill, by a petition signed by ten members who attended the session in which the measure was defeated. **If such a petition shall receive a one-third vote of the conference, it shall be sent out as a minority bill.**

No. 3. All measures of a permanent nature coming before conference, other than those covered in Article (d) 4. must receive a two-thirds majority to carry, failing to do so but receiving a simple majority, it must be sent out for referendum vote. **Selection of Apostles, or Bishops shall be considered of a permanent nature and must be sent out for referendum vote.**

No. 4. Any measure which changes or modifies the beliefs or organic structure of the church **must be sent out for the referendum vote of the whole church.**

No. 5. All matters sent to referendum shall be prepared in ballot form and sent by mail to all the churches, and to the scattered members as far as they are recorded with their address, and the return votes shall be tabulated by the referendum committee by midnight, September 1.

No. 7. Rules governing the referendum shall be the same as those already adopted, except as modified by these rules touching the same.

#### (e) Filling of Vacancies—Election of Officers

No. 1. The conference shall have full authority to transact all business necessary for the operation of the general church, appoint all committees, fill all vacancies in quorums in harmony with Article (d) 3; also full authority to approve all fields of labor including the representative in the general church office, appoint the editor of the general church periodical, Business Manager and care for all routine work necessary to the operation of the general church.

No. 2. All officers and standing committees elected by the conference shall take office the first of the month following the adjournment of that body.

No. 3. Filling of vacancies in the Council of Twelve, or General Bishops, shall become effective as soon as approved by the Referendum of the whole church.

No. 4. Ordinations of those called to the priesthood at the conference shall be deferred until approved by the missionary in charge of the field where the one called lives, or in which they have membership.

#### (f) Program for Conference Business Sessions

The opening session shall convene at 10 o'clock A. M. and shall be for the purpose of organizing the conference as follows:

No. 1. Organization of Conference—Selection of chorister, ushers, press committee.

No. 2. At the opening of each conference the secretary shall announce what locals and what groups have reported and the name of delegates representing same.

No. 3. The presiding authority of the conference shall be the Council of Twelve; they to preside in turn as the Council may direct.

No. 4. The General Church Secretary and the Assistant General Church Secretary shall act as secretaries of the conference with power to choose assistants as needed.

No. 4. Reading of the daily order of meetings as outlined by the Council of Twelve subject to the approval of the conference.

No. 5. The remaining time of the first session before the noon adjournment, shall be used for prayer, testimony and devotional service.

#### (g) Order of Daily Conference Sessions Except Sundays

The second and succeeding morning business sessions shall be held from 10 A. M. to 12 Noon, daily, and shall be conducted as follows:

No. 1. Opening, with appropriate song, prayer and scriptural reading.

No. 2. Reading and approving the minutes of the previous session. (The minutes of the final session shall be approved by the Council of Twelve in their post-conference meetings.)

No. 3. Reading the slate of all business to come before that session of conference; first, unfinished business; second, new business.

#### Legislation

New legislation shall be disposed of by an orderly discussion before the conference as follows:

No. 1. First Reading: At the first reading the sponsor, if present, or his representative, may without motion or vote set forth the reasons for introducing the resolution, and the object to be attained.

No. 2. Second Reading: At the second reading, the document shall be entertained according to the rules of parliamentary practice and be open for discussion. When discussion has reached the point where the document, or that growing out of it which may have been formulated in lieu thereof, has been analyzed, it is to be put to a final vote unless otherwise ordered by the assembly.

No. 3. Should the foregoing rules and regulations governing the Conference of the Church of Christ become effective, by the referendum vote, they may thereafter be altered, changed or modified, only by submitting proposed changes to a referendum of the whole church.

The General Bishopric  
and  
The Ministers' Conference  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
Independence, Missouri

At the request of your Auditing Committee, consisting of Mr. R. D. Sprague, Mrs. Dorothy Denham and Mr. J. M. Case, I have made an examination of the books of account of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot), maintained by Mr. Vance H. Harris, Business-Manager, for the period from March 16, 1957 to February 28, 1958 and present herewith my report including the following statements:

#### EXHIBIT A

Statement of Cash Receipts and Expenditures for the period ended February 28, 1958.

#### SCHEDULE I

Family Allowances for eleven months ended February 28, 1958.

These statements are subject to the following comments:

#### Cash Receipts and Expenditures—Exhibit A

The verification of cash receipts was confined to comparing data on the carbon copies of the receipts issued by the Business Manager with the correspond-

ing entries in the cash book and tracing deposits of equivalent totals (except for undeposited cash on hand) to the bank statements. It was not possible to verify by actual count, the undeposited cash of \$189.20 due to the lapse of time. The Business Manager gave me a signed statement setting forth that this amount was on hand at February 28, 1958 and that it was subsequently included in deposits to the bank. Since deposits do not cover specific receipts, as such, I have relied upon the signed statement without further verification of this amount.

All disbursements were by checks which contain information regarding the nature of the disbursements. Thus each check, when endorsed by the payee, constituted a receipt for the purpose indicated thereon. The checks were signed jointly by the Business Manager and the Secretary of the Bishopric. Verification consisted of examining the checks paid by the bank and comparing them with the cash book entries.

On May 15, 1957 a Building Fund savings account was opened with the First National Bank of Independence, Missouri, by the transfer of \$2,683.50 from the General Fund bank account. This amount represented \$2,000.00, \$370.00 and \$313.50 from the Equities of the General Fund, Building Fund and Vault Fund respectively. Subsequent to this transfer, receipts for the General Fund, Building Fund and Temple Fund have been deposited in the three accounts so designated respectively. A contribution of \$20.00 for "Home for the Aged" has been deposited in the General Fund bank account. A contribution of \$10.00 received for the Dining Hall was remitted to the Dining Hall Committee. This receipt and the off-setting remittance are not shown on Exhibit A.

The fact that the books were closed on February 28, 1958, whereas for the preceding year they were closed on March 15, resulted in less than a full twelve month's receipts and expenditures being included in this report.

General Fund expenditures exceeded the receipts by \$2,773.11 as shown on Exhibit A and the following summary:

	Receipts	Expenditures	Excess of Receipts or Expenditures
Advocate .....	\$ 375.00	\$ 1,636.62	(\$1,261.62)
Books and Tracts.....	394.66	2,343.10	( 1,948.44)
All Other .....	19,753.16	19,316.21	436.95
Total.....	\$20,522.82	\$23,295.93	(\$2,773.11)

The expenditures for books and tracts included \$500.00 for 500 copies of the Saint's Hymnal and \$1,750.10 for 1,042 copies of the Book of Mormon. The Business Manager estimated that there was an inventory of these two items of approximately \$1,820.00 at February 28, 1958.

In addition to the cash balances shown, the only other assets recorded on the books are real estate and equipment at nominal values.

The books are kept on a cash basis. We were informed by the Business Manager that there were no unpaid bills at the close of the period.

Your attention is directed to the fact that the Temple Fund cash is carried in a checking account and draws no interest!

The Cash Balances and Fund Equities (excluding real estate and equipment) are shown on the last line of Exhibit A.

**General**

Fire and Extended Coverage insurance is carried in the amount of \$12,000.00 on the church building and \$3,000.00 on the contents. A fidelity bond is carried on the Business Manager.

The books were well kept and full cooperation was accorded me by the Business Manager and the Auditing Committee.

I shall be glad to furnish any additional information that may be required.

Independence, Missouri

April 8, 1958

AMOS E. ALLEN

Certified Public Accountant

**Schedule I**

**CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)  
Family Allowances For Eleven Months Ended  
February 28, 1958**

Mrs. L. V. Aldridge .....	\$ 880.00
Mrs. W. F. Anderson.....	880.00
Mrs. A. F. Bell.....	880.00
Mrs. J. M. Case.....	880.00
Mrs. B. C. Flint.....	880.00
Mrs. L. A. Gould.....	800.00
Mrs. D. W. Housknecht.....	2,505.00
Mrs. T. J. Jordan.....	880.00
Mrs. R. R. Robertson.....	880.00
Mrs. W. A. Sheldon.....	1,345.00
Mrs. A. M. Smith.....	880.00
Mrs. J. A. Sweem.....	640.00
Mrs. C. L. Wheaton, Sr.....	880.00
Mrs. E. L. Yates.....	400.00

Total to Exhibit A.....\$13,610.00

**Minutes of the Conference, April 10, 1958  
10:00 A. M. Session**

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton in charge assisted by Apostle Archie F. Bell.

Opening Song: No. 76—Sovereign and transforming grace.

Opening Prayer by Apostle Archie F. Bell.

The following documents were given a first reading:

1. Recommended missionary appointments.

2. Recommendation of the Twelve on the General Church Recorder.

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague moved to call up from the table and adopt the document on a guide for doctrine. Seconded by Bro. Robert L. Maley.

Bro. Thomas S. Maley moved that we table this matter until after other matters are taken care of. Seconded by Bro. John Gill. Carried.

First reading was given the report on the General Sunday School Association.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that we approve the General Church Recorder's report. Seconded by Bro. Thos. E. Barton, Jr. Carried. (See this report in full at the end of the minutes.)

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved that the Auditor's Report be approved. Seconded by Bro. L. V. Aldridge.

Bro. Thomas S. Maley moved as a substitute we turn down this Auditor's Report and send it back until we can get complete information. Seconded by Bro. John Gill.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that this matter of a substitute motion be laid on the table. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried 29 to 11.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved that the previous question on the motion to adopt the Auditor's Report. Seconded. Carried 34 to 11.

Voted was called on approving the Auditor's Report. Carried 35 to 21.

The Chair ruled the session to stand adjourned.

Closing prayer by Bro. Archie F. Bell.

(See the Auditor's report in full at the end of the minutes.)

### Minutes of the Conference, April 10, 1958

#### 3:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Archie F. Bell in charge assisted by Apostle E. Leon Yates.

Opening Song: No. 64—Great God, as followers of thy Son.

Opening prayer by Apostle E. Leon Yates.

The Chairman read as a scripture lesson I Corinthians 13:1-7.

The minutes of April 8, 1958—10:00 A. M. Session were read, corrected, and ruled to stand as corrected.

First reading was given a document from the Twelve containing a further recommendation from the Council of Apostles.

The Chairman ruled that unless objected to, the Council of Twelve would be allowed to withdraw the name of Vance H. Harris as General Church Recorder. No objections.

This action brought before the body the matter of filling the office of General Church Recorder which had been deferred to this time. In harmony with the recommendation of the Twelve, Bro. Wm. Sheldon, Secretary, nominated Sr. Lois Harris for the office of General Church Recorder.

#### General Church Recorder:

Nominations: James M. Case, 11; Lois Harris, 43.

Bro. Harry Hutchinson moved that nominations cease. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Vote was called with the above noted count, resulting in the election of Sr. Lois Harris.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved to approve the recommendation of the Twelve on setting up a proper recording system in the office by Bro. Vance H. Harris. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Since the recommendation of the Twelve also touched the office of General Church Representative, that matter which had been delayed to this time came up for consideration.

#### General Church Representative in the General Office:

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved that the General Church Representatives in the General office be left to the appointment by the Council of Apostles. Seconded by Sr. Doris Sheldon.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved as a substitute that we abolish the office of General Church Representative in

the General Office. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

This matter was discussed at some length, many taking part.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion to abolish. Lost 26 to 34.

Vote was called on the motion on General Representative. Carried 35 to 36.

Two communications from the Council of Twelve thus acted upon now as follows: The use of parentheses ( ) indicate the matter the body allowed the Twelve to withdraw:

April 9, 1958

To the Church of Christ  
Conference, Assembled

Greetings:

The Council of Apostles makes the following recommendations:

(1. That Bro. Vance Harris be the Recorder of the Church for the conference year 1958-59, with power to choose assistants.)

2. That the General Church Representative in the General Office be left to appointment by the Council of Apostles.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) William A. Sheldon  
Council of Apostles

### Minutes of Conference, April 10, 1958

#### 3:00 P. M.

April 19, 1958

To the Church of Christ  
Conference, Assembled

Greetings:

The Council of Apostles herewith request your permission to withdraw its recommendation relative to the office of General Church Recorder.

We have since been informed by Bro. Harris of his unwillingness to accept the position.

In lieu of this, we recommend that Sr. Lois Harris be placed in the Recorder's office.

We further recommend that in as much as Bro. Vance Harris is in charge of the office, that he be authorized to set up a proper recording system.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) William A. Sheldon  
Secretary Council of Apostles

The Chair ruled upon request that anything ordered by this conference that doesn't go out for referendum is just a yearly matter.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved to take up the missionary appointments. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Sr. Edna Smith moved to amend the motion by adding "one at a time". Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

Vote was called on the motion to amend. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion as amended. Carried.

The missionary appointments recommended by the Council of Apostles was given second reading:

April 9, 1958

To the Church of Christ  
Conference, Assembled  
Greetings:

The Council of Apostles recommends the following missionary fields of appointment for the conference year 1958-59:

Apostle William F. Anderson to be appointed as missionary at large.

Apostle Leon A. Gould to be appointed to Minnesota, Montana, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Apostle T. J. Jordan to be appointed to Canada (West of a line between Manitoba and Ontario), British Columbia and Alaska.

Apostle A. M. Smith to be appointed to Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas.

Apostle B. C. Flint to be appointed to Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Upper Michigan, and Wisconsin. (Associated with Apostle William A. Sheldon).

Apostle R. R. Robertson to be appointed to Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia.

Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to be appointed as provided by the conference last year, and "inasmuch as the 1957 conference approved of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton going to the Holy Land (Palestine) for three years in accord with the joint council recommendation, if this conference approves of this appointment it made, we the Council of Twelve assure you that he will go with our blessing and the support of our prayers."

Apostle T. E. Barton to be appointed to labor as circumstances may permit.

Apostle A. F. Bell to be appointed to Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, Northern California, Idaho, Oregon, Wyoming, Utah and Washington.

Apostle E. L. Yates to be appointed to Arizona, Colorado, Southern California and Mexico.

Apostle D. W. Housknecht to be appointed to Massachusetts, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, Delaware, and Canada (East of line between Manitoba and Ontario).

Apostle William A. Sheldon to be appointed to Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Upper Michigan, and Wisconsin. (Associated with Apostle B. C. Flint).

Elder L. V. Aldridge, of the Seventy, to be appointed to labor under the direction of Apostle A. M. Smith.

Elder J. M. Case to be appointed to labor as circumstances permit in the states of Missouri and Kansas under the direction of Apostle A. F. Bell.

Elder Fernando Ojeda, of the Seventy, to be appointed to Mexico under direction of Apostle E. L. Yates.

Priest Cayetano Alfaro to be appointed to Mexico under the direction of Apostle E. L. Yates, under the provisions made by the Joint Council of Apostles and General Bishopric.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) William A. Sheldon  
Secretary Council of Apostles

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved that the missionary appointment of Bro. Anderson be approved. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Seilbel. Carried.

Bro. Harry Hutchison moved that we concur in the recommendation of the missionary appointment of Bro. Leon A. Gould. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock. Carried.

Time for adjournment arrived and Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to continue to 5:30 p. m. or until the cooks notify us that the evening meal is ready. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Thomas S. Maley moved that we accept the missionary appointment of Bro. T. J. Jordan. Seconded by Bro. Harry Hutchinson. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve the missionary appointment of Bro. A. M. Smith. Seconded by Bro. George Brantner.

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague raised objections to approving the missionary appointment of Bro. A. M. Smith at this time.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the appointment of Brother A. M. Smith be deferred until this matter is straightened out. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Motion lost with the Chair breaking the tie vote of 20 to 29.

Vote was called on the appointment of Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried, 30 to 23.

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved that the missionary appointment of Bro. B. C. Flint to be approved. Seconded by Bro. John Gill. Carried.

Bro. D. Ray Bryant moved that the missionary appointment of Bro. R. R. Robertson be approved. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Bro. Harold B. Schultz moved that this recommendation of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton's missionary appointment be disapproved and that all authorization and approval for this mission be rescinded. Seconded by Bro. Vance H. Harris.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved as a substitute that this appointment be approved and Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton be sent to Palestine. Seconded by Sr. Shepherd.

The matter of foreign missions and finances was discussed at length.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved to adjourn to the 10:00 A. M. session tomorrow. Seconded by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson.

Sr. Doris Sheldon moved to amend the motion by making it 7:30 tonight. Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Lost.

Motion was called on the motion to adjourn. Carried.

Closing prayer by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

#### Minutes of the Conference, April 11, 1958

##### 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Archie F. Bell in charge assisted by Apostle E. Leon Yates.

Opening song: No. 121—Bless be thou, O God of Israel.

Opening prayer by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

The Chairman read for a scripture lesson Revelation 3:18 to end of chapter.

The minutes of April 8, 1958—2:00 P. M. session was read and ruled to stand approved as read.

Discussion was resumed revolving around missionary appointment of Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton to Palestine for three years.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton asked and was granted

by the chair the right that before a vote would be called on a previous question for a closing speech.

Bro. Loren Bryant asked and was granted by the chairman the privilege of having the body kneel in a season of prayer before the vote would be taken.

Adjournment time arrived. Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton had the floor.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the time be extended to Bro. Wheaton to complete his speech. Seconded by Bro. John Gill. Carried.

The Chair asked the opinion of the body on adjournment now and the body voted 26 for and 27 against adjournment at this time.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton resumed his speech.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved to adjourn and that we come to the 2:00 P. M. session in fasting and prayer. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. Thomas S. Maley moved to amend the motion to adjourn by making it to adjourn at the appointed time. Seconded by Bro. Kenneth J. Smith. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion to adjourn as amended. Carried.

Closing prayer by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

#### **Minutes of the Conference, April 11, 1958 2:00 P. M. Session**

Apostle Archie F. Bell in charge assisted by Apostle E. Leon Yates.

Opening song: No. 355—We've a story to tell to the nations.

Opening prayer by Apostle E. Leon Yates.

The Chairman read as a scripture lesson Phillipians 4:4-8.

First reading was given the following matters:

1. Report of the Board of Publications.
2. Report of the United Workers.

The matter under consideration from former sessions was the missionary appointment of Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton. There was on the floor a motion to disapprove the appointment and a substitute motion to approve.

The discussion of the matter having been ended by the speech of Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton in the previous session, the Chair called for a season of prayer as was requested by Bro. Loren Bryant. Fifteen persons prayed in turn.

Vote was called on the substitute motion to approve. Carried 44 to 8.

Vote was called on the motion as substituted. Carried.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved to concur in the missionary appointment of Bro. T. E. Barton. Seconded by Bro. Harry Hutchinson. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we concur in the appointment of Bro. Archie F. Bell to the field as read. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that we approve of this recommendation on the missionary appointment of Bro. E. Leon Yates. Carried.

Bro. Harry Hutchinson moved to adopt the recommendation on the missionary appointment of Bro. Don W. Housknecht. Seconded by Bro. John Gill. Carried.

Bro. D. Ray Bryant moved that we approve the recommendation on the missionary appointment of

Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon. Seconded by Sr. Doris Hutchinson. Carried.

Bro. Clarence Thompson moved that we approve the recommendation on the missionary appointment of Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Seconded by Bro. Harry Hutchinson. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to concur in this recommendation for Bro. J. M. Case to labor as circumstances permit. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague moved to amend the motion by adding that Sr. Case be given an allowance the same as full time missionaries. Seconded by Bro. D. Ray Bryant.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the previous question on the whole matter before us. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Vote was called on the amendment. Carried 42 to 2.

Vote was called on the motion of appointment as amended. Carried 44 to 0.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that we approve the recommendation of the Twelve of Bro. Fernando Ojeda as missionary in Mexico. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to approve the recommendation on the mission of Bro. Cayetano Alfaro. Seconded by Bro. Denver G. Chapman.

Upon question, Brethren LeRoy Wheaton and E. Leon Yates explained the provisions made in this case as being \$15.00 per month to help free the Bro. Alfaro's hands to do missionary work.

Vote was called and the motion carried.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that we approve the recommendations from the Bishopric with regard to the Budget. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

The Tentative Budget was given a second reading. (See the full text of this report at the end of the minutes.)

The vote on the budget was called. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to concur in the recommendation of the Joint Council, that Bro. John Sweem be sent out to the field as last year. Seconded by Bro. Ed. Podhola. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we concur in the recommendation of sending Bro. Vance H. Harris, as Business Manager, out into the field, as circumstances permit. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the recommendation with regard to abolishing the office of Caretaker be approved. Seconded by Bro. Podhola. Carried.

The above three actions were based on the recommendations of the Joint Council which follows:

April 9, 1958

Independence, Missouri

To the Conference Assembled  
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)  
Greetings:

The Joint Council of the Council of Twelve Apostles and General Bishopric recommend the following for your consideration and action.

1. We recommend that Bishop John A. Sweem be sent out into the field as a representative of the General Bishopric as he was last year.

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CHURCH OF CHRIST (TEMPLE LOT)

EXHIBIT A

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FROM MARCH 16, 1957 TO FEBRUARY 28, 1958

	Total Funds	General Funds	Home For The Aged	New Building Fund	Temple Fund	Building Fund	Vault Fund
<b>RECEIPTS:</b>							
Tithing .....	\$18,304.80	\$18,304.80					
Offerings: Regular .....	1,622.98	766.21	\$20.00	\$ 834.77	\$ 2.00		
Yucatan Mission Aid .....	206.00	206.00					
Storehouse (Aid) .....	5.00	5.00					
Building Maintenance .....	16.95	16.95					
Seating Fund .....	454.20	454.20					
Advocate Subscriptions .....	375.00	375.00					
Books and Tracts .....	394.66	394.66					
Interest on Savings Account .....	50.57			50.77			
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$21,430.16</u>	<u>\$20,522.82</u>	<u>\$20.00</u>	<u>\$ 885.34</u>	<u>\$ 2.00</u>		

**EXPENDITURES:**

Family Allowances—Per Schedule I.....	\$13,610.00
Elders' Expense—Regular .....	2,332.47
European Mission—S. Mason.....	90.00
Mexican Mission—F. Ojeda.....	440.00
Yucatan Mission—E. L. Yates.....	900.00
Yucatan Mission—Aid .....	100.00
Aid — General .....	195.00
Advocate Printing, Postage, Etc.....	1,636.62
Books and Tracts .....	2,343.10
Seating .....	523.72

General Church Expense:

Maintenance of Temple Lot.....	\$ 364.90
Maintenance of Church Building.....	49.31
Secretary's Supplies, Etc.....	53.70
Travel Expenses—E. Podhola.....	100.00
Travel Expenses—V. H. Harris.....	193.16
Legal Fees—Anderson Property.....	75.00
General Conference Expense—1957.....	40.00
	<u>876.07</u>

General Office Expense:

Telephone .....	\$ 66.91
Stationery, Postage, Etc. ....	103.04



Fidelity Bond .....	12.50				
Safe Deposit Box Rent .....	16.50				
Audit .....	50.00	248.95			
Total Expenditures .....		\$23,295.93	\$23,295.93		
<b>EXCESS OF RECEIPTS OR (EXPENDITURES)</b>		(\$ 1,865.77)	(\$ 2,773.11)	\$20.00	\$ 885.34
<b>CASH BALANCES—MARCH 15, 1957—</b>					
<b>First National Bank</b>					
General Fund Account .....	\$7,583.86				\$370.00
Less Transfer to .....		6,900.36			( 370.00)
Building Fund Savings Account .....	2,683.50	( 2,000.00)			( 313.50)
Balance—General Fund Account .....		\$ 4,900.36			
Building Fund Savings Account—					
Funds Transferred As Above .....		\$ 2,683.50	2,683.50		
Temple Fund .....		\$ 2,661.86			2,661.86
		\$10,245.72			
<b>CASH IN BANK AND ON HAND—</b>					
<b>FEBRUARY 28, 1958</b>					
General Fund Account: First National Bank..\$1,958.05					
Cash on Hand .....	\$2,147.25				
Building Fund Savings Account—					
First National Bank .....	3,568.84				
Temple Fund—First National Bank .....	2,663.86				
<b>TOTAL CASH AND FUND EQUITIES</b>		\$ 8,379.95	\$ 2,127.25	\$20.00	\$3,568.84
<b>(excluding non-cash assets)</b>					\$2,663.86

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2. We recommend that Bishop Vance H. Harris as the Business Manager be sent out into the field as circumstances may permit.

3. We recommend to the conference that we abolish the office of caretaker.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) W. A. Sheldon

Secretary of the Council of Twelve Apostles

C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.

Secretary of the General Bishopric

Second reading was given the Report of the General Sunday School Association. (See the full text of this report at the end of the minutes.)

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that the report of the General Sunday School Association be received and spread on the minutes. Seconded by Bro. John Gill. Carried.

Second reading was given the Report of the United Workers. (See the full text of this report at the end of the minutes.)

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that we receive this report of the United Workers and spread it on the minutes. Seconded by Bro. Thos. S. Maley. Carried.

The secretary requested instruction on the handling of reports "received and spread on the minutes."

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved with regard to all reports received and acted upon, that the body of these reports be put in the paper at the back of the paper as previously instructed, and unless there is some definite action in which we have concurred, they shall not be spread in the body of the minutes. Further moved that any minutes of the conference not approved at the end of the conference be presented to the Council of Twelve for approval before publishing in the Advocate. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

The Chair ruled that unless objected to, the question would be divided.

Vote was called on the matter of spreading reports. Carried.

Vote was taken on the matter of approving minutes. Carried.

The report of the Board of Publications was called up for second reading. (See the full text of this report at the end of the minutes.)

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the report of the Board of Publications be approved. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to take this matter of the Elder's Conference off the table for consideration. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried 40 to 3.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we adopt the document on an Elder's Conference. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved to amend the document in the paragraph marked "first" by inserting the words "except that which pertains to the conducting of said Reunion." after the word "transacted." Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Marvin Case moved to amend the document by striking out the quotation from a revelation in the section marked "second" after the word "follows"; and insert these words: "The several Elders of the Church of Christ are to meet in conference once each year on the

above date or at such times as an emergency conference is necessary to do church business. In harmony with the Book of Commandments 24:43; Mosiah 13:15 and 34, Book of Moroni 6:7. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton.

Bro. Thomas E. Barton, Jr., moved the previous question on the amendment. Seconded by Bro. Alvin Harris. Seconded.

Vote was called on the amendment. Carried 27 to 22.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that we adjourn. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Closing song: No. 315—Our Father who in heaven doth dwell.

Closing prayer by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

#### Minutes of the Conference, April 12, 1958 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Archie F. Bell in charge assisted by Apostle E. Leon Yates.

Opening song: No. 71—Lord, we come before Thee now.

Opening prayer by Apostle E. Leon Yates.

The Chairman read for a scripture lesson John 8:30-36.

Sr. Shepard asked for and received administration at the hands of Bro. Archie F. Bell, assisted by Bro. John A. Sweem.

The minutes of April 9, 1958—2:00 P. M. were read, corrected, and ruled by the Chair to stand approved as corrected.

First reading was given the ministerial report of Apostle T. J. Jordan.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved to amend the document of an Elders' Conference on page two where it says "And in the interim . . . . and the vote published in the Advocate, the actions taken by the Elders' Conference shall be in force until the referendum provides otherwise" amend by striking out the words "the actions taken by the Elders' Conferences" and insert "only those actions which are deemed emergency measures (under a special resolution that the actions are emergency measures by a two-thirds vote of the Elders' Conference)". Second by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that inasmuch as the document of an Elders' Conference appears to be in need of extensive revision, it is submitted to a committee of five to examine and bring their recommendations to the Conference of 1959. Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried 23 to 1.

Vote was called on the motion to refer to a committee. Lost 20 to 22.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved the previous question on the amendment offered by Bro. Harvey Seibel. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried 37 to 1.

Vote was called on the amendment about emergency measures. Carried 35 to 2.

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved to amend the document by adding to the second portion of that part

listed as "second" the reference, Acts 15:6. Seconded by Bro. Harold B. Schultz. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend the document in the paragraph marked "fifth" after the words "its practices" insert the words "filling of vacancies in the Quorum of Twelve, Seventy and Bishopric." Seconded by Bro. Clarence Thompson. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend the document in the paragraph marked "sixth" by striking out the word "on" and inserting the words "in the week of." Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon. Carried.

The Chair ruled the session to stand adjourned to 2:00 P. M.

Closing prayer by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

#### Minutes of Conference, April 12, 1958 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle E. Leon Yates in charge assisted by Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

Opening Song: No. 154—Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Opening Prayer by Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

The Chairman read for a scripture lesson James 1:14-24.

Sr. Minnie Smith gave an oral preliminary report for the Dining Hall Committee, with a promise of a more complete report in the Advocate later.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved to amend the document in the paragraph marked "fourth" and the succeeding paragraph by reversing the order of the words "teachers and priests" to read "priests and teachers". Seconded by Bro. George Brantner. Lost 8 to 18.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to amend the document by striking out even the caption down to the part where it says "First," then insert as a caption the words "The General Conference of Elders;" then immediately succeeding the caption the words "The General Conference of Elders of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) shall be conducted in the following manner." Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend the document in the paragraph marked "fifth" by adding parentheses around the phrase "aside from routine matters affecting the organization of the sessions of the conference." Seconded by Bro. Harvey Seibel. Carried.

Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton moved to further amend the paragraph marked "fifth" by changing the words "Quorum of Twelve" to "Council of Twelve Apostles"; and further that it be the "General Bishopric." Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved to amend the amendment by making it read "to substitute for references made to the Council of Twelve that it be the 'Council of Twelve Apostles' and the bishopric to be 'General Bishopric.'" Seconded by Bro. Clarence L. Wheaton. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion as amended. Carried.

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved further amendment to section marked "fifth" where it says "all such business" strike out the word "such". Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague. Carried.

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