

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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Blessings

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matthew 5:3-12

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EDITORIAL

The Editorial staff of Zion's Advocate, realizing the great responsibility placed on it by the recent conference, humbly requests an interest in the prayers of each member of the church that we may carry out our responsibilities to the glory and honor of God and to the best interest of the church. We earnestly solicit the help of the readers in putting out a paper which will be beneficial to all its readers. This requires the help of all those who can send in their testimonies of the truthfulness of the fullness of the Gospel of Christ.

A young man at a recent conference stated that if you have offered a prayer to God and He has answered that prayer, you have a testimony. Our testimonies are strengthening to each other. You should share yours with your brothers and sisters, especially the isolated ones who are deprived of the opportunity of meeting together often.

Inasmuch as the conference minutes are being printed in their entirety and are rather voluminous, the May and June numbers of the Advocate will be largely occupied by them. The editorial staff invites the reporters from the various local churches to submit reports of the activities of their respective locals which would be of general interest to the church. We also invite the various members who have articles of general interest to the church to submit them for publication in the original articles section. All material submitted should be typewritten if possible and double spaced.

REUNION NOTICE

The Michigan State Reunion will be held at the Riverview Church on Fort Road near Pennsylvania Avenue in Riverview, Michigan. U. S. Highway No. 25 intersects Fort Road which leads to Detroit. All the saints are cordially invited to attend this reunion. The date is June 27-28.

Signed: Vern H. Burns
Orville Eddy
Edward Podhola, Host Pastor

The Missouri Reunion will be held in the form of a camp meeting July 31, August 1-2. The place will be announced later. Everyone is invited to attend.

Minutes of the Annual Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) Convened on the Temple Lot, Monday, April 6, 1959 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Don W. Housknecht in charge, assisted by Apostle William F. Anderson.

Opening song: No. 10. Praise him, praise him.

Opening prayer by Apostle William F. Anderson.

Second Song: No. 230. God is my strong salvation.

Chairmanship of the Conference

Brother L. V. Aldridge moved that the Council of Twelve preside over the conference.

Seconded by Bro. K. J. Smith.

Bro. Robert L. Maley moved as a substitute the following:

Whereas: In the past it has been our practice to place the chairmanship of the business meetings in the hands of the members of the Quorum of Twelve, and Whereas: This has been the source of some criticism to the members of that body when they have had to render a decision of the Chair, or to cast the Chair's vote in case of a tied vote,

Therefore: In an effort to remove these men from such focus of different opinions and a source of personal embarrassment to them in the past, I move: that by election of the conference assembled we elect a Board of Chairmen to conduct the Chairmanship of Business Meetings throughout the conference. This Board should be (1) chosen from the Eldership of the church who are present, (2) composed of three members known to be skillful in handling affairs of parliamentary meetings, (3) appointed to occupy the Chair acting as a Board of Chairmen, and in cases of a tie vote or a split decision on the floor, they shall render the decision of the chair from the majority vote within said Board. Seconded by Bro. Forest Maley. Lost 14 to 31.

Vote was called on the original motion. Carried 28 to 0.

Secretary of the Conference.

Brother Wm. F. Anderson moved that Bro. Forest Maley be the secretary of the conference.

Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Bro. Forest Maley declined to serve.

Nominations: Forest Maley - declined.

Bro. Marvin Case moved as an incidental motion that we elect two groups of two to take day about on the secretarial work of this conference. Seconded by Forest Maley.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved as a substitute for the whole matter before us that we elect a secretary and give him or her power to choose two assistants.

Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried 21 to 16.

Nominations: Robert Maley - declined.

Thomas Maley - declined.

Harvey Seibel, Jr.

K. J. Smith - declined.

L. V. Aldridge - declined.

John Gill - declined.

Rolland Sprague - declined.

The body voted to accept the services of Bro. Harvey Seibel, Jr., as secretary. Consideration was given the program for the conference as recommended by the Council of Twelve.

Bro. Denver Chapman moved that we adopt the recommendations of the Council of Twelve as to the program for the conference. Seconded by Sr. June Smith. Bro. Harvey Seibel moved to amend the program so that we have business meetings in the forenoon to take care of the business and then if anyone wants to stay over longer to have a reunion, if they want to, they can do so.

Seconded by Bro. Thomas S. Maley.

Bro. Marvin Case moved to amend the amendment so that the time of the business meetings be from 10:00 to noon and in the afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 unless otherwise directed by the conference. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell. Carried.

Vote was called on the amendment as amended. Carried.

The Chair ruled that the morning prayer service be from 8:30 to 9:30.

Vote was called on the conference program as amended. Carried.

The program as adopted follows:

April 6, 1959

To the General Conference of
The Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve recommends the adoption of the following program for the conference:

Prayer service from 8:30 to 9:30.

Business Session from 10:00 to 12:00 noon.

Business Session from 2:00 to 4:00 unless otherwise directed by the conference.

Song Service at 7:30 P. M.

Preaching at 8:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

William A. Sheldon, Sec'y.
Council of Twelve Apostles

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved to adjourn to 2:00 P. M. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried.

Closing song: No. 99—Dismiss us with thy blessing, Lord.

Closing prayer by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson.

Minutes of the Conference, April 6, 1959

2:00 P. M. Session

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

Opening song: No. 8—Joyful, joyful, we adore thee.

Opening prayer by Apostle Wm. F. Anderson.

First reading was given a recommendation of the Twelve on a Historian.

Organizing the conference was resumed.

Ushers:

Bro. Denver G. Chapman moved that Bro. Jack Sprague be the Usher with power to choose assistants. Seconded and Carried.

Press Committee:

Nominations:

Harvey Seibel, Sr.—22

Marvin Ely—28

Marvin M. Case—13

John Gill—27

The vote was called with the above noted results electing Brethren Seibel, Ely, and Gill.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that the secretary of the conference be given permission to use a tape recorder in the keeping of his minutes. Such recordings to be the property of the Church of Christ and are not to be used other than for the purpose above mentioned.

The tape shall be furnished by funds from the General Church.

Be it further resolved that: At the beginning of each business session it shall be the duty of the Chairman to announce that a recorder is being used and that each person who takes part gives permission for the recording of his speech. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to amend the motion by adding, that no person may extract from this record any portion thereof except by permission of the conference. Violation shall be cited to the conference as a whole without recourse. Seconded by Bro. R. D. Sprague. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion on tape recordings as amended. Carried.

The chairman ruled that the Secretary shall have the privilege of erasing the record at will.

Bro. Robert L. Maley moved: Whereas questions on procedure have been handled on the floor, and

Whereas this has been the source of much confusion and served to detract from the main business issues before us,

Therefore I move that we appoint a committee on parliamentary procedure for the duration of the conference. (1) This committee to be composed of three members, (2) To be elected from the members of the Eldership, (3) to act as a board of appeals on all questions arising over parliamentary procedures, (4) That the majority ruling of this committee shall stand as binding upon the body in questions arising over parliamentary law. Seconded by Bro. Frank Elliott. Bro. K. J. Smith moved the previous question. Seconded and carried.

Vote was called on the motion on procedure. Lost.

First reading was given the following documents:

1. Recommendation of the Twelve on General Church Representative.

2. Recommendation of the Twelve on private publications.

3. Communication from Sweet Home, Oregon, withdrawing action proposed in the Zion's Advocate. The chair ruled no action would be required on this.

Bro. Marvin Case moved that 4:00 P. M. Wednesday, April 8, shall be the deadline for new business to be brought before this body. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell. Carried.

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved that we take up the matter of the Historian. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried.

The recommendation of the Twelve with regard to a Historian was given second reading.

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved to adopt the recommendation of the Twelve on the Historian. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr.

Bro. Marvin M. Case asked a ruling of the chair as to whether or not this matter was a referendum matter. The chair ruled it no referendum matter.

Bro. Harvey Seibel moved to amend the motion by

adding "That any historical material of value whatsoever be kept in the custody of the Library Board to be at call of any Historian or Historical Board that may arise in the future, so that this material is not lost." Seconded by Bro. Leslie Case. Carried.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved to further amend by striking out the sentence containing the words "The historian and associates shall be under the supervision of the Council of Twelve." Seconded by Bro. Frank Elliott. Lost 12 to 21.

Vote was called on the recommendation of the Twelve relative to a Historian as amended. Carried.

The recommendation as adopted follows:

April 6, 1959

To the General Conference
of the Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve presents the following resolution for consideration and adoption:

Whereas there is an apparent need for a more complete history of the Restoration of the Church of Christ, and

Whereas it is necessary to keep abreast of current historical events, and

Whereas the present system of a Board of Historians has proven unsatisfactory, due in part to the following reasons:

(a) It is difficult for more than one individual to write the history.

(b) Alternating membership of the board is not conducive to continuity of effort.

Therefore, be it Resolved:

That we recommend to the conference that the Board of Historians be discontinued, and that we further recommend the election of a historian and two advisory associates, whose terms of office shall continue jointly for a period of four years.

The compilation of historical matter, both current and past, with the view of producing a more complete history of the church, shall be the primary responsibility of the historian.

His associates shall be permitted to examine matter, advise, and edit such matter as may be determined suitable for publication.

The majority decision of the historian and his associates, as to manuscript content, shall prevail.

The historian and associates shall be under the supervision of the Council of Twelve.

Any historical material of value whatsoever shall be kept in the custody of the Library Board, to be at call of any Historian or Historical Board that may arise in the future, so that this material is not lost.

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) William A. Sheldon, Sec'y.

Council of Twelve Apostles

The chair declared the session adjourned.

Closing song: No. 189—Israel, Israel, God is calling.

Closing prayer by Bro. Wm. F. Anderson.

Minutes of Conference, April 7, 1959

10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle William F. Anderson in charge, assisted by Apostle A. M. Smith.

Opening song: No. 222—Work for the night is coming.

Opening prayer by Apostle A. M. Smith.

Reading of the minutes of the meeting of April 6, 10:00 A. M. The chairman ruled them to stand approved as read.

First reading of the request of the United Workers for time for their business meeting and election of officers.

Brother E. Leon Yates moved we grant the first request for the time from 4:00 P. M. to 5:45 P. M. Wednesday evening, April 8, 1959. Seconded by Brother William A. Sheldon. Carried by a show of hands.

First reading of the resolution from Brother Harvey Seibel on improving the application for membership and return to membership forms.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved to take up the election of officers. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely. Carried with no objections.

Election of Officers and Committees.

General Church Secretary.

Nominations:

Forest Maley—20

Harvey Seibel, Sr.—declined

Harvey Seibel, Jr.—21

Voting as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. Harvey Seibel, Jr., as General Church Secretary.

General Church Recorder

Nominations—Lois Harris

There were no further nominations and Sr. Harris was elected General Church Recorder by a show of hands.

General Church Chorister

Nominations—Thomas Maley

There were no further nominations and Brother Maley was elected General Church Chorister, with no objections.

Editor of Zion's Advocate

Nominations:

Harvey Seibel, Sr.—19

Bob Case—1

Nicholas Denham—25

Voting as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. Nicholas Denham as Editor of Zion's Advocate.

Associate Editors of Zion's Advocate.

Nominations:

Lois Harris—36

Metta Anderson—declined

James Hedrick—38

Marion Sprague—5

Voting as registered above resulted in the election of Sr. Lois Harris and Bro. James Hedrick as Associate Editors.

Dining Hall Committee:

Brother Thomas Maley moved that we continue the group as they are for another year. Seconded by Bro. James Hedrick. Carried.

Reception Committee:

Bro. Marvin Ely moved to sustain the present committee for another year. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates. Carried by a show of hands.

Auditing Committee:

Nominations:

Denver Chapman—23

Rolland Sprague—14

The chairman ruled nominations cease and Bro.

Denver Chapman was elected by the vote recorded above.

Referendum Committee:

Nominations:

- L. V. Aldridge—10
- Marion Sprague—13
- Ora Derry—16
- Don Housknecht—2

Voting as recorded above elected Sr. Ora Derry as the new member of the Referendum Committee.

Relations Committee:

Nominations:

- John Sweem—declined
- J. Maynard Case—9
- Archie Bell—16
- L. V. Aldridge—9
- Leon A. Gould—7

Bro. Archie Bell was elected.

General Church Historian:

Nominations:

- Archie F. Bell—17
- J. Maynard Case—14
- A. M. Smith—11
- B. C. Flint—declined

Bro. Archie Bell was elected.

Associate Historians:

Nominations:

- J. Maynard Case—24
- A. M. Smith—19
- Bob Maley—28

Voting as registered above resulted in the election of Bro. J. Maynard Case and Bro. Bob Maley as associate Historians.

Library Board:

Nominations:

- Marvin M. Case—4
- J. Maynard Case—6
- Levi W. Maley—24

Bro. Levi W. Maley was elected the new member of the board.

Board of Publications:

No election was necessary as members are elected for three year terms with the General Business Manager as chairman.

Archeological and Visual Aids Committee:

Nominations:

- E. Leon Yates—21 revoted to 20
- Forest Maley—26
- Ed McIndoo—21 revoted to 22

Bro. Forest Maley and Bro. Ed McIndoo were elected to this committee.

Bro. Tom Maley moved that we change the character of the Archeological and Visual Aids Committee to also include audible aids and that these aids be distributed throughout the churches. Seconded by Bro. Harold Gill. Carried.

Bro. Forest Maley requested permission to play the tape from Wales after the afternoon session.

Bro. Kenneth J. Smith moved that this permission be granted, seconded by Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Carried by a show of hands.

First reading of the document of Bro. Tom Maley on finances.

Bro. Frank Elliott moved that missionaries be

restrained from going into the field until such time as they will teach from the books accepted by this Church of Christ. Seconded by Bro. Jack Sprague.

After discussion Bro. Archie Bell moved the previous question, seconded by Bro. William A. Sheldon. Carried.

A vote was then taken on the motion which lost 30 against and 4 for.

Adjourned by the chairman until 2:00 P. M.

Closing song, No. 179—Come, O thou King of Kings.

Closing prayer by Bro. A. M. Smith.

Minutes of the Conference, April 7, 1959 2:00 P. M. Session

Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge, assisted by Apostle B. C. Flint.

Opening song: No. 242—Oh sometimes the shadows are deep.

Opening prayer by Apostle B. C. Flint.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved to adopt the resolution on application for membership and application for reinstatement to membership blanks. Seconded by Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon.

This document of which notice was given in the Zion's Advocate was given second reading.

Discussion of this matter occupied most of the session.

Bro. Nicholas F. Denham moved as a substitute that we refer the application for membership blanks to be Board of Publications for revision and that they report back to the next conference. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case.

The chair ruled the session to stand adjourned.

Closing song: No. 282—Through the furnace, through the heat.

Closing prayer by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Minutes of the Conference, April 8, 1959 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle A. M. Smith in charge, assisted by Apostle B. C. Flint.

Opening song No. 76—Sovereign and Transforming Grace.

Opening prayer by Bro. B. C. Flint.

The minutes of the 10:00 A. M. session of April 7, 1959, were read and the chairman ruled them approved as corrected.

First readings were given the following documents:

The request of the General Sunday School Association for time.

A petition from the Local Church Organ Committee. Resolution on the establishing of a committee to study financial procedure.

Ministerial report from Bro. James M. Case.

Ministerial report from Bro. E. Leon Yates.

Ministerial report from Bro. L. V. Aldridge.

Moved by Bro. E. Leon Yates that we take up the request of the Sunday School Association for time and consider it. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr. Carried by a show of hands.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved to grant the Sunday School Association either the 10:00 A. M. or the 2:00 P. M. session whichever would be best for them. Lost for want of a second.

Bro. John Gill moved that we grant the time for the

Sunday School Association as they requested it, seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved to table the request, seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Voting resulted in 20 for and 25 against.

Bro. Marvin Ely moved to amend the motion of Bro. Gill by granting the 10:00 to 12:00 A. M. hours Friday and giving the 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. Thursday evening for the display of quarterly material. Seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith.

Bro. Nicholas Denham moved to amend the amendment by granting the hours of 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. Friday and give the 4:00 to 6:00 P. M. hours Thursday evening for the display of quarterly material. Seconded by Bro. A. F. Bell. Carried. A vote was then taken on the amendment which carried. A vote on the motion by Bro. Gill carried as amended.

Reading of the minutes of the 2:00 P. M. session of April 6, 1959, which the chairman ruled approved.

Reading of the minutes of the 2:00 P. M. session of April 7, 1959. These were also approved.

Debate was then continued on the resolution on application for membership and application for reinstatement to membership blanks with Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moving as a substitute for the substitute that we adopt his forms. Seconded by Bro. Joe Yates.

Bro. John Gill moved to table, seconded by Sr. Lois Harris. The chair ruled that if tabled the substitute would carry the entire motion with it. Bro. John Gill withdrew the motion with the second.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved that the substitute for the whole matter be tabled. Seconded by Sr. Lois Harris. The chairman ruled that this would still carry the whole matter. The decision of the chair was appealed by Bro. Rolland Sprague. The rules of order were read and Bro. Sprague withdrew his appeal. Bro. Marvin Case wished to change the motion to table to read to postpone indefinitely. This lost for want of a second but the motion to table still stood. Vote was called on motion to table—lost, 14 to 31.

Bro. John Gill moved as a subsidiary motion that the proposed forms and related material be printed and distributed for study and further discussion and action be postponed until the 2:00 P. M. session of Thursday, April 9. Seconded by Harold Gill. Lost by a show of hands.

Brother Kenneth Smith moved the previous question on the subsidiary motion. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely. Carried.

Bro. Kenneth Smith moved as a subsidiary motion that we consider the proposed forms paragraph by paragraph and item by item. Seconded by Sr. Lovita Seibel. A vote was called and the motion lost.

Bro. William A. Sheldon moved that we adjourn.

Closing song No. 175—Guide Us Oh Thou Great Jehovah.

Closing prayer by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Minutes of the Conference, April 8, 1959

2:00 P. M. Session.

Apostle Arthur M. Smith in charge, assisted by Apostle B. C. Flint.

Opening song: No. 35—Awake my soul in joyful lays.

Opening prayer by Apostle B. C. Flint.

The minutes of April 8, 1959 - 10:00 A. M. session

were read, corrected and ruled to stand approved as corrected.

Discussion was resumed on the original resolution by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., to eliminate two forms relative to membership; a substitute motion by Bro. N. F. Denham to refer the matter to the Board of Publications for revision and report; and a substitute for the substitute by Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., proposing two complete forms.

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

Vote was called on the substitute for the substitute, i. e. the substitute for the whole matter before the body. Lost 18 to 26.

Vote was called on the substitute. Carried 34 to 2.

Vote was called on the original motion as amended by the substitute. Carried.

Bro. Thomas S. Maley moved adoption of the following document which had, had second reading: To the Conference Assembled,

In the interest of providing for the strengthening of the missionary arm of the Church, I propose a direction of our financial affairs as follows:

1. That all receipts and disbursements shall be made in or by the local financial officers of the Church.

2. That a title of the amounts received by the local officer shall be forwarded to the General Church fund.

3. That all amounts received by the General Fund should be held in that fund for disbursement to local funds upon statement of need due to benevolent or designated missionary work.

4. That no disbursements other than the above shall be made from the general fund except for office and/or publication expense incident to conduct of the general office.

I am confident that this will prove beneficial to the work of the Church and move its adoption.

Elder Thos. S. Maley.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved that in view of the fact that this will require a great deal of study, that this matter be referred to the Bishops for study and report to the body. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved to adjourn to 10:00 A. M. tomorrow morning. Seconded by Bro. LeRoy Wheaton. Carried.

Closing prayer by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Minutes of Conference, April 9, 1959 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle R. R. Robertson in charge, assisted by Apostle A. F. Bell.

Opening song No. 228—Triumphant Zion Lift Thy Head.

Opening prayer by Brother A. F. Bell.

Minutes of the 2:00 P. M. session of Wednesday, April 8, 1959, were read and approved.

First reading was given the following documents:

A recommendation from the General Church Recorder.

A report from the General Church Recorder.

The report from the Board of Publications.

Ministerial report from Apostle C. L. Wheaton by tape recording.

Ministerial report from Apostle W. F. Anderson.

Ministerial report from Apostle R. R. Robertson.

Ministerial report from Apostle Don Housknecht.

The resolution under consideration at the time of adjournment Wednesday at 4:00 P. M. was read and discussion was continued.

Bro. Harvey J. Bell moved the previous question, seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith. Carried by a show of hands.

A vote was then taken on the motion to refer the matter to the General Church Bishops for study and report to the body. Carried.

A request for the second reading and consideration of the petition from the Local Church Organ committee was granted. The petition follows:

To the Minister's Conference

Dear Brethren:

It has been the decision of the Independence Local Church to see what they could do toward raising funds to buy an electric organ similar to the one in the auditorium. This organ has been used extensively throughout the conference thus far and we hope you have enjoyed the use of it as we have in our meetings. It has been set in the auditorium on trial.

Having been authorized to collect funds, take pledges, etc., the local committee petitions the General Church to give us the long idle Solovox to use to trade in on an electric or electronic organ when and if we succeed in raising such other funds necessary to make the purchase we have in mind. That way the Solovox need only be given us when a purchase is arranged. A dealer has said the instrument would be worth about \$125.00.

Considering the use the conference would have from year to year of such musical instrument as the local church might buy, we petition your favorable consideration of our request.

Respectfully,

The Independence Local
Organ Committee
Marion D. Sprague
Forest E. Maley

Bro. Forest Maley moved that the General Church grant the petition of the Local Church Organ Committee, seconded by Bro. E. L. Yates. Carried.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved that in the event the local did purchase such an instrument that they would have sole and complete ownership of the property. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried unanimously.

With no objection the resolution to establish a committee, which is designed through prayer and fasting and research, to learn the will of God concerning the financial law under which the Church of Christ should function, was taken up.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved to adopt this resolution, seconded by Bro. John Gill.

This matter was under consideration at the time of adjournment.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved that we adjourn, seconded by Bro. W. A. Sheldon.

Closing prayer by Bro. W. A. Sheldon.

Minutes of the Conference, April 9, 1959

2:00 P. M. Session

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

Opening song: No. 4—Come, Thou fount of every blessing.

The minutes of April 9, 1959—10:00 A. M. session were read and ruled to stand approved as read.

Discussion was resumed from the previous session on the matter of appointing a committee to learn the will of God concerning financial law.

Vote was called and the resolution carried 25 to 4.

Following is the resolution on financial law adopted above:

RESOLUTION IN RESPECT TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE WHICH IS DESIGNED THROUGH PRAYER AND FASTING AND RESEARCH, TO LEARN THE WILL OF GOD CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL LAW UNDER WHICH THE CHURCH OF CHRIST SHOULD FUNCTION

Whereas, there is, and ever has been much confusion in the world in general and in the Church of Christ in particular, concerning the financial law under God by which the incorporate body of God's people should function; and,

Whereas, it is readily agreed that no organization can operate properly without the use of money; and

Whereas, faith alone is not sufficient for the building up of Zion, and since the blessings of God are poured out only on those who step out on the promises of God and keep the will and commandments of Christ, even as Peter could not walk upon the water until he had stepped down out of the boat; and

Whereas, numerous attempts have been made at cooperative enterprises based upon the Scriptures or upon the wisdom of men, both within and outside of the Restoration, all of which have, in the main, resulted in the failure of these respective ventures to the embarrassment of their adherents; and,

Whereas, the Scriptures admonish us to use the brains that the Lord has given us in that we are told to be "wise as serpents"; and

Whereas, the Church of Christ through the years has failed in the eyes of God and before the world to provide adequate churches for its people, as exemplified by the failure to build a church in Ticul, Yucatan, at only seventy-five cents a member; and

Whereas, the Church of Christ has failed in caring for the temporal needs of its poor, not even approaching the efforts of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, who are honored before the world in this worthy enterprise; and

Whereas, the Church of Christ has failed to fulfill the great commission which is the very reason for its existence; to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every nation, kindred, tongue and people; baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost;" and

Whereas, the building up of Zion and the preparation for eternity are more important than this present life and the temporal needs thereof (which God has promised to provide if we keep His commandments and walk in His ways); and

Whereas, there are some in the Church who believe that all Church income should be through the medium of free-will offerings; while others teach that today, tithing plus offerings are sufficient; and still others who look for the time when we will live under the law known among us as the Consecration Law; all of which results in a wide gulf of misunderstanding prevailing throughout the whole Church of Christ; and

Whereas, there is great confusion and disagreement

concerning the operation of the law of tithes, or offerings, or consecration; and

Whereas, we are to study to show ourselves approved, a workman unto God who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth, therefore be it resolved;

First, that a committee of five members be elected, one of which is to be a Bishop, and two to be Apostles, to learn the will of God concerning the financial law of the Church of Christ;

Second, that this committee is to search diligently through the Bible, the Book of Mormon, Book of Commandments, Doctrine and Covenants, all applicable revelations of the Restoration, Restoration History, writings of the Church fathers of the early Christian Church; all applicable secular and church histories (in particular other efforts in cooperative enterprises) all other advantageous sources; and especially, through much fasting and prayer, to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit that the will of the Lord may be manifest concerning the matter,

Third, that the five members must be industrious, sober, of seemly walk before the Church, men of wisdom, filled with the Spirit of God, capable in their own right of evaluating all data and sources of knowledge in this field, willing to spend long hours in research wherever the Spirit of God leads, and withal of a humble and contrite spirit and given to spending much time in the quiet place before their God in order to pour out their souls for His guidance and that they may become perfect before their Creator that their prayers may reach up to the throne of grace.

Fourth, that their findings, conclusions and recommendations be presented to the Conference in their fullness in the form of a complete monograph including suggested chapters on similar ventures in cooperative enterprises, how other church organizations meet their financial obligations, Scriptural studies (Bible, Book of Commandments, Doctrine and Covenants, Revelations, etc.), on tithing, offerings and Consecration, an exhaustive investigation on exactly what was contained in the law of Moses, and any other pertinent material that will be of aid in evaluating the many facets of this problem,

Fifth, that this committee continue to function for one conference year or until such a reasonable time that this work may be adequately and completely brought to a completion,

Sixth, that a minimum of the following meetings of the committee be had if at all possible in order to promote the progress of this work; two before leaving Independence, that the ground work and plans be laid to most effectively carry on this investigation, one during the summer to further expedite the work, and one before Conference (perhaps arriving early) in order to make any last minute adjustments or arrangements in the presentation of the final report.

Elder Harvey Seibel	David Seibel
Lovita G. Seibel	Alice Seibel
Harvey E. Seibel	Priest Alan W. Scott
Sylvia D. Seibel	Lovita M. Seibel

Nominations were opened for the Bishop of the Committee on Financial Law:

Nominations:

John A. Sweem, declined
LeRoy Wheaton, 6
Nicholas F. Denham, 34.

The vote was called with the above shown result, electing Bro. Denham.

Nominations were opened for the two Apostles on the committee:

Nominations:

Archie F. Bell, declined.
E. Leon Yates
Leon A. Gould, declined.
Arthur M. Smith, declined.
William A. Sheldon.
Don W. Houseknecht, declined.
William F. Anderson, declined.

Bro. L. V. Aldridge moved that nominations close and these two brethren be declared elected. Seconded by Bro. Harold Gill. Carried 31 to 1.

Nominations were opened for the remaining two members of the committee:

Nominations:

Harvey Seibel, Sr., 27.
Robert L. Maley, declined.
L. V. Aldridge, 10.
Richard A. Wheaton, 10.
Marvin Ely, 30.
Lois Harris, declined.

The vote was called with the above shown result, electing brethren Seibel and Ely.

The following documents were given first reading:

1. Recommendation of the Twelve on missionary appointments.

2. Report from the Business Manager.

3. Report from the Auditor.

Attention was called to the request of the Independence Local Y. P. C. L. for 6:00 P. M. on Friday evening for their activities, which request had been overlooked.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we grant the request of the Y. P. C. L. for 6:00 P. M. Friday night. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Ely. Carried.

The missionary appointments were taken up for consideration:

Bro. Marvin Ely moved that we approve the report from the Council of Twelve on missionary appointments and concur in its recommendations. Seconded by Bro. K. J. Smith.

At the request of Bro. Rolland D. Sprague, the Chair ruled that the approving would be person by person.

Missionary appointment of Apostle Wm. F. Anderson. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle Leon A. Gould. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle T. J. Jordan. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle Arthur M. Smith. Approved, two opposed.

Missionary appointment of Apostle B. C. Flint. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle R. R. Robertson. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle Clarence L. Wheaton. The chair ruled that this need not be voted on since last conference action had set up a three year appointment for this mission.

Missionary appointment of Apostle Thomas E. Barton. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle Archie F. Bell. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle E. Leon Yates. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle D. W. Housknecht. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Apostle Wm. A. Sheldon. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Elder L. V. Aldridge, Seventy. Objections were raised to the appointment of Bro. Aldridge by Bro. R. D. Sprague.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the conference appoint a committee to hear the complaints of offense and the appointment of Brother Aldridge be held in abeyance until this committee has reported to this conference. Seconded by Bro. Harvey Bell. Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that this entire matter be referred to the Council of Twelve and the appointment of Bro. L. V. Aldridge be held in abeyance until the complaint has been properly heard. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Bro. Wm. A. Sheldon asked a ruling of the Chair that this matter is out of order. The chair ruled that this motion is in order as deferring action on this matter. Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., appealed from the decision of the Chair.

Previous question was moved by Bro. Harvey Bell, seconded by Bro. Robert L. Maley. Carried.

Vote was called and the decision of the Chair was upheld, 5 opposed.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved the previous question on the matter before us. Seconded by Bro. Richard A. Wheaton. Carried, 3 opposed.

Vote was called on the motion to refer. Carried 21 to 15.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to adjourn. Seconded and carried.

Closing prayer by Bro. E. Leon Yates.

Minutes of the Conference, April 10, 1959 10:00 A. M. Session

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

Opening song: No. 246—Oh God give strength to all thy Saints.

Opening prayer by Apostle Don W. Housknecht.

Scripture was read by Apostle Yates beginning at I Cor. 12:27.

First reading was given a recommendation from the Twelve relative to a conditional appointment for Elder L. V. Aldridge.

Approval of the Missionary appointments was continued.

Missionary appointment of Elder Fernando Ojeda. Approved.

Missionary appointment of Priest Cayetano Alfaro. Approved.

The missionary appointments recommended by the Council of Twelve follow:

April 9, 1959

To the General Conference
of the Church of Christ

Greetings:

The Council of Apostles recommends the following missionary fields of appointment for the conference year 1959-1960:

Apostle William F. Anderson to be appointed to Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

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, Texas and the European Mission.

Apostle B. C. Flint to be appointed to Iowa 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, having a previous appointment for three years to Palestine, has two years remaining in that field.

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, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Maine, Delaware, Canada (east of a line between Manitoba and Ontario), New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Nova Scotia.

Apostle William A. Sheldon to be appointed to Iowa 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. F. Bell.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

(signed) William A. Sheldon, Sec'y.

Council of Twelve Apostles

Bro. Arthur M. Smith moved to take up for second reading the recommendation of the Council of Twelve relative to Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Carried 23 to 9.

The Recommendation of the Twelve on Bro. Aldridge follows:

April 10, 1959

To the General Conference
of the Church of Christ

Greetings:

The Council of Twelve wishes to renew its recommendation on the appointment of Elder L. V. Aldridge to labor under the direction of Apostle A. F. Bell, sub-

ject to the findings of a commission appointed to investigate a complaint against Bro. Aldridge.

We urge a favorable reaction to this recommendation in order that the missionary activity of the church may not be unduly hampered, and in all fairness to our brother, that we consider him innocent until adjudged guilty of any charge.

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

Bro. K. J. Smith moved that we adopt the recommendation of the Twelve relative to Bro. L. V. Aldridge. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Bro. Joseph Yates moved that we rescind the action of yesterday relative to Bro. L. V. Aldridge and start from where we were. Seconded by Sr. Freda Flint. Carried 38 to 11.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved as a substitute for the whole matter before us that the appointment of Bro. Aldridge be approved pending the findings of the commission appointed by the Twelve and that this appointment not be affective until such report has been received and approved by the Quorum of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Carried, two opposed.

Bro. Richard A. Wheaton moved that Elder J. M. Case of the Seventy be appointed to labor in the State of Missouri and Kansas, under the direction of the missionary in charge, Apostle Archie F. Bell; and that Sister Case be put on regular family allowance. Seconded by Bro. Denver G. Chapman.

Sr. Freda Flint moved as a substitute that with regard to Brother Case's appointment, it be referred to the Council of Twelve. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock. Motion lost.

Vote was called on the appointment of J. M. Case. Carried.

The chairman, at this time being Bro. E. Leon Yates to whom Bro. Archie F. Bell had relinquished the chair before the appointment of Bro. J. M. Case, now declared the session to stand adjourned.

Closing prayer by Apostle Don W. Houskecht.

Minutes of the Conference, April 11, 1959 10:00 A. M. Session

Apostle Don W. Houskecht in charge, assisted by Bro. William A. Sheldon.

Opening song No. 293—Unto God who knows our every weakness.

Opening prayer by Bro. William A. Sheldon.

Reading of the Hymn of Admonition by the chairman.

The minutes of the 2:00 P. M. session of April 9, 1959, were read. The chairman ruled them approved as corrected.

First reading was given the report from the joint councils of Apostles and Bishops.

Bro. Harvey J. Bell moved that we take from the table the recommendation of the General Bishopric on the General Business Manager. Seconded by Bro. Marvin Case.

Bro. E. Leon Yates moved that we accept this recommendation and adopt it. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried unanimously. The resolution as passed follows:

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

Greetings:

A regular meeting of the General Bishopric approved the following:

We recommend to the conference that Bishop Vance Harris be the Business Manager for the coming year.

We take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the many hours of service put in by Bro. Harris during the last year and for your cooperation with him.

Your brethren in Christ
The General Bishopric
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., Secretary

Bro. E. Leon Yates called for the recommendation from the Apostles in regard to the General Church Representative.

Bro. B. C. Flint moved we accept this recommendation and adopt it. Seconded by Bro. John Sweem. Carried. The recommendation as passed follows:

To the General Conference
of the Church of Christ

Greetings:

The Council of Twelve recommends the appointment of Apostle Leon A. Gould as the General Church Representative in the office.

This recommendation comes in consideration and conjunction with the council's previous recommendation that the General Church Representative shall be appointed to compile conference actions back to and including 1925.

The Council feels that Bro. Gould is well qualified for this task, and confident that he would endeavor to produce such a compilation of enactments at the earliest time possible.

We further recommend that Bro. Gould be given the same monthly allowance provided for the families of missionaries under conference appointment.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Sheldon, Sec'y.
Council of Twelve Apostles

In conjunction with the foregoing resolution the chairman called for the recommendation of the Apostles in regard to the appointment of the representative to make such a compilation, to be taken from the table.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved the adoption of this recommendation, seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint.

Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., moved to amend by adding that when the compilation shall be completed that the material should be turned over to the Board of publications for printing in pamphlet form and shall be made available to the Church members and the ministry. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried with no objections.

The motion as amended carried by a show of hands. The recommendation follows:

To the General Conference
of the Church of Christ

Greetings:

The Council of Twelve recommends that the Representative of the Church in the General Church office shall be appointed to compile all conference actions back to 1925 inclusive.

Respectfully submitted,
William A. Sheldon, Sec'y.
Council of Twelve Apostles

Sr. Lois Harris called for the taking up of the Recorder's report and the joint recommendation of the Recorder and Business Manager. These two documents were considered jointly and acted on in that manner.

Bro. Marvin Case moved we accept these reports and concur in their recommendations. Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Carried by a show of hands.

These documents follow:

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ Assembled
Greetings:

The membership on the registry of the Church is 2,416.

The record for the past conference year includes:

- 17 additions by baptism
- 1 addition by transfer
- 21 infant blessings
- 4 ordinations: 1 Elder, 3 Priests
- 2 organizations of locals
- 3 removals by death

Bro. B. N. Wentworth was ordained to the office of Elder. The ordinations to the office of Priest or Brethren Loren D. Bryant, Georgeville Local, Cowgill, Mo.; Allan Scott, Las Cruces, New Mexico; and Eddie Malory, Maple City, Mich.

The new organizations include one in Collins, Missouri, and the West Local in Independence, Missouri. Bro. Joseph Yates is the pastor of the Collins Local and Brother K. J. Smith is pastor of the new Independence local.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Harris
General Church Recorder

To the Conference of the
Church of Christ Assembled
Greetings:

A recommendation on vital statistics from the office of General Church Recorder:

Whereas, the system of forms and records used by the Church is inadequate due to duplication and differences between the forms and information asked for on the Registry,

We therefore recommend that a sample of the present forms be turned over to the Board of Publications for their perusal and revision, or the making of new forms for replacement. When the Board has reached a decision that the new forms be published in the Zion's Advocate for three issues prior to the Conference of 1960 that the membership may have a knowledge of the proposed forms that they may be acted upon at that conference,

And Whereas, there are no rules or regulations governing the issuing of certificates, the transfer of members, and various other duties common to the Recorder's office,

We hereby request that the Board of Publications be authorized to assist the Recorder in setting up a set of rules governing the handling of these items and that it be published in the Advocate in the same manner as the forms so that these rules and procedures may be presented to the 1960 Conference for its actions.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Harris, General Church Recorder
Vance H. Harris, Business Manager

Bro. Nicholas Denham resigned from the committee elected to study the financial law under which the Church should operate.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved that we accept the resignation of Bro. Denham from this committee. Seconded by Bro. Harold Gill. Carried.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved that Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., act as the member of this committee. Seconded by Bro. R. R. Robertson, carried.

Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., moved, as an incidental motion, that the responsibility of compiling the conference enactments which has been delegated to the Representative be a permanent responsibility and that he compile the current enactments from year to year and submit them to the Board of Publications for printing in the Zion's Advocate separately from the Conference minutes. And that each five years they shall be published as an appendage of the pamphlet previously acted on. Seconded by Bro. A. M. Smith. Carried.

The report of the Business Manager was called from the table for consideration.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved that this report be received and that we concur in its recommendations. Seconded by C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr. Carried by a show of hands.

The document follows:

To the General Bishopric,
Church of Christ, Temple Lot, and
To the Conference Assembled:

I wish to submit the following report for the past year covering the activities of the Business Manager's office:

Our total receipts from all sources was \$22,355.98 of which \$19,634.78 was tithes. This was a \$1,329.98 increase over last year showing that the people are responding favorably to the teaching of tithing.

Our total expenditure for all items was \$20,639.13 of which \$11,720.00 was family allowances and \$3,880.00 was Elder's expenses, these two items being approximately 80 per cent of our total expenditures.

Due to the slow rate of income during the first part of the year we thought we would have to pro-rate the allowances but due to the fine response of the tithe-payers we were able to meet these obligations which the Bishops appreciate very much.

Our March 1st General Fund Balance was \$3,265.05, Temple Fund Account \$2,689.86 and the General Building Fund Savings Account \$4,141.89.

I heartily recommend that we proceed to remodel and redecorate the council office, business office, rear hall, and rest rooms, depending upon the receipt of funds to cover such expenditures.

The appearance of the Temple Lot is not the best and this will require spraying and reseeding and the lot should be leveled at the same time. This item alone will amount to about \$500.00.

Very respectfully submitted,

Vance H. Harris
Business Manager
Approved by General Bishopric
C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
Secretary

Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., called for the reading of the Auditor's report.

Bro. William A. Sheldon moved that we accept the Auditor's report. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas Denham. Carried by a show of hands.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved that the Bishops be authorized to transfer the Temple Fund to a savings account. Seconded by Bro. K. J. Smith. Carried.

Bro. Marvin Case called for the reading of the United Worker's report.

Bro. Marvin Case moved we accept the report and spread it in the minutes. Seconded by Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr. Carried. The report follows:

To the Church of Christ
Assembled in Conference
Greetings:

The General United Workers' Organization was called to order in a business session at 4:10 P. M., April 8, 1959, by the chairman, Sr. Doris Sheldon. Reports from the secretary and treasurer were read and accepted for the minutes. The treasurer's report showed a total balance of \$335.46 of which \$332.08 is the Old Folks' Home Fund. This amount plus the \$35.87 collected for that purpose at this meeting brings the total in this fund to \$367.95. The regular collection at this meeting was \$9.11 making the treasurer's full balance equal \$380.44.

Written reports of the activities of the local groups from Grand Junction, Colorado, Independence West Local, and Independence Temple Lot Local were read and received for the minutes.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Chairman: Sr. Metta Anderson
Assistant Chairman: Sr. Doris Sheldon
Secretary: Sr. Lois Harris
Treasurer: Sr. Bertha Case
Member at Large: Sr. Frances Yates

The question of what to do with some bedding belonging to the church which was placed under the charge of the United Workers several years ago was discussed. Sr. Thomas Maley moved that we give it to a needy family.

Seconded by Sr. Freda Flint. Carried.

Sr. Minnie Smith moved that we send \$10.00 to Yucatan to Bro. Fernando Ojeda to be used for our people there for Christmas.

Seconded by Sr. Silva Rudd. Carried.

Several subjects of interest concerning projects were discussed but no action was taken.

We adjourned at 5:00 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Harris, Secretary
Doris Sheldon, Chairman

Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr., called for the report of the Board of Publications.

Bro. William F. Anderson moved we approve the report of the Board of Publications.

Seconded by Bro. John Sweem. Carried. Following is that report.

To the General Conference
Church of Christ, Temple Lot

I wish to submit the following report for the past year:

I received some material from the the Quarterly Committee for advance reading and comment and this was submitted to the members of the Board of Publications for study. This material has been returned to the

Quarterly Committee with comments from the individual members of the board and as it was not a complete quarterly it was neither rejected nor accepted for printing.

No other materials were submitted during the year and no tracts or pamphlets were published.

Very respectfully submitted,

Vance H. Harris
Chairman, Board of Publications

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved we adjourn until 2:00 P. M., seconded by Bro. C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr. Carried. Closing song No. 415—We thank thee, O God, for thy spirit.

Closing prayer by Bro. William A. Sheldon.

Minutes of the Conference, April 11, 1959 2:00 P. M. Session

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

Opening song: No. 291—Faith of our Fathers.

Opening prayer by Apostle William F. Anderson.

The chairman read scripture from the letter to the Phillipians.

The minutes of April 10, 1959—10:00 A. M. were read and ruled to stand approved as read.

The following documents were given a first reading:

1. Ministerial report of Apostle Leon A. Gould.
2. Report of the Dining Hall Committee.
3. Report of the General Sunday School Association.
4. Report of the Reception Committee.

The chair ruled to suspend the rule on second reading for the Report of the General Sunday School Association and place the matter before the body for approval.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved to approve the minutes as the report of the General Sunday School Association. Seconded by Bro. Marvin M. Case. Carried.

(See the Sunday School Association minutes appended to this session.)

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved as an incidental motion that when this conference adjourns, it does so to meet April 6, 10:00 A. M., 1960. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith.

Bro. Forest Maley moved to amend the motion by striking out "April 6" and inserting "April 11". Seconded by Bro. Robert L. Maley. Motion lost.

Vote was called on the motion to adjourn. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we recommend to the General Sunday School Association to have their meeting the 4th or 5th of April next year so they can have their reports ready for the Conference. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Carried.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved to recommend to the Ladies' Auxiliary (The United Workers) that they use Monday or Tuesday, next year. Seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton called for second reading of the proposed budget. It follows:

To the Conference Assembled
Church of Christ (Temple Lot)

Greetings:

At a recent meeting of the Joint Council the follow-

ing matters were approved to be recommended to the conference for your approval:

1. Tentative Budget for 1959	
Family Allowance	\$ 16,000.00
Elders' Expense	
Regular	\$2,000.00
European Mission	1,620.00
Yucatan	500.00
Fernando Ojeda	440.00
Cayetano Alfaro	180.00
Israel	500.00
Total.....	\$5,240.00
Yucatan School	1,000.00
Aid	1,500.00
Zion's Advocate	2,000.00
Books and Tracts	500.00
General Church Expense	
Temple Lot Maintenance.....	\$ 500.00
Building Maintenance	1,500.00
Miscellaneous	500.00
Total.....	\$2,500.00
General Office Expense	500.00
Total.....	\$ 29,240.00
New Buildin Fund	100,000.00
Home for the Aged	10,000.00
Total.....	\$139,240.00

2. We recommend that Bishop Vance H. Harris and Bishop John A. Sweem be appointed to labor in the field as circumstances may permit on the same basis as last year.

3. The Joint Council recommends that Apostle C. L. Wheaton be retained (in Israel) and that the Bishops make provision to supplement their expenses in the amount of \$94.00 monthly over and above that now sent.

4. We recommend that we send the hospital (in Nigeria) \$300.00 for the care given Brother Anderson, and that a letter of appreciation be sent from the Council of Twelve and the Bishopric.

The above items are submitted for your action.

Very respectfully,
 The Council of Twelve of Apostles
 (signed) William A. Sheldon
 The General Bishopric
 (signed) C. LeRoy Wheaton, Jr.
 Secretary

The chairman ruled that the matters from the Joint Council would be voted on item by item.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we approve the tentative budget. Seconded by Bro. Denver G. Chapman. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve recommendation number two, on Brethren Sweem and Harris. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried.

Bro. Marvin M. Case moved that we approve recommendation number three, on Israel, and Brother Clarence L. Wheaton. Seconded by Sr. Minnie Smith. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we approve rec-

ommendation number four on sending \$300.00 to the hospital in Nigeria. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried.

The report of the Dining Hall Committee was given second reading.

Bro. Don W. Housknecht moved that we approve this report of the Dining Hall Committee.

Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried. The report follows:

April 11, 1959

Report from the Dining Hall Committee

The following figures are as nearly accurate as we can make them until a final settling up of outstanding bills and an inventory of supplies on hand can be figured.

Cash on hand from previous year.....	\$227.64
Tables, Trays and	
Equipment for Kitchen.....	\$126.17
Total of Groceries Bought.....	163.08
Milk and Cheese (approx.).....	35.00
Expenses.....	\$324.25
Donations	\$206.07
Donations through General Church Funds.....	33.50
Total Donations	Cash \$467.21
	Paid Out \$324.25
	Balance \$142.96

We also wish to express our thanks and appreciation for the help and donations of food brought in besides the cash donations. Almost all of the salads and desserts were prepared and brought in from various homes, which not only helped to keep expenses lower but also saved much extra work in the kitchen. We want to express our thanks to all who helped in any way to make the serving of the meals possible. We have had wonderful cooperation from everyone and it has made the work of the committee much easier.

Your Dining Hall Committee,

Leslie Case
 Barney Wentworth
 Kay Matthews

The chairman requested the body to recess for a short time so that the Council of Twelve might consider an emergency matter that had come to his attention.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that the conference recess as requested by the Council of Twelve until such time as they may feel to call us back into session. Seconded by Bro. Nicholas F. Denham. Carried.

Recess began at 3:05 and ended at 3:25. The time was used in singing and in listening to a tape-recorded report from Sr. Angela Wheaton in Israel.

The report of the Reception Committee was given second reading; it follows:

Report of Reception and Housing Committee:
 To the General Conference:

We found places for 12 people. The cooperation of people who reside here was very good. Our work was made easier because of that.

Respectfully,

Your Committee
 (signed) Nicholas F. Denham
 Marvin M. Case
 Denver G. Chapman

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved that we approve the report of the Reception Committee. Seconded by Bro. Arthur M. Smith. Carried.

The report of the commission appointed by the Council of Twelve on a matter relative to Brethren L. V. Aldridge and Rolland D. Sprague was read: It follows:

To E. L. Yates, Chairman of the
Appointing Committee in the
Council of Twelve
Greetings:

We, the undersigned, being a duly appointed commission under the provision of the rules of jurisprudence adopted by the Church of Christ to investigate the validity of the complaint made by Elder Rolland Sprague against Elder L. V. Aldridge, report and recommend the following:

We have earnestly and prayerfully entered into our responsibility in this matter. To the best of our ability we have endeavored to be guided by the laws of honesty and righteousness.

The affirmative statements concerning the behavior of the accused made by both the complainant and the accused are very largely in agreement. Both men, Bro. Sprague and Bro. Aldridge, report the same story to us concerning holding the sacrament service in St. Louis local without the knowledge of the pastor. The complainant honestly felt that this constituted a violation of Paragraph 15 of the Articles of Faith and Practice. The accused felt that this was not a real violation of this paragraph but was willing to make amends for offense caused by his actions in the form of a public apology.

The complainant also saw his error in publicly bringing this charge against his brother and is willing to make public apology for any hurt that he has caused him.

We therefore believe that a reconciliation has been affected and recommend that no Elder's Court be appointed. Accordingly we respectfully request that we be discharged.

(signed) Joseph E. Yates, Chairman
Harvey Seibel
Marvin Ely

Bro. Rolland D. Sprague made the following statement:

"I have a statement now to give. I very much commend the attitude of the commission that worked with us. I wish to state that through the efforts of the committee appointed by three members of the Council of Twelve, Bro. L. V. Aldridge has agreed to correct the error of calling a meeting and serving the sacrament to members of the St. Louis Local Church without the knowledge and consent of the pastor (which in my opinion was a violation of Article 15 of the Articles of Faith and Practice).

"Bro. Aldridge has expressed himself as having been wounded by the unwise method of bringing the charge against him here on the conference floor. I apologize to him and to this conference for this offense, and ask forgiveness of my brother and this conference."

The following statement from Bro. L. V. Aldridge was read:

To the Church of Christ Assembled,
Greetings:

In holding the sacrament service in the home of Brother Shankle I did so with only one purpose in mind; to minister to those who, because of friction in the local in St. Louis, were absenting themselves from the local services.

It is my opinion that I did not violate Par. 15 of Articles of Faith and Practice of the Church of Christ as charged by Elder Rolland Sprague.

I had no intention to override the pastor since he had previously invited me to come to St. Louis to see if I could get this family back to attend services. I felt directed by the Holy Spirit to administer the sacrament to them. If my motives were misunderstood by the pastor and members of the St. Louis Local I am very sorry for any hurt they may have received because of this incident.

(signed) Elder L. V. Aldridge

After the statement by Bro. Sprague, Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that in view of the statement by Bro. Sprague, we accept the apology. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates. Carried.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved that we accept the statement and apology of Brother Aldridge. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates. Carried.

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson called for second reading and consideration of the recommendation of the Twelve on private publications. It was given second reading and follows:

April 6, 1959

To the General Conference
of the Church of Christ
Greetings:

The Council of Twelve Apostles recommends the following preamble and resolution for adoption:

Inasmuch as there is in existence in the church a number of privately sponsored and distributed publications, some of which are damaging to the progress of the church, in that some of their utterances are designed to destroy rather than to build, and

Whereas the Church has an official publication known as the ZION'S ADVOCATE, to which all may submit matter of general interest to the church, and

Whereas the ZION'S ADVOCATE does not receive much matter because of its submission to privately distributed publications, and

Whereas we wish to solicit and encourage the submission of more material of constructive nature to the General Church paper, therefore

Be it resolved,

That the General Church looks with utmost disapproval upon the publication of matter, antagonistic or destructive in nature, either in the ZION'S ADVOCATE or privately sponsored publications of the church membership.

Such matter is that which is in flagrant opposition to the church's stand on its councils, beliefs and practices.

If there be legitimate objection to the church's stand on various matters, these objections may be considered through the proper council or conference of the church.

(signed) Wm. A. Sheldon, Sec'y.
Council of Twelve Apostles

Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to approve the rec-

ommendation of the Council of Twelve relative to private publications. Seconded by Bro. Clyde Babcock.

Time for adjournment arrived.

Bro. LeRoy Wheaton moved to extend the time of the conference to 5:00 P. M. Seconded by Bro. Archie F. Bell. Carried.

Bro. K. J. Smith moved the previous question. Seconded by Bro. E. Leon Yates. Carried.

Vote was called on the motion to adopt the recommendation on private publications. Lost 19 to 24.

Bro. Archie F. Bell moved that this conference adjourn. Seconded by Bro. B. C. Flint. Bro. Wm. F. Anderson moved to amend the motion by adding "tomorrow evening at the close of preaching." Seconded by Bro. Don W. Housknecht. Carried. Vote was called on the motion to adjourn as amended. Carried.

Closing song: No. 343—Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

Closing prayer by Apostle William F. Anderson.

The above and foregoing are the proceedings of the Ministers' Conference of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot) held from April 6 to April 11 inclusive 1959, on the Temple Lot at Independence, Missouri. For their valuable assistance in producing this set of minutes I wish to give recognition to Sr. Caroline Hedrick, Bro. Robert Maley, and Bro. Forest Maley.

Respectfully,
Harvey E. Seibel
Secretary to the Conference and
General Church Secretary

Minutes of the General Sunday School Association Convention

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P. M. Friday, April 10, 1959, by Bro. Leslie P. Case, Superintendent.

Opening song No. 263—Savior like a shepherd lead us.

Opening prayer by Bro. R. D. Sprague.

Scripture reading by Bro. Leslie Case—Alma 9:50 to 59.

The affirmative minutes of the General Sunday School Association of April 9, 1958, were read for our information.

The report from the Quarterly Committee was read, and Bro. Rolland Sprague moved that we accept the report of the Quarterly Committee and spread it on our minutes. Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Carried with no opposition.

The report and receipt book of the treasurer having been lost, he submitted an oral report from the bank book which shows a balance on hand of \$984.07. There were no disbursements.

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved we accept the report of the treasurer as offered. Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Carried.

(Note from the secretary—The books and report of the treasurer having been found I am including this report for additional information).

Treasurer's Report
General Sunday School Association
in Conference Assembled
Greetings:

The following is a report of the finances of the association.

Received:	
August 24, 1958—	
Independence Local S. S.....	\$ 21.46
January 3, 1959—	
Flint, Mich., Local	29.15
February 3, 1959—	
Primary Quarterlies—Houston, Mo.....	1.00
April 8, 1959—	
Grand Junction, Colorado, Local.....	15.00
Interest on Savings	18.23
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Total.....	\$ 84.84
Sale of Quarterlies	2.00
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Total for the Year.....	\$ 86.84
Balance in Bank April, 1958.....	\$897.23
Income for Conference Year.....	\$ 86.84
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Total on Hand in Bank.....	\$984.07

There were no expenditures for this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rolland D. Sprague, Treasurer

Having no written reports from the local Sunday Schools, the Superintendent called for any who wished to give an oral report. They are as follows:

Collins, Mo.—Bro. Joseph Yates—We are rather proud of our Sunday School. Our average attendance is 18 to 43. We have 3 classes. They are studying prophesy in regard to the restoration of the church and another class is studying the book of Isaiah.

Minneapolis, Minn.—John Gill—We have two types of classes. The adult class is round table type and they are studying the Book of Mormon. The little children's class has little drawings and papers to draw and color with a lesson connection.

Grand Junction, Colo.—Marvin Ely—We have an average attendance of 35 to 40 divided into 5 classes. Cradle roll, primary class, intermediate class, young people's class, and adult class. As study material we use the Bible and the Book of Mormon. The adult class is starting the book of Romans. The intermediate class is studying the principles of the gospel and related material.

West Independence, Mo.—Sr. Metta Anderson—We have an average attendance of 35 to 40 and have 3 classes. One class studies the first principles of the gospel and one studies the book of Acts. The Cradle roll has a table for their activities and their projects.

Independence, Mo.—Clarence Thompson — We have an average of 59 attendance. We have 8 classes. The Young Married People's class has been studying the Articles of Faith and one class is now studying the Chart of History and Religion.

Las Cruces, N. Mex.—Harvey Seibel, Sr.—We have an attendance of 12. There are 3 classes, Primary class, Beginner's class which studies the Articles of Faith. This class is for anyone who is new in the Sunday School regardless of age. And the adult class is studying prophesy.

Valley Center, Kan.—Robert Maley—We have an attendance of 13. They are studying the Book of Nephi. They use a tape recorder borrowed from Bro. Tom Maley. He also sent them a tape which he had made in lesson style. They do not use it all the time but feel that used occasionally it has merit.

Ava, Mo.—Sr. Minnie Smith—We have an attendance of 16. There are 2 classes. The adult class is studying the book of Hebrews.

St. Louis Mo.—Gus Schwegler—We have an attendance of 8 to 24 and have two classes.

Black River Falls, Wisc.—Clyde Babcock—We have an attendance of 25, there are 3 classes. Two children's classes and one adult class. The children are studying the principles of the gospel from the Bible and Book of Mormon.

Ticul, Mexico—Fernando Ojeda—We have an attendance of 25 studying from the Bible and Book of Mormon in connection with the restoration of the gospel. The children study the principles of the gospel.

Bro. Denver Chapman observed that the General Sunday School requested that the local Sunday schools send in a written report and 1/10th of their collections to finance the printing of quarterly material.

Bro. Marvin Case moved to take up the election of officers, seconded by Bro. Tom Maley. Carried unanimously.

Superintendent nominations:

- Leslie P. Case17
- Marvin Ely13
- Harvey Seibel, Sr. 7

Voting as shown above elected Bro. Leslie P. Case as Superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent nominations:

- Rolland D. Sprague 7
- James A. Hedrick15
- Clarence Thompson 9
- Harvey Seibel, Sr. 4

Bro. Marvin Case moved that nominations cease, seconded by Bro. Harvey J. Bell. Carried.

Voting as registered above elected Bro. James A. Hedrick, Ass't. Supt.

Secretary nominations:

- Caroline Hedrick
- Marion Sprague—declined

Bro. Richard Wheaton moved nominations cease and we elect Caroline Hedrick as secretary, seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Carried.

Quarterly Committee nominations:

- Irene Case 1
- Marvin Ely17
- Harvey Seibel, Sr.11

There were no further nominations and the chairman declared nominations closed and proceeded to vote, resulting as shown above in the election of Marvin Ely for a 3 year term. The other members of the committee are Robert Maley (2 years), Robert Case (2 years), Tom Maley (1 year), and Marion Sprague (1 year).

Bro. Tom Maley moved that we give a standing vote of appreciation to Sr. Amy Shrader, Sr. Juanita Opper, and Bro. Marvin Ely, who have contributed so much of their time and effort to Sunday school material. Seconded by Bro. Rolland Sprague and carried unanimously. The officers were instructed to write to those not present and notify them of our appreciation.

Bro. Tom Maley moved that we accept the Chart of History and Religion as standard Sunday School material and recommended it to the local Sunday Schools. Seconded by Bro. Forest Maley.

After considerable discussion Bro. Tom Maley moved the previous question, seconded by Bro. Denver

Chapman. Carried.

A vote was then taken on the motion to accept which carried 19 for and 1 against.

Bro. Forest Maley moved that we authorize the Quarterly Committee as a continuous program to review study material other than that originating with the Church of Christ and present the list with samples for our approval as acceptable study aids, and that they be authorized to draw from the Sunday School funds for the material needed. Seconded by Bro. Denver Chapman. Carried 14 for, 2 against.

Bro. Denver Chapman moved that the Sunday School Supt. go himself or send someone who understands Sunday School work to attend all reunions and explain to the people what we have, and what we are trying to do to promote Sunday School work. Seconded by Bro. Rolland D. Sprague.

Bro. Harvey Seibel, Sr., moved to amend by adding the words "if possible". The motion as amended passed 13 for, 1 against.

The remainder of the time was spent in a seminar discussion of Sunday School helps and procedures. Bro. Tom Maley pointed out the importance of having a regular time to meet, and being on time. He also showed us some ideas in keeping little ones busy. Bro. Robert Maley demonstrated equipment that could be made at nominal cost at home. These were black boards, flannel boards, methods of duplication. Any locals that were not present may write to the secretary and we will try to send the directions for making these things. Sr. Marion Sprague discussed the importance of setting a goal for the little ones that was not too far in the future, and educational trips to stimulate the interest of the children in Sunday School.

Closing song No. 100—This God is the God we adore.

Closing prayer by Bro. Robert Maley.

PASTORAL

Having been appointed to labor for the conference year in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan, I direct this pastoral appeal. The Apostle Paul said, "We are workers together with God" so, realizing that there is need for a cooperative effort, I am making this appeal to all members and friends in the above named states for help in getting the gospel before neighbors and friends. Each have a responsibility of helping in the warning of their neighbors. Realizing the need of the help each can give, I will appreciate any help and cooperation given.

The great need is the uniting of our forces for the bringing about the accomplishments of the work entrusted to us. Each one has allotted to him the developing of personal righteousness, which is an individual task. If we turn the limelight in rather than out, and strive to bring about our own righteousness, and strive for a unity within the church, blessings will follow, and we will be letting the light of the gospel shine out from us.

I have no information of any church members living in Indiana and would like to hear from any there. In the hope of a successful year,

Your Brother in Christ,

Wm. F. Anderson
619 South Crysler
Independence, Missouri