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Dr. Carl Blythe
Larry Gates
Eddie Halsey

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Arthur Scheible
Mrs. Royce Shumate

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Wayne Dunlap
Purvis Farris
Willene Hampton
Jane Ruff
Taft Saulsberry

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Ben Bullock
Mrs. James Hall
Jackie Lackie

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Robert Fortney
Mrs. Roscoe Roady
Mrs. Vivian T. Scott
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Ray Hastings
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Perryville Parish	David Warnock	Mrs. O. O. Oates
Plainview Parish	Mrs. Robert Caviness	Mrs. Noel Vandover
Plummerville	Milburn Bostian	Marvelle Smith
Russellville, First	Oral Brewer	P. K. Merrill
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DISTRICT MEMBERS-AT-LARGE:

John Crofoot	Walter Davidson	Camille Davis
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Jim Lane	Verna Maxwell	Gladys Womack

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

CHARGE	DELEGATE	ALTERNATE
Bella Vista	Clarence Holmberg	Frank Nugent
Bentonville	Gleason Smith	Harold Murphy
Berryville-Shiloh	Sharon Spurlin	
Brightwater Parish	Irene Randolph	Rosco Harpool
Decatur-Centerton	June Thompson	
Elkins	Mike Tillery	
Elm Springs-Harmon	Tom Turentine	
Eureka Springs	Barbara Farwell	James Perkins
Fayetteville, Central	Lt. Col. Ralph Phelps	Thomas Rupert
	Darrell Spriggs	Lt. Col. Ralph Treat
St. James	Ruth Rich	
Sequoyah-Goshen	Judy Douthit	Charles Olsen
Trinity	Austin Brockway	Mrs. A. J. Marti
Wiggins	Clark McClinton	Bob Hanna
Harrison, First	Everett Burns	
St. Paul Parish	Frank Lawrence	
	Alden McAlpin	
	Lawrence Mellor	
Huntsville-Presley Chapel	Mr. G. W. Hall	J. Spurlock
Gentry Parish	Glen Steepro	Mrs. Ruth Wasson
Gravette-Sulphur Springs	Stokes Ballard	
Green Forest-Alpena	L. E. Dunn	
Jasper	Gunnar Skoog	Neil Wilkins
Lincoln Parish	V. M. Cuzick	
Morrow-Viney Grove	Neal Reed	
Pea Ridge-Oakley Chapel	James Mayfield	Max Walker
Prairie Grove-Farmington	Vincil Bell	Eugene O'Neal
Rogers	Carl Baggett	
Siloam Springs	Dr. J. D. Huskins	R. G. Wasson
Springdale, First	Buster Dunlap	
	N. D. Heathman	
Wesley-Mt. Hebron	John D. Bookout	
Winslow	Jeredon Chandler	
Yellville Parish	Judy Doshier	Wanda Doshier

AT LARGE DELEGATES

Hazel Clark (Mrs. Ronald)	David Baker
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Rosalie Lawson (Mrs. Marvest)	Brenda Wilcher (Mrs. John)
Leland Smith	Bill Cooper (Mrs. Joel)
Judy Moose (Mrs. David)	

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

CHARGE

Augusta
Brinkley
Cherry Valley-Vann Dale
Clarendon
Colt
Cotton Plant
Crawfordsville
Earle
Elaine
Ellis Chapel-Central
Forrest City
 First
 Forrest Hills-Mads.
Helena
Holly Grove
Hughes
Marion
Marvell
Marianna
Marianna Parish
 Wesley (Brinkley)
 Livingston
 Kokomo
 Smith's Chapel
McCrary
Parkin
West Helena-Lexa
Wheatley
West Memphis
 First
 Rosewood
Widner-Round Pond
Wynne-McElroy

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Charles P. Allen
Amanda Clifton

Bobby Littlejohn
Sam Lehr
Simon Capps
Ben Horne

ALTERNATE

Adelia Kittrell
Mrs. J. H. Carroll
Luther Sigman
Mrs. Grace Newson
Mrs. Berlon Davis
Miss Pattie Fraser
James Taylor
Mrs. W. H. Stewart

George Wisemore

T. G. Bratton
Lewis Jones
Nyle Oswalt
Aaron Hogan
Mrs. Amanda Wise
John Stephens
Raymond Russell
Ira Merritt

Mrs. Marie Miller
Hugh B. Proctor
Floyd Jones

Mrs. Jimmie Spots
Mrs. Sam Lehr
Mrs. Lorne Piercey
Arthur Weeden

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Mrs. Emily Cockrill
Mrs. Pat Freemyer
Mrs. Faye Geisler
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Mrs. June Spotts
Bob McGinnis

Mrs. Eda Claire Rucker
Mrs. Martha Murray
John R. Collier
Ms. Judy Hamrick
Ms. Dyke Morris

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

CHARGE

Alma
Altus
Barling
Booneville
Charleston
 Branch
Clarksville
Fort Smith
 Cavanaugh
 First

Goddard

MEMBERS

Paul McAlister
Victor Tede
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Mrs. Taylor Prewitt
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Bill Crandall
Garland Kizer
Mrs. Agnes Holland
Mrs. Herbert Russell
Mrs. Eula Hiatt
Mrs. Leo Baker

Tom Clark
T. Wayne Lanier
Floyd E. Sagely
Warren Kimbrough

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Hendricks Hills	Mrs. Larry Weir	Larry Weir
Mallalieu	Mrs. Euba Winton	
Massard		Norman Norvell
New Hope		Mrs. Bob Daugherty
Dyer		Irl Lancaster
Midland Heights	Gertrude Ragsdale	Vonnie Bush
St. Paul	Robert Peel	Leon Woolbright
Bonanza		Joe Smith
Wesley	Eddy Hill	Jim Fiser
Wyatt	Les Cox	Henry Huffman
Greenwood	Paul Joyce	Charles Cochran
Hartford	O. R. Findley	Mrs. O. R. Findley
Hackett	Ernest Rutledge	David Rathbun
Hartman	Mrs. Bill Hayes	Bill Hayes
Lamar	Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Daniel	Mr. & Mrs. Coleman Selby
Lavaca	Mrs. C. L. Moore	
Magazine	Ann Ryan	Mrs. Opal James
Mansfield	Neil Jones	
Huntington	Mrs. Patti Kleeb	Neil Jones
Mountain View	H. C. Jones	M. L. Cowart
Newberry Chapel	Tom Wonderly	
Mulberry	Mr. & Mrs. Cletus Stockton	
Kibler	Mrs. Betty Rankin	
Ozark	Homer Hall	C. C. Corley
Paris	Dr. Fred Hander	Mike Gray
Prairie View	Ross Rogers	
McKendree	Earl Ewing	
Scranton	Walter Looney	
Pioneer Mem.	Owen Smith	Garland Cravens
New Blaine	Fred Cravens	
Scott Co. Parish	Charles Cremeen	
Van Buren		
First	Mrs. Jean Peer	Mrs. Ruth Canterbury
St. John	J. E. Poague	Kathleen Poague
Waldron	Gentry Priest	Gene Mitchell

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Beth Linan	Warren Blaylock
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Mrs. Mary Ellen Jesson	Mrs. Muriel Ware
Mrs. Nell Barling	Mrs. Fanny Gordon
Mrs. Nadine Hardin	Debbie Linam
Dr. Taylor Prewitt	Bob Miller

JONESBORO DISTRICT

CHARGE	MEMBERS	ALTERNATE
Bay-Lunsford-Pleasant Valley	Mrs. Dorothy Bruner	O'Neal Haynes
Blytheville		
First	Calvin Hollingsworth	George R. Williams
Lake Street-Promised Land	Harry Weedman	
Bono-Shady Grove	Ralph Armour	Norman Leonard
Dell-Luxora	O. E. Hunnicut	Glen Cook
Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley	Clyde Ford	
Hickory Ridge-Tilton	Clifford Slocum	Gene Goodart
Joiner-Turrell	James Ford	O. W. Speck
Jonesboro		

First	Harold Smith	Mrs. Travis Nash
Fisher Street-Pleasant Grove	Mildred Osment	Vahntee Adams
Huntington Avenue	Mrs. Dale McKinney	Jack Sugg
Nettleton-Brookland	Mrs. Marcia Vaughan	
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel	Leonard Tankersley	Weldon Douglas
Lake City-Lake View	Mrs. Laverne Davis	Mildred Shoemaker
Leachville-Caraway	Arnold Watkins	O. L. Baldridge
Lepanto-Garden Point	J. C. Portis	Benton Cate
Manila-Community	J. B. Brown	James L. Bollinger
Marked Tree	Wylie Key	Mrs. Mack Crow
Monette-Black Oak	Clyde Evans	Mrs. Clarence Shockley
Osceola	Ralph Woodruff	Ralph Wilson
Trumann	Edith Dameron	Al Lindsey
Union Grove-Shiloh-New Haven	W. O. Richie	Charles Baugh
Weiner-Fisher	Sid Kennedy	Ned Darter
Wilson-Keiser	E. D. Beall	Mrs. Mary Oliver
Tyronza-Centerview	Ronnie Palmer	Jenkins Swan
Yarbro-Christ, Bly theville	Glen Lynch	

DISTRICT MEMBERS AT-LARGE:

Mrs. Donna Williams	Mrs. Freddie Nixon
Mrs. Linda Hollis	Bobby Box
Charles Raspberry	Marna Travis
Mrs. Rebecca Raspberry	Joe Sparks
Mrs. Ruth Lanier	

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

CHARGE	LAY MEMBERS	ALTERNATES
Beech Grove	Hettye Williams	Elsie Schug
Black Rock	Glen Verkler	Frank Nimmnicht
Boydsville	Don Huckabay	Melvin Wyatt
Cherokee Village	Sam Wells	Clark Radebaugh
Corning	Steve Jessup	Winfred Polk
Hardy	Robert Morgan	Margaret Morgan
Hoxie	Clay Weir	Helen Weir
Imboden	Dalton Henderson	Larry Burrow
Mammoth Spring	Jon Grigory	Ned Stratton
Marmaduke	Mrs. Dean Jenkins	Wilyne Thompson
Maynard Parish	Ben Halliburton	John T. Stoll
Newport		
Emory Chapel	Nell Person	Iona J. Oates
First	Jack C. Owen	Marvin D. Thaxton
Umsted Memorial	Vesta Cathey	W. L. Clark
Oil Trough	Alfred Arnold	Ruth Cook
Paragould		
Christ	Wilma Thomas	Violet Baldwin
First	Fred Wulfekuhler	Kathleen Sharp
Griffin Memorial	George Lockwood	Harry Hurt
Pruett's Chapel	C. M. Tillman	Charles Cozart
Shiloh	Ruby Hill	Vivian Davis
Piggott	Mildred Robinson	Marshall Wheeler
Pocahontas	Jerry Sallee	Georgia Sallee
Rector	Melvin English	Robert Mebane
Rector Circuit	Oscar Anderson	Roy Mills
St. Francis	Orville Schultz	Patsy Gould
Sedgwick	Howard Vance	Elgie Layne
Stanford	Earl Gramling	Mabel Gramling
Swifton	Wylie Pittman	George Kell

Tuckerman
Walnut Ridge

May Harris
Winfield Cochran

Ezra Coe
Gene Brand

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Gene Brand
Pauline Chaney
Harold Conrad

Roger Beal
Vivian Davis
Othella Peters

Pat Sims
Winfred Polk
Kathleen Sharp

(Youth Representatives)

Connie Russell
Pam Owen

ALTERNATES:

Paul Clayton
Doris Borders
Iona Oates

Tim Taylor

CHURCH LAY LEADERS

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

CHARGE	LAY LEADERS	ADDRESS
Antioch Ct.		
Antioch	Jack Pruitt	Beebe, AR 72012
Stoney Point	Lonnie Radford	Beebe, AR 72012
Floyd	Elbert Barnett	Romance, AR 72136
Harmony	Herman Waggle	La Plaza Acres, Searcy
Rosebud	Mildred DePriest	Rosebud, AR 72137
Bald Knob-Russell		
Bald Knob	Doile Cothorn	Bald Knob, AR 72010
Russell	Lillian Williamson	Bald Knob, AR 72010
Batesville:		
Asbury-Bethesda		
Asbury	Burnell McClure	707 Broad, Batesville
Bethesda	J. T. Low	Batesville, AR 72501
Central Avenue	Carl Shaver	Rt. 2, Box 46B, Batesville
First Church	George Collins	2631 E. Goff Dr., Batesville
Beebe	Richard Galloway	Beebe, AR 72012
Bradford		
Bradford	Tom Winningham	Bradford, AR 72020
Cornerstone	D. L. Chriseo	Pleasant Plains, AR 72568
Bull Shoals	Don Hale	Lake View, AR 72624
Cabot	Jim Davidson	Rt. 1, Box 43B, Austin, AR
Calico Rock		
Calico Rock	David McNeil	Calico Rock, AR 72519
Spring Creek	Doyle Peck	Calico Rock, AR 72519
Cave City		
Cave City	Ted Ford	Cave City, AR 72521
Evening Shade	Pete Jackson	Evening Shade, AR 72532
Cave Creek	Odell Storey	Rt. 2, Cave City, AR 72521
Clinton-Fairfield Bay		
Clinton	Dr. Algene Jordan	Clinton, AR 72031
Fairfield Bay	Herman Hollis	Fairfield Bay, AR 72153
Cotter-Gassville		
Cotter	Wilber Houchins	Cotter, AR 72626
Gassville	Lon Lonon	Gassville, AR 72635
Concord Charge		
Concord	Clifford Blevins	Concord, AR 72523
Cedar Grove	Leo Wilf	Floral, AR 72534
Tumblng Shoals	James Andrews	Tumblng Shoals, AR 72581

Desha-Cushman		
Desha	Gaylon Franks	Desha, AR 72527
Cushman	Teddy Masters	Cushman, AR 72526
Griffithville Ct.		
Griffithville	Ralph Showaler	Rt. 1, Griffithville, AR
Dogwood	Robert Corder	Griffithville, AR 72060
Ellis Chapel	Clayton Powell	Rt. 7, Searcy, AR 72143
Higginson	Lewis Love, Jr.	Higginson, AR 72068
New Hope	Homer LaFerney	Rt. 1, Griffithville, AR
Heber Springs	Jerome Johnson	Rt. 2, Box 132, Heber Springs
Holiday Hills	Charles Hook	Heber Springs, AR 72543
Horseshoe Bend		
Horseshoe Bend	Delbert Downs	418 Mohawk, Horseshoe Bend
Ash Flat	Wayburn Long	Rt. 2, Hardy, AR 72542
Judsonia		
Judsonia	Sam Davis	Judsonia, AR 72081
Garner	H. D. Sanford	Garner, AR 72052
Kensett-McRae		
Kensett	Hassell Prestidge	Kensett, AR 72080
McRae	Katie Springer	McRae, AR 72102
Marshall-Leslie		
Marshall	S. C. Smyth	Marshall, AR 72650
Leslie	Bill Dereckson	Leslie, AR 72645
Melbourne Parish		
Melbourne	James N. Blankenship	Melbourne, 72536
Oxford	Thurl Dellard	Oxford, 72565
Melbourne Associate		
Forrest Chapel	Griffin Arnold	Violet Hill 72584
Wiseman	Bobby Bookout	Wiseman 72587
Wild Cherry	Lewis Sublett	Bexar 72515
Pleasant Grove	Doss Jones	Melbourne 72536
Moorefield-Southside		
Moorefield	George Kramer	Rt. 3, Batesville 72501
Southside	Harold Martin	McHue Rt., Batesville
Mountain Home	Raymond Hill	205 Paul St., Mt. Home
Mountain View		
Mountain View	Howard Whitfield	Mountain View, P. O. Box 23
St. James	Mrs. Chester Hall	Mt. View, AR 72560
Newark		
Newark	Ewing S. Shipman	Newark 72562
Oak Ridge	Neal Coleman	Dowdy 72529
Pleasant Hill	R. D. Fallis	Charlotte 72522
Pangburn Ct.		
Pangburn	David Burnley	Pangburn, AR 72121
Mt. Pisgah	Gerald Childers	Rt. 2, Searcy 72143
Austin	J. S. Skillern	Austin 72007
Ward	Willard Russell	Ward 72176
Sixteenth Section	Doyne Fowlks	Austin 72007
Quitman Charge		
Quitman	Floyd Bates	Quitman 72131
Damascus	Ralph Porter	Damascus 72039
Mt. Pleasant	Adrian Tarver	Quitman 72131
Enders	G. W. Ward	Quitman 72131
Morganton	Arnold Parish	Morganton 72109
Salado-Jamestown		
Salado	Roy Westerfield	1522 Gray, Batesville
Jamestown	Tom Inman	Rt. 6, Batesville 72501
Salem-Viola		
Salem	Owen Biles	Salem, AR 72576
Viola	Frank Batterton	Viola, AR 72583

Mallalieu	Dr. H. P. McDonald	1823 No. 30, Ft. Smith 72901
Massard	Robert Flanders	4610 So. 31, Ft. Smith 72903
New Hope	Bobby Neidecker	Rt. 3, Van Buren 72956
City Heights	William Harrison	Van Buren 72956
Dyer	Mrs. Earlene Kamm	Dyer 72935
Midland Heights	Maurice Carter	3403 No. 6, Ft. Smith 72904
St. Paul	Murry Simpson	6003 Chippewa Tr., Ft. Smith 72904
	Ester Dolan	Rt. 1, Ft. Smith 72905
Bonanza	Bedell Hightower	720 Hillside Dr., Ft. Smith 72903
Wesley	Giles Gallaher	4521 No. N St., Ft. Smith 72904
Wyatt		
Franklin Co. Parish:		
Alix		
Denning		
Gar Creek	Victor Tede	Rt. 1, Ozark 72949
Grenades Chapel		
Greenwood	O. E. Roberts	Box 327, Greenwood 72936
Milltown	Charles Cochran	Rt. 2, Greenwood 72936
Hartman	Bill Hayes	Hartman 72840
Mt. Zion	Baxter Carter	Rt. 1, Hartman 72840
Spadra	Chic Morgan	Rt. 1, Clarksville 72830
Coal Hill	Thurman Edgin	Rt. 2, Ozark 72949
Hayes Chapel	Clyde Hays	Rt. 1, Clarksville 72830
Hartford	Miller Bowen	Hartford 72938
Hackett	Roy Smith	Hackett 72937
Midland	Dewey Turnipseed	Midland 72945
Lamar	Carmen Austin	905 Twin Cedars, Clarksville 72830
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Lena Morgan	Rt. 2, Lamar 72846
Lavaca	Harmon Nixon	Rt. 1, Lavaca 72941
Vesta	Bruce Spencer	Lavaca 72941
Central		
Magazine	Damon Cravens	Magazine 72843
Waveland	Bob Rogers	Havana 72842
Moore's Chapel	Warner Harger	Havana 72842
Mansfield	Joe Mannon	Mansfield 72944
Huntington	Jimmy D. Robison	Huntington 72940
	Jim Birgett	Huntington 72940
Mountain View	Frank Rye	Rt. 2, Alma 72921
Newberry	Jim Wonderly	Rt. 2, Alma 72921
Mulberry	Bob Jeffrey	Mulberry 72947
Kibler	Ken Kibler	Rt. 1, Alma 72921
Ozark	Homer Hall	Rt. 3, Ozark 72949
Cecil		
Paris	Fay Needham	Rt. 1, Paris 72855
Coles's Chapel	Todd Patterson	Ratcliff 72951
Prairie View	Ross Rogers	Prairie View 72859
Scranton	Albert Hill	Scranton 72863
Pioneer Mem.	Almer Cravens	New Blaine 72851
New Blaine	Fred Cravens	New Blaine 72851
Birdsview	Bill Taff	Waldron 72958
Cauthron	Emmett Miller	Rt. 1, Waldron 72958
Mt. Pleasant	Bill Self	Waldron 72958
Parks	Jeff Brashier	Boles 72926
Square Rock	Clarence Gibson	Box 45, Waldron 72958
Van Buren:		
First	Harry Freeman	615 Drennen, Van Buren 72956
St. John	Louis Garr	710 Rena Rd., Van Buren 72956
Waldron	Tom Cloud	Waldron 72958

JONESBORO DISTRICT

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Bay	Robert Hold	731 Southwest Dr., Jonesboro 72401
Lunsford	Ludene Reeves	Rt. 2, Lake City 72437
Pleasant Valley	O'Neal Haynes	Rt. 2, Lake City 72437
Blytheville		
First	L. D. Harris	723 Adams St., Blytheville 72315
Lake Street	Woodrow Cook	Rt. 1, Blytheville 72315
Promised Land	Harry B. Doxon	Rt. 2, Blytheville 72315
Bono	Ronald Coleman	Bono 72416
Shady Grove	Ernie Fielder	Rt. 1, Bono 72416
Trinity	Halys Cathey	Rt. 2, Bono 72416
Dell	O. E. Hunnicut	Dall 72426
Luxora	Charles Moore	Rt. 1, Luxora 72358
Harrisburg	Clyde Ford	S. Gould St., Harrisburg 72432
Pleasant Valley	Guy McHenry	Harrisburg 72432
Hickory Ridge	Clifford Slocum	Hickory Ridge 72347
Tilton	B. J. Burnett	Rt. 1, Hickory Ridge 72347
Joiner	Sam Key	Joiner 72350
Turrell	Jimmy Dale Thrasher	Turrell 72384
Jonesboro		
First	Dr. Don Berry	604 S. Melton, Jonesboro 72401
Fisher Street	Dr. G. W. Chance	110 Hunter Lane, Jonesboro 72401
Pleasant Grove	Edmond Gibson	Rt. 1, Jonesboro 72401
Huntington Avenue	Charles Rasberry	105 E. Stroud St., Jonesboro 72401
Nettleton	Lindell Pratt	3406 Dayton St., Jonesboro 72401
Brookland	Jerry Rackley	Rt. 1, Brookland 72417
St. Paul	Weldon Douglas	2609 Glenwood
Mt. Carmel	Max Trevathan	1817 S. Culberhouse Rd., Jonesboro 72401
Lake City	Fred Pyland	Lake City 72437
Lake View	C. E. McGaughey	Box 119, Rt. 2, Lake City 72437
Leachville	Ronnie Kennett	Leachville 72438
Caraway	Nelson Haag	Caraway 72419
Lepanto	Malcolm Patterson	Lepanto 72354
Garden Point	Nelson Cate	Rt. 2, Osceola 72370
Manila	Clifford King	Manila 72442
Community	J. B. Bollinger	Manila 72442
Marked Tree	Wylie Key	Marked Tree 72365
Monette	Clyde Evans	Monette 72447
Black Oak	George Brown	Rt. 1, Monette 72447
Osceola	Dr. Joe Thomas	Osceola 72370
Trumann	Al Lindsey	Trumann 72472
Tyronza	D. F. Wylie	Tyronza 72384
Centerview	W. H. Bingham	Box 633, Marked Tree 72365
Weiner	Charles Givens	Weiner 72479
Fisher	Walter Darter	Fisher 72429
Wilson	Sam Moore	Frenchman's Bayou 72338
Keiser	Eddie Gardner	Rt. 1, Osceola 72370
Union Grove	Freddie Miles	319 N. Caraway Rd., Jonesboro 72401
Shiloh	Willie Richie	407 N. Johnson, Jonesboro 72401
New Haven	Ernest McCracken	Rt. 1, Jonesboro 72401
Yarbro	L. D. Daniels	Rt. 3, Blytheville 72315
Christ, Blytheville	Clyde Gilliland	911 N. Main, Blytheville 72315

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

CHARGE	LAY LEADERS	ADDRESS
Beech Grove	Hettye Williams	Beech Grove 72412
Gainesville	Patricia Mullins	Rt. 8, Paragould 72450
Schugtown	Albert Wineland	Rt. 6, Paragould 72450
Black Rock	David Foley	Black Rock 72415
Lynn	Nathan Howard	912 N. W. 6th, Walnut Ridge 72476
Powhatan	Darlene Flippo	Powhatan 72478
Boydsville	Roy Rhynes	Rt. 2, Corning 72422
Ramers Chapel	Melvin Wyatt	Rt. 1, Rector 72461
Rock Springs	Ruel Parsons	Rt. 2, Rector 72461
Cherokee Village	Donald Forest	Rt. 2, Hardy 72542
Corning	Barney McCollough	Rt. 1, Corning 72422
New Home	Alan Clifton	Rt. 1, Corning 72422
Knobel	Bill Reynolds	Box 472, Knobel 72435
Hardy	Clarence Monts	Rt. 2, Hardy 72542
Corinth	Linda Carol Oyler	Ash Flat 72513
Liberty Hill	A. B. Spurlock	Rt. 1, Hardy 72542
Hoxie	Jim Green	Hoxie 72433
Clover Bend	Larry Jones	Minturn 72445
Imboden	Eugene V. Jones	Imboden 72434
Smithville	Larry Burrow	Smithville 72466
Mammoth Spring	Jon Grigory	Mammoth Spring 72554
Marmaduke	Dempsey Hatcher	Marmaduke 72443
Macedonia	Ralph Hardin	Rt. 2, Rector 72461
Maynard	Ben Halliburton	Maynard 72444
Middlebrook	C. T. Johnson	Maynard 72444
Oak Grove	W. H. Simington	Rt. 5, Pocahontas 72455
Ravenden	John T. Stoll	Ravenden 72460
Eli Lindsey	A. L. Lackey	Strawberry 72469
Ravenden Springs	E. M. McIlory	Ravenden Springs 72460
Friendship	Paul Shelton	Ravenden 72460
Old Walnut Ridge	C. L. Benson	Rt. 2, Hoxie 72433
Newport, Emory Chapel	Iona J. Oates	610 Elm, Newport 72112
Newport, First	Ed Scoggins	6 Pickens Drive, Newport 72112
Newport, Umsted Memorial	Scott Elphingstone	1018 Josephine, Newport 72112
Oil Trough	Bob Davis	Oil Trough 72564
Paragould, Christ	Glen Howard	Tower Drive, Paragould 72450
Paragould, First	Marlin D. Jackson	Box 670, Paragould 72450
Paragould, Griffin Memorial	David Cupp	Rt. 3, Paragould 72450
Paragould, Pruett's Chapel	Charles Lewis	Rt. 3, Paragould 72450
Pine Log	Harmon Whitehurst	W. Nettleton, Jonesboro 72401
Wood's Chapel	James Yarbrough	Rt. 1, Paragould 72450
Paragould, Shiloh	Jay Kingston	Rt. 7, Paragould 72450
St. Mark	Ulyees Chambliss	411 Canal, Paragould 72450
Piggott	Bill Holifield	Piggott 72454
Pocahontas	Vernon King	1911 Martin, Pocahontas 72455
Biggers	Alma Williamson	Biggers 72413
Reyno	Jerry Richardson	Reyno 72462
Rector	Melvin English	216 West Second, Rector 72461
Simmons Chapel	Granville Speer	Rt. 1, Rector 72461
Rector Circuit		
Hurricane	Raymond Gibson	Rt. 1, Marmaduke 72443
Ebenezer	Laverne Pruett	Rector 72461
Liberty Hill	Eunice Morris	Rector 72461
Mars Hill	Laymon Harris	Piggott 72454
Pleasant Grove	Carrie Clarida	Rt. 2, Rector 72461
St. Francis	Darrell McCrillis	Gen. Del., St. Francis 72454

Cummins Chapel	Loren Holifield	Rt. 2, Piggott 72454
Wright's Chapel	Frank Noblin	302 12th St., Piggott 72454
Sedgwick	Howard Vance	Sedgwick 72465
Egypt	Lowell Spurlock	Rt. 3, Walnut Ridge 72476
Pleasant Hill	Hansel Matlock	Highway 141, Jonesboro 72401
Stanford	Mabel Gramling	Rt. 7, Paragould 72450
Camp Ground	Hobert Holifield	Rt. 2, Paragould 72450
Warren's Chapel	Luther Cline	Rt. 7, Box 327, Paragould 72450
Swifton	George Kell	Swifton 72471
Alicia	Lavier Shook	Alicia 72410
Strangers Home	Lester Arnold	Alicia 72410
Tuckerman	Cletus Coe	Box 627, Tuckerman 72473
Hope	Paul Webb	Tuckerman 72473
Walnut Ridge	Gene Brand	508 S. E. 2nd, Walnut Ridge 72476

III. DAILY PROCEEDINGS

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

One Hundred and Forty-Second Session

June 6-9, 1977

Held at First United Methodist Church
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks, President

Dewey Dark, Secretary

Allan E. Hilliard, Statistician

First Day—Afternoon Session

The One Hundred Forty-Second Session of the North Arkansas Conference convened at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Arkansas, at 2:00 P. M. with Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks presiding. Following the opening hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive," Ben Jordan led the Conference in prayer.

Bishop Hicks in his opening statement to the Conference emphasized that the purpose of the Conference was to plan for the future and challenged the delegates to move forward in a concise presentation of the work that lies ahead.

BAR OF THE CONFERENCE: Arvill Brannon moved that the Bar of the Conference be the main floor of the sanctuary. It was done.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Arvill Brannon moved the adoption of the agenda as printed in the Arkansas Methodist. It was done.

SECRETARIAL STAFF: Dewey Dark, Conference Secretary, nominated Andy Hall and Charles Watt as assistants to the Conference Secretary and Marvest Lawson, reserve assistant. They were elected.

ROLL CALL: Dewey Dark stated that the official roll had been taken at the time of registration.

WELCOME: Worth Gibson, pastor of the host church, welcomed the delegates and reminded the retired ministers and widows that their expenses are borne by the Conference. He announced a Tea honoring Mrs. Kenneth W. Hicks on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Worth Gibson was presented to the Conference by the Bishop. Dr. Donald Berry, chairperson of the Administrative Board of the host church, welcomed the delegates to the church and to Jonesboro.

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP PRESENTED: Bishop Hicks presented Earl Carter as the new Director of the Council on Ministries and Victor Nixon as the new Associate Director. Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Nixon were also presented. The District Superintendents and their wives were presented: the Bill Wilders, Fort Smith District; the Ben Jordans, Paragould District; the Paul Bumpers', Conway District; the Ralph Hillis', Jonesboro District; the Bill Watsons, Forrest City District; the Charles Ramsays, Batesville District; and the Harold Spences, Fayetteville District. Mrs. Kenneth Hicks, wife of the Bishop, was also presented as part of the conference leadership team. Bishop Hicks spoke of the value of the cabinet as a spiritual unit and expressed appreciation to them as persons. He stated the criteria for the selection of district superintendents and the Conference Council leadership.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS: Victor Nixon presented the following nominations for later election:

Board of Pensions

- Clergy, 1980—Rev. Bob Orr (to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Earl Carter)
- Clergy, 1980—Rev. George F. Ivey (to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Paul M. Bumpers)
- Clergy, 1984—Rev. Carol Lascaro (to fill the unexpired term of Rev. W. L. Douglas)

Council on Finance and Administration

- 1. Mrs. Phyllis Hall Johnson (to replace Mr. Curtis Shipley)
- 2. Wendell Beal (replace Glen Henderson)

Board of Global Ministries

- At Large—Mrs. Wilma Johnson

Commission on Role and Status of Women

- 1. Rev. Rhonda Crow
- 2. Ms. Kathy Fadick

Committee on Group Insurance

- Clergy, Rev. Ralph VanLandingham (to replace Rev. Earl Hughes)

Committee on District Conference Journals

- Chairperson—Rev. Everne Hunter
- Batesville District Representative—Mrs. Sandra Barnett
- Forrest City District Representative—Rev. Denzel Stokes

Committee on Equitable Salaries

- 1. Mr. Robert E. Daugherty—(Ft. Smith District)
- 2. Rev. Benne Ross Harmon (Clergy, serving church of less than 200 members, Para. 934.1, 1976 **Discipline**)
- 3. James Ford—(Conway District)

Board of Trustees, Methodist Children's Home

- Clergy, 1978—Rev. Norman Carter (to fill unexpired term of Rev. Ben Jordan)
- Clergy, 1979—Rev. Charles E. Ramsay (to fill unexpired term of Rev. Archie Boyd)
- Clergy, 1980—Rev. Merle A. Johnson
- Clergy, 1980—Rev. Bob Orr
- Laity, 1980—Mr. Homer Fulbright
- Laity, 1980—Kathleen Sharp
- Clergy, 1980—Rev. Joe VanCleve
- Clergy, 1980—Mouzon Mann

Board of Trustees, Lydia Patterson Institute

- 1979—Rev. Bill Connell (to fill unexpired term of Rev. Ben Jordan)
- 1979—Mary Lou Gall (replacement for Mr. Homer Fulbright)

Board of Trustees, Methodist Hospital, Memphis

- 1. 1980—Mr. Henry Ezra Coe
- 2. 1980—Nadine Hardin

Board of Managers, The Arkansas Methodist

- 1980—Rev. Philip L. Hathcock
- 1980—Rev. Charles E. Ramsay

Committee on Archives and History

- Chairperson, Rev. Robert English

Commission on Religion and Race

- Mrs. Bob (Emma Sue) Hanna

Board of Trustees, Methodist Nursing Home and Village, Ft. Smith

- 1977—Earl Overton
- Jack Ragon

J. L. Swink
 1978—Roger W. Lynch
 Leon Taylor
 Tom Clark
 Robert S. Laser
 1979—Archie Boyd
 Mrs. W. A. Rowell
 Richard Lee
 W. E. Rainwater
 1980—Jack Ragon
 J. L. Swink
 Ben Core

Ex-officio: The Bishop; District Superintendent of Ft. Smith District; Chairperson of the Health and Welfare Committee

Board of Discipleship, Chairperson—Charles Casteel

Board of Discipleship, At-Large—Arvill Brannon

Committee on Education, Chairperson—Ben Hines

Committee on Nominations (nominations from the floor)

1. Clergy, 1979—(Unexpired term of W. L. Douglas)
2. Clergy, 1981—Two persons
3. Laity, 1981—Two persons

Board of Diaconal Ministry—(continuation of present members)

Joe Sparks—Marked Tree
 Jim Lane—North Little Rock
 Vernon Paysinger—Batesville
 Gene Brand—Walnut Ridge
 James Fisher—Searcy
 Paul McKay—Clarendon
 Dr. John Spurlin—Berryville
 Jane Steinegger—Jonesboro

New Nominations—By Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks

Kathy Fadick—Jacksonville
 Mrs. Pat Halwes—North Little Rock
 Albert Bertheoux—West Memphis
 Arville C. Brannon—Little Rock

Victor H. Nixon, Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE: Pat Freemyer presented the report. Proposal No. 1, P. 33 in Pre-Conf. Journal, was placed on the table overnight. Proposal No. 2 and 3 were moved and seconded. Adopted. Proposal No. 4 was changed to read "twelve members, at least one from each district nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. At least one-third of the members shall be lay persons in lay ministry careers." Moved, seconded and adopted.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Sam Teague, chairperson, presented the priorities as listed in the Pre-Conference Journal and called for Arvill Brannon, Associate Director, who presented the person who spoke to each priority. **WORLD HUNGER**—Nadine Hardin presented Lloyd Perry from the Little Rock Conference, a member of the Area Task Force on Hunger, who spoke of the Grain Belt Consultation and made a moving statement regarding world hunger. Nadine Hardin emphasized the need for participation in a November event which is to sensitize the Conference to the complexities of world hunger. **ETHNIC MINORITY CHURCHES**—John Thompson lifted up the need to develop steward-

ship within the ethnic minority churches and to help in reaffirming their cultural heritage. Arvill Brannon called attention to the remaining priorities: EVANGELISM, PARISH DEVELOPMENT, COMMUNICATIONS, and TO AFFIRM THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF ALL PERSONS AND UTILIZE THE FULL HUMAN POTENTIAL WITHIN OUR CHURCHES. Sam Teague spoke about the Council on Ministries' work and asked for Bishop Hicks to lift up his ideas for planning within the Council. The Bishop made reference to pages 4 and 5 of the Pre-Conference Journal, the Timeline for Conference Planning and the Policy for Operating Structure.

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNICATIONS: Herschel McClurkin presented the report. Vina Calhoun spoke on the Audio-Visual Library in the Council on Ministries office. Tom Barnett spoke of the practicality of radio/television ministry and gave an example of how Jack Hill, a Jonesboro television commentator, had made a film dealing with housing which represented his response in faith to the need. Mauzell Beal spoke of the parish newsletter as an effective tool for reaching people. She urged the training of persons in this responsibility. Herschel McClurkin presented a tape, "Connexion," a new approach to radio ministry. Dr. Curtis Chambers, the General Secretary of United Methodist Communications, in the closing statement in this section, spoke of the great task of this Committee.

BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT NO. 1: Max Whitfield presented those to be elected as probationary members. They are: David Bruce Bentley, Marcia Gail Swain Crossman, Bonda Sue Deere, Alfred Wiley Eckles III, Kathy Rhnea Fadick, Joan Carolyn Frost, Charles Edmund Liddle, William Earl Maxwell, Jr., Dana Andrew Thomason, and Barbara Ann Wulfekuhler. These were elected. He requested that those to be received in full connection be received by Tuesday morning. So ordered.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEES: Bishop Hicks in his presentation of the Legislative Committee concept, stated the two-fold purpose: 1) to get the work of the Annual Conference into a setting where delegates can have input; 2) to establish a base from which persons, Boards, or Committees who would be carrying out the responsibilities assigned them, could pick up the issues and determine workable plans for implementing before they are finalized. Each of the nine legislative committees are to elect a chairperson and a scribe.

COMMUNION OFFERING: Ben Jordan moved that the Communion Offering received this evening go to World Hunger. It was so ordered.

RECESSED: Following announcements the session was recessed for legislative committees to convene.

First Day—Evening Service

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at 7:30 P. M. in the Sanctuary. The Celebrants were Bishop Kenneth Hicks and Dr. W. Joe Washington, Conference Preacher; Liturgists were Ben Hines and Dick Haltom. Deacons were Worth Gibson and Rhonda Crow; Worship Leaders were Mrs Sandra Barnett and John Thompson. The Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, was directed by Mrs. Patty Skoog, organist. A Mime was performed by Chuck Jones of the University of Arkansas. The Communion Steward was Mrs. Malcolm Peeler of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro; the Ushers were from First Methodist, Jonesboro; Head Usher: Bruce Choate. The Conference Banner was designed by Mrs. Ann Jackson.

Second Day—Morning Session

June 7, 1977

DEVOTIONS: The Leader was Marvin Gaither; the Speaker was Bishop

Kenneth Hicks, subject was "You Are Sent."

OPENING: Bishop Hicks opened the session for business and called on the Conference Secretary for announcements.

STRUCTURE: Proposal No. 1, the proposed change in Standing Rule 22, placed on the table yesterday, was presented by Pat Freemyer: "No person shall serve as an elected trustee of more than one United Methodist agency of the North Arkansas Annual Conference at a time." Moved and seconded. Dewey Dark moved that the words "North Arkansas Annual Conference" be changed to read "Arkansas Area." Charles Ramsay moved that the word "agency" be deleted and the phrase read "United Methodist related institutions." The body acted to adopt the amended motion: "No person shall serve as an elected trustee of more than one United Methodist related institution of the Arkansas Area at a time." Pat Freemyer moved that the chairperson of the Communications and Publishing Interests Committee be made ex-officio member of the Arkansas Methodist Board of Managers (with vote). Seconded and passed.

NOMINATIONS: Victor Nixon called for the election and affirmation of those nominated yesterday. Ben Horn nominated Joe Dugan as a trustee of the Methodist Hospital, term to expire 1980. A ballot will be prepared for later election. Jim Beal questioned Arvill Brannon serving on both the Board of Discipleship and the Board of Diaconal Ministries. The Committee on Nominations removed his name from the Board of Diaconal Ministries. Wayne Jarvis stated that we had no authority to elect trustees for the Methodist Nursing Home and Methodist Village in Ft. Smith. Nadine Hardin, Nell Barling, and Archie Boyd spoke to this situation. Bishop Hicks clarified the question by stating that in this case it is affirming, not electing. The question was raised about Vernon Paysinger's dual membership on boards. Ben Jordan moved that the Nominating Committee resolve this and any other conflicts and that we delay voting on the nominations in question until tomorrow. So ordered. The election was held for the remaining nominations. Victor Nixon called for nominations of persons for the Committee on Nominations. Byron McSpadden was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Bill Douglas, term to expire 1979. The following were nominated for terms to expire 1981: Clergy: Bob Felder, Max Whitfield, James Linam, Floyd Villines, Keith Goza, Rhonda Crow, Jim Keith, Marvest Lawson. Laity: Ann Jackson, Joe Thomas, Mrs. Joel Cooper, Jim Lane, Stanley Reed, Winfred Polk, Betty Turner, Matt Ellis. There will be an election of two in each category. A ballot will be prepared. Byron McSpadden was elected, term to expire 1979.

ARKANSAS METHODIST: Jim Lane recognized Erwin McDonald, religion editor of the Arkansas Democrat. He then presented John Workman to give the report. He lifted up the missional task of all areas of communication and expressed appreciation for the support given for the Arkansas Methodist. Over 98% was paid. Jim Lane referred to the report in the Pre-Conference Journal. The apportionment of \$51,000 is the same as last year. Report adopted.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION, REPORT NO. 1: Joel Cooper presented the report. The CF&A proposed moving away from financing on the basis of percentages of the pastor's salary and adopting a dollar apportionment as in other items. This would allow for a more equal distribution to the various districts. Wayne Jarvis presented changes in the Pre-Conference Journal: page 35, line 30, the amount for the Rio Grande Conference is \$6500; Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference is \$6500. On line 31, Black Ministries is \$20,000 (first \$10,000 shall go to Mallelieu Community Center). On line 32, Heifer Project International is \$10,000. On lines 31 and 32, Aldersgate, Inc. was eliminated as an Advance Special. On page 36, line 7, Global Ministries should read \$52,690. On page 37, under No. III. F., line 31, add "That the North

Arkansas Annual Conference preserve an operating balance not below \$60,000 for 1977, and after January 1, 1978, the balance not be below \$50,000." Joel Cooper presented Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, General Secretary of the Council on Finance and Administration. He expressed joy in being present and appreciation for the good work of the Conference. He stated that this Conference led all other Conferences in percentage of payment of World Service with 108%. Only one other Conference has equaled this Conference's support for the basic fundings.

DIACONAL MINISTRIES: Arvill Brannon presented five persons who have met the requirements for consecration as diaconal ministers. They are: Monty Ray Bell, Certified Director of Music; Albert Keith Berthouex, Certified Director of Music; Len D. Bobo, Certified Director of Music; Sheila G. Combs, Certified Director of Music and Education; and Sally Jo Foster Gibson, Certified Director of Music. These are lay persons who are set aside for special ministries within the church. This relationship was granted and the report was adopted.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN: Marie Jordan, president, stated that a person has to intentionally want to be a member of the UMW. She presented goals, stating that approximately 11,000 women in this Conference are members, representing 20% of the women in the church. A total of \$14,000,000 was spent by United Methodist Women in missional work with 33.9% of the budget of the Board of Global Ministries coming from the UMW.

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH: David Moose presented Susan Brown, president of the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, who spoke of the projects and program. She announced the Senior High Youth Assembly and the new and successful Junior High Youth Assembly.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: Leonard Byers presented the following to be granted superannuate status, full connection: Robert E. L. Bearden, Charles W. Lewis, Thurston Masters, Gaither A. McKelvey, Charles P. Reed, B. W. Stallcup, and Harvey Hazelwood. The Board of Pensions joined with the Board of Ordained Ministry in recognizing the service of these retirees. The Conference voted to grant them supernumerary status.

ORDER FOR RECESS: Announcements were made and the session was recessed for the preparation for the Memorial Service.

THE SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COMMEMORATION: The Liturgist was Ellsworth Watson; the Worship Leader was James Barton; the Soloist was Ronda Haltom; the Trombone Soloist was Carlos Summers; the Organist was Mrs. Patty Skoog. The Preacher was Maurice Lanier. Those memorialized were: Elmus C. Brown, Charles A. Crossno, Williard (Bill) L. Douglas, Clyde Thomas Parsons, Earnest E. Stevenson, General Grant Troupe, James Southerland Upton, Edward T. Wayland, Walter J. Williams, Corinne C. Covington Connell (wife of R. E. Connell), Mayme P. Johnson (widow of Grover C. Johnson), Lydia L. Simmons (widow of John Simmons), and Bessie Sweet (widow of Frank Sweet).

Second Day--Evening Service

The Service of Worship and the Consecration of Diaconal Ministers was held at 7:30 P. M. in the Sanctuary. The ministers of the celebration were Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks and Dr. W. Joe Washington, Conference Preacher. The Worship Leader was Dr. M. D. Deneke; the Liturgist was Chris Cooper. The Choir was from the United Methodist Church, Bay. Director was Mr. Johnny Isbell; Robin Holt was accompanist. The Trombone Choir included Don Hall, Jeff Haltom, John Combs, and Carlos Summers who also directed the choir. The Organist was

Mrs. Patty Skoog. The Ushers were from First United Methodist, Jonesboro, Head Usher: Bruce Choate.

Third Day—Morning Session
June 8, 1977

DEVOTIONS: The Liturgist was Mona Travis. The Speaker was Bishop Hicks. The opening hymn was "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing."

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Mouzon Mann requested that the Arkansas Methodist print Bishop Hicks' devotionals.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made by the Conference Secretary.

COKESBURY: Sam Allbright, representative from Cokesbury, presented the Conference with a Study Kit, "How to Enrich your Worship," and a check for \$4,317.74 to go into the conference Pension Fund. This is our conference share of the profits earned by Cokesbury.

ORDER OF THE DAY: Joel Cooper moved that the report of C. F. A. be heard at 3 P. M. It was so ordered.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Victor Nixon explained procedure to be followed on the ballot.

TELLERS ELECTED: Andy Hall nominated as tellers: Leonard Byers, chairperson, James Linam, Kenneth Renfroe, Phil Hathcock, Fern Cook, Gene Brand, Buddy Arnold, Laura Casteel, Marvin Gaither, Sam Lehr. Elected.

BALLOTS: All candidates were introduced and the ballots were taken.

STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN: Mary Ellen Jesson reminded us that though we have made strides in women's rights, we still have a long way to go. A budget change was presented. Report adopted.

LAY LIFE AND WORK: Bob Cheyne presented report and called attention to items in Pre-Conference report. He designated October 8 and 9 as a special time for laity. On October 8 there will be a Lay Rally somewhere in central Arkansas. A task force will be appointed to plan this event. October 9 is Laity Day. Every United Methodist Church will have a lay speaker. The Council on Lay Life & Work will sponsor an "awareness session" for the Council on Ministries and Cabinet. Report adopted.

UNITED METHODIST MEN: Bob Cheyne made the report for Dr. Mann-smith. The two speakers for the Laymen's Retreat at Mt. Sequoyah on August 6 and 7 are Bill Kirby and John Lundy. He encouraged participation in the "Purdue '77" Rally. Reported adopted.

INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

Perkins School of Theology: Dr. Quillian represented the school and expressed appreciation for the Conference's support. He stated that we have moved to the "our seminary" concept, not the pastor's school. Laity are becoming aware of the needs for theological education.

Aldersgate: Mabel Harris brought greetings from Aldersgate, and described it as an arm of the church that cuts across racial and denominational lines.

Methodist Hospital: Nell Barling presented Henry Hottum, Administrator of the hospital. She presented to him a plaque in behalf of this conference as an expression of our appreciation for his many years of service to this institution. Jim Brown, who will be the administrator of the new Methodist Hospital North, spoke of the ongoing programs of the hospital.

Methodist Nursing Home & Village: E. L. Smith, Administrator, expressed appreciation to the Conference for its continued support. He reported that the recent financial campaign had been reached and oversubscribed \$2,000.

Methodist Children's Home: Joe R. Phillips, Jr., Administrator, stated that

the immediate priorities for the Methodist Children's Home are:

- 1) The securing of a regular license from Arkansas Social Services for the operation of a residential child care facility in the State of Arkansas.
- 2) The securing of accreditation from the Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church.
- 3) To qualify the United Methodist Children's Home for full membership in the Child Welfare League of America.

Scarritt College: Bob Gentry spoke for the college, sharing with us their exciting success financially. They have reached their challenge grant. Contributions from this conference were \$11,250 this year, which more than doubled last year's gifts. Of the 109 graduates this year, 3 were from Arkansas and another chose to work in Arkansas.

Community Methodist Hospital, Paragould: Mack Harbour, Administrator, explained that this hospital is owned by the City of Paragould but is under a long-time lease to the Community Methodist Hospital Corporation. It is accredited by the Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Lydia Patterson Institute: Dr. Noe Gonzales expressed appreciation to the conference for its support.

Arkansas Council of Churches: Frances Wood spoke of the three ecumenical conferences sponsored by the Council at Mt. Sequoyah, St. John's Seminary, and Little Rock.

Hendrix College: Jim Major brought greetings. This was the year that the Hendrix Story was told in district convocations throughout the State. Hendrix is a strong school because of the continued support of the Alumni and the church. They expect to have a balanced budget this year.

Mt. Sequoyah: Lee Cate, superintendent, presented his wife, Sally. He stated that Mt. Sequoyah must count on the support of the church. There is a growing program with this year's participation the largest in 8 years.

Philander Smith College: Dr. Tom Slinkard, professor of history at the college, spoke of new programs and the promise of a new building. He stated that the "Sunday College" program is going well. 98% of the student body is black.

Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation: Ed Harris, executive director, spoke of the expanding purpose: alcohol, narcotics, gambling, pornography. He presented Henry Goodloe as a past executive director.

Memphis Theological Seminary: W. E. Knickbocker, a United Methodist minister and a professor of Methodist history and polity, represented the seminary. He announced that the Candler School of Theology will begin this fall conducting its doctor of ministry program on this campus.

Commission on Chaplains: James P. Richards from the Division of Chaplains and Related Ministries of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, was presented to the conference. He spoke of the work of the chaplains present.

Greetings: Chaplain Bob Howerton, unable to attend conference, sent greetings in a letter which was read. The Conference Secretary was instructed to reciprocate to this and other greetings received.

REPORT OF BALLOT: Election, trustee of Methodist Hospital, trustees, terms to expire 1980: Joe Dugan and Ezra Coe. No election on either clergy or laity ballot for Committee on Nominations. The bishop asked the conference to vote to set aside the majority rule and to accept the two persons receiving the highest number votes. Joe Wilkerson moved that this be done for the clergy vote. Seconded. So ordered. Mary Ellen Jesson moved that the same rule apply to the laity. Seconded and passed. Clergy, 1981: Max Whitfield and James Keith; Laity, 1981: Ann Jackson and Matt Ellis. The election for the Methodist Hospital

trustee was questioned. Nell Barling stated it was her understanding that the Methodist Hospital rules required that a woman be elected to replace a woman. Bishop Hicks deferred action until contact can be made with the hospital.

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES: Wayne Clark presented the cause of Nawake Camp. Dr. Charles Stott, Camp planner and Consultant, presented the long range proposed plan of development and spoke of this camp in light of man's growing need for fulfilling his leisure time. Jim McKay proposed that we leave the 1,000 acres alone as unspoiled wilderness. Bob Edwards spoke in favor of the development plan. J. D. Lawrence asked that we leave it alone, that we can rent motels across the world. Wayne Clark moved the adoption of the plan and it was seconded. Wayne Jarvis stated that he suspected that the adoption of this plan would eventually lead to our spending \$10,000,000 for its development. Bill Wilder suggested that this plan would give the committee guidance. The plan was adopted. The entire report was adopted.

PROPOSED STANDING RULE CHANGE: Sam Teague presented a proposed Standing Rule No. 24 which must lay on the table overnight for consideration.

"Each year the Conference Council on Ministries will determine the number of additional lay persons, if any, to be named and will notify each District Council on Ministries of the number of persons to be named by it, according to the following formula with top priority to be given to Number 1, etc.:

1. Officers of the Conference Council on Lay Life and Work.
2. Conference United Methodist Women officers within the bounds of a district.
3. Elected Chairpersons for conference boards and agencies.
4. Elected lay persons to general and jurisdictional boards and agencies.
5. Lay delegates to general and jurisdictional conferences.
6. District Lay Leaders and District Presidents of United Methodist Women.
7. Lay members of conference boards and agencies.
8. One additional youth from each district.
9. Inclusiveness of Ethnic Minorities.
10. At-large district representatives."

Third Day--Afternoon Session

ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY--Dr. William McElvaney, spoke in behalf of the seminary, expressing appreciation for the continued support given by this conference.

BOARD OF PENSIONS: Tom Weir announced that the annuity rate for this year will be \$78. He stated that pensions is a missional priority in the thinking of the Board of Pensions. We are in the business of mission to those who are retired. Report was adopted.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION: Victor Nixon explained that the rules of the Methodist Hospital requires a woman to be elected to the position of trustee. He moved that the election of the trustees for the Methodist Hospital in Memphis held this morning be declared invalid. Seconded and passed. The floor was opened for nominations for two trustees--one man, one woman. Henry Ezra Coe and June Spotts were nominated and elected by acclamation. He further moved that the list of trustees submitted by agencies who elect their own trustees, be affirmed. So ordered.

Nomination for Board of Church and Society, Human Relation Chairperson--Robert Felder.

The following nominations are made to correct conflicts with the Standing

Rules:

Board of Pensions—Clergy 1984—Bill Walker (W. L.) (to replace Carol Lascaro)

Board of Discipleship—at large—Jim West (to replace Arvill Brannon)

Board of Diaconal Ministries—(remove name of Vernon Paysinger)

New nomination—Leonard Bobo

BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT NO. 2: Max Whitfield presented members to be elected into full connection:

Rodger Ernest Glover

Jimmy Maxwell West

They were asked disciplinary questions by the Bishop. Max Whitfield moved their election. Seconded. Approved.

Report

Jon Guthrie presented the remainder of the report and moved its adoption. Seconded. (See Board of Ordained Ministry Report.) Jim West proposed two amendments to the Board of Ministry report:

Under No. 1, page 45, general provisions add letter 'E'

That a special offering be taken on Ministry Sunday each year and that this offering be used for the sole purpose of aid to ministerial students.

No. II, page 45, Policy and Program, under section A-2

That No. 2 be deleted entirely and be replaced with—

"For financial assistance to college and seminary students enrolled in colleges and seminaries approved by the University Senate, or accepted by our Annual Conference, who meet the following requirements. (Priority shall be given (1) to persons attending United Methodist Seminaries (2) persons attending other accredited seminaries (3) college students who have completed ½ their requirements for graduation."

Jim West requested that No. II not be acted upon unless No. I is adopted.

Joel Cooper moved that this be referred back to the Board of Ordained Ministry. Approved. With the deletion of the two items in question the remainder of the report was adopted.

ORDER OF THE DAY: C. F. & A. REPORT NO. 2—Joel Cooper stated that the C. F. & A. wants to help the conference fund its programs but that we have to pay for what we get. They feel the responsibility of helping the conference face its financial situation. Wayne Jarvis moved the adoption of Item I, page 34 of the Pre-Conference Journal, as amended; Item II; Item III, Sections A, B, and C; and Item IV. Seconded. Joe Wilkerson recommended that the Lydia Patterson Institute not be an Advance Special but that it be a line item for \$11,775. Discussion followed. The question was called for and the amendment was defeated. Sam Teague moved that line 14, page 36, be changed from \$1000 to \$4000. Seconded. Jim Beal spoke for the motion, explaining that the Office of Pastoral Care in the past has been funded by the Board of Ministry. At this point the depletion of funds makes it essential to change the method of funding. Charles McDonald asked about the Edwards estate providing the funding. Charles Ramsay explained that this estate money was not to be used for on-going, long range programs. The amendment carried. Sam Teague moved that we add on page 36, line 22, a new item, "Conference Priorities—\$8250." Bob Cheyne explained that \$5000 would be used for Ethnic Minorities, \$2500 for World Hunger, \$750 for Evangelism. Discussion followed. Dr. Deneke stated that for the amendment to be properly before the conference, an equal increase would need to be shown on page 34, line 45, in Conference Benevolences. Sam

Teague agreed to accept this notation as part of the report. Bob Miller, layman from Hendrix Hills United Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, stated that his church would agree to pay half the total amount if this were passed. The amendment carried. The original motion was called for and carried. The following additions were submitted and adopted:

III. F. Page 37, Line 41

That the North Arkansas Conference acknowledge the need for maintaining monies to be used as needed for the stabilization of the accounts of Wesley Foundation, Arkansas Methodist, Church Extension, District Superintendents Fund, Council on Ministries, etc. (Approximately \$50,000.)

III. D. Page 37, Line 31D

Young Adult Self-Awareness Workshop	1000.00
Ethnic Minority Local Church	3500.00
Lay Life and Work	<u>1148.00</u>
	5648.00

III. E. Page 37, Line 35

Communications	1200.00
Human Potential	2500.00
Women's Rights Convocation	1000.00
Consultation on the Parish	<u>4300.00</u>
	9000.00

Item III. G. was presented:

III. G. Page 37, Line 41

That the North Arkansas Conference (1) grant permission to the Ecumenical Retirement Center, Inc. to secure individual gifts through their own efforts for matching funds in the Central Arkansas Area; and (2) lend the Ecumenical Retirement Center, Inc., \$37,500.00 without interest for up to 18 months.

Dr. James Argue, Little Rock Conference, was granted permission to speak to the conference on this matter. He stated that the Ecumenical Retirement Center would have 200 units constructed on property Aldersgate has purchased. He explained proposed funding.

(District Superintendent Ralph Hillis assumed the chair for Bishop Hicks at 4:35.)

Joe Wilkerson asked where CFA proposed to get the money. Joel Cooper responded that it would be a conference decision. Wayne Jarvis offered 3 options: 1) reserves in savings; 2) unrestricted benevolences; Or 3) borrow from bank. Charles McDonald move to take the money from reserves. It was seconded and approved. Section III. G. was voted on and carried.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Charles Ramsay presented Mr. Maurice Mitchell, attorney for the Ecumenical Retirement Center.

CFA REPORT continued: The remaining sections were presented and approved:

III. H. Page 37

That the North Arkansas Conference grant permission to Mt. Sequoyah to seek out individual donors, not to encroach upon any policies in the annual conference.

Add to Section IV.

B. All requests from institutions of the Annual Conference for funding shall be presented to the appropriate board or agency of the Annual Conference for recommendation before presentation to the Council on Finance and Administration.

IV. F. We call your attention to the action of the 1976 Annual Conference establishing the Area Office of Stewardship and Finance and the election of

a Director of Stewardship and Finance. In concert with the Little Rock Annual Conference guidelines were established and in November Dr. R. Bryan Brawner was elected to serve from January 1 until Annual Conference. We nominate Dr. R. Bryan Brawner for election by the Annual Conference as Director of Stewardship and Finance of the Area Office.

INTRODUCTION: Joel Cooper introduced Mr. and Mrs. R. Bryan Brawner. Mr. Brawner is the Director of Stewardship and Finance of the Area Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS were made by the Conference Secretary.

ADJOURNMENT.

Wednesday Evening--The Service of Ordination

The Service of Ordination was held at 7:30 P. M. Ministers were Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks, Jon Guthrie, representative of the Board of Ordained Ministry; the District Superintendents; one sponsoring Elder for each ordinand. Liturgists were Laura Jane McKinney and Fred Wulfekuhler. The Choir was from Huntington Avenue Church with Jane Steinegger, Director. Organist was Larry Williams. The Conference Preacher, Joe Washington: "You Are a Chosen People."

Fourth Day--Morning Session

June 9, 1977

DEVOTIONS: The hymn, "A Balm in Gilead," was sung. Mildred Osment led the Morning Prayer and introduced the Bishop. His message: "To Be Sent."

CONFERENCE CALLED TO ORDER: The Business Session was called to order.

PHILANDER SMITH: Dr. Walter Hazzard, president, spoke in behalf of the twelve black colleges and indicated that support for last year was the best ever. He brought special greetings and words of appreciation from Philander Smith.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Joel Cooper moved reconsideration of the ratio of World Service to the Conference Benevolence on the basis of 48.76% for World Service and 51.24% for Conference Benevolences. Motion carried. Wayne Jarvis made the motion that all increases in the Conference Benevolence budget be accompanied by equal increases in the apportionments. Adopted.

BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY: Tom Barnett, chairperson, spoke of the history of the United Methodist Church's involvement in social action and spoke of the tension between United Methodists as independent thinkers vs. our connectionalism. The General Conference spoke for us in a clear voice concerning social issues, with which we must be concerned. If any individual is not in agreement with the Social Principles, then that person must work within the system for change. A correction in the Pre-Conference Journal, page 8, para. 3: change date from 1838 to 1848. He called attention to the World Hunger Area Event, the work to support ratification of ERA, the sponsoring of a Women's Rights Convention, July, 1978, and the petition to Governor Pryor to grant clemency to persons in Arkansas facing capital punishment. The Youth Tour was a success, with 120 youth and 9 adults involved. It is recommended that this tour be sponsored by the Council on Youth Ministry in the future. There will be a Workshop on Ministers' Work with Alcoholics held in November at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock, with funding provided by the Arkansas State Commission on Alcohol and Drug Problems. The report was adopted.

RELIGION AND RACE: Euba Winton referred to the 1968 Discipline, para. 107, reminding us of the inclusiveness of the United Methodist Church. On page

28 of the Pre-Conference Journal, line 27, she asked that Item No. 1 be carried out. On line 40, change "with" to "within." Robert Felder presented the Ethnic Church Legislative Committee Report naming a new Task Force and asking for \$5000. An intense discussion followed concerning duplication of interests and it was pointed out that the monies requested in the amount of \$3500 had already been approved. Ben Jordan moved that we stay within the \$3500 amount already allocated. So ordered. The amendment passed. Robert Felder spoke of the Mallalieu Community Center and recommended continued support of this work. Report adopted.

WHERE SHALL ANNUAL CONFERENCE BE HELD NEXT YEAR? Jim Major invited the Conference to come to Hendrix College. David Conyers moved acceptance of offer; unanimously adopted.

PRIVILEGE: Bill Lindsey, a layman from Forrest City, raised an issue concerning the report of the Board of Church and Society. As a point of parliamentary procedure Charles Ramsay who had voted for the original report, moved reconsideration of the report. It failed. Mr. Lindsey was given permission to state a position against too much emphasis on ERA.

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP: Bill Wilder referred to the Board's report and presented Gerald Rainwater who presented individuals who made reports on the various sections. **EDUCATION**—Charles Casteel spoke of changing methods and techniques with Christian Education. He asked for new approaches and urged us to look at new possibilities. Sharon Spurlin reported the need for more attention to Young Adult Work in the Church School. **WORSHIP**—Dick Haltom presented a report to replace the report in the Pre-Conference Journal. He emphasized a workshop on "WORSHIP: The People of God at Work" to be held September 8-9, 1977 at Hendrix College. In July of 1978, a Convocation on Worship will be held at Hendrix College with Dr. Bill McElvaney as the main lecturer. **ENLISTMENT**—Jim McKay reported on the intern program and introduced Tom Conner who will serve 3 months as a summer intern in Hoxie. **EVANGELISM**—Buddy Arnold spoke to the report and moved to consider a report from the Legislative Committee on Evangelism to amend the report in the Pre-Conference Journal: on page 2, line 49, adding "Giving emphasis to prayer, Scripture verbalization of faith, crystalizing the importance of Jesus Christ as an individual's personal Savior, yielding to the Holy Spirit," and reordering the listed priorities: No. 3 to be No. 1; No. 6 to be No. 2; No. 1 to be No. 3; No. 4 as is; No. 7 to be No. 5; No. 5 to be No. 6; No. 2 to be No. 7. The amendment failed. **HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRIES:** Lewis Chesser presented the plight of the Wesley Foundations in the area of finances and he urged the adoption of the budget presented, not as adjusted by CFA. Bill Wilder moved that \$5000 be appropriated for emergency needs of Wesley Foundations in 1977 and that an additional \$10,000 be apportioned to local churches for each remaining year of the quadrennium. Seconded. After extended debate on the relative merits of Wesley Foundation, the motion passed. The total report was adopted.

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES: Nadine Hardin called attention to changes in the Pre-Conference Journal: page 14, line 47, insert Ethnic Minority Local Church. On page 15, add above line 1: "We support Lydia Patterson Institute by making it an Advance Special through 1977 and requesting CFA make LPI a line item in the amount of \$11,775.00 for 1978-80." On page 17, line 22, add: "We recommend a quarterly report of Advance Specials receipts sent from the treasurer's office to the Arkansas Methodist for publication." Rhonda Crow was presented as liaison person to missionary personnel. The toll-free phone number of the Board of Global Ministries is 1-800-251-8140. Mission information may be obtained by calling this number. **ECUMENICAL**

AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS—Ron Clark presented the names of persons to be elected delegates to the Arkansas Council of Churches: Charles McDonald, Raymond Hawkins, Ben Jordan, Walter Davidson, Lewis Chesser, John Workman, Harold Eggensperger, Earl Carter, Mildred Osment, Bob Edwards, Wayne Jarvis, Arvill Brannon, Gladys Womack, Sam Teague, Tom Barnett, Ron Clark, Leland Smith, Everett Burns, Ken Stewart, June Spotts, Kathy Fadick, Myra Rogers, Mary Lou Gall, Jerry Nichols, Philip Hathcock, Kathleen Sharp, Mary Lawrence. TOWN AND COUNTRY—Jerry Nichols presented the report found in the Pre-Conference Journal with a change on page 23, line 44, section 6, which should read: "To encourage church and community worker for ministries in appropriate areas of the conference." HEALTH AND WELFARE—Nell Barling called attention to the work in this area. The entire report was adopted. POLICY AND REVIEW: Charles McDonald moved the adoption of the report, calling attention to violations of Standing Rule 22 and corrections made. Report adopted.

RECESS: Conference recessed at 12:50 for 10 minutes.

JOURNAL: A motion was made that all reports be fully corrected by the Board, agency, or committee before being printed in the 1977 Journal in order to reflect accurately the action of the Annual Conference. Adopted.

STANDING RULE: Proposed Standing Rule 24, placed on the table yesterday, was called for and the motion was made and seconded to adopt. Buddy Arnold moved that we amend it to include District Presidents of United Methodist Men on No. 6. Accepted. Standing Rule 24 adopted.

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES: Sam Teague moved the adoption of the 6 priorities on pages 1, 2, 3 of the Pre-Conference Journal as priorities of the Conference. Adopted. It was moved to call a joint session of the two Arkansas Annual Conferences this fall to consider missional priorities. It was done.

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Wayne Jarvis pointed out that the Board of Global Ministries through budget adjustments, had reduced their budget by \$2000. Nadine Hardin disputed this. Ben Jordan moved that the CFA and the Council on Ministries meet and resolve this question. Motion carried.

BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY: Jon Guthrie presented the report and spoke against the amendments offered yesterday by Jim West. After extended discussion, the question on the first amendment was called for; it failed. Victor Nixon, secretary of the Board, presented an amendment that would give financial aid to United Methodist seminary students only and moved its adoption. A substitute motion was made by Tony Holifield to retain priorities as given in the 1976 Journal of financial aid given (1) to persons attending UM seminaries, (2) persons attending other accredited seminaries (3) college students who have completed one-half their requirements for graduation. After extended debate and discussion on parliamentary procedure, the substitute motion passed. Bishop Hicks urged the support of the Ministerial Education Fund and Methodist Student Day offerings. Max Whitfield moved the adoption of the remainder of the report. Seconded and adopted. He reported on Disability status and encouraged participation of retired ministers on boards and agencies. Disability leave was granted to: Elbert Bruner, James Brazeale, Raymond Fisher, Aubra Hayes, Theodore Luter, Rayburn Jackson, Kern Johnson, T. B. Parmenter, Lindsey Rolland, William Watts, Frank Weatherford, and Harold Womack.

BOARD OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES: Arvill Brannon asked that the name of Sheila G. Combs be removed from the list of diaconal ministers. It was done. He moved recertification of William Davis Mauck. It was done. Other corrections were: add the name of Aaron F. Barling as Minister of Christian Education; add new caption on line 28, page 44 to read Associate in Christian Education. Mrs.

Pat Halwes approved as an Associate in Christian Education. It was done. He moved the adoption of the report. Adopted.

COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL MINISTRIES: Jim Beal presented the report and recommended we continue the book exchange at the Conference session and emphasized various aspects of the report. It was adopted.

GROUP INSURANCE: Gail Anderson moved the adoption of report. It was done with corrections.

TREASURER: R. Bryan Brawner expressed his appreciation for the warm reception since returning to Arkansas. He stated responsibilities of the new office of Director of Stewardship and Finance. The audit has been received and will be printed in the Journal. He encouraged attention to wills and special gifts.

EQUITABLE SALARIES: The report was presented by Frank Clemmons who moved its adoption. So ordered.

STATISTICIAN: Allan Hilliard highlighted the report and moved its adoption. So ordered.

JOURNAL: Dewey Dark, secretary of the Conference, presented proposed changes in the Conference Journal to result in reduced size. (See Report of Conference Secretary.) Report adopted.

DISTRICT JOURNALS: The report was adopted.

MEMOIRS: The report of the Memoirs Committee was received and adopted.

TRUSTEES: The report was presented by Muriel Peters. District superintendents were requested to keep current records in regard to property matters.

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY: Bob English, chairperson, reported. He announced that Cato Church had been listed in the National Registry of Historical Places. There will be a history workshop with John H. Ness as leader. Report was adopted.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: The General Conference Amendments were presented for ratification: No. 1976-15, 111 for, 0 against; No. 1976-16, 115 for, 0 against; No. 1976-17, 114 for, 0 against; No. 1976-18, 112 for, 0 against; No. 1976-19, 119 for, 0 against.

EPISCOPACY: Clint Burleson reported. He expressed deep appreciation for Bishop and Mrs. Hicks.

MOVING DAY: Ben Jordan reported that Wednesday, June 15, is set for Moving Day. Pastors will receive the June salary from their new charge. So ordered. R. B. Brawner reported the distribution of moving expense checks.

RESOLUTIONS: Charles Casteel read a Resolution of Appreciation to the host church, the city, and to all who made this Conference a successful and memorable one.

MINISTRY: The motion was adopted to encourage appointment of retired ministers to boards and agencies, to utilize them in Conference and local church activities.

PENSIONS: The remainder of the Pensions Report was presented and adopted.

PRIVILEGE: Bishop Hicks announced the receipt of a telegram from the Nebraska Conference wishing a successful Conference Session. A return greeting has been sent to them.

PRIVILEGE: Earl Bass, lay delegate from Marvell, spoke on the Legislative Committee on Evangelism's proposal to amend the purpose statement in the priority.

APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Hicks read the Appointments. A Worship Service followed conducted by Bishop Hicks and Bill Williams.

ADJOURNMENT: Following a statement of appreciation by Bishop Hicks,

the Conference was adjourned with prayer at 4:05 P. M.

Kenneth W. Hicks, President
Dewey Dark, Secretary

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Minutes of the North Arkansas Annual Conference held in Jonesboro, Arkansas, from June 6, 1977 through June 9, 1977. Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks, Presiding. Date When Organized 1836. Number of This Session 142.

PART I ORGANIZATION AND GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium (§ 701.6, 717):
Secretary? Dewey Dark
Address: 19 E. Mississippi, Marianna, Arkansas 72360
Statistician? Allan E. Hilliard
Address: 203 W. Olive, Cabot, Arkansas 72023
Treasurer? R. Bryan Brawner
Address: P. O. Box 3364, Little Rock 72203
2. Is the Annual Conference incorporated (§ 701.1)? Yes
3. Bonding and auditing:
 - a) What officers handling funds of the conference have been bonded, and in what amounts (§ 721,2408)?
R. Bryan Brawner, Director, Office of Stewardship and Finance, \$125,000; W. L. Walker, Treasurer, Board of Pensions, \$25,000.

- b) Have the books of said officers or persons been audited (§ 717,721,2408)? Yes.
- 4. What conference councils, boards, commissions, and committees have been appointed or elected? (Answer Yes or No for agencies listed; use blank lines to list additional regularly elected boards, commissions, and committees of your conference).
 - a) Councils:
 - Council on Ministries? Yes
 - Council on Finance and Administration? Yes
 - b) Boards:
 - Board of Church and Society? Yes
 - Board of Discipleship? Yes
 - Board of Global Ministries? Yes
 - Board of Diaconal Ministry? Yes
 - Board of Pensions? Yes
 - Area of Higher Education and Ministry? Yes
 - Board of Ordained Ministry? Yes
 - Board of Trustees of the Annual Conference? Yes
 - Other conference boards:
 - Council on Finance and Administration? Yes
 - Council on Lay Life and Work? Yes
 - Council of the Professional Ministry? Yes
 - c) Commissions:
 - Commission on Archives and History? Yes
 - Commission on Religion and Race? Yes
 - Commission on Equitable Salary? Yes
 - Commission on the Status and Role of Women? Yes
 - Other conference commissions:
 - d) Committees:
 - Committee on Investigation? Yes
 - Committee on Episcopacy? Yes
 - Other conference committees:
 - Committee on Communication and Publishing Interests? Yes
 - Committee on Planning and Research? Yes
 - Committee on Group Insurance? Yes
 - Committee on District Conference Journals? Yes
 - Committee on Structure? Yes
 - Committee on Policy and Review? Yes
 - Committee on Nominations? Yes
 - Committee on Resolutions? Yes
 - e) Conference United Methodist Women? Yes
 - f) Conference United Methodist Men? Yes
 - g) Conference Council on Youth Ministry? Yes
 - h) District Boards of Church Location and Building? Yes
 - i) Committees on District Superintendency? No
 - j) District Committees on Ordained Ministry? Yes
- 5. Have the secretaries, treasurers, and statisticians kept their respective records according to the forms prescribed by The United Methodist Church (§ 905.4c)? Yes
- 6. What is the report of the statistician? (See Statistical Tables of Journal.)
- 7. What is the report of the treasurer? (See Section VI of Journal.)
- 8. What are the reports of the district superintendents as to the status of the work within their districts? (See Statistical Tables of Journal.)
- 9. What is the schedule of equitable salaries for pastors (§ 934)? See the Report of the Commission on Equitable Salaries.
- 10. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year (§ 716)? See CFA report.
- 11. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the pension and benefit programs of the conference (§ 734.4, 1707)? See the Report of the Council on Finance and Administration.
- 12. What are the apportionments to this conference:
 - a) For the World Service Fund? \$221,403.
 - b) For the Episcopal Fund? \$24,228.

- c) For the General Administration Fund? \$19,839.
 - d) For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund? \$12,858.
 - e) For the Ministerial Education Fund? \$103,583.
 - f) For the Black College Fund? \$53,152.
 - g) For the Temporary General Aid Fund? \$14,888.
 - h) For the Missional Priorities Fund? \$36,545.
 - i) For the Mass Communications Fund? \$5,315.
13. What is the percentage division between World Service and conference benevolences for the current year (§ 710):
 World Service? 48.76%
 Conference benevolences? 51.24%
14. What United Methodist institutions or organizations are approved by the conference for pension responsibility (§ 1706.3a(3), 1706.4f)? See Report of Board of Pensions.
15. Conference and district lay leaders (§ 701.8, 752):
- a) Conference lay leader: Name: Bob Cheyne
 Address: 307 Crestview, Bentonville, Arkansas 72712
 - b) Associate conference lay leaders: None
 - c) Who are district and associate district lay leaders?
 Batesville District: Marvin L. Gaither, 1795 Arch, Batesville, Ark. 72501
 Conway District: Jim Lane, 8 Sierra Court, North Little Rock, Ark. 72118
 Fayetteville District: None
 Forrest City District: Bob McGinnis, Rt. 3, Box 1884, Marianna, Ark. 72360
 Associates: Jim Patridge, West Memphis; Luther Sigmon, Wynne; Henry Richmond, Helena.
 Fort Smith District: Leon Woolbright, 444 North 47th St., Fort Smith, Ark. 72903
 Jonesboro District: Charles Rasberry, 105 E. Stroud, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401
 Paragould District: Pat Sims, Rt. 3, McKenzie Drive, Paragould, Ark. 72450
 Associates: Paul Clayton, Tuckerman; Ed Bolton, Pocahontas; Paula Black, Corning; Harold Conrad, Cherokee Village.
16. What local churches have been:
- a) Organized (§ 266)? Bella Vista
 - b) Merged (§ 2438)?
 - 1) United Methodist with United Methodist

Name of 1st church	Name of 2nd church	Name of merged church
Washington Ave., NLR	Rose City, NLR	Trinity United Meth., NLR
Brightwater	Avoca	Brightwater United Meth.
 - 2) Other mergers

Name of 1st church	Name of 2nd church	Name of merged church
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 - c) Discontinued or abandoned (§ 230, 455.2, 2441)?
 Dennard discontinued.
 Charlotte and Morganton service are not being held.
 - d) Relocated and to what address?
 None
 - e) Changed name of church? (Example: "First" to "Trinity")
 None
 - f) Transferred this year into this conference from other United Methodist conference(s) and with what membership (§ 46, 267)?
 None
 - g) What other changes have taken place in the list of churches?
 Nettleton of the Nettleton-Brookland Charge has become a **Station** church.
 Brookland of the Nettleton-Brookland Charge has become a **Station** church.
 Oil Trough has been moved from the Paragould District to the Batesville District.
17. What changes have been made in district and charge lines?
Batesville District: Antioch Charge will be composed of Antioch, Stoney Point, Sixteenth Section, and Ward; Floyd and Harmony removed from Antioch Charge to become the Floyd-Harmony Charge; Pangburn will be composed of Pangburn, Rosebud, and Mt. Pisgah; Austin removed from Pangburn Charge to become the Austin Charge. Quitman Charge will be composed of Quitman, Damascus, and Enders; Mount Pleasant will be composed of Mount Pleasant, Culpepper, and Scotland; Newark will be a two point charge composed of Newark and Asbury; Bethesda Charge will be composed of

Bethesda, Oak Ridge, Jamestown, Cave Creek, Pleasant Hill; Clinton and Fairfield Bay will be a two point charge; Oil Trough is being moved from the Paragould District to the Batesville District and placed with Salado to become Oil Trough-Salado Charge; Sharp Charge will be composed of Sharp, Bear Creek, Powell's Chapel and Sulphur Rock; Dennard-Shirley Charge becomes Shirley Charge.

Conway District: Mt. Carmel Church removed from Mayflower Parish to Vilonia Charge.

Fayetteville District: Mt. Hebron removed from Springdale Wesley Charge and attached to Springdale First Church.

Forrest City District: Forrest Hills (station) becomes a two point charge, Forrest Hills-Madison; Widner-Madison-Round Pond becomes Widner-Round Pond.

Jonesboro District: Nettleton becomes a station church; Brookland becomes a station church.

Paragould District: Camp Ground removed from Beech Grove Charge to Stanford Charge; Shugtown removed from Christ Church Charge to Beech Grove Charge; Powhatan removed from Maynard Parish to Black Rock Charge; Ravenden, Ravenden Springs, and Eli Lindsey removed from Maynard Parish to become Ravenden Charge; Biggers and Reyno removed from Pocahontas Charge to Maynard Parish; Remove Oil Trough from Umsted Memorial Charge, Paragould District, to the Batesville District; Hope removed from the Tuckerman Charge to the Umsted Memorial Charge; Pleasant Grove removed from the Pruett's Chapel, Paragould, Charge to the Rector Circuit; St. Mark, Paragould, removed from the Griffin Memorial Charge to the Shiloh Charge; Peach Orchard removed from Extension Churches to the Rector Circuit; Swifton, Alicia, and Strangers Home added to Tuckerman to form the Tuckerman-Swifton Charge.

PART II PERTAINING TO MINISTERIAL RELATIONS: ORDAINED MINISTERS AND LOCAL PASTORS

18. Are all the ministerial members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (§ 702.4, 703.5)? Yes.
19. Who constitute the Conference Committee on Investigation (§ 252.1.1)? See page 12.
20. a) Who have received the certificate of candidacy for ordained ministry? (§ 404, 405. —Include the names of all candidates for ordained ministry who have not completed the studies for the license as a local pastor.) Donald L. Hall, Jr., Lewis T. See, Jr.
- b) Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor, but are not now appointed? (Indicate for each person the number of years since the license was awarded.):

David Edwin Baker	1977
Susan Gladdin Christie	1975
Jacob A. Cline	1974
Dewey Stanley Dark	1977
Douglas Edwin Edwards III	1974
David Ray Hanshaw	1976
Stephen Gregory Holyfield	1975
Joel R. League	1974
Reginald Elliott Moore	1976
William Amos Patrick	1977
Herman Smith	1976
Carlos R. Summers	1975
Ralph Whiteway	1976
21. Who are approved and appointed as: (indicate for each person the number of years since the license was awarded—§ 408.2)
 - a) Full-time local pastors (§ 409.1) and what progress has each made in the course of study?

John D. Abshire, Sr.	3rd yr.
Warren Martin Blanchard	4th yr.
John R. Collier III	5th yr.
Paul Judson Crossman	3rd yr.

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| Edward Davis | 2nd yr. |
| G. W. Dewlen | 1st yr. |
| R. L. Hanks | 5th yr. |
| John D. Hickman | L. P. |
| Neal Kearney | 5th yr. |
| Bill Joe Kirkland | 3rd yr. |
| James Krohn | L. P. |
| Vaughn Marsden | 4th yr. |
| Bert Powell | 5th yr. |
| Danny P. Roark | L. P. |
| Sidney Royce Savage | 3rd yr. |
- b) Part-time local pastors (§ 409.2) and what progress has each made in the course of study?
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| Leslie Beck | 5th yr. |
| Ray Book | L. P. |
| Clarence Brown | 5th yr. |
| John Finley Christie | L. P. |
| Dorothy Collier | 2nd yr. |
| Wilton Goudeaux | L. P. |
| Wayne Gould | 3rd yr. |
| Floyd Ray Hastings | 2nd yr. |
| Joe Hughes | 5th yr. |
| Marlin Jackson | L. P. |
| Gladys Zelma Kearney | 3rd yr. |
| Henry Lorish | L. P. |
| Richard Casey Magie | L. P. |
| Loye Verne Mason | 5th yr. |
| A. George Srum | 1st yr. |
| Forrest Irwing Thomas | 3rd yr. |
| Ramsay B. Woodall | 5th yr. |
- c) Student local pastors (§ 409.4), and in what schools are they enrolled?
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| Russell Murphy Bailey | Memphis Theological Seminary |
| Craig Bex | Arkansas State University |
| Paul Dubar | University of Arkansas |
| Joe Gramling | Arkansas Technological Institute |
| Carroll Jackson | Memphis Theological Seminary |
| Michael T. Hollowell | Memphis Theological Seminary |
| Darrell R. Kersey | Southern Baptist College |
| David Paul Orr | Arkansas State University |
| Michael Glen Orr | Arkansas State University |
| Billy Frank Powell | East Arkansas Community College |
| Gregory Alan Webb | Memphis Theological Seminary |
| James S. Williams | Hendrix College |
| Samuel B. Williams, Jr. | University of Arkansas |
- d) Students of other denominations in a school of theology listed by the University Senate serving as local pastors (§ 408.7)?
22. What ministers in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved under the provisions of § 426.4 for service as pastors of charges? Boyd Allan—Freewill Baptist; John Thrasher—Christian Church.
- NOTE: If your conference has admitted or ordained persons as a courtesy to another conference, list these persons in Question 36 only. If persons have been admitted or ordained by another annual conference as a courtesy to your conference, list these persons in Questions 23-34, whichever are appropriate, giving the date and name of the accommodating conference.
23. Who are elected Associate Members (§ 428)? (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 23): None
24. Who are elected as Probationary Members: (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 23)
- a) Under the provisions of § 415? David Bruce Bentley, Marcia Gail Swain Crossman,

Bonda Sue Deere, Alfred Wiley Eckles III, Kathy Rhnea Fadick, Joan Carolyn Frost, Charles Edmond Liddle, William Earl Maxwell, Jr., Dana Andrew Thomason, Barbara Anne Wulfekuhler

- b) Under the provisions of ¶ 416.1?
 c) Under the provisions of ¶ 416.2?
25. Who are continued as Probationary Members and what progress have they made in their ministerial studies: (¶ 417, 421)
 a) As students in approved schools of theology? (¶ 417(1).—Indicate for each person the number of years completed.):
 Thomas E. Anderson 2 yrs.
 Robert C. Bell 2 yrs.
 E. Doyle Blanton 2 yrs.
 Joseph W. Bourgeois 3 yrs.
 Robert O. Crossman 2 yrs.
 Ronald W. Durham 2 yrs.
 Thomas F. Francis 2 yrs.
 Michael A. Hughes 2 yrs.
 Lester G. Pettus 2 yrs.
 Phillip E. Sims 3 yrs.
 b) In the advanced ministerial course of study? (¶ 417(2).—Indicate for each person the number of years completed.): Richard Ruble
 c) Graduates of approved schools of theology serving under full-time appointment (¶ 421(1))? Charles W. Armour, Stephen C. Brizzi, Jimmy F. Brooks, John H. Brown, J. Clifton Christopher, Rhonda Kay Crow, Rex G. Darling, Gordon R. Donham, Roger B. Hook, Gary L. Langston, James Mark Lasater, Paul Rains, Dennis W. Spence, John A. Wilcher.
26. Who have been admitted from other Christian denominations (¶ 426.2-.3): (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 23.)
 a) As Associate Members (¶ 426.2)?
 b) As Probationary Members (¶ 426.2, .3)?
27. Who are elected as ministerial Members in Full Connection (¶ 421)? (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 23.): Roger Ernest Glover, Jimmy Maxwell West
28. What Probationary Members, previously discontinued, are readmitted (¶ 441)?
29. Who are readmitted: (¶ 436, 442-443)
 a) As Associate Members?
 b) As Members in Full Connection?
30. What retired members have been made effective:
 a) As Associate Members?
 b) As Members in Full Connection?
31. Who have been received by transfer (¶ 515.5, 731.2h)? (List alphabetically. If Probationary Member or Associate Member, so indicate. See note preceding Question 23.)
- | Name | Conference | Date |
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| David Barbaree (P. M.) | Little Rock | June 2, 1977 |
| Gary Barbaree (P. M.) | Little Rock | June 2, 1977 |
| John Copher (P. M.) | Missouri West | January 1, 1977 |
| Verlin E. Mikesell | Little Rock | June 2, 1977 |
| Elijah Morgan | Little Rock | June 2, 1977 |
| John Thompson | Little Rock | June 2, 1977 |
32. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations (¶ 426.10)? (List alphabetically. If Probationary Member or Associate Member, so indicate.)
- | Name | Denomination | Date |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| David Bruce Bentley | Kathy Rhnea Fadick | William Earl Maxwell, Jr. |
| Marcia Gail Swain Crossman | Joan Carolyn Frost | Dana Andrew Thomason |
| Bonda Sue Deere | Charles Edmond Liddle | Barbara Anne Wulfekuhler |
33. Who have been elected and ordained deacons (¶ 449): (List alphabetically—see note preceding Question 23. Indicate by an asterisk * the names of persons elected but not ordained.)
 a) As Associate Members (¶ 449.1)?
 b) As Probationary Members (¶ 449.2)?

- c) As local pastors under the 1972 Discipline (§ 312.1)? Edward Davis, Dorothy Collier, Floyd Ray Hastings
34. Who have been elected and ordained elders (§ 450): (List alphabetically--see note preceding Question 23. Indicate by an asterisk * the names of persons elected but not ordained.)
- a) As theological graduates (§ 450.1)? Roger Ernest Glover, Jimmy Maxwell West
- b) As Probationary Members previously Associate Members (§ 450.2)?
35. What ministers, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized (§ 426.2):
- a) As deacons?
- b) As elders?
36. Who have been elected or ordained as a courtesy to other conferences? (See note preceding Question 23. Such courtesy elections or ordinations do *not* require transfer of conference membership.)
- a) Elected:
- As Associate Members?
- As Probationary Members?
- As Members in Full Connection?
- b) Ordained after election by this conference:
- Deacons?
- Elders?
- c) Ordained after election by other conferences:
- Deacons?
- Elders?
37. Who have been transferred out (§ 515.5)? (List alphabetically. If Probationary Member or Associate Member, so indicate. See note preceding Question 23.)
- | Name | Conference | Date |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Richard Alan Lancaster (P. M.) | Little Rock | June 1, 1977 |
| Steven Newman (P. M.) | Nebraska | June 1, 1977 |
38. Who are discontinued as Probationary Members (§ 437)? Harold Biazo, Kurt W. Wulfekuhler, Terence Jean Dowdy.
39. Who have been granted honorable location (§ 435)? (If Associate Member, so indicate. Give date when this action became effective.):
40. Who have had their conference membership terminated? (If Associate Member, so indicate. Give date when this action became effective.)
- a) By action of the Annual Conference (§ 438)?
- b) By surrender of the ministerial office (§ 439.1)?
- Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, Jr.
- c) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (§ 439.2)?
- Murphy Spurlock, September 1, 1976
- d) By withdrawal under complaints or charges (§ 439.3, 2522)?
- J. B. Harris, June 1, 1977
- e) By judicial procedure (expelled) (§ 252.1)?
41. Deceased (List alphabetically):
- a) What Associate Members have died during the year?
- Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Year received into Associate Membership
Retired:			

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Year received into Associate Membership
b) What Probationary Members have died during the year?			

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Year received into Probationary Membership
c) What Members in Full Connection have died during the year?			
Effective:			

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Year received into Full Connection
Williard L. Douglas	Jan. 27, 1924	July 15, 1976	1954
Clyde Thomas Parsons	Feb. 24, 1919	Aug. 7, 1976	1944
Charles A. Crossno	Aug. 23, 1923	Oct. 1, 1976	1956

Retired: Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Year received into Full Connection
Elmus Clyde Brown	Nov. 20, 1902	June 10, 1976	1931
James Southerland Upton	May 17, 1911	Aug. 12, 1976	1934
Earnest E. Stevenson	Aug. 7, 1889	Sept. 25, 1976	1923
Walter J. Williams	Nov. 20, 1894	Nov. 17, 1976	1914
Edward Theodore Wayland	Feb. 14, 1885	Jan. 4, 1977	1912
General Grant Troupe	1889	Jan. 9, 1977	1912

- d) What local pastors have died during the year?

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
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42. Who are the ministers on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation (§ 433)? (If Associate Member, so indicate.)

Name and Number of Years	Name and Number of Years
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Myers B. Curtis, First Year

LeRoy Henry, Third Year

43. Who are granted sabbatical leave (§ 425)? (Give date when this relation became effective.)

44. What actions have been taken concerning disabled ordained ministers and local pastors (§ 431. NOTE: Disability leave is a relationship that must be granted *annually* by action of the Annual Conference. Persons listed here should not be listed as retired under questions 45, 46, or 47.)

- a) What ordained ministers were granted disability leave since the last Annual Conference session (§ 431.2)? (Give effective dates and indicate if Probationary Member or Associate Member): D. Kern Johnson, Associate Member

- b) What ordained ministers have had their disability leave terminated since the last conference session (§ 431.5)? (Give effective dates of terminations):

- c) What ordained ministers are granted disability leave at this session (§ 431.1)? (If Probationary Member or Associate Member, so indicate.) Elbert Bruner (A. M.), James Brazeale, Raymond Fisher, Aubra Hayes, Theodore Luter (A. M.), Rayburn Jackson, D. Kern Johnson (A. M.), T. B. Parmenter (A. M.), Lindsey Rolland (A. M.), William Watts (A. M.), Frank Weatherford, Harold Womack.

- d) What local pastors have been recommended by the Joint Committee on Disability for disability benefits during the ensuing year? (To be answered by the Board of Pensions): Robert Montgomery

45. What members in Full Connection have been retired (§ 434): (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order.)

- a) This year?

Robert E. L. Beardon	Gaither A. McKelvey
Harvey Hazelwood	Charles P. Reed
Charles W. Lewis	B. W. Stallcup
Thurston Masters	

- b) Previously?

Martin Bierbaum, Marshall A. Bridwell, Ira A. Brumley, J. T. Byrd, William Glenn Bruner, Vernon Chalfant, John Ralph Clayton, I. L. Claud, Richard E. Connell, Lloyd H. Conyers, Herschelle J. Couchman, J. J. Clark, Clyde F. Crozier, Omma L. Daniel, H. A. Davie, Ethan W. Dodgen, W. A. Downum, Oscar J. Evanson, C. Huston Farmer, J. Albert Gatlin, Clint W. Good, W. Henry Goodloe, Eugene W. Hall, E. C. Hance, J. H. Hoggard, Elmer J. Holifield, George Kleeb, L. F. La Fevers, H. M. Lewis, W. T. Lingo, George L. McGhehey, William A. Patty, E. M. Peters, Marion James Pollard, Eric Reaves, H. L. Robison, Fred G. Roebuck, H. Mitchell Sanford, W. O. Scroggin, Jr., Ray Seals, Frank Shell, Jefferson Sherman, W. J. Spicer, O. Frank Story, G. C. Taylor, L. T. Thompson, James F. Weatherford,

Harry Weed, James Clarence Wilcox, S. B. Wilford, Harold Wilson, Cyril H. Wilson, Luther K. Wilson.

46. What Associate Members have been retired (§ 434): (List alphabetically giving full name—first, middle, last—in that order.)

a) This year?

None

b) Previously?

William Eugene Bain, Felix Holland, Irl S. Lancaster, Willis A. LeGrand, Lorne F. Piercey, Harry Wayne Price, Charles E. Reed, Graham W. Sellars, J. C. Wright.

47. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors (§ 410.3):

a) This year?

None

b) Previously?

Walter A. Abee, Robert Marvin Ahlf, Albert Lee Anderson, Clifton B. Banks, William Gran Conner, Thomas J. Cowan, O. R. Findley, C. L. Martin, Walter Pennell, Hugh Millard Smith, James C. Smith, David Washington Terry, Fred M. Thompson, Mrs. Fred M. Thompson, Marvin Thompson, William Travis Watson, Ivan Reed Wilson.

48. a) What local pastors are granted pension credit on account of approved full-time service during the past year (§ 1706.3b)? (NOTE: Only pastors listed in Question 21a the previous year are eligible to receive credit under this paragraph.):

b) What ministers of other Christian denominations, qualifying under the provisions of § 426, are granted pension credit on account of approved full-time service during the past year (§ 1706.3c)?

49. Changes in ministerial membership: What is the number of ordained ministers: (NOTE: The numbers in parenthesis following each category listing are the question numbers in this report form where ministers in that category are listed. The number reported below should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.)

a) Elected as Associate Members? (23) 0

b) Elected as Probationary Members? (24a,b,c) 10

c) Admitted from other Christian denominations? (26a,b)

d) Elected as Members in Full Connection? (27) 2

e) Readmitted? (28, 29a,b) 0

f) Retired made effective? (30a,b) 0

g) Transferred in? (31,32) 6

h) Transferred out? (37) 2

i) Discontinued as Probationary Members? (38) 3

j) Honorably located? (39) 0

k) Terminated by action of the Annual Conference? (40a) 0

l) Withdrawn? (40b,c,d) 3

m) Expelled? (40e)

n) Deceased? (41a,b,c) 9

50. What is the number of:

a) Pastoral charges? 229

b) Local churches? 449

51. What is the number of ordained ministerial members of the Annual Conference?

(NOTE: Where applicable, the question numbers on this report form corresponding to each category have been placed in parenthesis following the category title. Where these question numbers appear, the number reported in that category should agree with the number of names listed in the corresponding questions.)

Categories	Members in Full Connection	Probationary Members	Associate Members
Pastors and District Superintendents	138	20	16
Appointments Beyond the Local Church: Within United Methodist Connectional Structures, Excluding District Superintendents (¶ 454.1a)	6		
Appointments Beyond the Local Church; Extension Ministries (¶ 454.1b)	18		
Appointments Beyond the Local Church: Other Valid Ministries (¶ 454.1c)			
Appointments to Attend School (64d)		18	
On Leave of Absence (42)	2		
On Sabbatical Leave (43)			
On Disability Leave (44c)	7		6
Retired (45, 46)	56		9
Total Number, Ministerial Members	227	38	31
Grand Total, All Conference Ministerial Members	296		

52. What is the number of: (NOTE: The numbers reported below should be the same as the number of names listed in the question(s) indicated in parentheses following each category.)

- a) Local pastors? (21a, b, c, d, 44d, 47a, b) 45
- b) Ministers of other denominations approved for service as pastors of charges? (22) 2
- c) Retired members of other conferences or other denominations serving as pastors of charges? 1

PART III DIACONAL MINISTERS

53. Who are consecrated this year as diaconal ministers (¶ 305-306)? (List alphabetically):

Monty Bell, Albert Keith Berthouex, Leonard D. Bobo, Sally Jo Foster Gibson

54. Who are reinstated as diaconal ministers (¶ 309.3)?

55. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers (¶ 309.1)?

Name	Conference	Date
Mrs. Herbert H. (Pat) Halves	Central Texas	June 9, 1977

56. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers (¶ 309.1)?

Name	Conference	Date
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57. Who have had their conference relationship as diaconal ministers terminated by Annual Conference action (¶ 309.2)?

58. Who have taken the retired relationship to the Annual Conference as diaconal ministers (¶ 309.4):

- a) This year?
- b) Previously?

59. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?

a) Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
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b) Retired:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
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PART IV MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS AND CONCLUDING BUSINESS

60. What other personal notations should be made?

61. Where shall the next Conference Session be held? Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

62. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session?

Batesville District:		
Clinton-Fairfield Bay	Ellsworth Watson	September 15, 1976
Beebe	Frank Clemmons	August 18, 1976
Bradford	Carroll Jackson	August 18, 1976
Melbourne Parish	John Copher	January 1, 1977
Salado-Jamestown	Willis LeGrand	October 1, 1976
Central Avenue, Batesville	Vernon Paysinger	January 1, 1977
Grace, Searcy	William C. Haltom	February 1, 1977
Newark	Cyril Wilson	January 25, 1977
Mountain Home	Charles Casteel	March 1, 1977
Conway District:		
Dardanelle	Jack Skelton	August 18, 1976
Levy, NLR	Harould Scott	September 1, 1976
Indian Hills, NLR	Wayne Jarvis	December 28, 1976
First, NLR	James M. Meadors, Jr.	December 28, 1976
Conway District Superintendent	Earl B. Carter	December 28, 1976
Jacksonville, First	Floyd G. Villines, Jr.	February 15, 1977
Gardner Memorial, NLR	W. Leonard Byers	February 15, 1977
Fayetteville District:		
Bella Vista	D. Max Whitfield	January 1, 1977
Forrest City District:		
Forrest Hills-Madison	Alfred Eckles	September 1, 1976
Widner-Round Pond	Lorne Piercey	September 1, 1976
Marianna-LaGrange	Dewey Dark	August 15, 1976
Cherry Valley-Vann Dale	Carl Strayhorn	January 1, 1977
Elaine-Mellwood	Raymond Hawkins	January 1, 1977
Hughes	John Brown	January 1, 1977
Helena	Wayne C. Clark	January 1, 1977
Fort Smith District:		
Charleston-Branch	J. Clifton Christopher	January 1, 1977
Clarksville	Roy Poynor	March 1, 1977
Fort Smith		
First	Dr. George F. Ivey	September 1, 1976
St. Paul	Arvest Lawson	September 1, 1976
Wyatt Memorial	Otha Strayhorn	September 1, 1976
Franklin County Parish	Mitchell Federonis	September 1, 1976
Hartford Charge	John D. Hickman	September 15, 1976
Harman Charge	Jim Krohn	June, 1976
Paris-Cole's Chapel	Thomas Barnett	January 1, 1977
Van Buren, First	James O. Linam	September 1, 1976
Jonesboro District:		
Bay	Willie Walker	August, 1976
Blytheville, First	Norman Carter	March, 1977
Bono-Shady Grove	Mike G. Orr	August, 1976
Hickory Ridge-Tilton	Jim West	August, 1976
Tyrnza-Centerview	Russell Bailey	August, 1976
Paragould District:		
Cherokee Village	David P. Conyers	March 1, 1977

Emory Chapel, Newport
Piggott
Rector
Swifton

Reginald Moore
William Hightower
Lewis Ernest
Joe Wilkerson

August 1, 1976
September 15, 1976
March 1, 1977
October 15, 1976

63. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? (Attach list.) See Appointments.

64. What ordained ministers are appointed beyond the local church for the ensuing year: (¶ 454. List according to the disciplinary categories listed below. For categories a), b), and c), attach list; show the category of annuity claims for each appointment as recommended by the conference Board of Pensions and approved by the Annual Conference—¶ 1706.5.)

a) Within the connectional structures of United Methodism (¶ 454.1a)?

With Annuity Claim upon the Conference:

Earl B. Carter, Director, NAC Council on Ministries

Victor Nixon, Associate Director, NAC Council on Ministries

John Workman, Editor, Arkansas Methodist

District Superintendents:

Charles E. Ramsay—Batesville

Paul Bumpers—Conway

Harold Spence—Fayetteville

J. William Watson—Forrest City

William Wilder—Fort Smith

Ralph Hillis—Jonesboro

Ben Jordan—Paragould

b) To extension ministries (¶ 454.1b)?

Directors of Wesley Foundation: (With Annuity Claim upon the Conference.)

Von D. Mooney—Ark. Tech

James T. Randle—ASU

Lewis Chesser—U of A

James McKay—UCA

With Annuity Claim on the Institution or Board:

Ferris C. Baker, Hendrix College

Francis Christie, Hendrix College

James T. Clemons, Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Jon Guthrie, Hendrix College

Robert Paul Sessions, Professor, East Tennessee, State College

George E. Stewart, Chaplain, Methodist Hospital

Paige Allison Thomas, Assistant Librarian, SMU

Ewing T. Wayland, General Council on Finance and Administration

E. Brooks Holifield, Assistant Professor, Candler School of Theology

Without Annuity Claim:

Paul D. Davis, Chaplain, U. S. Air Force

B. Vernon Dennis, Chaplain, U. S. Navy

Robert B. Howerton, Chaplain, U. S. Army

James Robnolt, Chaplain, U. S. Army

Burnley Bruce Cook, Institutional Chaplain

Willis Harl, Institutional Chaplain

James Woodruff, Institutional Chaplain

c) To other valid ministries under the provisions of ¶ 454.1c?

d) To attend school (¶ 454.1c)? (List alphabetically all those whose prime appointment is to attend school.)

Associate Members:

Probationary Members:

Thomas E. Anderson

Charles W. Armour

Robert C. Bell

E. Doyle Blanton

Marcia Gail Swain Crossman

Gary L. Langston (without annuity)

Thomas F. Francis

Joan Carolyn Frost

Charles Edmond Liddle

William Earl Maxwell, Jr.

Robert O. Crossman	Lester G. Pettus
Bonda Sue Deere	Phillip E. Sims
Ronald W. Durham	Dana A. Thomason
Michael A. Hughes	Barbara Ann Wulfekuhler

65. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year (§ 308)? (Attach list)

Not appointed in NA Conference.

Monty Ray Bell	Searcy, First
Albert K. Berthouex	West Memphis, First
Leonard D. Bobo	NLR, Lakewood
Peter A. Cooper	NLR
Copher, John E.	Melbourne
Kenneth R. Davis	Fayetteville
Fadick, Kathy	Van Buren
Fuller, Robert S.	Jonesboro, First
Gibson, Sally Jo.	Harrison, First
Gray, Michael L.	Paris, First
McCutchen, Mrs. J. A.	Marianna, First
Ridgeway, Jerry L.	Cabot
Steinegger, Mrs. Jane	Jonesboro
Webb, Mrs. Deborah	Searcy
White, Mrs. Adrian	Pocahontas
Dr. Ashley R. Coffman	Hendrix College
Edna Earl Massey	Ft. Smith, First
Montgomery, Mrs. Luvinia	NLR
Weir, Mrs. Clara	Walnut Ridge
Mauck, William D.	Fayetteville
Mrs. Pat Halves	NLR
Mrs. A. H. Cockrill	Wynne, First
Mrs. Bill Cox	Jonesboro
Mrs. Carol Henry	NLR, Lakewood
Mrs. Donald Moore	Mountain Home

V. APPOINTMENTS

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

TRANSFERS IN:

John Copher, Deacon, from Missouri West Conference
 Verlin E. Mikesell, Elder, from Little Rock Conference
 Gary W. Barbaree, Deacon, from Little Rock Conference
 David M. Barbaree, Deacon, from Little Rock Conference
 Elijah Morgan, Elder, from Little Rock Conference
 Thompson, John, Elder, from Little Rock Conference

TRANSFERS OUT:

Steven P. Newman, Deacon, to Nebraska Conference
 Richard Allen Lancaster, Deacon, to Little Rock Conference

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent, Charles E. Ramsay 2

Antioch Parish.		
Austin	Richard Casey Magie (LP)	1
Bald Knob-Russell	Leon Gilliam (AM)	1
Batesville:		
Central Avenue	Vernon Paysinger	2
First Church	Dois M. Kennedy	7
Beebe.	Frank Clemmons	2
Bethesda Parish	Willis LeGrand (RS)	1
Bradford Parish	Carroll Jackson (LP)	2
Bull Shoals.	Charles W. Nance (AM)	1
Cabot.	Allan E. Hilliard	5
Calico Rock	Gordon Donham	2
Cave City Parish.	Gerald Martin (AM)	18
Clinton-Fairfield Bay	Ellsworth Watson	2
Concord Parish	Clyde Crozier (RS)	2
Cotter-Gassville	Bennie R. Harmon	3
Desha-Cushman	Vaughn Marsden (LP)	1
Floyd-Harmony	Henry Lorish (LP)	1
Griffithville Parish	Leroy Craig (LP)	1
Heber Springs	Byron McSpadden	3
Holiday Hills.	W. M. Womack	3
Horseshoe Bend	Pharis Holifield	3
Judsonia	Everne Hunter	8
Kensett-McRae	T. Kelly Jones	2
Marshall-Leslie.	Joseph W. Bourgeois	3
Melbourne Parish	John Copher	2
Melbourne Associate	Loye Verne Mason (LP)	8
Moorefield-Southside.	Ralph VanLandingham	3
Mount Pleasant Parish	TBS	
Mountain Home.	Charles Casteel	2
Mountain View	James Southerland	1
Newark-Asbury	Charles E. Watt	1
Oil Trough-Salado.	Cyril Wilson (RS)	1
Quitman Parish	Bert Powell (LP)	1
Pangburn Parish	G. W. Dewlen (LP)	1
Salem.	Keith Goza	2
Searcy:		
First Church	Charles P. McDonald	2
Associate.	C. Marcus Cooper	1

Grace	William C. Haltom	2
Sharp Parish	Forrest Thomas (LP)	7
Shirley	Frank Shell (RS)	8
Steele Hopewell	Ramsay Woodall (LP)	2

Special Appointments

Chaplain, U. S. Army	Robert Howerton
Bridwell Library, SMU	Page Thomas
Assistant Professor, Candler School of Theology	E. Brooks Holifield

Student Appointments

St. Paul School of Theology	Charles Edmund Liddle
Drew School of Theology	Gary Langston (without annuity)

CONWAY DISTRICT

District Superintendent, Paul M. Bumpers 1

Atkins-Pottsville	Joe Jerry Nichols	2
Belleville Parish	TBS	
Center Ridge	D. W. Terry	5
Conway:		
Ebenezer-Morrilton, Wesley	Milton D. Nelson	1
First	Harold O. Eggensperger	5
Wesley	Britt H. Cordell	8
Wesley Foundation-Salem	James M. McKay, Jr.	5
Danville	Joe L. Kennedy	4
Dardanelle	Ray Edwards	1
Dover Parish	Joe Gramling	1
Greenbrier Parish	Jerry Pulliam	4
Jacksonville:		
First	Floyd G. Villines, Jr.	2
McArthur Drive-Bethel	John Abshure (LP)	1
Mallettown	TBS	
Mayflower Parish	Irl Bridenthal (RS)	1
Morrilton, First	Raymond L. Franks	3
Morrilton Parish	Frank Hamm (RS)	3
New Zion-Union Chapel	Elijah Morgan	1
North Little Rock:		
Amboy	Lowell W. Eaton	2
Bullock Chapel	W. H. Piggee	13
First	James M. Meadors, Jr.	2
Gardner Memorial	W. Leonard Byers	2
Indian Hills	Wayne C. Jarvis	2
Lakewood	Clint P. Burleson	4
Associate	Mark Lasiter	1
Levy	Harould Scott	2
McCabe Chapel	John Thompson	1
Sylvan Hills	Bob Orr	2
Trinity	J. Hillman Byram	3
Associate	Bob Edwards	4
Oakland	Harold Wilson (RS)	5
Ola Parish	Gaston Matthews (AM)	1
Oppelo Parish	Woodrow Woods	1
Perryville Parish	John Brown	1
Plainview Parish	Royce Savage (LP)	7

Plummerville-Springfield	James Williams (LP)	1
Russellville:		
First	Mouzon Mann	2
Associate	David Barbaree	1
Wesley-London	Wendell Dorman	2
Wesley Foundation-Bells Chapel	Von D. Mooney	5
Vilonia-Mt. Carmel	John Christie (LP)	2
Wye-Bigelow	TBS	

Special Appointments

Director, Council on Ministries	Earl B. Carter	1
Associate Director, Council on Ministries	Victor Nixon	1
Editor, The Arkansas Methodist	John S. Workman	
General Secretary, Council on Finance & Adm.	Ewing T. Wayland	
Chaplain, U. S. Navy	B. Vernon Dennis	
Professor, Hendrix College	Francis Christie	
Professor, Hendrix College	Ferris Baker	
Professor, Philander Smith College	Thomas Slinkard	
Counselor and Campus Minister, Hendrix	Jon Guthrie	
Chaplain, Methodist Hospital, Memphis	George E. Stewart	
Professor, Wesley Seminary, Washington D. C.	James T. Clemons	

Student Appointments

Asbury Seminary	Joel League	
University of Arkansas	Charles W. Armour	
Candler School of Theology	Douglas E. Edwards III	
Ohio School of Theology	Thomas E. Anderson	
Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary	Edward Doyle Blanton	
Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary	William E. Maxwell, Jr.	
Perkins School of Theology	Robert Crossman	
Perkins School of Theology	Marcia Crossman	
Perkins School of Theology	Bonda Sue Deere	
Vanderbilt	Bobbie Bell	
St. Paul School of Theology	David Hanshaw	
Perkins School of Theology	Steven Holyfield	

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

District Superintendent, Harold H. Spence 5

Bella Vista	D. Max Whitfield	2
Bentonville.	Samuel B. Teague	6
Berryville-Shiloh	David Moose	2
Brightwater Parish	TBS	
Decatur-Centerton	Harold Brent	3
Elkins Community	N. Lee Cate	6
Elm Springs-Harmon	Jimmy Faye Brooks	1
Eureka Springs	Philip L. Hathcock	1
Fayetteville:		
Central	Joel A. Cooper	11
Associate	Marvest A. Lawson	3
St. James.	TBS	
Sequoyah-Goshen.	Sam B. Williams (LP)	4
Trinity	Lawrence Dodgen	5
Wesley Foundation	Lewis V. Chesser, Jr.	11
Wiggins.	Pryor R. Cruce	2
Gentry Parish	Stephen C. Brizzi	1

Gravette-Sulphur Springs.	Wilbert Feagan (AM)	2
Green Forrest-Alpena.	A. L. Chaffin (AM)	1
Harrison:		
First Church.	John M. McCormack	7
St. Paul Parish.	James E. Wingo	1
Associate.	Leslie V. Beck (LP)	15
Associate.	Clarence Brown (LP)	5
Huntsville-Presley Chapel	Gary Barbaree	1
Jasper.	John A. Wilcher	1
Lincoln Parish.	Uriah Smith	5
Associate.	Richard Ruble	3
Morrow-Viney Grove.	Paul Dubar (LP)	2
Pea Ridge-Oakley Chapel.	George Hunt (RS)	4
Prairie Grove-Farmington	James D. Harrison	2
Rogers, Central	Gerald D. Hammett	3
Siloam Springs.	James D. Keith	2
Springdale:		
First Church-Mt. Hebron.	Joe Taylor	4
Associate.	Maurice Webb	4
Associate.	Verlin Eugene Mikesell	1
Wesley	Paul Rains	2
Winslow	TBS	
Yellville Parish.	Paul J. Crossman (LP)	1

Student Appointments

Vanderbilt School of Theology	Michael Hughes
Candler School of Theology	Mike Lee Mattox
St. Paul School of Theology	Ralph Whiteway

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

District Superintendent, J. William Watson 2

Augusta	Joe VanCleve	4
Bay Village-Farm Hill.	TBS	
Brinkley-Brasfield.	Gail Anderson	2
Cherry Valley-Vandale	Carl Strayhorn (AM)	2
Clarendon	Gerald Rainwater	3
Colt Circuit	Berlon Davis (AM)	11
Cotton Plant.	Neal Kearney (LP)	2
Crawfordsville	Van Hooker	5
Earle	Andrew M. Hall, Jr.	3
Elaine-Mellwood	Raymond Hawkins	2
Ellis Chapel-Central.	Billy Powell (LP)	2
Forrest City:		
First	Merle Allison Johnson	3
Forrest Hills-Madison.	Alfred Eckles	2
Helena	N. Wayne Clark	2
Holly Grove	Wilson Shultz	2
Hughes	Roger B. Hook	1
Marianna:		
First	Dewey Dark	2
Marianna Parish	Edward Davis (LP)	4
Associates	TBS	
Marion	Denzel Stokes	3
Marvell	John Jump	2
McCrory	Victor Green	3
McCrory Circuit.	Mike Hollowell (LP)	3
Parkin	Roy Moyers	5

West Helena	Brady Cook	5
West Memphis:		
First	Ben G. Hines	6
Rosewood	James A. Barton	2
Wheatley	Cleve Yarbrough	3
Widener-Round Pond	Lorne Piercey (RS)	2
Wynne	Arvill C. Brannon	1
Shiloh Ext.	TBS	
Tupelo	Hershelle J. Couchman (RS)	7

Special Appointments

Chaplain, U. S. Army	James Robnolt
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Student Appointments

Asbury Seminary	Glenn Pettus
Perkins School of Theology	Dana A. Thomason

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

District Superintendent, William M. Wilder 1

Alma-Bethel	Roger Glover	2
Altus-Franklin County Parish	TBS	
Barling	Felix Holland (RS)	3
Booneville-Washburn	J. M. Rogers	1
Charleston-Branch	J. Clif Christopher	2
Clarksville	Roy Poynor	2
Fort Smith:		
Cavanaugh-Arkoma	Kenneth F. Renfroe	1
First	George F. Ivey	2
Associate.	Aaron Barling	4
Goddard Memorial	Archie Boyd	7
Hendrix Hills	Jerry Canada	5
Associate.	Dorothy Collier (LP)	2
Mallalieu-Mt. Olive	Robert Felder	4
Massard-Lavaca	Robert English	1
Midland Heights.	Sherman Waters	2
St. Paul-Bonanza	Arvest Lawson	2
Wesley	Dennis Spence	1
Wyatt Memorial.	Otha Strayhorn	2
Greenwood-Milltown	Jesse A. Bruner	1
Hartford	John D. Hickman (LP)	2
Hartman	James Krohn (LP)	2
Lamar-Mt. Olive.	C. L. Martin (RS)	2
Magazine	R. L. Hanks (LP)	2
Mansfield-Huntington	Joe A. Hutto	2
Mountain View-Newberry Chapel.	J. T. Byrd (RS)	8
Mulberry-Kibler	J. D. Lawrence	2
New Hope-City Heights-Dyer	Kathy Fadick	1
Ozark-Cecil	James P. Anderson	8
Paris-Cole's Chapel	Tom Barnett	2
Prairie View	Boyd Allen	2
Scott County Parish	Warren Blanchard (LP)	3
Van Buren:		
First	James O. Linam	2
St. John's	David D. Scroggin (AM)	6
Waldron	Jack Skelton	1

Special Appointments

Professor, East Tennessee State University Robert Paul Sessions

Student Appointments

Asbury Theological Seminary Donna Corbitt
 Duke Divinity School Phillip Sims
 St. Paul School of Theology Thomas F. Francis

JONESBORO DISTRICT

District Superintendent, J. Ralph Hillis 6

Bay-Lunsford-Pleasant Valley Willie L. Walker 2
 Blytheville:
 First Norman Carter 2
 Lake Street-Promised Land Rex Darling 1
 Bono-Shady Grove-Trinity Michael G. Orr (LP) 2
 Brookland Glenn Bruner (RS) 1
 Dell-Luxora Raymond Dorman 7
 Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley J. Anthony Holifield 2
 Hickory Ridge-Tilton Jim West 2
 Joiner-Turrell Greg Webb (LP) 1
 Jonesboro:
 First Worth Gibson 9
 Associate Fern Cook 1
 Fisher Street-Pleasant Grove George Cleary 3
 Huntington Avenue Joe Linam 1
 Nettleton Orvill Stahl 1
 St. Paul-Mt. Carmel W. P. Fiser 2
 Lake City-Lake View David P. Orr (LP) 3
 Leachville-Caraway DuBois Pettit 2
 Lepanto-Garden Point John Collier (LP) 1
 Manila-Community Ronald Clark 1
 Marked Tree John Chapman 2
 Monette-Black Oak David Bentley 3
 Osceola Waymon Hollis 2
 Truman P. G. (Bill) Williams 3
 Tyronza-Centerview Russell M. Bailey (LP) 2
 Union Grove Charge James T. Randle 2
 Associate Mitchell Sanford (RS) 2
 Weiner-Fisher Joe M. Sherman 3
 Wesley Foundation, ASU James T. Randle 7
 Wilson-Keiser Maurice Lanier 2
 Yarbro-Christ, Blytheville Wilton Goudeaux (LP) 1

Special Appointments

Chaplain, Air Force Paul Dean Davis

Student Appointments

Asbury Theological Seminary Ronald W. Durham
 Garrett Evangelical Seminary Joan Frost

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

District Superintendent, Ben F. Jordan 5

Beech Grove	George Srum (LP)	4
Associate.	Marlin Jackson (LP)	1
Black Rock	Daniel Roark (LP)	2
Boydsville	Chester Penney (AM)	13
Cherokee Village	David P. Conyers	2
Corning.	Muriel H. Peters	2
Hardy.	Nick Lascaro	1
Associate.	Cliff Weideman (RS)	1
Hoxie.	David Driver	2
Imboden	Bill J. Kirkland (LP)	2
Mammoth Spring	Carol Lascaro	1
Marmaduke	L. L. Bounds	6
Maynard Parish	Darrell R. Kersey (LP)	2
Associate.	E. C. Hance (RS)	5
Newport:		
Emory Chapel.	Joe Hughes (LP)	1
First	Jim Beal	4
Umsted Memorial.	Richard Stegall (AM)	1
Paragould:		
Christ.	Harry Price (RS)	3
First	William P. Connell	3
Associate.	Rhonda Kay Crow	1
Griffin Memorial	J. Leon Wilson	3
Pruett's Chapel	Harry Price (RS)	2
Associate.	Y. D. Whitehurst (RS)	1
Shiloh	Chris Cooper	1
Piggott	William Hightower	2
Pocahontas.	Thomas E. Weir	3
Ravenden	Maurice Kemp (AM)	1
Rector	Lewis Ernest (AM)	2
Rector Circuit	Ray Book (LP)	1
Associate.	Marvin Thompson (RS)	2
St. Francis	Wayne Gould (LP)	4
Sedgwick.	Craig Bex (LP)	1
Stanford	J. T. Holland (AM)	2
Tuckerman-Swifton.	Joe Wilkerson	5
Walnut Ridge	Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr.	2

Student Appointments

Garrett Evangelical Seminary	Reginald Moore
Perkins School of Theology	Barbara Dillingham Wulfekuhler
St. Paul School of Theology	Jacob A. Cline
St. Paul School of Theology	Donald L. Hall, Jr.
St. Paul School of Theology	Carlos R. Summers

VI. REPORTS OF COUNCILS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES—NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The Council on Ministries of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church is a servant of the Church at the Conference level. It is directly answerable to the Annual Conference, and works closely with the Bishop and Cabinet, District Council on Ministries and Boards and Agencies of the Conference.

The purpose of the Council on Ministries is six-fold:

1. **TO LISTEN**—to be sensitive to the leadership of God's Holy Spirit and to be aware of missional needs of the Church as expressed from local churches, District Councils on Ministries, Annual Conference Agencies, and Jurisdictional and General Agencies of the Church.
2. **TO PLAN**—to receive, to initiate, and to research program suggestions that are consistent with the goals and policies of the Annual Conference.
3. **TO COORDINATE**—to develop program suggestions—from the various Conference Agencies, General Church Agencies, District, and local church agencies—into a coordinated program for recommendation to the Annual Conference.
4. **TO SUBMIT**—the coordinated Conference program, with recommended program priorities to the Annual Conference for consideration, amendment and adoption.
5. **TO IMPLEMENT AND ADMINISTER**—to implement and administer the adopted program of the Annual Conference and to assign the "program" to the various Boards and Agencies of the Conference and Districts. (It is understood that special committees and task forces will be used from time to time to carry out special program tasks.)
6. **TO EVALUATE**—to have an ongoing evaluation of programs and procedures to test effectiveness in carrying out the Conference program. (The evaluation content and process shall reflect our primary concern for the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ at a personal and congregational level.)

PRIORITIES—1978

I. WORLD HUNGER

During this quadrennium, to sensitize persons in the North Arkansas Conference to the causes, effects, and scope of World Hunger; and to lead each local church to identify and utilize the appropriate channels of response.

OBJECTIVES

1. Establish a quadrennial **TASK FORCE** on **World Hunger** to be done by CCOM Executive Committee.
2. Support the Missional Priorities asking in full, and strongly promote giving, including General and Conference Advance Specials.
3. **World Hunger Task Force***
 - ... To personalize **World Hunger**.
 - ... Itinerate the Conference.

... Challenging and enabling responsible changes in personal and corporate life styles, W. H. E. A. T. Covenant outlines.

4. Involve every local church in some specific action related to this goal (to be verified via one or more questions in new Charge Conference Form).
5. Promote annually a **World Hunger** Sunday and a high-visibility "in-gathering" event (to benefit a specific need).
6. Increase by at least 20% annually through 1980 our Conference's involvement in Heifer Project International.

*Marie Jordan

C. H. Mannasmith

Mary Lou Gall

Donna Williams

Ronald Clark

Donald Ebright

2 College Students

Jr. in High School--Jean Wilder

Euba Winton

Jim Beal

Carol Lascaro

Nadine Hardin

Joe Wilkerson

Jr. in High School

II. ETHNIC MINORITIES

To empower ethnic minorities for Christian Mission/Ministry, and to sensitize the white majority about ethnic concerns.

OBJECTIVES

1. Sensitivity sessions between blacks and whites.
2. Recruitment of minority leaders, including at least 4 black clergy by 1980.
3. Secure and finance a Church and Community Worker for the Larger Black Parish (Forrest City District).
4. Full payment of Missional Priorities apportionment.
5. Ask the "BLUE-RIBBON TASK FORCE" on the BLACK Church to itinerate the Conference in a consciousness-raising effort on Black empowerment.

III. EVANGELISM

To help United Methodists live out a "Whole-Gospel" approach to their evangelistic ministry.

OBJECTIVES

1. Full Implementation by 1980 of the Comprehensive Plan of Evangelism.
2. Interpret United Methodism's Social Principles and Doctrinal Statements; a proclamation of Good News for all people.
3. Promote Visitation Evangelism: A Relational Ministry.
4. Develop a ministry with the handicapped (i. e., deaf, mentally retarded, etc.)
5. Conscientiously support the full asking for Missional Priorities.
6. Being concerned about both quality and quantity of human lives.
 - A. Increase the number of professions of faith in every church.
 - B. Increase Professions of Faith in the Conference to 2,100, (8,400; 1977-80)

7. Develop a ministry to the elderly.

IV. PARISH DEVELOPMENT

To strengthen the small-membership churches through Parish Development.

OBJECTIVES

1. Specific implementation of Paragraph 206 of 1976 Discipline.
2. Area Consultation on Parish Development by November, 1978.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

To develop a program of Communications that will effectively convey to the local church and the general public the concerns of United Methodism.

OBJECTIVES

Empower the Committee on Communications to:

1. Enlarge A/V resources and their use.
2. Conduct seminars in each district in 1978.
3. Produce effective public media resources (i. e., radio and T. V. spots, etc.).

VI. TO AFFIRM THE DIGNITY AND WORTH OF ALL PERSONS AND UTILIZE THE FULL HUMAN POTENTIAL WITHIN OUR CHURCHES.

OBJECTIVES

Workshops to eliminate racism, sexism, agism, and classism:

1. Bipolar Workshop for DCOM's.
2. Personal Growth Workshop for Young Adults.
3. Self-Affirmation for Pastors and Spouses.
4. Workshop on Aging.
5. Racism Workshop.

TASK FORCE

OF THE CONFERENCE:

Jerry Canada
David Moose
Rosalie Lawson
Avis Moore
Ann Henry

INTER-BOARD PERSONS FOR GOAL VI

Waymon Hollis
Linda Hollis
Bob Edwards
Reps: Commission on Religion
and Race
Commission on Status &
Role of Women
Board of Church and
Society

EXAMPLE OF TIMELINE FOR CONFERENCE PLANNING

1. By October 15, District Councils, having received and compiled data from local churches input for Conference attention, plus District suggestions for Conference partnership enterprises, forwards to Conference Council recommendations for development of 1979 Annual Conference Programs.
2. By December 20, Conference Boards and Commissions prepare and prioritize first draft of 1979 Objectives and Courses of Action; review and plan for 1978 assignments.
3. January 20, 21, Conference Council review, evaluate and prioritize proposed

1979 program, review assignment of 1978 Courses of Action, review and adjust 1978 budget.

4. By February 15, Boards and Commissions revise 1979 Objectives as necessary; prepare final budget requests for 1979, continue responsibility for 1978 assignments.
5. By March 2, Budget Committee meet to evaluate requests for financial support of program, to conduct hearings on program budget request, and prepare recommendations.
6. March 24, 25, Conference Council meet to consider, amend and adopt recommendations regarding 1979 program, with related budget, personnel plans, and support service plans.
7. By April 10, Council on Finance and Administration meet to consider program budget and all other budget requests of church agencies, conduct necessary hearings, and prepare a total budget to present to the Annual Conference session.
8. By May 1, the Report on proposed conference program and financial and staff resources needed to implement the program sent to lay and clergy members of the conference, and to key leaders of the local church.
9. Proposed program received by Annual Conference; discussed and evaluated in legislative committees; amended and adopted by Annual Conference session . . . June.
10. A step not developed here is a process of evaluation of the previous year's content and procedure. This would presumably occur soon after January 1.

The above Timeline presupposes participation in the Annual Conference program ministries development by the following components: Local Church, District Council, Boards and Commissions, Cabinet, Council Staff and Council.

The above Timeline presupposes a program team philosophy which understands that Conference program leadership is provided by a horizontally designed staff consisting of:

District Superintendents, Council Staff, and Board Chairpersons. These persons are responsible for various segments of INPUT and IMPLEMENTATION.

Two other philosophical assumptions in this design include:

1. A program role for Cabinet.
2. The Council Director is accountable and responsible for the total Conference program.

SUGGESTED POLICY FOR OPERATING STRUCTURE BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF CCOM:

I. PURPOSE OF CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES

The purpose of the Annual Conference Council on Ministries shall be

- (a) to receive program recommendations from the local Churches, the district agencies, the Annual Conference Agencies, and the Jurisdictional and General Councils on Ministries;
 - (b) to develop these recommendations into a coordinated program to be recommended to the Annual Conference for consideration, amendment, and adoption as the Annual Conference program; and
 - (c) to provide implementation for and administration of the coordinated program as adopted by the conference.
- II. A WAY TO FUNCTION AS A CCOM—FROM LOCAL CHURCH, DISTRICT, CONFERENCE—PROGRAMMING FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION
- A. LOCAL CHURCH—DISTRICT COUNCILS ON MINISTRIES
1. The local church, through input into the District Councils, will develop

programming and funding recommendations.

2. The District representatives, both Clergy and Laity, are responsible to present local and district programs to the Conference Boards, Committees and Agencies.

B. CONFERENCE BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND AGENCIES

1. The Conference Boards and agencies will feel free to develop their own internal policies of operation so as to initiate and develop programs and policies to be considered by the CCOM.
2. The program policies and expenses that the various Boards, Committees and Agencies develop will be presented to the CCOM for review, evaluation, coordination and implementation.

C. THE CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES IS CHALLENGED TO BE INNOVATIVE AND INITIATORY IN PROGRAMS AS WELL AS A COORDINATING AGENCY

COMMUNICATION AND PUBLISHING INTERESTS COMMITTEE

The Communications Committee will be working towards:

1. New Audiovisual Catalog published following Annual Conference as soon as Mrs. Vina Calhoun and office help can arrange their work load.
2. Conduct District Workshops in fall and winter as District CCOM's desire on "Parish Newsletter Development and Local Church Bulletins."
3. "Film Festivals" in Districts to let local churches preview audiovisuals available from Conference Library and rentals from United Methodist Film Service in Nashville.
4. Workshops in Districts concerning Public Relations; News Releases to newspapers, radio, TV; Benevolent Interpretation in Local Churches; use of TV cassettes; tape cassettes available and ministries, A-V equipment and use for all size churches, etc.
5. Promotion with District COM of "United Methodist Connection," a new (to be released in October '77) weekly ½ hour tape for local radio stations to help communicate the faith and work of the United Methodist Church.
6. Work with emphasis for United Methodist Communications (para. 1101 and 726 **Book of Discipline**). Encourage each District COM to designate a person to be responsible for Communications emphasis and through the Districts lift up those sections relating to the local church "Coordinator of Communications" (para. 265).
7. Accomplish objective in communications in 1978 as designated by Conference Council on Ministries Priority Number V.
8. Cooperate with Joint Area Committee on Communications. A report on this Area Committee follows:

An Area Committee on Communications was established by a Joint Meeting of the Cabinets of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences. Rev. Elmo Thomason was appointed Chairperson. Members are: Ben Jordan, Bryan Brawner, Jim Lane, Herschel McClurkin, John Workman, Bishop Hicks, Larry Powell, Ed Matthews, and Virgil Keeley.

Two meetings have been held: January 28, and March 29.

It was noted during the first meeting that much of the existing communication is aimed at informing the rest of the Church about program of a given board or agency and that it is uncoordinated and fragmented in that several agencies do their own public relations, interpretation and distribution, with little or no coordination through the offices of the Councils on Ministries of the Conferences.

Bishop Hicks urged that any program of developing improved communi-

cations be thought of as an Area concern; that this Committee help agencies, boards, and councils to center in on "what do we want to communicate?" and "with whom do we want and need to communicate?" and "how do we best do that?" He indicated his belief that the development of a strong Council office in each Conference is the solution, insofar that boards and agencies would be extension of that Council. He felt that the Council has to coordinate this interpretation and distribution.

Bishop Hicks further stated that this might develop to where there would be the need of an Area executive who would carry the portfolio for coordinating and directing such a program of communication. He stressed his belief that such a program should be developed in such a way that **The Arkansas Methodist** would not of necessity lose its distinctiveness, its independence, but rather see itself, and be understood, as a part of the whole.

During the March meeting a stress was given that the Headquarters Building needs to be developed as a "Media-Center." That there is need for a centralized source for public media releases for the two Conferences and that work on coordination needs to be stressed between all offices in the Headquarters Building. A weekly staff meeting of Conference Executive personnel in the two Council on Ministries Offices, Editor of Arkansas Methodist, and Area Treasurer convened each Monday morning by our Area Bishop was a suggestion. News releases could be discussed, and responsibility designated at such staff meetings.

Needs for consolidation of a phone system in the Headquarters Building was discussed with a group phone speaker and the possibility of a WATS line. Carr Dee Racop, Little Rock Conference Associate Director, was asked to contact the phone company to request of them a feasibility study and recommendation as to the phone arrangements and possibilities along with cost.

The Committee will meet on call to continue to look at needs and ways to facilitate an effective communications program in our two Conferences.

Divisions of concern with the Committee on Communications are Public Media (Newspaper, Radio, TV, including Public Relations), Program and Benevolence Interpretation, Production and Distribution of materials (including A-V library), Communication Education and Field Service.

Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr.,
Chairperson

BOARD OF CHURCH AND SOCIETY

The mandate of the Board of Church and Society is "to relate the gospel of Jesus Christ to the members of the church and to the persons and structure of the communities and world in which they live. It shall seek to bring the whole life of man and woman, their activities, possessions, and community and world relationships, into conformity with the will of God. It shall show the members of the Church and the society that the reconciliation which God effected through Christ involves personal, social, and civic righteousness. Prime responsibility of the board is to seek the implementation of the Social Principles and other policy statements of the General Conference on Christian Social Concerns." (paragraph 1202, Book of Discipline, 1976)

Our program of research, study, and action on Christian social concerns involves the Board of Church and Society in the role of an advocate to local churches and Districts to become actively engaged in social action ministry, and to the systems and institutions of society to conform more closely to Christian principles of "liberty and justice for all."

We intend to continue to work toward the ratification of the Equal Rights

Amendment to the U. S. Constitution. We urge all United Methodists to become informed on the merits of the Amendment and to work through the appropriate structures and channels toward ratification by the Arkansas State Legislature in 1979. The Board will sponsor a "Women's Rights Convention" to be held July 19, 1978. Initial plans for the Convention include a dramatic presentation of the history of the crusade for women's rights in the United States, a worship service that celebrates the contributions of women in Christian history, and speakers and discussion groups on the present status of women's rights and responsibilities. The date of the Convention has been selected to correspond with the date of the first such convention held in the U. S. at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York, on July 19, 1848. The event will launch our formal campaign to have the Equal Rights Amendment ratified in Arkansas in 1979.

Along with other agencies of the Church, we plan to continue emphasis on the problem of world hunger and the food crisis. Local churches in our Conference have responded to this problem with creativity and enthusiasm, and both the General Church and the Conference Council on Ministries have made world hunger a major priority of ministry in 1978. Our Board is cooperating with the Board of Global Ministries to sponsor a Conference workshop in 1977, and we are planning to promote a "World Hunger Sunday" on Thanksgiving this year and next. We want to remind United Methodists who have become sensitized to problems of world hunger that people are hungry in the United States, too. Close to twenty-six million people in our country fall below the government's established "poverty line." While the crisis in hunger around the world is immensely complex, the main problem at home is an economic one, and the Church needs to address the hunger problem at home as well as around the world.

We plan to devote much of our time and energy to the promotion of the Social Principles of our Church. We remind local churches and leaders that the Discipline recommends that the Social Principles "be constantly available to United Methodist Christians" and "emphasized regularly in every congregation," and that "our Social Creed be frequently used in Sunday worship." We plan to promote the Social Principles through District workshops sponsored by the Board and by the dissemination of literature produced by the General Board. We will produce a collection of sermons from ministers in the Conference addressing social issues, to be available at Annual Conference in 1978 and to be distributed to ministers and leaders in social concerns in local churches.

We will continue to conduct a program of research, education and action and to provide forthright witness on the wide range of issues confronting the Church and the society as set forth in the Social Principles.

In addition to these areas of ministry, we are interested in two matters of policy and structure within our Church. (1) At the urging of our Board, the Council on Ministries has authorized a task force to review and revise the questions asked of local congregations in the Charge Conference. Since the Charge Conference is the basic unit in the connectional system of our Church and provides the only point of accountability for the mission and ministry of the local church with respect to the United Methodist Church in general, we seek to have the Charge Conference report on the program of the charge in the past year relating to social concerns and involvement and establish goals for the ensuing year in social action ministry. (2) We have formed a task force within the Board to study our relationship to the Christian Civic Foundation and to seek to broaden our involvement in Christian civic affairs through alternative programs. The task force will report to the 1978 Annual Conference.

Finally, we are trying to organize a network connecting local churches and the Board of Church and Society in an effort to better organize our Church for response to emerging social issues within our state, nation and world, and to

keep our local churches better informed on the issues of Christian social concern that confront the Church and society and require a response from United Methodist Christians.

BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP

The purpose of this report is to give the North Arkansas Conference a brief understanding of what the Board of Discipleship is doing in 1977, and hopes to accomplish in 1978. The report may be changed and summarized, or used in its entirety for the pre-conference Digest.

The Board of Discipleship is made up of six basic committees: Evangelism, Education, Enlistment, Worship, Higher Education and Campus Ministry and Stewardship. Though most of its work is done by the various committees, the Board seeks to be more than the summation of its parts. The Board has adopted as its quadrennial theme: MAKE OF ALL DISCIPLES from Matt. 28:19, and hopes to utilize the theme in carrying out the work of its six areas of responsibility.

The BOARD is suggesting five basic priorities in its work for 1978:

1. A Conference-wide effort to work the Comprehensive Plan of Evangelism.
2. A strong emphasis on Decision Point, Church School.
3. A Conference involvement of pastors and laymen in the proposed WORKSHOP ON WORSHIP.
4. Supporting and improving the INTERN PROGRAM.
5. ESTABLISH Campus Ministries on a sound basis.

IN EVANGELISM, the Workshops on Methodist Beliefs have proved helpful, and a follow-up Lab program on Confirmation is in the making. At present we are cooperating with the Little Rock Conference in the Statewide emphasis on Prayer and the Devotional Life.

In 1978, we will begin to study intently The Comprehensive Plan of Evangelism, and hope to implement this in its entirety by 1980. Meanwhile, we will emphasize Visitation Evangelism. The Committee has set a goal of an increase of members received on profession of faith to 2100 for the year and 8400 for the Quadrennium.

The Committee hopes to develop a better communication and cooperation between blacks and whites in the whole area of evangelism.

The Committee will ask the Arkansas Pastors School to consider an indepth study on the Trinity with special concern about the Holy Spirit to be held at Pastors School.

EDUCATION is carrying on numerous projects which are a part of the on-going program of training and development in the Church School and its leadership.

YOUNG ADULT WORK—a special personal growth conference for young adults—its content to be Self Awareness amidst a theology of grace, and the development of a constructive openness to others. It was strongly suggested that Kenneth Mitchell be asked to lead this—and that we work out some arrangement that while he is in Arkansas we might get him to lead a workshop for pastors and leading laymen on “How to Turn on Your Local Church.” The Board asked CFA set aside \$900 for this Personal Growth Seminar.

Each of the Coordinators (which are lightly attached to our Board) made report of activities in their fields of work. Of special interest is the Innovative Ministries Priority of a program for youth entitled “Preparing for Life-long Relationships”—aimed primarily at older youth with a focus on Getting Ready for Marriage. In 1978, it is hoped to have 1-2-3

workshops in various areas of the Conference—involving local youth and counselors in training and leadership—not only developing present leaders, but hopefully guiding present youth toward future leadership.

We hope to have several workshops for the Small Church which will help train and develop leaders. The number of events already planned or in the process of planning for children, youth, and adults are too numerous to mention.

ENLISTMENT: This Committee has the job of training youth for the job of summer youth worker, and of helping churches and schools know about Christian vocations possible for youth.

Its major job at present is the developing of a Summer Intern program in which a young person works under the direction of a pastor to discover his aptitude, or lack of it, for the ministry. This person is not to be confused with the regular summer youth worker. The Committee pays \$200 a month during the summer months, and the local church pays \$200. It must be noted that the intern is primarily a "learner" rather than a "doer," and will perhaps be a burden to the pastor. But the program has real possibilities—and the Committee hopes to place three interns this summer.

WORSHIP: The goal of the Committee on Worship is to increase awareness of the meaning of Christian worship and practices within the Methodist tradition.

Like the calendar of the local church, the Conference Committee on Worship has many tasks to perform routinely, including planning the worship experiences of the Annual Conference, Pastor's School and other meetings where worship experiences are appropriate.

One activity helpful in meeting the goals of the Worship Committee and an expressed need of both clergy and laity in the conference will be offered this fall. The Committee on Worship has completed plans for a '77 Workshop entitled "Worship: The People of God at Work," to be conducted at Hendrix College, September 8-9. The Workshop will feature Dr. Roger Deschner, Perkins School of Theology, S. M. U., Dallas, Texas. Dr. Deschner is an ordained minister and a musician. He is very interested in communication between laity and clergy. The September Workshop is designed to aid ministers, church musicians, chairpersons of the work area on worship, lay speakers, and lay leaders. A leaflet with information concerning the workshop is available at this conference.

The Committee on Worship is gathering data and will make available to persons of the conference suggested policy statements for weddings, funerals, memorial and flower committees, etc. The committee has a paper on Methodist theology and tradition concerning the Sacrament of Baptism. Additional statements of this nature are being produced.

The committee is in the process of creating a bibliography on Worship resources and aids, prayers, confessions, calls to worship, words of assurance, benedictions, pastoral prayers, etc. and we invite persons in the conference to submit material to the committee for inclusion in the publication.

Two persons from the Conference Committee on Worship will attend a National Convocation on Worship, Music and other arts in July. Not only is the National Convocation a learning experience for the participants but it is also a time when selection will be made for leadership for the '78 Convocation on Worship in the North Arkansas Conference which will be held July 13-15, 1978, at Hendrix College.

This '78 Convocation on Worship will feature many helpful suggestions in

four major areas:

A. WORSHIP THROUGH CHURCH MUSIC

Adult Choirs	Choral Conducting	Organists
Graded Choirs	Anthems in Worship	Christian Education
Handbells	Hymnody	in Hymnody

B. WORSHIP THROUGH THE ARTS

Multimedia	Liturgical Dance	Architecture
Writing Liturgies	Drama	Visual Art--Worship
Banners, Vestments	Story Telling	

C. MINISTERS AND LAY WORSHIP LEADERS

Acolytes	Ushers
Lay Speakers	Involving the Congregation in Worship
Communion Stewards	

D. MINISTERS AND PASTORAL FUNCTIONS

Baptism	Theology of the Sacraments
Weddings	Planning Worship with Lay Worship Leaders
Funerals	

Dr. Bill McElvaney, President of St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., has accepted the invitation of the committee to be the featured lecturer and will unify the areas and make the various experiences cohesive. Convocation '78 will involve other national United Methodist worship leaders.

We also urge United Methodist ministers to familiarize themselves with the new Ecumenical Lectionary Preaching series and the Proclamation Commentaries. These materials are available in the Cokesbury display at this conference.

HIGHER EDUCATION AND CAMPUS MINISTRY:

1. Recommends the continuation of support of Hendrix College, and the goal of \$149,800 per year for the quadrennium.
2. Support of Philander Smith and the Black College Fund.
 - a. The Chairman has been asked to name 3 persons to serve on the Advisory Committee of the Sunday College at Philander Smith.
 - b. To make the Conference better aware of the yearly scholarship of \$750 to a person in the North Arkansas Conference to attend Philander Smith.
3. To urge the Churches to support the work of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee, by a gift of \$10 annually.
4. Move that the Annual Conference allocate \$5000.00 for the emergency needs of the Wesley Foundations during 1977, with these funds to be distributed: \$2000.00 to UCA, \$1750.00 to ATU and \$1250.00 to ASU. An additional \$10,000.00 shall be apportioned to the local churches for each remaining year of this quadrennium to be distributed: \$4000.00 to UCA, \$3500.00 to ATU, and \$2500.00 to ASU each year of the quadrennium.

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STEWARDSHIP has no report at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
 William M. Wilder,
 Chairman

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN
 1976**

The Theme for 1976 "The Past Speaks--The Future Beckons" has been indicative of this year for United Methodist Women as we have worked to implement the seven goals set forth at the 1976 Annual Meeting where six new officers joined the executive team.

The first major activity following Annual Meeting was the West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission held on Mt. Sequoyah, June 14-18. Focus for the school was based on the work of the National, World and Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries. Studies were: "The Gospel of Mark," "The Nations of Southern Africa: Dilemma for Christians" and "People and Systems."

Attendance was down slightly for the Arkansas School of Christian Missions, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas July 28 through August 1 but enthusiasm made up for the lack of numbers. Conference officers led an Officers Training Event during this school. The studies were the same as those at the Regional School.

Conference President, Mrs. Harold Womack, attended the World Federation of Methodist Women at the World Methodist Conference, Dublin, Ireland, August, 1976.

One of the highlights of the year was the Legislative Training Event held in Jacksonville, Arkansas, September 10-11, with each District sponsoring at least five participants.

The Conference sponsored a Spiritual Growth Retreat, September 25-26 at Aldersgate Camp. It was open to all local members and District and Conference officers and was under the directorship of Mrs. D. C. Neal, Mission Coordinator of Christian Personhood. Mrs. Faye Matthews from Texas Northwest Conference was the retreat leader using the book "Living Thru Loving" a periphrase on several of the books of the New Testament. Approximately sixty-five women participated in this event.

The Conference Executive, Program Planning and Finance Committees met October 8 and 9 in Paragould with Joan Clark, Regional Director of UMW, Dallas, Texas. Ms. Clark led the committees in an indepth study of the goals for 1976. The Committees then planned ways and events to implement the goals.

January's severe weather caused cancellation of most of the Officers Training Event planned for the District and Conference Elected Leaders in Little Rock. Nevertheless, we did meet for a few hours before the snow started falling. This meeting has been rescheduled for April 23, 1977.

We are happy to report financial giving is up on all levels with the Conference pledge going over the top for a total of \$115,712.20. In addition supplemental gifts amounted to \$14,941.89.

The Conference President and Vice President along with others of the districts have participated in Church Women United.

A number of District and Conference Officers are serving on various Conference Boards and Agencies of the Church. Three Conference and District Officers attended the Convocation on the Black Church in Dallas, February 24-26, 1977.

This Bicentennial year has given us an opportunity to reflect on the UMW work of the past but more important to look to the future to more effective ways of implementing our Christian faith through sharing of God's love to us with others on the local, district and conference level and ever expanding out to reach around the world with His gifts and call to all mankind.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT—1976

Cash on Hand January 1, 1976

Checking Account—Twin City Bank	\$ 7,113.09	
Savings Account—First Federal—Ft. Smith	2,240.94	
		\$ 9,354.03

Receipts:

Pledge to Missions	\$108,173.92	
Special Memberships	8,827.05	
In Remembrance & Memorials	1,104.04	
World Thank Offering	7,012.68	
Missionary Support	1,588.52	
Total received on pledge		126,706.21
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	7,160.71	
U. M. C. O. R.	532.05	
Aldersgate	2,592.06	
Conf. Membership Development	1,213.10	
Savings Account—Interest	124.41	
Women In Rural Development	2,214.02	
School of Missions	1,267.39	
Gladys Womack Love Offering	1,043.42	
Supplemental—World	1,150.80	
Supplemental—National	1,287.25	

Registration Receipts	2,987.70		
Miscellaneous	393.12		
		21,966.03	148,672.24
TOTAL RECEIPTS			\$158,026.27

Disbursements:

Pledge to Missions	96,029.91		
Special Memberships	9,977.05		
In Remembrance & Memorials	1,104.04		
World Thank Offering	7,012.68		
Missionary Support	1,588.52		
Total Paid on Pledge		115,712.20	
U. M. C. O. R.	7,160.71		
Aldersgate	2,597.06		
Women in Rural Development	2,214.02		
Gladys Womack Love Offering	1,038.42*		
Supplemental—World	1,150.80		
Supplemental—National	1,287.25		
School of Missions	1,950.00		
District Administration & Membership Development	4,175.00		
Conference Administration & Membership Development	11,752.81		
Jurisdiction Administration & Membership Development	575.00		
Miscellaneous	167.00		
		34,600.12	150,312.32
Ending Balance December 31, 1976			\$ 7,713.95

Represented By:

Cash on Deposit—First Jacksonville Bank	5,348.60
Arkansas Savings and Loan	2,365.35
	\$ 7,713.95

*\$5.00 given to Aldersgate

CONFERENCE GOALS 1977

1. Undergird mission outreach and total scope of United Methodist Women through the four mission areas: Christian Personhood, Supportive Community, Christian Social Involvement, and Christian Global Concerns; and through the use of United Methodist Women program resources.
2. Increase ethnic participation in conference leadership roles and develop inclusive fellowship.
3. Provide training opportunities for leadership at all levels.
4. Develop more effective communications between local, district, and conference organizations.
5. Support women's concerns in coalition with the Commission on Status and Role of Women.

Respectfully submitted,
Gladys Womack, President

COUNCIL ON YOUTH MINISTRY

Significant growth in program is occurring via 1) initiation in 1976 of a Conference Assembly for Junior Highs (90 youth, three days, at Hendrix), 2) CCYM sponsorship of the Conference Youth Tour to New York and Washington, D. C. beginning in the Fall of 1977, /the 1976 Tour of 120 youth was led by the Conference Youth Coordinator but sponsored by the Board of Church and Society/and 3) involvement in the bi-annual Convocations of the new National Youth Ministry Organization of United Methodism. Continued programming includes the Conference Youth Rallies and Senior High Youth Assemblies, plus distribution of 70% of Youth service Fund monies.

Last year's Y. S. F. projects, from North Arkansas youth, were 1) support of Mallalieu Community Center in Fort Smith (\$300); 2) assistance with a work project in Helena (\$200); and 3) college tuition for a Mexican student dedicated to a bi-lingual educational ministry with her people (\$450). U. S. F. total for 1976 was \$3017. Thirty percent supports nationally-funded programs and projects; 46% will be funded on the basis of project applications (received by Rev. Keith Goza, Box 95, Salem, Ar 72576). The remaining 22% enables the activities of our Youth Council.

At least \$5000 should be given to Y. S. F. in 1977. Will YOUR church be involved?

The past year was a testing time for our CCYM design and its members. Calendar year 1976 saw four separate coordinators! I think we passed the test. Related to this, the consistent and conscientious assistance to the Council for the last five years of Arvill Brannon has been very important . . . and appreciated. Also, Susan Brown as Youth President has served well under difficult conditions.

What should be the overall goal of the Conference Youth program? My answer is "Christian growth and empowerment." I'll not preach my sermon on that, but just say that to me it means a lot of positive—but certainly not assured—changes within and to and from the youth. I beg and challenge the leaders of each local church, district, and conference body to see that youth are included in membership, where appropriate, and that meetings are held when the teenagers can attend. And I place it on those youth to attend and to participate in discussion and actions.

David Moose
Conf. Youth Coordinator

BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES

The Conference Board of Global Ministries is organized to provide for the relationship between the General Board of Global Ministries and the conference, district and local church, and shall provide for global ministries functions related to the objectives and work of the General Board of Global Ministries as set forth in paragraph 1502 of the 1976 Book of Discipline.

The purpose of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Global Ministries adopted by the 1976 session of the Annual Conference as printed on page 100 of the journal states "The Conference Board of Global Ministries shall cooperate with the General Board of Global Ministries in carrying out the policies of promoting all phases of the work of missions, church extension, health and welfare, ecumenical and inter-religious concerns and town and country ministries. It shall also cooperate with the Division of Education and Cultivation in developing an effective program of education and cultivation within the conference."

I. In fulfilling this purpose, the board cooperates with the General Board of Global Ministries. This is done by relating to the General Board through programs in the Annual Conference and through programs of that board worldwide. Thus, we affirm the strengths of the connectional system of the United Methodist Church. For example, General Conference assigned major responsibility for program and funding of two quadrennial mission priorities, HUNGER and strengthening the ETHNIC MINORITY LOCAL CHURCH, to the General Board. We, in turn, are helping them to fulfill their responsibility in our Annual Conference, using resources which they provide.

A. HUNGER. Both the General Board and our Board have long been concerned with the issue of hunger—physical, social and spiritual. Presently, we are involved as follows:

1. We support Heifer Project, Int. Our Conference advance goal for this project is \$10,000.00 annually through 1980.
2. We are giving leadership in planning an Inter-Board/Inter-Conference Consciousness Raising Event on Hunger to be held at Hendrix College, November 12-13, 1977. Dr. Donald Ebright, our Board Resource Person on Hunger, chairs the task force for the event. We also have long-range plans for studying the root causes of hunger to culminate in a 1978 event which will challenge us to action in 1979 and beyond.
3. At the urging of our Board, the Annual Conference session of 1976 challenged our local churches to get involved in W. H. E. A. T. We have encouraged Arkansas area involvement. Our Board secured enough W. H. E. A. T. brochures to supply all on the conference mailing list in February 1977.

B. ETHNIC MINORITY LOCAL CHURCH. We join the General Board in a commitment to help ethnic minority local churches to strengthen their ministry.

1. We recommend Conference Advance Specials with the following goals:

	1978	1979	1980
a. Rio Grande Conference	\$ 6500.00	7000.00	7500.00
b. Indian Missionary Conf.	6500.00	7000.00	7500.00
c. Black Ministries	20000.00	20000.00	20000.00
(First half going to Mallalieu Community Centers)			

2. We support Lydia Patterson Institute by making it an Advance Special through 1977 and requesting CFA make LPI a line item in the amount of \$11,775.00 for 1978-80.
3. We are laying plans for the Forrest City District Larger Black Parish to have a Church and Community Worker beginning in 1978.
4. We support the jurisdictional and conference Convocation on the Black Church.
5. We supported and partially funded the 1975-77 Native American Partnership in Mission Program for the Paragould and Northeast Oklahoma Districts.
6. We sought support for the Vietnamese Hope Center for Action Ministry from the general board in the amount of \$1,100, while allocating \$3,000 from our own budget. We have applied for \$1,600 from the General Board for that work in 1978.
7. We cooperate with the Commissions on Religion and Race. The 1978 budget of our Board is designated for ethnic minority ministries in various programs; i. e.
 - a. Salary Aid
 - b. Mallalieu Community Centers (of which Vietnamese Hope

- Center is a part)
- c. Black Community Development
- d. Inter-faith Community Center
- e. Church Extension

II. Also, in fulfilling the purposes of our Board, we cooperate with the Conference Council on Ministries. In November of 1976 the Executive Committee of the Council assigned to our Board the responsibility for program in the following annual conference priorities which were adopted at the 1976 session. They are listed in the journal beginning on page 84, to-wit:

- a. Innovative ministries
- b. Ministry to the aging.
- c. Small membership churches and new church development.
- d. Ecumenical activities.

We were asked by the Council to give special attention to the following areas within those adopted priorities, to-wit:

- a. Deaf ministries.
- b. Cooperative ministries.
- c. Parish ministries.
- d. Jail ministries.
- e. Ministry to singles.
- f. Ministry to mentally retarded.
- g. Ministry to the aging.
- h. Ecumenical programs such as COCU.

In response we developed proposed programs with the assistance of the General Board and other knowledgeable persons in these fields. The proposals were presented in typewritten form to those in attendance at the Executive Meeting of the conference council in February 1977. Additional suggestions appear in our program reports and those of the conference council.

- A. We suggest a model for ecumenical workshops for use by conference and/or districts and led by staff of the General Division of Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns. We will finalize plans for this for 1978 and beyond. In-conference expense of the leadership persons will be paid from our budget.
- B. Our conference Adult Coordinator, the Rev. Jerry Canada, in consultation with others, developed models for program in the areas of ministry with singles, aging, senior citizens, couples and ecumenical concerns. These models may be obtained by any district, local church, ecumenical group or other interested persons. The models are:
 - 1. Cultural events for singles.
 - 2. Workshops in self-affirmation and behavior modification for pastors and pastor's spouses.
 - 3. Divorce counseling workshops.
 - 4. Ecumenical study groups.
 - 5. Listening posts (ecumenical or denominational).
 - 6. Our chairperson for Health and Welfare accepted responsibility for presenting a program for the aging entitled, "Center of Aliveness."
- C. The Director of Bost School for Limited Children, who is also a church school teacher for the mentally retarded, is in the process of preparing church school literature to be offered for use in teaching the handicapped.
- D. The requested program for jail ministry was presented by the Board of Church and Society who had previously been making plans for such a program.

- E. In the area of ecumenical concerns the following were suggested:
1. A conference-wide "Walk for Hunger" on June 4, 1977 has been placed on the calendar of the conference.
 2. On October 30, 1977 there will be a conference-wide interdenominational pulpit exchange.
 3. The conference Youth Council has been challenged to formulate an ecumenical and/or interreligious event.
 4. We hope to increase giving to the Arkansas Council of Churches to \$4,000 annually.
- F. We recommend a Bishop's Consultation on the Parish be held. The purpose will be to enlarge our vision of the potential in cooperative parish ministries, team ministries and of the use of Church and Community workers.
- G. In planning for new churches, a general board consultant was invited to our conference to help review plans for possible new church sites and their advisability. One such visit resulted in what is now the Bella Vista United Methodist Church. Reports of the May, 1977 visits to two more church sites may be obtained from the board or committee chairperson.
- H. In the field of ministry to the deaf we recommend:
1. The list of goals for ministry with the handicapped which appears later in this report under the Health and Welfare Committee report.
 2. A proposal submitted to the Council for a 1977 Deaf Ministry Program:
 - a. To hire a team or a person with training in such ministry and who speaks in sign language.
 - b. Contact deaf persons and get involved in their activities to find out how and where the church should be in ministry.
 - c. Contact persons throughout the church in Arkansas to form a talent bank of volunteers with training in working with the deaf.
 - d. Form a task group to coordinate data, evaluate and plan for deaf ministry.
- III. In fulfilling our purpose through the work of the Missions Committee, the following goals have been developed:
- A. Provide opportunities for continuing education about world hunger with suggested programs and actions which might alleviate it.
 - B. Continue support of and encourage new forms of innovative ministries.
 - C. Encourage the development of Partnerships in Mission, expanding the concept to include partnerships of districts or churches with institutions, missionary personnel and projects supported by the United Methodist Church.
 - D. Promote Advance Specials.
 1. We recommend the continuation of the "Bishops Special Advance Fund" to which churches, organizations or groups within the local church or individuals may contribute for Advance Special credit. The fund is administered by the resident Bishop. The Bishop will advise contributors as to the projects for which their gifts have been used. Contributions to this fund are to be sent to Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, Area Treasurer, or directly to Bishop Kenneth Hicks designated for "Bishop's Special Advance Fund."
 2. We recommend that the District Council on Ministries select and relate in a special way to one or more of the five conference Advance Specials.

3. We recommend publicity on the status of our Advance Specials in the Arkansas Methodist. We recommend a quarterly report of Advance Specials receipts sent from the treasurer's office to the Arkansas Methodist for publication.
- E. We desire to conduct a survey of the conference for new church sites utilizing the services provided through the General Board of Global Ministries.
- F. Education and Recruitment:
 1. We propose the use of a display and/or pamphlets at the Arkansas School of Christian Mission.
 2. We recommend that each District Council on Ministries have a District Missions Event by September or mid-October using the guidelines provided by the Education and Cultivation Task Force of our Board.
 3. When the Committee on Missions chairperson is informed that a missionary or persons in mission are available to itinerate in the conference, the district representative on the conference board shall be advised. It is then the responsibility of district representatives to inform the churches of the district of such itineration. A local church desiring to have the person or persons in mission for dialogue with a group may submit such request to the district representative who will then refer the request to the Committee on Missions chairperson.
- G. The following editorial changes are needed in the policies of our Board previously noted in the 1976 conference journal:
 1. In Church Extension Fund, page 112:
 - a. Add the word "Policies" after Fund.
 - b. Under "2." add:

"All applications shall be secured from:
James Linam
Secretary of Church Extension
P. O. Box 402
Van Buren, AR 72956"
 2. In Conference Loan Fund, page 113:
 - a. Add the word "Policies" after Fund.
 - b. Under "2." add:

"All applications shall be secured from:
Pat Sims, Secretary of Loan Fund
R. R. 3, McKenzie Drive
Paragould, AR 72450"
 3. In Conference Building Fund, add the word "Policies" after Fund.

Amounts of pledged Missionary Personnel Support from local churches of the conference as reported by the General Board in April 1977, are:

DISTRICT AND CHURCH		MISSIONARY	FIELD	PLEDGE
BATESVILLE DISTRICT:				
Batesville:	First	Mr./Mrs. Delos McCauley	Nepal	\$ 750.00
		Rev./Mrs. Bill Elder	Japan	750.00
Searcy:	First	Rev./Mrs. Robert Marble	India	1,000.00
		Rev./Mrs. William Elder	Japan	1,000.00
CONWAY DISTRICT:				
Conway:	First	Rev./Mrs. Wendell Golden	Zaire	1,600.00
Jacksonville:	First	Mr./Mrs. Robert Buckner	Nepal	750.00
No. Little Rock:	First	Mr./Mrs. Delos McCauley	Nepal	1,800.00
	Lakewood	Mr./Mrs. Alan Strickler	India	7,800.00
Russellville:		Rev./Mrs. William Schisler	Brazil	1,800.00

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT:

Bentonville:	First	Rev./Mrs. James Tims	Brazil	750.00
Rogers:	Central	Mr./Mrs. Delos McCauley	Nepal	1,500.00
Springdale:	First	Mr./Mrs. Delos McCauley	India	1,500.00

FORREST CITY DISTRICT:

McCroy:		Rev./Mrs. William Elder	Japan	750.00
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FORT SMITH DISTRICT:

Fort Smith:	Goddard	Mr./Mrs. Delos McCauley	Nepal	750.00
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JONESBORO DISTRICT:

Blytheville:	First	Rev./Mrs. William Elder	Japan	4,500.00
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MISSIONARIES: MEMBERS OF OR ASSIGNED TO
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

COUNTRY	MISSIONARY	SUPPORT FROM THIS CONFERENCE	SUPPORT FROM OTHER CONFER- ENCES	FURTHER SUPPORT NEEDED FROM THIS CONFERENCE
Nepal	Buckner, Mr./Mrs. Robert	\$ 750.00	\$11,000.00	\$2,250.00
Japan	Elder, Rev./Mrs. William	7,000.00	8,400.00	
Nepal	McCauley, Mr./Mrs. Delos	6,300.00	8,020.00	
India	Marble, Rev./Mrs. Robert	1,000.00	14,700.00	
Korea	Schowengerdt, Mr./Mrs. Dean		14,350.00	
Brazil	Schisler, Rev./Mrs. William	1,800.00	13,000.00	

IV. Church Extension funds used for 1978 are:

Conway District	
Vilonia	\$1,500.00
Fayetteville District	
St. James	2,000.00
Fort Smith District	
Charleston	2,000.00
Jonesboro District	
St. Paul, Jonesboro	1,500.00
Fisher St., Jonesboro	1,500.00
Paragould District	
Woods Chapel	2,000.00
Hurricane	1,000.00
Maynard	1,000.00
Eli Lindsey	500.00
Alicia	1,000.00

V. In fulfilling our purpose, the Health and Welfare Committee of the board presents the following report of recommendations and goals for 1978 and beyond:

A. Help promote the programs of Health and Welfare as outlined by General Conference and the Annual Conference through the Education and Cultivation Task Group and the Conference Council staff. Promotion will be done for every major emphasis coming up during the year, for special events, legislation or other concerns in the Health and Welfare field.

- B. Observe Methodist Hospital Sunday, February 26, 1978. This will be the Sunday where you lift up our hospital and the ministry of healing in which we are involved. This will be done primarily by the hospital foundation, in consultation with the Health and Welfare Committee and Bishop Hicks.
 - C. Promote the second Sunday in May as Golden Cross Sunday and encourage membership in Golden Cross of \$2.00 per person. One-half of all monies collected to be kept by the local church or district for Health and Welfare use in their community. One-half to be sent to the conference to be used at Methodist Hospital and Methodist Nursing Home. Promotion of this program will be through the Health and Welfare Committee and the Conference Council office.
 - D. Designate December as Methodist Children's Home month and encourage support of this agency by the annual offering through the council office and the Arkansas Methodist.
 - E. A portion of our 1978 budget goes to the School of Nursing—Methodist Hospitals, Memphis, and the Methodist Nursing Home, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
 - F. Methodist School of Nursing. In recognition of the shortage of nursing personnel in most counties in the North Arkansas Conference area, the need to strengthen our relationship with our ministry of healing at Methodist Hospital and as an opportunity to provide an educational ministry for many of the young people of the conference, we propose a student nurse scholarship program as follows:
 - 1. Objective: To subscribe a scholarship in a church in each district of the conference each year for the remainder of the quadrennium.
 - 2. The Committee, in conjunction with the hospital, will contact local churches to cultivate a scholarship gift and to prepare a program to recruit a qualified student from the area. This effort will involve no conference askings or promotional expenses on the part of the committee.
 - G. We urge each local church to take a survey of its building and make the necessary additions and/or changes to make the building accessible to all persons. If steps have to be climbed to get into the building, then an alternate way should be provided; i. e., a ramp or elevator to accommodate persons with physical handicaps.
 - H. We suggest that each local church survey its sanctuary to determine what changes or additions need to take place to accommodate persons with hearing disabilities, and make the necessary changes or additions. This could mean a check of the public address system or perhaps installation of special equipment.
 - I. We recommend that the District Council on Ministries contact at least one church, in each town in the district where there is a radio or television station, about that church carrying at least one program per week for the benefit of the home-bound or hospital-bound persons in that community.
- The preceding three recommendations will be promoted by the Education and Cultivation Task Group of the board.
- J. We strongly support the ministry to the deaf that is now being done in Fort Smith. We feel there is a need for this in other parts of our conference. Therefore, we propose the following program:
 - 1. That a research task group be appointed for the North Little Rock and Jonesboro areas to determine if their program could be expanded to these parts of our conference. If there appears to be a need for this program, we propose a workshop in both areas to help persons in a

key church learn what and how this ministry could be started. Then we propose that we provide seed money for these two programs.

2. We see research task groups being appointed and working during this year, 1977. We suggest the names of Gladys Womack and Bill Barling for the North Little Rock area and Freddie Nixon and Mildred Osment for the Jonesboro area. By February 1978, we would have their findings and could determine the need for the two workshops. These workshops would be planned by the research groups in consultation with the church that is going to house the program, the pastor and District Superintendent. They would use persons with expertise in this field, possibly Wyatt Memorial in Fort Smith could provide some technical advise. Cost \$200.00.

3. We would recommend that if the research shows definite need we plan in the board budget for 1979 to allow \$1,200.00 for each area as seed money for these programs to begin, looking toward self-sustaining programs by 1980.

K. Dr. Rosalie Lawson, 1130 E. Shadowridge Drive, Fayetteville, Arkansas 72701, is an addition to our committee. She has served on the North California and Nevada Conference Board of Hospitals and Home.

- L. We recommended names of persons to be considered for election by the Conference to serve as Trustees of the Methodist Nursing Home & Village, Fort Smith, Arkansas, the Methodist Hospital, Memphis, and the Children's Home, Little Rock, Arkansas.

VI. In fulfilling our purpose, the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Committee reports the following goals for 1978:

- A. As a continued emphasis in the conference of its ecumenical commitment we hope to involve members of other denominations (laity and clergy) in our Annual Conference and "Pastor's" School.

- B. We recommend continued promotion of ecumenism by the District Councils on Ministries through ecumenical activities and projects.

- C. We recommend continued support of the Arkansas Council of Churches:

1. To elect twenty-seven active delegates from the North Arkansas Conference to the Arkansas Council on Churches:

Charles McDonald, Raymond Hawkins, Ben F. Jordan, Walter Davidson, Lewis Chessner, John S. Workman, Harold Eggensperger, Earl Carter, Mildred Osment, Bob Edwards, Wayne Jarvis, Arvill Brannon, Gladys Womack, Sam Teague, Tom Barnett, Ron Clark, Leland Smith, Everett Burns, Ken Stewart, June Spotts, Kathy Fadick, Myra Rogers, Mary Lou Gall, Jerry Nichols, Philip Hathcock, Kathleen Sharp, Mary Lawrence.

2. That \$4,000.00 from the North Arkansas Conference be given to help carry out the work of the A. C. C.

3. Promote the Mt. Sequoyah Ecumenical Mission Study, the Church in Community Seminar, the Ecumenical Clergy and Laity Conference and the Lakes Ministry.

- D. Send a conference delegate to the National Workshop in Christian Unity.

- E. Design and implement a World Hunger Program to be conducted at the local church level across denominational lines.

- F. Challenge the youth of the conference to formulate ecumenical and inter-religious events.

- G. Re-open conference and local church level dialogue with the C. O. C. U. participating churches.

- H. Establish a conference-wide ministry to parolees.

- I. Recommend conference-wide support of Alcoholics Anonymous and its

related programs.

J. Continue a conference-wide interdenominational pulpit exchange day.

Quadrennial Goals:

A. Establish an ongoing ecumenical program through the Youth Council.

B. Dialogue with other denominations about establishing a regular TV-Radio exposure in our area—possibly through the Arkansas Council of Churches.

VII. The Town and Country Committee reaffirms goals, objectives, policies and procedures as adopted by the 1976 Annual Conference session as printed on pages 108-9 in the 1976 journal. In fulfilling our purpose the Town and Country Committee proposes:

A. Support for the Church and Community Seminar at Mt. Sequoyah by encouraging attendance and offering financial assistance for scholarships—\$300.00.

B. A plan to publish creative ideas for ministry in small churches.

C. To give church of the year awards—\$250.00.

D. To assess data received from questionnaires sent to each district superintendent regarding needs for parish development, church and community worker needs, and/or cooperative parish ministries.

E. Task force to plan for a Consultation on the parish.

F. To encourage church and community worker for ministries in appropriate areas of the conference, using General Board's package of \$12,000.00—of which the General Board grants \$7,000.00 yearly.

G. In October 1978, Town and Country plans a pastor's retreat to look at practical methods of ministry in small churches out of which a model may be developed for sub-districts. Ministry for singles is one focus of the retreat.

H. Salary Aid Budget for January 1-December 31, 1978:

Moorefield-Southside	\$ 475.00**
Forrest Hills	\$1500.00
Mallalieu	\$2400.00
St. James-Fayetteville	\$2000.00
McArthur Drive	\$1800.00
Total	\$8175.00

(**Receives from General Board SAM \$400.00 in 1978)

I. A task force to study the Salary Aid Programs in our conference was established in May 1977, and held its first meeting at Jonesboro on June 8, 1977.

VIII. In fulfilling our purpose, the conference board cooperates with the General Board by:

A. Appointing conference liaison persons with the General Board.

B. By forming an Education and Cultivation Task Force to work with the Division of Education and Cultivation of the General Board. The persons elected to the conference board by their respective District Councils on Ministries and by the election of United Methodist Women of their coordinator for Christian Global Concerns form the task force. With each district represented, the task force members are divided among different conference board committees. They, in turn, represent those committees when coming together as a task force to plan for education and cultivation of the total work of the board. The task force chairperson, Mary Lou Gall, is also liaison to the division of the General Board.

C. Immediate task force goals for 1978 are:

1. Sponsor a "Hi-level Dialogue" involving clergy and laity for a day with four General Board members and staff early in 1978—\$800.00.

a. The purpose; To bring key "information" on the global ministries

of the church, to stimulate interest in the global outreach of the denomination, to get answers to questions of concern on the part of those involved from our conference, to help personalize relationships between General Board persons and conference persons, and to stimulate desires of all to participate in the outreach concerns of The United Methodist Church.

2. Hold a mission anniversary program at the Annual Conference by providing a display of information concerning Advance Specials, Missional Priorities, and the total work of the conference board.
 3. Assist each district to hold a district mission event by providing guidelines for such to be distributed to the District Superintendents, DCOM chairpersons, conference board members, task force members, the Conference Council Director and the Bishop.
 4. Educate the conference board concerning the work and goals of the General Board through short presentations at each meeting of the conference board.
 5. Support the Arkansas School for Christian Mission—\$1250.00.
 6. Print a brochure for use in local churches, district and the conference on the work of the conference board, such as Missional Priorities, innovative ministries, Advance Specials, etc.
- D. Long-range task force goals include:
1. To involve in 1979 local churches in the understanding of changing concepts of mission and missionaries through discussion with persons involved in mission today. Plans are underway to bring in a "Persons-in-Mission" team to visit with clusters of churches in the conference. In-conference expenses—\$850.00.
 2. To arrange in 1980 for greater understanding of how money is spent in mission by sponsoring an Education and Cultivation Division/Women's Division Financial Interpretation Workshop in our conference—\$850.00.

The Board has been allocated a budget of \$52,690.00 to carry out its 1978 program.

The Conference Board of Global Ministries reaffirms our purpose as we move toward the future. However, each year an evaluation is done. In November 1976, the board evaluation sessions were led by the national staff in region, Ms. Joan Clark and Dr. Kenneth McIntosh. An evaluation of re-examining the statement of purpose, with the intent of making any changes needed will be held November 3-5, 1977, under the leadership of Dr. Virgil W. Sexton, Planning Consultant and Pastor. At that time, the board will prepare and prioritize a first draft of 1979 objectives and courses of action and review plans for 1978.

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

NEWSLINE GLOBAL—1-800-251-8140

This is a service prepared by the Education and Cultivation Division of the General Board. Persons with questions may call between the hours of 9:00 a. m. (CST) and 1:00 p. m. June through Labor Day, and between the hours of 8:00 a. m. (CST) and 4:00 p. m. September through May. At any other times, a recording may be heard, giving the latest news and information.

ROGER BEAL

Roger Beal of our conference is to be commissioned a U. S. 2 in the summer of 1977.

ARKANSAS AREA EVENT

"Consciousness Raising Event on Hunger"—November 12-13, 1977, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. Chairpersons: Dr. Donald Ebright, Rev. Ed Matthews; other program personalities include: Arkansas Bishop Kenneth Hicks; Dakotas Bishop James Armstrong; Dr. Dean Freudenberger, Claremont, California; Mia Adjalia, United Nations Plaza, New York; and William Hamilton, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Liaison to General Board Division
of Education and Cultivation:
Liaison to Missionary Personnel:

Mary Lou Gall
Rhonda Crow

Respectfully submitted,
Nadine S. Hardin, Chairperson

THE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

The three priorities immediately before us at The United Methodist Children's Home are:

1. The securing of a regular license from Arkansas Social Services for the operation of a residential child care facility in the State of Arkansas.
2. The securing of accreditation from the Association of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church.
3. To qualify the United Methodist Children's Home for full membership in the Child Welfare League of America.

Priorities given these three areas of accreditation are a reflection of the determination of The United Methodist Children's Home to provide the highest quality of child care possible.

The loyalty and generosity expressed by Arkansas Methodists in their support of the Children's Home insures that we will be able to develop a child care program completely acceptable in professional quality.

I thank you for the care and concern that the North Arkansas Conference unflinchingly gives to this cause that is so close to the hearts of all our people.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe R. Phillips, Jr., Administrator

COMMISSION ON ARCHIVES AND HISTORY

The year of 1977 has been a learning year for most of the present commission among some joys and the sorrow of Dr. Upton's passing. We have some very good news to report.

The new Methodist History of Arkansas, by Dr. Walter N. Vernon, is now virtually sold out and we wish to thank all of those who made it possible.

The Commission wishes to report that several individuals and groups have purchased and given the new plaque denoting the graves of Methodist Ministers to families and that these are now in place on grave markers.

The Commission knows of one of our Extension Churches which has been

placed on the National Registry of Historic Places due to the Church Trustees. This is the Cato United Methodist Church on the Cato Road in Pulaski County. The Church is on the back part of Camp Robinson in North Pulaski County.

The Commission has now a part-time Archivist in Mrs. Virginia Upton and we request that you direct your inquiries to her at 1212 Winfield Street, Conway 72032. She will be glad to do research for you. We ask that you also send her copies of local church histories and founding dates so these lists may be completed.

To help promote the celebration of our history as United Methodists we ask each District Superintendent to appoint a District Historian to help the Commission carry on the Conference Program.

1. To encourage churches to write a history of their church or to update histories already written. These materials to be placed in the Hendrix College Library in the Arkansas Room.
2. To gather and arrange in the district a collection, as complete as possible, of North Arkansas Conference Journals. These are to be placed in an accessible place for all in the district to use. These should not be circulated since they may be irreplaceable.
3. To expand our program of placing grave markers on all graves of ministers of the Conference. The markers cost twenty dollars (\$20.00) each. We ask for the cooperation of families and local churches to help in this project.
4. To collect pictures of all Ministers of the Conference and their dates of service.
5. Encourage each District to create a Biographical file and History on each minister with their Conference record and send it to Mrs. Upton.
6. To send two representatives to our Jurisdictional Workshop, for members of the commission, in 1978.
7. To hold a Conference-Wide Workshop in 1978, for local church historians and interested persons, under the direction of Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., Executive Secretary, Commission on Archives and History, The United Methodist Church, Lake Junaluska, N. C.
8. To encourage District Historians and Pastors to send items of present interest to be put in a Daily Journal that Mrs. Upton has started for the Commission.

We are asking the cooperation of the Conference in carrying out this program.

BUDGET FOR 1978—\$1,900.00.

Robert M. English, Chairperson

COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE

The UNITED METHODIST CHURCH is a part of The Church Universal which is one body in Christ. Therefore, all persons, without regard to race, color, national origin, economic conditions, or sex, shall be eligible to attend its worship services, to participate in its programs, and when they take the appropriate vows, to be admitted into its membership in any local church in the connection (in accordance with The Discipline). In The United Methodist Church no church or conference or any other organizational unit of The Church shall be structured so as to exclude any constituent body of the church because of race, color, national origin or sex. (Paragraph 107, THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE, 1968)

ALL institutions (i. e. Offices, colleges, hospitals, homes, camps, etc.) supported by and related to the newly merged conferences shall be structured so as to include black persons for membership on boards of directors, professional and non-professional staff, constituencies served and/or services. (THE BOOK OF DISCIPLINE, 1968).

1976-77

The Commission meetings have met with mixed successes and with the help from representatives from other boards and agencies of the North Arkansas Annual Conference, place these items and issues before you.

1. The Commission recommended the merger plan of 1968 of the joint Southwest, North Arkansas, Little Rock Conferences be continuously studied, evaluated and upheld as a Christian commitment from all bodies concerned.
2. The Commission recommends and seeks objective leadership training sessions for minority persons to prepare them for leadership roles in the inclusive church.
3. The Commission recommends that a "talent bank" of potential minority leadership be placed in all districts of the North Arkansas Conference, and that persons of authority encourage active participation of minorities in the local, district and conference levels.
4. The Commission recognizes the fallacy of an inclusive church within the larger constituency, when we are small in numbers and are separated from our brothers and sisters in Christ by a conference dividing line, thus recommends that when fostering inclusiveness where the minority constituents are concerned, all are included in the deliberations.

The Commission is deeply concerned about the lack of support given the Ethnic Minority priorities programmed by the General Conference of The United Methodist Church and shall seek ways in which to address these priorities (with the help of other boards and agencies and personnel) during the next quadrennium.

The Commission will encourage the Bishop to appoint Blacks and Women from the North Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church to the Board of Philander Smith College, encourage more active recruitment from all potential students to the college, and a more stable policy regarding apportionments from the annual conference.

The Commission shall seek in conjunction with the Commission on Status and Role of Women to sponsor, with other appropriate agencies of the conference, sensitivity workshops to acquaint the North Arkansas conference of its joint mission.

The Commission supports the recommendations of the Task Force on the Black Church and encourage the conference Council on Ministries and Council on Finance and Administration to become a catalyst for such a mission. These recommendations were and are:

- a. Set, "listening teams" on area basis, for the purpose of finding the lost Christians of the church and finding out what the basic needs are.
- b. Follow-up listening team report with an Arkansas Area caucus.
- c. Convocation on Arkansas Area Black Church by October, 1977.
- d. Re-prioritize budget for Ethnic Minority Ministries.
- e. Recruit four ministers by the end of the Quadrennium.
- f. Employment of Black Secretarial staff in Program Council office as soon as vacancy occurs.
- g. Consultation on the Black Parish by 1978.

h. Arkansas area Leadership Training by 1979.

i. Evaluation consultation of the Black Ministries by March 1980.

The Commission in its March meeting delved into the scriptural passages of Micah, Chap. 2:1-5, 3:6-8, 4:11-13, 5:6-8, 6:8. This is what the Black Church is all about. We are still pieces of a whole, remnants of a glorious heritage, struggling to reclaim what is rightly ours. Not in man's eyesight, but God's.

We can become a part of the whole cloth with Christ at the head of the table.

Budget for 1978: \$1,650.00.

Euba M. Winton, Chairperson

ETHNIC MINORITY CHURCH LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT.

Whereas the 1976 General Conference of the United Methodist Church has established its priorities as strengthening the Ethnic Minorities Local Church, Evangelism and World Hunger and

Whereas the North Arkansas Annual Conference has accepted the General Conference Priorities:

Be it resolved that the North Arkansas Annual Conference establish an ethnic minority task force to be responsible to the Conference Council on Ministries to study needs, to determine program, to determine personnel, and to establish financial needs for the Ethnic Minority concerns for the North Arkansas Annual Conference with a working budget of up to \$3500.00 for the period of time up to the session of the Conference on Missional Priorities to be called later in 1977.

We recommend that the following names be accepted by the North Arkansas Annual Conference as members of the Ethnic Minority Task Force:

Clergy:

John Thompson

Ed Davis

Robert Felder

Ben Jordan

Laity:

Samuel Scruggs

Doris Borders

Euba Winton

William H. Williams

Wayne Jarvis

Jim Beal

Marvest Lawson

Tom Barnett

Victoria Adams

Nadine Hardin

Iona Oates

We call on the North Arkansas Annual Conference to authorize this task force to be guided by, but not limited to, the objectives of the Council on Ministries, of the Board of Global Ministries, and of the Commission on Religion and Race.

Robert Felder, Chairperson

Treccie Cook Recorder

COMMISSION ON THE STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN

The Commission continues to work toward fulfilling its purpose.

1. To develop an awareness of the issue of the involvement of women in the life of the church, the factors contributing to the present situation and the changes which are needed.
2. To study the extent to which women are involved in program and policy-

making decisions at all levels of the Church within the conference.

3. To formulate recommendations to the North Arkansas Conference and its constituent parts to enable and facilitate the involvement of women in the life and work of the church.

The CSRW works toward making all United Methodists in the conference more sensitive to the issues involved in the rights of women. CSRW sponsored a Symposium on the Role of Women in October 1976 at Hendrix College with funds provided by a grant from the Arkansas Humanities Program. More than 125 women and men attended this educational event.

In an effort to help all persons more fully utilize their potential, the CSRW had a workshop in February of 1977 entitled "Behavioral Change Today for Tomorrow." Efforts continue to assist with the development of women's support groups where the interest is indicated.

Priorities for 1978 are:

1. To create an openness and receptivity for women in the professional ministry of the United Methodist Church in the North Arkansas Conference.
 - a. Increased support for clergy women in cooperation with other groups such as Board of Ministry.
 - b. To work for the equal right and responsibility (for the clergy women) to serve churches as ministers in effective relationship.
 - c. To study policies pertaining to clergy couples (e. g. the right and responsibility to serve separate appointments without being penalized because they are married.)
2. To promote interpersonal growth events in cooperation with other boards and agencies.
 - a. Bi-Polar Workshops
 - b. Interaction Workshops
 - c. Human sexuality studies
 - d. Support groups (e. g. displaced housewives)
3. Initiate consultation with conference worship committee regarding the language of the ordination service.
4. Since 54% of the church is women, continue to encourage churches (at all levels) to move toward equal representation of women and men on administrative boards, trustees, finance, pastor-parish, etc.

Budget for 1978: \$2000.00.

Mary Ellen Jesson, Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

In accordance with the 1976 Journal, Committee on Structure Report, page 149, the Committee on Nominations will present a slate of nominees to the Annual Conference on the First full day of business.

The following nominees are submitted to fill vacancies which have occurred during the year, or which will occur at the first of the calendar.

Board of Pensions

- Clergy, 1980—Rev. Bob Orr (to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Earl Carter)
- Clergy, 1980—Rev. George F Ivey (to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Paul M. Bumpers)
- Clergy, 1984—Rev. W. L. Walker (to fill the unexpired term of Rev. W. L. Douglas)

Council on Finance and Administration

1. Mrs. Phyllis Hall Johnson (to replace Mr. Curtis Shipley)

2. Wendell Beal (to replace Glen Henderson)

Board of Global Ministries

At Large—Mrs. Wilma Johnson

Commission on Role and Status of Women

1. Rev. Rhonda Chrow
2. Rev. Kathy Fadick

Committee on Group Insurance

Clergy, Rev. Ralph VanLandingham (to replace Rev. Earl Hughes)

Committee on District Conference Journals

Chairperson—Rev. Everne Hunter
 Batesville District Representative—Mrs. Sandra Barnett
 Forrest City District Representative—Rev. Denzel Stokes

Commission on Equitable Salaries

1. Mr. Robert E. Daugherty—Ft. Smith District
2. Rev. Benny Ross Harmon—Clergy, serving church of less than 200 members, Para. 934.1, 1976 Discipline
3. James Ford—Conway District

Board of Trustees, Methodist Children's Home

Clergy, 1978—Rev. Norman Carter (to fill unexpired term of Rev. Ben Jordan)

Clergy, 1979—Rev. Charles E. Ramsey (to fill unexpired term of Rev. Archie Boyd)

Clergy, 1979—Rev. Mouzon Mann

Clergy, 1980—Rev. Merle A. Johnson

Clergy, 1980—Rev. Bob Orr

Clergy, 1980—Rev. Joe VanCleve

Laity, 1980—Dr. Max Thorn

Laity, 1980—Mr. Homer Fulbright

Laity, 1980—Ms. Kathleen Sharp

Board of Trustees, Lydia Patterson Institute

1979—Rev. Bill Connell (to fill unexpired term of Rev. Ben Jordan)

1979—Mrs. Mary Lou Gall (to replace Mr. Homer Fulbright)

Board of Trustees, Methodist Hospital, Memphis

1980—Mr. Henry Ezra Coe

1980—Mrs. June Spotts

Board of Managers, The Arkansas Methodist

1980—Rev. Philip L. Hathcock

1980—Rev. Charles E. Ramsey

Committee on Archives and History

Chairperson, Rev. Robert English

Commission on Religion and Race

Mrs. Bob (Emma Sue) Hanna

Board of Trustees, Methodist Nursing Home and Village, Ft. Smith

1977—Earl Overton

1979—Archie Boyd

Jack Ragon

Mrs. W. A. Rowell

J. L. Swink

Richard Lee

1978—Roger W. Lynch

W. E. Rainwater

Leon Taylor

1980—Jack Ragon

Tom Clark

J. L. Swink

Robert S. Laser

Ben Core

Ex-officio: The Bishop; District Superintendent of the Ft. Smith District;
 Chairperson of the Health and Welfare Committee

Board of Discipleship

Chairperson—Charles Casteel

At Large Member—Jim West

Committee on Education

Chairperson—Ben Hines

Committee on Nominations (nominations from the floor)

Clergy 1979—Rev. Byron McSpadden (to fill unexpired term of W. L. Douglas)

Clergy 1981—Rev. Max Whitfield

Rev. James Keith

Laity 1981—Dr. Matt Ellis

Mrs. Ann Jackson

Board of Diaconal Ministry (continuation of present members)

Joe Sparks—Marked Tree

Jim Lane—North Little Rock

Gene Brand—Walnut Ridge

James Fisher—Searcy

Paul McKay—Clarendon

Dr. John Spurlin—Berryville

New Nominations (By Bishop Kenneth Hicks)

Rev. Kathy Fadick—Van Buren

Mrs. Pat Halwes—North Little Rock

Albert Bertheoux—West Memphis

Rev. Arville C. Brannon—Wynne

Jane Steinegger—Jonesboro

Leonard Bobo—North Little Rock

Board of Church and Society**Committee on Human Relations**

Chairperson, Rev. Robert Felder

Respectfully submitted,
Victor H. Nixon, Chairperson**COMMITTEE ON POLICY AND REVIEW**

The Committee on Policy and Review, on request of the Nominating Committee, reviewed Standing Rule No. 22 for possible violations. This rule states that no member of the North Arkansas Conference shall serve as an elected trustee of more than one agency at a time. The Committee found three such violations, and those persons were asked to resign from those positions that were in question.

The Conference Council on Ministries requested that we study the travel and expense policies of all the conference boards, commissions, and committees and bring back our recommendation for consideration of the Council and the Annual Conference.

The Committee, after investigation and careful study of the matters, makes the following recommendations:

- I. In the interest of maintaining the most exemplary sense of stewardship possible at the level of the Annual Conference, the following policy is adopted:
 1. Twelve cents (\$0.12) per mile limit for travel.
 2. Two dollars (\$2.00) per meal limit involved in a meeting or in transit to or from.

3. Eighteen dollars (\$18.00) per diem limit (includes lodging and meals).

It is further recommended that:

All Boards and Agencies encourage (1) car-pooling; (2) block rental of motel facilities where overnight meetings are involved; (3) use of Conference or church facilities where possible; (4) consideration of assigning meal refunds to UMCOR as an expression of missional priorities.

The Conference Council on Ministries asked us to review the Conference Council on Ministries and to determine the needs and personnel for the most effective ministry to our Conference.

- II. In the interest of more efficiency and better ministry, it is recommended that:

1. The Conference Council on Ministries Office consist of two persons as Director and Associate Director, and one person to serve as Administrative Assistant in charge of the office.
2. That detailed job descriptions be written for these positions, clearly defining areas of responsibility, lines of authority, communications responsibilities, job benefits, sick leave, vacation time, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles McDonald, Chairperson

COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE

PROPOSALS:

1. That **STANDING RULE 22** of the North Arkansas Annual Conference be changed to read: "No persons shall serve as an elected trustee of more than one United Methodist related institution of the Arkansas Area at a time." (Such as Hendrix College, Philander Smith College, Methodist Children's Home, Methodist Hospital, Fort Smith Nursing Home, Aldersgate, and the Methodist Foundation.)
2. That the Committee on Policy and Review be assigned, by action of the Conference, the following:
The Committee shall have the responsibility and the authority of auditing the actions of the Annual Conference to ensure that it is in harmony with the Standing Rules and Structure.
3. That the Conference Committee on Nominations report page 229 section C Paragraph 4 of the 1976 Conference Journal be changed to read:
If there is a resignation, death, move outside the bounds of the Annual Conference, then the Committee on Nominations makes the interim appointment until the nomination can be submitted to the Annual Conference for election, except for filling vacancies on the Committee on Nominations itself.
4. Because of new Disciplinary regulations it is proposed that page 225 Section A Paragraph 1 of the 1976 Conference Journal be changed to read:
 1. Twelve (12) members, at least one from each district, nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. One-third of the members shall be laypersons in lay ministry careers.
5. The Structure Committee of the North Arkansas Annual Conference recommends that the Chairperson of the Communications and Publishing Interests Committee (Page 220 of the 1976 Conference Journal) be made an ex-officio member of the Arkansas Methodist Board of Managers (with vote.)

Pat Freemyer, Chairperson

COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

I. Apportionments and Askings

A. We recommend that the General Conference Apportionment of \$221,403 for World Service be accepted and that an amount of \$232,653 be apportioned for Conference Benevolences for 1978; further we recommend that the monies received from the Annual Conference for World Service and Conference Benevolences be distributed on a basis of 48.76% to World Service and 51.24% to Conference Benevolences.

B. We recommend that the apportionment from General Conference be accepted by the Annual Conference and that they be apportioned as follows:

Fund	Total	Bates	Conway	Fay'vl	Forr C	Ft Sm	Jones	Para
Decimal		12.5	16.0	15.75	14.25	15.75	14.75	11.0
WS&CB	454056	56757	72649	71514	64703	71514	66973	49946
G&JAd	19839	2480	3175	3124	2827	3124	2927	2182
IDC	12858	1608	2057	2025	1832	2025	1897	1414
Min Ed	103583	12948	16574	16314	14760	16314	15279	11394
TemGenAid	14888	1861	2382	2345	2121	2345	2196	1638
Black Coll	53152	6644	8504	8372	7574	8372	7840	5846
Mission Pr	36545	4568	5847	5756	5208	5756	5390	4020
Mass Comm	5315	665	850	837	757	837	784	585
Episcopal	24228	3028	3877	3816	3452	3816	3574	2665

C. We recommend that the Annual Conference accept in full the askings listed below and that they be apportioned as follows:

Hendrix	149800	18725	23968	23593	21347	23593	22096	16478
Wes Fndn	103500	12937	16560	16302	14748	16302	15266	11385
CCFndn	12000	1500	1920	1890	1710	1890	1770	1320
Ark Meth	51000	6375	8161	8032	7268	8032	7522	5610
Nawake	10570	1321	1691	1665	1506	1665	1559	1163
Conf Bldg	20000	2500	3200	3150	2850	3150	2950	2200
Eq Sal	45500	5688	7280	7166	6486	7166	6709	5005
Pension En	150000	18750	24000	23625	21375	23625	22125	16500
Moving Exp	12500	1562	2000	1969	1781	1969	1844	1375
DCOM Trng	9000	1125	1440	1418	1281	1418	1328	990
Aldersgate	5000	625	800	787	713	787	738	550
DS Fund	174552	21819	27928	27492	24874	27492	25746	19201
Pens & Benefit	404000	50500	64640	63630	57570	63630	59590	44440

D. We recommend that all financial askings of the Annual Conference be apportioned to the districts on a formula basis as set forth above.

E. We further recommend that:

1. Each pastoral charge contribute a minimum of \$10.00 per year for the support of the Mt. Sequoyah Assembly at Fayetteville.

2. Each pastoral charge contribute a minimum of \$10.00 per year for the support of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee.

3. The Annual Conference accept the following Conference Advance Specials for the quadrennium with goals for 1978 as follows:

Lydia Patterson Institute	11775
Rio Grande Conference	6500
Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conf.	6500
Black Ministries.	20000
(First 10000 to Mallalieu Community Center)	

Heifer Project International. 10000

4. The Annual Conference accept the following General Advance Specials for the quadrennium with goals for 1978 as follows:

World Hunger. 26580

Ethnic Minority Concerns. 31010

5. Each District Council on Ministries select and support one or more of the Conference Advance Specials for emphasis in the district.

6. Each church be encouraged to contribute to the Bishop's Advance Special Fund to be administered by the Bishop of the Arkansas Area.

II. Budgets and Plans of Distribution

A. We recommend the following Conference Administration Fund Budget for 1978:

Area Stewardship Office. 29750

Journals. 8000

Conference Secretary Expense. 1500

Annual Conference Expense. 1000

Statistician. 1175

Audit. 750

Insurance. 566

Miscellaneous. 1150

CFA Expense. 1000

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B. We recommend the following Conference Benevolence Budget for 1978:

Conference Administration Fund. 44891

CCOM Salaries and Administration. 84680

Church and Society. 3600

Global Ministries. 50690

Discipleship. 17280

Council on Lay Life and Work. 2500

Council of the Professional Ministry. 200

Board of Diaconal Ministries. 1000

Board of Professional Ministries. 6975

Group Insurance. 3100

Memoirs. 400

Office of Pastoral Care. 4000

Conference Committees.

Archives and History. 1200

Structure. 500

Status and Role of Women. 2000

Policy and Review. 400

Religion and Race. 1650

Nominations. 500

Conference Priorities

Ethnic Minorities. 5000

Hunger. 2500

Evangelism. 750

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C. We recommend a schedule of support for the District Superintendents at the following rates:

Eff. June 1 to Dec. 31, 1977

Salary. 17300.00

Travel. 4800.00

Utilities. 1200.00

23300.00

Eff. Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1978

18000.00

4800.00

1200.00

24000.00

The District Superintendents when traveling at the request of a board, agency, or district other than his own, shall have the room and board expense paid by that board, agency, or district.

D. We recommend a schedule of support for the Conference Council personnel at the following rate:

Eff, June 1 to Dec. 31, 1977	Eff, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, 1978
Executive Director	
Salary. 17300.00	18000.00
Travel. 4800.00	4800.00
Utilities 1200.00	1200.00
23300.00	24000.00
Associate Director	
Salary. 12000.00	12600.00
Travel. 4300.00	4800.00
Utilities. 1200.00	1200.00
17500.00	18600.00

The Directors shall each receive a housing allowance of \$3000.00 per year, effective January 1, 1978.

The Directors when traveling at the request of a board, agency, or district shall have the room and board expense borne by that board, agency, or district.

E. We recommend that the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry continue to set the formula for the distribution of funds received for the Wesley Foundations and that this be done as soon after January 1, 1978 as is practicable. The following formula is being used in 1977: UofA 33.1 ASU 22.2 Tech 22.4 UCA 22.3.

F. We recommend that the Pastor's Moving Expense Fund continue to be distributed at the same rate and to those persons listed as eligible in the 1976 Journal.

III. Other recommendations:

A. That the North Arkansas and Little Rock Annual Conferences provide funds for the stabilization of the monthly income for the Arkansas Methodist and guarantee 90% of the monthly income from the apportionment and that the fund be adjusted quarterly.

B. That the North Arkansas Conference distribute 85% of 1/12 of the Wesley Foundation apportionment monthly to the foundations and that the fund be adjusted quarterly.

C. That the North Arkansas Conference's share of the proceeds from the sale of the Episcopal Residence (\$22367.15) be deposited permanently with the North Arkansas Conference Board of Pensions.

D. That the following funds be granted to the appropriate agencies for additional programs in 1977:

Young Adult Self-Awareness Workshop	1000.00
Ethnic Minority Local Church	3500.00
Lay Life and Work.	1148.00
Wesley Foundation	5000.00

E. That the following funds be granted to the appropriate agencies for additional programs in 1978:

Communications	1200.00
Human Potential.	2500.00
Women's Rights Convocation.	1000.00
Consultation on the Parish	4300.00

F. That the North Arkansas Conference acknowledge the need for maintaining monies to be used as needed for the stabilization of the accounts of Wesley Foundation, Arkansas Methodist, Church Extension, District Super-

intendents Fund, Council on Ministries, etc. (Approximately \$50,000.)

G. That the North Arkansas Conference (1) grant permission to the Ecumenical Retirement Center, Inc., to secure individual gifts through their own efforts for matching funds in the Central Arkansas Area; and (2) lend the Ecumenical Retirement Center, Inc., \$37500.00 without interest for up to 18 months from conference balances.

H. That the North Arkansas Conference grant permission to Mt. Sequoyah to seek out individual donors, not to encroach upon any policies in the annual conference.

IV. Administrative Concerns

A. In determining the program budget of the Annual Conference we remind the conference of the following procedure: (1) The CCOM determines the cost of projected programs and ministries; (2) The CFA determines the total amount of funds available for the conference benevolence budget; and (3) the CCOM recommends to the CFA an itemized budget totalling no more than the amount CFA recommends. The responsibility for determining budget priorities rests with the CCOM.

B. All requests from institutions of the Annual Conference for funding shall be presented to the appropriate board or agency of the Annual Conference for recommendation before presentation to the Council on Finance and Administration.

C. All persons authorized to vouch for funds shall be identified by agencies and approved by the CFA prior to the dispensing of funds.

D. All apportionments in this report shall be for the calendar year 1978 and are to be paid not later than December 31, 1978.

E. Each Charge Conference shall declare all ministerial support. The report shall include remuneration for salary, travel, utility expense, insurance, social security, and all additional compensation paid to the pastor or on behalf of the pastor.

F. All benevolent and connectional funds are to be sent to the Office of the Area Treasurer, PO Box 3364, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 except the following which should be sent as designated:

1. Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, Christmas Offering and special offerings to the Office of the Superintendent, 2002 Fillmore, Little Rock, Arkansas 72204.

2. All insurance premiums be sent according to the instructions from the Committee on Group Insurance.

G. We call your attention to the action of the 1976 Annual Conference establishing the Area Office of Stewardship and Finance and the election of a Director of Stewardship and Finance. In concert with the Little Rock Annual Conference guidelines were established and in November Dr. R. Bryan Brawner was elected to serve from January 1 until Annual Conference. We nominate Dr. R. Bryan Brawner for election by the Annual Conference as Director of Stewardship and Finance of the Area Office.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel A. Cooper, Chairman

COUNCIL ON LAY LIFE AND WORK

Mindful of the specific areas of responsibility assigned to each of the councils, boards and agencies of our Conference, the Council on Lay Life and Work has nevertheless sought to seek out the means for a better communication and participation by all segments of the laity in the mission of the United Meth-

odist Church. We feel a keen responsibility to listen to and present the needs and aspirations of the laity in every area of work and at every level of involvement. We want to encourage a greater participation among the laity who are not part of an organized group (UMW, UMM, UMY). And finally, we hope to serve as resource persons in all areas of lay work to our Bishop, the District Superintendents, Council on Ministries Chairpersons and the local pastor.

We see these areas of major concern to our Council, and have worked to improve lay participation this past year:

1. To strengthen lay leadership on the local level. A special emphasis was put on LAITY DAY in 1976, and this will be continued in the coming year. We fell short of our goal to have a genuine Laity Day in every charge last year at the assigned time, in spite of our efforts to publish the names of speakers and participants in the Arkansas Methodist. We must have the cooperation of our local pastors to reach this goal. It is important that all segments of the laity take part, and that the concerns and hopes of the laity be a part of this expression.
2. We are anxious to develop more lay speakers and leaders through District Lay Speaking Schools, coordinated by Jim Lane of this Council. Five such Schools were conducted this past year with nearly 130 lay-persons certified. Renewal of this certification is required every three years. The assistance of our District Superintendents, working with the District Lay Leaders, is vital to this program.
3. We desperately need to improve the lines of communication with the local church, and strongly urge pastors to influence the nomination of ACTIVE lay persons for the office of Charge Lay Leader. Too often this has become an honorary position at the local level, making our communication impossible.
4. We are actively soliciting a "talent bank" of lay persons who would accept nomination to Conference and District boards, councils and agencies—adding expertise to their personal commitment.
5. We feel the need for a greater laity involvement in the planning and programming of our Annual Conference each year. Legislative workshops will provide one means of accomplishing this goal; but the Council has also requested that a Laity Worship Service and/or Laity Dinner become an integral part of the Annual Conference at a preferred time during the sessions (not on opening day).
6. The Council has been asked to promote a greater involvement and awareness of the role of women in the life of the Church (by the Conference COM). An Awareness Training Session for the COM and the Cabinet was approved at its March meeting, scheduled to be conducted this coming year. The CLLW is pleased to report that its membership includes excellent balance: 12 men and 11 women (including the first woman to be elected District Lay Leader).
7. The CLLW is extremely anxious to increase the coverage given to lay activities and lay persons of our Conference in the Arkansas Methodist. District Lay Leaders and other members of the CLLW will act as correspondents whenever possible to improve this coverage, but District Superintendents and local pastors are urged to cooperate.
8. The CCLW is extremely pleased to report that it played an effective role in the establishment of our new Conference United Methodist Men during this past year. The Conference Lay Leader chaired the program committee for the 1976 Retreat, and the CLLW budgeted \$300 to assist the UMM in their organization.
9. A conference-wide Laity Rally is planned for October 9, 1977, a one-day

session near the center of the Conference—with an emphasis on inspirational programs and laity fellowship.

10. Finally, the CLLW recognizes the need to more fully explain and promote the values of our connectional Church to other lay members; to promote the needs of our small churches; and to provide input wherever possible toward a better pastor-parish relationship on the district and conference level.
11. The Council recommended the following budget be approved for the 1977-78 fiscal year:

BUDGET FOR 1977-78—\$2,500.00

ADDENDUM: Since the 1976 Annual Conference, your Conference Lay Leader has attended the Jurisdictional Conference as a Delegate; meetings of the Executive Committee and full Committee of the Conference COM; the National Association of Conference Lay Leaders; the Perkins School of Theology as a Lay Advisory Member; a Futuristics Conference of the United Methodist Church; three meetings of the Executive Committee or full Committee of United Methodist Communications; two Lay Speaking Workshops as an instructor; meetings of the Arkansas Methodist Board of Managers; the first Retreat of Conference United Methodist Men; and numerous lay speaking assignments throughout the Conference.

Bob Cheyne, Chairperson

COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY

Within the total community of the Church, where every Christian is seen as a minister, God calls, and the Church sets apart, persons for specialized ministries of service in the Church's life and mission, and persons for the specialized ministry of Word, Sacrament, and Order. The former become consecrated diaconal ministers; the latter are part of the ordained ministry of the Church.

Our Conference Council on Professional Ministry proposes to show how these persons, the local churches, the Districts, the Annual Conference, and its boards and agencies work together in the whole process. Six distinct steps are identified: pre-entry; entrance; training; support and maintenance; retirement; and death. We suggest a goal for each step and some objectives.

1. PRE-ENTRY

GOAL: To help create an atmosphere in our Churches where God's call to "set-apart ministry" can come to sensitive and responsive ears.

- Use the program of the Conference Committee on Career Planning and Counseling and individual counterparts in local churches.
- Ask pastors to preach sermons of the theme of ministry.
- Have training sessions for members of the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations.
- Sponsor area and district programs on ministry.
- Train church school teachers to be sensitive to their role in this process.
- Ask every church to have a supply of the book, "The Christian as Minister."

2. ENTRANCE

GOAL: To shepherd the candidate for ministry in an orderly, clear, dignified

manner into professional ministry.

- Help the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations, and the members of the Charge Conference, understand their roles in the entrance process.
- Have training programs for members of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry (very important that good records-keeping begin here).
- Get the candidates for Diaconal Ministry in contact with the Board of Diaconal Ministry.
- Develop an order of worship for a local church, or a District Conference, to use in "setting-apart" a person for specialized ministry.

3. TRAINING

GOAL: To provide adequate training for the candidates for ordained and diaconal ministry; financial support for those opportunities; and shepherding of the persons through the training period.

- Develop close working relationships between the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Diaconal Ministry, as they fulfill their disciplinary roles in the training process.
- Work to strengthen the seminaries of the Church, the Course of Study Schools, and the Foundational Studies For Diaconal Ministers through enthusiastic support of the Ministerial Education Funds.
- Encourage local churches to give financial support to the minister-in-training they have helped "set-apart."
- Maintain close ties with the minister-in-training through seminary visits, mailings from district, local church, and conference.
- Encourage conference participation in the Perkins School of Theology Intern program.
- Help the minister-in-training know about, and use, the Office of Pastoral Care.
- Consider some plan to provide emergency funds, when needed, to the minister-in-training.

4. SUPPORT AND MAINTENANCE

GOAL: To provide a support system for ordained and diaconal ministers so that their work, their relationships, and their personal lives can be increasingly meaningful and effective.

- Provide continuing education opportunities—such as Ministers' Week, Arkansas Pastors' School—as well as opportunities for individual continuing education experiences. Included would be clergy/spouse conferences, seminars for new ministers, etc.
- Make special efforts to stay in close contact with ministers in special appointments beyond the bounds of the Annual Conference. (e. g. Chaplains)
- Strive to make the sabbatical leave a real possibility for persons in ministry.
- Continue to help care for the health needs of ministers/families through a strong hospitalization program administered by the Committee on Group Insurance.
- Continue to strengthen the salary level of pastors through the program of the Committee of Equitable Salary.
- Shepherd the ministers through "changes in conference relationships" (e. g.—disability) through close working of the Committee on Conference Relations of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Joint Committee on Disability, Board of Diaconal Ministry, etc.
- Establish an "emergency" fund; by, and for, ministers and their families.
- Set up a book exchange, at Annual Conference, for ministers.

- Use the Conference Telephone Network to communicate matters of mutual concern.
- Continue to provide an Office of Pastoral Care, and urge ministers and families to make use of it.
- Provide tools for ministers and P. P. R. Committees to use in being supportive and helpful in ministry. (e. g. Scarritt College's Roll Expectation)
- Work for open itineracy. Support the bishop and cabinet in maintaining high morale in appointment-making. Be particularly sensitive to needs relating to minorities, women in ministry, couples in ministry, etc.
- Continue to improve housing for ministers/families.
- Continue to improve Pensions for all ministers under the excellent program of the Board of Pensions.

5. RETIREMENT

GOAL: To help make this period, in a minister's life, significant, through adequate pension provisions and close, supportive fellowship.

- Strengthen the work of the Board of Pensions so that financial support for retirees can be adequate.
- Support the work of the Conference Fellowship of Retired Persons.
- Make the Office of Pastoral Care available to retirees.
- Continue to extend the program of the Committee on Group Insurance to retirees.
- Maintain close contact with the retiree through mailings from Conference, and District, as well as personal visits.
- Encourage retiree to maintain active relationship with local church. (Meaningful service as worshipper/participant, or as part-time pastor.)
- Help retirees know about program of the American Association of Retired Persons.
- Encourage active participation of retired ministers on Conference boards and agencies and encourage the Conference Nominating Committee to make use of the services of retired ministers on Conference boards and agencies.

6. DEATH

GOAL: To help ministers/families in matters of death-education and grief work as the minister's family, as well as the family of the Church, experiences the death of a minister, minister's spouse, or minister's dependent.

- Provide continued pension support for the surviving spouse and dependent children.
- Provide suitable "remembering" through the work of the Committee on Memoirs.
- Use the Conference Telephone Network to alert the conference about the death of a minister/spouse/dependent.
- Maintain a close relationship with the surviving members of the deceased's family.
- Make the Office of Pastoral Care available to members of the deceased's family.
- See that provisions of the Death Benefit Program, supervised by the Board of Pensions, are made available to the family.
- Make the ministers' families aware of such support groups as the Society of Joseph of Arimathea.
- Encourage the use of the bronze marker, "United Methodist Minister," on the gravestone of the deceased United Methodist minister.

Jim Beal, Chairman

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BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY

In order to perform our responsibilities as a Conference Board of Ordained Ministry we declare that we will faithfully adhere to the Disciplinary requirements in all matters relating to the Ministry, and we recommend the following:

I. General Provisions

- A. That we ensure the continuance of our present program by reserving each year an amount sufficient for the Scholarship commitments.
- B. That the Conference Council on Finance and Administration appropriate for the working budget of this Board the necessary funds in order for the Board to accomplish its goals.
- C. That we continue our emphasis on the Ministerial Education Program and the United Methodist seminaries. We urgently request that each local church pay its fair share of the \$103,583.00 asking of the North Arkansas Conference.
- D. That those who desire to begin training for the Ministry secure the proper application forms for candidacy from their District Superintendent or from the Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry.

II. Policy and Program

- A. The funds of the board will be expended in the following ways:
 - 1. For the normal work of the board and its Registrars in the operation of the Board and in the guidance of persons related to the Board in training. Board in training.
 - 2. For financial assistance to college and seminary students enrolled in colleges and seminaries approved by the University Senate, or accepted by our Annual Conference, who meet the following requirements: (Priority shall be given) 1) to persons attending United Methodist Seminaries, 2) to persons attending other accredited seminaries, 3) to college students who have completed one-half their requirements for graduation.
 - a. Provisions for Financial Aid:
 - (1) The Board may allow basic fees and tuition.
 - (2) In cases of exceptional needs, as determined by the Executive Committee of the Board and upon recommendation of the District Superintendent of the student's home district, the student may receive up to \$800.00 in aid per academic year.
 - (3) If a student has earned credit for an equivalent of 12 semester hours in regular semester and wishes to attend summer school for the purpose of accelerating his return to the Conference, he may apply for aid for fees and tuition for summer school, the amount not to exceed ½ of that allowed for a full academic year.
 - (4) Aid may be granted for not more than three undergraduate academic years and for not more than four seminary years.
 - b. We note with great pleasure the existence of the "Charles W. Tadlock Scholarship Fund" to assist persons in studying for the ministry in the United Methodist Church. The Fund will be administered through the Section of Loans and Scholarships, Board of Higher Education and Ministry. Guidelines and application blanks will be available from the Board of Ordained Ministry.
 - c. Requirements to be met by the full time student:
 - (1) To be eligible for a loan the individual must have received both a

- certificate of candidacy and have completed ½ the requirements to graduate from college or be attending an approved seminary.
- (2) The student shall establish need for such aid by completing the forms required by the Board of Ordained Ministry.
 - (3) The student shall sign a promissory note made payable to the Board of Ordained Ministry carrying the following statement: "I understand that this note represents a loan from the Board of Ordained Ministry of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. It may be repaid in one of two ways:
 - (a) In service as an ordained minister of The Methodist Church; each year of service being accepted as payment for one year's loan.
 - (b) I understand that, if I discontinue my plans for the ministry or discontinue the ministry before the loan is repaid in service to the church, that the loan is to bear interest at the rate of 7% per annum from the date of issue. I further agree that, if I should fail to pay the annual installment when due, the entire unpaid balance shall be payable on demand, and that I shall pay all the expenses of collection."
 - (4) The Board will carry \$1,000.00 in life insurance for each student of Probationary relationship in the Annual Conference. Students on Probation who desire this insurance will inform the Board Treasurer of their desire.
- d. Students are expected to provide information concerning their standings and changes of relationship to the North Arkansas Conference, to the Registrar of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
- e. The Course of Study Schools:
- (1) Local Pastors who attend the Course of Study School at St. Paul or Perkins will receive registration fees and room and board scholarships from the Annual Conference.
 - (2) The Board will pay the entire cost of required books for each person who attends either of these schools. The books must be paid for by the persons themselves who in turn will send a cash receipt for books purchased to the Board Treasurer who will authorize checks for reimbursements. Books are not to be charged to the Treasurer of the Board.
- f. Part-Time Local Pastors: The Board urges all Part-Time Local Pastors to attend the Course of Study School.
- g. Arkansas Pastor's School: We will support the Arkansas Pastor's School by providing financial assistance.
- h. Ecumenical Clergy Conferences: The Board will provide 12 scholarships of \$25.00 each for pastors of the North Arkansas Annual Conference to attend the Ecumenical Clergy Conference. Scholarships may be applied for through the Chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee of the Board of Ordained Ministry.
- i. Continuing Education:
- (1) The Board will provide scholarships for pastors to participate in continuing education. Maximum for each scholarship will be \$200.00. These funds will be administered by the Continuing Education Committee of the Board. Scholarships may be applied for through Chairperson of the Continuing Education Committee prior to the event and payment will be made upon completion of the event.

- (2) The Board will provide \$100.00 per District for "Guided Reading Programs" for ministers of each District. The "Guided Reading Program" will be coordinated by the District Superintendent through an approved seminary and the money used only to bring a resource person to the District at the close of the "Guided Reading Program."
 - (3) We recommend that each local church or charge allow its pastor leave time to participate in Continuing Education Programs. This time to be in addition to the pastor's vacation time. And we encourage each local church or charge to provide in its budget a Continuing Education Fund of at least \$50.00 for the pastor. We request that each District Superintendent make this an item of inquiry at each Charge Conference.
- j. We recommend the continuation of the Office of Pastoral Care, on a part-time basis to be administered by the Board of Ordained Ministry. The services provided by the Office of Pastoral Care include:
- (1) Developing a "support system" for ministers and their families in the North Arkansas Conference.
 - (2) Directing and administering two workshops, seminars, or retreats annually for the ministers, ministerial couples or ministerial families. One will be directed toward professional growth and the other toward personal growth.
 - (3) Make available to pastors of the Conference the names of qualified persons in each section of the state who can provide counseling and psychotherapy services for members of their congregations when needed.
 - (4) Providing psychological testing and personal interviews with ministers seeking admission to the Annual Conference.
 - (5) Being available to advise and consult with pastors about counseling in their own congregation.
 - (6) Providing pastoral counseling to ministers and members of the parsonage family at the office of The Counseling Center in Little Rock and at Hendrix College. The first four visits will be made without charge to the counselee, after which a regular fee basis will be established. All appointments may be made through The Counseling Center, Little Rock.
 - (7) The Director will be available for up to five days per conference year for District or Sub-District workshops on invitation by the Districts.
 - (8) Exploring with ministers out of seminary 5 years or less the desirability of a support group and possibly establish and give guidance to such a group.
- B. In consideration of Paragraphs 414.4 and 421 of the 1976 Discipline of The United Methodist Church the Board will require psychological testing of persons seeking membership in the Annual Conference.
- C. Candidacy: Each individual entering the ordained ministry must go through the Candidacy Program. It is suggested that each pastor become acquainted with the steps of Candidacy in order to properly counsel persons in the local church desiring this information.
- A Certificate of candidacy may be issued by the District Committee on Ordained Ministry after the candidate has met the following conditions.
1. Been a member of the local recommending United Methodist congregation for one year immediately preceding application for candidacy;
 2. Been graduated from an accredited high school or its equivalent;

3. Met with the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and the pastor for consultation after submitting a written request and statement;
4. Secured the recommendation of the P. P. R. Committee;
5. Secured the recommendation of the Charge Conference;
6. Applied to the District Superintendent in writing for a Certificate of Candidacy;
7. Assigned a supervising pastor;
8. Appeared before the District Committee on Ordained Ministry;
9. Recommended by an individual written ballot, with a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry required;
10. Agreed to make a complete dedication of himself/herself to the highest ideals of the Christian life as set forth in Para. 67-76 of the **Discipline**.

III. Recommendations

- A. We recommend that local churches give special attention to the actions of General Conference that relate to ministry. Local churches now have a much greater role in the whole process of "candidacy" for ministry.
- B. We recommend that a study be made, coordinated through the Council on Professional Ministry, of the ministerial needs of this Annual Conference for the next 20 years.
- C. We urge attendance at the Arkansas Pastor's School. This year's School will be held at Hendrix College. The dates are August 29-September 1.
- D. We recommend that the study on the role of the associate pastor be continued and that the results of that study be presented to the Annual Conference of 1978.
- E. We recommend that the Bishop and Cabinet regard all graduating seminarians in the same category of appointments.
- F. We recommend that instruments be developed to evaluate the effectiveness of the ordained ministry in the North Arkansas Conference.
- G. The Board of Ordained Ministry continues to be enthusiastic about the Perkins Intern Program as a means of preparation for ministry and we encourage churches in The North Arkansas Conference to participate in it.
- H. We recommend that the Council on Finance and Administration provide funds for a 12-month seminary intern for a cooperative ministry in small membership churches of the Conference for 1977-78.

MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

Are all the ministerial members of the conference blameless in their life and official administration (par. 702.4, 103.5)?

Answer: Yes.

- a. Who have received the certificate of candidacy for ordained ministry (par. 404, 405)?

Donald L. Hall, Jr.	Lewis T. See, Jr.
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- b. Who have completed the studies for the license as a local pastor but are not now appointed?

David Edwin Baker	1977	Joel R. League	1974
Susan Gladdin Christie	1975	Reginald Elliott Moore	1976
Jacob A. Cline	1974	William Amos Patrick	1977
Dewey Stanley Dark	1977	Herman Smith	1976
Douglas Edwin Edwards III	1974	Carlos R. Summers	1975
David Ray Hanshaw	1976	Ralph Whiteway	1976
Stephen Gregory Holyfield	1975		

Who are approved and appointed as:

- a. Full-time local pastors (par. 409.1) and what progress has each made in the course of study?

John D. Abshire, Sr.	3rd yr.	John D. Hickman	L. P.
Warren Martin Blanchard	4th yr.	Neal Kearney	5th yr.
John R. Collier III	5th yr.	Bill Joe Kirkland	3rd yr.
Paul Judson Crossman	3rd yr.	James Krohn	L. P.
Edward Davis	2nd yr.	Vaughn Marsden	4th yr.
G. W. Dewlen	1st yr.	Bert Powell	5th yr.
R. L. Hanks	5th yr.	Danny P. Roark	L. P.
		Sidney Royce Savage	3rd yr.

- b. Part-time local pastors (par. 409.2) and what progress has each made in the course of study?

Leslie Beck	5th yr.	Marlin Jackson	L. P.
Ray Book	L. P.	Gladys Zelma Kearney	3rd yr.
Clarence Brown	5th yr.	Henry Lorish	L. P.
John Finley Christie	L. P.	Richard Casey Magie	L. P.
Dorothy Collier	2nd yr.	Loye Verne Mason	5th yr.
Wilton Goudeaux	L. P.	A. George Srum	1st yr.
Wayne Gould	3rd yr.	Forrest Irwing Thomas	3rd yr.
Floyd Ray Hastings	2nd yr.	Ramsay B. Woodall	5th yr.
Joe Hughes			5th yr.

- c. Student local pastors (par. 409.4) and in what schools are they enrolled?

Russell Murphy Bailey	Memphis Theological Seminary
Craig Bex	Arkansas State University
Paul Dubar	University of Arkansas
Joe Gramling	Arkansas Technological Institute
Carroll Jackson	Memphis Theological Seminary
Michael T. Hollowell	Memphis Theological Seminary
Darrell R. Kersey	Southern Baptist College
David Paul Orr	Arkansas State University
Michael Glen Orr	Arkansas State University
Billy Frank Powell	East Arkansas Community College
Gregory Alan Webb	Memphis Theological Seminary
James S. Williams	Hendrix College
Samuel B. Williams, Jr.	University of Arkansas

What ministers in good standing in other Christian denominations have been approved under the provisions of par. 426.4 for service as pastors of charges?

Boyd Allan	Freewill Baptist
John Thrasher	Christian Church

Who are elected as Probationary Members:

- a. Under the provisions of par. 415?

David Bruce Bentley	Joan Carolyn Frost
Marcia Gail Swain Crossman	Charles Edmund Liddle
Bonda Sue Deere	William Earl Maxwell, Jr.
Alfred Wiley Eckles III	Dana Andrew Thomason
Kathy Rhnea Fadick	Barbara Ann Wulfekuhler

Who are continued as Probationary Members and what progress have they made in their ministerial studies? (par. 417, 412)

- a. As students in approved schools of theology? (par. 417(1))

Thomas E. Anderson	2 yrs.	Ronald W. Durham	2 yrs.
Robert C. Bell	2 yrs.	Thomas F. Francis	2 yrs.
E. Doyle Blanton	2 yrs.	Michael A. Hughes	2 yrs.

Joseph W. Bourgeois	3 yrs.	Lester G. Pettus	2 yrs.
Robert O. Crossman	2 yrs.	Phillip E. Sims	3 yrs.

- b. In the advanced ministerial course of study? (par. 417(2))

Richard Ruble

- c. Graduates of approved schools of theology serving under full-time appointment? (par. 421(1))

Charles W. Armour	Gordon R. Donham
Stephen C. Brizzi	Roger B. Hook
Jimmy F. Brooks	Gary L. Langston
John H. Brown	James Mark Lasater
J. Clifton Christopher	Paul Rains
Rhonda Kay Crow	Dennis W. Spence
Rex G. Darling	John Albert Wilcher

- Who are elected as ministerial Members in Full Connection? (par. 421)

Roger Ernest Glover

Jimmy Maxwell West

- Who have been received by transfer (par. 515.5, 731.2h)?

David Barbaree	(P. M.)	Little Rock	June 2
Gary Barbaree	(P. M.)	Little Rock	June 2
John Copher	(P. M.)	Missouri East	
Verlin E. Mikesell		Little Rock	
Elijah Morgan		Little Rock	
John Thompson		Little Rock	

- Who have been elected and ordained deacons (par. 449):

- b. As Probationary Members (par. 449.2)?

David Bruce Bentley	Charles Edmund Liddle
Marcia Gail Swain Crossman	William Earl Maxwell, Jr.
Bonda Sue Deere	Dana Andrew Thomason
Kathy Rhnea Fadick	Barbara Anne Wulfekuhler
Joan Carolyn Frost	

- c. As local pastors under the 1972 Discipline (par. 312.1)?

Edward Davis

Dorothy Collier

Floyd Ray Hastings

- Who have been elected and ordained elders (par. 459)?

- a. As theological graduates (par. 450.1)?

Roger Ernest Glover

Jimmy Maxwell West

- Who have been transferred out (par. 515.5)?

Richard Alan Lancaster	(P. M.)	Little Rock
Steven Newman	(P. M.)	Nebraska

- Who are discontinued as Probationary Members (par. 437)?

Harold Biazio

Kurt W. Wulfekuhler

Terence Jean Dowdy

- Who have had their conference membership terminated:

- b. By surrender of the ministerial office (par. 439.1)?

Dr. Robert W. Goodloe, Jr.

- c. By withdrawal to unite with another denomination (par. 439.2)?

Murphy Spurlock September 1, 1976

- d. By withdrawal under par. 439.3, 2522?

J. B. Harris June 1, 1977

- Who are the ministers on Leave of Absence (par. 433.)?

Myers B. Curtis

First Year

LeRoy Henry

Third Year

What actions have been taken concerning disabled ordained ministers and local pastors:

- a. What ordained ministers were granted disability leave since the last Annual Conference session (par. 431.2)?

D. Kern Johnson

Associate Member

- c. What ordained ministers are granted disability leave at this session (par. 431.1)?

Elbert Bruner

Associate Member

Theodore Luter

Associate Member

What members in Full Connection have been retired (Par. 434)?

- a. This year?

Robert E. L. Beardon

Gaither A. McKelvey

Harvey Hazelwood

Charles P. Reed

Charles W. Lewis

B. W. Stallcup

Thurston Masters

Respectfully submitted,
Jon Guthrie, Chairperson

BOARD OF PENSIONS

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that the Annuity Rate for Fiscal 1978 be set at \$78.00 per service year.
2. We recommend that the North Arkansas Conference continue participation in the Methodist Reserve Pension Fund of the General Board of Pensions of the United Methodist Church in Evanston, Illinois; subject to the provisions thereof, as begun on January 1, 1975. In order to adequately provide for this program we recommend that the following be continued:
 - a. Each church shall pay into the Conference Pension and Benefit Fund an apportioned amount totaling, for the Conference, \$404,000.
The apportionment to the local church is to be made by the District.
 - b. Pay an additional \$150,000 per year, as a Pension Special, to be apportioned to the Districts on the World Service decimal.
 - c. Continue to solicit money from interested persons who have already exhibited an unusual concern for the pension program.
 - d. Cooperate with other agencies to place increased emphasis on wills and legacies.
3. We recommend there be continued the work of the Board of Pensions on Proportional Payment of Ministerial Support in accord with provisions of Paragraph 734.4 of the 1976 Discipline.
4. We recommend that necessitous allowance grants, retirement love offerings and local expenses of the Board be paid by the Treasurer, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee of the Conference Board of Pensions and the 1976 Discipline, Paragraphs 1706.13 & 1707.
5. We recommend that the regular annuity payments be made monthly in advance to the Conference Claimants from the office of the General Board of Pensions, Evanston, Illinois, on the first day of each month.
6. We recommend that the institution, board or organization paying the salary of a minister on special appointment without annuity claim on the conference shall make provisions for the pension of such person. Attention is

called to the 1976 Discipline, Paragraph 1706.3a (3); with reference to eligibility to participate in Ministers Reserve Pension Fund (MRPF) with the approval of the General Board of Pensions.

7. That there be apportioned to each agency and institution served by a ministerial member under special appointment with annuity claim on the conference the sum of \$936.00 for the Financial Year 1978 in accord with the 1976 Discipline, Paragraph 1706.3a (3); and that said apportionment be paid to the Treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Pensions no later than 7 days prior to the end of the fiscal year.
8. We recommend that the special appointments be listed in the Conference Journal as follows:
 With Annuity Claim upon the Conference subject to the 1976 Discipline, Paragraph 1706.3a (3)
 The Executive Director and the Associate Directors of the Conference Council on Ministries
 The Directors of the Wesley Foundations
 The Editor of the Arkansas Methodist
 With Annuity Claim on the Institution, or Board concerned:
 Ferris C. Baker, Hendrix College
 Francis Christie, Hendrix College
 James T. Clemmons, Professor, Wesley Theological Seminary (Washington, D. C.)
 Jon Guthrie, Hendrix College
 Robert Paul Sessions, Professor, East Tennessee, State College
 George E. Steward, Chaplain, Methodist Hospital
 Paige Allison Thomas, Assistant Librarian, SMU
 Ewing T. Wayland, General Council on Finance and Administration
 Without Annuity Claim:
 Paul D. Davis, Chaplain, U. S. Air Force
 B. Vernon Dennis, Chaplain, U. S. Navy
 Robert B. Howerton, Chaplain, U. S. Army
 James Robnolt, Chaplain, U. S. Army
9. We recommend that notices for any claims for years of service shall be to the Board in writing.
10. The Board will not make any retroactive settlements of claims prior to the year in which a claim is approved. Excepting in the case of those who have been serving as Chaplains.
11. In determining years of service, the Board shall carefully examine and consider those years listed in the Conference Journal prior to accepting them as valid years; and any years in question shall be subject to validation by the applicant and by approval to the Board of Pensions.
12. We recommend that all approved local pastors continue to provide all information necessary relative to their service record.
13. We recommend that the Executive Committee elected by the Board be designated in the Journal with the roster of the members of the Board of Pensions.
14. Eligible Claimants who have been retired by the North Arkansas Conference will have their conference Death Benefit Program Premium paid by the Conference Board of Pensions. We recommend that all retired ministers, widows and dependent children, who are our responsibility be covered under the HMEP policy. The cost will be paid 100% by the Board. Retired individuals, eligible for Medicare, shall personally pay the Medicare monthly payments.
15. We recommend that each minister at the time of retirement be given a Love

Offering of \$300.00.

16. We recommend that an amount up to \$1800.00 or an amount equal to 60% of the total pension payment, whichever is less, of the pension of retired ministers and widows be designated for housing and utilities.
 17. In accordance with Paragraph 1706.12e of the 1976 Discipline, we recommend that the North Arkansas Conference observe Retired Minister's Sunday on the first Sunday in November of each year. Said observance is to honor the retired ministers, their wives and the widows of ministers. Said emphasis is to lift up the importance of continued giving to the Conference Pension Program.
 18. We recommend that the ministers participate in the **Tax-Deferred** program of the General Board of Pensions. For further information and/or enrollment forms, write Dr. Eugene Moore, Assistant General Secretary, General Board of Pensions, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois 60201.
 19. The Conference Board of Pensions acknowledges receipt of Bond No. 12, Industrial Development Corporation of the Ozarks, along with the interest bearing coupons attached thereto, due and payable on 1 June 1986, given by Dr. E. M. Gray. This bond is in the possession of the Conference Board of Pensions Treasurer. The Conference Board of Pensions is also in receipt of a Will of a person who wishes no publicity. This Will stipulates that on the death of the person, certain portions of the estate will be left to the Board of Pensions. Both of these instruments are kept in the personal safe deposit box of W. L. Walker, Treasurer, Conference Board of Pensions, Box No. 803, Citizens Bank, Jonesboro, Arkansas.
 20. We recommend that additional supply years be validated for the following persons: Ray Burrow, 1 yr.; Odis Leon Cleaver, 1 yr. 8 months; Bill Douglas, 1 yr.; John G. Greening, 1 yr.; Elbert Jean, 1 yr.; Byron McSpadden, ½ yr.; John R. Manning, 2 yrs.; Elijah Morgan, 4 yrs.; Thomas F. Mooring, 1 yr.; Gaither McKelvey, 1 yr.; Vernon Paysinger, 1 yr.; J. Otis Sutton, 2 yrs.; Woodrow Woods, 1 yr.
- To 69 members retired by the North Arkansas Conference, with a total of 1,757 ¼ years service.
- To 81 members retired by other conferences, with a total of 518¼ service years.
- To 80 widows of members retired by the North Arkansas Conference, with a total of 1742¼ service years.
- To 83 widows of members retired by other conferences, with a total of 534 service years.
- To 9 dependent children of deceased members retired by the North Arkansas Conference, whose pensions are based on 113½ years.
- To 2 dependent children of deceased ministers retired by other conferences, whose pensions are based on 4 service years.
- To 19 Approved Local Pastors retired by the North Arkansas Conference, with a total of 308¼ service years.
- To 1 Approved Local Pastors retired by other conferences, with a total of 12¾ service years.
- To 16 widows of Approved Local Pastors retired by the North Arkansas Conference, with a total of 237 service years.
- To 4 widows of Approved Local Pastors retired by other conferences, with a total of 32 service years.
- To 2 dependent children of Local Pastors retired by the North Arkansas Conference, with a total of 17 years service.
- The North Arkansas Conference, in 1976, had the responsibility for a total of 366 claimants, with a total of 5,278¼ service years.

The annuity claims have been paid on the basis of the following rates established by the annual conference:

Retired Ministers	(100% of rate)	\$73.00 per service year.
Widows	(70% of rate)	\$51.10 per service year.
Dependent Children	(25% of rate)	\$18.25 per service year.

B. Responsibility

Other services authorized by the Conference Board of Pensions:

1. Premiums in the amount of \$45,544.59 for claimants eligible for the Hospital and Medical Expense Program.
2. Premiums in the amount of \$17,144.00 for claimants eligible for Death Benefit Program.
3. Eight Love Offerings at retirement, totaling \$2,400.00.

Statement of Administrative Account

Balance on hand, January 1, 1976	\$ 84.29
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RECEIPTS:

Special Appointments, with annuity	\$ 4,320.00	
Pastors' Contributions To Annuity	1,258.60	
General Board Deposit Account	46,600.00	
Publishing House	4,259.55	
Miscellaneous Receipts	61.76	
Total Receipts		\$56,499.91

DISBURSEMENTS:

Love Offerings At Conference	\$ 2,400.00	
Hospital & Medical Expense		
Premiums (Retired, Disabled, Widows)	45,544.59	
Death Benefit Premiums	504.21	
Board Expense	4,560.93	
Fellowship of Retired Servants	521.25	
Miscellaneous Disbursements	150.00	
		\$53,680.98

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1976	\$ 2,903.22
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SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance On Hand, January 1, 1976	\$62,039.93
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Credits	.00
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Debits

Trsf 1975 Interest to Deposit Account	\$ 3,825.97	3,825.97
Total		\$ 58,213.96
Summarized Interest		\$ 3,823.74
Balance As of December 31, 1976		\$ 62,037.70

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT—1976

Balance As of January 1, 1976	\$ 82,759.35
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Credits

Received From Conference	\$520,372.54	
Refund Service Credits	1,902.80	
Return Funding	717.20	
1975 Gen. & Conf. SEF Int.	11,801.10	
1975 Chartered Fund Dist.	207.30	
1976 TAGF Distribution	1,665.00	
		\$536,665.94
		\$619,425.29

Debits

Disbursed To Conference	\$ 46,600.00	
Special Grants	3,062.64	
Lay Pastors Disability	770.04	
Funding (1976 MRPF -9%)	177,797.39	
Level Annual Payment	200,800.00	\$429,030.07
		\$190,395.22

Summarized Interest \$ 21,411.33

Balance As of December 31, 1976 \$211,806.55

CONFERENCE ACCOUNT

Balance As of January 1, 1976 Debit \$1,258,604.89

Credits

Commute Reserves	\$ 2,001.49	
Adjust Reserves	439.45	
Special Distribution	67,618.00	
Level Annual Payment	200,800.00	\$ 270,858.94
Debit		\$ 987,745.95

Debits

Charge Reserves	\$ 84,274.83	
Charge Reserves & Transfer Credit	176,403.15	
Adjust Reserves	13,567.25	274,245.23
Debit		\$1,261,991.18

Summarized Interest 42,042.43

Balance As of December 31, 1976 Debit \$1,304,033.61

JOINT COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY

Recommendations to the North Arkansas Annual Conference on the policy to follow in admitting and continuing persons on Disability Leave.

1. That our Conference policy be more in line with the General Board of Pensions policy of thorough medical screening.
2. That we establish a continuing caring ministry in cooperation with the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry to help meet the needs of the disabled; and the inclusion of these persons in District and Conference activities.
3. We recommend that the Joint Committee appoint a doctor or doctors,

- approved by the General Board of Pensions, to screen applicants for Disability leave after applicants have submitted a statement from their personal doctors concerning their medical condition.
4. We recommend that the Joint Committee on Disability prescribe a program of rehabilitation for each individual on disability leave if such is feasible. The Purpose being to return the disabled minister to active ministry as soon as possible.
 5. In accordance with paragraph 132b, disability benefits may be reduced or terminated by the Board of Pensions when the person on disability recovers sufficiently to engage in a remunerative occupation. Therefore, we recommend that each person on disability report earned income to the Conference Board of Pensions each year.
 6. The General Board of Pensions requires that all persons on disability be reviewed each year. This report is to be sent to the Conference Board of Pensions secretary and the Conference Board of Ordained Ministry secretary.

Hillman Byram, Chairman

THE COMMISSION ON EQUITABLE SALARIES

The Commission on Equitable Salaries shall be composed of seven ministers of the Conference and one lay person from each District in the Conference, including one minister and one lay person from churches of fewer than 200 members (1976 Discipline paragraph 934.1). The Annual Conference shall elect quadrennially a chairperson. The Commission shall elect quadrennially a vice chairperson and a secretary. These officers shall compose the Executive Committee. The Secretary of Salary Aid of the Conference Board of Global Ministries shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of the Commission.

I. PURPOSE

It shall be the purpose of the Commission on Equitable Salaries to evaluate the need for additional ministerial support within the Conference and to administer such funds as approved by the Conference and apportioned by the Council of Finance and Administration. (1976 Discipline para. 934.2)

II. GOALS

A. The Commission, through the District Superintendents, recommends that every charge receiving equitable salary aid have a period of stewardship cultivation each year.

B. It is the goal of the Commission to greatly encourage each charge receiving equitable salary support to seek annually to increase the salary toward full self-support by the charge. In established churches or charges where continuing salary aid is necessary, the District Superintendent is requested to use every wise and practical means to merge or combine churches or circuits in order to strengthen the ministerial support of that charge.

C. The Commission further encourages the establishment of larger parish programs. Where this involves equitable salary funds, such programs shall be submitted to the Commission for its approval. Where this is done, our requirements are set aside in respect to the suggestion that we are encouraging larger parish programs.

D. The Commission shall report annually in the Conference Journal, by Districts, the amount paid during the year to each charge.

III. GUIDELINES

- A. To be eligible to receive equitable salary aid a charge shall meet the following guidelines:
1. File with the District Superintendent and the Secretary of the Commission by December 10 of each year:
 - a. A report of the stewardship cultivation period or a report of the efforts toward a stewardship cultivation period.
 - b. A copy of the budget for each church on the charge, adopted by the Administrative Board.
 - c. A written application for equitable salary aid. **NO APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED UNLESS IT IS SUBMITTED IN WRITING.**
 2. Each church shall annually pay in full all Conference and District apportionments. The Commission **may** reduce the salary grant by any percentage of apportionments unpaid the previous year.
 3. The maximum salary grant will not exceed the total salary paid by the charge (1976 Discipline para. 934.8). This rule becomes effective immediately for all new applications. All existing grants (those in effect before June 1, 1977), shall conform to this guideline by January 1, 1981. All existing grants greater than the total salary paid by the charge shall be reduced by one-third of that excess each year until the guideline is met.
 4. A charge may qualify for equitable salary aid within the first three months of the Conference Year provided that it meets the above requirements. If approved for equitable salary aid, the aid may become retroactive to the beginning of the Conference Year.
 5. It is the responsibility of the District Superintendent to report to the Secretary of the Commission any changes in salary or ministerial status of persons receiving equitable salary aid.
- B. The Commission shall operate by the following additional guidelines:
1. With the exception of students, part-time pastors are not eligible to receive equitable salary funds.
 2. Retired ministers are not eligible to receive equitable salary funds. (1976 Discipline para. 434.7)
 3. Between meetings of the Commission all applications must meet the approval of the Executive Committee.
 4. While establishing churches in unique situations may not come under a strict definition of eligibility for equitable salary aid, in light of paragraph 934.9 in the 1976 Discipline we feel the necessity of responding to these situations and needs in as far as funds will allow and where these needs are not met by other Conferences or District agencies or funds.
 5. The Equitable Salary Schedule for 1978 shall be as follows:

a. Resident Full Time Pastor	\$8,200.00
b. Resident Seminary Student Pastor	7,200.00
c. Resident College Student Pastor	6,800.00
d. Non-resident Student Pastor	4,400.00
 6. Salary Aid shall be paid on a calendar year basis.
 7. In the event of insufficient funds to meet all approved requests, each charge shall share proportionately from the funds available.

IV. GRANTS FOR 1976
(June Through December)

BATESVILLE DISTRICT:	Amount	Amt./Children
Cedar Grove—Tumbling Shoals	\$ 583.00	
Judsonia Charge	1,050.00	
Melbourne Parish	642.00	
Pangburn Charge	540.00	
CONWAY DISTRICT:		
Belleville Charge	1,035.00	\$ 117.00
Bullock Chapel	233.00	
Dover Charge	527.00	
Ebenezer—Wesley Chapel	350.00	
Greenbrier Charge	292.00	117.00
Morrilton Circuit	350.00	
New Zion—Union Chapel	350.00	
Ola Charge	1,050.00	
Perryville Charge	379.00	
Plainview Charge	449.00	175.00
FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT:		
Huntsville Charge	467.00	
Lincoln Charge		
Smith	175.00	
Ruble	175.00	
St. Paul Parish		
Beck	350.00	
Brown	350.00	
FORREST CITY DISTRICT:		
Marianna Parish	2,100.00	
Widener Charge	166.00	166.00
FORT SMITH DISTRICT:		
Altus Charge	933.00	
Hartford	802.00	58.00
Hartman Charge	744.00	
Lamar Charge	292.00	
Lavaca Charge	423.00	292.00
Magazine Charge	767.00	
Prairie View Charge	1,924.00	
JONESBORO DISTRICT:		
Lake City—Lake View	613.00	
PARAGOULD DISTRICT:		
Boydsville Charge	1,925.00	
Emory Chapel	700.00	
Mammoth Springs	467.00	
Maynard Parish		
Kersey	1,400.00	58.00
Hance	583.00	
Stanford	1,502.00	
TOTALS	\$24,926.00	\$ 983.00

V. 1978 BUDGET

Reserve Balance from 1976	\$55,468.81
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Anticipated Reserve Balance from 1977		\$46,770.00
Anticipated Income, 1978:		
Requested Apportionment from C.F.A.	\$ 45,500.00	
Anticipated Expenses, 1978:		
Administration	\$ 200.00	
Commission Travel & Meeting Exp.	1,000.00	
Salary Air Grants	54,000.00	55,200.00
Anticipated Expense Over Income		9,700.00
Anticipated Withdrawal From Reserve		9,700.00
Anticipated Reserve Balance, December 31, 1978		\$37,070.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Frank R. Clemmons, Chairman

GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

REPORT NO. 1 GROUP LIFE INSURANCE:

We make the following recommendations:

1. That all members of the North Arkansas Conference (except students serving appointments in, or those employed in Conferences which have no compulsory insurance programs, or members under special appointment, or retired Chaplains serving in), and every full-time local preacher receiving an appointment, shall participate in the North Arkansas Conference life insurance plan, subject to its laws and regulations.

2. The General Board of Pensions Death Benefit Program, Plan D, is the life insurance program for the Conference.

3. The benefits of this plan are based on the Average Annual Conference Salary of \$9,731.00 for 1976 and \$10,275.00 for 1977.

4. Before retirement, or while on Disability Leave up to age 65, the following benefits will be paid according to the age attained on the birthday in the fiscal year of death:

	1977	1978
46 and under	\$29,193.00	\$30,825.00
47	28,219.00	29,797.00
48	27,246.00	28,770.00
49	26,273.00	27,742.00
50	25,300.00	26,715.00
51	24,327.00	25,687.00
52	23,354.00	24,660.00
53	22,381.00	23,632.00
54	21,408.00	22,605.00
55	20,435.00	21,577.00
56	19,462.00	20,550.00
57	18,488.00	19,522.00
58	17,158.00	18,495.00
59	16,542.00	17,467.00
60	15,569.00	16,440.00
61	14,596.00	15,412.00
62	13,623.00	14,385.00
63	12,650.00	13,357.00

64	11,677.00	12,330.00
65	10,704.00	11,302.00
66	9,731.00	10,275.00
67	8,757.00	9,475.00
68 To Retirement	7,784.00	8,220.00

5. After retirement, the benefit is \$3,892.00 for 1977 and \$4,110.00 for 1978.

6. The Educational Benefit for dependent children has been raised from \$1,440.00 per year for the first four years beyond High School, to \$1,680.00 per year, with no increase in premium rates.

7. If the spouse of a minister dies, the minister will receive an amount equal to 20% of the Average Annual Conference Salary, or \$1,946.00 if death occurs in 1977 and \$2,055.00 if death occurs in 1978.

8. Contributions by the members of the Death Benefit Plan are based on 1.82% of the Average Annual Conference Salary, or \$187.00 for 1978. At least 60% (\$112.20) is to be paid by the charge and 40% (\$74.80) is to be paid by the minister. This total contribution **must** be in the hands of the Insurance Secretary, Faye Douglas, P. O. Box 89, Marion, Arkansas, 72364, by November 10, 1977.

9. An open enrollment period shall be held each year during the month of December, to become effective 1 January. A limited enrollment period shall be held each year for 90 days following the session of the Annual Conference, for those newly eligible by Annual Conference action. Individual enrollment may be requested any time within 90 days after becoming newly eligible.

10. We recommend that the Board of the Ordained Ministry continue to carry the \$1,000.00 policy on seminary students.

11. We recommend that the **District Superintendents** be responsible for **notifying the Treasurer, North Arkansas Conference Board of Pensions**, as soon as possible after the death of a minister, active or retired, or spouse who has resided within the bounds of his district.

REPORT NUMBER 2 GROUP HOSPITALIZATION INSURANCE (HMEP)

We make the following recommendations:

1. That all members of the North Arkansas Conference, except students serving appointments in, or those employed by other conferences or agencies which have compulsory insurance programs, or members under special appointment, and every full-time employee of the North Arkansas Conference, shall participate in the Hospital and Medical Expense Program (HMEP), of the General Board of Pensions, subject to its laws and regulations, as adopted by the Annual Conference session, May 26-29, 1969, and reported on pages 103-5 of the 1969 Journal.

2. Quarterly premium rates are as follows:

COMPREHENSIVE COVERAGE (Under 65)

Family or Couple	\$229.64
Minister.	71.96
Spouse	157.67
Surviving Spouse.	106.07
Surviving Children.	47.25

MAJOR MEDICAL (65 and Over)

Minister.	\$38.58
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Spouse	38.58
Surviving	38.58

3. The charge being served pays at least one-half of the HMEP premium and the minister pays the remainder.

4. The HMEP premiums are due **QUARTERLY** on June 20; September 10, December 10 and March 10. All **insured persons are responsible** to see that the **total** premium is sent to, Faye Douglas, Box 89, Marion, Arkansas 72364, no later than the due dates. The first premium due notice will be sent well ahead of the due date.

5. We recommend the following procedure when payment is not received by the due date:

- a. A second notice will be sent to the minister **twenty days** after the due date. If the church is delinquent, this will also be noted. A copy of the second notice will be sent to the District Superintendent concerned.
- b. A **third notice** will be sent to the **Cabinet Representative** of the Insurance Committee **fifteen** days after the second notice, in order that the cabinet may make final disposition of the matter.

6. A premium increase of 16% for ages under 65 and 8% for ages 65 and over will become effective 1 July 1977. The factors which determine the HMEP premiums for all Annual Conferences in Methodism are:

- a. The **total** HMEP group experience in Methodism.
- b. The North Arkansas Annual Conference average utilization rate over the **last three years** (106.06% under 65).
- c. The ages of persons enrolled.
- d. The medical costs in the local area.

7. The General Board of Pensions retains 3% of the premiums remitted to them and Travelers Insurance Company retains 6% of the premiums remitted to them by the General Board, to cover administrative costs.

8. That the Conference Board of Pensions pay the HMEP and DBP premiums for retired members, wives, widows and dependent children of retired Local Pastors.

9. Some outstanding features of our HMEP program include the following:
FOR PERSONS UNDER 65

- a. **Hospitalization:** After a \$50 deductible per person per calendar year, HMEP pays the next \$500, then 80% with a **semi-private room**.
- b. **Medical:** After a \$50 deductible per person per calendar year, HMEP pays 80% of the **reasonable** charges for medical expenses, including self-administered prescription drugs.
- c. **PLEASE NOTE:** Our policy contains a **STOP/LOSS** clause, which means that your **total "out of pocket" expense cannot exceed \$500.** per individual or \$1,500. per family per year.
- d. Also, our policy now has expanded psychiatric services, so that members may not only utilize the facilities of a Psychiatrist, but also the facilities of Family Counselling Centers and psychologists as well.

FOR ALL PERSONS 65 AND OVER:

- e. Should be enrolled in **MEDICARE**. It is the **claimant's responsibility** to enroll by completing the application forms at the **Social Security Office** not later than **three months before** reaching age 65. HMEP does not duplicate medicare benefits, but it does supplement them.
- f. HMEP will pay what **MEDICARE** does not pay for **HOSPITALIZATION** up to the \$250,000 lifetime maximum. However, **YOU CANNOT COLLECT MORE THAN 100%** of your hospital bill from Medicare and HMEP. Also, this is for semi-private room.

- g. HMEP will pay \$15.50 per day from the 21st day through the 100th day in a skilled-nursing facility. Medicare pays for a semi-private room for the first 21 days.
- h. For physicians and surgeons and other medical services, **you** must pay a \$60 deductible per calendar year, then Medicare and HMEP pay the rest of the **reasonable** charges.
- i. Prescription Drugs are not covered by Medicare, but HMEP will pay 80% of reasonable charges, after a calendar year \$50 deductible. Lifetime limit \$250,000.

9. For ministers, no evidence of insurability will be required if you enroll yourself and your eligible dependents within 90 days after the date you are eligible to enroll.

10. Local churches may enroll **lay employees** in HMEP between June 1 and July 15, by following the guidelines on pages 103-5 of the 1969 Journal. The church must agree to pay at least one-half of the premium. The church must be responsible for the premium until the Conference Insurance Secretary is notified of the termination of employment. Individual lay employees may be enrolled any time within 90 days after employment.

REPORT NUMBER 3 WORKER'S COMPENSATION:

We recommend that all churches provide a worker's compensation plan for all paid church staff members, including the minister. The District Superintendents and the Council on Ministries Staff should continue to be covered, with the coverage paid for by the District Superintendent's Fund and the Conference Council on Ministries, respectively. Worker's Compensation plans are regulated by law and include such benefits as coverage for loss of salary, medical payments, doctor's bills, medications, disability and death benefits to minor children and widows.

REPORT NUMBER 4 CONFERENCE INSURANCE SECRETARY/TREASURER

We wish to commend Mrs. Imogene Knox for the outstanding job that she did as the Conference Insurance Secretary from June 1974 through August 1976. At the meeting of the Group Insurance Committee on February 22, 1977, Faye Douglas, Box 89, Marion, Ark. 72364 was elected to replace Mrs. Knox. Please address all inquiries about premiums to Faye Douglas.

REPORT NUMBER 5 PROPERTY INSURANCE

We strongly recommend that all churches of the Conference investigate the multi-peril insurance program offered by the General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church. **Compare!** This can mean great savings to your church on insurance for both church and parsonage. **Your local agent can broker the insurance for you** and he will receive a 10% commission. Or, you may write directly to: The United Methodist Church, Insurance Dept.—5th floor, 88 Pine Street, New York, N.Y. 10005. Or you may write or call Mr. Bill Farris, P. O. Drawer F, Conway, Ark. 72032, Conway phone 329-5676; Little Rock phone 376-6449.

REPORT NUMBER 6 BUDGET REQUEST 1978

Administrative expense.	\$1,300.
Secretary/Treasurer's Salary	\$1,800.

REPORT NUMBER 7 TO MAKE A CLAIM

a. **DEATH BENEFIT:** Notify the Reverend W. L. Walker, P. O. Box 219, Bay, Arkansas 72411, or call 781-3262, as **soon** as **possible** after the death of a minister or spouse, so that the Death Notification form may be filed with the General Board of Pensions. The following information is needed: Full Name, date of death, date of birth, date of marriage, dependent children surviving and next of kin's name and address.

b. **HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL:** Send **FIRST NOTICE OF CLAIM** form to

the Claim Dept., Travelers Insurance Co. P. O. Box 51, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Please follow instructions on the back of the First Notice of Claim form. Travelers will provide you with forms for the Doctor to complete. **Note:** Do **not** give the First Notice of Claim form to the Doctor. First Notice of Claim Form is filed **once a year only**. Drug bills/prescriptions must have the Doctor's diagnosis the first time only—not on refills. Psychiatric prescriptions are paid on the basis of 50%. First Notice of Claim Forms are available from the District Superintendent, Faye Douglas and Travelers Insurance Co.

c. Claims for calendar year 1977 must be made by 1 April 1978.

COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

Members and friends of the North Arkansas Conference:

As we read and listen to many reports concerning the work of the church for the future, let us pause and reflect for a moment. Since we last gathered as an Annual Conference some have been called to the end of this life's journey:

MINISTERS:

Elmus C. Brown
Charles A. Crossno
W. L. (Bill) Douglas
Clyde T. Parsons
Ernest E. Stevenson

General G. Troupe
James S. Upton
E. T. Wayland
Walter J. Williams

MINISTER'S WIVES:

Mrs. Corinne C. Covington Connell, wife of Brother R. E. Connell

MINISTER'S WIDOWS:

Mrs. Mayme P. Johnson, widow of Brother Grover C. Johnson
Mrs. Lydia L. Simmons, wife of Brother John Simmons
Mrs. Bessie Sweet, widow of Brother Frank Sweet
Mrs. Jessie S. Wolf, widow of Brother Walter B. Wolf

We remember with fondness and thank God for the path we shared for this while.

For those who will be sending information to this Committee, we request that you be sure to include: full name, nativity, when born, when joined conference, when died, years of service, where buried. This information is necessary for the completion of the Roll in Heaven.

It was requested last year that the names of the deceased clerical members of the former Methodist Protestant Church be included in the "Roll in Heaven". This list will be presented at Annual Conference.

For the operation of this Committee for 1978, we request of the CFA an amount of \$400.00.

Respectfully submitted,
James Barton, Chairman

THE ARKANSAS METHODIST

I—Report

It is a pleasure to report that The Arkansas Methodist has completed its most successful year in terms of management of resources. While continually battling with inflation, we have finished the year with a balance in the bank. This is the first year in over 12 that we have not been forced to borrow money to "pay out" at the end of the year.

We have received a tremendous vote of confidence from the United Methodists of our two Annual Conferences. In 1975 we received 96.36% of our

apportionment. In 1976 we received 97.93%. In 1976 United Methodists paid a total of \$88,187.53 of the \$90,000 which was apportioned to the two Conferences (\$45,000 to each). The response of the Church has been almost overwhelming. And we of the staff and Board of Managers have attempted to give leadership and management to match that kind of support.

We are continually looking for better procedures and management tools to give the Church the most service for their apportionment dollar. Some of our recent changes and innovations have been:

1. The reduction of our staff from five to four persons, with realignment of certain responsibilities.
2. Reduced size of paper from 12 to 8 pages, saving approximately \$225.00 per issue.
3. A small reduction in rent by relinquishing some of our office space for use by the Area Stewardship Office.
4. As a result of a study by a general-church-level Study Team, we are in the process of making format changes to improve appearance of the paper and are currently receiving bids on publishing the paper and have under consideration some equipment changes designed to effect economies.

The Board has sought expert advice and counsel and will continually do so. The nominating committees of the two Conferences have added members to the Board who have expertise in journalism, advertising and public relations. Our aim is to utilize all responsible economies in an effort to publish the quality newspaper to which Arkansas Methodism is accustomed.

One of our first goals is to return to 50 issues a year (we plan to publish 47 issues in 1977) and the resumption of 12-page issues for those weeks requiring such volume (such as Annual Conference weeks, major events, etc.). We feel that with sound fiscal management and other procedural improvements this will become a reality in the near future; without an increase in budget.

II—Recommendations

1. The Board of Managers continues to recommend that the cost for publication of The Arkansas Methodist be apportioned to the local churches, as determined by the Cabinets and Councils on Finance and Administration.

2. The Board recommends for 1978 a total of \$102,000.00 be apportioned to the two Annual Conferences (to be divided equally between the two Conferences or as determined by the Cabinets and Councils on Finance and Administration). The figure of \$102,000.00 represents about 95% of the paper's budget for 1978, projected to be around \$111,000.00. (That represents a decrease of almost \$9,000 from the amount expended in 1976).

3. The "Plan-of-Circulation" proposal is as follows:

a. Any clergy member of the Annual Conference and any member of a local United Methodist Church who requests it. (We suggest that these requests be made in writing or by phone to the local church to which the person is related.) NOTE: Postal regulations require the following from each church whose members receive the paper:

(1) The completion of a form, furnished to the church by the paper, certifying that "subscription" cost for the papers received by members of that church are paid by a portion of its members' contributions to their church. That form must be filed in the paper's office to meet Second Class mail requirements.

(2) Some payment, within the first six months of the year, for the paper. Postal authorities inform us that if no such payment is received in that time we

must remove that church's name from our mailing list.

PLEASE NOTE: The Board and editorial staff are totally dependent upon local church pastors and leaders to see that these guidelines are followed. We urge these leaders to help avoid waste by not sending names encouraging all who will to take the paper and read it. (The amount which a local church is apportioned by its district for the Arkansas Methodist is not determined by the numbers of papers sent to its members.)

b. Conference-connected persons (when submitted by the appropriate authorities, along with their correct address):

- (1) Retired ministers or their surviving spouse.
- (2) Seminary students.
- (3) Ministers in connectional appointments.

c. Any subscriptions **not qualifying** in any of the above categories (para 3a and 3b) will be \$5.00 per year.

4. Every-Family Plan:

Churches which wish the paper sent to every member family **without the necessity of those families requesting it** may choose the Every-Family plan by paying a fee of \$1.00 per family **IN ADDITION TO** their regular apportionment. (Example: A church having 75 families would pay \$75.00 in addition to the amount apportioned by the Annual Conference.)

5. Local Church Special Edition Plan:

Local Churches are invited to consider this plan whereby a local congregation may have the back page for news of their own local church:

- a. \$1,468.75 annually (or \$31.25 an issue for 47 issues);

PLUS—

- b. \$1.00 per family (the "Every Family Plan"),

PLUS

- c. The amount apportioned to your local church by the Annual Conference.

James W. Lane, Chairperson

CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION

The work of the Christian Civic Foundation is conducted by a small staff of three full-time workers: An Executive Director, Rev. Edward W. Harris; an Educational Assistant, Mr. Ronnie P. Sparks; an Office Secretary, Mrs. Beverly Williams. Our Part-time Attorney, Mr. James Gannaway, gives legal counsel equal to that of a full-time attorney. In the planning and projection of the program, they are assisted and supported by the Executive Committee, acting as Cabinet; and three hundred Board members; pastors and church members throughout the state; a substantial and dedicated group of State Legislators. Together, we promote the cause of civic righteousness in the areas of Alcohol, Narcotics, Gambling and Obscene Literature.

The Alcohol-Narcotics Education Program

Mr. Ronnie P. Sparks began his work with our staff on February, 1976. A full month was spent in training. Appointments in the Public Schools began March 1st. Through March 3, 1977, he has appeared in 64 schools. 27 more dates are confirmed for the school year, making a total of 91. A few were cancelled because of the severe weather, but, in each instance, future dates were offered. Other activities included Civic Clubs, WCTU State meeting, State

Teacher's Meeting, Arkansas Baptist State Convention, Pastors' Conference on Alcoholism, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, speaking dates in eleven separate churches, four Local Option Youth meetings. In addition, he attended night classes two nights a week at UALR.

Mr. Sparks has left evaluation forms with school officials, and, without exception, they were returned to the office with expressions of the highest appreciation for the quality of work and the dedication of our new worker. He has worked untiringly, and has helped our small professional staff to become a closely-knit unit. Because of the growing problems of inflation, we have used a "Voucher" system to defray the actual expenses of our Educational Assistant. He furnishes his own car, and we pay \$.15 per mile for travel. We pay actual cost for meals and lodgings, when needed. We advance funds, as each week's voucher report indicates the need. In spite of increasing costs, we still hope to continue our program in the public schools without charging for our services. Mr. and Mrs. Sparks attended a two-weeks Narcotics Education Course, sponsored by the W.C.T.U., at Chautauqua, New York, in the month of August. A portion of his expense was provided by a \$250 Scholarship given by the State W.C.T.U. During the summer, he also spoke at 12 Church Camps for youth.

The Arkansas State Economic Development Study Commission

The Arkansas State Economic Development Study Commission, in their proposed report to the Governor and Legislative Council, announced May 17 that their report in October would recommend that: "State Laws should be changed so that alcohol can be served at public and private overnight recreation facilities located in Dry counties." Resolutions opposing this recommendation were passed unanimously by the Executive Committee of the Christian Civic Foundation, the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, the North Arkansas and the Little Rock Conferences of The United Methodist Church, and forwarded to Governor David Pryor and members of the Legislative Council. They were published in the Summer Edition of The Christian Citizen and mailed to each Legislator. The 71st General Assembly did not pass any specific legislation that would implement the Committee's Recommendation, but the proposed Private Club Bill for Dry Counties, Senate Bill 566, would offer an opportunity for small groups in a county, at precinct, ward, or township level, to authorize such permits in Dry Counties. This Bill was defeated in two votes taken. We strongly opposed this Bill.

Local Option Elections

November Local Option Elections confirmed that Strong Dry Sentiment still exists in our State. Local Option Elections were instituted by Wet forces in seven Dry Counties. On November 2nd, all seven voted to remain Dry. This sustained the record established by the voters of 44 counties in Arkansas, of voting their counties dry and never failing to vote to remain dry. Counties, and the final vote are as follows: Cleburne, 4,710 to 2,821; Faulkner, 8439 to 5313; Montgomery, 2,138 to 1,041; Pike, 2,540 to 1,196; Scott, 2,772 to 1,237; Van Buren, 3,143 to 2,240; Yell, 4,878 to 2,877. Attempts by Wets to initiate elections in Bradley and Hempstead Counties were not successful. Two new Dry areas resulted from elections in Washburn Township, Logan County, 135 to 80, and Precinct 180 in Pulaski County, 50 to 21. One township, Tyrnoza, in Crittenden County, voted to remain dry 581 to 447. Two townships voted to remain wet, Menifee, in Conway County, 70 to 51, and Greenfield, in Poinsett County, 233 to 183. A Mixed Drink Election was held in Jefferson County,

initiated by the Wet forces, and the voters rejected mixed drinks by a vote of 11,255 to 9,513. These elections leave a total of 44 counties dry, 12 all wet, and 19 wet with dry areas.

The Christian Citizen

The Christian Citizen, our Quarterly Newsletter, has completed a full twelve-month cycle of publication since the Annual Meeting in 1976. The Autumn, or fourth issue for 1976, was Number 7, Volume 2, in the consecutive numbering of issues since publication began. Two of the 1976 issues, Summer and Autumn, carried names, addresses, phone numbers, and religious preferences of members of the Seventy-first General Assembly of Arkansas. These issues were also mailed to each member of the Arkansas Senate and each member of the House of Representatives. We have had many expressions of appreciation from lawmakers during the current session. It is our intention to continue mailing future issues to them. Additional copies of the Summer Issue were printed and distributed, on request, for use in Local Option Campaigns.

Finances

Attached are copies of the Financial Statement for December 31, 1976, which reflect income and disbursements for the fiscal year. Substantial gifts by anonymous donors in the closing days of 1976 made it possible to end the year with a very strong cash balance. \$5,000 was transferred to a savings account, available on a day's notice, if needed for current disbursements. Attached, also, is a copy of the proposed budget for 1977. It was recommended by the Finance Committee and was endorsed by the Executive Committee in the meeting on February 15, 1977, and by the Board of Directors at their Annual Meeting on March 21, 1977.

The projection of new income for 1977 is as follows:

1. Arkansas Baptist State Convention, increase of \$2,250, from \$15,000 to \$17,250.
2. Little Rock Annual Conference, The United Methodist Church, increase of \$2,000 during quadrennium, 1977, 78, 79, 80. In 1977, a \$1,000 increase, none in 1978, \$1,000 in 1979, none in 1980. This would be a total increase of \$2,000 during the four years. The actual apportionment for each of the four years will be \$12,500 per year. The total amount increased (\$2,000) will bring the contribution of the Conference from \$11,000 to \$13,000 total giving per year by 1979.
3. The North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church has projected the same increases for the quadrennium, and a similar plan of apportionment and payment.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1977—\$52,438.00

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REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE SECRETARY

PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE JOURNAL:

1. Eliminate duplication in listing the membership of Board and Agencies. These would be carried in the Roll and Directory section only.
2. Only changes in the structure be carried as they are made, with references back to previous Journals for the complete structure. The total

structure as revised will be printed once each quadrennium.

3. Reports be edited so that primary matters recommended for action be carried, to be effective in 1978.
4. The first Journal of each new quadrennium be designated a Historical Journal. This would be the only Journal during the quadrennium carrying all historical data. Only changes and additions would be carried in succeeding years. This would include Sessions of the Annual Conference and Dates Churches Organized.
5. Financial reports of Boards and Agencies would be distributed on the Conference floor but not carried in the Journal. The total CFA report would be included in the Journal.
6. All audits would be distributed in complete form on the Conference floor. Only a statement of acceptance or rejection by CFA would be carried in the Journal.
7. A list of Pension Payments would be distributed on the Conference floor but only the total would be reported in the Journal.
8. Once each quadrennium pictures of the clergy would be included in the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,
Dewey Dark

DISTRICT JOURNALS COMMITTEE

The District Journals have been examined and are in good order.

Respectfully submitted,
Everne Hunter, Chairperson

UNITED METHODIST MEN

The Constitution and By Laws of the North Arkansas United Methodist Men was adopted at the annual meeting August 5th and 6th, 1976, held at Mt. Sequoyah. Dr. C. H. Mannasmith was elected President, Gene Brand was elected Vice President, Charles Mabrey was elected Treasurer, and Neil Jones was elected Secretary.

Our President, Dr. Mannasmith sends his greetings. He is in Tanzania on a mission with Heifer Project International. One major project of the United Methodist Men is Heifer Project International. We urge every chartered group of United Methodist Men to support H.P.I. by making a contribution this year.

We are hopeful that this session of Conference will add Heifer Project International to the list of advance specials.

We now have forty (40) chartered men's groups in the North Arkansas Conference. Of this group, thirty were chartered this year.

The meeting on Mt. Sequoyah will be held this year August 6th and 7th with Mr. William R. Kirby from St. Louis, Missouri, as the retreat speaker and our own Bishop Hicks will be in attendance and will direct the Communion Service. John Lundy, representing the United Methodist Men, from Nashville, will be with us also.

All Methodist Men of the Conference are urged to participate in the National Congress of United Methodist Men to be held at Purdue University on July 15th through 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
Gene Brand
Vice President

CAMPS AND CONFERENCES

I. REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF CAMPING PROGRAM FOR 1976-77:

A total of 20 camping events planned or sponsored by the Conference Committee on Camps and Conferences were held in our conference this past summer. We had a total of 951 campers and staff present in the experiences. We do not include in this report those churches who carry on camps and retreats through the local church and use the facilities available for camping in the conference. In 1977 there are 30 camping experiences and activities planned and outlined in the camping brochure. This includes those experiences out-of-doors which take place both on and off camp sites.

Several different kinds of experiences in camping are planned for this coming summer. Included are: Family Camps, Frontier Camps, Canoe Float trips, the North Arkansas Conference choir camp for children, several assembly-type camps, a few small group camps, and the Ozark Folk Camp. The Ozark Folk Camp is the newest camping experience planned for the summer. The Camp will be held at the Ozark Folk Center, Mt. View, and will give campers opportunities to learn craft skills and music skills. Staff of the Ozark Folk Center will provide leadership for planned morning sessions.

We find many groups using the Nawake property for camping and outings for the local churches. Local churches and groups are encouraged to use the property and get better acquainted with the beauty of the property.

The Conference Committee plans only those events and activities which take place on a Conference-wide basis. All District Camps are planning their own camping experiences and securing the leadership for their camps.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING: We are fortunate to have in our Conference many persons who have received training in National, Jurisdictional, Regional, and Area workshops outside our Conference. These persons serve as a nucleus in training other leaders for camping. We are constantly trying to find new people to work in camping. We are making a leadership inventory catalog to use throughout the Conference. This will help others know who is available and what their talents are in training other camp leaders. We will also list those who have worked in camps for the past several years.

This past April, a joint Workshop with the Little Rock Conference was held in Little Rock for all camp directors and staff. It was a first in this kind of experience and some good things have come out of it. One of the main ideas was for us to have a "fall" event for training camp directors and staff for the next summer. It was felt that we should meet over a two-day period, and that we should plan the event in the out-of-doors (at a camp site).

Many feel that we need to be bringing in new people to work in camping experiences. This being the case, we will be expanding the training experiences in order to meet the needs of new workers in camping.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR NAWAKE: One of our goals for 1977 was to hire a Professional Camp Planner for designing a Master Plan for the Development of the Nawake property. On June 29, 1977, the Conference Committee on Camps and Conferences secured the services of Charles C. Stott, Conference Center Planner-Consultant, from Raleigh, North Carolina. On June 29, the Committee met with Mr. Stott and strategy plans were initiated. Planning procedures were reviewed and tentative target dates established. It was decided that the Master Plan could be ready for presentation at the Annual Conference in 1977. An indepth study of program and facility needs was carried out, taking into consideration the varied types of programs already available in the Conference in other sites.

Preliminary Site development plans and recommendations were presented by the Planner and presented to the Committee and the Bishop in a walk-through explanation on the property. Following this the Committee made the necessary additions and adjustments and refinements and then the narrative was sent to Mr. Stott to be finalized for presentation at the Annual Conference. The Master Plan has been presented to the CCOM at their spring meeting. It will be presented for final approval at Annual Conference. The Committee and Mr. Stott will be available at the conference to answer questions and materials will be available for the Conference members to study.

The North Arkansas Conference Committee on Camps and Conferences gives its unanimous approval to the Master Plan and urges the Annual Conference to adopt the Master Plan for the Development of Nawake.

The Master Plan for Nawake Conference Center is a guide for us in the development of the facility. We anticipate this being one of the finest facilities for camping and Christian outdoor education anywhere in the South Central Jurisdiction. The Plan provides for a number of "use areas", such as a main lodge and several mini-lodges, a family camping area, rustic camp sites, a day retreat area, acclimatization areas, equestrian area, open play area, recreation center, as well as future resident sites. It is so flexible in design that we can develop any one part and permit other parts to wait until funds can be made available. Some use is already being made of the property with tent camping and rustic camping, and day use. Electricity and water are available for use in one area.

II. GOALS AND PRIORITIES FOR 1978:

1. To secure several more persons to serve on the Conference Committee: such as, women, youth, and district representatives.
2. To continue to provide leadership training for persons planning to work in camping experiences throughout the conference.
3. To send representatives to National and Jurisdictional Training opportunities.
4. Continue to develop new programs for new camping and out-of-doors experiences in our conference.
5. Continue to cover all camps with an insurance policy carried by the Conference with Mutual Security Life Insurance Company. Each director will be responsible for reporting the number of campers and workers in each camp.
6. Each camp director shall set aside \$2.00 per camper to be used in training and for insurance coverage. The money will be sent to the Conference office.
7. To encourage participation in camping experiences from minority groups in the conference. And to make available funds or scholarships where necessary to accomplish this.
8. Secure a resident manager/director for Nawake as soon as possible.
9. To promote better publicity in the local churches and throughout the conference so that people may know what is available for them in out-of-doors ministries.

Wayne C. Clark,
Conference Coordinator

REPORT OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS BOARD OF TRUSTEES, INC.

I. Articles of Incorporation:

1. The Board of Trustees of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church is organized and incorporated according to the pro-

vision of Section V—Paragraph 1519 of the Discipline of the United Methodist Church for 1969.

2. The Articles of Incorporation were issued on July 25, 1959 and the Charter of Incorporation is recorded in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sebastian County in Fort Smith, Arkansas, in Book E, page 69.

II. Execution of Legal Documents: The Chairman and the Secretary of the Board of Trustees are authorized to sign legal documents for the Board of Trustees where there has been "A Directive Action" of the Annual Conference.

III. Abandoned and/or Discontinued Church Property:

1. The Board of Trustees respectfully request that the District Superintendents, Pastors, and District Boards of Missions be informed as to the various provisions of Section V—Paragraph 1517 as to Annual Conference property and join with the Conference Board of Trustees in their effort to have a record of all properties within the bounds of the Conference in which the United Methodist Church has an interest.
2. That each District Superintendent provide the Secretary of the Board of Trustees with a description of all property within his/her district that is not being used by the United Methodist Church; and as to whether or not Annual Conference action has been taken to (1) discontinue use of or (2) abandon.
3. Sales of Transfers: There has been no transfer of real property. The sale of the conference owned automobiles was executed as authorized by action of the 1976 Annual Conference.

IV. Resolutions: None

Respectfully submitted,
Muriel H. Peters, Chairperson
Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., Secretary

TREASURER REPORT AND AUDIT

World Service and Finance Commission
North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church
Little Rock, Arkansas

We have examined the attached statement of fund balances, Exhibit A and Schedules 1 and 2 of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church as of December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 and the statement of fund transactions for the year 1976.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

It is our opinion that the accompanying statements present fairly the results of recorded cash operations under the control of Grafton Thomas, treasurer, for the year 1976, and that funds and investments are on hand at December 31, 1975 and December 31, 1976 as stated in the exhibit and schedule attached.

Mapes & Edmiston

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 27, 1977

Exhibit A

**NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
AND TRANSFERS FOR THE YEAR
ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1976**

Cash and investments at January 1, 1976 (Schedule 1)	\$ 313,665.26
Cash receipts and transfers (Schedule 2)	2,366,929.79
Total to account for	2,680,595.05
 Cash and investments at December 31, 1976 (Schedule 1)	 465,741.86
Cash disbursements and transfers (Schedule 2)	2,214,853.19
Total accounted for	\$2,680,595.05

Schedule 1

**NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FUNDS IN CUSTODY OF GRAFTON THOMAS, TREASURER
DECEMBER 31, 1975 and DECEMBER 31, 1976
STATEMENT OF FUND BALANCES**

	Dec. 31, 1975	Dec. 31, 1976
Checking account, Commercial National Bank	\$ 9,313.78	\$211,389.38
Checking account, Twin City Bank	2,351.48	2,351.48
Savings, Worthen Bank & Trust Co.	200,000.00	
Savings, Commonwealth Fed. Savings & Loan	50,000.00	200,001.00
Savings, First Fed. Savings & Loan	50,000.00	50,000.00
Note—Health & Welfare	2,000.00	2,000.00
	\$313,665.26	\$465,741.86

Schedule 2

**NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE OF THE
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
FUND BALANCES AND TRANSACTIONS
1976**

	Balance Dec. 31, 1975	Cash Disb. & Transfers	Cash Receipts & Transfers	Balance Dec. 31, 1976
FIC Withheld	\$	\$ 441.55	\$	\$ (441.55)
Federal WT Withheld		21.30		(21.30)
Ark. WT Withheld		97.19		(97.19)
FIC Employees		83.70		(83.70)
District Supt.	9,513.78	166,337.64	171,001.72	14,177.86
Episcopal Fund		20,669.49	23,732.87	3,063.38
Conference Claimants		298,633.36	357,570.73	58,937.37
Pension Fund Special	(100.00)	121,191.52	145,713.81	24,422.29
Equitable Salary	56,643.86	45,540.84	44,365.79	55,468.81

World Service-Cent.				
Treasury	5,228.58	162,821.25	183,978.79	26,386.12
Conf. Benevolences	84,029.81	207,963.09	175,031.27	51,097.99
General Jurisdictional		15,826.03	18,738.04	2,912.01
Interden. Cooperation		6,668.03	7,988.21	1,320.18
One Great Hour of				
Sharing		8,589.21	9,139.28	550.07
World Wide Communion		7,403.06	9,196.34	1,793.28
Ministerial Education		15,149.25	76,314.80	61,165.55
Temporary Gen. Aid		16,999.10	15,529.75	(1,469.35)
Human Relations Day		2,652.85	2,854.68	201.83
Black College Fund		39,671.48	49,166.42	9,494.94
Youth Service Fund		1,658.42	3,047.90	1,389.48
Methodist Student Day		1,557.87	2,065.44	507.57
Okla. Indian Mission		3,557.01	5,273.28	1,716.27
Spanish Speaking				
Ministry		1,583.11	2,591.25	1,008.14
Lydia Patterson Institute		4,640.06	6,524.52	1,884.46
Alaska Meth. Univ.		732.76	1,175.37	442.61
Bishop's Special				
Ministry	50.00	237.00	750.50	563.50
UMCOR		14,498.70	19,825.96	5,327.26
World Advance				
Missions		57,410.64	69,016.43	11,605.79
National Advance				
Missions		10,325.30	6,527.29	(3,798.01)
Boys Boarding School		2,350.14	2,998.62	648.48
Hendrix College		102,700.80	123,769.25	21,068.45
Wesley Foundation		65,735.77	80,422.95	14,687.18
Christian Civic				
Foundation		8,653.26	10,453.70	1,800.44
Mt. Sequoyah		3,355.62	3,780.00	424.38
Conf. Building Fund		17,800.00	19,578.50	1,778.50
Golden Cross	3,312.84	3,312.84	4,918.10	4,918.10
Christian Education Day		464.41	4,472.85	4,008.44
Methodist Children's				
Home		8,450.88	17,191.46	8,740.58
Ark. Methodist		33,805.20	49,063.71	15,258.51
Pastors' Moving				
Expense	21,138.76	17,609.54	17,797.44	21,326.66
A V Library			88.65	88.65
Conf. Advance-				
Aldersgate		5,450.18	7,712.99	2,262.81
Release Guidance Fund		413.75	479.00	65.25
Nawake Camp	124.56	4,747.65	9,359.25	4,736.16
Nawake Camp				
Reserve	3,701.61	3,651.15	100.00	150.46

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	Balance Dec. 31, 1975	Cash Disb. & Transfers	Cash Receipts & Transfers	Balance Dec. 31, 1976
Wesley Chapel	\$	\$ 3,042.48	\$ 2,818.44	\$ (224.04)
Insurance Investment	9,974.11	35.00		9,939.11
Scarritt College		1,096.29	1,193.21	96.92
Life Insurance	449.77	560.70	1,899.65	1,788.72
Hospital Insurance	11,677.20	157,959.03	147,548.04	1,266.21
State Council of Churches		1,441.66		(1,441.66)
Mallalieu Comm. Center		7,367.91	8,968.15	1,600.24
Conf. Administration	7,268.54	49,600.09	48,219.41	5,887.86
Board of Education		15,215.45	162.52	(15,052.93)
Board of Ministry	16,700.94	42,136.79		(25,435.85)
Campus Ministries		4,504.03		(4,504.03)
Contingency Fund	14,211.45	7,936.69	4,787.00	11,061.76
Builders Club	27,532.50	10,000.00		17,532.50
Health & Welfare	5,088.51	13,216.66	4,911.49	(3,216.66)
Board of Missions	37,118.44	18,500.00	4,876.15	23,494.59
Misc. Receipts		3,176.51	5,377.72	2,201.21
World Service Clearing		367,601.90	376,861.10	9,259.20
	\$313,665.26	\$2,214,853.19	\$2,366,929.79	\$465,741.86

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

There must be a scripture that says those who remain to the end shall be saved.

The One Hundred Forty Second session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference held at the First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, began with our new Bishop—Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks—presiding in a warm, friendly, and understanding manner. Reverend Worth Gibson, our gracious host pastor for the Conference, communicated to us rather explicitly and specifically, that like the forbidden fruit in the Garden of Eden, there was a forbidden spot where no United Methodist was to park. Evidently we United Methodists had greater discipline than did Adam and Eve and we yielded not to this all-burning temptation parking lot.

Dr. Donald Berry, Chairman of the Administrative Board of the host church, welcomed us, reminding us that a tornado struck the town just before we were to have Annual Conference in Jonesboro some three or four years ago. This time a fire came, but along with the wind and the fire the United Methodist come to Annual Conference in Jonesboro and we are welcomed. Thus, we deeply express our appreciation to the city of Jonesboro for its hospitality, for its eating places, its pink slips, its motels, for Arkansas State University and the cheerleader's workshop, for service station attendants, motel clerks, waitresses, and for so many others who have made our stay a pleasure and a delight.

The generous hospitality of the staff of this church, and staff people from other churches in Jonesboro, is greatly appreciated by this Conference. No one will ever know all of the little, but important, details that were so well worked out. Certainly the pages are to be commended for their contribution to the Conference, the maintenance people, the secretaries, those manning the public address system, and a host of others too numerous to mention.

There are some special persons we would like to thank—Dr. Ralph Hillis, our host District Superintendent, for his hard work and Christian spirit in making our stay here smooth and joyous. Also, all the ministers of the Jonesboro churches for their efforts on our behalf—namely George Cleary from the Fisher Street Church, Victor Nixon from the Huntington Avenue Church, J. B. Harris from the Nettleton and Brookland Churches, and W. P. Fiser from the St. Paul and Mt. Carmel Churches. It was only as a result of all of these working together as a smooth and cooperative team, taking care of every little detail, that our Conference here has been tremendous.

We are grateful to the institutional representatives and their challenging reports.

We are grateful to Reverend Dewey Dark and his staff for all their help and assistance to get the Conference through the intrinsic complexities of the daily proceedings. Our thanks to John Workman for the special Conference Edition of the Arkansas Methodist. Our gratitude to Reverend Maurice Lanier and to all of those who participated in the Memorial Service. Certainly one of the highlights of the Conference was the retirement speeches of those who have given so much for so long. Long will we remember their words of wisdom and inspiration.

Our thanks to Ann Jackson and others for uplifting our lives with the banners and their deep symbolism of the great Christian Heritage. The choirs from First Church Jonesboro, from Bay, and from Huntington Avenue have inspired our hearts with great music. We are grateful to Patty Skogg who serves so well as our organist this week.

Our sincere thanks to Dr. Joseph Washington for his having come our way. His sermons caused us to do some deep soul searching in reference to the Christian ministry today. Conversations in the halls after his sermons went like this: "He said tonight that Christian ministers should be far out above and beyond the average person in Christian living and in setting a Christian example." Dr. Joseph Washington's spirit will long be felt in the hearts and souls of youth and adults in our Conference. We are grateful to God that he was our Conference speaker this year.

Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks shared with us his humor, his refreshing spirit, his wisdom, his manner of conducting the Conference in such a way that we felt free to express ourselves openly and honestly. His spirit of patience and restraint helped us through trying and nerve-racking times. We were impressed with his skill, ability, coolness, dispatch, and dignity. In his worship services he motivated us to remove ourselves from a churchmanship with one foot on the shore and one in the boat. The Church today is a risky place in which to serve but a place where we must not be afraid to take the risk, when the risk is worth taking for the advancement of the Kingdom of God on this feverish earth. We do feel that Dr. John Workman should take a picture of Bishop Hicks' thrown together pluralistic cat to put in the Arkansas Methodist to symbolize what can happen in our Church.

We want to express to the Cabinet, the Boards, the Committees, the Agencies of our Conference our gratitude for many hours of labor, prayer, study and devoted effort as these persons sought to lead us in programming and mission goals of the Church. At this Annual Conference lights have burned long

into the night that God's Kingdom might be promoted in our Conference. Our deep gratitude to Arvill Brannon for his leadership in so many ways, as he has related and worked with the Committees, Boards, and Agencies of our Conference. His long hours of labor, in the spirit of Christ, have been of great value. We have missed Dr. Myers Curtis and our prayers will be with him.

As Dr. Joe Washington said on the night of ordination: "We should express a rousing cheer to the Worship Committee, and to Reverend Dick Haltom in particular, and to so many others on the Worship Committee, for a work well done.

We are always afraid of anything that is different. It scares the living day-lights out of us, but this year we were willing to try something different in our legislative committees, where laypersons and clergy could share ideas and ideals in a learning process that was mind stretching, informative, and thrilling to our souls.

As we are about to return home, with God's cool breezes blowing upon us, we are going to emphasize the Conference Council on Ministries priorities of World Hunger, Ethnic Minorities, Evangelism, Parish Development, Communications, and the priority to affirm the dignity and worth of all persons and utilize the full human potential within our Church. These priorities must have the ultimate of our minds, hearts, bodies, and souls.

In Charles Dickens' book, *The Christmas Carol*, a voice says, "You were a good businessman." Then another voice says, "The business of mankind was my business."

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Carter
Mouzon Mann
Charles Casteel

VII. MEMOIRS

ELMUS CLYDE BROWN 1902-1976



The Reverend Elmus Clyde Brown was born November 20, 1092 at Summers, Arkansas and died June 10, 1976. He is survived by his wife Ernestine Brown, one son Taylor P. Brown, one daughter Beverly Madron and one granddaughter Margaret Brown.

He received his B.A. Degree from Southern Methodist University and his B.D. from Perkins School of Theology in 1931. He was received on trial the same year and admitted into full connection in 1933. He served, Lavaca, East Van Buren (St. John), Mansfield, Harrisburg, Elaine, Berryville, Dardanell, Huntington Avenue, Hughes, Lepanto, Corning and Greenwood. He returned in 1968 and served as

Minister of Visitation at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith for seven years following his retirement.

The funeral service was conducted in the Roebuck Chapel at First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith by Dr. Charles P. McDonald and Dr. Paul M. Bumpers.

In the service Dr. McDonald said, "For seven years Rev. Elmus Brown served as Minister of Visitation at First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith. He visited the sick, the home bound and any person in need. He reached out to all people with a helping hand. Then rather suddenly he became ill and found he needed to be helped. It is always easier to help than it is to accept help. But with Elmus he freely gave and gratefully received. Visiting with him in the hospital and at home I discovered that he ministered to me and all those who visited and helped him. His faith, hope and love rubbed off on everyone he met. We are grateful that Elmus Brown was a part of our lives as he ministered to us."

WILLARD L. (BILL) DOUGLAS
1924-1976



The Reverend Willard L. (Bill) Douglas, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Marianna, died July 15, 1976. In his third year as pastor at Marianna, Mr. Douglas had been active in many facets of North Arkansas Conference activities during his 27 years of ministry. He was widely known as an effective and faithful pastor, minister and church administrator and was currently serving as treasurer of the Conference Board of Pensions.

Previous appointments served by Mr. Douglas were St. Paul Church in Fort Smith, Marion, Leachville, Tuckerman, Bald Knob, associate at First Church in North Little Rock, Caraway, Savoy-Marvin, Mt. Carmel Circuit, Bono Circuit and Dyess-Whitton.

A native of Trumann, Arkansas, he was born January 27, 1924. He was a graduate of Arkansas State University in Jonesboro and Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, where he earned the B. D. degree. He was admitted on trial in 1954 and was ordained deacon in June of 1956 and elder in 1957, the year he was admitted to the North Arkansas Conference in Full Connection.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. H. Faye Wiygul Douglas; three sons, Stephen Kent Douglas and Gifford Wiygul Douglas, both of Marianna, and Willard Lee Douglas, Jr., of West Helena; three brothers, Weldon Douglas of Jonesboro, David Douglas of Memphis and Robert Douglas of Long Beach, Mississippi; a sister, Mrs. Flora Belle Bishop of Wilson, and a grandchild.

A family graveside service was held Saturday at Crittendon Memorial Park Cemetery near Marion, with Dr. Clint Burleson, a pastor of Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, officiating. A memorial service was held Monday, July 19, at First United Methodist Church, Marianna, with the Reverend J. William Watson, superintendent of the Forrest City District, the Reverend Elmo Thomason, director of the Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, and Dr. Charles P. McDonald, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Searcy, officiating.

CLYDE T. PARSONS
1919-1976



The Reverend Clyde Thomas Parsons, pastor of Levy United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, died August 7, 1976. He had been ill for approximately four weeks. He was 57. He was in his second year as pastor of the Levy church, having been appointed there in June, 1975, after serving for four years as pastor of First Church, Morrilton. He had served pastorates in both the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences for 37 years and was widely known as an effective, faithful and beloved pastor.

Mr. Parsons had recently completed a term as vice chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Commission on Equitable Salaries and as a member of the conference's Board of Church and Society. He was a member of the Area Episcopal Residence Committee and was Coordinator of Adult Ministries for the Conway District. He had previously given eight years of devoted service as secretary of the Conference's Board of Pensions.

Among other pastoral appointments served by Mr. Parsons were Marianna, Jacksonville, Dumas-Gould, Oaklawn in Hot Springs, Askdown, Twenty-eighth Street in Little Rock, Geyer Springs, Caddo Mills-Salem, College Hill in Texarkana, Keith Memorial in Malvern, Hot Springs Circuit and Columbus Circuit.

Born February 24, 1919 in Murfreesboro, Mr. Parsons attended public schools in Delight. He earned the B.A. degree from Henderson State Teachers College (now Henderson State University) in 1944 and the B.D. degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, in 1948. He was admitted to the Little Rock Conference On Trial in 1944, ordained deacon in 1947, and admitted in Full Connection and ordained elder in 1949.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Cathryn Duncan Parsons; two sons, Clyde T. Parsons, Jr., of San Antonio, Texas, and Kenneth C. Parsons of Kingston, N.Y.; a daughter, Miss Cathy Parsons of North Little Rock; a sister, Mrs. Helen Segraves of West Memphis, and two grandchildren.

The funeral service was held August 11, at Levy United Methodist Church with Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, superintendent of the Conway District, Dr. Clint D. Burleson, pastor of Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, and the Reverend Arvill C. Brannon of North Little Rock, associate director of the North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries, officiating. Burial was at North Hills Memorial Garden.

LYDIA SIMMONS
1891-1976



Mrs. Lydia Burkhead Simmons was born in Illinois August 26, 1891 to John and Mary Ellen McBride Burkhead. She died August 7, 1976 at Paragould Community Methodist Hospital. She lived at Boydsville and was the widow of the Reverend John Simmons.

Funeral services were held August 9 at the Rector First United Methodist Church. The Reverend Chester Penny and the Reverend Leon Wilson officiated. Interment was in Woodland Heights Cemetery, Rector, with Irby Funeral Home in charge.

Survivors include a daughter, Frieda Knight of Boydsville; a foster son, Joe Edwards of Corning; five grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren; a brother, Hugh Burkhead of Neeleyville, Mo.; and three sisters: Mrs. Etta Puckett of McCougal, Mrs. Myrtle Runyon of Pollard and Mrs. Martha Patterson of Clinton, Tennessee.

DR. JAMES S. UPTON
1911-1976



Dr. James Southerland Upton of Conway, who retired in May of 1976 after serving for 34 years as head of the Department of Religion at Hendrix College, died August 12 following an extended illness resulting from a stroke. He was 65.

A ministerial member of the North Arkansas Conference for 40½ years, he had served as pastor at South Church in Fort Smith, Eureka Springs, Osceola and First Church in Conway.

Born May 17, 1911 at Plainview, he attended Fordyce High School, John Brown University, and earned the B.A. degree from Hendrix College in 1931, the B.D. degree from Perkins School of Theology in 1934. He did graduate work at Garrett Biblical Institute and Boston University. He was awarded the honorary D.D. degree by Hendrix College in 1954.

Long active in youth and young adult interests, he was youth director of the North Arkansas Conference for 13 years and director for the Arkansas Methodist Student Movement for 15 years. He served as secretary of the North Arkansas Conference for 15 years. He served as secretary of the North Arkansas Conference for five years. At a dinner given in May of 1976 at Hendrix College, upon the occasion of his retirement, he was honored as having made a major and lasting contribution to several generations of youth within the state, many of whose members later became Methodist ministers and lay leaders within the church.

Active in numerous community affairs, Dr. Upton was a former president of the Conway Kiwanis Club, Faulkner County Red Cross and Faulkner County Tuberculosis Association. He was a former vice president of the board of

Conway Memorial Hospital and was active in Boy Scout work in Conway for many years.

He served as president of the Arkansas Genealogical Society in 1968 and authored "The Upton Family Genealogy of Upton, Kentucky." He was a member of the Arkansas Historical Society, the Kentucky Historical Society, Sons of the American Revolution, American Academy of Religion and Religious Education Association.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Virginia Townsend Upton; two sons, Jack T. and James S. Upton Jr., both of Greeley, Col.; a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Conover of Charlottesville, Va.; a brother, Bruce E. Upton of Arkadelphia; a sister, Mrs. Joe P. Voorhies of Benton, and five grandchildren.

The funeral service was August 16 at Greene Chapel on the Hendrix campus with Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, pastor of First Church, Conway, and Dr. Joel A. Cooper, pastor of Central Church, Fayetteville, officiating. Burial was at Oakland Cemetery in Fordyce, with the Reverend Arnold Simpson, pastor of First Church, Fordyce, officiating at the graveside service.

ERNEST E. STEVENSON 1889-1976

The Reverend E. E. Stevenson was born August 7, 1889 in Wooster, Arkansas. He was a veteran of World War I. After entering the ministry he was graduated from the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He was ordained deacon in 1923 and as elder in 1925. He retired in 1959.

Brother Stevenson was married to Ada L. Brown and they had three daughters: Mrs. George C. Allen of Memphis, Mrs. Ben Beall, of Helena and Miss Elizabeth Stevenson of San Francisco, California.

Brother Stevenson served the following churches: Danville, Huntington, Waldron, Prarie Grove, Dardanelle, Ozark, Paragould, East Side, Cotton Plant, Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, Clarendon, Joiner and Turrell.

He died at his home in Wesley Heighland Towers in Memphis September 25, 1976.

The funeral service was held at Humphrey Funeral Home in Russellville, conducted by the Reverend Elmo A. Thomason and the Reverend Mouzan Mann. Burial was at Mt. Pisgah, near Russellville.

CHARLES A. CROSSNO



The Rev. Charles A. Crossno was born August 23, 1923 in Bono, Arkansas. He was granted Admission on Trial December, 1956. Rev. Crossno was married to Zelma Grooms Crossno on September 12, 1942. Four children were born into this home—two daughters, Mrs. Judith Ann Fridenberg and Mrs. Freda Jean Welch, both of Tulsa, Oklahoma and two sons, Steve Crossno of Fort Smith, Arkansas and Mark Crossno, also of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Rev. Crossno had served Pastoral Appointments at Rector, East Parish in Paragould, St. Francis Circuit, Van Buren County Parish, Quitman and Ola-Plainview.

Rev. Crossno of Ola, Arkansas was granted dis-

ability leave in 1975. A member of the North Arkansas Conference, Rev. Charles A. Crossno went to be with the Lord on October 1, 1976. The funeral was held October 3rd at the Christ United Methodist Church of Paragould, Arkansas with Rev. Harry Price and Rev. Joe Gramling officiating. Burial was at the Shiloh Cemetery, Paragould.

Rev. Crossno's favorite song was, "Each Step I Take." He believed that with every step he took he was getting closer to heaven, his eternal home.

MRS. CORINNE C. COVINGTON CONNELL



Corinne C. Covington was born near Nashville, Arkansas on December 8, 1900. Her parents moved to Nashville in her infancy, where she lived through her elementary and high school years. Upon finishing high school, she went to Galloway College in Searcy, Arkansas, where she received her degree in music and her AB degree. She received her Master's Degree at University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

She began teaching in the Searcy, Arkansas school system at the age of 23 and remained there until 1951 when the counseling department was discontinued. In 1951 she moved to Bald Knob and joined the school system there as Counselor, where she remained until she was 65. She worked some each year in the counseling department until the time of her death.

At the age of 27 she was married to L. P. Myers, who died in 1954. She was married to Richard E. Connell on August 3, 1961. After retiring from the school system, she taught piano and organ in her home and was very active in civic and church affairs.

In the absence of the church organist, Mrs. Connell played the organ at First United Methodist Church in Searcy on Sunday, and was taken to the hospital at 2:00 o'clock on Sunday afternoon. The doctors found a cancerous condition which could not be removed, and announced that she had a maximum of eight months to live. She passed away November 2, 1976, five weeks and two days from the time she entered the hospital. Mrs. Connell was very happy at home in her work with music students, and took great pleasure in her church activities.

WALTER J. WILLIAMS
1884-1976



The Reverend Mr. Walter J. Williams of Piggott, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, died November 17, 1976 just three days short of his 92nd birthday. He was born in Myrtle, Mo., November 20, 1884.

He was admitted to the conference On Trial in 1914, ordained deacon in 1916 and elder in 1921.

Churches served by Mr. Williams were: Maynard, Attica, Pruett's Chapel, Gainsville, Alma, Pottsville, DeView, Hoggood Memorial in Searcy, Smithville, Biggers, Greenway, and Wright's Chapel in Piggott. His wife, Mrs. Edah Jane Williams, preceded him in death on December 8, 1975.

Surviving are two sons, Ralph Williams of Harrisburg and Paul Williams of Piggott; two daughters, Mrs. Farris McDonough of Houston, Texas and Mrs. Lucy Walker of Searcy; four grandchildren and six great grand children.

Funeral services were held in Piggott. The Reverend G. A. McKelvey and the Reverend Wayne Gould officiated. Burial was in Piggott Cemetery under the direction of Irby Funeral Home of Rector.

EDWARD T. WAYLAND



Dr. Edward T. Wayland, pastor, district superintendent, and editor, was born Powhattan, Arkansas, February 14, 1885. Grandson of Jonathan Wayland, one of Arkansas Methodism's first pastors, Dr. Wayland had a long and distinguished ministry in Arkansas Methodism. He was admitted on trial in the former Arkansas Conference in 1912 and retired at the 1957 session of the North Arkansas Conference.

Dr. Wayland married Susie May Koontz, November 10, 1913. Children include Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, General Secretary, General Council on Finance and Administration of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Sloan R. Wayland, Dean, Teachers College, Columbia University, and Douglas L. Wayland, teacher, deceased. At the time of his death, January 4, 1977, Dr. and Mrs. Wayland were residing with their son, Ewing, in Mt. Prospect, Illinois.

Dr. Wayland was a graduate of the Hendrix Academy and Hendrix College, with Hendrix awarding him an Honorary Degree in 1946.

Dr. Wayland served as pastor of Gravelly Ct., Waldron, Heber Springs, Marked Tree, Siloam Springs, Wynne, and First Church, North Little Rock. He also served one year as Conference Evangelist, and three times as a district superintendent, serving the Paragould, Fayetteville, and Conway Districts. In 1941, he was named editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*. From 1946 until his retirement in 1957, he shared editorial duties with his son, Ewing. During his editorship, the circulation of the *Arkansas Methodist* increased from 6,000 to 25,000 subscriptions, and the church periodical became a strong force in Arkansas Methodism. In 1952, the *Louisiana Methodist* joined the publishing program.

Dr. Wayland also served as Secretary of the North Arkansas Conference for four years, and as a delegate to the 1938 and 1939 General Conferences and the Seventh Ecumenical Conference in 1947.

Funeral Services were held at the First Methodist Church, North Little Rock, January 7, where Dr. Wayland held the title of Pastor Emeritus. The services were conducted by Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr., pastor, Dr. James W. Workman, and Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden. Dr. Wayland is survived by his wife and sons, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren.

GENERAL GRANT TROUPE



General Grant Troupe was born on February 3, 1889. His early education was received in the public schools of Danville, Arkansas. Additional education was obtained at Philander Smith College in Little Rock, Arkansas, and Gammon Theological Seminary. He was given a license to preach in 1910 and was accepted into full membership of the Conference in 1912.

In 1913, he married Miss Pauline Davis, a daughter of one of his church members. To this beautiful God-fearing union, eleven jewels were born, six boys and five girls. Four sons and one daughter preceded him in death. This close union was severed after 61 years of cooperative fellowship in 1974 with the loss of his loving wife.

Although he retired in the early 1960's from the Southwest Conference, he continued to serve until 1974. He had served 49½ years. Churches served are McGehee, Dermott, Forrest City, Clarendon, and others.

Reverend Troupe was a man of distinction who stood tall and manly regardless of the circumstances. He deeply warmed the hearts of all of those who were blessed to have known him. His sharp wit and humor endeared his congregations to him.

He departed this life on Sunday, January 9, 1977, and leaves to mourn his loss two sons, Benjamin Troupe of Chicago and Dale Troupe of Detroit, Michigan; four daughters, Mrs. Pearl Raines, Mrs. Ruth Houser and Mrs. Dorothy Brothers of Chicago; and Mrs. Naomi Cash of Detroit, Michigan; a brother, Eugene Troupe of Berkley, California; 32 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

The funeral service was conducted at St. James United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, with Dr. W. Harold Flowers, pastor, officiating. Assisting were the Reverend Lloyd Smith, pastor of St. Mark Church, and the Reverend John H. Oliver of Haven United Methodist Church, Hot Springs. Burial was at Pine Bluff.

MRS. GROVER C. JOHNSON

Mayme P. Johnson, daughter of L. G. and Sarah Martin, was born at London, Arkansas on October 7, 1890 and died on April 4, 1977 in Forrest City, Arkansas.

On February 15, 1915 she married Bro. Grover C. Johnson, who was for 40 years a Methodist preacher, dying in 1955 as a member of the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

Rev. and Mrs. Johnson had one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Johnson Carder, who died in 1975. Mrs. Johnson is survived by 3 grandchildren, Betty Carder, who made her home with Mrs. Johnson for the past few years, B. Guy Carder of Liberty, Mo., and Mary Carolyn Carder Beck of Independence, Mo., 3 sisters

and one brother.

Pastorates to which Rev. and Mrs. Johnson gave of themselves included East Van Buren, Ola, Plainview, Waldron, West Helena, Atkins, Pocahontas, Ozark, Earle and Marianna. From Marianna they were drafted for the post of Executive Secretary of the Town and Country Commission, going from there into the Bishop's Cabinet as superintendent of the Batesville District. After 2 years on the Batesville district they went to the Forrest City District for 4 years. After their tenure in the cabinet they were assigned to Marion, Wheatley and Haynes.

Graveside services were conducted by Rev. Merle Allison Johnson at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery in Forrest City.

MRS. BESSIE SWEET
1884—1977

Mrs. Bessie Sweet, 93, widow of the Reverend Frank M. Sweet, died May 23, 1977. Her funeral services were at the Manila United Methodist Church. Cobb Funeral Home was in charge. She is survived by a son, Frank M. Sweet, Jr. of Memphis. She was the widow of the Reverend Frank M. Sweet who died in 1958.

VIII. IN MEMORIAM

PREPARED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS

In the performance of duty and in the service of Christ, the great Captain of our Salvation, they lived, and one by one they finished their work and entered into that rest that remaineth to the people of God.

NAME	Nativity	Where Born	When Joined Conference	When Died	Years of Service	WHERE BURIED
Charles T. Ramsey	North Carolina	1794	1829	1836	7	Batesville, Ark.
Hiram Gehring	Michigan	1810	1837	1838	1	Cane Hill, Ark.
Thomas D. Stroud	Tennessee		1846	1847	1	Little Rock, Ark.
William G. Bell	Tennessee	1818	1846	1847	1	
Abraham D. Overall	Tennessee	1817	1846	1847	1	
William B. Mason	North Carolina	1808	1837	1850	13	Horatio, Ark.
Juba Eastabrook	Vermont	1809	1838	1851	13	Fort Smith, Ark.
Horatio Perry	Tennessee	1811	1852	1857	5	Searcy, Ark.
Jessie W. Owen	Kentucky	1825	1852	1857	5	Papile, Ark.
Stephen Carlisle	Arkansas	1818	1839	1860	21	Searcy, Ark.
Jacob D. Whiteside	Tennessee	1811	1836	1860	24	
Pleasant Basham			1859	1862	3	
Lewis M. Marsh	Maryland	1789	1818	1863	31	Mount Vernon, Ark.
C. W. Corsey	Louisiana	1795	1860	1862	2	
Jessie S. McAlister	Ohio	1822	1847	1863	16	Tulip, Ark.
John H. Rice	Tennessee	1826	1849	1864	15	
Joseph W. Bissell	North Carolina	1835	1860	1865	5	
Travis Owen	South Carolina	1790	1814	1855	24	
James C. Beckham	North Carolina	1833	1856	1869	13	
William P. Ratcliffe	Virginia	1810	1834	1866	34	Camden, Ark.
John Cowle	England	1815	1841	1870	33	Evansville, Ind.
Elijah McNabb	Kentucky	1821	1847	1870	24	Shiloh, Ark.
Jefferson Shook	Missouri	1820	1841	1872	30	Texas
William W. Gillespie	Mississippi	1841	1866	1872	5	Clarendon, Ark.
Stephen Farrish	Virginia	1816	1844	1873	29	Lewisburg, Ark.
William M. A. Cobb	North Carolina	1817	1838	1873	35	Cross Country, Ark.
James T. Stock	North Carolina	1813	1854	1875	12	Hindsville, Ark.
George T. Pledger	Arkansas	1844	1874	1875	1	Delaware, Ark.
William T. Noe	Kentucky	1834	1857	1875	18	Forrest City, Ark.
John H. Hall	Tennessee	1835	1869	1875	6	Iuka, Ark.
Andrew Conley	Tennessee	1845	1872	1875	3	Harrisburg, Ark.
John W. Ross	North Carolina	1842	1872	1875	3	Marianna, Ark.
James B. McKamy	Alabama	1823	1872	1875	4	Bald Knob, Ark.
Burwell Lee	Tennessee	1809	1835	1877	42	Batesville, Ark.
Arthur Davis	Tennessee	1858	1871	1879	8	Forrest City, Ark.
Benjamin F. Hall	Tennessee	1835	1855	1879	24	Larkin, Ark.
John M. Bewley	Dist. Columbia	1801	1866	1880	14	Atkins, Ark.
Benjamin L. Ferguson	Arkansas	1830	1874	1880	6	Ozark, Ark.
Thomas E. Sewell	Arkansas	1837	1874	1881	7	Huntsville, Ark.
William Martyn			1880	1881	1	Dardanelle, Ark.
Thomas R. Nichols	Tennessee	1839	1876	1882	6	Van Buren, Ark.
John Moore Steele	Tennessee	1810	1837	1882	40	Harrisburg, Ark.
Felix L. Hartin	South Carolina	1851	1879	1882	4	Lamar, Ark.
Jacob W. Shook	Missouri	1823	1845	1882	37	Florida
William M. Avery	Tennessee	1850	1881	1882	1	Jackson County, Ark.
Thomas Hunt	North Carolina	1814	1847	1882	33	Arkansas
John J. Roberts	Pennsylvania	1817	1842	1883	41	Dardanelle, Ark.
Jessie Griffin	Arkansas	1837	1861	1883	30	Leslie, Ark.
Edwin R. Harrison	Arkansas	1849	1879	1883	4	Baxter County, Ark.
M. J. F. Beasley	Tennessee	1850	1876	1884	8	Marvell, Ark.
George A. Shaeffer	Mississippi	1833	1868	1884	16	Searcy, Ark.
Eli C. Jones	Vermont	1811	1854	1884	20	Mountain Home, Ark.
Elijah Dickson	Tennessee	1842	1875	1885	10	Oppelo, Ark.
Alfred P. Melton	Georgia	1855	1878	1885	8	Quitman, Ark.
Thomas J. Smith	Illinois	1831	1855	1885	30	Dardanelle, Ark.
James A. Anderson	Arkansas		1879	1885	17	El Paso, Ark.
William J. Dodson	Tennessee	1835	1870	1886	16	Altus, Ark.
James F. Hall	South Carolina	1832	1857	1887	30	Quitman, Ark.
Ed T. Jones	Tennessee	1830	1854	1888	34	Augusta, Ark.
Riley P. Harwood	Tennessee	1851	1880	1888	8	Florida
Thomas Vincent	Tennessee	1826	1870	1888	18	Searcy, Ark.
Moses C. Morris	Arkansas	1830	1859	1889	30	Beebe, Ark.
James B. Williams	Arkansas	1830	1885	1890	5	Yellville, Ark.
Harvey M. Granade	Tennessee	1841	1859	1890	31	Tennessee
Stewart G. Maddox	Arkansas	1861	1888	1890	8	Bethesda, Ark.
J. C. Hooker	Tennessee		1888	1890	2	Mountain Home, Ark.

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Elias M. Baker	Missouri	1828	1850	1891	41	Searcy, Ark.
Benoi Harris	Tennessee	1827	1848	1892	44	Paragould, Ark.
Thomas Craig	Arkansas	1832	1871	1892	21	Melbourne, Ark.
James G. Miller	North Carolina	1844	1874	1892	21	Pocahontas, Ark.
John Rhyne	Kentucky	1821	1851	1894	43	Booneville, Ark.
Wilburn, L. King	Tennessee	1838	1859	1895	36	Searcy, Ark.
John W. Patton	Arkansas	1839	1862	1895	33	Woodruff County, Ark.
Dudley W. Reed	Arkansas	1847	1869	1895	26	Conway, Ark.
James A. Peebles	Arkansas	1843	1869	1895	26	Clarksville, Ark.
George W. Boyles	Arkansas	1832	1859	1895	36	Altus, Ark.
John H. Wade	Tennessee	1821	1866	1895	26	Valley Springs, Ark.
James E. Martin	Kentucky	1852	1873	1895	22	Dyer, Ark.
Edman C. Castleberry	Georgia	1852	1878	1896	18	Augusta, Ark.
James A. Peebles	North Carolina	1827	1874	1896	22	Searcy, Ark.
Hardy M. Cryer	Tennessee	1848	1886	1896	10	N. Little Rock, Ark.
W. H. W. Burns	Arkansas	1855	1877	1897	29	Ozark, Ark.
William H. Batten	Tennessee	1853	1887	1897	10	Mt. Pisgah, Ark.
Vincent V. Harlan	Georgia	1851	1875	1897	22	Clarksville, Ark.
Robert F. Emerson	Missouri	1857	1895	1897	3	Phoenix, Ariz.
James L. Hays	Tennessee	1841	1880	1899	19	Paragould, Ark.
John C. Ritter	North Carolina	1841	1871	1899	28	Huntsville, Ark.
Francis A. Taff, Jr.	Arkansas	1871	1896	1899	3	Waldron, Ark.
John Edison	Kentucky	1850	1885	1899	14	Jonesboro, Ark.
Josephus Loving	Virginia	1811	1874	1900	26	Des Arc, Ark.
William H. Corley	Tennessee	1837	1870	1900	30	Van Buren, Ark.
Preston B. Hopkins	Tennessee	1848	1878	1900	22	Elm Springs, Ark.
Burton Williams	Missouri	1824	1852	1900	48	Eureka Springs, Ark.
William B. Roe	Tennessee	1848	1894	1901	7	Lorado, Ark.
William H. Metheny	Tennessee	1837	1868	1901	33	Berryville, Ark.
B. W. Ashton	Mississippi	1848	1883	1901	18	Charleston, Ark.
Francis A. Taff, Sr.	Tennessee	1823	1859	1901	42	Waldron, Ark.
Pierce Merrill	Kentucky	1854	1888	1901	13	Fayetteville, Ark.
Frank Ritter	North Carolina	1847	1874	1902	15	Jonesboro, Ark.
Robert G. Brittain	North Carolina	1826	1854	1902	46	Beebe, Ark.
John M. Clayton	Arkansas	1838	1860	1902	42	Pea Ridge, Ark.
Edward H. Wallis	Mississippi	1869	1896	1903	7	Searcy, Ark.
Able C. Ray	Tennessee	1826	1862	1903	36	Quitman, Ark.
William S. Bristow	Arkansas	1867	1888	1903	15	Dardanelle, Ark.
Sidney H. Babcock	Georgia	1849	1868	1903	35	Jonesboro, Ark.
William R. Foster	Tennessee	1828	1858	1903	37	Jonesboro, Ark.
Jeff J. Alexander	Tennessee	1830	1873	1903	30	Mt. Pleasant, Ark.
Richard M. Manly	Virginia	1831	1884	1903	19	Brinkley, Ark.
George W. Hill	South Carolina	1850	1880	1904	24	Conway, Ark.
Lee E. Southard	Arkansas	1873	1899	1904	5	Spring Hill, Ark.
Courtland P. Smith	Kentucky	1870	1891	1904	13	Clarendon, Ark.
Dave H. Conyers	Tennessee	1866	1904	1905	1	Friendship, Tenn.
Thomas J. Settle	Tennessee	1841	1870	1905	35	Harrisburg, Ark.
James M. Talkington	Alabama	1835	1870	1905	35	Searcy, Ark.
Julien C. Brown	Alabama	1856	1874	1905	31	Helena, Ark.
William J. Stone	Mississippi	1836	1874	1905	25	Houston, Ark.
Alexander G. Graham	Tennessee	1827	1858	1906	32	Floresville, Ark.
Stephen W. Register	Georgia	1838	1880	1906	26	Conway, Ark.
Franklin R. Noe	Missouri	1846	1879	1906	27	Sulphur Rock, Ark.
James M. C. Hamilton	Alabama	1840	1881	1907	26	Hartford, Ark.
Thomas F. Flackerly	Mississippi	1862	1894	1907	13	Little Rock, Ark.
Stephen D. Evans	Mississippi	1836	1884	1908	24	Searcy, Ark.
Henry B. Cox	Tennessee	1843	1889	1908	19	Rector, Ark.
W. R. Gardner	Tennessee	1828	1868	1909	14	Greenwood, Ark.
Ellison M. Davis	Missouri	1828	1868	1909	41	Ravenden Springs
J. M. Bull	London	1839	1905	1909	4	Gentry, Ark.
Printice B. Wallis	Arkansas	1850	1886	1909	23	Searcy, Ark.
Samuel L. Cochran	Tennessee	1847	1876	1909	33	Brinkley, Ark.
John W. Taylor	Tennessee	1876	1904	1910	6	Magazine, Ark.
James R. Edwards	Kentucky	1844	1883	1910	27	Rector, Ark.
Robert B. Shell	Mississippi	1858	1908	1910	2	Adona, Ark.
Greshom S. Morehead	Mississippi	1866	1900	1910	10	Hickory Flat, Miss.
James Cox	Tennessee	1831	1870	1911	14	Waldron, Ark.
Charles H. Gregory	Kentucky	1837	1870	1911	41	Little Rock, Ark.
George A. Donnelly	South Carolina	1824	1856	1911	55	Searcy, Ark.
G. W. Marvin Freeman	Tennessee	1874	1907	1911	4	Viola, Ark.
John H. Tobett	Tennessee	1828	1886	1912	48	Bentonville, Ark.
John F. Armstrong	Tennessee	1842	1862	1912	38	Ravenden Springs
Robert H. Grissett	Tennessee	1848	1886	1911	48	Ravenden Springs
William M. Watson	Tennessee	1839	1866	1912	44	Gainesville, Ark.
Isom L. Burrow	Tennessee	1833	1860	1913	40	Altus, Ark.

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William K. Biggs	Arkansas	1856	1890	1913	23	Quitman, Ark.
John E. Dunaway	Tennessee	1844	1877	1914	30	Boone County, Ark.
John W. House	Arkansas	1862	1893	1914	20	Springdale, Ark.
James D. Rutledge	Tennessee	1855	1883	1914	17	Blytheville, Ark.
Thomas B. Williamson	Tennessee	1847	1885	1915	30	Paragould, Ark.
William F. Lock	Tennessee	1850	1875	1915	30	Batesville, Ark.
George W. Evans	Canada	1830	1852	1915	42	Booneville, Ark.
John C. Shipp	Mississippi	1834	1889	1915	26	Belleville, Ark.
John McKelvey	Tennessee	1869	1904	1915	11	Harrisburg, Ark.
Francis A. Jeffett	Virginia	1849	1877	1916	39	Cotton Plant, Ark.
Crowder B. Moseley	Mississippi	1860	1880	1916	36	Seattle, Wash.
Vander T. McCaffrey	Alabama	1883	1914	1916	2	Talladega, Ala.
Thomas Martin	Missouri	1875	1908	1916	8	Elm Springs, Ark.
Waller E. Boggs	Virginia	1859	1881	1917	37	Fort Smith, Ark.
Alonzo C. Griffin	Alabama	1845	1875	1917	42	Paragould, Ark.
Zachariah W. Lindsey	Alabama	1845	1876	1918	22	Waco, Tex.
O. J. Beardslee	Illinois	1863	1889	1918	28	Moline, Ill.
Henry T. Gregory	South Carolina	1838	1878	1919	39	Searcy, Ark.
Alexander Mathes	Tennessee	1835	1876	1919	12	Hinkles, Mo.
George M. Hill	Arkansas	1853	1874	1919	28	Marianna, Ark.
George W. O. Davis	Arkansas	1839	1902	1920	18	Russellville, Ark.
Samuel F. Dykes	Arkansas	1840	1887	1920	21	Phoenix, Ariz.
William B. Johnsey	Kentucky	1840	1867	1920	40	Rogers, Ark.
Thomas Y. Ramsey	Alabama	1849	1875	1921	46	Little Rock, Ark.
Troy C. Roddy	Arkansas	1893	1920	1921	1	Newburgh, Ark.
John S. Watson	Tennessee	1844	1877	1921	38	Thayer, Mo.
Green B. Griffin	Arkansas	1854	1891	1921	28	Calico Rock, Ark.
Elmon M. Kelsey	Arkansas	1880	1916	1922	6	Conway, Ark.
William P. Talkington	Arkansas	1873	1897	1922	25	Searcy, Ark.
Richmond M. Trylor	Tennessee	1846	1871	1922	22	Bentonville, Ark.
John Score	Norway	1865	1894	1923	33	Manchester, Mo.
Banks M. Burrow	Tennessee	1860	1892	1923	26	Altus, Ark.
Young A. Gilmore	Alabama	1858	1885	1923	32	Oakley's Chapel, Ark.
Edwin S. Harris	Tennessee	1868	1885	1923	22	Paris, Tenn.
James H. O'Bryant	Mississippi	1869	1893	1923	29	Rogers, Ark.
David J. Weems	Georgia	1857	1877	1923	46	Conway, Ark.
Nichols E. Skinner	South Carolina	1848	1878	1924	34	Corning, Ark.
Henry E. May	Arkansas	1848	1889	1924	28	Caldwell, Ark.
General L. Horton	Arkansas	1862	1897	1924	12	Belleville, Ark.
Francis M. Smith	Georgia	1857	1877	1924	36	Pleasant Valley, Ark.
James E. Buchanan	Arkansas	1862	1910	1924	14	Gainesville, Ark.
Henry Smith	Arkansas	1877	1907	1924	16	Siloam Springs, Ark.
William H. Dyer	Arkansas	1856	1888	1924	17	Fayetteville, Ark.
Stephen F. Brown	Virginia	1854	1887	1925	30	Gentry, Ark.
Eugene J. Woodruff	Georgia	1867	1878	1925	30	Fort Smith, Ark.
Franklin S. H. Johnston	Georgia	1857	1878	1926	48	Conway, Ark.
Riley Jones	Kentucky	1886	1912	1926	8	Booneville, Ark.
William F. Walker	Tennessee	1855	1884	1926	33	Paragould, Ark.
William B. Hays	Mississippi	1866	1896	1927	30	Little Rock, Ark.
Hugh H. Armstrong	Arkansas	1856	1885	1928	29	Lincoln, Ark.
Winfield S. Southworth	Arkansas	1847	1874	1928	34	Imboden, Ark.
Zachary T. Bennett	Tennessee	1849	1874	1928	52	Fort Smith, Ark.
John S. Hackler	Arkansas	1843	1887	1928	32	Fort Smith, Ark.
John H. Barrentine	Mississippi	1866	1888	1928	23	Holly Grove, Ark.
John H. Sturdy	Mississippi	1850	1896	1929	19	Elm Springs, Ark.
Bascom Monk	Alabama	1858	1877	1929	18	Cabot, Ark.
Charles H. Nelson	Mississippi	1863	1896	1929	12	Conway, Ark.
Matthew M. Smith	Tennessee	1849	1875	1929	39	Paragould, Ark.
Owen H. Tucker	Ohio	1850	1883	1930	33	Fayetteville, Ark.
Dillard L. Yates	Kentucky	1898	1925	1930	3	Mayfield, Ky.
Thomas J. Justice	North Carolina	1881	1919	1930	13	Gravette, Ark.
John H. Dye	Arkansas	1842	1869	1931	47	Searcy, Ark.
John W. Griffin	Arkansas	1848	1891	1931	23	Valley Springs, Ark.
Willis E. Cooper	Arkansas	1890	1926	1931	5	Paragould, Ark.
William J. Jordan	Arkansas	1833	1921	1931	10	Gentry, Ark.
L. A. Blevans	Missouri	1844	1898	1931	30	Carthage, Mo.
Thomas A. Martin	Arkansas	1855	1875	1931	39	Gentry, Ark.
George McGlumphy	Illinois	1867	1896	1931	25	Fort Smith, Ark.
Charles F. Hively	Arkansas	1866	1910	1932	20	Little Rock, Ark.
Milton F. Umsted	Tennessee	1847	1876	1932	46	Newport, Ark.
Cadesman Pope	Georgia	1837	1860	1932	50	LaGrange, Ga.
William F. Blevins	Arkansas	1878	1908	1932	26	Searcy, Ark.
John P. Wheeler	Missouri	1855	1905	1932	14	Memphis, Tenn.
James B. Stevenson	Arkansas	1860	1883	1933	48	Conway, Ark.
Walton E. Hall	Arkansas	1872	1895	1933	38	Walnut Ridge, Ark.

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W. Fletcher Evans.....	Alabama	1859	1888	1933	33	Marianna, Ark.
Charles L. Castleberry.....	Georgia	1863	1888	1933	31	Jonesboro, Ark.
Ashby F. Skinner.....	South Carolina	1864	1893	1933	33	Conway, Ark.
Alex M. R. Branson.....	Georgia	1856	1886	1933	30	Blytheville, Ark.
John W. Campbell.....	Virginia	1860	1913	1933	15	Conway, Ark.
William T. Thompson.....	Arkansas	1874	1897	1933	36	Booneville, Ark.
Francis H. Cumming.....	Illinois	1856	1903	1934	31	Memphis, Tenn.
Edward Forrest.....	Arkansas	1871	1905	1934	29	Searcy, Ark.
James M. Thrasher.....	Tennessee	1852	1881	1934	43	Tioga, Tex.
John T. Gossett.....	Mississippi	1866	1898	1935	25	Searcy, Ark.
Edward J. Slaughter.....	Arkansas	1882	1906	1935	30	Harrisburg, Ark.
John R. Jordan.....	North Carolina	1879	1911	1935	24	Bradley, Ark.
Milton F. Johnson.....	Illinois	1868	1897	1935	36	Siloam Springs, Ark.
William W. Anderson.....	Illinois	1838	1868	1935	27	Searcy, Ark.
Elisha Dyer.....	Arkansas	1873	1894	1935	29	Dyer, Ark.
Fred A. Little.....	Ireland	1868	1894	1936	19	San Angelo, Tex.
Sidney S. Key.....	Tennessee	1841	1860	1937	30	Dardanelle, Ark.
Alonzo McKelvey.....	Tennessee	1872	1906	1937	28	Paragould, Ark.
Samuel H. Blackwell.....	Tennessee	1862	1890	1937	21	Memphis, Tenn.
Charles Edwards.....	Arkansas	1875	1906	1937	12	Elm Springs, Ark.
Isaiah D. McClure.....	Indiana	1861	1899	1937	33	Monette, Ark.
Thomas A. Bowen.....	Arkansas	1854	1891	1938	34	Jonesboro, Ark.
Alfred E. Holloway.....	Arkansas	1868	1892	1937	45	Morrilton, Ark.
Julian E. Lark.....	Arkansas	1875	1908	1938	30	Van Buren, Ark.
V. B. Utley.....	Kentucky	1858	1922	1938	10	Deering, Mo.
J. M. McAnally.....	Arkansas	1868	1886	1938	33	Ozark, Ark.
Henry Hanesworth.....	England	1858	1886	1938	33	Augusta, Ark.
T. H. Wright.....	Tennessee	1874	1923	1939	12	Elm Springs, Ark.
Jesse M. Williams.....	Arkansas	1864	1889	1940	35	Morrilton, Ark.
J. M. Fryar.....	Tennessee	1882	1912	1940	28	Beebe, Ark.
William Monroe Adcock.....	Arkansas	1864	1907	1940	30	Charleston, Ark.
James H. Cummins.....	Tennessee	1854	1881	1939	14	Harrison, Ark.
John Kelly Farris.....	South Carolina	1869	1892	1940	31	Wynne, Ark.
H. M. Honey.....	Arkansas	1852	1939	1940	30	Ozark, Ark.
William E. Benbrook.....	Arkansas	1898	1924	1941	17	Centerton, Ark.
James C. Weaver.....	Arkansas	1851	1887	1941	28	Waldron, Ark.
John T. Hood.....	Tennessee	1863	1899	1941	29	Forrest City, Ark.
Bedford L. Harris.....	Tennessee	1864	1888	1941	48	Conway, Ark.
Albert T. Galloway.....	Missouri	1857	1897	1941	52	Augusta, Ark.
Eli Myers.....	Ohio	1859	1887	1941	46	Lebanon, Ind.
George Wendell Pyles.....	Tennessee	1886	1916	1941	25	Blytheville, Ark.
James F. Jernigan.....	Tennessee	1851	1875	1941	49	Moorefield, Ark.
Francis E. Dodson.....	Arkansas	1875	1898	1941	43	Searcy, Ark.
James F. Carter.....	Arkansas	1879	1914	1942	5	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
William C. Davidson.....	Arkansas	1868	1892	1942	43	Arkadelphia, Ark.
James W. Johnston.....	Missouri	1886	1914	1942	28	Batesville, Ark.
William Tell Martin.....	Arkansas	1864	1900	1943	25	Conway, Ark.
Rufus C. Morehead.....	Mississippi	1863	1888	1943	50	Conway, Ark.
Hezekiah K. Steward.....	Texas	1880	1916	1943	21	Cincinnati, Ark.
John W. Dew.....	Arkansas	1852	1896	1943	25	Cave City, Ark.
Eli N. Bickley.....	Tennessee	1863	1889	1943	28	Harrisburg, Ark.
R. Stanford Hayden.....	Arkansas	1896	1925	1943	19	Conway, Ark.
Thomas E. McKnight.....	Missouri	1909	1932	1945	13	Balarma, P. I.
James A. Anderson.....	Tennessee	1857	1879	1946	55	Forrest City, Ark.
J. R. Ashmore.....	Arkansas	1868	1902	1946	32	Belleville, Ark.
Hoy M. Lewis.....	Oklahoma	1886	1926	1946	11	Heber Springs, Ark.
Sam B. Wiggins.....	Mississippi	1893	1917	1946	29	Jonesboro, Ark.
George M. Barton.....	Mississippi	1893	1917	1946	29	Jonesboro, Ark.
Young J. Cathey.....	Arkansas	1853	1897	1947	20	Hickory Valley, Ark.
Don C. Holman.....	Kentucky	1876	1906	1947	40	Caruthersville, Mo.
Rex B. Wilkes.....	Texas	1880	1902	1947	41	Little Rock, Ark.
James L. Shelby.....	Arkansas	1883	1915	1947	29	Fort Smith, Ark.
James R. Nelson.....	Kentucky	1870	1895	1947	40	Camden, Tenn.
Charles Franklin.....	Missouri	1869	1895	1947	28	Fayette, Mo.
Fred R. Hamilton.....	Iowa	1880	1908	1948	28	Siloam Springs, Ark.
Hilary H. Blevins.....	Arkansas	1879	1914	1948	33	Searcy, Ark.
Hubert H. Hunt.....	Arkansas	1872	1894	1948	38	Mammoth Springs, Ark.
John B. Andrews.....	Alabama	1859	1894	1948	37	Siloam Springs, Ark.
Bailey E. Robertson.....	Arkansas	1879	1910	1948	37	Fort Smith, Ark.
T. W. Shipley.....	Arkansas	1855	1889	1948	33	Siloam Springs, Ark.
R. B. Howerton.....	Ohio	1889	1927	1949	21	Quitman, Ark.
George A. Burr.....	Arkansas	1863	1923	1949	12	Paragould, Ark.
R. E. L. Bearden.....	Arkansas	1872	1898	1949	42	Blytheville, Ark.
H. H. Griffin.....	Mississippi.....	1885	1906	1949	41	Paragould, Ark.
W. J. Faust.....	Tennessee	1875	1905	1949	41	Dyer, Ark.

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NAME	Nativity	When Born	When Joined Conference	When Died	Years of Service	WHERE BURIED
Oscar E. Goddard	Arkansas	1867	1892	1950	48	Fort Smith, Ark.
E. W. Nelson	Kentucky	1877	1905	1950	22	N. Little Rock, Ark.
D. Norman Weaver	Alabama	1857	1892	1950	26	Fort Smith, Ark.
Charles Jackson Wade	Georgia	1883	1915	1950	35	Scranton, Ark.
Francis Marion Tolleson	Arkansas	1872	1899	1950	41	Ozark, Ark.
Robert A. Robertson	Arkansas	1870	1900	1951	39	Cassville, Ark.
Eugene Watson Potter	Tennessee	1878	1904	1951	40	Fayette, Mo.
John D. Roberts	Arkansas	1877	1906	1951	21	Elm Springs, Ark.
W. Edward Bishop	Arkansas	1868	1888	1951	30	Elm Springs, Ark.
George G. Davidson	Arkansas	1868	1897	1952	45	Eureka Springs, Ark.
W. J. LeRoy	Arkansas	1876	1906	1952	39	Fort Smith, Ark.
Wilbur L. Oliver	Tennessee	1869	1901	1952	40	Jonesboro, Ark.
James T. Randle	Tennessee	1903	1926	1952	26	Booneville, Ark.
Sam M. Yancey	Tennessee	1878	1911	1952	39	Fayetteville, Ark.
Arte L. Cline	Missouri	1877	1898	1952	23	Siloam Springs, Ark.
William P. Emrah	Illinois	1875	1921	1952	25	Knobel, Ark.
J. F. Glover	Arkansas	1876	1912	1953	32	Paris, Ark.
L. E. Mann	Kentucky	1865	1917	1953	29	Carlyle, Ky.
Allen D. Stewart	Tennessee	1888	1922	1953	30	Little Rock, Ark.
William F. Cooley	Arkansas	1910	1932	1953	21	Blytheville, Ark.
G. E. Patchell	Arkansas	1879	1906	1954	37	Newport, Ark.
R. E. Wilson	Arkansas	1886	1925	1954	28	McCrary, Ark.
J. T. Wilcoxson	Alabama	1884	1909	1954	37	Nashville, Tenn.
H. C. Minnis	Texas	1889	1916	1954	28	Danville, Ark.
S. N. Adams	Arkansas	1876	1908	1954	35	Liberty, Ark.
J. W. Harger	Indiana	1880	1922	1954	27	Moore's Chapel, Ark.
A. W. Russell	Tennessee	1874	1908	1954	16	Whitesville, Tenn.
Grover C. Johnson	Arkansas	1884	1909	1955	42	Forrest City, Ark.
B. A. McKnight	Missouri	1874	1900	1955	41	Belleville, Ark.
J. J. Galloway	South Carolina	1866	1898	1955	43	Fort Smith, Ark.
C. E. Gray	Arkansas	1877	1907	1956	41½	Rector, Ark.
W. L. Diggs	Arkansas	1915	1947	1956	9½	Paragould, Ark.
J. A. Womack	Arkansas	1878	1902	1956	47½	Jonesboro, Ark.
Jesse J. Decker	Arkansas	1889	1926	1956	29½	Wynne, Ark.
Marvin A. Graves	Arkansas	1884	1926	1956	26½	Farm Hill, Ark.
J. M. Hughes	Mississippi	1878	1910	1956	38	Beebe, Ark.
Hascle O. West	Arkansas	1920	1955	1956	1	Weiner, Ark.
W. P. Whaley	Arkansas	1871	1893	1956	48	Conway, Ark.
James A. Reynolds	Arkansas	1873	1906	1956	40	Conway, Ark.
C. H. Bumpers	Alabama	1876	1908	1957	31	Pampa, Texas
E. K. Means	Kentucky	1879	1899	1957	44	Newellton, La.
B. L. Wilford	Kentucky	1875	1904	1957	44	Jonesboro, Ark.
Chas. B. Wyatt	Tennessee	1892	1925	1957	30½	Pine Bluff, Ark.
J. C. Richey	Alabama	1885	1939	1957	17½	Memphis, Tenn.
Lloyd L. Turner	N. Mexico	1907	1948	1958	9	Clinton, Ark.
F. M. Sweet	Tennessee	1875	1914	1958	31	Manila, Ark.
A. E. Goode	Alabama	1874	1904	1958	35	Conway, Ark.
Mrs. Ora Sidwell	Arkansas	1878	1924	1958	14	Dallas, Texas
Guy Murphy	Arkansas	1879	1914	1958	22	Clarendon, Ark.
O. M. Campbell	Arkansas	1891	1918	1959	37½	Ozark, Ark.
James B. Evans	Arkansas	1888	1911	1959	18	Hot Springs, Ark.
W. W. Peterson	Arkansas	1889	1916	1959	39½	Village, Ark.
J. L. Rowland	Arkansas	1895	1921	1959	18	Harrison, Ark.
Claud H. Harvison	Arkansas	1899	1925	1959	32½	Mountain View, Ark.
Elmer H. Hook	Arkansas	1889	1915	1959	43½	Clarksville
C. R. Nance	Arkansas	1884	1933	1959	22½	Fort Smith
J. Abner Sage	Arkansas	1889	1910	1959	29	Tulsa, Okla.
William Sherman	Arkansas	1869	1889	1959	52	Elm Springs
James W. York	Illinois	1878	1915	1959	29	Rector
W. C. Hutton	Arkansas	1894	1931	1960	6	Oakley Chapel, Rogers
Fred A. Lark	South Carolina	1873	1898	1960	47	Rogers
James L. Pruitt	Arkansas	1887	1920	1960	39½	Beebe
Claude E. Holifield	Arkansas	1884	1909	1960	20	Rector
Mack N. Johnston	Tennessee	1878	1910	1960	34	Trenton, Tenn.
Carl C. Burton	Arkansas	1887	1909	1960	48½	Luxora
John A. Newell	Tennessee	1898	1933	1961	25	Center Valley
Charles F. Wilson	Illinois	1872	1905	1961	24	Jonesboro
Olen L. Coles	Arkansas	1886	1913	1961	43½	Fort Smith
James B. Stewart	Alabama	1872	1914	1961	30	Fort Smith
Henry L. McDonald	Arkansas	1872	1922	1961	35½	Monette
William L. Russell	Texas	1877	1912	1961	28	Glen Rose, Texas
William W. Allbright	Arkansas	1882	1907	1961	42½	Heber Springs
Marvin A. Cherry	Arkansas	1897	1938	1961	6	Paragould
William B. Yount	Missouri	1882	1929	1962	16½	Hardy
John W. Simmons	Arkansas	1888	1928	1962	22	Rector

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NAME	Nativity	When Born	When Joined Conference	When Died	Years of Service	WHERE BURIED
Grover Sutherland	Arkansas	1890	1921	1962	29	Bethesda
Emmett K. Sewell	Georgia	1869	1907	1962	36	Osceola
John M. Harrison	Tennessee	1883	1912	1963	42½	Batesville
J. Cammel English	Texas	1898	1929	1964	35	Little Rock
W. A. Lindsey	Arkansas	1878	1900	1964	47	Siloam Springs
S. O. Patty	Arkansas	1895	1923	1964	37½	Prairie Grove
A. W. Wasson	Arkansas	1880	1905	1964	46½	Dallas, Texas
Verlia F. Harris	Arkansas	1901	1930	1964	29½	Greenwood
Alva W. Harris	Arkansas	1895	1929	1964	31½	Star City
J. M. Barnett	Tennessee	1903	1927	1965	7½	Ozark
James W. Howard	Arkansas	1884	1907	1965	34	Arkansas
Lyman T. Barger	Missouri	1906	1937	1966	30½	Monticello
Earle Cravens	Arkansas	1894	1925	1965	33½	Prairie View
T. L. Dickerson	Texas		1913	1965	23	Near Ozark
E. W. Faulkner	Arkansas	1879	1910	1965	44	Alpena
Wilber Calvin Smith	Indiana	1879	1933	1965	19½	Center Hill
James Vernon Anderson	Arkansas	1921	1959	1967	12	Batesville
Lewis Willis Fair	Arkansas	1873	1907	1967	27	Mansfield
James Seehorn Seneker	Missouri	1885	1910	1967	41½	Dallas, Texas
Lester Weaver	Tennessee	1879	1909	1967	39½	Richmond, Virginia
Elvis D. Wright	Arkansas	1909	1947	1967	25½	Paragould
James H. Smith	Arkansas	1889	1933	1967	27	Heber Springs
James M. Hughey	Arkansas	1869	1898	1967	43	Jonesboro
Richard A. Bevis	Alabama	1886	1914	1967	21	McCrory
W. Vance Womack	Arkansas	1884	1910	1968	43	Ft. Smith
Charles Wages	Arkansas	1898	1928	1968	33½	Charleston
H. Lynn Wade	Arkansas	1883	1911	1968	45	Conway
James O. Davis	Tennessee	1874		1967		North Carolina
Frances Norris Greer	Tennessee	1887	1915	1968	32	Jonesboro
Alvin H. Dulaney	Kentucky	1976	1905	1968	41	Conway
M. L. Edington	Texas	1900	1931	1969	38	Van Buren
Edwin G. Kaetzell	Indiana	1905	1930	1969	40½	Springdale
Jewell E. Linam	Arkansas	1911	1932	1970	36	McCaskell
Elbert Marlur	Arkansas	1885	1917	1969	21	Rector
Bates Sturdy	Arkansas	1904	1932	1969	44	Havanah
John W. Glover	Arkansas	1884	1926	1970	32½	Jacksonville
Jason W. Moore	Tennessee	1883	1917	1970	46½	Paragould
Claude M. Reves	Arkansas	1885	1908	1970	43½	Conway
Floyd G. Villines, Sr.	Arkansas	1881	1909	1971	45	Van Buren
Jack W. Glass	Arkansas	1903	1939	1971	43½	Rector
Thomas C. Chambliss	Arkansas	1888	1919	1972	41½	Searcy
Warren D. Golden	Louisiana	1915	1940	1972	35½	Pine Bluff
J. Wilson Critchlow	Tennessee	1886	1912	1972	45½	Conway
Sam G. Watson	Arkansas	1889	1915	1972	45½	Paragould
Harry King	Arkansas	1886	1936	1971	19½	Batesville
Ray McLester	Arkansas		1928	1972	28½	Paragould
Arthur Lee Riggs	Arkansas	1884	1917	1973	38½	Prairie Grove
M. L. Kaylor	Arkansas	1901	1950	1973	38½	Marshall
Eli Craig	Arkansas	1880	1908	1973	28	San Antonio, Tx.
A. W. Martin, Sr.	Arkansas	1891	1916	1973	43	Pea Ridge
Paul Kelley	Arkansas	1913	1952	1973	18	Fort Smith
Golder I. R. Lawrence	Iowa	1886	1914	1972	44½	Meridian, Miss.
A. N. Storey	Arkansas	1894	1920	1972	46½	Jonesboro
Ernest Burdette Williams	Arkansas	1894	1924	1973	34½	Vilonia
H. Doyle Millard	Arkansas	1912	1969	1973	14	Blueball
C. Norman Guice	Mississippi	1880	1932	1973	45½	Conway
Donald James McCammon	Ohio	1912	1966	1973	27	Harrison
Burl Long	Arkansas	1899		1973	9	Pineville
G. B. "Jiggs" Ames	Arkansas	1924	1948	1974	23	Clarksville
Alfred A. Knox	Arkansas	1913	1938	1975	34½	Little Rock
Lon Brewer	Arkansas	1914	1960	1975	15	Sidney
James R. Chandler	Texas	1912	1942	1975	37	Jonesboro
Benjamin C. Few	Arkansas	1899	1910	1975	46½	Mountain Home
Gilbert F. Hyde	Mississippi	1902	1930	1976	35½	Little Rock
Oliver W. Logan	Arkansas	1910	1965	1976	20	Stoney Point
Glenn F. Sanford	Arkansas	1895	1925	1976	36½	Levittown, Pa.
Porter Weaver	Arkansas	1891	1919	1976	39½	Little Rock
Elmus Clyde Brown	Arkansas	1902	1931	1976	37	Fort Smith
Williard L. (Bill) Douglas	Arkansas	1924	1954	1976	27	Marion
Clyde Thomas Parsons	Arkansas	1919	1944	1976	37½	North Little Rock
James Southerland						
Upton	Arkansas	1911	1934	1976	40½	Fordyce
Earnest E. Stevenson	Arkansas	1889	1923	1976	35½	Russellville
Charles A. Crossno	Arkansas	1923	1956	1976	19	Paragould
Walter J. Williams	Missouri	1894	1914	1976	30	Piggott

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Edward Theodore									
Wayland	Arkansas	1885	1912	1977	45	North Little Rock			
General Grant Troupe	Arkansas	1889	1912	1977	49½	Pine Bluff			

LAY PASTORS

J. M. Nichols	Oklahoma	1900	1970	Altus
Alvis Raymond Brooks	Arkansas	1899	1970	9 Charleston
Milton Bruce Short	Texas	1899	1971	22½ Hartford
John W. Sandage	Indiana	1901	1971	25½ North Little Rock
Eugene H. Miser	Arkansas	1918	1972	7 Pea Ridge
Sam Sutherland	Arkansas	1905	1972	1 Charleston
Orville Knapp	California	1913	1972	15¼ Ft. Smith
Elmer C. Dempsey	Arkansas	1907	1974	40 Fort Smith

MEMBERS OF THE FORMER SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE
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Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Williamson, J. W.		1884	Jan. 20, 1884
Tate, Albert		1884	July 7, 1887
McDonald, Henry	Nov. 27, 1857	1872	March 6, 1888
Speers, Alexander	January 1, 1858	1883	Dec. 31, 1889
Lemons, June		1859	May, 1891
Sama, George	1844	1886	Dec. 1, 1891
Lacy, M. L.		1889	1895
Peele, Jefferson A.	February 3, 1851	1879	Feb. 3, 1897
Bailey, Thomas J.	February 12, 1862	1882	July 5, 1897
Spencer, E. D.	August 2, 1851	1889	Nov. 15, 1897
Fletcher, A. J.	September 27, 1853	1888	
Crawley, A. C.	February 25, 1858	1876	Jan. 3, 1898
Phillips, A. J.	October 10, 1848	1879	Jan. 31, 1898
Hamilton, J. A.	December 14, 1860	1892	Oct. 22, 1898
Henry, J. H.			Oct. 5, 1899
Todd, W. M.	February 3, 1858	1897	March 30, 1902
Crump, H. G.		1890	Aug. 2, 1902
Thompson, J. G.	1852	1875	March 20, 1903
Crawford, W. H.		1879	1905
Jackson, G. W.		1897	February 6, 1905
Taylor, G. W.	1882	1872	1906
Davis, S. B.		1872	1906
Brooks, Washington			Feb. 17, 1907
Johnson, D. W.		1896	April 3, 1907
Izard, G. W.	1858	1883	1907
Fuller, William		1883	1907
Higgins, W. S.		1899	March 2, 1908
Witherspoon, S. B.		1891	April 1, 1908
Scruggs, P. F.		1880	April 3, 1908
Strong, H. P.	February 14, 1860	1887	Dec. 20, 1908
Johnson, John D.	April 24, 1860	1874	1908
Clark, J. M.		1892	May 22, 1909
Thompson, T. J.		1889	Feb. 10, 1910
Kitchens, U. S.		1880	1910
Burns, U. W.		1882	1910
Auston, J. H.			1910
Duncan, W. R. R.		1884	1914
Fagin, R. B.		1897	1912
Morris, W. H.		1881	May 23, 1913
Barnes, J. B.		1884	May 24, 1913
Dunlap, H. C.		1897	Nov. 1, 1914
Johnson, B. H.		1888	April 27, 1915
Doncey, G. B.		1888	1916
Griffin, B. J.		1887	Nov. 30, 1917
Evans, W. D.		1914	1917
Owens, Phillip		1887	March 3, 1918
Hall, David			1918
Roberts, Ezra		1876	Dec. 22, 1919
Smith, S. N.			May 10, 1920
Hines, J. H.		1904	March 20, 1920
Foster, M. H.		1888	1920
Whitehead, C. W.	February 9, 1863	1887	April 4, 1921
Cain, S. M.		1890	Feb. 28, 1923
Smith, Nathaniel		1882	March 7, 1923
Hawkins, J. T.		1892	July 4, 1923
Wilson, J. R.		1900	Aug. 31, 1923
Watson, Z. K.		1904	Nov. 2, 1923
Taylor, C. F.	May 4, 1856	1911	1923
Washington, E.		1911	1923
Lamar, C. E.		1909	May, 1924
Cain, M. B. A.		1897	Sept. 7, 1924
Sampson, C. W.		1907	Oct. 4, 1924
Swift, J. A.		1884	Sept. 1925
Jackson, J. W.		1922	1925
Bryant, J. L.		1904	1927
Cunningham, W. J.		1923	1927
Baxter, James		1884	1928
Coulter, H. P.	September 11, 1867	1889	Aug. 18, 1929
Stokes, S. M.		1814	1928
Hatchett, J. H.		1909	1930
Simpson, W. H.	1865	1897	Nov. 18, 1930
Rivers, W. C.		1914	1931
Kyles, C. L.		1907	1932
Johnson, S. T.		1894	June 13, 1932
Preston, L. G.	1843	1891	Oct. 26, 1932
Harris, D. H. E.		1891	Oct. 26, 1932
Byrd, K. T.		1926	1932

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Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Stephens, A. T.		1896	1938
Johnson, J. W.		1914	1938
Gibson, J. D.		1896	1988
Smith, Fletcher		1921	1938
Nelson, W.	June 1, 1884	1878	June 1, 1934
Qualls, John		1892	July 5, 1897
Hall, G. A.		1904	Sept. 2, 1934
Miller, April S.		1881	Aug. 29, 1935
Johnson, G. N.		1897	1935
Taber, Charles	April 6, 1861	1894	Oct. 6, 1936
Speed, William		1919	1937
Neal, L. E.		1925	1937
Nelson, J. L.		1896	1938
Bright, Haywood		1896	1939
Hodges, L. G.		1912	1939
Jordan, B. J.		1912	1939
Howell, C. H.		1929	1939
Cobbell, J. P.		1894	1940
Prewitt, Paul		1896	1940
Harston, D. G.		1894	1941
Adams, J. C.		1902	1941
Brown, J. W.		1902	1942
Turner, E. J.	December 18, 1871	1926	Jan. 2, 1942
Coburn, Dudley		1900	1943
Clark, F. J.		1894	1943
Nunn, E. A.		1894	1943
Ray, A. R.		1894	July 7, 1943
Sherrill, W. S.	1860	1894	March 1, 1944
Maxwell, R. B.		1918	April 5, 1944
Tucker, B. T.		1912	1944
Thompson, C. W.	May 18, 1888	1916	Jan. 2, 1945
Scott, Benjamin F.		1891	July 15, 1946
Moses, Bennie		1875	Aug. 14, 1945
McIntosh, Waters		1891	Oct. 16, 1945
Langford, W. S.	1855	1910	April, 1946
Fields, Z. R.	1901	1910	Sept. 27, 1946
Henry, Joseph		1911	April 16, 1946
Williams, L. C.		1907	June 1946
Dorsby, C. H.		1915	1946
Wallace, J. N.		1897	Oct. 22, 1947
Cabean, A. C.	March 17, 1878	1897	May 30, 1947
Strong, M. F.	April 4, 1875	1916	Feb. 8, 1948
Cox, J. W.		1916	1948
Richardson, J. H.		1916	April 26, 1948
Moore, William M.		1916	1948
Young, B. F.		1916	1948
McDonald, Silas		1916	1948
Harris, Archie	May 25, 1875	1916	Dec. 25, 1949
Edwards, T. H.	January 1, 1896	1917	July 13, 1950
Franklin, D. G.	April 5, 1869	1892	Sept. 19, 1950
Coburn, Nathan	August 20, 1883	1914	1951
Smith, W. A.	October 1, 1865	1902	Oct. 18, 1952
Johnson, S. E.	December 1, 1884	1931	1952
Tolbert, R. J., Sr.	February 17, 1890	1923	Nov. 22, 1953
Moss, Oscar G.	March 8, 1869	1921	1954
Stokes, J. S.	February 9, 1876	1907	1954
Nelson, Lee	October 15, 1858	1898	Sept. 28, 1954
Smith, Dudley	March 14, 1867	1898	Aug. 8, 1955
Roe, D. J.	January 9, 1882	1904	Dec. 16, 1955
Johnson, I. G. P.	July 21, 1907	1933	April 16, 1956
Taylor, S. S.	November 21, 1886	1933	May 18, 1956
Brooks, Charles		1913	Oct. 26, 1957
Tipton, Garfield F.		1910	Nov. 20, 1957
Kelley, Phamous H.	June 25, 1884	1911	May 8, 1958
Johnson, Willis D.		1919	May 11, 1958
Douglas, L. E.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Sanders, Edwin C.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Allbright, H.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Moore, C. E.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Neal, B. F.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Thomas, S. N.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Winston, John W.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Perry, E. W.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Bochanan, A. L.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Parker, Isaac P.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Davis, J. I.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Hill, B. Moore		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Tollfree, M. P.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Marby, E. S.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959
Lloyd, E. L.		1944	Feb. 12, 1959

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Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Hawkins, D. D.....		1966
Hannah, William.....		1966
Sanders, Frank.....		1966
Sims, Andrew.....		1967
Shaw, Love S.....		1967
Holland, Needham.....		1968
Wallace, E. F.....		1969
Love, J. M.....		1969
Mitchell, Clifton.....		1970
Woodward, A. L.....		1970
Wilburn, M. M.....		1970
Littlejohn, B. F.....		1970

Members of the Former METHODIST PROTESTANT CHURCH

(NAME)	(DATE OF DEATH)
John M. Alford	1874
M. F. Alford	1876
D. M. Emerson	1885
E. C. Hearn	1888
George O. Hickey	1889
S. B. Andrews	1889
W. W. Roberts	1890
Thomas Conley	1891
J. R. Morris	1894
George L. Stoncipher	1893
William Cox	1905
M. F. Wilson	1907
William T. Holifield	1908
J. B. Francis	1910
J. E. Loudermill	1911
W. A. Boseman	1911
W. R. Starnes	1912
J. S. Nesbit	1912
J. E. Middleton	1914
H. M. Purifoy	1919
W. D. Bond	1922
J. W. Cox	1922
A. B. Chambers	1923
M. C. Jackson	1924
Paul White	1925
B. W. Dufur	1926
L. M. Harp	1926
R. W. Marlar	1927
L. H. Covey	1927
W. F. Wingfield	1927
J. R. Tatom	1927
J. M. Owen	1927
A. Nichols	
B. F. Dill	1928
S. M. Thomas	1929
I. J. Ursery	1930
A. V. Savage	1930
W. H. Pate	1931
H. C. Palmer	1932
J. L. Nabors	1933
W. A. House	1934
Daniel W. McGinnis	1935
J. T. Goldsmith	1936
G. A. Mouser	1936
E. L. Hogue	1936
J. M. Stephenson	1937

IX. MISCELLANEOUS

STANDING RULES OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

(1) That each undergraduate, each Lay Pastor, and each candidate for conference membership be required to meet with the Board of Ministry before or during the session of the Annual Conference unless hindered by circumstances beyond his control.

(2) That the lay members of the District Conference, in addition to the lay members provided for by the Discipline, shall consist of one member from each church in each Pastoral Charge.

(3) That the figures answering the question in the pastor's report to Annual Conference "Members reported last year" shall in every case be the number of members printed in the statistical tables of the Journal of the last Annual Conference.

(4) That the District Superintendent's figures of all apportionments be accepted as the official figures.

(5) That the apportionment for World Service and Conferences Benevolences be combined in the statistical report; and, that the amount paid be the figures of the Conference Treasurer.

(6) All statistical reports, after being checked for correctness by the District Superintendent and District auditors, shall be delivered by one of them to the Conference Statistician, within 31 days after the closing of the Conference Treasurer's books.

(7) That the District Superintendents be instructed to provide the Secretary of the Annual Conference a record of any changes in Boundaries of Pastoral Charges or District Superintendent's District for insertion in the Conference Journal.

(8) The Annual Conference shall elect upon nomination by the Bishop a Conference Entertainment Committee to serve during the quadrennium. This Committee shall make arrangements for the facilities needed for the session of the Annual Conference and administer the funds for its entertainment, including the honorarium for the conference preacher.

(9) All members attending the Annual Conference Session shall pay registration to be determined by the Bishop, Cabinet and Chairman of CFA; except Retired ministers not serving charges and supernumeraries who shall pay no registration. The offerings in the public worship services shall be used for conference entertainment expense. The Conference Entertainment Committee shall provide, during the session of the Annual Conference, full entertainment for retired ministers not serving a charge, their wives or widows; and room for all pastors of charges whose pastoral support from all sources is \$4,800.00 or less.

(10) Every council, board, commission and committee receiving any money from conference funds shall present to the Council on Finance and Administration annually by the time of the opening of the Annual Conference a detailed financial report including all receipts and expenditures.

(11) A list of lay members elected to Annual Conference shall be compiled by the district superintendents and sent to the conference secretary prior to the opening of the session.

(12) The district stewards shall apportion all annual conference askings to the several charges on each district on an equitable basis.

(13) The Conference Treasurer shall hold his books open for 15 days following the close of the fiscal year.

(14) No one shall be nominated for re-election to a board or commission on

which he has served more than a quadrennium immediately preceding his election.

(15) The Secretary and Treasurer of the Board of Pensions shall be members of the secretarial staff of the Conference, and these persons shall be charged with the responsibility of seeing that all records pertaining to service years be made identical.

(16) Any proposal to change the Standing Rules shall lie on the table overnight, and then its passage shall require a 3/4 vote of those present and voting.

(17) That part of the report of all councils, boards, commissions, committees and other agencies of the conference which provides for changes in policy or makes recommendations shall be mimeographed, printed, or otherwise duplicated and distributed to the membership of the conference prior to the time scheduled for action on said report.

(18) All churches employing more than one appointed member of an annual conference shall pay all percentages based on pastor's salary on the salaries of all ministers so employed.

(19) Each Annual Conference session shall designate a moving date. Any exceptions to the designated date shall be agreed upon by the pastors involved.

(20) That no person shall be elected by the Annual Conference to serve on more than one (1) major Board, Committee, Commission, Agency, etc., at one time. This does not affect ex-officio positions or the Conference Committee on Episcopacy.

(21) That all councils, boards, committees, and commissions be made more representative. Special consideration should be given to the use of women and youth.

(22) No persons shall serve as an elected trustee of more than one United Methodist related institution of the Arkansas Area at a time.

(23) No one who by virtue of their office would be an ex-officio trustee, shall serve as an elected trustee of the same agency.

(24) Each year the Conference Council on Ministries will determine the number of additional lay persons, if any, to be named and will notify each District Council on Ministries of the number of persons to be named by it, according to the following formula with top priority to be given to Number 1, etc.:

1. Officers of the Conference Council on Lay Life and Work.
2. Conference United Methodist Women officers within the bounds of a district.
3. Elected chairpersons for conference boards and agencies.
4. Elected lay persons to general and jurisdictional boards and agencies.
5. Lay delegates to general and jurisdictional conferences.
6. District Lay Leaders, District Presidents of United Methodist Women, and District Presidents of United Methodist Men.
7. Lay members of conference boards and agencies.
8. One additional youth from each district.
9. Inclusiveness of ethnic minorities.
10. At-large district representatives.

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STRUCTURE

For complete Structure, see 1976 Journal, p. 214-229.

CORRECTION TO 1976 JOURNAL:**PART VII. DEFINITION OF MAJOR BOARDS**

Delete "Committee on Structure and related committees and boards."

1977 REVISIONS:

Committee on Communications and Publishing Interests (page 220, 1976 Journal) under

A. Membership, add:

5. The Chairperson shall be an ex-officio member of the Arkansas Methodist Board of Managers (with vote).

Board of Diaconal Ministry (page 225, 1976 Journal) under

A. Membership, Paragraph 1 will read:

1. Twelve (12) members, at least one from each district, nominated by the Bishop and elected by the Annual Conference. One-third of the members shall be laypersons in lay ministry careers.

XI. PASTORAL RECORD

ABBREVIATIONS	
A—Associate	MP—Methodist Protestant
P—Probationary	T—Transfer
OT—On Trial	Ef—Effective
FC—Full Connection	RE—Re-Admitted
D—Disability	R—Retired
	L—Located
	S—Supernumerary
	SL—Sabbatical Leave

NAME	Present Relation	First Admitted				Ordained Elder	How and When Admitted Into North Arkansas Conference	Yrs. Not Effective	Date Retired	Years of Service	
		Conference	Year Admitted	How Admitted	Year F. C.					Regular	Supply
Anderson, Gail G.	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1954	1956 FC	1954		25	5
Anderson, James Bruce	Ef	Texas	1960	OT	1963		1963 T	1970		15	
Anderson, Thomas E.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P						1	
Armour, Charles Webster	P	N. Ark.	1974	P		1974				3	
Baker, Ferris Coy	Ef	Mo.	1945	OT	1947	1945	1947 T	1965		32	
Barbaree, David P.	LR		1971	P			T	1977			
Barbaree, Gary P.	LR		1974	P			T	1977			
Barling, Aaron F.	Ef	N. Ark.	1955	OT	1959	1956	1959 FC	1959		22	6
Barnett, Thomas Winborn	P	N. Ark.	1971	P	1974	1971	1974			6	
Barton, James Allen	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1969	1967	1969 FC	1969		9	3
Beal, James William	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1956	1953	1956 FC	1956		25	1
Bearden, Robert E. L., Jr.	R	LR	1934	OT	1939	1939	1941 T	1974	1977	42½	
Bell, Robert C.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976				1	
Bentley, David Bruce	P	N. Ark.	1977	P	1977					1	
Biazo, Harold D.	P	N. Ark.	1974	P		1974				3	
Bierbaum, Martin	R	N. Ark.	1932	OT	1934	1934	1936 T	1976	1976	44	
Blanchard, Warren	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975				1	1
Blanton, Edward D.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976				1	
Bounds, Levi Laymon	Ef	N. Ark.	1956	OT	1961	1959	1961 FC	1961		21	4½
Bourgeois, Joe	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975				2	
Boyd, Archie N.	Ef	C. Tex.	1938	OT	1940	1940	1941 T	1942		38	½
Brannon, Arvil C.	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1948	1951 T	1952		28	5½
Breazeale, James D.	D						T	1965		10	
Brent, Harold W.	Ef	N. Ark.	1960	OT	1964	1962	1964 T	1972		17	6
Bridwell, Marshall	R	St. Louis	1930	OT	1935	1935	1937 T	1966	1971	40	½ 1
Brizzi, Stephen C.	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975				2	
Brooks, Jimmy Faye	P	N. Ark.	1972	P						5	
Brown, John H.	P	N. Ark.	1973							2	
Brunley, Ira A.	R	N. Ark.	1917	OT	1919	1919	1922 FC	1919	1967	49	½ ½
Bruner, Jesse A.	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1965	1962	1965 FC	1965		15	
Bruner, William G.	R	N. Ark.	1941	OT	1943	1943	1944 FC	1943	1975	33	½ 5
Bumpers, Paul M.	Ef	N. Ark.	1944	OT	1946	1945	1946 T	1973		33	¼
Burleson, Clint D.	Ef	LR	1952	OT	1956	1954	1956 T	1975		25	
Byers, Wm. Leonard	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1954	1956 FC	1954		25	3
Byram, J. Hillman	Ef	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1955	1958 FC	1955		24	4
Byrd, John T.	R	N. Ark.	1925	OT	1927	1927	1929 FC	1927	1965	40	½ 1
Canada, Jerry D.	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1967	1962	1967 FC	1967		15	
Carter, Earl	Ef	N. Ark.	1950	OT	1952	1952	1953 FC	1952		28	3
Carter, Norman	Ef	N. Tex.	1962	OT	1964	1962	1964 T	1966		15	
Casteel, Charles	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1950	1954 FC	1951		27	
Chalfant, Vernon	R	N. Ark.	1926	OT	1931	1931	1933 T	1975	1964	38	1
Chapman, John R.	Ef	N. Ark.	1955	OT	1962	1958	1962 FC	1958		22	2
Chesser, Lewis B., Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1965	1963	1965 FC	1965		14	
Christie, Francis	Ef	LR	1945	OT	1947	1947	1948 T	1966		31	½
Christopher, James Clifton	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975				2	
Clark, John J.	R	N. Ark.	1937	OT	1939	1935	1940 FC	1939	1968	32	½ 3
Clark, Norman Wayne	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1967	1965	1967 FC	1967		12	
Clark, Ronald B.	Ef				1975		1975 FC	1975		3	
Claud, Inis L.	R	N. Ark.	1916	OT	1919	1916	1921 FC	1919	1959	44	½

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		Conference	Year Admitted	How Admitted	Year F. C.	Ordained Deacon					Regular	Supply
Clayton, J. Ralph	R	LR	1935	OT	1937	1937	1940	T	1966	1976	41	
Cleary, George	Ef	LR	1967	OT		1964	1966	T	1969		10	7
Clemmons, Frank R.	Ef	N. Ark.	1955	OT	1958	1956	1958	FC	1958		22	
Clemmons, James T.	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1955	1952	1955	FC	1955	1	26	
Connell, Richard E.	R	Texas	1918	OT	1920	1918	1920	T	1939	1957	38	½
Copher, John	P	Mo. East						T	1977			
Connell, William P.	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1954	1952	1954	FC	1954		26	
Conyers, David P.	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1944	1945	FC	1945	1976	33	½ 1
Conyers, Lloyd M.	R	N. Ark.	1935	OT	1937	1937	1939	T	1968		40	
Cook, Brady	Ef	M. P.	1937	OT	1937		1939	MP	1939		39	½
Cook, Burnley Bruce, Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1969	P	1973	1969	1969	FC	1973		8	
Cook, Fern	Ef	M. P.	1936	OT	1939		1939	MP	1939		40	½
Cooper, Charles Marcus	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1976	1972	1976	FC	1976		5	
Cooper, Joel A.	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1943	1945	T	1966		34	2
Cooper, William C.	Ef	N. Ark.	1973	P	1976	1973	1976	FC	1976		3	
Cordell, Britt H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1969		1969	1938	1947	T	1955		22	
Couchman, H. J.	R	N. Ark.	1930	OT	1932	1930	1934	FC	1932	1971	40	½ 2
Crossman, Marcia Gail	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977					1	
Crossman, Robert O.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					3	
Crow, Rhonda Kay	P	N. Ark.	1974	P		1974					1	
Crozier, Clyde E.	R	N. Ark.	1945	OT	1950	1950	1952	FC	1950	1975	29	½ 5
Cruce, Pryor K.	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1952	T	1970		28	
Curtis, Myers B.	S	Texas	1946	OT	1946	1946	1948	T	1961		31	
Daniel, Omma L.	R	LR	1944	OT	1947	1947	1949	T	1965	1976	32	
Dark, Dewey	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1957	1954	1957	FC	1957		25	
Darling, Rex G.	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975					2	1
Davis, Paul Dean	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1956	1953	1956	FC	1956		25	4
Deere, Bonda Sue	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977						
Dennis, B. Vernon	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1953	T	1955		28	3
Dodgen, Ethan W.	R	N. Ark.	1932	OT	1934	1934	1936	FC	1934	1973	40½	
Dodgen, Lawrence	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1964	1962	1964	FC	1964		15	
Donham, Gordon R.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					1	
Dorman, Raymond A.	Ef	N. Ark.	1933	OT	1935	1935	1937	FC	1935		43½	
Dorman, Wendell Ray	Ef	N. Ark.	1957	OT	1960	1957	1960	FC	1960		20	
Dowdy, Terence Jean	P	N. Ark.	1969	P		1969					8	
Downum, W. A.	R	N. Ark.	1928	OT	1930	1930	1932	FC	1930	1961	32½	12
Driver, David Lee	Ef	N. Ark.	1970	OT	1973	1970	1973	FC	1973		5	
Durham, Ronald W.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					1	
Eaton, Lowell Wm.	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1968	1966	1968	FC			11	7
Eckles, Alfred Wiley III	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1975						
Edwards, Bob S.	Ef	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1957	1956	1957	FC	1957		23	4
Edwards, Ray H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1960	OT	1962	1954	1956	FC	1962		17	9¾
Eggensperger, Harold	Ef	LR	1940	OT	1942	1942	1943	T	1942		36½	2
English, Robert Morton	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971		9	
Evanson, O. J.	R	E. Okla.	1922	OT	1924	1922	1924	T	1945	1959	36½	
Fadick, Kathy Rhnea	P	N. Ark.	1977	P	1977							
Farmer, C. H.	R	LR	1932	OT	1935	1932	1933	T	1952	1966	33½	2
Felder, Robert E. J.	Ef	Tx. CS	1961	OT	1963	1960	1963	T	1976			
Fiser, W. P.	Ef	LR	1965	OT	1967	1962	1964	FC	1967		12	5
Francis, Thomas F.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					1	
Franks, Raymond	Ef	N. Ark.	1932	OT	1936	1936	1940	T	1971		45	
Frost, Joan Carolyn	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977						
Gatlin, J. Albert	R	N. Ark.	1925	OT	1933	1930	1934	FC	1933	1973	47½	
Gibson, Worth W.	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1955	1952	1955	FC	1955		26	
Glover, Roger Ernest	P	N. Ark.	1973	P	1977	1973	1977	FC	1977		4	
Good, Clint W.	R	N. Ark.	1930	OT	1932	1932	1934	T	1963	1971	41	1
Goodloe, W. Henry	R	N. Ark.	1924	OT	1926	1926	1930	FC	1926	1972	47½	1
Goza, Keith Douglas	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1976	1972	1976	FC	1976		5	
Green, Victor	Ef	Okla.	1958	OT	1962	1958	1962	FC	1962		17	2
Guthrie, Jon Dickey	Ef	N. Ark.	1957	OT	1963	1959	1963	FC	1963		20	

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		Conference	Year Admitted	How Admitted	Year F. C.						Regular	Supply
Hall, Andrew Martie, Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971		9	
Hall, Eugene H.	R	N. Ark.	1929	OT	1931	1931	1933	FC	1931	1968	38½	
Halton, William C.	Ef	Texas	1962	OT	1963	1962	1963	FC	1963		15	
Hammett, Gerald	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1954	1952	1954	FC	1954		26	3
Hance, E. C.	R	N. Ark.	1948	OT	1950	1944	1947	FC	1950	1965	16½	11
Harl, Willis H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1958	1956	1958	FC	1958	1	20	
Harmon, Bennie Ross	Ef	N. Ark.	1973	P	1976	1973	1976	FC	1976		4	3
Harris, James Benjamin	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1969	1967	1969	FC	1969		10	8
Harrison, James David	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1974	1971	1974	FC	1974		6	
Hathcock, Philip Loyce	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1975	1972	1975	FC	1975		5	
Hawkins, Raymond	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1961	1958	1961	FC	1961		18	4½
Hays, Aubra O.	D	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1953	1953	1955	FC	1953		24	4
Hazelwood, Harvey	R	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1952	1954	FC	1954	1977	22	1
Henry, LeRoy	S	N. Ark.	1940	OT	1942	1942	1944	FC	1944		34½	
Hightower, Wm. C.	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1954	1956	FC	1954		25	6
Hilliard, Allan E.	Ef	N. Ark.	1950	OT	1953	1952	1953	T	1961		27	
Hillis, J. Ralph	Ef	N. Ark.	1942	OT	1944	1942	1944	T	1972		35	
Hines, Ben G.	Ef							T	1972			
Hoggard, J. H.	R	N. Ark.	1927	OT	1929	1929	1931	FC	1929	1961	33½	4
Holifield, E. J.	R	N. Tex.	1938	OT	1940	1940	1941	T	1942	1971	32½	6
Holifield, E. Brooks	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1973	1966	1973	FC	1973		11	
Holifield, John Anthony	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971		9	
Holifield, Pharis	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1945	1948	FC	1945		33½	1
Hollis, C. Waymon	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1966	1962	1966	FC	1966		15	2½
Hook, Roger B.	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975					2	6
Hooker, Vann	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1953	T	1966		28	4
Howerton, Robert B.	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1953	1952	1954	FC	1953		26	4
Hughes, Michael	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					1	
Hunter, Everne	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1964	1957	1958	FC	1964		15	1
Hutto, Joe Alexander	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1965	1962	1965	FC	1965		15	3
Ivey, George F.	Ef	N. W. Tx.	1938	OT	1940	1940	1942	T	1976		38	
Jarvis, Wayne C.	Ef	N. Ark.	1960	OT	1963	1960	1963	T	1968		17	
Johnson, Merle A., Jr.	Ef	LR	OR	D	1970	1970	1970	T	1971		7	
Jones, Thomas Kelly	Ef				1970		1970	FC	1970		6	
Jordan, Ben F.	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1952	T	1952		28	4
Jump, John Dobbs	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1961	1959	1961	FC	1961		14	2
Keith, James Dell	Ef	LR	1958	OT		1958		T	1966		19	
Kennedy, Dois M.	Ef	N. Ark.	1956	OT	1962	1960	1962	FC	1962		21	
Kennedy, Joe Luster	Ef	N. Ark.	1970	OT	1973	1970	1973	FC	1973		7	
Kleeb, George I	R	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1950	1953	FC	1955	1965	13	4
LaFevers, L. F.	R	N. Ark.	1926	OT	1928	1928	1930	FC	1928	1967	40½	
Lanier, Maurice	Ef	N. Ark.	1945	OT	1949	1946	1949	FC	1949		31½	
Langston, Gary Lynn	P	N. Ark.	1972	P		1972					4	
Lascaro, Carol Ann	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1974	1971	1974	T	1974		6	
Lascaro, Nicholas Carter	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1974	1972	1974	T	1974		5	
Lasater, James Mark	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975					2	
Lawrence, John D.	Ef	N. Ark.	1961	OT	1966	1961	1966	FC	1966		16	4
Lawson, Arvest N.	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1958	1952	1958	FC	1958		25	1
Lawson, Marvest A.	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1953	1954	FC	1954		25	
Lewis, Charles	D	N. Ark.	1942	OT	1945	1945	1947	FC	1945	1968	34	9¾
Lewis, H. M.	R	N. Ark.	1922	OT	1924	1924	1927	FC	1924	1961	38½	1
Liddle, Charles Edmond	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977						
Linam, James O.	Ef	N. Ark.	1964	OT	1967	1964	1967	FC	1967		13	
Linam, Joe Edwin	Ef	N. Ark.	1956	OT	1961	1959	1961	FC	1961		21	4
Lingo, W. T.	R	N. Ark.	1945	OT	1948	1948	1952	FC	1948	1966	20½	4¾
McCormack, John M.	Ef	N. Ark.	1931	OT	1931	1931	1938	T	1962		44½	3
McClurkin, Herschel H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1969	1966	1969	FC	1969		11	
McDonald, Charles P.	Ef	N. Ark.	1947	OT	1949	1948	1949	T	1965		30	

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McGhehey, George	R	N. Ark.	1929	OT	1932	1932	1934	FC	1932	1968	38½	6
McKay, James Magnus	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1969	1966	1969	FC	1969		11	
McKelvey, Gaither A.	R	N. Ark.	1945	OT	1947	1947	1949	FC	1949	1977	31½	7
McSpadden, Byron	Ef	N. Ark.	1946	OT	1948	1948	1951	FC	1948		30½	6½
Mann, D. Mouzon	Ef	LR	1941	OT	1946	1942		T	1976		33	3
Masters, Thurston	R	N. Ark.	1942	OT	1945	1945	1947	T	1976	1977	34½	2
Maxwell, William Earl, Jr.	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977						
Meadors, James M., Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1954	1956	FC	1955		24	3
Mikesell, Verlin E.	Ef	S. Ind.	1949	OT	1954	1949	1954	T	1977		28	
Mooney, Von Dell	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1968	1965	1968	FC			12	3
Moose, David Nelson	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1968	1965	1968	FC			12	
Morgan, Elijah	Ef	SW	1971	OT	1971	1971	1971	T	1977			
Moyers, Wm. Roy	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1955	1955	1957	FC	1955		24	5
Nichols, Joe Jerry	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1969	1966	1969	FC	1969		11	
Nixon, Victor Harmon	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1967	1965	1967	FC	1967		12	
Orr, Bobby D.	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1964	1962	1964	FC	1964		15	1¾
Patty, William A.	R	N. Ark.	1920	OT	1923	1923	1925	FC	1923	1943	23	1
Paysinger, Vernon	Ef	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1956	1954	1956	FC	1956		24	1
Peters, E. M.	R	Memphis	1906	OT	1911	1911	1913	T	1925	5 1935	25	
Peters, Muriel H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1961	OT	1963	1961	1963	FC	1963		16	
Pettit, Dubois Morton	Ef	N. Ark.	1969	P	1971	1970	1971	FC	1971		9	
Pettus, Lester G.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					1	
Pollard, M. J.	R	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1956	1953	1956	FC	1956		22	8½
Poyner, Roy	Ef	N. Ark.	1960	OT	1963	1955	1957	FC	1963		16	¾
Pulliam, Jerry Amos	Ef	N. Ark.	1969	P	1972	1969	1972	FC	1972		8	
Rains, Paul	P						T	1976			1	
Rainwater, Gerald Kent	Ef	N. Ark.	1970	OT	1973	1970	1973	FC	1973		7	
Ramsey, Charles E.	Ef	LR	1953	OT	1955	1954	1955	T	1970		24	1
Randle, James T.	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1962	1959	1962	FC	1962	1	17	
Reaves, Eric J.	R	W. Okla.	1922	OT	1924	1922	1924	T	1942	1954	31½	4
Renfro, Kenneth	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1953	1953	1955	FC	1953		26	1
Robison, H. L.	R	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1950	1952	FC	1955	1970	17	7
Robnolt, James H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1968	1966	1968	FC			11	
Roebuck, Fred G.	R	LR	1913	OT	1915	1915	1917	T	1944	1965	53½	
Rogers, J. M.	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1965		1965	FC	1965		14	1
Rohlman, James Ervin	P	N. Ark.	1973	P		1973					4	
Ruble, Richard L.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					1	
Sanford, H. M.	R	St. Louis	1937	OT	1941	1941	1943	T	1950	1972	32½	
Scott, Harould	Ef	LR	1949	OT	1951	1951	1953	T	1971		28	4
Scroggin, W. O., Jr.	R	N. Tex.	1944	OT	1947	1947	1949	T	1947	1972	27½	4
Seals, Ray D.	R	N. Ark.	1932	OT	1934	1934	1936	FC	1934	7 1966	28½	
Sessions, Robert Paul	Ef	N. Ark.	1948	OT	1950	1950	1951	FC	1950	2	26½	
Shell, Frank	R	N. Ark.	1930	OT	1932	1930	1934	FC	1932		1966	30½
Sherman, Jefferson	R	Ark.	1905	OT	1907	1903	1909	FC	1907	1 1950	43½	1
Sherman, Joe Morrow	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1976	1971	1976	FC	1976		5	3
Sims, Philip Edwin	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975					2	
Skelton, Jack	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1971	1967	1970	FC	1971		11	
Slinkard, Tom	Ef							T	1974		3	
Smith, Uriah	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1945	1950	FC	1951		28	9
Southerland, James C., Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1973		1973	FC	1973		6	
Spence, Dennis Wayne	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975					2	
Spence, Harold	Ef	N. Ark.	1944	OT	1947	1947	1948	FC	1947		32½	2
Spicer, W. J.	R	N. Ark.	1919	OT	1921	1921	1926	FC	1922	1959	39½	1
Stallcup, B. W.	R	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1954	1954	1956	FC	1954	1977	26	7
Stewart, George	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1944	1945	FC	1945		34	
Stokes, Denzel Eugene	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1969	1966	1969	FC	1969		11	
Story, O. Franklin	R	N.W. Tx.	1930	OT	1932	1932	1934	T	1965	1967	36½	1½
Taylor, Garland C.	R	N. Ark.	1923	OT	1925	1925	1927	FC	1925	1958	35½	
Taylor, Joseph E.	Ef	N. Ark.	1956	OT	1958	1957	1958	T	1974		21	

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		Conference	Year Admitted	How Admitted	Year F. C.	Ordained Deacon	Ordained Elder	How and When Admitted Into North Arkansas Conference	Yrs. Not Effective	
Teague, Samuel B.	Ef	N. Ark.	1955	OT	1959	1957	1959	T	1959	21
Thomas, Page A.	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1962	1959	1962	FC	1962	18
Thomason, Dana Andrew	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977				
Thompson, John	Ef	SW	1956	OT	1964	1956	1964	T	1977	21
VanCleve, Benny J.	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1964	1962	1964	FC	1964	18
VanLandingham, Ralph	Ef	LR	1952	OT	1955		1955	T	1975	25
Villines, Floyd G., Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1941	OT	1943	1943	1946	T	1947	35½
Walker, Willie L.	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1953	1955	FC	1954	24
Waters, Sherman Eldwin	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1969	1967	1969	FC	1969	9
Watson, J. William	Ef	N. Ark.	1939	OT	1941	1941	1943	T	1965	37½
Watson, K. Ellsworth	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1965	1963	1965	FC	1965	14
Watt, Charles E.	Ef	N. Ark.	1970	P	1975	1970	1975	T	1975	7
Wayland, Ewing T.	Ef	N. Tex.	1940	OT	1942	1941	1942	FC	1942	36½
Weatherford, Frank	D	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1959	1954	1959	FC	1959	21
Weatherford, James F.	R	N. Ark.	1947	OT	1949	1945	1952	FC	1949	20½
Webb, Maurice C.	Ef	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1954	1956	T	1974	24
Weed, Harry R.	R	Kansas	1922	OT	1924	1924	1926	T	1958	42½
Weir, Thomas E.	Ef	N. Ark.	1964	OT	1967	1964	1967	FC	1967	13
West, Jimmy Maxwell	P	N. Ark.	1974	P	1977		1977	FC	1977	5
Whitfield, David Max	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1970	1967	1970	FC	1970	10
Wilcher, John A.	P	N. Ark.	1974	P		1974				3
Wilcox, J. Clarence	R	N. Ark.	1942	OT	1944	1942	1944	FC	1944	32½
Wilder, William M.	Ef	N. Ark.	1945	OT	1947	1947	1948	FC	1947	31½
Wilford, S. B.	R	N. Ark.	1924	OT	1926	1927	1929	FC	1927	47½
Wilkerson, Joe F.	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1966	1963	1966	FC	1966	14
Williams, Powell G. III	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971	9
Wilson, Cyril H.	R						T		1974	14
Wilson, Harold	R	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1961	1958	1962	T	1974	20
Wilson, James Leon	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1961	1959	1961	FC	1961	18
Wilson, Luther	R	N. Tex.	1932	OT	1935	1936	1939	T	1940	38½
Wingo, James Edward	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1970		1970	FC	1970	9
Womack, Harold D.	D	N. Ark.	1942	OT	1944	1942	1944	FC	1944	31½
Womack, W. M.	Ef	N. Ark.	1948	OT	1951	1951	1952	FC	1951	28½
Woodruff, James Rudolph	Ef				1972					5
Woods, Woodrow	Ef	N. Ark.	1946	OT	1948	1948	1950	FC	1948	30½
Workman, John S.	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1953	1952	1954	T	1973	25
Wulfekuhler, Barbara Anne	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977				
Wulfekuhler, Kurt W.	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975				2
Yarbrough, R. C.	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1966			FC	1966	14

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Bain, William E.	AR	N. Ark.	1969	A		1963		A	1969	1975	4	8
Bruner, Elbert W.	D	N. Ark.	1969	A		1957	1959	A	1969		8	14
Chaffin, A. L.	A	LR		A				T	1969		5	
Davis, Charles Berlon	A	N. Ark.	1971	A		1969		A	1971		6	
Ernest, Lester Lewis	A	N. Ark.	1970	A		1968		A	1970		7	5
Feagan, Wilbert	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1960	1962	A	1969		8	11¼
Fisher, Raymond	D	N. Ark.	1975	A								5
Gilliam, D. Leon	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1959	1961	A	1969		8	13
Holland, Felix	AR	N. Ark.	1960	A		1951	1952	A	1969		5	21½
Holland, J. T.	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1958	1960	A	1969		8	14
Jackson, Rayburn	D	N. Ark.	1969	A		1961	1963	A	1969		7	10
Johnson, D. Kern	D	N. Ark.	1969	A		1953	1955	A	1969		8	19½
Kemp, Maurice	A	N. Ark.	1969	A				A	1969		7	14
Lancaster, Irl S.	AR	N. Ark.	1970	A				A	1970	1970	1	3
Legrand, Willis	AR	N. Ark.	1969	A		1957	1959	A	1969	1976	5	15½
Luter, Theo	D	N. Ark.	1969	A				A	1969		8	5

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			Year Admitted	How Admitted							Regular	Supply
Martin, Gerald	A	N. Ark.	1969	A				A	1969		8	10
Matthews, Gaston	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1959	1961	A	1969		8	12
Nance, Charles Wm.	A	N. Ark.	1970	A				A	1970		7	3¾
Parmenter, T. B.	D	N. Ark.	1969	A		1954	1959	A	1969	1971	3	17
Penny, Chester	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1965	1967	A	1970		8	6
Piercy, Lorne	AR	N. Ark.	1971	A				A	1972		4	4
Price, Harry W.	AR	N. Ark.	1969	A				A	1969	1975	6	5
Reed, Charles E.	AR	N. Ark.	1969	A		1959	1961	A	1969		7	12
Reed, Charles P.	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1958	1960	A	1969	1977	8	13
Rolland, Lindsey	AD	N. Ark.	1969	A		1955	1956	A	1969		4	17
Scroggin, David	A	N. Ark.	1976	A							1	6
Sellers, Graham	AR	N. Ark.	1969	A		1959	1962	A	1969	1975	6	10
Stahl, Orville	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1959	1961	A	1969		7	12
Stegall, Richard	A	N. Ark.	1976	A							1	1
Strayhorn, Carl	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1952	1954	A	1969		8	20½
Strayhorn, Otha	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1956	1958	A	1969		8	15
Watts, William W.	AD	N. Ark.	1971	A				A	1971		3	4
Wright, J. C.	AR	N. Ark.	1969	A		1964		A	1969	1971	3	7
Banks, Clifton B.	R									1970		
Davie, H. A.	R	SW	1946	OT	1951						21	
Hughes, Joseph Jr.	Ef	SW	1971	OT	1971		1971	FC	1972		6	1
Nelson, M. E.	Ef	SW	1971	OT	1971		1971	FC	1972		6	1
Piggee, W. H.	Ef	SW	1971	OT	1971		1971	FC	1972		6	1
Terry, David W.	R											10
Thompson, L. T.	R	SW	1946	OT	1949			FC	1972	1969	22½	1

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NAME	Year Licensed To Preach	Year Ordained Deacon	Year Ordained Elder	Years Approved For Annuity Credit	Year Retired
Abee, Walter	1948	1954	1956	5	1965
Abshire, John D., Sr.					
Alf, Marvin	1959	1962	1964	8¾	1968
Anderson, Albert Lee	1954	1951	1954	19½	1965
Anderson, Mrs. Albert Lee	1946	1952	1954	2	1974
Bailey, Russell M.		1975			
Beck, Leslie		1972		3	
Benefield, Richard G.				1	
Blanchard, Warren					
Collier, Dorothy		1977			
Collier, John R. III					
Conner, William G.	1942	1953	1955	25½	1968
Craig, Leroy		1975		3	
Crossman, Paul		1975		1	
Crowley, Bill				1	
Davis, Edward		1977			
Dewlen, G. W.					
Edwards, J. Wayne				1	
Elam, James				1	
Findley, Olen R.	1916	1946	1948	40	1964
Ford, Harrel				2	
Gould, Wayne		1975			
Hanks, R. L.				7 2/3	
Hastings, Floyd Ray		1977			
Hestwood, James				1	

Hickman, John D.					
Hughey, Allen				1	
Kearney, Neal				1	
Kirkland, Bill		1973		4	
Krohn, James					
Jackson, Carol Dwain				5	
Lee, Robert W.				2	
Maples, Frank				3¾	
Marsden, Vaughn					
Martin, C. L.	1942	1950	1952	17½	1968
Mason, Loye Verne		1972		1	
McElveene, A. E.		1953	1957	4	
Montgomery, Bob				1	1975
Nicholson, David				4	
Orr, Mike				1	
Pennel, Walter	1926			10	1963
Phillips, Walter Nichols				3	
Powell, Bert				2	
Rentfro, Carrol				3	
Roark, Danny P.					
Rosas, Oliver				1	
Savage, Sidney Royce					
Smitherman, Dave	1948	1953	1955	14½	1964
Smith, H. M.	1961	1963		9	1970
Smith, James G.	1935	1947	1951	20½	1960
Southwick, Robert				3	
Thomas, Daniel				1	
Thompson, Fred M.	1945	1950	1952	18½	1964
Thompson, Marvin	1947	1953	1955	16½	1964
Utley, David				1	
Watson, W. T.	1933	1951	1952	30½	1967
Welch, Jerry D.				1	
Williams, Sam				1	
Wilson, Ivan R.	1921	1931	1933	25½	1965