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Yarbro-Christ  
Dover  
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St. Francis  
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Emory Chapel,  
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Circuit

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Evening Shade-Ash  
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 Bradford  
 Bull Shoals  
 Cabot  
 Calico Rock  
 Cave City  
 Clinton-Fairfield Bay  
 Concord  
 Cotter-Gassville  
 Desha-Cushman  
 Griffithville  
 Heber Springs  
 Holiday Hills  
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 Newark-Asbury  
 Oil Trough-Salado  
 Pangburn  
 Quitman  
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     First Church  
     Grace  
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 Belleville Parish  
 Bells Chapel  
 Center Ridge  
 Conway:  
     Ebenezer  
     First  
     Salem  
     Wesley  
 Danville  
 Dardanelle  
 Dover Parish  
 Greenbrier Parish  
 Jacksonville:  
     First  
 Bethel  
 Mallettown  
 Mayflower Parish  
 Morrilton, First  
 New Zion-Union Chapel  
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     Amboy  
     Bullock Chapel  
     First  
  
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Bella Vista  
Bentonville  
Berryville-Shiloh  
Bland Chapel  
Brightwater-Tuck's Chapel  
Decatur-Centerton  
Elkins  
Elm Springs-Harmon  
Eureka Springs  
Fayetteville:  
Central  
  
St. James  
Sequoyah-Goshen  
Trinity  
Wiggins  
Gentry Parish  
Green Forest-Alpena  
Gravette-Sulphur Springs  
First Church, Harrison  
St. Paul Parish, Harrison  
Huntsville-Presley Chapel  
Jasper  
Lincoln Parish  
Morrow-Viney Grove  
Pea Ridge-Oakley Chapel  
Prairie Grove-Farmington  
Rogers  
Siloam Springs  
First Church, Springdale

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## Forrest City District

## CHARGE

Augusta  
Brinkley-Brasfield  
Cherry Valley-Vannndale  
Clarendon  
Colt-Forrest Chapel-  
Wesley Chapel  
Cotton Plant  
Crawfordsville  
Earle  
Elaine  
Ellis Chapel-Central  
Forrest City, First  
Forrest Hills-Madison  
Helena, First  
Holly Grove  
Hughes  
Marianna-LaGrange  
Marion  
Marvell  
McCrory  
McCrory Circuit  
Parkin  
West Helena-Lexa  
West Memphis  
Rosewood (W. Mps.)  
Wheatley-Salem  
Widener-Round Pond  
Wynne-McElroy  
Wesley Chapel

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Charleston	Opal King	Lorteea West
Branch	Leo Baker	Bexta Baker
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	Mary Prewitt	Jack Grober
Goddard	Joe Coker	Warren Kimbrough
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Mallalieu	Jerry Johnson	
Massard		Norman Norvell
Lavaca	Joyce Moore	
Vesta	Rose Ann English	Sue Jetton
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Hackett	Ernest Rutledge	David Rathbun
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	Lester Gregory	
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Paris	Dr. Fred Hander	Mike Gray
Prairie View	Ross Rogers	
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Scranton	Walter Looney	
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New Blaine	Fred Cravens	
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Van Buren		
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### Jonesboro District

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Lake Street  
Brookland  
Bobo  
Dell  
Harrisburg  
Hickory Ridge  
Joiner  
Jonesboro, First  
Fisher Street  
Huntington Avenue  
Nettleton  
St. Paul  
Lake City  
Leachville  
Lepanto  
Manila  
Marked Tree  
Monette  
Osceola  
Trumann  
Tyronza  
Union Grove  
Wilson  
Yarbro

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Tami Thompson — Blytheville  
Donna Williams — Trumann  
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Don Morgan — Harrisburg  
Kim Bradley — Blytheville  
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#### CHARGE

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Black Rock  
Boydsville  
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Corning  
Hardy

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Marmaduke	Mrs. Dean Jenkins	Willyne Thompson
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Newport		
Emory Chapel	Nell Person	Iona J. Oates
First	Jack C. Owen	Marvin D. Thaxton
Umsted Memorial	Paul Webb	Scott Elphingstone
Paragould		
Christ	Wilma Thomas	Violet Baldwin
First	Francis Bland	Eldon McDaniel
	Bill Phillips	Mary McDaniel
Griffin Memorial	George Lockwood	Harry Hurt
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Shiloh	Ruby Hill	Vivian Davis
Piggott	Mildred Robinson	Bill Holifield
Pocahontas	Jerry Sallee	Georgia Sallee
Ravenden	John T. Stoll	Elaine Stoll
Rector	Melvin English	Robert Mebane
Rector Circuit	Raymond Gibson	Oscar Anderson
St. Francis	Orville Schultz	Patsy Gould
Sedgwick	Howard Vance	Lowell Spurlock
Stanford	Earl Gramling	Mabel Gramling
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Holiday Hills	Charles Hook	Greers Ferry
Horseshoe Bend	Grady McDonald	723 Southshoe Dr. Horseshoe Bend
Ash Flat	Wayburn Long	Box 100, Hardy 72542
Judsonia	Buddy Pruitt	Judsonia 72081
Garner	H. D. Sanford	Garner 72052
Gum Springs	Carthel Vaughn	Rt. 4, Searcy 72143
Kensett	Hassell Prestidge	Kensett 72082
McRae	Katie Springer	McRae 72012

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Marshall	Leamon Treat	Marshall 72650
Leslie	Bill Derickson	Leslie 72645
Melbourne	Howard Jacobs	Melbourne 72556
Guion	Mrs. Paul Seay	Guion 72540
Oxford	Leonore Yancy	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	George Kramer	Rt. 3, Box 80, Batesville 72501
Southside	Harold Martin	Rt. 6, Box 640, Batesville 72501
Mountain Home	Dwight Lewis	Rt. 1, Box 302, Lakeview 72642
Mt. Pleasant	Adrain Tarver	Quitman, 72131
Mountain View	Howard Whitfield	Box 23, Mountain View 72560
St. James	Mrs. Vida Hall	St. James Rt., Mt. View 72560
Newark	Henry McCartney	Newark 72562
Asbury	Burnell McClure	707 Broad, Batesville 72501
Oil Trough	Bob Davis	Oil Trough 72564
Salado	Lodell Daniels	Salado 72575
Pangburn	David Burnely	Pangburn 72121
Rosebud	Mildred Depriest	Rosebud 72137
Mt. Pisgah	Ferrell Childers	Rt. 2, Searcy 72143
Quitman	Floyd Bates	Quitman 72131
Damascus	Ralph Porter	Damascus 72039
Enders	W. G. Ward	Quitman 72131
Salem	Mrs. Clessie Watson	Salem 72576
Viola	Frank Baternon	Viola 72583
Searcy:		
First Church	Jack Wiseman	Rt. 3, Searcy 72143
Grace	William Woosley	Rt. 4, Searcy 72143
Oak Grove	Mrs. Wallace Davis	Rt. 5, Searcy 72143
Sharp	Raymond Peterson	Rt. 2, Batesville 72501
Bear Creek	J. C. Qualls	Evening Shade 72526
Powell's Chapel	Kermit Watkins	Rt. 2, Poughkeepsie 72569
Pleasant Hill	R. D. Fallis	Charlotte, 72522
Steele Hopewell	Vernon Spencer	Bee Branch 72013

## Conway District

CHARGE	LAY LEADER	ADDRESS
Atkins	Jim Martin	P. O. Box 261, Atkins 72823
Pottsville	Jim Sparks	324 E. 2nd, Russellville 72801
Belleville	Fred Thompson	Belleville, 72824
Havana	Bill Steward	Havanna 72842
Bells Chapel	Jackie Sweeden	Rt. 2, Box 325, Atkins 72823
Center Ridge	Ora Clinkscale	Rt. 2, Center Ridge 72027
Conway		
Ebenezer	Bruce Bynum	Rt. 3, Box 103, Conway 72032
First	Carl Blythe	Rt. 3, Box 481, Conway 72032
Salem	Larry Gates	520 S. Davis, Conway 72832
Wesley	Lloyd Stone	2005 Millwood

Danville	Burl Boyd	Danville 72833
Chickalah	R. L. Choate	Rt. 2, Dardanelle 72834
Trinity	Raymond Adams	901 South 5th, Dardanelle 72834
Waltreak	Hoover Mitchell	Waltreak, 72866
Dardanelle	Opal Tilmon	416 S. Front, Dardanelle 72834
Liberty Hall	Robert Apple	Rt. 1, Dardanelle 72834
Pisgah	J.J. Wilcox	Rt. 1, Dardanelle 72834
Dover	Paul Bankhead	Rt. 1, Dover 72837
St. Paul	Jim Teague	Rt. 1, Dover 72837
Moreland	Arthue Scheible	Rt. 3, Dover 72837
Greenbrier	Kerry Strickland	Rt. 2, Greenbrier 72058
Centerville	Royce Shumate	Rt. 1, Greenbrier 72058
Jacksonville		
First	L.L. Goddard	317 Warren, Jacksonville 72076
McArthur Drive	Dean Stanberry	8900 Brookwood #43, Jacksonville
Bethel	John Hamby	Box 370F, Rt. 2, Jacksonville
Malletown	Wayne Dunlap	Rt. 2, Springfield 72157
Mayflower	Royce Harrell	Mayflower 72108
Graham's Chapel	Dr. George Harrod	Rt. 3, Box 422, Conway 72032
Mt. Carmel	Purvis Farris	RFD, Vilonia 72173
Naylor	Goley Anderson, Jr.	Rt. 1, Vilonia 72173
Morrilton		
First	Horace Crofoot	414 W. Childress, Morrilton 72110
Morrilton Parish		
Cleveland	A.O. Thompson	Cleveland 72030
Gordon's Chapel	L.W. Ruff, Jr.	Rt. 1, Box 313, Morrilton 72110
Lanty	Rayburn Moore	Hattieville 72063
Overcup	Minor Hall	Rt. 2, Morrilton 72110
Solgochachia	Othello Gordon	Solgochachia 72156
Wesley	Ray Westbrooks	604 W. Bennett, Morrilton 72110
New Zion	L. Walker	Rt. 2, Box 601, Conway 72032
Union Chapel	Taft Saulsberry	Rt. 1, Springfield 72157
North Little Rock		
Amboy	Lewis Kincaid	1 Sierra Circle, NLR 72118
Bullock Chapel	Walter Hatchett	1318 High Street, NLR 72118
First	Rufus Crews	5637 Lakeview, NLR 72116
Gardner	John Henry	5104 N. Cedar, NLR 72116
Lakewood	Robert A. Major, Sr.	20 Pine Tree Loop, NLR 72116
Levy	James Rorie	4004 Mellane, NLR 72118
McCabe Chapel	W.H. Williams	616 Vine, NLR 72114
Sylvan Hills	Jerol Garrison	1006 Loop Road, NLR 72116
Trinity	Bill Woodsmall, Jr.	5001 Lakeview Rd. NLR 72116
Oakland	James Schaa	424 Oliver, Conway 72032
Ola	Coy Bittle	Ola, 72853
Birta	Harold Storment	Ola, 72853
Briggsville	Marvin Sullivan	Rt. 1, Briggsville 72828
Oak Grove	Tony Brabec	Rt. 2, Dardanelle 72834
Salem	N. E. Phillips	Rt. 1, Ola 72853
Oppelo	Ray Wood	Rt. 3, Morrilton 72110
Houston	Mrs. Lynn Wilmoth	Houston, 72070
Perryville	David Womack	Rt. 1, Houston 72070
Adona	R. V. Williams	Adona, 72001
Perry	A. O. Holbrook	Perry 72125
Plainview	Mrs. Noel Vandover	Plainview 72857
Bluffton	Mrs. John Lowe	Plainview 72857
Gravely	Mrs. Irma Caviness	Plainview 72857

Plumerville	Don Handlang	Rt. 1, Box 136, Plumerville 72127
Springfield	Mavis Smith	Springfield 72157
Russellville		
First	Gordon Thornsberry	Rt. 1, Box 425, Russellville 72801
Wesley	James Ford	Box 40, Marina Rd., Russellville
London	Carrol Trantham	P. O. Box 83, London 72847
Vilonia	J. J. Coker	Rt. 1, Box 63, Vilonia 72173
Wye	Ross Harmon	Rt. 1, Bigelow 72016
Bigelow	Mrs. Walter Frey	Drawer D, Bigelow 72016

### Fayetteville District

CHURCH	NAME	ADDRESS
Bella Vista	Tom Miller	5 Gillingham Dr., 72712
Bentonville	Gordon Koch	3 Malvern Lane, Bella Vista 72712
Berryville	Doyle Horton	102 N. Church, Berryville 72616
Shiloh	Jim Glisson	Rt. 3, Berryville 72616
Bland Chapel	Raymond Miller	Rt. 6, Box 684, Rogers 72756
Brightwater	Robert Walter	Rt. 4, Rogers 72756
Tuck's Chapel	Ray Mann	Rt. 1, Garfield 72732
Decatur	Mrs. Tiny Sweetland	Decatur 72722
Centerton	Lewis Hershberger	Rt. 3, Bentonville 72712
Diamond City		
Elkins	James K. Carter	Elkins 72727
Elm Springs	Tom Turentine, Sr.	Rt. 1, Box 133, Springdale 72764
Harmon	Jerry Delozier	Rt. 1, Springdale, 72764
Eureka Springs	Bob Chambers	8 College Street, Eureka Springs 72632
Central		
Fayetteville	Thomas Rupert	1746 Rayview, Fayetteville 72701
Saint James		
Fayetteville	Elizabeth Buchanan	106 N. Willow, Fayetteville 72701
Sequoayah		
Fayetteville	Tom Cooney	2785 Stagecoach, Fayetteville 72701
Goshen	Vern Allen	Bea-O-Rama Park, Fayetteville 72701
Trinity		
Fayetteville	Walter Losey	2842 Stanton Ave., Fayetteville 72701
Wiggins		
Fayetteville	Tom Morgan	Rt. 8, Box 334, Fayetteville 72701
Gentry	J. D. Smith	Box 234, Gentry 72734
Highfill	Andy Newbill	Rt. 1, Gentry 72734
Springtown	Bennie Long	Rt. 2, Box 97, Gentry 72734
Gravette	Berlin Hall	Gravette 72736
Sulphur		
Springs	J. C. Huntsman	Sulphur Springs 72768
Green Forest	Jim Davis	Rt. 2, Green Forest 72638
Alpena	Mrs. Mary Porter	P.O. Box 5, Alpena 72611
First Church		
Harrison	Robert Peters	Rt. 8, Harrison 72601
St. Paul Harrison	Homer Yawn	Rt. 6, Box 499, Harrison 72601
Bellefonte	Louis Abney	Rt. 2, Harrison 72601
Valley View	Bill Hunsaker	Rt. 1, Harrison 72601
Omaha	Lawrence Hacker	Rt. 7, Harrison 72601
Bergman	C. C. Ruble	273 S. Willow, Harrison 72601
St. Joe	Dr. Robert Millsop	Pendall 72669
Everton	Herman Smith	Everton 72633
Valley Springs	James Barnett	Marton Drive, Harrison 72601

Huntsville	Dr. Ronald G. Roberts	Box 249, Huntsville 72740
Presley Chapel	Charles Berry	Rt. 4, Huntsville 72740
Jasper	Gunnar Skoog	Rt. 3, Jasper 72741
Lincoln	Dewayne Pyeatt	RR 1, Lincoln 72744
Rhea	Mrs. Velma Giles	RR, Prairie Grove 72753
Cincinnati	Kenneth Pearson	RR, Summers 72769
Weddington	J. D. Johnson	Rt. 4, Fayetteville 72701
Pea Ridge	Joe Beeler	Rt. 1, Box 283F, Pea Ridge 71751
Presley Chapel	Robert Chamberlin	1603 W. Cypress, Rogers 72756
Prairie Grove	Vincil Bell	Prairie Grove 72753
Farmington	Don Hill	Farmington 72730
Central Rogers	Dave Pilphrey	1111 S. 9th St., Rogers 72756
Siloam Springs	Wallace Moon	Rt. 2, Box 85, Siloam Springs 72761
First Church		
Springdale		
Wesley Springdale	Earl Wise	1707 Ridge View Dr., Springdale 72764
Mt. Hebron	Jack Moser	Rt. 2, Rogers 72756
Winslow	Jeredon Chandler	Winslow 72959
Yellville	Dale Martin	P.O. Box 427, Yellville 72687
Cedar Grove	Floyd Burleson	Rt. 1, Yellville 72687
Pleasant Ridge	None	

### Forrest City District

August	Donald Huenefelt	Gregory, Ar. 72059
Brinkley	Dennis Satterfield	Cypress Ridge Rd., Brinkley 72021
Brasfield		
Cherry Valley-	Bill Carwell	Cherry Valley 72324
Vanndale	Luther Sigman	1212 Marion, Wynne 72396
Clarendon	Paul McKay	316 N. 5th, Clarendon 72029
Colt-	Charles McWhirter	Rt. 1, Colt 72326
Forrest Chapel-	Bob Kelso	Rt. 1, Forrest City 72335
Wesley Chapel	Edward Harris	Rt. 1, Forrest City 72335
Cotton Plant-	John T. James	Cotton Plant 72036
Hunter-	Sherman Walters	Hunter 72074
White Hall	Mrs. Gene Mauldin	Rt. 2, McCrory 72101
Crawfordsville	C. B. Britton	Crawfordsville 72327
Earle	Sam I. Bratton	808 Fifth, Earle 72331
Elaine-	Bennett Williams	Elaine 72333
Mellwood	John H. Hall, Jr.	Crumrod 72328
Ellis Chapel-	Cecil Peevey, Jr.	Rt. 1, Wynne 72396
Central	Vernon Wood	Hwy 64 West, Wynne 72396
Forrest City, First	Bob Beavers	126 Sue Ann, Forrest City 72335
Forrest Hills-	D. E. Robison	889 Sherwood, Forrest City 72335
Madison	Peyton Coats	1001 Robinson, Forrest City 72335
Helena, First	Nyle Oswalt	10 Avalon Pl., Helena 72390
Holly Grove	Aaron Hogan	Rt. 2, Box 224 Holly Grove 72069
Hughes	Charles Owens	Rt. 1, Hughes 72348
Marianna-	John Oxner	337 Andrews Dr., Marianna 72360
La Grange	Charles Hamilton	La Grange 72352
Marion	John Stephens	Box 330, Marion 72364
Marvell	Bill Heidelberger	Marvell 72366
McCrory	Carvil Trammel	Wade Street, McCrory 72101
Parkin	Hugh B. Proctor	Parkin 72373
West Helena-	Charles Harris	118 Valley Drive, Helena 72342
Lexa	J. C. Baber	Rt. 2, Box 168, Lexa 72355

West Memphis	J. J. Patridge	470 S. Roselawn, W. Mps. 72301
Rosewood (W. Mps.)	Harold Jackson	1106 Avalon N., W. Mps. 72301
Wheatley-	Danny Williamson	P. O., Wheatley 72392
Salem	Robert Nosler	Rt. 1, Palestine 72372
Widener-	Simon Capps	Heth 72346
Round Pond	Mrs. Georgia Ruff	Round Pond 72378
Wynne-	Dalton Matthews	708 E. Poplar, Wynne 72396
McElroy	Bill Mitchell	1214 Levesque, Wynne 72396
Tupelo (Extension)	G. M. Williams	Tupelo 72169
Wesley Chapel	R. M. Barnes	512 Bethel, Brinkley 72021
Taylor Chapel	David Archable	Rt. 1, Box 39, Cotton Plant 72036
Scruggs Chapel	Willie Mosley	P.O. Box 902 Marianna 72360
Smith Chapel	Willie Weathly	Rt. 1, Box 300 Hughes 72348

### Fort Smith District

CHARGE	LAY LEADERS	ADDRESS
Alma	Jerry Roberson	Rt. 1, Alma 72921
Bethel	Charlie Pursell	Rt. 1, Van Buren 72956
Barling	Warren Taff	1904 N. 9th, Barling 72923
Central	W.D. King	Rt. 1, Box 237-E, Lavaca 72941
Booneville	Glen Fitzgerald	134 Eastwood Dr., Booneville 72927
Washburn	Shirley Woods	Greenwood 72936
Charleston	Jack Vaughn	Rt. 3, Box 251, Charleston 72933
Clarksville	James F. Krohn	Rt. 1, Box 306, Clarksville 72830
Fort Smith		
Cavanaugh	Thomas Clark	7811 Meadow Lane, Ft. Smith 72901
Arkoma	Belton Pyle	Box 124, Arkoma, OK 74901
First	Charles Beasley	613 Clifton Ct., Ft. Smith 72903
	Paul Williams	601 S. 21st, Ft. Smith 72901
	Frank Jones	4005 Kinkead, Ft. Smith 72903
Goddard	Joe Coker	1516 S. 66th, Ft. Smith 72903
Hendricks Hills	Sharon Weir	5921 Mohawk Trail, Ft. Smith 72904
Mallalieu	C.G. Washington	1216 N. 8th, Ft. Smith, AR 72901
Massard	Robert Flanders	4610 S. 31st, Ft. Smith 72901
Lavaca	Harmon Nixon	Rt. 1, Lavaca 72941
Vesta	Bruce Spencer	Lavaca 72941
Midland Heights	Maurice Carter	3403 N. 6th, Ft. Smith 72904
St. Paul	Murry Simpson	6003 Chippewa Trail, Ft. Smith 72904
Bonanza	Ester Dolan	Rt. 1, Ft. Smith 72915
Wesley	Bedell Hightower	720 Hillside Dr., Ft. Smith 72903
Wyatt	Joe Beatty	4618 Mussell, Ft. Smith 72904
Greenwood	Donald Cobb	Rt. 2, Box 536, Greenwood 72936
Milltown	Charles Cochran	Rt. 2, Greenwood 72936
Hartford	Gene Grim	Hartford 72938
Hackett	Roy Smith	Hackett 72937
Midland	Dewey Turnipseed	Hackett 72937
Hartman	Bill Hayes	Hartman 72840
Hays Chapel	Clyde Hays	Rt. 1, Clarksville 72830
Spadra	Chic Morgan	Rt. 1, Clarksville 72830
Mt. Zion	Baxter Carter	Rt. 1, Clarksville 72830
Coal Hill	Thurman Edgin	Coal Hill 72832
Lamar	Carmon Austin	905 Twin Cedars, Clarksville 72830
Mt. Olive	Mrs. Lena Morgan	Rt. 2, Lamar 72843
Mazagine	Franklin Lasater	Magazine 72843

Mansfield	Joe Mannon	Mansfield 72944
Huntington	Jimmy Dee Robison	Huntington 72940
Mt. View	Frank Rye	Alma 72921
Newberry Chapel	Jim Woderly	Rt. 2, Alma 72921
Mulberry	Bob Jeffery	Rt. 2, Mulberry 72947
Kibler	Jack Short	Rt. 1, Alma 72921
Ozark	Homer Hall	Rt. 3, Ozark 72949
Cecil	John Noggle	Rt. 3, Ozark 72949
Paris	Fay Needham	Rt. 1, Paris 72885
Cole's Chapel	Todd Patterson	Ratcliff 72951
Prairie View	Ross Rogers	Prairie View 72859
Scranton	Albert Hill	Scranton 72863
Pioneer Memorial	Almer Cravens	New Blaine 72851
New Blaine	Fred Cravens	New Blaine 72851
Birdsview	Mrs. Claude Rice	Waldron 72958
Cauthron	Clifton Oakes	Rt. 1, Box 197 Heavener, OK 74937
Parks	Mondell Owens	Parks 72950
Mt. Pleasant	Raymond Lawson	Waldron 72958
Square Rock	Clarence Gibson	Box 45, Waldron 72958
Van Buren		
City Heights	W.H. Harrison	Van Buren 72956
New Hope	Bob Neidecker	Rt. 3, Van Buren 72956
Dyer	Earlene Kamm	Dyer 72935
First	Harry Freeman	615 Drennen, Van Buren 72956
St. John's	Louis Garr	P.O. Box 214, Van Buren 72956
Waldron	Tom Cloud	Waldron 72958

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CHURCH	LAY LEADER	ADDRESS
Bay	Robert Holt	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. 4, Box 20, Blytheville, 72315
Promised Lane	Thomas Moore	Rt. 2, Box 77, Blytheville 72315
Brookland	Jerry Rackley	Rt. 1, Box 138 B, Brookland 72417
Bono	Ronnie Watkins	Bono 72416
Shady Grove	Eudoris Fielder	Rt. 3, Walnut Ridge 72476
Trinity	Halys Cathey	Rt. 2, Bono 72416
Dell	O. E. Hunnicutt	Dell 72426
Luxora	Charles Moore	Luxora 72358
Harrisburg	Marvin Hagaman	Box 33, Harrisburg 72432
Pleasant Valley	Guy McHenry	Rt. 2, Harrisburg 73432
Hickory Ridge	Clifford Slocum	Hickory Ridge 72347
Tlilton	B. J. Burnett	Rt. 1, Hickory Ridge 72347
Joiner	Sam Key	Box 365, Joiner 72350
Turrell	Jimmy Dale Thrasher	Box 292, Turrell 72384
Jonesboro, First	Joe Boone	1201 W. Highland, Jonesboro 72401
Fisher Street	Leon Hedger	Rt. 2, Box 373, Bono 72416
Pleasant Grove	Edmond Gibson	Rt. 1, Box 360, Jonesboro 72401
Huntington Avenue	Charles Rasberry	105 E. Stroud, Jonesboro 72401
Nettleton	Lindell Pratt	3406 Dayton, Jonesboro 72401
St. Paul	Leonard Tankersley	1212 Dana, Jonesboro 72401
Mt. Carmel	Max Travathan	1817 Culberhouse Rd., Jonesboro 72401

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Lake City	Bob Ridge	Rt. 2, Lake City 72437
Lake View	C. E. McGaughey	Rt. 2, Lake City 72437
Leachville	Ronnie Kennett	Leachville 72438
Caraway	Nelson Haag	Caraway 72419
Lepanto	Malcolm Patterson	633 Edgewood, Lepanto 72354
Manila	Dennis Farmer	Box 624, Manila 72442
Community	J. L. Bollinger	Box 391, Manila 72442
Marked Tree	Wylie Key	Marked Tree 72365
Monette	Clyde Evans	Monette 72447
Black Oak	George Brown	Rt. 1, Monette 72447
Osceola	Dr. Frank Rhodes	Osceola 72370
Trumann	Al Lindsey	Flossie Drive, Trumann 72472
Tyronza	D. F. Wylie	Box 293, Tyronza 72386
Centerview	Herbert Bingham	RFD Trumann, 72472
Union Grove	Fred Miles	Rt. 7, Jonesboro 72401
Shiloh	Cleo Poe	Rt. 2, Jonesboro 72401
New Haven	Ernest McCracken	Rt. 1, Box 207, Jonesboro 72401
Weiner	Charles Givens	Weiner 72479
Fisher	Walter Darter	Fisher, 72429
Wilson	Sam Moore	RFD Frenchman's Bayou 72338
Keiser	Eddie Gardner	Keiser 72351
Yarbro	L. D. Daniels	RFD Blytheville 72315
Blytheville,	Clyde Gilliland	911 E. Main, Blytheville, 72315
Christ		

## 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
Ramer's Chapel	Melvin Wyatt	Rt. 1, Rector 72461
Rock Springs	Ruel Parsons	Rt. 2, Rector 72461
Cherokee Village	Sam Wells	23 Lakeshore Drive, Cherokee Village 72542
Corning	William King	805 S.W. 3rd Corning 72422
New Home	John Cox	208 Plainview, Corning 72422
Knobel	Bill Reynolds	Box 472, Knobel 72435
Hardy	Michael Doyle	Hardy 72542
Corinth	Carol Gizbreath	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	Elmo Kissee	Mammoth Spring 72554
Marmaduke	Dempsey Hatcher	Marmaduke 72443
Macedonia	Ralph Hardin	Rt. 2, Rector 72461
Maynard	Ben Halliburton	Maynard 72444
Biggers	Alma Williamson	Biggers 72413
Friendship	Paul Shelton	Ravenden 72460
Middlebrook	C. T. Johnson	Maynard 72444



Oak Grove	W. H. Simington	Rt. 5, Pocahontas 72455
Old Walnut Ridge	C. L. Benson	Rt. 2, Hoxie 72433
Reyno	Jerry Richardson	Reyno 72462
Newport, Emory	Iona J. Oates	610 Elm, Newport 72112
Chapel		
Newport, First	Ed Scoggins	6 Pickens Drive, Newport 72112
Newport, Umsted	Scott Elphingstone	1018 Josephine, Newport 72112
Memorial		
Hope	Paul Webb	Tuckerman 72473
Paragould, Christ	Glen Howard	Tower Drive, Paragould 72450
Paragould, First	Francis Bland	511 N. Second, Paragould 72450
Paragould, Griffin	David Cupp	Rt. 3, Paragould, 72450
Memorial		
Paragould, Pruett's	Ralph Diggs	Rt. 3, Paragould, 72450
Chapel		
Pine Log	Harmon Whitehurst	W. Nettleton, Jonesboro 72450
Peach Orchard	Dorothy Cunningham	Peach Orchard 72453
Wood's Chapel	James Yarbrough	Rt. 1, Paragould 72450
Paragould, Shiloh	Ransom Walker	470 N. End, Paragould 72450
St. Mark's	Ulyees Chambless	411 Canal, Paragould 72450
Piggott	Bill Holifield	Piggott 72454
Pocahontas	A. L. McFall	1905 Rainbow, Pocahontas 72455
Ravenden	John T. Stoll	Ravenden 72460
Eli Lindsey	A. L. Lackey	Strawberry 72469
Ravenden Springs	E. M. McIlory	Ravenden Springs 72460
Rector	Melvin English	216 W. Second, Rector 72461
Simmons Chapel	Granville Speer	Rt. 1, Rector 72461
Rector Circuit		
Ebenezer	Laverne Pruett	Rector 72461
Hurricane	Raymond Gibson	Rt. 1, Marmaduke 72443
Liberty Hill	Deloris Manning	508 E. 4th, Rector 72461
Mars Hill	Laymon Harris	Piggott 72454
Pleasant Grove	Oscar Anderson	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	Hovert Holifield	Rt. 2, Paragould 72450
Warren's Chapel	Luther Cline	Rt. 7, Paragould 72450
Tuckerman	Cletus Coe	Box 627, Tuckerman 72473
Swifton	George Kell	Swifton 72471
Strangers Home	Lester Arnold	Alicia 72410
Walnut Ridge	Gene Brand	508 S. E. 2nd, Walnut Ridge 72476
Alicia	Buddy Sullivan	Rt. 3, Walnut Ridge 72476

### III. Daily Proceedings

Joint Special Session of the  
North Arkansas And Little Rock Annual Conferences  
Staples Auditorium, Hendrix College  
Conway, Arkansas  
October 22, 1977

#### Morning Session

**INFORMAL SINGING:** Soloman Balenton led in an informal time of hymn singing. Pianist was Elise Shoemaker.

**OPENING WORSHIP SERVICE:** An organ prelude was played by Robert McGill after which the hymn, "All Creatures of Our God and King," was sung. Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks called on Roy Shilling, President of Hendrix College, to welcome the conference, comment on the new organ, and to present the Hendrix College Choir. The Choir under the direction of Mr. McGill sang an anthem.

The sermon by Bishop Hicks, "The Theological Perspective of the Missional Priorities," emphasized that the church must be involved in the human predicament and that it must be interested in ministry, not programs.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Dr. Roy Shilling presented Mrs. Kenneth Hicks to the conference and made announcements pertinent to the conference session.

**ROLL CALL:** James E. Major, Secretary of the Little Rock Conference, announced that the roll would be taken on cards furnished by the Pages and moved that the bar of the conference be the entire auditorium. So ordered.

**INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONFERENCE:** Bishop Hicks gave instructions regarding voting rights. He stated that the purpose of the Joint Session is to deal with the missional priorities as the task forces present them. He suggested that any additions be directed to the task force, not dealt with in this Session.

**ETHNIC MINORITY LOCAL CHURCH:** Robert Felder, Chairperson of the North Arkansas Conference Ethnic Minority Local Church Task Force, presented the report, beginning with an audio-visual presentation of the condition of the black church in Arkansas Methodism. He then presented the written report, made corrections to secretarial errors, and spoke at length on it. Harold Flowers, Chairperson of the Little Rock Conference Ethnic Minority Local Church Task Force, assisted by William Robinson and Wendell Strong emphasized the concerns of the report. C. Ray Hozendorf moved that the conference receive the report and refer it to the proper boards and agencies of each annual conference for consideration and implementation. It was seconded.

John T. Adkinson, Jr. asked questions for clarification. Norman Carter moved the following amendment to the motion: That we accept and refer the report to the respective committees and task forces to report back to their respective annual conferences for action. Seconded by Wayne Jarvis. Bishop Hicks objected to any further delay. Wayne Jarvis explained his support of the amendment in that the whole task force of which he was a part had only seen the completed report that day and were not in total agreement with all of it. A lengthy discussion ensued. It was agreed to table the amendment until after the lunch hour.

#### Afternoon Session

**INFORMAL SINGING:** Soloman Balenton led the conference in informal hymn singing with Elise Shoemaker accompanying on the piano.

**BUSINESS RESUMED:** Bishop Hicks recognized Harold Flowers for a report on a joint meeting of the two conference task forces of the Ethnic Minority Local Church which had

been held during the lunch hour. Harold Flowers moved to amend the report under consideration by deleting Item No. 1 under the Prioritizing of Funds. It was seconded and passed.

Norman Carter withdrew his motion to amend the previous motion. C. Ray Hozendorf remade his motion to read "that the Conference receive the report as amended and refer it to the proper boards and agencies of each annual conference for consideration and implementation." The amendment was accepted and the motion carried.

EVANGELISM: Fred Arnold, Chairperson of the Little Rock Conference Task Force on Evangelism, presented the report, opening with a portion of the movie, "Go Tell." Fred Arnold, assisted by Don Eubanks, presented the first part of the written report, "Purposes and Goals." Buddy Arnold, Chairperson of the North Arkansas Conference Task Force on Evangelism, presented the second part, "Conference Objectives and Local Church Objectives." It was moved and seconded that the report be adopted.

John Jump moved an amendment to delete Items D, G and K under Conference Objectives and Items B and C under Local Church Objectives. It was seconded. John Miles spoke in opposition to the motion. Don Riggan called for the question and the amendment failed. The entire report was then adopted.

Buddy Arnold presented the suggested local church calendar of evangelism for the next three years. Bishop Hicks urged that the conference respond with growth in church membership as the population of the state grows, increase in numbers being actually a measure of our evangelistic concern.

WORLD HUNGER: Donald Ebright, Chairperson of the North Arkansas Conference Task Force on World Hunger, presented the report, assisted by Loyd Perry who presented the Pastor's Kit on World Hunger. Donald Ebright called attention to the Consciousness Raising Event on World Hunger to be held at Hendrix College on November 12 and 13, 1977, and urged a good attendance. Clarence Mannasmith spoke to the report and urged a good attendance and response to the Ingathering to be at Barton Coliseum in Little Rock on November 18, 1978.

Donald Ebright called attention to a possible Interfaith Ingathering in 1979, and Loyd Perry called attention to the Arkansas Hunger Hike on November 20, 1977, being planned in several areas of the state.

Edward Matthews, Chairperson of the Little Rock Conference Task Force on World Hunger, spoke on the Lent to Thanksgiving emphasis. Victor Nixon spoke on the Missional Priority Fund and the Advance for World Hunger. He asked for \$1,500 from the North Arkansas Conference for that Conference's part of the rental of Barton Coliseum for the Ingathering Event in 1978. Joel Cooper announced that the North Arkansas Conference Council on Finance and Administration had approved this amount. It was moved and seconded that this amount be accepted. With only the North Arkansas Conference members voting, it was approved.

Don Riggan moved the adoption of the report. The motion was seconded and passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Charles Richards moved that the Committee on Minutes of the Little Rock Conference read and approve the minutes of today's business. The motion was seconded and passed.

Charles Casteel moved that the minutes also be read and approved by the designated committee of the North Arkansas Conference. It was seconded and passed.

INTERMISSION: During the intermission between the business session and the closing worship service, Don Armstrong moved that a letter be sent to Robert M. McGill expressing regret and apology for inattentiveness displayed during the opening voluntary and expressing appreciation for his contribution to the opening service through the playing of the organ and to the excellent Hendrix College Choir. Seconded and passed. Bishop Hicks indicated that he would take care of the matter.

CLOSING WORSHIP: Robert Felder was leader of the worship service and was assisted by Harold Flowers, Kathy Fadick and Jeannette Felder. The hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," was sung. Special music was by the Philander Smith College Choir under the direction of Don West. The Conference Preacher, Negail Riley, was introduced by

Bishop Hicks. A solo was sung by Reginald Moore preceding the sermon by Dr. Riley on "Who Are We?" Bishop Hicks then challenged the Conference to march forward. The benediction was pronounced, and the service was concluded with a postlude by Elise Shoemaker.

### **Ethnic Minority Local Church Report**

The history of the United Methodist Church is replete with the names of men and women who, individually, gave their time, money, knowledge, skills, and lives to developing opportunities for self-expression for fellow human beings. They took literally the injunctions that "they were their brother's keeper," that you would do no less for others than you would want done for yourself, and that what they did or accomplished for the "least of these" you have also done for me. In the process of "reaching out" they gave up position, physical ease, and future economic benefits. They shared the problems of hunger, poverty, prejudice, and rejection common to a people who had been deprived and depressed by social conventions and systems. They even flew in the face of designated church and ecclesiastic authority in order to carry out a mission that was inspired by and infused with the basic example of Christ and His teaching.

It is interesting to note that in the realm of societal development, be it political, social, or religious, the individual—not the collective group—has been the agent for change, development, and improvement. It is through the compassion, understanding, and sensitivity of individuals that collective action is attained. It is the individual whose cognitive and sensate faculties aroused by blatant injustice is stirred to redress errors of judgment and decisions of the past. Just as clearly it is also the individual who turns deaf ears and blind eyes to conditions that negatively affect those whose needs and desires parallel his/her own. It is the individual who chooses to protect selfish or self-seeking conditions to the exclusion of those to whom some extension of that effort would have more than token meaning and effect.

It is within the framework of this dichotomy—the will of the individual to effectively help or the will of the individual to effectively withhold help—that the decisions of this conference will be made. There is no collective choice! There is individual responsibility! There is not nor can there ever be solace in rationale that cedes to the collective group, the actions or decisions which only individuals can take or make.

The conditions and circumstances of the ethnic minority local church in United Methodism is like an open wound which through constant and consistent neglect is becoming gangrenous. The festering pus of inadequate financial support to train and sustain new leadership, develop and support congregations in their efforts to maintain adequate church buildings and build relationships that foster peer equality and participation is threatening to the whole communicant body of the United Methodist Church in all of its parts. Studies, surveys and documentation pertaining to the problems have been made and presented to general and annual conferences. Announcements and pronouncements have been made as to the gravity of the situation. Discussions, debates and arguments have ensued. Action has been designated and approved aimed at alleviating the most critical aspects of this problem. But with all of this and in some instances in spite of it, there has been only token effort to eradicate the cause of the wound and apply those methods, techniques or actions that would heal the wound and restore that part of the church policy to a sound condition.

For example the updating of a study conducted in 1967 on the "Churches and Pastors of the Southwest Conference of the Methodist Church" reveals the following:

- A. Out migration of the black population in Arkansas continues to be the highest of any state in the country.
- B. The constant loss of black population continues the slow but steady demise of formerly thriving black churches, programmatically and financially.
- C. The greatest loss through out migration still occurs among the young blacks of the population.

- D. The loss of potential and better education black young persons from the population has continued the already critical problem of black leadership in church and community.
- E. The remaining non-church affiliated black population has not been recruited or affected by the United Methodist Church since merger in 1968.
- F. Black churches in rural areas of the Arkansas area are still the hardest hit by loss of population and resultant loss of financial support.
- G. Industrial development has brought some new people to rural communities but lack of adequate church programming and facilities has not attracted them to the United Methodist Church.
- H. In twenty-three cities with population ranging from 1,000-8,000, there are still no United Methodist Churches for black people.
- I. In more urbanized areas of Arkansas the number of Arkansas area churches still is inadequate for the population to be served.
- J. Most of the churches in the Arkansas area are categorized as small as this term relates to numbers of congregants, physical assets and servicing by pastors with other full-time occupational responsibilities.
- K. In the light of the 1968 merger and its concept of the "inclusive" church, little has been done in the area of planned program or development to give life to the concept or to make it viable within the precincts of the Arkansas area.
- L. The educational gap, especially in terms of Seminary trained pastors, is still as wide as it was 10 years ago.
- M. Salaries continue to be low and unattractive to even marginally qualified potential pastoral aspirants.

Faced with these examples most reasonable individuals would admit that the condition of black churches in the Arkansas area is one of steady deterioration. To continue the analogy of the open wound, not only have there been ineffective attempts made to deal with it but it has been deepened to a point where the only therapy available would demand its being cut off altogether! A question can be raised as to whether this was the underlying intent of merger to some individuals?

In any problem there are certain terms or concepts which should be understood and agreed upon by all individuals so that resolution can be achieved with alacrity and a sense of common purpose. One of the obstacles to resolution of the problems of the ethnic minority local church is the term and concept "inclusive church." Positively construed the term implies the eradication or elimination of those factors, conditions or circumstances that induce divisiveness and contention among individuals or members of a group. For example, if individuals and churches professing the same doctrine or principles are kept apart by factors of racial origin or color, these factors would be considered obstacles to the development of a common purpose or goal in the strengthening of the whole church community. Effective inclusive action, therefore, would seek to eliminate from value judgments negative racial stereotypes and the development of criteria, agreed upon by all, in affecting a positive climate, function and practice of all church members. The term, inclusive church, connotes a change in negative circumstance or condition from inequality to common equality or peer status in any arena that affects the whole church. Of more direct relevance to the Arkansas area is another example using the small church as illustration.

If, all other things being equal, small churches are valuable assets to certain rural communities, the decision to strengthen and maintain them should be arrived at from the same criteria. Long term and short term needs of the community, economic viability in growth terms, accessibility to population, availability of qualified pastors to service them and the extent to which the resources and efforts of the Arkansas area could be marshalled to attain this goal. Whether the church is black or white is of secondary importance to the criteria and decision. If the factor of black or white takes priority over the established criteria there is reason to question the goal and intent of "inclusiveness" as seen by the individuals in the Arkansas area. This would hold true of any other conference in United Methodism.

It follows, therefore, that any sincere desire to attain the goal of an inclusive church should, from the outset, involve the complete spectrum of ethnic minority thought, understanding, emphasis and practice on a continuing basis. The concept of inclusive church is directly related to the reality of a pluralistic church. **Real pluralism assumes that all members of a society are able to substantively contribute to the development of the society.** No program or plan of action is complete without the indepth involvement and participation of all persons who are affected by the actions or decisions that are made.

The apparent problem for the Arkansas area raises at least two questions:

- A. Does United Methodism in the Arkansas area mean the development of strong congregations of over 300 members in mostly white urban-suburban settings?
- B. Are potentially strong black congregations subject to benign neglect on the assumption that rather than be without a church in urban-rural settings they will join white congregations?

Comprehension and understanding of the above is critical to the criteria that is developed since it throws into clearer perspective the nuances of the need factors in the Arkansas ethnic church arena.

If the response to both of these questions borders on the affirmative there is reason to believe that there is a real gap in the communication process as to the goals and aspirations of ethnic churches in the Arkansas area.

A recent survey of 47 small ethnic churches lifted up the following 6 major critical needs as they see them.

1. Congregational Development
2. New Church Development
3. Restructuring of Salary Supplements
4. Leadership Development
5. Recruitment and Training of New Clergy and Lay Persons
6. Outreach Ministry

It is apparent that no church is thinking of itself as going out of business! Rather the desire is to become more effective in the mission of service to the community and to United Methodism.

- a. There is no real equation between being bigger and being effective. A small church with adequate facilities consonant with the needs of the community and a well directed, clearly focused congregation can be effective in its ministry. The need is for assistance in securing the resources that will enable this development to take place.
- b. New Church Development is a real desire to establish the church in areas of new population growth. This entails a clear demographic understanding of population movement and growth. It can lay the groundwork for intelligent grouping of present congregations, the dissolution of others where the possibility of effective service is negligible and the setting up of new church facilities in appropriate areas of Arkansas.
- c. Restructuring of salary supplements to meet new conditions is an essential aspect of church personnel stabilization. Former salary scales were set in conformance with expectations of economic support from a stable population. Variations in economic status and population loss have eroded the basis of the salary supplement. Few aspirants to the ministry expect to get rich but neither do they expect to subsist on a poverty level. A reality related salary supplement would enable incumbent and new ministerial personnel to more fully involve themselves in their chosen profession and add dignity to the church that has selected them for this special mission.
- d. It is obvious that strengthening congregations and developing new churches is impossible without good leadership. In the United Methodist Church stress is placed on the careful, sequential development of persons whose service to the mission of the church can become more effective. The need for this same process in small ethnic churches is critical to its survival. It should not be forced to depend on outsiders or some chance contact for its leadership. It should be able to offer to its constituents the

same prospects for growth through careful programming suited to its concerns as a church of a larger size.

- e. Natural attrition through death, retirement or other physical removal makes recruitment a prime concern of the ethnic church. Many seminarians are unaware of the openings that exist outside of their own immediate area. In addition, they have little if any knowledge about the conditions and needs of areas similar to those they come from.

Effective recruitment entails among other things, personal visits to potential applicants, invitations to visit the church community, some advertising and public relations expenditures. In the case of Arkansas, a planned program that would utilize persons familiar with small church needs would give substance and order to an on-going recruitment process. In addition, opportunities for practical experience in the church community should be made available through a supervised internship program.

- f. Use of the word small to describe the church or community is related to simple in the thinking of many people. Yet we do not think of the "digital watch" as simple although its mass is small. Outreach ministry in a small church community is as necessary, as energy consuming and as complex as it may be in a larger community. Indeed, it may entail better articulation of its staff and program because of the paucity of surrounding external resources. As in many other situations help is of no use if you don't know how to obtain it or where it is. An effective ethnic church outreach ministry adds to the breadth of Christian service to humanity which its existence implies.

In order to deal with these critical areas of need for the ethnic church in an efficient and responsible manner, we make these recommendations to the Arkansas Area Conference.

We affirm the Arkansas Area Ethnic Minority Task Forces as requested by Bishop Hicks and ordered by the 1977 Sessions of the Conference of Arkansas United Methodism. We further affirm the need to strengthen the ethnic church in Arkansas, as a result of our studies through listening teams and sampling surveys of the area. We therefore submit the following proposals in keeping with the spirit and actions recommended by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, 1976, and Arkansas Area Conferences in 1977.

#### **Leadership Development**

1. We go on record toward the implementation of strengthening the small membership black local church and request that one leadership team from each Annual Conference be sent to the Jurisdictional Workshop on the Small Membership Black Churches in Marshall, Texas April 7-8. The team should include at least six (6) persons: one (1) District Superintendent, one (1) Conference staff person, four (4) others. This team is to return, designing a program for strengthening the small membership local black church.
2. We affirm the action of the Annual Conferences to recruit at least four trained ministers by 1980; we urge District Councils on Ministries to recruit minorities in their districts, to attend leadership training events on the District, Conference, and Jurisdictional levels; these should include youth assemblies, lab schools and the Arkansas Area School of Missions. Time—Annual.
3. We encourage each Conference to make available funds for at least four persons to attend the annual meeting of the Black Methodist for Church Renewal meeting for training to implementation and goals of United Methodists in March, 1978.

#### **Congregational Development**

4. We encourage Conference Committees on Evangelism and Education to provide a workshop on Evangelism for the black church.
  - (a) We call on ethnic clergy to maintain confirmation with assistance provided by District Councils on Ministries.
  - (b) The Area Task Forces should plan and institute an Area Convocation on the Black

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Church no later than December 2nd or 3rd, 1977; there is a need to further discern areas of need and development in the ethnic church as well as inform these Methodist resources. The Conference Council should assist in the planning and the follow-up of convocation.

- (c) We recommend that the Committees on Mission of the Conference Boards of Global Ministries select at least (3), three small ethnic churches in each Conference to be targeted for improved physical facilities to enable them to more efficiently carry out their ministry and mission.

### Salary Supplement

- 5. We call on Conference and District Boards and Agencies to make requests for the supplementing of salaries of ethnic clergy such as might be available through Temporary General Aid, district missions boards, boards supplementary aids, and equitable salaries to aid ethnic ministers. We further recommend that a committee from each of the Conferences be established, composed of two persons from the Board of Global Ministries, two persons from Equitable Salary, and four from Ethnic Minority Local Church Task Force, to define ways in which parity can be reached by ministers in small-church communities so as to enhance and appropriately reward them for services rendered.

### Training and Recruitment

- 6. We affirm the action taken in recruiting the Church and Community Workers and Community Developers. We call on the Conference Council on Ministries, Board of Equitable Salary, Board of Ordained Ministry to help strengthen leadership in the churches and communities as well as to be diligent to secure trained ministers in the total development of ethnic churches. We recommend that a special committee be set up with ethnic involvement in developing appropriate recruitment and internship programs for small churches.

### Church Nurture

- 7. We would encourage black members on District Councils on Ministries in areas where black churches exist or where black people live.
  - (a) We ask the office of Pastoral Care to move with all deliberate speed with District Councils on Ministries in setting up "Awareness Events" involving whites and ethnic minorities for the purpose of sensitizing and making all people aware of our common humanity, April 1978.

### Church Extension

- 8. We call upon the ethnic task forces, Boards of Global Ministries to explore with District Councils on Ministries needs for ethnic church extension throughout the Area.

### Special Notices

We call attention to the small response to the fund for "Ethnic Minority Local Church" and encourage strongly, that all churches contribute to this "Missional Priority" as established by the General Conference and accepted by the Arkansas Area Conferences of the United Methodist Church 1976-1980.

We ask the Arkansas Area Annual Conferences to support Human Relations Sunday and to help implement mission programs in the Arkansas Area. February 12, 1978.

## A Comprehensive Plan Of Evangelism

### Purpose:

To bring all persons into living, active fellowship with God through Jesus Christ as divine Savior and Lord, and through the regenerating power of the Holy Spirit to gather them into the fellowship of the Church and lead them to express their Christian discipleship in every



area of human life that the Kingdom of God may be realized.

To call every Christian to commitment, to service, and motivated by the Holy Spirit, to minister as the Body of Christ in the world. The experience of salvation places a claim on every Christian and on each local congregation to be responsible for the neighbor who has not acknowledged Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. Every Christian is called to share the faith and bear witness to the gospel.

We believe that this area wide program will sharpen our understanding of evangelism, ministry and mission. It will provide an opportunity for our ministers and lay persons to unite in the study and practice of the basics of evangelism. It will provide an opportunity for our ministers and lay persons to become acquainted with new, exciting and effective methods of proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Resources to accomplish this will be made available as part of this program. Further, the purpose is to challenge local churches to establish a comprehensive evangelistic plan which includes proclamation, nurture and Christian social responsibility.

#### Goals:

That every local church become a functioning center for evangelistic ministry by the end of 1980. This is rooted in a biblical understanding of the nature and purpose of God revealed in Jesus Christ. Three Life Streams bear this out: 1. **Outreach ministries** which focus on conversion and the new life in Christ. 2. **Growth in Discipleship** where the content of the faith is experienced and expressed in the life of the individual. 3. **Supportive Community** emphasizes the fellowship of believers where the creative, redemptive community of faithful persons bound together by caring concern becomes a life support system.

- A. That every local church develop and expand a program aimed at winning new converts, restoring and renewing disenchanted members and deepening the spiritual life of the entire congregation.
- B. That every local church set membership goals, making special efforts to evangelize children, youth and young adults.
- C. That every local church inaugurate and/or improve the opportunities for newly committed Christians, as well as present members, to be involved in the fellowship of the church, and to participate in specific acts of Christian discipleship and social concern.
- D. That every local church join in this area wide effort and incorporate in their planning the basic elements of this three year evangelistic emphasis. It is critical that every local church make evangelism a permanent and ongoing concern and effort in its planning for the future.

#### Conference Objectives:

- A. That each District have a rally to explain and interpret the Comprehensive Plan in the Spring of 1978.
- B. That a program of visitation evangelism be presented in every District and local church by the end of 1978.
- C. That increased emphasis be placed on Baptism Vows and Confirmation Training during 1978 and 1979.
- D. That simultaneous evangelistic endeavors (i.e. preaching mission, revival, new life mission or other program) take place over the entire state during 1980.
- E. That our summer youth camps be planned in the summers of 1978 through 1980 to correspond to the emphasis of the entire Conference in the area of evangelism during this time.
- F. That Pastor's School be planned to motivate pastors to doing the work of Evangelism in the local church in a comprehensive way.
- G. That the area set a goal for increase in persons received on profession of faith by 3,600 persons each year from 1978-1980.
- H. That we urge UMCOR and other Methodist agencies dealing with the world hunger problem to make, wherever possible, an intentional witness to Christ as Lord and Savior. To let the hungry and starving peoples of the world know who Christ is, is essential if we are going to feed their bodies and spirits alike.

- I. That increased funding in both conferences be authorized in 1978 through 1980 to make evangelism truly a priority during these years.
- J. That we utilize the mass media to promote this evangelism program, to educate and motivate our people as to the urgency of our plan.
- K. That the Cabinets devise a report form on which each local pastor will report quarterly the number added or subtracted from his/her church and church school rolls. (This would be sent to District Superintendent.)

**Local Church Objectives:**

- A. That each local church be urged to develop and implement their own overall plan aimed at winning new converts, restoring and renewing disenchanted members, and deepening the spiritual life of the entire congregation. By the end of 1978, every local church should have conducted the training program in Visitation Evangelism—A Relational Ministry for their congregation.
- B. That every local church set a goal of not less than two persons to be reached by profession of faith each year, 1978 through 1980; in every case each church have an increase over the number of persons received by profession of faith in 1977 during each of these years.
- C. That each local church report on a quarterly basis the number of members added or subtracted from its church and church school rolls. This report will be forwarded to the District Superintendent.
- D. Each local church activate its Committee or Task Force on Evangelism, set goals for a new increase in membership; plan a major event such as New Life Mission, Minister's We Care Mission or some other evangelistic endeavor each year that would suit the needs of that church.
- E. Each local church have a specific Prayer Emphasis in the Spring of 1978 to undergird these efforts. There are excellent follow-up programs to our Prayer Emphasis now available.
- F. That Pastors each preach a series of sermons on the vows for Baptism and Confirmation.
- G. That each local church set the first Sunday after Epiphany as Covenant Sunday to urge members of the congregation to make and renew covenants with God and with each other. The week beginning with Ash Wednesday be designated Evangelism Week and the Sunday following Ash Wednesday be designated Evangelism Sunday. (On Evangelism Sunday the total plan for the local church should be presented to the congregation including financial support needed to carry out the overall evangelism program).
- H. Each local church get the Local Church Planning Guide for a Comprehensive plan for Evangelism and other materials available from the Board of Discipleship; and follow this plan—set their own goals and objectives, using the local Council on Ministries and taking the plan to the Administrative Board for adoption and presentation to the total church. There should be a continuing emphasis on evangelism through the year.
- I. That the Committee on Evangelism and the Committee on Education meet jointly once each quarter to coordinate and evaluate their programs—the Comprehensive Plan and Decision Point.

**Local Church  
Three Year Calendar  
For Implementing  
The Comprehensive Plan of Evangelism**

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## World Hunger

### 1. The Hunger Consciousness Raising Event

The Task Force on World Hunger of the Arkansas Area of the United Methodist Church has planned a "Consciousness Raising Event on Hunger" to be held November 12-13, 1977, at Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas. Registration will be in the Mills Center Lobby commencing at 10:00 a.m. on November 12. While there is no space for overnight lodging on the Hendrix Campus, participants should make their own arrangements in Conway motels. The First United Methodist Church has offered "Sleeping bag accommodations" for free.

The Program for the Hunger Event is planned to offer delegates first-hand information on the causes of World Hunger and present effective means of responding to the problem. The two-day program will also feature presentations on hunger in Arkansas, the future of the family farm, the policy and programs of the United States Government, changing life styles, the Biblical basis for a response to Hunger, congregational and community action and influencing public policy.

Featured speakers will include Bishop Hicks, Arkansas Area; Bishop James Armstrong, the Dakotas Area; Dr. Dean Freudenberger, International Developmental Studies, School of Theology at Claremont, California; Ms. Mia Adjali, Executive Secretary U.N./International Affairs, Board of Global Ministries, New York; Professor Charles Baughman, St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City; Bill Clinton, Attorney General, Little Rock; Mr. Clay R. Moore, Extension Economist, Cooperative Extension Service, Little Rock; Dr. Lew Brinkley, Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, Arkansas; the Honorable Richard E. Bell, Vice President for Economic Affairs for Riceland Foods and former Assistant U. S. Secretary of Agriculture; and Mr. Walter Rowden, Winrock International Livestock Research and Training Center.

The state-wide Task Force on World Hunger is a group of thirty people representing the Boards of Global Ministries and Church and Society of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences of the United Methodist Church. This is part of a four-year program to promote understanding of the causes of World Hunger and share practical methods to strike at the root causes of hunger. The Reverend Dr. Donald F. Ebright, Task Force Chairperson, served as a missionary in India for 22 years, was the first Church World Service Representative in India for five years and for fourteen years was Director of the Overseas Programs for Meals for Millions Foundation with feeding programs in forty countries. The Task Force Co-Chairman is Reverend Ed Matthews, Pastor in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, who served as a missionary in Africa and has had long experience with hunger problems.

The Hunger Event will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, November 12, with registration. The first session will begin at 12:50 p.m. with Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks presiding, and introducing one of America's leading authorities on World Hunger, Dr. Dean Freudenberger, of Claremont, California, who will give the keynote address: "Global Context and Issues." The registration fee will include the Sunday, November 13th luncheon, planned by Mrs. Marie Jordan of Paragould. Mrs. Mary Lou Gall is in charge of the literature and book display. Dr. C. Mannasmith of Winrock Training Center is in charge of the Hunger Theater (presenting both films and filmstrips). The Hunger Event will conclude with a worship service planned by Dr. Donald F. Ebright and a commitment service on Sunday, November 13, at 4:00 p.m.

### 2. Area-Wide Ingathering, November 18, 1978

The Inter-Conference Task Force proposes and seeks approval to organize a state-wide "Ingathering" on Saturday, November 18, 1978, in Barton Coliseum, Little Rock, Arkansas. Mr. I. N. Lawhon has agreed to be chairman of the Ingathering Committee of the Hunger Task Force. In some detail: (A) clothing, blankets, bandages, and specialized kits (all secured in accordance with Church World Service-CROP specifications) will be collected at the Ingathering by CWS trucks; (B) animals (secured after consultation with Heifer Project) will be received and trucked away by Heifer Project personnel; and (C) monies (with a goal of \$200,000) will be received by the Area Treasurer and designated to specified Advance Specials.

**3. Ingathering Budget**

In order to designate all monies received at the Ingathering for the specified Advance Specials, we seek approval of a budgeted item of \$3000 (\$1500 from each Annual Conference) for the November 18, 1978 "Ingathering." This will be for the rental of Barton Coliseum, publicity, materials required for the "Ingathering," basic administrative and promotional expenses by Mr. Lawhon and meetings of the Hunger Task Force. The Little Rock Conference will make use of funds appropriated at the last Annual Conference for World Hunger. The North Arkansas Conference requests an additional \$1500 for 1978.

**4. Inter-Faith Ingathering**

We authorize Reverend Loyd A. Perry and Dr. Donald F. Ebright to propose to the Inter-Faith Hunger Task Force that there be a state-wide Inter-Faith Ingathering in November 1979, and to assure the Inter-Faith Hunger Task Force of the fullest cooperation by Arkansas United Methodists.

**5. Arkansas Hunger Hike**

We propose that Arkansas Methodists participate in the Inter-Faith Hunger Task Force Hunger Hike, November 20, 1977, (Hunger Sunday). Participants should return money raised to the local church which can decide how it shall be spent or designated. Information on how to organize a Hunger Hike for your church or area can be obtained from Madge Brown (Mrs. Frank), #7 Broadview, Little Rock, Arkansas 72207.

**6. Lent-To-Thanksgiving**

We propose and seek authority to designate Lent-to-Thanksgiving as a special emphasis in our Conferences. Projects started in Lent, 1978, will be "harvested" in the Fall. This will tie into Evangelism during the Lenten emphasis on renewal. This would be a season that projects might be to share in strengthening local black churches in Arkansas.

**The World Hunger Dollar  
The United Methodist Church  
1977-80**

The United Methodist Church commitment to the problem of world hunger for the present quadrennium is \$5,000,000. The monies for this commitment are provided from two sources: The Missional Priorities Fund (an apportionment) and The Missional Priorities Advance Special (a program of "extra mile" giving).

1. The Missional Priorities Fund is apportioned to the Annual Conferences according to the following ratio:

Ethnic Minority Local Church Program .....	\$1,500,000
HANA Scholarship Program .....	500,000
World Hunger .....	2,000,000
Evangelism .....	<u>125,000</u>
Total .....	\$4,125,000

The Missional Priorities apportionment for the Arkansas Area is as follows: Little Rock Conference - \$33,271; North Arkansas Conference - \$36,545. Both apportionments were accepted by the regular sessions.

2. The Missional Priority Advance Special Fund is composed of two goals:

Ethnic Minority Local Church Program .....	\$3,500,000
World Hunger Program .....	<u>3,000,000</u>
Total Goal .....	\$6,500,000

Both conferences have approved the World Hunger Advance and recommended it to the churches. The North Arkansas Conference has set a goal of \$10,000 for the World Hunger Advance.

**MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE****Distribution of Funds**

The money that is given for world hunger through both the Missional Priority Fund apportionment and the advance will be distributed as follows:

- 58 percent to the General Board of Global Ministries for services and resources leading to the alleviation of world hunger and the basic causes of hunger.
- 18 percent to the General Board of Discipleship for programs designed to cultivate more Christian lifestyles.
- 18 percent to the General Board of Church and Society for programs to cultivate constituencies in the American public, organized to affect public policies toward a more adequate system for food production and distribution.
- 6 per cent to the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry for training and research opportunities within United Methodist institutions.

**The Area Hunger Task Force**

The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences have accepted the commitment to eradicate World Hunger through the creation of an Area Task Force on World Hunger. The work of the task force has been funded in 1977 through special gifts from various boards in the two conferences.

Both conferences approved program funds for world hunger at the 1977 regular sessions. Additional funds are needed for promotion, publicity, and rental of facilities for the In-gathering Event, November 18, 1978, in Little Rock. The additional amount requested is \$3,000, to be divided equally between the two conferences. We recommend that the portion from the Little Rock Conference be taken from funds previously approved at the last regular session. We recommend that the North Arkansas Conference grant \$1500 additional to the Area Hunger Task Force for the 1978 In-gathering Event.

**REGULAR SESSION  
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**One Hundred and Forty-Third Session  
June 5-8, 1978  
Held at Hendrix College  
Conway, Arkansas**

**Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks, President  
Dewey Dark, Secretary  
Allan E. Hilliard, Statistician**

**First Day — Afternoon Session**

The One Hundred Forty-Third Session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference was convened at Staples Auditorium, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas, at 2:00 P.M. with Bishop Hicks presiding. Following the opening hymn, "And Are We Yet Alive," Bishop Hicks led the Conference in prayer. In his devotional statement to the Conference, Bishop Hicks drew from the teachings of Jesus the idea of Christians who were like salt, light, and leaven. He emphasized that we are not here as a conference to maintain the status quo, but to be in the work of Christ through involvement.

**WORD OF GREETING:** A letter of greeting was received from the Iowa Annual Conference.

**SECRETARIAL STAFF:** Dewey Dark, Conference Secretary, nominated Andrew Hall and Charles Watt as assistants to the Conference Secretary. They were elected.

**BAR OF THE CONFERENCE:** Dewey Dark moved that the Bar of the Conference be the main floor of the building. It was done.

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

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** Earl Carter moved the adoption of the agenda as printed in the *Arkansas Methodist*. It was done.

**WELCOME:** Dr. Roy B. Shilling, President of Hendrix College, welcomed the delegates to Hendrix on behalf of the United Methodist Churches in Conway, the Host District Superintendent, and the College.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Mrs. Paul Bumpers presented Mrs. Kenneth W. Hicks, wife of the Bishop, and Mrs. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., wife of the President of Hendrix College.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:** Victor Nixon presented the report from the Committee on Nominations. The following nominees are submitted to fill vacancies which have occurred during the year:

**Conference Lay Leader**

Emily Cockrill (to replace Bob Cheyne)

**Board of Global Ministries**

1. Chairperson—Nell Barling (to replace Nadine Hardin)
2. Health and Welfare Committee, Chairperson—Freddie Nixon (to replace Nell Barling)
3. Member at Large—Sandy Barnett (to replace Robert Felder)
4. Member at Large—Lowell Eaton (to replace Freddie Nixon)

**Board of Discipleship**

Member at Large—Laura Casteel (to replace Sharon Spurlin)

**Board of Church and Society**

1. Chairperson—Francis Christie (to replace Tom Barnett)
2. Emerging Social Issues Committee, Chairperson—John Copher (to replace Francis Christie)
3. General Welfare Committee, Chairperson—Carol Lascaro (to replace Homer Fulbright)
4. Member at Large—Kurt Wulfekuhler (to replace Carol Lascaro)
5. Member at Large—Posey Talbot (to replace Jan Guthrie)
6. Member at Large—Tommy Smith (to replace Gene Brand)

**Young Adult Coordinator**

Sharon Spurlin (to replace Ann Henry)

**Family Life Coordinator**

J. Clif Christopher (to replace Linda and Waymon Hollis)

**Committee on Group Insurance**

Raymond Dorman (to replace Marvest Lawson)

**Board of Managers, Arkansas Methodist**

Gene Brand (to replace Bob Cheyne, term to expire 1978)

Gene Brand, term to expire 1981

Joe McGee, term to expire 1981

**Commission on Status and Role of Women**

Hazel Clark (to replace Ann Murphy)

**Council on Lay Life and Work**

Member at Large—Mildred Vance (to replace Emily Cockrill)

**Structure Committee**

Gary Barbaree (to replace Jerry Pulliam)

**Council on Professional Ministry**

Chairperson—Waymon Hollis (to replace Jim Beal)

**Board of Pensions**

Ralph Hillis (to replace Tom Weir), term to expire 1980

**Annual Conference Board of Trustees**

Class of 1980—Gail Anderson

Kaneaster Hodges, Jr.

Joe Coker

H. P. McDonald

Class of 1981—Dave Conyers

Bennie Harmon

T. G. Vinson

Charles Teeter

**Council on Finance and Administration**

Lay Member—Lee Reaves (to replace Wendell Beall)

Each were elected.

The Nominating Committee recommends the following nominations for institutional representatives as referred by the respective Boards of Trustees:

**Ecumenical Retirement Center**

Dana Steward

**Methodist Hospital, Memphis**

1. J. C. Portis

2. Warren Blaylock

**Methodist Nursing Home**

1. Robert Laser

2. Roger Lynch

3. Leon Taylor

4. Thomas Clark

**Methodist Children's Home**

1. Ralph McDonald

2. Howard Johnson

3. Norman Carter

4. Joel Cooper



**Hendrix College**

Bill Wilder (to replace Earl Carter)

**St. Paul's School of Theology**

Jack Owens

Mary Ellen Jesson questioned the existing method of selecting trustees to institutions related to the North Arkansas Annual Conference. After discussion Ben Jordan moved that the matter of policy for selection of members of Boards of Trustees to institutions whose charters permit them to submit nominations to the Conference be reviewed by the Conference Committee on Policy and Review for further consideration by this Annual Conference next year. It was done. The original nominations were then accepted.

The Committee recommends the following nomination by the Bishop in consultation with the Chairperson, Board of Diaconal Ministry:

**Board of Diaconal Ministry**

Martha White (to replace Gene Brand). She was elected.

The following persons were nominated from the floor for later election to the Committee on Nominations:

**Laity 1979, vote for one**

Lynn Barbaree

**Clergy 1982, vote for two**

1. Robert Felder
2. Barbara Wulfekuhler
3. Bob Orr
4. Charles Watt
5. Frank Clemmons
6. Merle Johnson
7. Andy Hall

**Clergy 1979, vote for one**

1. Victor Green

2. DuBois Pettit

**Laity 1982, vote for two**

1. Kathleen Sharp
2. Bill Lindsey
3. Nadine Hardin

Bill Lindsey moved nominations cease. It was done.

**BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY:** D. Max Whitfield moved the election of the following persons as Probationary Members: Russell Murphy Bailey; Donna Sue Corbitt; Douglas Edwin Edwards, III; David Ray Hanshaw; Michael Irving Hollowell; Carroll Dwain Jackson; Michael Lee Mattox; David Paul Orr; Lewis Thompson See, Jr.; Carlos Beckner Summers; Gregory Alan Webb; Ralph William Whiteway.

Presented for re-admission as probationary members were: John Russell Collier, III; and Kurt Wulfekuhler. So ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE: Report #1.**

Pat Freemyer presented the report for the Committee. She called attention to the action taken at the special session of the Annual Conference held November 1, 1975, as it pertains to the extended tenure of office. She moved that the name of Aldersgate Retirement Center be changed in the Conference Journal to read, The Ecumenical Retirement Center. So ordered.

The committee also recognized the dedication of Jerry Pulliam who had served as secretary for the committee.

**POLICY AND REVIEW COMMITTEE, Report #1.**

Charles McDonald presented the report of the Committee. He placed on the table to lay overnight a revised standing rule #8 and #9.

He made the motion that the North Arkansas Annual Conference direct the Conference Council on Ministries to elect a Personnel Committee for the Council Staff, both clergy and lay; that the Personnel Committee be empowered to make recommendations concerning the staff personnel and salaries; and that they function like a local Pastor-Parish Committee using guidelines of the 1976 Discipline. The committee shall be composed of five lay persons and three clergy. Raymond Franks suggested that this Personnel Committee serve on a rotating basis. The committee accepted this as part of their recommendation.

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN:** Marie Jordan, president of the Conference United Methodist Women, presented the Conference officers and the District presidents that were present. They were:

Pat Freemyer, Vice President (Helena)  
 Treccie Cook, Secretary (Searcy)  
 Muriel Ware, Membership Chairperson (Fort Smith)  
 Nadine Hardin, Christian Personhood (Fort Smith)  
 Avis Moore, Supportive Community and Equal Rights Amendment Coordinator  
 (Mountain Home)  
 Donna Williams, Christian Social Involvement (Trumann)  
 Othella Peters, Christian Global Concerns (Corning)  
 Margaret Hammond, Conway District President (Conway)  
 Sharon Weir, Fort Smith District President (Fort Smith)  
 Ruth Lanier, Jonesboro District President (Wilson)  
 She spoke of their work and concerns of the United Methodist Women.

She announced that an anonymous friend of the Annual Conference has provided a scholarship to Scarritt College which will be awarded each year to a student in attendance there. Those interested should contact Marie Jordan or Mildred Osment. It will be called the Osment-Neill Scholarship.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** The Bishop presented to the Conference Ewing Wayland, the Executive Director of the General Council on Finance and Administration. Dr. Wayland spoke of coming home to his own conference and the pride and joy he has in its work.

**METHODIST FOUNDATION OF ARKANSAS:** Dr. Milton D. Deneke, Chairperson, explained the plan for revitalizing the work of the Foundation. He announced that retired Bishop Paul Galloway would be working with the foundation at this time. He expressed hope of being able to hire a full time director by 1981.

**WORD OF GREETING:** Greetings were read from the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference.

The Bishop suggested and it was moved that we direct the Secretary of the Conference to reply to all letters of greeting from other Annual Conferences.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Earl Carter made a number of announcements pertaining to the Annual Conference.

**LEGISLATIVE FORUMS:** Earl Carter explained the procedure to be followed in the legislative forums and gave instructions as to the meeting places. Delegates were directed to go immediately there for organization.

**RECESS.**

### **First Day—Evening Service**

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed at the First United Methodist Church, Conway. The celebrants were Bishop Kenneth Hicks and Dr. Walter Underwood, Conference preacher. Liturgist was Clint D. Burleson. Deacons were Kathy Fadick, John H. Thompson, John M. McCormack, and Ethan W. Dodgen. The Choir was composed of the Chancel Choirs of the First United Methodist Church, Conway, Elise Shoemaker, director; the First United Methodist Church, Morrilton, Bill Durham, director; and the Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Len Bobo, director. The Communion Steward was Mrs. R. T. Steel of the First United Methodist Church, Conway; Head Ushers were Marion Johnson and Gene Wilbourn. The Acolytes were from the First United Methodist Church, Conway, Acolyte Guild, Mrs. Byrd Evelyn Shock, Coordinator. The Organists were Len Bobo and Elise Shoemaker.

### **Second Day—Morning Session**

**June 6, 1978**

**DEVOTIONS:** The leader was Lloyd V. Stone; the speaker was Dr. Walter Underwood.

**OPENING:** Bishop Hicks called the Conference to order and declared the Conference in session.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** The Bishop presented the Rev. O. R. Findley. He mentioned two books by Rev. Findley, "Reflections of a Country Parson" and "City Which Has Foundations." He also presented Dr. and Mrs. John Bayliss to the Conference.

**UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME:** Charles Ramsey presented the amended articles of incorporation of the United Methodist Children's Home and moved its adoption. It was seconded. He then introduced John Gill, attorney for the Home, and asked him to speak to the report. Wayne Jarvis asked a question about the legal liability of the Conference. Mr. Gill explained it would be minimal at this point. Ben Jordan asked, "Does the Conference own the property?" Mr. Gill replied, "No, it's owned by the Board of Trustees." A lengthy discussion ensued with several persons speaking to the various sections of the proposal. Freddie Nixon brought a recommendation from the Health and Welfare section of the Board of Global Ministries endorsing the Articles of Incorporation. Questions called for; it was adopted.

Charles Ramsey moved that we authorize the Conference trustees to meet with the trustees of the Little Rock Annual Conference and the trustees of the Home to work out details. So ordered. There was an expression of appreciation for the outstanding leadership at the Children's Home. Wayne Jarvis moved the entire report be printed. So ordered.

**COKESBURY:** Sam Albright, representing Cokesbury, was presented to the Conference. He made a statement about displays of books and materials available. He presented a check for \$6,501.47 to go into the Conference Pensions fund. This represents our share of the profits of Cokesbury for this year.

**BALLOT:** The ballots were distributed for the election of members to serve on the Nominating Committee.

#### **POLICY AND REVIEW: Report #2**

Charles McDonald called from the table the amended Standing Rules #8 and #9 (see report of Policy and Review). Emily Cockrill offered an amendment to the proposed standing rule #8. The amendment failed. The proposed amended standing rules #8 and #9 were approved.

**COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES COORDINATED REPORT:** Sam Teague, Chairperson, presented an overview of the report and lifted up the priorities. Freddie Nixon presented a group from Wyatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, who made a presentation on deaf ministry. Carl Strayhorn, their pastor, introduced the group who presented a devotion and hymn in sign language. Others speaking to the report were Jim to the report were Jim Beal and Emily Cockrill.

#### **BOARD OF MINISTRY: Report #2**

Leonard Byers presented the retirees to the Annual Conference. They were:

Myers B. Curtis, Bob Shields Edwards, Anthony L. Chaffin, Neal E. Kearney, Aubrey Hays, Robert Montgomery, Jewell T. Holland, Thelbert B. Parmenter.

The retirees and wives present were presented to the Conference. A retired relationship was approved by the Conference and they were given a standing ovation.

**COURTESY COMMITTEE:** Charles Casteel recognized Dr. Eugene Moore of the General Board of Pensions, Dr. John Bayliss, Dr. Brooks Holifield, Dr. Ewing Wayland, and a number of visitors.

**THE SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COMMEMORATION:** Kenneth Ellsworth Watson was the preacher for the service. Assisting in the service were Jim Barton, Maurice Lanier, Arvest Lawson, Robert E. L. Bearden, and David Conyers. The organist was Elise Shoemaker. The Chancel Ensemble was from the First United Methodist Church, Conway, Arkansas. Those memorialized were: Walter Abee; William Grant Conner; J. Albert Gatlin; Joseph A. Hutto, Jr.; W. T. Lingo; Henry Linwood (Pop) Robinson; V. M. Peters; Harold Dodson Womack; Blanche Roebuck (wife of Fred Roebuck); Georgia Ann Smith (wife of James G. Smith); Estella Mae Albright (widow of W. W. Albright); Myrtle Greer (widow of F. N. Greer); Doro Lipe (widow of Henry D. Lipe); Ora Winston (widow of John Winston); and Stella York (widow of James W. York).

## Second Day—Afternoon Session

Bishop Hicks called the Conference to order and Ron Clark led in a hymn.

### INSTITUTIONAL REPRESENTATIVES:

**Perkins School of Theology:** Brooks Jones spoke for the seminary and explained that they were attempting to keep in touch with the Church through the Intern Program.

**Scarritt College:** George Shepherd and Bob Gentry shared in the report from the college. They expressed appreciation for the support given by this Conference.

**Methodist Hospital:** John Lafferty spoke of new things happening at the hospital. A slide presentation was presented showing the caring side of the hospital.

**Memphis Theological Seminary:** W. E. Knickbocker, Dean-elect of the seminary who is a United Methodist minister, spoke for the seminary.

**Methodist Nursing Home and Village:** Sue Shap, Activities Director at the Home and Village, and Mildred Croft, Director of Nursing, spoke of the work being done.

**Candler School of Theology:** Dr. Brooks Holifield, a member of the North Arkansas Annual Conference and professor of Church history, spoke of the work at Candler. He told of the recent acquisition of the Hartford Theological library which gives Candler the third largest theological library in the U.S.

**St. Paul School of Theology:** Dr. William McElvaney told of the seminary receiving the largest endowment in its twenty-year history, which will be used to establish a Chair for training persons in ministries to the aging.

**Lydia Patterson Institute:** Dr. Noe Gonzales brought greetings and expressed appreciation for our continued support.

**Philander Smith College:** Dr. Crawford Mims presented a report for the 12 Black Colleges across the nation. He spoke of the needs of Philander Smith and encouraged our support.

**Arkansas Council of Churches:** Lester Brickford listed three dates of an ecumenical nature—June 15, the dedication of the Ecumenical Retirement Center; June 26-28, Conference on the future of the small church in Arkansas; and July 23-27, Ecumenical School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

**Aldersgate:** Ray Tribble talked of the program and ministries of the camp.

**United Methodist Children's Home:** Joe Phillips stated that the Home is now fully licensed by the state and is in the process of becoming accredited by the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

**Mt. Sequoyah:** N. Lee Cate stated that the program was growing. He announced that a new home for the director was soon to be built. He presented the Bishop a "jogging shirt" to go with "jogging shorts" given him at the Little Rock Conference.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Bob Miller for the Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, presented a check for \$4,125.00 to the Conference. This check from the Hendricks Hills Church was given in response to a commitment made by him during the 1977 Session of the Conference to pay half of the funding of the Missional Priorities.

**REPORT OF BALLOT:** The Conference Secretary reported that there had been two elections to the Nominating Committee: Laity 1979, Lynn Barbaree; Clergy 1979, Victor Green. There had been no majority election in the four other vacancies. Wayne Jarvis moved that we suspend the rules of the Conference and allow those receiving the largest number of votes to be elected. It was done. Those elected were Clergy 1982, Robert Felder and Bob Orr; Laity 1982, Kathleen Sharp and Bill Lindsey. Clint Burleson spoke as to the possibility of changing the structure to allow the person receiving the largest number of votes be declared the winner. Vernon Paysinger stated to do so would be in keeping with the original intention of the Structure Committee.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Jim Lane called the attention of the Conference to the latest issue of the Arkansas Methodist which is available in the foyer.

**LEGISLATIVE FORUM:** Earl Carter presented further instructions for the Legislative Forums. Bishop Hicks stated that the first order of business of the Conference on Wednesday would be the Board of Ministry report.

Pat Freemyer asked if the Conference was requesting the Structure Committee to explore the possibility of amending the structure to allow the election of person(s) receiving a simple majority. So ordered.

RECESS.

### Second Day—Evening Service

The Service of Worship and the Consecration of Diaconal Ministers was held at 7:30 P.M. in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church, Conway. The ministers of the celebration were Bishop Kenneth Hicks and Dr. Walter L. Underwood, Conference Preacher; and Kurt Wulfekuhler, Liturgist. Joe Sparks, Chairman of the Board of Diaconal Ministry, presented Len Bobo for consecration as a Diaconal Minister. The Reader was Mrs. Pat Halwes, a Diaconal Minister, of Prairie Grove. The Choir was the Chapel Choir of Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, consisting of youth in grades nine to twelve. The Choir Director was Kenneth Davis and the accompanist was Margie Neal. The Organist was Elise Shoemaker. The Head Usher was Ira Workman; the Acolytes were Laura Shock and Terri Boyd, all of First United Methodist Church, Conway.

### Third Day—Morning Session

June 7, 1978

DEVOTIONS: Albert Keith Berthouex sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness" and then led the Conference in prayer. Dr. Walter Underwood's sermon was "How Can I Live With Myself?"

OPENING: Bishop Kenneth Hicks called the Conference to order. He then presented Jim and Mauzel Beal to the Annual Conference. Jim is the new District Superintendent of the Forrest City District.

PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Bishop James Henley was introduced to the Conference by Bishop Hicks and was asked to speak about the "Educational Opportunities for Ministers and Laity."

ARKANSAS CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION: Ed Harris, Executive Director, spoke at length about alcohol, narcotics, gambling, and pornography.

BOARD OF MINISTRY: Report #2

Max Whitfield presented those to be elected into Full Connection. They are: Gary Wendell Barbaree, Stephen C. Brizzi, Jim F. Brooks, James Clifford Christopher, Rhonda Kay Crow, Rex Gaylon Darling, Gordon R. Donham, Mark Lasater, Paul deVries Rains, and Dennis W. Spence. They were asked disciplinary questions by the Bishop. Max Whitfield moved their election. Seconded. Elected. Max Whitfield then moved that these persons be elected to Elders orders. Seconded. Elected.

POINT OF PRIVILEGE: Stephen Brizzi expressed thanks to the Board of Ministry for their guidance and leadership.

Max Whitfield presented those to be elected to Deacon's orders. They are: Donna Sue Corbitt; Douglas Edwin Edwards, III; David Ray Hanshaw; Michael Irving Hollowell; Michael Lee Mattox; David Paul Orr; Lewis Thompson See, Jr.; Carlos Bechner Summers; Gregory Alan Webb; and Ralph William Whiteway. He moved their elections. Seconded. Elected.

Max Whitfield moved that 12 persons be elected, and that 12 others be continued as Probationary Members in approved schools of theology. (See Board of Ordained Ministry Report.) Seconded. Approved.

Max Whitfield moved that two persons be approved for certificates of candidacy for ordained ministry. (See Board of Ordained Ministry Report.) He then moved for a continuation of ten persons who have completed the studies for licenses but not appointed. (See Board of Ordained Ministry Report.) Seconded. Approved.

He recommended that four ministers from other Christian denominations be approved for service as pastors of charges. (See Board of Ordained Ministry Report.) Seconded. Approved.

**CONFERENCE RELATIONS:** Leonard Byers stated that the report of the District Superintendents as to the character of all men in their respective districts is that the moral and official conduct of all ministers has been good and acceptable and that they are blameless in their moral and Christian life and official administration. The Board of Ministry also recommends to the Annual Conference that the following persons be continued on disability: James Breazale (FC), Elbert Bruner (AM), Raymond Fisher (AM), Rayburn Jackson (AM), D. Kern Johnson (AM), Theo Luter (AM), Lindsey A. Rolland (AM), William W. Watts (AM), and Frank Weatherford (FC). Seconded. Approved.

Leonard Byers recommended that Jerry Pulliam (FC) be granted sabbatical leave. Seconded. Approved.

He recommended that LeRoy Henry (FC) and Marvest Lawson (FC) be granted leaves of absence. Seconded. Approved.

He then recommended that the following persons be discontinued from Probationary Membership: E. Doyle Blanton, Joseph Bourgeois, and John Brown (LP). Seconded, Approved.

**PERSONAL PRIVILEGES:** Mrs. Kenneth Hicks, wife of the Bishop, presented to each of the District Superintendents' wives present a corsage and expressed gratitude and appreciation for their fine spirit. Mrs. Ralph Hillis responded for the District Superintendents' wives with a statement of appreciation. Mrs. Hicks asked that we remember Mrs. Bill Watson, the wife of the District Superintendent of the Forrest City District, who because of illness could not attend. It was moved that the Conference Secretary convey a word of greeting from the Conference to Mrs. Watson. Bishop Hicks then asked all the wives of ministers to stand and be recognized. Joe Taylor brought word to the Conference of the illness of Verlin Eugene Mikesell and asked that we remember Verlin in this difficult time. The Conference ordered the Secretary to send a word of greeting to Brother Mikesell.

**HENDRIX COLLEGE:** Dr. Roy B. Shilling, President, brought greetings to the Conference. He described the college as not only a learning community, but also a faith community that cares for the "whole" person.

**ARKANSAS METHODIST:** Jim Lane presented the report from the Pre-Conference Journal and described some of the problems facing the paper. John Workman, editor, spoke to the report and moved its adoption. So ordered.

**MOTION:** Wayne Jarvis moved that the Conference Secretary convey to the Arkansas Congressional delegation our deep concern over the increased cost of second class mailing. This continued increased cost of mailing threatens the very existence of our church publication, *The Arkansas Methodist*. So ordered.

**MALLALIEU CENTER:** Robert Felder spoke of the work of the three Centers and of our support of this work. He called attention to the display of the Board of Church and Society.

**COMMITTEE ON STRUCTURE:** Report #2 — Pat Freemyer presented the following recommendations:

1. In the procedure for election of the Committee of Nominations that "Election will be by majority" be deleted from the procedure, and "Election will be declared for the nominee receiving the most votes for the position" be inserted.
2. Aldersgate, Inc. will be related to the North Arkansas Conference through the Committee of Health and Welfare of the Conference Board of Global Ministries.

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:** Report #2 — Ann Jackson presented the following nominations which have occurred on the Board of Discipleship. Each was elected separately.

1. Jim West—Chairperson, Stewardship (to replace Paul Clayton)
2. Lynn Ishida Barbaree—Member at Large (to replace Jim West)

**COURTESY:** Charles Casteel presented all chaplains that were present to the Conference. They were: B. Vernon Dennis, James Robnolt, Paul Dean Davis, Ira Bridenthal, Ralph VanLandingham, Jim Workman, and Bill Walker. Otto Teague of the Little Rock Conference was presented.

**COMMISSION ON CHAPLAINS:** Paul Dean Davis, representing the Commission, spoke

of the work of the chaplains and the ministry performed.

**PENSIONS REPORT:** Henry Rainwater, Chairperson, asked Joe Linam, the secretary, to present the report with changes. He also presented requests for special grants for approval by the Annual Conference. They are:

1. Mary Ella Anderson—Local Pastor
2. Lona M. Thompson—Local Pastor
3. Leslie V. Beck—Local Pastor (part-time); five years as full-time supply
4. Robert Hood (Dependent Child)
5. Donna McCammon (Dependent Child)
6. Christal Aist (Dependent Child)
7. Susan Aist (Dependent Child)

In response to the proposed changes in the Pre-Conference Journal, Charles McDonald questioned the deletion of the twelve-year limit, and expressed concern over its deletion. John Jump joined Charles McDonald in expressing concern. Dr. M. D. Deneke, former Chairperson of the Board of Pensions, explained the earlier action. Charles McDonald made a motion to delete lines 46 through 48. Seconded. A discussion followed with persons expressing pro and con.

**POINT OF ORDER:** Wayne Jarvis raised a point of order when the Chair proposed to cut off debate. He stated that debate cannot be cut off unless there is a motion made and seconded and voted.

**PENSIONS REPORT (continued:)** Dr. Eugene Moore, of the General Board of Pensions, spoke in an attempt to clarify the issue. Several others raised various questions after which David Driver moved the question. Passed. The amendment by Charles McDonald failed. Willie L. Walker moved the adoption of the report. Seconded. Approved.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** Ben Jordan moved that the Conference Council on Ministries report be the order of the day on reconvening at 2:00 P.M. So Ordered.

RECESS.

### Third Day—Afternoon Session

**COURTESY:** Charles Casteel presented the several visitors to the Conference.

**CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES:** Sam Teague outlined the procedure for dealing with the report.

**EVANGELISM:** Buddy Arnold presented the report lifting up the three-year program. He emphasized the workshop for disenfranchised and inactive church members to be held June 7-8 at Clarksville and July 21-22 at Jonesboro. Adopted.

**DISCIPLESHIP:** Charles Casteel introduced the report and Gerald Rainwater, the secretary of the Board, presented the various area representatives. **Enlistment:** Jim McKay outlined three responsibilities (1) intern program, (2) training of summer youth workers, (3) placing of material on church related vocations. **Worship:** A skit was presented after which Dick Haltom urged attendance at the workshop "Worship Alive" July 13-15 at Hendrix. **Education:** Ben Hines introduced the age level coordinators and called attention to the report. Gary Barbaree presented the young adult ministries program assisted by Sharon Spurlin and Kurt Wulfekuhler. Laura Casteel presented the cause of youth ministry. She called attention to several youth events. **Higher Education:** Dr. Olin Cook, in making the report, urged our support of Philander Smith College and called for increased support of Scarritt College. **Wesley Foundation:** Wendell Dorman presented the special study of Wesley Foundations; he explained in detail the various sections. Dr. Olin Cook presented the report's recommendations to the Conference. Pat Freemyer offered an amendment: (1) Page 1, lines 31 and 32: two representatives from each district, one of which shall be the District Coordinator of Young Adults; one student from each Wesley Foundation. (2) Page 3, lines 37-44: In order that the mission of campus ministry may become a part of district programming, we recommend that the District Coordinator of Young Adults, who is a member of the District Council on Ministry, be responsible for interpreting the cause of campus ministry and the student opportunities at the Wesley Foundations. Adopted.

David Moose moved that the word recommend be removed from Line 1, page 5, to read

"qualifications for campus ministers." Discussion followed. Question. Called amendment failed. Robert Paul Sessions moved an amendment that the word "King" be removed from Page 1, line 55, of the report. The amendment failed. The total report was moved and adopted. **Conference Camping Committee:** Wayne Clark called attention to a change in dates for the Wilderness Camp. The new date is June 26-30. Allan Hilliard presented a proposal to buy three lots adjoining Camp Nawake using monies already in hand. The cost will be \$4,000.00. It was approved. **Ethnic Minority Church:** Jim Lane urged that the Batesville and Jonesboro Districts explore the possibility of establishing Black United Methodist Churches. Robert English made the following motion: that a special offering be taken during this Annual Conference and designated to be forwarded to the Treasurer of Taylor Chapel United Methodist Church, Cotton Plant, Arkansas, for the specific purpose of a building program at that Church. Sam Teague moved the adoption of the Ethnic Minority report. It was done.

**CHURCH AND SOCIETY:** Dr. Francis Christie spoke of the difficulties confronting this board, stressing our need for more of a "doing" of theology. He moved the adoption. Seconded. Bill Lindsey moved that Line 46, Page 13 be stricken from the report. Seconded. Discussion followed with attempts to clarify for both sides the issues involved. The motion failed. A motion was made by Olgie Moore that Paragraph 3, Page 12, lines 41-47 be stricken from the report. Following discussion the question was called. It failed. Sam Teague moved the adoption of the report of Church and Society. It was done.

RECESS.

### **Wednesday Evening—The Services of Ordination**

The Service of Ordination was held at the First United Methodist Church, Conway, at 7:30 P.M. Ministers were Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks who preached the Ordination Sermon; Jon Guthrie, representative of the Board of Ordained Ministry; the District Superintendents; one sponsoring Elder for each ordinand. Liturgist was Philip Hathcock. The Choir was the Conference Choir sponsored by the North Arkansas Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians. The Organists were Elise Shoemaker and Bill Durham. Head Usher was Harrell Bentley of First United Methodist Church, Conway. The Acolytes were from the Acolyte Guild of First United Methodist Church, Mrs. Byrd Evelyn Shock, Coordinator. The Ordination Banner was from Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church, Jonesboro.

### **Fourth Day—Morning Session June 8, 1978**

**DEVOTIONS:** Elise Shoemaker, organist and song leader, led in a medley of three hymns. Mrs. Willie Washington led the morning prayer. Bishop Hick's message was entitled "A Sent Ministry."

**CONFERENCE CALLED TO ORDER:** The business session was called to order.

**ORDER OF THE DAY:** Wayne Jarvis moved the delay of the Order of the Day to allow the Conference Council on Ministries to complete its report. So ordered.

**WHERE SHALL ANNUAL CONFERENCE BE HELD NEXT YEAR?** George Ivey, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, introduced Dr. Wayne Lanier, a layman from First Church. Dr. Lanier invited the Annual Conference to meet at Ft. Smith for its next session. It was moved and seconded to accept the invitation. Motion carried.

**CONFERENCE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES (continued report):** Sam Teague presented the following motion in behalf of the Commission on Religion and Race: that the Bishop of the Arkansas Area use his personal presence and influence with the Trustees of Philander Smith College in the selection of women and ethnic minorities to that Board from the North Arkansas Conference. So ordered.

**STATUS AND ROLE OF WOMEN:** Carol Lascaro made the report. She stated that there had been a growth in the number of women in the ministry. She expressed appreciation for the Conference's inclusiveness and requested that as a further expression of this, that a



woman preacher be selected as the preacher for the next session of the Annual Conference. Jeanne Audrey Powers was recommended as a possible selection.

**RELIGION AND RACE:** Jon Guthrie called attention to line 23 of the report which deals with equipping of minority leadership. He related this to the training of summer youth workers and explained that there ought to be serious consideration to the use of qualified persons regardless of race. The report was moved, seconded and adopted.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Herschel McClurkin presented the report, lifting up the radio program, "Connexion," as a new approach to ministry. Eight stations in the state are carrying the program at this time. He moved the adoption of the report found in the Pre-Conference Journal. Seconded and adopted.

**LAY LIFE AND WORK:** Emily Cockrill presented the report. She called for a battle to bring about a sense of peace in the Conference by informing the people on all levels. She asked for there to be a special Laity Session at the 1979 Annual Conference which would promote understanding of issues and inform the delegates. The report was adopted.

**WORLD HUNGER:** Avis Moore reported that in the Legislative sessions many questions were raised and that the leadership had done an excellent job of handling the questions. She called attention to the report and moved its adoption. Adopted.

**GLOBAL MINISTRIES:** Ron Clark presented the report. Mrs. Ralph Hillis told about the Ministers' Wives Luncheon program which was a "County Fair." The proceeds from their program will go to buy a heifer for Heifer International. **ECUMENICAL AND INTERRELIGIOUS CONCERNS -** Ron Clark presented the names of the following 27 persons to be elected as our representatives to the Arkansas Council of Churches: Rex Darling, Raymond Hawkins, Ben Jordan, Walter Davidson, Lewis Chesser, John Workman, Harold Eggensperger, Earl Carter, Mildred Osment, Bob Edwards, Wayne Jarvis, Arvill Brannon, Gladys Womack, Rhonda Crow, Lowell Eaton, Ron Clark, Leland Smith, Everett Burns, Ken Stewart, June Spotts, Kathy Fadick, Mary Ellen Jesson, Marj Kelly, Jerry Nichols, Philip Hathcock, Kathleen Sharp, Freddie Nixon. They were elected. **MISSIONS—**Joe Wilkerson in presenting the report, reminded that Advance Specials provide the church with a way of getting 100% of the money sent to its destination. **TOWN AND COUNTRY—**Joe Jerry Nichols lifted up the brochure on "Church and Community Seminar" to be held June 26-28 at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. **HEALTH AND WELFARE—**Ron Clark called attention to the work in this area and expressed special appreciation to Brenda Cooper for her work in planning the Deaf Ministry program. Report adopted.

**PARISH DEVELOPMENT:** Ben Jordan stated that their report should be called "Operation Understanding." The filmstrip, "Together We Can," was shown. Kathy Fadick spoke to the report indicating that there will be a survey made of the Annual Conference to see where this group can best be of assistance. Muriel Peters spoke from the Legislative session stating that those present did not like to see size or number equated with the effectiveness of the church. He moved an amendment to the report be added as the introduction of the closing paragraph of the report. (See Report.) It was adopted. The total report was adopted.

**RECONSIDERATION:** Bennie Harmon moved for reconsideration on the Board of Discipleship report. The Conference voted to allow reconsideration. He offered the following amendment to be added on page 16, line 31, of the report: "and to have workshops on marriage, family and single living, parenthood, 'home' building, human sexuality, and divorce." The Area of Education accepted this and made it part of their report. The amendment was adopted.

**COUNCIL ON PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY:** Jim Beal, chairperson, presented several items pertaining to the death of clergy for ministers to pick up and carry home, urging them to read carefully. He made the following motion: that the Annual Conference direct the Council on Professional Ministry to make a study of the standardization of clergy salaries and report to the 1979 Session of the Annual Conference. Motion seconded and adopted.

**BOARD OF ORDAINED MINISTRY:** Jon Guthrie recommended two changes in the report:

- 1) under Section II, item 2j, the addition of two sources for counseling (See Report);
- 2) under Section III add: "G. The Board recommends that clergy be encouraged to participate in the Academy of Parish Clergy, a continuing education program involving 50 academic hours per year, and that the Board provide one-half (\$25.00) the cost of one year's membership. H. The Board recommends that the Conference establish an 18-month period under appointment for seminarians following graduation to fulfill the requirements for full connection." The report was adopted.

**BOARD OF DIACONAL MINISTRIES:** Arvill Brannon presented a new report and asked that it be substituted for the one found in the Pre-Conference Journal. (See Report.) He explained that diaconal ministers are consecrated, while others under this Board are certified. Two persons were presented for certification: Avis Moore and Loretta Jane Helms. Leonard D. Bobo, who had been consecrated a diaconal minister the evening before, was presented a parchment.

**GROUP INSURANCE:** Gail Anderson made some changes in the terminology used in the report. These were approved. Charles Ramsay moved that Item 3 be changed to read "50% paid by the minister and 50% by the charge." Motion failed. A recommendation for an increase in psychiatric coverage which would provide care up to 80% of \$50.00 per visit for 50 visits per year was presented. The additional coverage would cost \$1.08 for a minister, plus \$2.10 for the spouse with or without children, per quarter. Motion was made to accept this change. Adopted. Joe Kennedy moved that the committee be directed to make a study of dental insurance and report back to the 1979 Session. Passed. Total report adopted.

**COMMITTEE ON EQUITABLE SALARIES:** Frank Clemmons presented the report and moved its adoption. Adopted.

**POINT OF PRIVILEGE:** Frank Clemmons moved that the Bishop's Morning Devotional, "A Sent Ministry," be printed in the Arkansas Methodist or mailed through the Council on Ministries office. So ordered.

**POINT OF PRIVILEGE:** Bishop and Mrs. Hicks presented Ralph and Era Lee Hillis with gifts and the Bishop presented a plaque to Ralph expressing appreciation for his good work.

**STANDING INVITATION:** Bishop Hicks stated that he had inadvertently failed to tell the Conference at the time of the selection of the place for the next Annual Conference Session, that Hendrix College has given a standing invitation to the Conference. Dr. Christie reaffirmed this by stating that this invitation will always be in effect.

**MEMOIRS:** James Barton made the report. It was adopted.

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY:** The policy statement pertaining to those admitted and continuing on Disability Leave was presented by Hillman Byram. It was adopted.

**ARCHIVES AND HISTORY:** Bob English presented to the Conference and it was accepted by Bishop Hicks, a gavel made from wood taken from the cabin of Eli Lindsey, the first Methodist preacher in Arkansas. This is to be placed in the Arkansas Room at Hendrix College. He recognized Mrs. Virginia Upton for her fine work. Report adopted.

**RECONSIDERATION:** George Shephard asked the Conference to reconsider the report of Diaconal Ministries. Wayne Jarvis moved the reconsideration. So ordered. The following motion was made to be added as an additional recommendation: "We encourage each local church which employs lay professional staff to provide in its budget a Continuing Education Fund of at least \$50.00 per professional staff member. We request that each District Superintendent make this an item of inquiry at the charge conference of such local churches." Adopted.

**MOTION TO CONTINUE:** Noting the time, Charles Ramsay moved that we stay in session until all the business was completed. Motion failed.

**COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES:** The total Council on Ministries report was then adopted.

**RECESS:** A motion was made to recess until 1:30 P.M. So ordered.

**Fourth Day—Afternoon Session**

**COUNCIL ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Joe Cooper called on Mr. Brawner to give the Treasurer's Report to the Conference. Mr. Brawner announced that the General Conference Insurance Fund had returned \$2000 to the Conference as its share of earnings accrued by participating churches allowing their dividends to remain in the Fund. This can be used by the Conference to help upgrade properties in dire need. Joe Wilkerson moved that this \$2000 be credited to the account of Church Extension for Taylor Chapel Church in Cotton Plant. So ordered. Mr. Brawner expressed appreciation to the Conference for its support and stated that this would be the last Annual Conference he would serve in his present capacity. The Conference gave him a standing ovation. Joel Cooper moved the adoption of this report. So ordered. **YOUTH SERVICE FUND**—David Moose announced that all Youth Service Fund monies will now be sent to the Area Treasurer—but through the local church treasurer. He announced a gift of \$50.00 from Youth Service Fund to go to the Forrest City District Camp for Handicapped Children.

**CFA REPORT #2:** Wayne Jarvis presented the corrections and additions to the list of apportionments in the Pre-Conference Journal. Joel Cooper moved the adoption of Section I, A and B. Adopted. Section C and D were adopted. Charles Casteel moved an amendment to Section E, 2, that a line item for \$4500 take the place of the request of \$10.00 per charge. The amendment failed. Section E was adopted. In Section II, A and B were adopted. The remainder of the report was adopted. Joel Cooper moved the adoption of the report as a whole. Adopted.

**MOTION:** Lowell Eaton moved that CFA and Policy & Review make a study of travel costs and report to the 1979 Conference Session. It was approved.

**MOTION:** Warren Blanchard moved that CFA study the policy of sending print-out sheets to treasurers only. Passed.

**MOTION TO RECONSIDER:** Chris Cooper moved that the Conference reconsider the motion to study the travel costs. Motion to reconsider was approved. He moved that the responsibility for the study be assigned to the Committee on Policy & Review. The motion carried. Wayne Jarvis suggested that cost of administering districts be added to the study.

**DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS:** The Conference Secretary announced that the report from the Committee on District Conference Journals had been filed. All districts except the Jonesboro District had presented their Journals and they were approved.

**CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES:** Four resolutions were offered concerning abandoned properties. Each was individually adopted. (See Report.) Muriel Peters moved the adoption of the total report. Adopted.

**MOVING DAY:** Harold Spence moved that Wednesday, June 14, 1978, be Moving Day. So ordered.

**COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS:** Charles Casteel presented a Resolution of Appreciation. (See Report.) Adopted.

**PRIVILEGE:** Waymon Hollis reminded the Conference of the forthcoming Ashram, June 29-July 1, at Mt. Sequoyah and urged the Conference members to participate.

**THE SENDING FORTH:** Emily Cockrill was Worship Leader for the Closing Celebration.

**READING OF APPOINTMENTS:** The appointments were read by Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Conference was adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

**RECESSIONAL OFFERING:** An offering of \$257.08 was received for the Taylor Chapel Church as the Conference members were leaving.

## IV. The Business Of The Annual Conference

The Minutes of the North Arkansas Annual Conference held in Conway, Arkansas — Hendrix College, from June 5, 1978, through June 8, 1978. Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks, Presiding. Date When Organized 1836. Number of This Session 143.

### Part I. Organization And General Business

1. Who are elected for the quadrennium ( ¶ 701.6, 717 ) :  
 Secretary? Dewey Dark  
 Address: 19 E. Mississippi St., Marianna, Arkansas 72360  
 Statistician? Allan E. Hilliard  
 Address: 201 S. Chestnut, Morrilton, Arkansas 72110  
 Treasurer? R. Bryan Brawner  
 Address: P.O. Box 3364, Little Rock, Arkansas 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?
  - 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
    - Board 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 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)?
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|--------------------------------------|------------|
| A) Resident Full Time Pastors        | \$8,200.00 |
| B) Resident Seminary Student Pastors | 7,200.00   |
| C) Resident College Student Pastors  | 6,800.00   |
| D) Non-Resident Student Pastors      | 4,400.00   |
10. What amount has been apportioned to the pastoral charges within the conference to be raised for the support of the district superintendents for the ensuing year ( ¶ 716)? \$200,000.00
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)? \$604,000.00
12. What are the apportionments to this conference:
- For the World Service Fund? \$221,403.00
  - For the Episcopal Fund? \$25,950.00
  - For the General Administration Fund? \$19,839.00
  - For the Interdenominational Cooperation Fund? \$13,853.00
  - For the Ministerial Education Fund? \$103,583.00
  - For the Black College Fund? \$53,152.00
  - For the Temporary General Aid Fund? \$14,475.00
  - For the Missional Priorities Fund? \$36,545.00
  - 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):
- Conference lay leader:  
 Name: Emily Cockrill  
 Address: Box 849, Wynne, Arkansas 72396
  - Associate conference lay leaders:
  - Who are district and associate district lay leaders?  
 Batesville District: Marvin L. Gaither, 1795 Arch, Batesville 72501  
 Conway District: Jim Lane, 8 Sierra Court, NLR 72116  
 Fayetteville District: Tom Cooney, 2785 Stagecoach, Fayetteville 72701  
 Forrest City District: Bob McGinnis, Rt. 3, Box 1884, Marianna 72360

## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Associates: Jim Patridge, West Memphis 72301  
 Fort Smith District: Leon Woolbright, 447 N. 47th St., Fort Smith 72903  
 Associates: Paul Williams, 6115 Highway 271 S. Fort Smith 72903  
 Jonesboro District: Charles Rasberry, 105 Stroud, Jonesboro 72401  
 Paragould District: Pat Sims, Rt. 3, McKenzie Drive, Paragould 72450  
 Associates: Paul Clayton, Tuckerman; Ed Bolton, Pocahontas;  
 Paula Black, Corning; Harold Conrad, Cherokee Village

## 16. What local churches have been:

a) Organized ( ¶ 266)? Diamond City

b) Merged ( ¶ 2438)?

1) United Methodist with United Methodist

Name of 1st church

Name of 2nd church

Name of merged church

Mt. Pleasant UMC

Salem UMC

Mt. Pleasant Parish

First UMC - NLR

Indian Hills

First UMC - NLR

2) Other mergers - None

c) Discontinued or abandoned ( ¶ 230, 455.2, 2441)?

Corinth

Jacksonville, McArthur Drive

Pleasant Hill

d) Relocated and to what address?

None

e) Changed name of church? 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?

None

## 17. What changes have been made in district and charge lines?

BATESVILLE DISTRICT: Ash Flat-Evening Shade Charge. (Ash Flat removed from the Horsehoe Bend Charge and Evening Shade removed from the Cave City Charge.) Sidney Parish (Sidney removed from the Cave City Charge, Mt. Tabor removed from the Sharp Charge, Powell's Chapel removed from the Sharp Charge, Bear Creek removed from the Sharp Charge); Mt. Pleasant Parish: Mount Pleasant, Culpepper, Scotland, Steele Hopewell (placed with this charge).

Judsonia Parish composed of Judsonia, Garner, and Higginson (removed from the Griffithville Charge); Griffithville Parish composed of Dogwood, Ellis Chapel, New Hope, Gum Springs (removed from the Judsonia Charge); Bethesda Parish composed of Oak Ridge, Jamestown, Cave Creek, Hickory Valley, and Sharp (removed from the Sharp Charge); Wiseman Parish composed of Wiseman, Forrest Chapel, Wild Cherry, and Pleasant Grove. Wiseman Parish was formerly Melbourne Associate. Ward Charge (removed from Antioch).

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT: Mt. Hebron removed from Springdale First Church Charge Conference.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT: Altus, Gar Creek, and Grenades Chapel made into Altus Charge; Franklin County Parish reduced to Alix and Denning; Massard, Lavaca and Vesta as a charge; Barling and Central as a charge; City Heights, New Hope, and Dyer as a charge.

JONESBORO DISTRICT: St. Paul, Jonesboro—Station Charge; Mt. Carmel—Station 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)? Answer: Yes

19. Who constitute the Conference Committee on Investigation (§ 2521.1)? Byron McSpadden, Charles Ramsay, William M. Wilder, James P. Anderson, Archie N. Boyd, Lawrence Dodgen
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.)
- |                         |               |                     |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| William Cletus Coe, Sr. | John T. Stoll | George Ray Williams |
|-------------------------|---------------|---------------------|
- 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.):
- |                        |      |                        |          |
|------------------------|------|------------------------|----------|
| John Finley Christie   | 1977 | Reginald Elliott Moore | 1976     |
| Susan Gladdin Christie | 1975 | Rosemary Williams      | 1978     |
| Dewey Stanley Dark     | 1977 | Sam B. Williams, Jr.   | 1974     |
| Floyd Ray Hastings     |      | Ramsay Woodall         |          |
| Joel League            |      | Charles Southard       | 4th year |
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. | Joe Gramling        | L.P.    |
| David E. Baker       |         | L.P. Reed Hanks     | 5th yr. |
| John Benham          |         | L.P. John Hickman   | L.P.    |
| Warren Blanchard     | 4th yr. | Darrell R. Kersey   | L.P.    |
| Maurice F. Burroughs | 2nd yr. | Bill Joe Kirkland   | 4th yr. |
| Leroy Craig          | 4th yr. | James Krohn         | 1st yr. |
| Paul J. Crossman     | 4th yr. | Vaughn Marsden      | 4th yr. |
| Edward Davis         | 3rd yr. | Bert Powell         | 5th yr. |
| Gerald Dewlen        | 2nd yr. | Sidney Royce Savage | 3rd yr. |
| Wilton Goudeaux      |         | L.P.                |         |
- b) Part-time local pastors (§ 409.2) and what progress has each made in the course of study?
- |                 |         |                   |         |
|-----------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Leslie Beck     | 5th yr. | Gladys Kearney    | 4th yr. |
| Clarence Brown  | 5th yr. | Bill Kelton       | 5th yr. |
| Dorothy Collier | 3rd yr. | Henry Lorish      | 1st yr. |
| Wayne Gould     | 3rd yr. | Loye Verne Mason  | 5th yr. |
| Richard Gregory |         | L.P. Herman Smith | 1st yr. |
| Joe Hughes      | 5th yr. | A. George Srum    | 1st yr. |
| Marlin Jackson  |         | L.P.              |         |
- c) Student local pastors (§ 409.4), and in what schools are they enrolled?
- |                    |                                |
|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| Craig Bex          | Arkansas State University      |
| Paul Dubar         | John Brown University          |
| John Hickman       | University of Central Arkansas |
| Mike McDonald      | Hendrix College                |
| Michael Glenn Orr  | Arkansas State University      |
| Billy Frank Powell | Arkansas State University      |
- 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 |
| Allan Knight  | American Baptist |
| Al Kissling   | Presbyterian     |
| John Thrusher | Christian Church |
23. Who are elected Associate Members (§ 428)?

## 24. Who are elected as Probationary Members:

## a) Under the provisions of ¶ 415?

Russell Murphy Bailey  
 Donna Sue Corbitt  
 Douglas Edwin Edwards, III  
 David Ray Hanshaw  
 Michael Irving Hollowell  
 Carroll Dwain Jackson

Michael Lee Mattox  
 David Paul Orr  
 Lewis Thompson See, Jr.  
 Carlos Beckner Summers  
 Gregory Alan Webb  
 Ralph William Whiteway

## 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.):

David Bruce Bentley	2nd yr.	Thomas F. Francis	3rd yr.
Marcia G. S. Crossman	2nd yr.	Joan Carolyn Frost	2nd yr.
Robert O. Crossman	3rd yr.	Charles Edmond Liddle	2nd yr.
Bonda Sue Deere	2nd yr.	William Earl Maxwell, Jr.	2nd yr.
Alfred W. Eckles, III	2nd yr.	Dana A. Thomason	2nd yr.
Kathy Rhnea Fadick	3rd yr.	Barbara Anne Wulfekuhler	2nd yr.

## b) In the advanced ministerial course of study? ( ¶ 417(2). — Indicate for each person the number of years completed.):

Richard Ruble 1 year

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

Thomas E. Anderson	Roger B. Hook
Charles W. Armour	Michael A. Hughes
David Barbaree	Gary L. Langston
Robert C. Bell	Lester Glenn Pettus
John Copher	John Wilcher
Ronald W. Durham	

## 26. Who have been admitted from other Christian denominations ( ¶ 426.2-.3):

## a) As Associate Members ( ¶ 426.2 )?

## b) As Probationary Members ( ¶ 426.2, .3 )?

## 27. Who are elected as ministerial Members in Full Connection ( ¶ 421 )?

Gary Wendall Barbaree	Rex Gaylon Darling
Stephen C. Brizzi	Gordon R. Donham
Jim F. Brooks	Mark Lasater
James Clifton Christopher	Paul deVries Rains
Rhonda Kay Crow	Dennis W. Spence

## 28. What Probationary Members, previously discontinued, are readmitted ( ¶ 441 )?

John Russell Collier, III Kurt Wulfekuhler

## 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 )?

Name	Conference	Date
Virgil C. Bell	Little Rock	June 5, 1978
A. W. Martin, Jr.	Puerto Rico	June 1, 1978

## 32. Who are transferred in from other Methodist denominations ( ¶ 426.10 )?

None



33. Who have been elected and ordained deacons ( ¶ 449 ) :
- a) As Associate Members ( ¶ 449.1 ) ? None
- b) As Probationary Members ( ¶ 449.2 ) ?
- |                            |                         |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Donna Sue Corbitt          | David Paul Orr          |
| Douglas Edwin Edwards, III | Lewis Thompson See, Jr. |
| David Ray Hanshaw          | Carlos Beckner Summers  |
| Michael Irving Hollowell   | Gregory Alan Webb       |
| Michael Lee Mattox         | Ralph William Whiteway  |
34. Who have been elected and ordained elders ( ¶ 450 ) :
- a) As theological graduates ( ¶ 450.1 ) ?
- |                            |                    |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Gary Wendall Barbaree      | Rex Gaylon Darling |
| Stephen Clifford Brizzi    | Gordon R. Donham   |
| Jim F. Brooks              | Mark Lasater       |
| James Clifford Christopher | Paul deVries Rains |
| Rhonda Kay Crow            | Dennis W. Spence   |
- b) As Probationary Members previously Associate Members ( ¶ 450.2 ) ? None
35. What ministers, coming from other Christian denominations, have had their orders recognized ( ¶ 426.2 ) :
- a) As deacons ? None
- b) As elders ? None
36. Who have been elected or ordained as a courtesy to other conferences?
- a) Elected : None
- b) Ordained after election by this conference : None
- c) Ordained after election by other conferences : None
37. Who have been transferred out ( ¶ 515.5 ) ?
- | Name                   | Conference  | Date         |
|------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| Thomas E. Weir         | Little Rock | May 28, 1978 |
| Edwin Phillip Sims (P) | Virginia    | June 1, 1978 |
38. Who are discontinued as Probationary Members ( ¶ 437 ) ?
- E. Doyle Blanton
- Joseph W. Bourgeois
- John H. Brown
39. Who have been granted honorable location ( ¶ 435 ) ?
40. Who have had their conference membership terminated?
- a) By action of the Annual Conference ( ¶ 438 ) ? None
- b) By surrender of the ministerial office ( ¶ 439.1 ) ? None
- c) By withdrawal to unite with another denomination ( ¶ 439.2 ) ? None
- d) By withdrawal under complaints or charges ( ¶ 439.3, 2522 ) ? None
- e) By judicial procedure ( expelled ) ( ¶ 2521 ) ? None
41. Deceased:
- a) What Associate Members have died during the year ? None
- b) What Probationary Members have died during the year ?
- c) What Members in Full Connection have died during the year ?

Effective:

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Year received into Full Connection
Joseph A. Hutto, Jr.	June 17, 1913	September 18, 1977	1965
Harold D. Womack	October 30, 1912	February 14, 1978	1944

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**Retired:**

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death	Year received into Full Connection
J. Albert Gatlin	December 12, 1905	June 19, 1977	1933
W. T. Lingo	July 13, 1900	February 19, 1978	1948
E. M. Peters	May 25, 1882	April 3, 1978	1911
H. L. Robison	June 12, 1905	January 5, 1978	1955

d) What local pastors have died during the year?

Name	Date of Birth	Date of Death
Walter Abee	July 25, 1896	October 13, 1977
William Grant Conner	1901	December 27, 1977

42. Who are the ministers on leave of absence and for what number of years consecutively has each held this relation ( ¶ 433)?

**Name and Number of Years**

Leroy Henry	4th year	Marvest Lawson	1st year
Tom Barnett	1st year		

43. Who are granted sabbatical leave ( ¶ 425)?

Jerry Pulliam

44. What actions have been taken concerning disabled ordained ministers and local pastors ( ¶ 431.)

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

b) What ordained ministers have had their disability leave terminated since the last conference session ( ¶ 431.5)? None

c) What ordained ministers are granted disability leave at this session ( ¶ 431.1)?

James Breazeale, Elbert Bruner (AM), Raymond Fisher (AM), Rayburn Jackson (AM) Kern D. Johnson (AM), Theo Luter (AM), Rolland A. Lindsey (AM), William W. Watt (AM), Frank Weatherford.

d) What local pastors have been recommended by the Joint Committee on Disability for disability benefits during the ensuing year? None

45. What members in Full Connection have been retired ( ¶ 434):

a) This year?

Myers B. Curtis  
Bob Shields Edwards  
Aubrey Hays

a) Previously?

Bearden, Robert E. L.; Bierbaum, Martin; Bridwell, Marshall A.; Brumley, Ira A.; Byrd, J. T.; Bruner, William Glenn; Chalfant, Vernon; Clayton, John Ralph; Claud, I.L.; Connell, Richard E.; Conyers, Lloyd H.; Couchman, Herschelle J.; Clark, J.J.; Crozier, Clyde F.; Daniel, Omma L.; Davie, H.A.; Dodgen, Ethan W.; Downum, W.A.; Evanson, Oscar J.; Farmer, C. Huston; Good, Clint W.; Goodloe, W. Henry; Hall, Eugene H.; Hance, E. C.; Hazelwood, Harvey; Hoggard, J.H.; Holifield, Elmer J.; Kleeb, George; LeFevers, L.F.; Lewis, Charles W.; Lewis, H.M.; Masters, Thurston; McGhehey, George L.; McKelvey, Gaither A.; Patty, William A.; Pollard, Marion James; Reaves, Eric; Reed, Charles P.; Roebuck, Fred G.; Sanford, H. Mitchell; Scroggin, W.O., Jr.; Seals, Ray; Shell, Frank; Sherman, Jefferson; Spicer, W.J.; Stallcup, B.W.; Story, O. Frank; Taylor, G.C.; Thompson, L.T.; Weatherford, James F.; Weed, Harry; Wilcox, James Clarence; Wilford, S.B.; Wilson, Harold; Wilson, Cyril H.; Wilson, Luther K.;

46. What Associate Members have been retired ( ¶ 434):

a) This year?

Anthony L. Chaffin  
Jewell T. Holland  
Thelbert B. Parmenter

- b) Previously?  
Bain, William Eugene; Holland, Felix; Lancaster, Irl S.; LeGrand, Willis A.; Piercey, Lorne F.; Price, Harry Wayne; Reed, Charles E.; Sellars, Graham W.; Wright, J. C.;
47. Who have been recognized as retired local pastors ( ¶ 410.3):
- a) This year?  
Robert Montgomery
- b) Previously?  
Ahlf, Robert Marvin; Anderson, Albert Lee; Anderson, Mrs. Albert Lee; Banks, Clifton B.; Cowan, Thomas J.; Findley, O. R.; Martin, C. L.; Pennell, Walter; Smith, Hugh Millard; Smith, James C.; Terry, David Washington; Thompson, Fred M.; Thompson, Mrs. Fred M.; Thompson, Marvin; Watson, William Tate; Wilson, Ivan Reed;
48. a) What local pastors are granted pension credit on account of approved full-time service during the past year ( ¶ 1706.3b)?  
James S. Williams, Vaughn Marsden, Carroll Jackson, Gerald W. Dewlen, Bert Powell, Leroy Craig, Joe Gramling, Mike McDonald, John Hickman, Royce Savage, David E. Baker, Paul Dubar, Paul Crossman, Edward Davis, Billy F. Powell, Reed Hanks, James Krohn, Dorothy Collier, Warren Blanchard, John Benham, Michael Orr, Russell Bailey, Greg Webb, John Collier, Bill Kirkland, Craig Bex, Danny Roark, John D. Abshire, Darrell P. Kersey
- 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:
- a) Elected as Associate Members? (23) 0
- b) Elected as Probationary Members? (24a, b, c) 12
- c) Admitted from other Christian denominations? (26a, b)
- d) Elected as Members in Full Connection? (27) 10
- e) Readmitted? (28, 29a, b) 2
- f) Retired made effective? (30a, b) 0
- g) Transferred in? (31, 32) 2
- h) Transferred out? (37) 2
- i) Discontinued as Probationary Members? (38) 3
- j) Honorably located? (39)
- k) Terminated by action of the Annual Conference? (40a) 0
- l) Withdrawn? (40b, c, d) 0
- m) Expelled? (40e) 0
- n) Deceased? (41a, b, c) 8
50. What is the number of:
- a) Pastoral charges? 242
- b) Local churches? 446
51. What is the number of ordained ministerial members of the Annual Conference?

Categories	Members in Full Connection	Probationary Members	Associate Members
Pastors and District Superintendents	154	21	15

Appointments Beyond the Local Church:  
Within United Methodist Connectional  
Structures, Excluding District  
Superintendents ( ¶ 454.1a)

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Appointments Beyond the Local Church:			
Extension Ministries ( ¶ 454.1b)	11		
Appointments Beyond the Local Church:			
Other Valid Ministries ( ¶ 454.1c)			
Appointments to Attend School (64d)	1	17	
On Leave of Absence (42)	3		
On Sabbatical Leave (43)	1		
On Disability Leave (44c)	2		7
Retired (45, 46)	71		12
Total Number, Ministerial Members	250	38	34
Grand Total, All Conference Ministerial Members	322		

52. What is the number of:
- a) Local pastors? (21a, b, c, d, 44d, 47a, b) 56
  - b) Ministers of other denominations approved for service as pastors of charges? (22) 4
  - c) Retired members of other conferences or other denominations serving as pastors of charges? 8

### Part III. Diaconal Ministers

53. Who are consecrated this year as diaconal ministers ( ¶ 305-306)?  
Leonard Bobo
54. Who are reinstated as diaconal ministers ( ¶ 309.3)?
55. Who are transferred in as diaconal ministers ( ¶ 309.1)?
- | Name                 | Conference           | Date |
|----------------------|----------------------|------|
| George Hale Shepherd | Louisiana Ann. Conf. |      |
56. Who are transferred out as diaconal ministers ( ¶ 309.1)?
- | Name           | Conference         | Date |
|----------------|--------------------|------|
| Monty Ray Bell | Florida Ann. Conf. |      |
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?
  - None
  - b) Previously?
  - None
59. What diaconal ministers have died during the year?
- a) Effective:
  - None
  - b) Retired:

**Part IV. Ministerial Appointments And Concluding Business**

60. What other personal notations should be made?
61. Where shall the next Conference Session be held?  
First United Methodist Church — Fort Smith, Arkansas
62. What changes have been made in appointments since last Annual Conference session?
- Conway District:**
- |                          |                |                   |
|--------------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Belleville               | Sam Long       | September 1, 1977 |
| Mallettown               | Mike Macdonald | September 1, 1977 |
| Plummerville-Springfield | John Hickman   | September 1, 1977 |
| Wye-Bigelow              | Alice Selby    | September 1, 1977 |
- Fayetteville District:**
- |                           |              |                 |
|---------------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| Brightwater-Tuck's Chapel | David Baker  | January 1, 1978 |
| Bland Chapel              | Dick Gregory | April 1, 1978   |
- Forrest City District:**
- |                       |               |                  |
|-----------------------|---------------|------------------|
| Augusta               | John Jump     | November 1, 1977 |
| Crawfordsville        | David Orr     | November 1, 1977 |
| Marvell               | Vann Hooker   | November 1, 1977 |
| Bay Village-Farm Hill | Joe Van Cleve | November 1, 1977 |
- Fort Smith District:**
- |                          |              |                  |
|--------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Hartford-Hackett-Midland | Bill Kelton  | October 16, 1977 |
| Mansfield-Huntington     | Rufus Walker | November 1, 1977 |
| Altus                    | John Benham  | August 1, 1977   |
- Jonesboro District:**
- |                     |                   |                  |
|---------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Lake City-Lake View | Michael G. Orr    | November 1, 1977 |
| Bono-Shady Grove    | Robert Montgomery | November 1, 1977 |
63. Where are the preachers stationed for the ensuing year? 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  
Jim Beal - Forrest City  
William Wilder - Fort Smith  
J. William Watson - Jonesboro  
Ben Jordan - Paragould
- b) To extension ministries ( ¶ 454.1b)?
- With Annuity Claim upon the Conference:
- Directors of Wesley Foundation:
- David Scroggins - Ark. Tech  
James T. Randle - ASU  
Lewis Chessier - U of A  
James McKay - UCA
- With Annuity Claim on the Institution or Board:
- Ferris C. Baker, Hendrix College  
Francis Christie, Hendrix College

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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, Memphis

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

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.)

**Probationary Members:**

David Bruce Bentley

Marcia G. S. Crossman

Robert D. Crossman

Bonda Sue Deere

Alfred W. Eckles, III

Kathy Rhnea Fadick

Members in Full Connection:

Marc Cooper

Thomas F. Francis

Joan Carolyn Frost

Charles Edmond Liddle

William Earl Maxwell, Jr.

Dana A. Thomason

Barbara Anne Wulfekuhler

65. Where are the diaconal ministers appointed for the ensuing year ( ¶ 308)?

Albert Keith Berthouex — First United Methodist, West Memphis, Ark. 72301

Leonard D. Bobo — Lakewood United Methodist, North Little Rock, Ark. 72116

Sally Jo Gibson — First United Methodist, Harrison, Ark. 72601

C. Priscilla "Pat" Halwes — 1st. Year Leave

George Hale Shepherd — Central United Methodist, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701

# V. Appointments

## North Arkansas Conference

### TRANSFERS IN:

Virgel C. Bell, Elder, from Little Rock Conference

A. W. Martin, Jr., Elder, from Puerto Rico

### TRANSFERS OUT:

Thomas E. Weir, Elder, to Little Rock Conference

Edwin Philip Sims, Deacon, to Virginia Conference

### Batesville District

District Superintendent, Charles E. Ramsay 3

Antioch Stoney Point	Fern Cookj	1
Austin	TBS	
Bald Knob-Russell	D. Leon Gilliam (AM)	2
Batesville:		
Central Avenue	Vernon Paysinger	3
First Church	Dois M. Kennedy	8
Beebe	Frank R. Clemmons	3
Bethesda Parish	Willis LeGrand (RS)	2
Bradford Parish	Michael G. Orr (LP)	1
Bull Shoals	Carroll Jackson	1
Cabot	Joe Wilkerson	1
Calico Rock Parish	Gordon Donham	3
Cave City	Gerald Martin	19
Clinton-Fairfield Bay	Ellsworth Watson	3
Concord Parish	C. L. Martin (RS)	1
Cotter-Gassville	Bennie R. Harmon	4
Desha-Cushman	John Abshure (LP)	1
Evening Shade-Ash Flat	Loye Verne Mason (LP)	1
Floyd Parish	Henry Lorish (LP)	2
Griffithville Parish	Leroy Craig (LP)	2
Heber Springs-Wilburn	Byron McSpadden	4
Holiday Hills	W.M. Womack	4
Horseshoe Bend	Pharis Holifield	4
Judsonia Parish	Everne Hunter	9
Kensett-McRae	T. Kelly Jones	3
Marshall-Leslie	Tom Anderson	1
Melbourne Parish	John Copher	2
Moorefield-Southside	Michael Hughes	1
Mount Pleasant Parish	TBS	
Mountain Home	Charles Casteel	3
Mountain View St. James	James Southerland	2
Newark-Asbury	Charles E. Watt	2
Oil Trough-Salado	Cyril Wilson (RS)	2
Quitman Parish	Bert Powell (LP)	2
Pangburn Parish	Gerald W. Dewlen (LP)	2
Salem-Viola	Keith Goza	3
Searcy:		
First Church	Charles P. McDonald	3
Grace-Oak Grove	Carl Strayhorn (AM)	1
Shirley	Frank Shell (RS)	9
Sidney Parish	TBS	
Ward	TBS	
Wiseman Parish	B. W. Stallcup (RS)	1

**Special Appointments**

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

**Student Appointments**

University Of South Carolina .....	Marc Cooper
St. Paul School of Theology .....	Charles E. Liddle
St. Paul School of Theology .....	Lewis See, Jr.
Drew School of Theology .....	Gary Langston (without annuity)

**Conway District**

District Superintendent, Paul M. Bumpers 3

Atkins-Pottsville .....	Joe Jerry Nichols	3
Belleville Parish .....	TBS	
Bethel .....	Maurice Burroughs	1
Center Ridge .....	TBS	
Conway:		
Ebenezer-Morrilton, Wesley .....	Milton D. Nelson	2
First .....	Harold O. Eggersperger	6
Wesley .....	Britt H. Cordell	7
Wesley Foundation-Salem .....	James M. McKay, Jr.	6
Danville .....	Joe L. Kennedy	5
Dardanelle .....	Ray Edwards	2
Dover Parish .....	Joe Gramling	2
Greenbrier .....	Ralph V. VanLandingham	1
Jacksonville:		
First .....	Floyd G. Villines, Jr.	3
Mallettown .....	TBS	
Mayflower Parish .....	Irl Bridenthal (RS)	2
Morrilton, First .....	Allan E. Hilliard	1
Morrilton Parish .....	Mike Macdonald (LP)	1
New Zion-Union Chapel .....	Elijah Morgan	2
North Little Rock:		
Amboy .....	Lowell W. Eaton	3
Bullock Chapel .....	TBS	
First .....	D. Mouzon Mann	1
Associate .....	Denzel Stokes	1
Gardner Memorial .....	W. Leonard Byers	3
Lakewood .....	Clint D. Burleson	5
Associate .....	Mark Lasiter	2
Levy .....	Harould Scott	3
McCabe Chapel .....	John H. Thompson	2
Sylvan Hills .....	Bob Orr	3
Trinity .....	J. Hillman Byram	4
Oakland .....	Harold Wilson (RS)	6
Ola Parish .....	Gaston Matthews (AM)	2
Oppelo Parish .....	Woodrow Woods	2
Perryville Parish .....	John D. Hickman (LP)	1
Plainview Parish .....	Royce Savage (LP)	8
Plumerville-Springfield .....	Steve Williams (LP)	1
Russellville:		
First .....	J. Ralph Hillis	1
Associate .....	David Barbaree	2
Wesley-London .....	Wendell Dorman	3
Wesley Foundation-Bell's Chapel .....	David Scroggin (AM)	1



Vilonia .....	Ronald W. Durham	1
Wye-Bigelow .....	TBS	

### Special Appointments

Director, Council on Ministries .....	Earl B. Carter	2
Associate Director, Council on Ministries .....	Victor Nixon	2
Editor, The Arkansas Methodist .....	John J. 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	
Candler School of Theology .....	Douglas E. Edwards III	
Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary .....	William E. Maxwell, Jr.	
Iliff School of Theology .....	Jerry A. Pulliam	
Perkins School of Theology .....	Robert Crossman	
Perkins School of Theology .....	Marcia Crossman	
Perkins School of Theology .....	Paul N. Crossman	
Perkins School of Theology .....	Tom Moreland	
Perkins School of Theology .....	Bonda Sue Deere	
St. Paul School of Theology .....	David Hanshaw	

### Fayetteville District

District Superintendent, Harold H. Spence 6

Bella Vista .....	Max D. Whitfield	3
Bentonville .....	Samuel B. Teague	7
Bland Chapel .....	Richard Gregory (LP)	1
Berryville-Shiloh .....	David Moose	3
Brightwater Tuck's Chapel .....	David Baker (LP)	2
Decatur-Centerton .....	Harold Brent	2
Diamond City .....	TBS	
Elkins Community .....	N. Lee Cate	7
Elm Springs-Harmon .....	James F. Brooks	2
Eureka Springs .....	Philip L. Hatcock	2
Fayetteville:		
Central .....	Joel A. Cooper	12
Associate .....	Kurt Wulfekuhler	2
St. James .....	TBS	
Sequoyah-Goshen .....	Charles Armour	2
Trinity .....	Wayne C. Jarvis	1
Wesley Foundation .....	Lewis V. Chesser	12
Wiggins .....	Pryor R. Cruce	3
Gentry Parish .....	Stephen C. Brizzi	2
Gravette-Sulphur Springs .....	J. D. Lawrence	1
Green Forrest-Alpena .....	L. Glenn Pettus	1
Harrison:		
First Church .....	John C. McCormack	8
St. Paul Parish .....	Jack Skelton	1
Associate .....	Leslie V. Beck (LP)	16
Associate .....	Clarence Brown (LP)	6
Associate .....	Herman Smith (LP)	1

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Huntsville-Presley Chapel .....	Gary Barbaree	2
Jasper .....	John Wilcher	2
Lincoln Parish .....	Uriah Smith	6
Associate .....	Richard Ruble	4
Morrow-Viney Grove .....	Paul Dubar (LP)	3
Pea Ridge-Oakley Chapel .....	George Hunt (RS)	5
Prairie Grove-Farmington .....	James D. Harrison	3
Rogers, Central .....	Gerald Hammett	4
Siloam Springs .....	James D. Keith	3
Springdale:		
First Church .....	Joe Taylor	5
Associate .....	Maurice Webb	5
Associate .....	Verlin E. Mikesell	2
Wesley .....	Paul Rains	3
Mt. Hebron .....	James F. Brooks	1
Winslow .....	TBS	
Yellville Parish .....	Paul Crossman (LP)	2

## Special Appointment

Santa Cruz Church, National Division .....	A. W. Martin, Jr.	
Board of Global Ministries		

## Student Appointments

St. Paul School of Theology .....	Sam B. Williams	
St. Paul School of Theology .....	Ralph Whiteway	
St. Paul School of Theology .....	Michael Lee Mattox	

## Forrest City District

District Superintendent, Jim Beal 1

Augusta .....	John Jump	2
Bay Village-Farm Hill .....	TBS	
Brinkley-Brasfield .....	Gail Anderson	3
Cherry Valley-Vandale .....	DuBois Pettit	1
Clarendon .....	Gerald Rainwater	4
Colt Circuit .....	Berlon Davis	12
Cotton Plant Circuit .....	Vaughn Marsden (LP)	1
Crawfordsville .....	David P. Orr	2
Earle .....	Andrew M. Hall, Jr.	4
Elaine-Mellwood .....	Raymond Hawkins	3
Ellis Chapel-Central .....	Billy F. Powell (LP)	3
Forrest City:		
First .....	Merle Allison Johnson	4
Forrest Hills-Madison .....	Alfred Eckles	3
Helena .....	N. Wayne Clark	3
Holly Grove .....	Wilson Shultz	3
Hughes .....	Roger B. Hook	2
Marianna:		
First .....	Dewey Dark	3
Larger Parish		
Wesley Chapel-Taylor's Chapel .....	Edward Davis (LP)	5
Livingston-Scruggs Chapel .....	TBS	
Kynette-Cornerstone .....	TBS	
Kokomo .....	TBS	
Smith's Chapel .....	TBS	
Marion .....	Raymond L. Franks	1
Marvell .....	Van Hooker	2

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McCrory .....	Victor Green	4
McCrory Circuit .....	Mike Hollowell	4
Parkin .....	Roy Moyers	6
West Helena-Lexa .....	Brady Cook	6
West Memphis:		
First .....	Ben G. Hines	7
Rosewood .....	James E. Wingo	1
Wheatley-Salem .....	Cleve Yarbrough	4
Widner-Round Pond .....	Lorne Piercey (RS)	3
Wynne-McElroy .....	Arville C. Brannon	2
Shiloh Exit .....	TBS	
Tupelo .....	Hershelle J. Couchman (RS)	8

### Special Appointments

Chaplain, U.S. Army .....	James Robnolt
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### Student Appointments

Perkins School of Theology .....	Dana A. Thomason
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## Fort Smith District

District Superintendent, William M. Wilder 2

Alma-Bethel .....	Roger Glover	3
Altus .....	John Benham (LP)	2
Barling .....	Felix Holland (RS)	4
Booneville-Washburn .....	J. M. Rogers	2
Charleston-Branch .....	J. Clif Christopher	3
Clarksville .....	Roy Poynor	3
Fort Smith:		
Cavanaugh-Arkoma .....	Kenneth F. Renfroe	2
First .....	George F. Ivey	3
Associate .....	Aaron Barling	5
Goddard Memorial .....	Archie Boyd	8
Hendricks Hills .....	Jerry Canada	6
Associate .....	Dorothy Collier (LP)	3
Mallalieu-Mt. Olive .....	Robert E. Felder	5
Massard-Lavaca .....	Robert English	2
Midland Heights .....	Sherman Waters	3
St. Paul-Bonanza .....	Arvest Lawson	3
Wesley .....	Dennis Spence	2
Wyatt .....	Otha Strayhorn	3
Franklin County Parish .....	TBS	
Greenwood-Milltown .....	Jesse A. Bruner	2
Hartford .....	Bill Kelton (LP)	2
Hartman .....	James Krohn (LP)	3
Lamar-Mt. Olive .....	Charles Nance	1
Magazine .....	R. L. Hanks (LP)	3
Mansfield-Huntington .....	TBS	
Mountain View-Newberry Chapel .....	J. T. Byrd (RS)	9
Mulberry-Kibler .....	Wilbert Feagan (AM)	1
Ozark-Cecil .....	James P. Anderson	9
Paris-Cole's Chapel .....	James Barton	1
Prairie View .....	Boyd Allen	3
Scott County Parish .....	Warren Blanchard (LP)	4
Van Buren:		
City Heights-New Hope-Dyer .....	Kathy Fadick	2

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First .....	William C. Haltom	1
St. John's .....	Van Dell Mooney	1
Waldron .....	James O. Linam	1

## Special Appointments

Professor, East Tennessee State University .....	Robert Paul Sessions
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## Student Appointments

Asbury Theological Seminary .....	Donna Corbitt
St. Paul School of Theology .....	Thomas F. Francis

## Jonesboro District

District Superintendent, J. William Watson 3

Bay-Lunsford-Pleasant Valley .....	Willie L. Walker	3
Blytheville:		
First .....	Norman Carter	3
Lake Street-Promised Land .....	Rex Darling	2
Bono-Shady Grove-Trinity .....	Robert Montgomery (RS)	2
Brookland .....	TBS	
Dell-Luxora .....	Raymond Dorman	8
Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley .....	J. Anthony Holifield	3
Hickory Ridge-Tilton .....	Jim Maxwell West	3
Joiner-Turrell .....	Greg A. Webb	2
Jonesboro:		
First .....	Worth W. Gibson	10
Fisher Street-Pleasant Grove .....	George Cleary	4
Huntington Avenue .....	Joe Linham	2
Mt. Carmel .....	TBS	
Nettleton .....	Joe M. Sherman	1
St. Paul .....	W. P. Fiser	3
Lake City-Lake View .....	TBS	
Leachville-Caraway .....	Joe Van Cleve	1
Lepanto-Garden Point .....	John Collier	2
Manila-Community .....	Ronald Clark	2
Marked Tree .....	Lawrence Dodgen	1
Monette-Black Oak .....	David Bentley	4
Osceola .....	Waymon Hollis	3
Truman .....	P.G. (Bill) Williams II	4
Tyrnza-Centerview .....	Russell M. Bailey	3
Union Grove-Shiloh-New Haven .....	Mitchell Sanford (RS)	1
Associate .....		
Weiner-Fisher .....	Orvil Stahl (AM)	1
Wesley Foundation, ASU .....	James Randle	8
Wilson-Keiser .....	Maurice Lanier	3
Yarbro-Christ .....	Wilton Goudeaux (LP)	2

## Special Appointments

Chaplain, Air Force .....	Paul Dean Davis
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## Student Appointments

Garrett Evangelical Seminary .....	Joan Frost
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**Paragould District**

District Superintendent, Ben F. Jordan 6

Beech Grove .....	George Srum (LP)	5
Associate .....	Marvin Thompson (RS)	1
Black Rock .....	Harry Price (RS)	1
Boydsville .....	Chester Penney (AM)	14
Cherokee Village .....	David P. Conyers	3
Corning .....	Muriel H. Peters	3
Hardy .....	Nicholas C. Lascaro	2
Hoxie .....	David L. Driver	3
Imboden .....	Bill Joe Kirkland (LP)	3
Mammoth Spring .....	Carol Ann Lascaro	2
Marmaduke .....	L. L. Bounds	7
Maynard Parish .....	TBS	
Associate .....	E. C. Hance (RS)	6
Newport:		
Emory Chapel .....	Joe Hughes	2
First .....	James M. Meadors, Jr.	1
Umsted Memorial .....	Richard Stegall (AM)	2
Paragould:		
Christ-Pruett's Chapel .....	Robert C. Bell	1
First .....	William P. Connell	4
Associate .....	Rhonda Kay Crow	2
Griffin Memorial .....	J. Leon Wilson	4
Shiloh .....	Chris Cooper	2
Piggott .....	William C. Hightower	3
Pocahontas .....	Virgil C. Bell	1
Ravenden .....	Maurice Kemp (AM)	2
Rector .....	Lewis Ernest (AM)	3
Rector Circuit .....	Y. D. Whitehurst (RS)	2
Associate .....	Marlin D. Jackson (LP)	1
St. Francis .....	Wayne Gould (LP)	5
Sedgwick .....	Craig Bex (LP)	2
Stanford .....	Darrell R. Kersey (LP)	1
Tuckerman-Swifton .....	John R. Chapman	1
Walnut Ridge .....	Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr.	3

**Student Appointments**

Perkins School of Theology .....	Barbara Dillingham Wulfekuhler
St. Paul School of Theology .....	Carlos R. Summers

## VI. Reports Of Councils, Boards, Committees

### Coordinated Report Conference Council On Ministries

#### 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.)

#### Missional Priorities - 1979

##### I. Ethnic Minority Local Church

GOAL: To strengthen the Ethnic Church for Christian Mission and Ministry, and to sensitize the white majority about ethnic concerns.

##### OBJECTIVES:

##### A. Leadership Development

- a. For further strengthening of the small membership black church using leadership teams trained specifically for this purpose.
- b. To continue efforts to recruit at least four black ministers by 1980.
- c. Continued participation in the annual meeting of Black Methodists for Church Renewal meeting for training and implementation of goals of United Methodists.

##### B. Congregational Development

- a. Ethnic clergy to maintain confirmation with assistance provided by District Councils on Ministries, and the Conference Committees on Education and Evangelism to continue workshops on evangelism for the black churches.
- b. We recommend that the Committees on Mission of the Conference Boards of Global Ministries select at least (3) three small ethnic churches in each

Conference to be targeted for improved physical facilities to enable them to more efficiently carry out their ministry and mission.

**C. Salary Supplement**

We call on Conference and District Boards and Agencies to make requests for the supplementing of salaries of ethnic clergy such as might be available through General Board of Global Ministries, Temporary General Aid, District Missions Boards, boards supplementary aids, and equitable salaries to aid ethnic ministers. We further recommend that a committee from each of the Conferences be established, composed of two persons from the Board of Global Ministries, two persons from Equitable Salary, and four from Ethnic Minority Local Church Task Force, to define ways in which parity can be reached by ministers in small-church communities so as to enhance and appropriately reward them for service rendered.

**D. Training and Recruitment**

We affirm the action taken in recruiting the Church and Community Workers and Community Developers. We call on the Conference Council on Ministries, Board of Equitable Salary, Board of Ordained Ministry, to help strengthen leadership in the churches and communities as well as to be diligent to secure trained ministers in the total development of ethnic churches. We recommend that a special committee be set up with ethnic involvement in developing appropriate recruitment and internship programs for small churches.

**E. Church Nurture**

We would encourage black members on District Councils on Ministries in areas where black churches exist or where black people live.

**F. Church Extension**

We call upon the ethnic task forces, Boards of Global Ministries to explore with District Councils on Ministries needs for ethnic church extension throughout the Area.

### Special Notices

We call attention to the small response to the fund for Ethnic Minority Local Church and encourage strongly, that all churches contribute to this "Missional Priority" as established by the General Conference and accepted by the Arkansas Area Conferences of the United Methodist Church 1976-1980.

We ask the Arkansas Area Annual Conferences to support Human Relations Sunday and to help mission programs in the Arkansas Area. February 11, 1979.

Program Cost . . . . . \$3,000.00  
(Assigned to Ethnic Minority Local Church Task Force)

## II. Evangelism

**GOAL:** To help United Methodists live out a "whole gospel" approach to their evangelistic ministry.

**OBJECTIVES:**

- A. Every local church develop and/or expand a comprehensive plan of evangelism in their church.
- B. Every local church start/or expand their Visitation Program and where necessary, obtain "Visitation Evangelism" training. Consideration should be given to black churches or clusters of black churches for this program.
- C. Conduct District refresher courses and review new materials available on baptismal vows and confirmation.
- D. Make final preparations for area-wide evangelistic rally in 1980 to include organizing local church task groups.
- E. Make Arkansas more aware of the Christian witness of United Methodists through the use of radio and TV spots.

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- F. To have a 40-hour lab on reaching inactive members, and to plan a workshop for training leaders.

Program Cost ..... \*\$1,000.00

\*(To be supplemented with \$2,950.00 by the Board of Discipleship) (Assigned to the Committee on Evangelism)

### III. World Hunger

GOAL: 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:

- A. To continue the emphasis to eradicate the root causes of hunger through the Area Hunger Task Force.
- B. To continue support for the six approved projects described in the "Ingathering Projects 1978":
  - (1) Soya Production and Research Association, Bareilly U.P. India
  - (2) World Christian Relief Fund, Inc.
  - (3) Heifer Project International
  - (4) Delta-Pace Project
  - (5) Church World Service Supplies
  - (6) Arkansas Nutrition Program for the Elderly
- C. Through continuance of Lent-Thanksgiving emphasis, to develop a concern for consumption patterns and life styles in each local church through communication media, trained "hunger interpreters," and opportunities for commitment to simpler lifestyles.
- D. To maintain the network of District and local church hunger coordinators as an effective channel of communication, planning and implementation of hunger concerns.
- E. To promote annually a World Hunger Sunday. 17
- F. To continue plans for "Ecumenical Ingathering," November 24, 1979, State Fair Grounds, Little Rock, in cooperation with the Inter-Faith Hunger Task Force. Methodist portion of Goal: \$350,000.

Program Cost ..... \$2,000.00  
(Assigned to Conference World Hunger Task Force)

### IV. Church Extension/New Congregation Development

GOAL: To establish one new church (congregation) each year for ten years, beginning January 1, 1980 to 1990 in the North Arkansas Conference.

OBJECTIVES:

- A. Establish a Church Development Task Force to design a comprehensive plan of church extension and new congregation development including research, financing, and potential sites to be recommended to the Annual Conference in June, 1979.
- B. Direct the Committee on Missions, Board of Global Ministries, to appoint by September, 1978, the Church Development Task Force consisting of 10-15 persons including representatives from the following groups: Cabinet, Council on Finance and Administration, ethnic minorities, clergy, laity, men, women, urban, rural, and Committee on Missions.

\*Program Cost: 1978 . . . \$2,000.00 - 1979 . . . \$5,000.00

(\*From Conference Building Fund) (Assigned to Church Development Task Force)

### V. Communications

LONG RANGE GOAL: By January 1, 1980, establish an area office of communications/resource center to handle among other duties, news releases and AV Library.



**SHORT RANGE GOAL:** By January 1, 1979, establish Area "Task Force" on Communications to work on this long range goal. Suggested Task Force: Composed of COM Director, Associate Director, Administrative Assistant, Chairperson of Conference Committee on Communications, one other person from this Committee designated by the Committee, Chairperson of Board of Managers of Arkansas Methodist, Editor of Arkansas Methodist, Area Treasurer. Suggest this task force composition be the same for the two Conferences of the Arkansas Area.

Development of Conference Resource Center to support local church and District work through the Library, etc.

More effective use of news media in public relations and publicity for Conference, District and Local Churches.

Work for coordinated efforts on an Arkansas Area basis with the Resource Center (AV Library, etc.), news releases and other possible Communications aspects.

District Workshops for training Local Church Coordinators of Communications.

Emphasis to the responsibility of "Interpretation" for World Service and Benevolent programs that Coordinators of Communications at the Local Church and District levels need to undertake.

Program cost ..... \$2,000.00

## VI. Developing Human Potential

**GOAL:** To affirm the dignity and worth of all persons and utilize the full human potential within our Church.

### OBJECTIVES:

- A. To identify, coordinate, and implement with other Conference groups (Church and Society, Religion and Race, Ethnic Minority Local Church, Status and Role of Women, Conference Young Adult Council) common concerns so as to avoid duplication of programs, and to pool efforts in common causes.
- B. Two areas of greatest need are in aging and human sexuality. Two sub-committees have been set up to do some preliminary planning and make recommendations for action.

Program Cost ..... \$1,500.00  
(Assigned to the Task Force on Developing Human Potential.)

## VII. Parish Development

The 1977 sessions of both the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences designated three priorities in addition to the three general church Missional Priorities. Among these was Parish Development. (Cf. *Journal*, Little Rock Conference, 1977, p. 73; *Journal*, North Arkansas Conference, 1977, p. 77.)

Kenneth Hicks, Bishop of the Arkansas Area, prepared and presented to concerned persons a position paper, "Parish Development," in which he described some hopes for parish development in the area, including that of "providing every United Methodist Church and every United Methodist person access to full ministry for Christian nurture, discipleship enablement, and the opportunity to be in mission as Christian persons and as congregations." This paper and the concepts it embodied provided the needed stimulus for an intentional program in parish development which encompassed both annual conferences.

Toward implementation of the parish development goals adopted by the conferences, several subsequent events have occurred:

- (1) An Area Parish Development Workshop, August 18-19, 1977, at Methodist Headquarters, Little Rock, which included clergy and lay representatives from both conferences, the Bishop and respective Cabinets, and members of the following boards, committees or agencies: Ordained Ministry, Global Ministries, Church and Society, Equitable Salaries, Town and Country, Missions, and Ethnic Minority local churches. The workshop was led by Gladys Campbell, Jerry Chapman, and Harold McSwain of the Office of Town and Country Ministries,

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Board of Global Ministries.

(2) From the persons attending the above workshop, an Area Task Force on Parish Development was called together September 16, 1977, to discuss and plan the future of parish development. "The Bishop's Committee on Parish Development," which included rural and urban district superintendents, rural lay persons, representatives from the Board of Ordained Ministry, Town and Country or Board of Global Ministries, Ethnic Minority Local Churches (clergy and lay), Equitable Salaries, and Council on Ministry staff persons.

In addition, the task force outlined eight components of parish development: (1) cabinet policy, (2) conference policy, (3) staff development, (4) training for staff, cabinets and leaders, (5) parish superintendent or developer, (6) equitable salary and funding, (7) biblical and theological guidelines, (8) identification of local settings for parish development. These components became the agenda for the committee.

(3) On November 28, 1977, the first meeting of the Bishop's Committee on Parish Development was held. The Committee is composed of the following:

### **Little Rock Conference:**

Harold Davis, Hope District Superintendent  
 John B. Hays, Little Rock District Superintendent  
 Mrs. Jennings Shaw, Rural Lay Person  
 John F. Walker, Jr., Ordained Ministry  
 George Martin, Equitable Salary  
 J. W. Lofton, EMLC, Associate Director, CCOM  
 Thomas Abney, Global Ministries  
 Palmer Garner, Planning and Research  
 Marie Watkins, UMW Representative  
 CCOM Staff

### **North Arkansas Conference:**

Ben Jordan, Paragould District Superintendent  
 Paul Bumpers, Conway District Superintendent  
 Jim Pledger, Rural Lay Person  
 Phil Hathcock, Ordained Ministry  
 Frank Clemmons, Equitable Salary  
 W. H. Williams, Lay Person, EMLC  
 Jerry Nichols, Town and Country, BOGM  
 Kathy Fadick, Clergywoman, Rural Charge  
 CCOM Staff

Organization was effected at this meeting: Chairperson, Ben Jordan; Vice-Chairperson, Harold Davis; Secretary, Kathy Fadick. Task groups were formed to work on cabinet and conference policy and the components of each were designated.

The Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference cabinets adopted the following area policy on parish development:

### **An Arkansas Area Cabinet Policy On Parish Development January, 1978**

WHEREAS,

The goal of Christian mission in the Arkansas Area should include that of providing every United Methodist Church and every United Methodist person access to full ministry for Christian nurture, discipleship, enablement, and the opportunity to be in mission as Christian persons and as congregations, and,

WHEREAS,

Seventy-five (75) percent of the churches in the Arkansas Area are limited in the realization of this goal because of a membership of 200 or less and, fifty percent of the churches are even more limited with a membership of 100 or less.

AND WHEREAS,

It is extremely difficult for churches of this size membership to individually have a full-time ordained (or unordained) ministerial leadership.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY MUTUALLY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

The members of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conference Cabinets do hereby commit ourselves in sacred covenant to "shoulder the burdens, share the risks, and celebrate the joys"<sup>1</sup> of all these churches within the broader scope of "full ministry" for all persons, and further, this commitment shall find expression through a genuine exercise of a policy of Parish Development.

We believe that through a long-range program of Parish Development we can help all local churches that relate to such a program to be more effective, individually and together.

We believe that the unique nature of each congregation, large and small, will enable all to potentially benefit the other in the commonness of our calling and mission.

And, we believe that through a long-range program of Parish Development every church in the Conference and in the Area can be related to a full-time ordained minister.

We encourage all pastors and all churches of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences to prayerfully consider their opportunities through present and potential parish arrangement; and, we pledge to support as the Cabinets, a continuity in appointments to Parish arrangements that will undergird both the churches and the pastors who assume responsibility for this vital area of ministry.

Signed:

Little Rock Conference Cabinet  
/s/ Charles W. Richards, Dean

North Arkansas Conference Cabinet  
/s/ Harold H. Spence, Dean

/s/ John B. Hays, Secretary

/s/ William M. Wilder, Secretary

<sup>1</sup> The Book of Discipline of the UMC, 1976, Paragraph 212

Our thanks to the Division of Town and Country, Board of Global Ministries, for a \$6,000 grant that made possible two programs critical to the initiation of parish development in Arkansas: (1) Consultations on Parish Development under the leadership of Dr. Harold McSwain, Rural Ministries Training Program, Columbus, Ohio, and (2) a Parish Itineration Project that enabled members of the committee to visit parish development models in Florida, Ohio, and Kansas.

Our main objective in 1979 is the implementation of a survey of the Arkansas Area that will assist the United Methodist people of Arkansas in deciding where and how various patterns of parish development might be carried out at a projected cost of \$3,600.00.

We hope to have in every district a survey of every church to be carried out through cooperation and consultation with the District Superintendents and the District Councils on Ministries. We plan a follow-up to pinpoint potential sites in each district.

We respectfully request that this Annual Conference consider and approve an Arkansas Area policy on Parish Development. We submit the following statement for your consideration in this regard:

### **Arkansas Area Policy On Parish Development**

Recognizing that 75% of the United Methodist churches in Arkansas have less than 200 members, and that 50% have memberships of 100 or less; and that historically those small membership churches were the major strength of Methodism in our state, we acknowledge that many of these same churches are at times experiencing the following hurts: hopelessness, powerlessness, lack of continuity of effective professional leadership, lack of vision as well as unrealized dreams, lack of meaningful involvement, and all too often, an absence of a vital sense of belonging.

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE MINISTRY IS:

- (1) a lifestyle of servanthood, which is a way of relating to persons, to which all

Christians are called:

and

- (2) dependent upon a nurturing community of prayer and celebration, learning and action for its faithfulness to the gospel, and so for its "vitality and impact on an unbelieving world" (See DISCIPLINE, par. 106);

Our concerns in parish development are to enable:

- (1) small congregations to become ministry oriented rather than survival oriented;
- (2) clergy, diaconal ministers, and lay professionals to understand themselves as "enablers of ministry" rather than "doers of program";

and

- (3) an openness to the variety of structures the relationship between churches may take (See DISCIPLINE, par. 206.)

206.1 Local churches ("large and small"), with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may enhance their witness to each other and to the world by showing forth the love of Jesus Christ through forms of mutual cooperation.

We of the Arkansas Area, through parish development, covenant to accomplish the following:

- (1) Enable small churches to be in mission in the community and the world.
- (2) Enable small churches to have access to full-time pastoral coverage.
- (3) Enable small churches to have access to support structures that will enable the members of every church to engage in opportunities for nurture, training, and outreach.
- (4) Enable pastors and others serving persons to be members of a support team that will maximize the productiveness and morale of each pastor or serving person.
- (5) Attention to the special needs represented in ethnic minority local churches, and, any other group or cluster of small churches shall be given due consideration.
- (6) The Parish Development program shall be planned and administered by the two Annual Conferences through an Area Parish Development Committee appointed by the Bishop. At such time the Area Committee has completed its assigned tasks, the responsibilities of Parish Development shall be reverted to the responsible committees of the Boards of Global Ministries of the two Annual Conferences.
- (7) The task of the Bishop's Committee on Parish Development is to plan and recommend to the CCOMs objectives related to (1), (2), (3), and (4). The Committee shall be closely related to the Town and Country Ministries of the General Board of Global Ministries for consultation, resourcing and leadership.  
The Committee shall provide the opportunity for direct involvement with members of the two Cabinets and related District Council on Ministries in Parish Development.
- (8) The Committee shall be cognizant of the variety forms the relationship between churches may take as described in the Discipline in Paragraph 206, and, the awareness of a two-way sense of mission that can exist among large and small churches so that through a working relationship there may emerge some things that each have to offer the other.

The sole intent of parish development is to assist each congregation to attain its full potential of ministry through voluntary involvement and cooperation of the members of the congregation always being sensitive to the preservation of the identity of the local church. We hasten to further affirm that the small church often has such to offer to the whole church; thus, to strengthen the linkage is to mutually strengthen the entire Body of Christ.

## VIII. Wesley Foundation

(This priority was added with the adoption of the study report on Campus Ministry.)

## Other Conference Programs

### Church And Society

The United Methodist Church stands in crisis. One manifestation of the crisis is the question as to whether it can reaffirm and revitalize its historic social concerns. This report is a call to such a reaffirmation. In 1952, commenting on the state of affairs in our nation, Reinhold Niebuhr noted, "Our nation . . . is less potent to do what it wants in the hour of its greatest strength that it was in the days of its infancy." It is just possible that this sort of irony applies to us as United Methodists in the area of social concerns.

The Doctrinal Standards of our church identify the "living core" of our theological heritage as: revealed in Scripture, illumined by tradition, vivified in experience, and confirmed by reason.

The prophetic figures of the Old Testament provide a part of the scriptural background. Amos, the first of the literary prophets, expressed concern over those who were "at ease in Zion." His catalog of social concerns ends with the lament that the deeper problem is that "they are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph."

Our Lord utilized and shared the concern of the prophets for social righteousness. Luke pictures Jesus in Nazareth reading from the Book of Isaiah, proclaiming "release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed."

The roots of our social gospel are as ancient as the roots of our faith. This needs no apology.

United Methodists should not be surprised to discover the social concerns of their church. Indeed, we should be distressed when these dimensions are not both apparent and articulate. John Wesley wrote, in 1739, "The Gospel of Christ knows no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness." Those who claim that the scope of Wesley's social thought was limited to reform and philanthropy, important though these are, simply have not realized the whole of Wesley's thought. A Methodism without an activating and actualizing social gospel is a feeble imitation at worst and a caricature at best. Such affirmation is basic to the humane theology of our tradition.

The decade of the 60's witnessed world-shaking movements — civil rights advances, a new awareness of the discriminatory patterns related to sexual stereotyping, a vivid protest against war and its accompanying impact on the human spirit, a people fed up with cynical abuses of the political system, a new awareness of environmental problems. We are deeply thankful for the advances that have been made. Some of them were in part because of actions of churches; but some were in spite of church constituencies.

There are thrilling opportunities for the church in mission; but to be faithful to its calling its actions have to go beyond cosmetic "reforms." We must also do battle with the temptation to equate social responsibilities with social respectability. We call this conference to a socially sensitive theological commitment rooted in the kind of moral courage that has at times characterized the tradition which has nourished us.

Your Board of Church and Society again reaffirms and urges the constituency of this annual conference to join in enthusiastic acceptance of the mandate given to this Board by action of the General Conference: ". . . 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 of *The Book of Discipline*, 1976)

This has been an interesting year for this board. Several changes have come about, some of them unexpectedly. A part of the year has been spent in reorganization of personnel within the membership of the board. We should like to begin the details of our report with an

expression of appreciation to Tom Barnett, who found it necessary in the course of the year to relinquish the chairmanship. We cherish his deep concerns, his unique sensitivity and his sense of courage. Already we have missed him, and the feeling does not diminish. Also we want to note with appreciation the encouragement given to our efforts by Bishop Hicks and his staff associates.

Our intention is to strive to reach, or at least to get as near as possible to, several goals in the next year.

1. We shall continue to engage in research, study, and action in our advocacy of the position that local churches and districts should be actively engaged in a social action ministry focused on those points where civil and theological concerns coalesce — "liberty and justice for all."
2. We urge each pastor and each congregation to wrestle with the theological base (the undergirding beliefs) for the active involvement of Christians in social and political action, reminding ourselves that this is an integral part of our Methodist heritage and witness.
3. We urge churches and agencies to continue to work for the elimination of discriminatory practices based on sex, ethnic background, and economic position. As an expression of this we shall continue to work for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; and we urge all United Methodists to become informed on the issues and to work with those who are engaged in this crucial struggle for the legal recognition of an equality affirmed in our faith. We propose that this annual conference again go on record as supporting the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.
4. We shall continue to advocate and support the general programs of our church aimed at social awareness. A special concern is that of the ethnic composition of congregations coupled with a sensitivity to churches with historical minority identities.
5. We shall continue our plans, as outlined briefly last year, to work for the promotion of the Social Principles of our Church. We note with a degree of sadness, however, that organized efforts in this direction are, themselves, indictments upon all of us; for, when we joined this Church we all vowed to support it and its programs. We commend the Board of Ordained Ministry for its continued and enlightened sensitivity to the social dimension of our calling as Christians.
6. We shall continue a task force to explore within the Board our relationship to the Christian Civic Foundation. We are not in a position to make a report or recommendations at this time. If there are questions, we shall be pleased to attempt to respond.
7. We hope, through the good offices of The Arkansas Methodist and other means to provide information on meetings and resources available to and issues confronting United Methodists in Arkansas. We have begun to work on information gathering and dissemination systems. There are many resources available to us, but we have not put sufficient efforts into identifying them.
8. We note with appreciation the enlightened concern and effective candor of the members of our delegation to the United States Senate as they deal with social questions. We are proud that Senators Dale Bumpers and Kanaester Hodges are United Methodists.
9. More important, however, we celebrate those persons, not as visible as public leaders, who have with courage, insight, and devotion, made their witness as heroic Christians in community and civic affairs.

In conclusion we remind and inform this annual conference that there are four committees of the board, willing and ready to be of service. They are: General Welfare, Human Relations, Emerging Social Issues, and World Peace. As a board we reaffirm Wesley's statement, and we invite the conference to join in the affirmation, "The Gospel of Christ knows no religion but social; no holiness but social holiness."

Program Cost ..... \$4,750.00

(Assigned to the Board of Church and Society)

### Discipleship

GOAL: To implement the Quadrennial Theme: Make of All Disciples (Matt. 28:19).

#### OBJECTIVES FOR 1979

##### Enlistment:

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| 1. Continue and expand the Summer Intern Program.....            | \$1,200.00 |
| 2. Have a Youth Worker's Workshop for summer youth workers ..... | 200.00     |

##### Evangelism: (See report on Missional Priorities)

##### Worship:

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| 1. To promote an ecumenical worship service at the Hunger Ingathering Event in the Fall, 1979..... | 200.00 |
| 2. To conduct an Ecumenical Worship Workshop .....   | 300.00 |
| 3. To offer a course on worship for lay pastors at Pastor's School.....                            | 100.00 |
| 4. To send two (2) persons to the National Worship Convocation, July 15-21, 1979.....              | 600.00 |
| 5. To provide worship resources for pastors .....  | 300.00 |

##### Other Objectives:

1. Promote a sense of fellowship and camaraderie among United Methodist musicians and worship personnel within the conference.
2. To approach the theological understanding that comes out of the way we worship with particular regard to the sacraments.
3. Encourage United Methodist musicians to create and experiment with new hymns and music.
4. To promote music, worship and the arts among children.
5. To promote music in the church school.

##### Higher Education:

1. That a total of one hundred forty-nine thousand, eight hundred dollars (\$149,800) be apportioned for the operation of Hendrix College for the 1979 year.
2. We reaffirm the purpose and mission of Philander Smith College, and further recognize the bright future of the institution. We recommend that \$53,152 be apportioned for the 1979 Black College Fund, and urge the Churches of the Conference to work diligently to have 100 percent funding in order to assure our support of the college.
3. We recommend that the total support for the 1979 year for Scarritt College be \$4,500. Further, that this amount be apportioned to the Districts as recommended by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration.
4. The Committee requests the amount of eight hundred dollars (\$800.) to be used in the operation of the Committee for the 1979 year.

### Proposal On Campus Ministry

The North Arkansas Conference Council on Ministries directed its Committee on Planning and Research to make a study of campus ministry in the conference in 1977-78 and to bring recommendations to the Council in published form. That study was completed and presented to the Council on May 16, 1978, entitled "A Study Proposal on Campus Ministry, 1978."

After slight amendment the Council approved the study proposal and voted to recommend it to the Annual Conference for adoption to be implemented by January 1, 1979.

Although Campus ministry as such is much broader in scope, the efforts of the Committee were largely concentrated on the four Wesley Foundations in the North Arkansas Conference. The four Foundations studied are located at Arkansas Technological University, Russellville; at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro; at the University of Central Arkansas, Conway; and, at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The campus ministries of Hendrix College and Philander Smith College are not included in this report.

The membership of the Committee on Planning and Research varied throughout the study due to resignations or illness of members. Those persons who participated in the study were

Wendell Dorman, Chairperson; Kenneth Walker, Secretary; Olin Cook, Philip Hathcock, Ferris Baker, Kenneth Renfro, Dick Haltom, Earl Carter and Victor Nixon. The committee wished to thank Dr. Joe Gibson, Board of Higher Education and Campus Ministry, Nashville, Tenn., for his experience and insight.

This study proposal could not have been done without the cooperation of the Wesley Foundation Directors, the students and faculty of the four universities, the interested lay people, and the board members of the Foundation. Because of their interest and commitment to campus ministry these persons spent long hours sharing important information, and filling out questionnaires.

The information of the four campus ministries was derived from three sources: (1) Student and board member questionnaires; (2) Foundation Directors' responses; and (3) on-site visits to the Foundations.

From the data-gathering instruments and procedures noted the Committee came to the following conclusions: (1) Lack of adequate funding and program; (2) Three of the four campus ministers serve local churches in addition to Wesley Foundation which reduces the time available for campus ministry; (3) Lack of support and understanding; (4) Connectional break-down; (5) Local Board Weakness; (6) System of accountability; (7) Lack of clarity and commitment; (8) General problems of morale;

In addition to the weaknesses discovered above, the Committee also found areas of strength in campus ministry. Among these were: (1) A demonstration of endurance by campus ministers in the face of great difficulty; (2) Knowledgeable and experienced personnel in campus ministry; (3) Adequate facilities that are available for student activities; (4) and a small solid core of students, faculty, and interested laity involved in and committed to the cause of Christ on campus.

On the basis of these findings, the committee on Planning and Research respectfully submits the following recommendations for campus ministry in North Arkansas.

#### A. Conference Level

1. We recommend that the Annual Conference through the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry restructure campus ministries in accordance with the **Discipline** (Para. 730) and the following procedures:

- a. Each Wesley Foundation be provided a full-time campus minister who will be a Conference staff person directly responsible to the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry and the Council on Ministries staff person related to the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

- b. The Board of Discipleship enlarge the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry to include the following: two representatives from each district, one of whom shall be the District Coordinator of Young Adult Ministries, 1 student from each Wesley Foundation, Hendrix College and Philander Smith College; the campus minister from each Wesley Foundation (ex officio); the presidents (or appointed representatives) of Hendrix College and Philander Smith College; the cabinet representative for the Board of Discipleship; and a CCOM staff person.

- c. That the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Minister function according to the guidelines established by the DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION HANDBOOK and that the Committee establish the following sub-committees:

- (1) **Personnel.** The responsibility of the personnel sub-committee shall be to hold the Wesley Foundation Board of Directors responsible for the direction and administration of the Wesley Foundation, Para. 730.4(b), and to review annually the performance of the campus minister according to the following criteria:

- Witnessing to faith in Christ Jesus both explicitly and implicitly in the communities of learning;

- Expressing the wholeness of ministry through the several modes of ministry understood by the Church as caring for individuals and their needs (pastor); celebrating God's saving work in history (priest); speaking out for justice in the human social order (prophet); and calling institutions to responsibility for a human administration (king);



- Equipping the faithful for the whole work of ministry within the academic community;
- Developing global perspectives in order to extend the life of faith beyond cultural and national limitations as well as to help focus the expertise of the university on the needs of all the peoples of the world;
- Making available to the churches intellectual resources of higher education and apprising them of relevant developments in higher education;
- Establishing and maintaining clear lines of communication with the Church at every level;
- Bringing distinctive insights and resources of The United Methodist Church to appropriate ecumenical enterprises and learning from them;
- And expressing in the Church the significance and importance of universities in the quest for the intellectual love of God.

In addition, the Personnel Subcommittee shall perform the following:

- (a) Design and receive an annual report from the campus minister based on the above criteria;
- (b) Upon review and evaluation of the campus minister and in consultation with the Bishop and cabinet make recommendations to local personnel committees regarding campus ministry appointments;
- (c) Shall receive and screen applicants for campus ministry;
- (d) Shall make salary, travel, and utility recommendations commensurate with ministers of equal tenure to the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry;
- (e) In consultation with the local Wesley Foundation Board Personnel Committee, shall design a job description for each director which will include the following general areas: Evangelism, Education, Worship and Sacraments, Missional outreach, Social Concerns, Administration (ability to assess needs, design and implement program), Promotion of church vocations, pastoral care and counseling, and Ecumenical involvement;
- (f) and, Make provisions for time and money annually for continuing education of campus ministers.

The Personnel Subcommittee shall include the following: the Bishop (ex officio), Chairperson of the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, a representative designated by the Cabinet, two laity members of the Committee selected by the Chairperson, and one Wesley Foundation student representative from each foundation chosen by the students.

The Personnel Subcommittee will organize and elect its own officers.

(2) **Policy.** The Policy Subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, and will organize and elect its own officers.

The responsibilities of the Policy Subcommittee include design and development of program strategy for campus ministry in the conference; annual review of the constitution and by-laws of local boards to insure that local structure is in accordance with the **Discipline** and the guidelines outlined for district and local levels as given below; and any other duties assigned by the Committee.

(3) **Budget.** The Budget Subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, and will organize and elect its own officers.

The responsibilities of the subcommittee include: Assess the financial needs of the Wesley Foundations and Methodist-related colleges in the Annual Conference or area; recommend to the Committee the support levels for each Wesley Foundation and institution in accordance with Para. 1613.3, **Discipline**; review the budgets of the Wesley Foundations and institutions; recommend a budget for the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry; and any other duties assigned by the Committee.

(4) **Interpretation.** The Interpretation Subcommittee shall be appointed by the Chairperson, Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, and will organize and elect its own officers.

The responsibilities of this subcommittee are perhaps the most important of all and include the following: Interpret the concerns and promote the cause of Higher Education and Campus Ministry to all persons within the conference; develop promotional aids for distribution throughout the conference; utilize campus ministers and students in local churches, districts, camps, etc., to tell the story of campus ministry and the role higher education plays in the church; to promote special days and special funds such as Black College Fund, Ministry Sunday, United Methodist Student Day, Student Recognition Day, World Communion Sunday, Human Relations Sunday, etc., and any other duties assigned by the Committee.

#### **B. District Level**

In order that the mission of campus ministry may become a part of district programming, we recommend that the district coordinator of Young Adult Ministries, who is a member of the DCOM, be responsible for interpreting the cause of campus ministry and the student opportunities at the Wesley Foundations.

#### **C. Local Level: Campus**

We recommend that the following structural changes and procedures be instituted at the local Wesley Foundation level:

##### **1. Composition of the Board of Directors:**

a. That the Board of Directors be composed of twenty-one elected members, nine of whom shall be students and nine other laity from the locale, and three clergy from the Conference. Representation should be given to various age levels, minorities, sexes, and geographical areas.

b. Ex-officio members of the Board include the campus minister and staff, local pastors, two cabinet representatives (one of whom shall be the local District Superintendent), one representative from the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, and one representative from the Conference Council on Ministries Staff.

2. That elected members of the Board be selected by a Nominating Committee elected by the Wesley Foundation Board. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of two students, two laity, and two clergy. The campus minister will serve as chairperson.

3. Elected members serve for three-year terms, one-third elected each year. Members may serve no more than two consecutive terms.

4. The Wesley Foundation Board members shall be elected by the Annual Conference upon recommendation by the Nominating Committee in consultation with the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry, with the exception of student members, who shall be elected in the Fall school term by the Board upon nomination by the Nominating Committee.

##### **5. Responsibilities of the Board:**

a. Formulation of constitution and by-laws.

b. Annual election of officers, composed of chairperson, vice-chairperson, secretary, and treasurer.

c. These officers along with the chairperson of the standing committees shall constitute the executive committee of the Board.

d. The executive committee shall meet monthly during the academic year and the total board shall meet at least quarterly.

e. Standing committees shall include the following: (1) Program; (2) Finance; (3) Personnel; (4) Property; and (5) Interpretation. Other committees may be established as needed for effective ministry and program administration.

f. General oversight of the campus ministry, including long and short-range goals.

g. Formulation annually of goals, strategies, and necessary funding to be submitted

to the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry.

h. Implementation of approved goals.

**D. Local Level: Church**

We recommend that the Work Area on Education or the Council on Ministries of each church designate a young adult coordinator whose responsibilities shall include the promotion of campus ministry in the local church, especially the senior high youth.

**Recommended Qualifications For Campus Ministers**

- A. Ordained elder in good standing in the Annual Conference.
- B. Minimum of two years experience in parish ministry.
- C. Basic understanding of and commitment to the purpose of campus ministry in the United Methodist Church as outlined in "United Methodist Statements on Campus Ministry," adopted by the National Commission on United Methodist Higher Education on November 29, 1976, and recommended to the 1980 General Conference for adoption as a policy statement.
- D. A commitment to professional and intellectual growth and continuing education.

**Funding Resources For Campus Ministry**

The Council recommends that the apportionment for Wesley Foundation continue and that the Annual Conference be made aware that current inflation rates, due to fixed costs in colleges and campus ministries, range from eight to twelve percent annually.

The Council also recommends that, with the consent of the Conference Council on Finance and Administration and the Conference Council on Ministries, local Wesley Foundation boards be given authority to develop additional sources of support from churches, students, alumni, individuals, foundations, and general boards and agencies. One example of such additional funds might be obtained by designating the Wesley Foundation as a district or conference Advance Special. Special gifts to Wesley Foundations will be over and above regular apportionments for Wesley Foundations.

The Council recommends that the Wesley Foundation Fund be administered by the Arkansas Area Treasurer according to the formula established by the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry. The salary and support items of the Wesley Foundation Fund would be disbursed directly by the Area Treasurer to the campus minister in the event that the campus minister becomes a conference staff person according to the provision above. The remainder of the fund will be disbursed to the local Wesley Foundation for distribution by the local treasurer for program, operation, etc.

**Conclusion**

Ministry in the United Methodist Church is the general ministry as enabled by lay and ordained ministers (para. 101 and 445.1). Both are "summoned and sent by Christ to live and work together in mutual interdependence and to be guided by the Spirit into the truth that frees and the love that reconciles" (para. 110).

The distinctiveness of campus ministry is that it is Christ's ministry present in a university community. It is a ministry marked by concern for the community of faith, for persons, for freedom of inquiry, for values, and for global perspectives. It must be faithful and accountable to the whole church if it is to embody the grace of God which was in Christ.

But the Council believes that the whole church should be faithful to the cause of Christ among the young adults, faculty, and others who inhabit our university communities and who deserve a high priority level of concern on the part of churches throughout the conference. During a period in our history when young adults have tended to drift away from both the local church and the Wesley Foundations we believe that it is imperative that the Annual Conference meet the challenge of campus ministry.

Toward this end we recommend that campus ministry be made a missional priority of the Annual Conference.

### Education

**Goal:**

The goal of Christian Education is to enable persons to understand, accept and be nurtured in the Christian faith by:

1. A basic understanding of the Biblical message, its source, content and relevancies to life;
2. Achieve a sustaining faith in God, committing one's total life to Christ;
3. Become increasingly mature Christians in all our relationships;
4. Understand what the Church is and what it is called to be and do;
5. Participate in the life and ministry of the Church;
6. Dedicate themselves to the stewardship of all of life; and,
7. Abide in the Christian hope — understanding of death and the Resurrected life.

**Objectives:**

1. As research data (The Hartman Report) indicates that "as goes the Church School, so goes the Church," we encourage an emphasis in all local churches on the four-year program for strengthening Church Schools adopted by the General Conference under the theme: "Decision Point: Church School." The emphasis for 1979 is entitled, "Church School: A Community That Learns."
2. To provide opportunities for the training, enrichment and growth of persons in local churches who are involved in educational ministries on all age levels.
3. To continue to send leaders and potential leaders to Conference, Area and Jurisdictional Training events to improve their skills and develop expertise in Christian education.
4. In light of the fact that in 1976, 45% of our Churches had no one received on profession of faith, 56% had no Confirmation Class, and 36% had no preparatory roll, we recommend that in 1979:
  - 4.1 Continue our emphasis in Confirmation training by encouraging pastors to attend Confirmation Lab at Mt. Sequoyah.
  - 4.2 To emphasize the role of pastor as educator and a trainer of teachers.
  - 4.3 Consider the needs of small membership churches and black churches in planning training events.
  - 4.4 To emphasize the importance of Methodist curriculum resources as Biblically based, Christ-centered, and life-related, and, an essential tool in the educational efforts of each local church.
5. As the ratio of young adults in our population continues to increase, we recommend that an intentional effort be made through our Young Adult Task Force to set objectives for 1979 and to plan for implementation. The purpose of the Young Adult Ministry shall be to gather information for guidelines, increase visibility and awareness by young adults of our connectional system, to provide personal growth opportunities, to share models of young adult ministries, and to have workshops on marriage, family and single living, parenthood, "home" building, human sexuality and divorce.
6. That nine thousand dollars (9,000.) be apportioned to the several Districts as a goal for DCOM Leadership Training, with 50% to be shared equally with the Districts and 50% to be retained in the Conference Committee on Education budget for its use.
7. In Children's Ministries to:
  - 7.1 Continue to emphasize Leadership Development of District Teams. Type of Conference Workshops will be determined by the evaluations of training events in 1978 and from the input of the District Coordinators at our semi-annual meetings of the Children's Council.
  - 7.2 Send a delegate to the "National Conference on Ministries With Children," date and place to be designated later this year. 1979 is the International Year of the Child. Plan emphasis on a new children's curriculum to be ready in 1980.

7.3 Urge DCOM and local churches to send persons to Lab-School Seminar at Mt. Sequoyah.

8. In Family Ministries to:

8.1 Continue quarterly "Newsletter" to District Coordinators (If this proves to be of value.)

8.2 Encourage the training of additional persons for leadership in "Marriage communications" and "Family Life Conferences" and advanced training for persons who have begun training in these areas.

8.3 Encourage local churches to plan short term Intergenerational Studies to promote family study and togetherness.

Plan of Action:

I. Children's Ministries	
1. Conference Children's Workshop to train District Teams . . . . .	\$ 800.00
2. Local Church and Area Training Events . . . . .	1,200.00
II. Youth Ministries	
1. Supplement for Council on Youth Ministry . . . . .	250.00
2. Jurisdictional Youth Caucus . . . . .	150.00
3. Youth Ministry Event, Mt. Sequoyah . . . . .	150.00
4. School of Christian Mission (Registration Fee (\$15) for one youth from each District . . . . .	105.00
5. Local Church and Area Training Events . . . . .	1,395.00
III. Young Adult Ministries . . . . .	2,000.00
IV. Adult Ministries	
1. Local Church and Area Training Events . . . . .	1,500.00
V. Family-life Ministries	
1. Marriage Communication Lab (one for the Conference) . . . . .	250.00
2. Family Life Conferences (2) . . . . .	400.00
3. Local Church and Area Training Events . . . . .	100.00
VI. General Church School	
1. Bible Conferences (one per District \$150. each) . . . . .	1,050.00
2. General Training - Enrichment courses, such as "The Bible," "The Pastor as Educator," "Prayer," "Stewardship," etc. . . . .	450.00
VII. Leadership Development	
1. Mt. Sequoyah Laboratory/Seminar (14 scholarships - 2 per District at \$150 each) . . . . .	2,100.00
2. Retreat for Training Council, those who give leadership in training events. Purpose: Refresher experience, enrichment and additional training. Estimated 50 persons from Conference . . . . .	\$ 700.00
VIII. Administration Cost . . . . .	535.00
	<u>\$13,135.00</u>
Program Cost — Board of Discipleship . . . . .	\$22,780.00

### Global Ministries

I. The Board of Global Ministries taking seriously its purpose as found on page 100, 1976 Journal has provided a channel of communication and interpretation from the General Board of Global Ministries to our conference and local churches. One of the ways this has been done is to provide leadership, resources and support for the two task forces dealing with two of the General Church missional priorities directly related to our board — Hunger and Ethnic Minority Local Church.

A. Hunger.

1. We are urging participation of all districts and local congregations to become involved in the Lent to Ingathering programs as planned by the Area Task Force. The culmination of this program will be the Ingathering November 25, 1978.
2. We urge support of the Heifer Project, Int. Our conference advance goal for 1979 is \$10,000.

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3. We also urge support of the Soya Production & Research Association, Bareilly, U.P., India. Our conference advance goal for this is \$20,000.

B. Ethnic Minority Local Church.

We continue to give leadership in this field in several ways.

1. We recommend Conference Advance Specials with the following goals.
  - a. Rio Grande Conference: 1979-\$7,000.00; 1980-\$7,500.00.
  - b. Indian Missionary Conference: 1979-\$6,500.00; 1980-\$7,000.00.
  - c. Mallalieu Community Centers: 1979-\$10,000.00; 1980-\$10,000.00.
2. We support Lydia Patterson Institute by asking the Conference Council on Ministries to request Council on Finance and Administration to make it a line item in the amount of \$11,775.00 for 1979.
3. We have designated a portion of our board's budget for 1979 for ethnic minority ministries through the following programs.
  - a. Salary Aid
  - b. Mallalieu Community Centers (Vietnamese H.O.P.E. Center)
  - c. Black Community Development Program
  - d. Interfaith Community Center
  - e. Church Extension

II. Another way the board has tried to fulfill its purpose is constantly to re-evaluate the programs and plans and to bring to the attention of the conference areas in which we feel we should be concerned. In this light we bring the following recommendations:

- A. The United Methodist Church has a tradition of ecumenical and interreligious cooperation in ministries to people. In light of that tradition we recommend that the North Arkansas Conference policy of parish and new church development include cooperative/interdenominational ministries as well as United Methodist churches, even when that means financial support of program and building projects not wholly under North Arkansas Conference United Methodist Church polity.
- B. We recommend that the 1976 Journal entry on p.114, 2 (d) be changed to read as follows: Purchasing when needed and insuring mobile units. Item #4 becomes #5. The new #4 will read: The final approval of grants shall come from the Committee on Missions of the B.O.G.M. Item #5 will read: The Chairperson of the Board of Global Ministries or the Chairperson of the Committee on Missions shall advise the Area Treasurer when payments are to be made.
- C. That the payee on the insurance on loans show the North Arkansas Conference as payee instead of the Board of Global Ministries.
- D. That the Committee on Missions of the Board of Global Ministries secure proper insurance (fire, theft, and liability) on all mobile units. The recipient of the units will pay the moving costs. If the recipient does not have funds to pay this, they can apply to the committee for a grant for this purpose, especially in a new church situation.

III. In fulfilling our purpose the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Committee reports the following goals for 1979.

- A. Affirm continued promotion of ecumenical activities and projects by the District Councils on Ministries.
- B. Recommend continued support of the Arkansas Council of Churches:
  1. By electing twenty-seven active delegates for the North Arkansas Conference to the Arkansas Council of Churches.
  2. Through giving \$5,000.00 from the North Arkansas Conference to help carry out the work of the A.C.C.
  3. By promotion of the Mt. Sequoyah Ecumenical Missions Study, the Church in Community Seminar, the Ecumenical Clergy and Laity Conference.
- C. Recommend sending a conference delegate to the National Workshop on Christian Unity.
- D. Help the North Arkansas Youth Council establish an ongoing program of ecumenical dimension through an interchurch retreat at Mt. Sequoyah, summer 1979.

- E. Recommend broadening the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Committee membership to include a member of the Conference Youth Council and other denomination representation.
- F. We support re-establishing of a Criminal Justice Committee at the state level on an Ecumenical basis.
- G. Enthusiastically recommend our Conference participation in the 1979 Ecumenical Lent to Ingathering World Hunger Event.

#### QUADRENNIAL GOALS:

Continue dialogue with other denominations about establishing a regular TV/Radio exposure in our area.

#### IV. In fulfilling our purpose the Missions Committee makes the following report.

- A. We urge the promotion of 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 and is used for such World Division Advance Specials as he deems advisable in his travels for the church.
  - 2. We recommend the support of the other advance specials as listed elsewhere in this report.
- B. In the past the BOGM and the Committee on Missions has helped to improve the buildings of the Ethnic Minority Churches. We will continue to do this and ask the District Superintendents to help us in locating churches that need our help in this area.
- C. In order to better enable the Committee on Missions to do its job we are recommending a new statement on Policy for the Conference Building Fund:
  - a. We recommend that \$30,000.00 be provided for the Conference Building Fund by the churches of the conference for the year 1979 with the amount being apportioned among the districts by the Conference Council on Finance and Administration, with the District Stewards setting the apportionment for each local church.
  - b. We recommend that the Conference Building Fund be used for:
    - 1. Purchasing new building sites for present and future developing.
    - 2. \$5,000.00 to be used in 1979 for the research and development of new programs for Church Extension and Congregational Development.
    - 3. Assisting merging churches, and
    - 4. Purchasing and insurance on Mobile Units. The BOGM will secure proper insurance — fire, theft and liability — on all mobile units. The recipients of the Unit will pay moving and setting up expenses.
  - c. We recommend that the Bishop and Cabinet can recommend to the Committee on Missions churches that need help for the Conference Building Fund.
  - d. The final approval of grants shall come from the Committee on Missions of The Board of Global Ministries.
  - e. The Chairperson of the BOGM and/or the Chairperson of the Committee on Missions shall advise the Area Treasurer when payments are to be made.
  - f. The payments will be sent to the District Superintendent, who then will be responsible for getting the payment to the proper church.

#### REDEFINITION OF NEW CONGREGATION FROM THE GENERAL BOARD OF GLOBAL MINISTRIES:

The term "new" implies something that has not existed or was not known previously. A "new congregation" is a body of Christians who, as individuals, intentionally join together in Christian Fellowship, worship and service as an expression of the Church of Jesus Christ in a given locality or neighborhood. The "newness" is the "joining together," not in the place or structure in which they meet. Thus they may be a "New Congregation" meeting in an old church structure

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formerly occupied by another congregation. Whether the "New Congregation" chooses to continue the old "name" identified with the structure makes no difference. Under God and Jesus Christ the congregation is a new creation given for the purpose of revealing its own expression of what it means to be the Church of Jesus Christ and the United Methodist Church in particular in the place.

## D. CHURCH EXTENSION GRANTS:

Batesville District	
Bull Shoals .....	\$ 2,000.00
Conway District	
Danville .....	900.00
Atkins .....	4,000.00
Fort Smith District	
Magazine .....	1,500.00
Jonesboro District	
Keiser .....	750.00
Paragould District	
Sedgwick .....	4,000.00
Total .....	\$13,150.00

## E. The Committee on Missions continues to support the Innovative Ministries of our Conference:

Mallalieu Community Centers .....	\$5,000.00
Black Community Development .....	2,500.00
Interfaith Community Center .....	1,200.00
Deaf Ministries .....	2,890.00*

\*\$1,000.00 to the Deaf Ministries program at Wyatt Memorial Church. \$1,890.00 to be used in the development of a Deaf Ministries program for the conference under the direction of the Deaf Ministries Task Force. This program was started last year with a grant from the National Division of the General Board of Global Ministries.

## V. In fulfilling our purpose the Town &amp; Country Committee reports the following goals:

## A. Assemble and Publish Creative Ideas for the work of Town &amp; Country Churches.

1. Publish a workbook of ideas under the title, "IT Worked in our Church."
2. Investigate what our Committee counterparts in other conferences are doing (as a source for some of the material for the above booklet.)
3. Establish and maintain effective two-way communication links connecting the Conference Committee and Board with the District Councils and local churches, utilizing District Coordinators of Town & Country Ministries and the channels provided by the Education and Cultivation Task Force.

## B. Parish Development:

1. Task Force to share in plans for Bishop's Consultation on the Parish.
2. Chairman to serve as a member of the Area Bishop's Committee on Parish Development for input, coordination, and Communication.
3. Interpret to pastors and churches in the conference potentials and values in cooperative ministries.
  - a. Produce interpretive material for Education and Cultivation Task Force Distribution. (Ongoing.)
  - b. Include ideas in the workbook, "It Worked in our Church."
  - c. Develop resource teams for interpretation and training.

## C. Leadership Recruitment and Involvement:

Promote involvement of leadership representing the Town & Country churches in annual conference sessions, and in conference boards and agencies.

1. Establish a cooperative project with the Conference Nominating Committee and the Commission on Religion and Race to identify and recruit lay leadership and lay pastors from Town & Country Churches for potential service on boards and agencies.



2. Develop ideas for increasing attendance and meaningful participation by Lay Members of Annual Conference in the sessions of the conference on the part of Local Pastors as it relates to the issue of representation for the Town & Country Churches in the annual conference sessions. Devise appropriate recommendations and actions.
- D. Leadership Training:
1. Identify resource teams who can be assembled to contribute to a variety of leadership training events in Town & Country local churches or clusters of churches.
  2. Evaluate the 1978 Town & Country Pastor's Retreat for possible further use of this form of training event.
  3. Utilize Listening Teams to learn needs experienced by Town & Country churches and to aid them in planning.
- E. Church of the Year Awards: See page 109 of 1976 NAC Journal.
- F. Promotion of Church and Community Worker Ministries:
1. Interpretation of the program by letters, articles, filmstrip, resource teams, brochures, and Education and Cultivation Channels.
  2. Serve as Contact for superintendents, Conference or District Councils or local charges wishing to apply for the services of a Church and Community Worker.
- G. The Church in Community Seminar:
1. Recruit persons for attendance from the North Arkansas Conference.
  2. Provide financial aid to persons attending.
  3. Input to the planning committee for the event.
- H. Salary Aid Program:
1. Grants for 1979:
 

Forrest Hills .....	\$ 750.00
McCabe Chapel .....	1,800.00
St. James (Fayetteville) .....	2,000.00
Mallalieu .....	2,400.00
Total .....	\$6,950.00
  2. The Town & Country Committee proposes that the Salary Aid Program now administered by the Board of Global Ministries through the Town and Country Committee, be consolidated under the one conference agency: the Commission on Equitable Salaries.
    - a. We recommend that the Ex-officio relationships between the Equitable Salary Commission and the Town & Country Committee be continued.
    - b. That the funding responsibility for this merged program be taken up by the Commission on Equitable Salaries as of January 1, 1979.
    - c. That a joint meeting of the Commission on Equitable Salaries and the Town & Country Committee be held for the purpose of drawing up necessary guidelines and that the meeting be held early enough in 1978 for its report to be included in the pre-conference reports.
    - d. That these guidelines be established and evaluated in light of how they provide for ministry to newly organized churches, significant new-opportunity situations, black church special needs and parish development projects.
- I. The Town & Country Committee is considering the possibilities and values of establishing a UNITED METHODIST RURAL FELLOWSHIP CHAPTER in the conference.
- J. We are exploring the idea of holding a Conference Town & Country Convention or Festival in 1979 or 1980.
- K. 1978 Church in Community Seminar — Pine Bluff (UAPB) — June 26-28. We offer six (6) \$50.00 Participants' Expense Grants for persons from the North Arkansas Conference who attend. If fewer than six applications are received, the larger grants for fees, housing, and travel will be available for those attending.

## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

VI. In fulfilling our purpose the Health & Welfare Committee makes the following recommendations:

- A. Methodist Hospital Sunday — Observe Methodist Hospital Sunday the last Sunday in February. Emphasis to be on the total ministry of healing of our institution with special emphasis on the School of Nursing and Methodist North. Promotional materials will be provided by the hospital foundation.
- B. Golden Cross Sunday — Observe Golden Cross Sunday first Sunday in May. Promotional materials will be provided by the Methodist Hospital and Methodist Nursing Home Village and will highlight how Golden Cross monies are used. \$2.00 memberships will be encouraged on the same basis as 1978 — one-half of all monies collected to be kept by the local church for health and welfare use in the community and one-half to be sent to the area treasurer to be divided between Methodist Hospital (85%) and Methodist Nursing Home (15%).
- C. Methodist Nursing Home and Village — Provide budget support of \$4,000.00.
- D. United Methodist Children's Home — Designate the second and third Sundays in December as United Methodist Children's Home Sundays and through the Council on Ministries office and the Arkansas Methodist, encourage support of this agency by the annual offering. Promotional materials will be provided by the Children's Home.
- E. 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: a scholarship in the amount of \$6,000.00 to be subscribed in each district of the conference each year for the remainder of the quadrennium. A committee composed of two co-chairpersons and a leader from each district will work with the District Superintendents to design a program for each district.  
We also recommend budget support in the amount of \$3,000.00.
- F. Ministry with the Aging — We have requested that a course on Ministry with the aging be taught at Pastor's School in 1979. It is anticipated that the Ecumenical Retirement Center will be open in the Spring of 1979. Through the Center's representative to the B.O.G.M. we will explore ways to interpret this new ministry to our conference and involve our conference in support of it.
- G. We make the following recommendations for board of trustee nominations to the Conference Committee on Nominations:

Methodist Hospital .....	J. C. Portis
	Warren Blaylock
Methodist Nursing .....	Robert Laser
Home & Village .....	Roger Lynch
	Leon Taylor
	Thomas Clark
United Methodist .....	Ralph McDonald
Children's Home .....	Howard Johnson
	Norman Carter
	Joel Cooper

VII. The Education and Cultivation Task Force is assigned the task of promoting all programs of the board and of education of the board members in regards to the work of the General Board of Global Ministries and of the work being done by the conference board. In fulfilling this responsibility the task force makes the following report:

- A. Support the Arkansas School for Christian Mission by providing leadership on the planning committee and by a budget amount of \$1,250.00. The chairpersons of the board and the Education and Cultivation Task Force will be on the Planning Committee.

- B. Assist each district to hold a district mission event by providing guidelines for such. These will be distributed to the District Superintendents, DCOM chairpersons and other interested persons.
  - C. To involve 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.
  - D. 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.
  - E. To present some aspect of the work and goals of the General Board of Global Ministries at each board meeting of the conference Board of Global Ministries.
- VIII. Last year we began with a grant from National Division — a task force to design a program with the deaf. This Task Force has been appointed and working. Their report is as follows:

**LONG-RANGE GOAL: (3-5 years)**

To establish a ministry to the deaf of Arkansas through the United Methodist Churches where the deaf are located, at least one ministry, in one church per district. Definition of "ministry": Sunday School Classes (specifically for the deaf), Interpretation of Worship Services, Social Activities specifically for the deaf (possibly even participation in United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, United Methodist Youth).

**OBJECTIVE ONE: Locate the Deaf in Arkansas** (17,299 deaf in Arkansas according to 1971 census)

- A. A layperson in each district will be selected by the Task Force to be responsible for organizing a search for the deaf in that particular district. This position will be entitled, "District Deaf Coordinator." This "District Deaf Coordinator" hopefully will be appointed to membership on the District C.O.M. The names and addresses of all identified deaf will be sent to this person, who will in turn, send this information on to the Task Force membership. The local newspaper, radio stations and even our own "Arkansas Methodist" are excellent tools with which to inform the hearing world of our search. This will be organized all over the state of Arkansas and completed by December, 1979. The Task Force and the District Deaf Coordinators will implement this objective.

**OBJECTIVE TWO: Involving the Deaf**

- A. Home visits with the deaf by persons selected by the Task Force and the District Deaf Coordinator. Visits will bring about communication between the deaf and hearing, and inform the deaf of the programs for them. The visits will also determine whether the deaf are in need of transportation, and secure a commitment from the deaf to attend our church regardless of their religious affiliation. We plan to do this in each district throughout the state. By December 1982 all identified deaf will be visited. Implementors will be the Task Force and appointed District Deaf Coordinators. (The Deaf Coordinators are to be chosen annually by the Task Force Membership.)

**OBJECTIVE THREE: Locate Interpreters**

- A. The Task Force will contact state and federal agencies — Arkansas School for the Deaf, Arkansas Association of the Deaf and others. A list of interpreters will be compiled by the Task Force and distributed to local churches and to all districts, and to deaf participants. This will be done throughout the state and completed by December 1979. The Task Force will be responsible for this objective.

**OBJECTIVE FOUR: Provide Sign Language Classes**

- A. The Task Force will assist the church in locating a teacher, who will teach deaf communications (sign language, finger spelling) to the hearing congregation. The primary purpose of these classes will be to train lay-persons for teaching in

the Sunday School Classes specifically for the deaf. We hope to have at least one church per district, throughout the state, where the deaf are identified and a ministry is being established by December, 1983. Implementors will be the task force.

**OBJECTIVE FIVE: "Orientation to Deafness"**

- A. A seminar providing insight into the deaf world, to aid the hearing congregations in preparing for this specialized ministry. These to be in at least four churches having a ministry to deaf (each being in different districts). We hope by December 1979 that these seminars will have been held. The Task Force will author the seminar and provide for its scheduling, and organization, with assistance from other resources, if necessary.

**OBJECTIVE SIX: Sunday School Classes for the Deaf**

- A. The students of the sign language classes will be responsible for teaching the class for the deaf each Sunday. There will be at least two hearing laypersons teaching the class every Sunday. We plan for these classes to be in at least one local church in each district where the need is determined. The Sunday School Class may be held at an hour convenient to the particular church schedule. The classes will be organized in the respective churches by December, 1979. The sign language students will be chiefly responsible, with supervision from the Task Force, if necessary.

**OBJECTIVE SEVEN: A Social Event for the Deaf**

- A. Events will be planned by laypersons, on a local church level. Deaf ministries will be a part of the Social Concerns Committee, in the local churches. These events may be any of the following: pot luck dinners; picnics with other deaf ministries' groups; guest speakers (with interpreters furnished); cook-outs; pingpong tournaments; "games" nights; Information Seminars to give information applicable to the deaf, such as legislation, tax reductions for the deaf and others. These activities and others are to be chosen and agreed upon by the deaf and the hearing laypersons in leadership. In the local churches where a deaf ministry is being established, plus additional facilities necessary. To be completed by December 1979 in at least three districts, at least one ministry to the deaf being in each district. The Sign Language Class will sponsor the social events with assistance from the Social Concerns Committee of the particular local church.

**OBJECTIVE EIGHT: Task Force Meetings (quarterly)**

- A. Each member will furnish their own transportation, to be paid mileage by the Board of Global Ministries. The location of these meetings will be set by the Task Force Chairperson in agreement with the membership of the Task Force.

**OBJECTIVE NINE: A Task Force Member to Represent Arkansas at the Third United Methodist Congress for the Deaf**

- A. The Task Force shall elect one person to attend the Congress. The election shall be held no later than April 1979. The elected person will attend the U.M.C.D. at the appointed time and place.

**OBJECTIVE TEN: A Summer Camp for the Deaf (children and adults)**

- A. The camp should not exceed one week, nor be less than three days per year. The camp program will be planned and directed by the Task Force itself, or someone appointed by the Task Force. The camp leadership will be determined by the Task Force. The camp for the deaf will be modeled after the camp program in the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. This camp will be held on a conference camp site chosen by the Task Force and the Camp Directors. We hope to have completed this by December 1982. The implementors will be the Task Force in coordination with the Camp Directors and the cost will be borne by the individuals.

**OBJECTIVE ELEVEN: Deaf Choirs**

A. The choir shall be composed of deaf children and/or adults as well as hearing persons with the knowledge of sign language. The choir members may be members from several churches in the area of the ministry to the deaf. (Deaf will sign to music as a soloist sings.) We hope to have these in local churches where a ministry to the deaf and hearing impaired is located. By December 1981 a deaf choir should be established in the churches where there is a ministry to them. Sign language classes will supply leadership, with the church pianist or organist to provide the music. Laypersons involved in leadership of the choir should use sign language fluently.

Task Force for Deaf Ministries are Brenda Cooper, Searcy, chairperson; Andy Hall, Earle, Ar; Nadine Hardin, Ft. Smith, AR; Bill Gentry, Little Rock, Ar; and Brenda Matthews, Hot Springs, Ar.

- IX. The Board has been granted a budget of \$53,700.00 to carry out its program for 1979.
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| Program Cost ..... | \$53,700.00 |
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**Camping****Plans And Strategies For 1979**

1. To continue to develop new programs for out-of-doors experiences for all age groups in the conference.
2. To continue to develop "use" areas at Nawake.
3. To provide leadership training for all persons planning to work in camping experiences throughout the conference.
4. To aid District Camp Committees in planning and carrying on the District camping programs.
5. To provide better promotional material for camping to the local church and to urge local churches to make people aware of camping opportunities.
6. We recommend that some person in each local church be elected to serve as Camping Coordinator. The names of these persons will be turned over to the Conference Committee on Camps and Conferences and publicity for events will be handled through this person.
7. We recommend that each local church report to the Charge Conference the number of persons attending camping events during the year and also how many events were planned and carried out through the local church.
8. We recommend that \$2.00 per camper be sent to the CCOM office and that such amount be used for publicity and for insurance for campers. Insurance for camps shall be carried on a Conference Wide basis. Camp directors shall provide camp managers (when involved in district camps) with a list of all campers and the \$2.00 per camper for insurance and publicity. The camp manager shall send this to the Conference Council office each week. (For events on the conference level, the director shall handle these duties.)
9. To completely remove all fences and trash from the Nawake property by June 1979.
10. To remove all unusable buildings from the Nawake property by June 1979.
11. A financial plan for developing additional "use" areas of Nawake shall be presented for the 1979 annual conference.
12. We recommend that a resident manager/director be secured and placed on the Nawake property as soon as possible in order for proper development of the property.
13. We plan to continue to provide a well-balanced camping program for all age groups.
14. To encourage participation in camping experiences from minority groups in the conference. And to make available funds for Scholarships where necessary to accomplish this.
15. To provide experiences in camping and out-of-doors ministry which will allow campers to get involved in the Conference priorities of World Hunger, Ethnic Minorities and Evangelism.

16. We recommend we receive permission to purchase the three lots (total 11 acres — more or less) in the northwest corner of Nawake Conference and Retreat Center at a cost of \$4,000.00.

Program Cost . . . . . \$10,570.00

### District Journals

The District Journals have been examined with the exception of the Jonesboro District. Those presented were in good order.

### Lay Life And Work

The Council on Lay Life and Work, representing All the Laity of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, will continue to seek opportunities to foster the awareness of the vital role of Laity should and do perform in the life of the Church.

Since the establishment of this Council in 1976 under the very capable leadership of Bob Cheyne, Conference Lay Leader, much of our emphasis has been at the conference level. The involvement of Laity on Conference Boards, Agencies, Councils, and Commissions has increased significantly.

#### GOALS FOR 1979:

1. Continued support of a strong Laity Program at the Conference Level.
2. Continued support of United Methodist Youth, United Methodist Women, and United Methodist Men's organizations, to be available with help to strengthen these groups when needed.
3. Creation of a "TALENT BANK" of laity who can be nominated for Conference positions — to be made available to Nominating Committee.
4. Have Lay Speaking Training in each of the 7 Districts.
5. There shall be a Laity Session at Annual Conference beginning in 1979.
6. To provide training Seminars to promote better understanding and improve working relationships between both Laity and Clergy.
7. To organize DISTRICT LAITY ORGANIZATIONS:
  - a. To plan training events for District and Local Lay Leadership.
  - b. To promote Fellowship among Laity on the District Level with Rallies, Seminars, Training Events, etc.
  - c. To provide an "Interpretative Link" from Local Churches through the District to the Conference level and vice versa so that Local Lay Leadership will have a means of "feeding in" their thoughts and concerns, and can in turn have the Conference level concerns and programs interpreted.
8. To be available to assist the Bishop, Cabinet, and Local Pastor in hearing and understanding the ideas, desires, and concerns of the Laity at the "grass roots" level.

#### PROGRAM

Lay Speaking Schools (\$100.00 per Dist.)  
 District Workshops (Other than Lay Speaking  
 2 Bi/Polar Workshops @ 242.50)  
 Laity Rallies  
 Either a Conference and/or Dist. Events  
 Program Cost . . . . . \$2,085.00

### United Methodist Men

The North Arkansas Conference of United Methodist Men, now in their second year are beginning to show considerable progress.

Current officers are: Gene Brand, Walnut Ridge President, Neil Jones, Huntington Vice President, Charles Mabrey, Batesville Secretary and George R. Williams, Blytheville Treasurer.

Again a high point of 1978 will be the assembly at Mount Sequoyah August 5th and 6th. The

men of the Conway District will be presenting Bibles to Mount Sequoyah for each room and these will be dedicated by them at that time.

The National Association of Conference Presidents of United Methodist Men is hopeful that our conference men will become active and support the Upper Room nationwide emphasis on prayer by contributing \$300.00 toward a WATS line for people to call toll free direct to the Upper Room when someone is in need of a special prayer.

United Methodist Men are being asked to undertake a four-fold emphasis in the Church on prayer through United Methodist Men's Fellowship. The four-fold emphasis is as follows:

1. Join the Upper Room in an intentional nationwide partnership emphasis on prayer and the devotional life.
2. Through our connection we are asked to contribute toward an incoming WATS line.
3. United Methodist Men's Fellowships become partners with the Upper Room in promoting Upper Room Covenant Prayer Groups in local churches through the annual conference.
4. United Methodist Men's Fellowships take initiative to consistently publicize the telephone number of the Living Prayer Center through each church and community.

Mr. Loyd Stone of Conway will represent the Conference on prayer and will be going to Nashville to join the Upper Room nationwide emphasis on prayer for a three day training session so that we can promote the use of this service.

Palmer Foley has been appointed to serve as representative of the UMM for the ingathering for World Hunger on November 25th in Little Rock.

It is important that every local group of UMM charter each year by sending in the charter or re-chartering information along with your contribution to the General Board of Discipleship, Division of Lay Life and Work, P.O. Box 840, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

It is the goal of the Conference UMM to have an organized men's group in every local church. If you need assistance in your organization you should contact any of the Conference officers. United Methodist Men is an organization authorized by the General Conference, and centered in the local church. Specific information regarding the organization's objectives, purposes and programs are carried in the **Discipline**.

### **Religion And Race**

The Ethnic Minority Local Church Missional Priority of the United Methodist Church and its relationships to the Annual Conferences is being stressed again.

To involve ethnic minorities in the ministerial education and recruitment processes.

Strengthen the programs of leadership development to adequately equip minority leaders to serve more effectively in local churches and communities.

Annual Conferences acceptance of the traditions, lifestyles, cultures of minority constituencies to influence Conference programming.

Reclaim the lost ethnic minority congregations in the North Arkansas Conference and strengthen those in existence.

We call on the total communication committee to be very intentional in its promotion of the Ethnic Minority Local Church priorities as other programs.

We ask each board and agency to reorder its priority in making resources and programming relative to Ethnic Minority Missional Priority.

Less than \$4,000.00 was contributed from the Arkansas Area to the Human Relations Day offering the year ending 1976; therefore we cannot express enough the importance of support needed for the services rendered through this offering.

Evangelist thrusts through social services is a mission of the United Methodist Church mandated through Christ for his flock.

The Church must continue to be the Church, not for a precious few but for all persons under its umbrella and the nation at large.

Program Cost ..... \$1,350.00

### **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.

Priorities for 1979 are:

1. To promote Bi-Polar Workshops in districts which have not yet had this opportunity for leadership development.
2. To facilitate an openness and receptivity for women in the professional ministry of the United Methodist Church in the North Arkansas Conference.
3. To promote consciousness raising events throughout the Conference by use of media presentations in each district.
4. To join with other boards, commissions, and committees in active support of ERA.
5. To create and enlarge existing media resources pertaining to the work of women in church and society.

Budget for 1979: ..... \$2,759.00

### **United Methodist Women**

"The organized unit of UNITED METHODIST WOMEN shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ; to develop a creative, supportive fellowship; and to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church."

To implement the above stated PURPOSE of our organization, a three year program from 1977 through 1979 has been adopted by the Conference Mission Team with special emphasis being given each year to a specific part of the PURPOSE as follows:

1977 — "... to know God and to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ"; With a large turnover in Conference and District leadership, we sought to identify anew who we are as United Methodist Women and our relationship as whole persons to God, and to establish an understanding of a theological base for what we do as an organization. This was done through a series of events:

- 1) Annual Meeting with Peggy Billings, Women's Division Staff, and Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks as inspirational speakers.
- 2) New Officers' Training under the leadership of Women's Division at Cincinnati, Ohio, attended by all of the conference officers.
- 3) Elected leadership training for all District Officers conducted by Conference Team.
- 4) Itineration of the seven districts by a national team of leaders with workshops on financial interpretation, resulting in a record pledge to missions of \$120,600.00 by the districts and conference for 1978.
- 5) Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission with the studies of "Women AND the Bible," "Africa," and "The Local Church in God's Mission."
- 6) Attendance at a Human Rights Seminar in New York by two conference officers, and an Equal Rights Amendment Workshop in Nashville by another conference officer.
- 7) Participation of local, district, and conference leaders on Church Boards and Agencies.
- 8) A spiritual, enrichment/study event in September led by Joan Clark, Regional Staff from Dallas, and Joann Wilshusen of Corpus Christi, explored concepts of full personhood (whole persons through Jesus Christ) and translated the meaning of those concepts into possibilities for action through the mission emphasis of our organization.



This event was the first of its kind in the nation and will be the basis for an article in the July/August, 1978, issue of response magazine.

1978 — "... to develop a creative, supportive fellowship"; This is the year of membership development; building support groups on conference, district, local levels; and working toward an inclusive fellowship. Programs that focus on meeting the needs of and building support groups particularly for women clergy, ethnic minorities, women with differing life styles, women with special concerns, and young/middle-age/older women, include:

- 1) A Learning Fair held in March with an attendance of more than 275 gave participants the option of choosing workshops directed to their specific interests. Topics for workshops, all led by persons from within the conference, included Aging, Media, Criminal Justice, Dealing with Grief, Legislative Issues and Action, Speaking for Children and Youth, and Women in Crisis.
- 2) A Consultation on Ethnic Minority Participation in United Methodist Women held in April for the Conference Mission Team and Ethnic Minority Representatives was led by Thelma Stevens of Nashville, Tennessee, and Willie Lee Washington of Fort Smith as resource persons. This was a significant "first step" in working toward an inclusive organization.
- 3) In April, the national Assembly held in Louisville, Kentucky, with the theme, "A New People for a New Age," offered the 106 women attending from our conference inspiration, enrichment, and information on issues and concerns of women.
- 4) District and local programs aimed at developing a climate of acceptance and support of women clergy.
- 5) Cluster meetings within districts on membership and new leadership development.
- 6) Shepherdess and Helping Hands programs with District Officers relating in a special way to designated local units.
- 7) Ongoing study at Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission of the studies "Revelation," "Covenant Living," and "Contemporary China."
- 8) Continued leadership on local, district, and conference Church Boards and Agencies.
- 9) Annual Meeting, October 14, 1978, with Mai Gray, Women's Division President, as inspirational speaker.

1979 — "... to expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the Church." Expanding concepts of mission will include:

- 1) Impacting power structures to work toward the elimination of injustice and oppression. An IMPACT network is to be developed across the Conference to facilitate legislative action on national and state issues, particularly those affecting women and children.
- 2) Itineration of districts by Conference leadership with Inclusiveness Workshops focusing on young-old, ethnic minorities, married-widowed-divorced-single, employed-nonemployed relationships.
- 3) Cooperation with the Commission on Status and Role of Women in the promotion of participation of women in decision making roles of the Church.
- 4) Ongoing study of mission at Regional and Conference Schools of Christian Mission with the studies of "The Parables," "Human Rights and the International Order," and "Middle East Mosaic."
- 5) Seminar on national and international affairs at Washington, D.C. and/or United Nations. The Seminar will be open to all United Methodist Women in the Conference who choose to participate and will include tours of selected mission projects.
- 6) Continued participation in the global ministries of the Church through emphasis on undesignated giving to missions. Approximately 60% of our Conference pledge to missions goes to the World and National Divisions of the General Board of Global Ministries for the Church's mission projects.

### **Council On Youth Ministries**

The Conference Council on Youth Ministries has seven task forces for the 1977-1978 tenure which are listed as follows: North Arkansas Conference Youth Rally, Junior High Youth

Assembly, Senior High Youth Assembly, Youth Service Fund, Family, Empowerment of Ethnic Minorities, and Youth Evangelism. In addition, the CCYM sponsors the Conference Youth Tour. Up until this year, there have only been the first four task forces listed above; however, the current CCYM members have decided that it is important to support the National Youth Ministries Organization priorities and to encourage personal growth in other ways besides the annual youth activities. Thus, the specific topics, Family, Empowerment of Ethnic Minorities, and Youth Evangelism, have been chosen as areas of special emphasis through task force work. The CCYM members continue to need the encouragement and guidance of pastors and other youth leaders in all of our local churches, especially in support of the Youth Service Fund.

The dates for the annual events that occur (red) in 1978 are:

Conference Youth Rally	April 1
Junior High Youth Assembly	July 27-29
Senior High Youth Assembly	July 31 - August 4
Youth Tour	November 19-27

The tentative dates for the same events in 1979 are:

Conference Youth Rally	March 31
Junior High Youth Assembly	July 12-14
Senior High Youth Assembly	July 30-August 3
Youth Tour	June 9-17 and Nov. 17-25*

\*Since the Youth Tour has not been able to accommodate all of its many applicants, it has been decided that there be two tours held in 1979.

**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 1980 Annual Conference Programs.
2. By December 20, Conference Boards and Commissions prepare and prioritize first draft of 1980 Objectives and Courses of Action; review and plan for 1979 assignments.
3. January 17, 18, Conference Council review, evaluate and prioritize proposed 1980 program, review assignment of 1979 Courses of Action, review and adjust 1979 budget.
4. By February 15, Boards and Commissions revise 1980 Objectives as necessary, prepare final budget requests for 1980, continue responsibility for 1979 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 27, 28, Conference Council meet to consider, amend and adopt recommendations regarding 1980 program, with related budget, personnel plans, and support service plans.
7. By April 7, 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.

Program Cost — Conference Council on Ministries . . . . . \$91,014.00

By action of CCOM, travel and meeting expense items of boards, agencies, etc., be reduced 40% and that these items be listed in each budget as non-add items.

The CCOM approved a "Conference Expense Travel Fund" of \$15,000 from which the above agencies and Administrative Boards and Agencies, with the exception of the Board of Pensions, the Conference Camp Committee and the Conference Council on Youth Ministries, will draw.

### **Council On Professional Ministry**

The Council on Professional Ministry is the coordinating body for all Conference agencies relating to clergy and lay professionals. Under the CPM umbrella are the Board of Ordained Ministry, Diaconal Ministry, and Pensions; the Commission on Equitable Salaries; and the Committees on Group Insurance and Memoirs. The Committee on Joint Disability is composed of representatives of the Board of Ordained Ministry and the Board of Pensions.

The basic document of the Council on Professional Ministry is found on Pages 113-115 in the 1977 Journal. This inclusive statement will continue to guide us in 1978 and in 1979. However, we will be implementing certain aspects of the goals/objectives in 1978-1979. By the end of Annual Conference, in 1978, we will have the "Role Expectation" Sheets checked. (Members of A.C. will be asked to fill these out.) We will tabulate the sheets, so that members of local church pastor/staff relations committees can use the results as a norm for their local use of the same document. The "Role Expectation" Sheets were prepared at Scarritt College to help identify clergy roles and the relative importance of these roles.

Also, by the 1978 Session of Annual Conference, the CPM will have ready for distribution a "checklist of things to be done" in the event of death of a clergy person or spouse. This will be finalized at the next meeting of the Council on Professional Ministry on February 14, 1978, at 1:00 p.m. at the Headquarters building.

In 1979 we hope to implement the goal of an emergency fund for and by clergy families.

Most of the agencies of the Council simply carry out the job assignments assigned by the Discipline of the Church. The agencies are organized properly and are functioning well. The newest agency, the Board of Diaconal Ministry, will, in 1978, be perfecting the organization and carrying out the Disciplinary requirements. This Board now has a complete slate of officers, including a registrar.

The Board of Ordained Ministry is trying to carry out its great program with a much-curtailed budget. Pages 117, and following, in the 1977 Journal detail the BOM's program. The Board will be studying the scholarship needs/program of our Conference this year, as well as continuing the tremendous chores of shepherding students, handling all changes-in-category of Conference members, etc. The B.O.M. continues to supervise the Office of Pastoral Care and Counseling.

The Commission on Equitable Salaries has really worked to come up with an excellent program. The Commission anticipates on minimal changes than the program outlined on Journal, 1977, page 128 and following.

The Committee on Group Insurance (See pages 131 and following of the 1977 Journal) leads us well in participation in the Plan "D" Death Benefit Program. The Hospital and Medical Expense, with Travelers, now has a "Stop-loss" Clause in our coverage. This means that "out-of-pocket" expenses cannot exceed \$500.00 per person per year. We are also happy to report that our HMEP also covers psychiatric services, etc.

Our Pension Program continues to expand under the skilled leadership of the Board of Pensions. The Board's report, (on page 123 of the 1977 Journal) indicates that we are in the Minister's Reserve Pension Fund of the General Board of Pensions. Our Conference needs to continue to support the Pension special apportionment as well as the apportioned amount to the Conference Pension and Benefit Fund. Because of the good work of our Board of Pensions, our Conference retirees will be paid an Annual Annuity Rate of \$78.00 for service year in 1978.

The Conference Committee on Memoirs continue to do a good job in helping us meaningfully remember our brothers and sisters among the clergy families who die during the preceding year. This committee is also responsible for the "Memorial" pages in The

Journal each year. The program of the committee will continue throughout the quadrennium as it presently operates.

For 1979, the Council will need to continue to receive funding from the Conference Benevolence budget for the work of the Board of Ordained Ministry, the Board of Diaconal Ministry, the Council on Professional Ministry, the Committee on Memoirs, and the Committee on Group Insurance. The Board of Pensions and the Commission on Equitable Salary receive no benevolence monies. In addition the Office of Pastoral Care and Counseling will continue to need funding from the special budget item.

### **Board Of Diaconal Ministry**

Persons called of God and consecrated to the specialized diaconal ministries of love, justice and service are Diaconal Ministers. Consecration to the office of Diaconal Minister is the church's recognition of God's call, the individual's response to that call, and the authorization of such persons for designated service and ministry. The office has its origin in the biblical and historical Christian heritage, in the theological understandings of ministry, and in the outreach of the church beyond the local congregation. The office of Diaconal Minister is an integral part of the total ministry of the church with a recognized relationship to the Annual Conference, and receives the appropriate benefits such a relationship makes possible.

As the board begins to fulfill its responsibilities to the persons seeking certification and consecration, we reaffirmed Joe Sparks and Jim Lane as chairperson and vice-chairperson, respectively. Elected Arvill Brannon as registrar, Pat Halwes as secretary, and authorized Vic Nixon to voucher all expenses for the board.

The board will take steps to attract persons to the opportunities of the Diaconal Ministry. A committee was appointed to promote certification and consecration. Al Berthouex, chairperson, Len Bobo, Pat Halwes and Jane Steinegger, members.

The board will encourage local churches in North Arkansas Conference to keep the Diaconal Minister's salary, benefits, health care, pensions, etc., on a par with similar professions. After some research, we will prepare a policy statement relating to vacation, sick leave, retirement and benefits.

The board will present the following resolution to Annual Conference:

The Board of Diaconal Ministry recommends that the Annual Conference encourage as a goal for all local churches that employ certified and consecrated lay persons; that the local church include said lay persons in the benefit programs of the conference the same as the clergy appointed to that local church.

### **Certifications/Consecrations**

#### **Directors Of Music:**

Albert Keith Berthouex, 328 South Center, West Memphis 72301  
 Leonard Davis Bobo, 1212 Waterside Drive, North Little Rock 72116  
 Sheila G. Combs, 2005 South "Y" Street, Fort Smith 72901  
 Peter Andrew Cooper, 5001 Ponka Trail, North Little Rock 72116  
 Kenneth Richard Davis, P.O. Box 1106, Fayetteville 72701  
 Sally Jo Gibson, 1218 Kay Street, Harrison 72601  
 Michael Lee Gray, Route #2, Box 248A, Paris 72855  
 Mrs. J. A. McCutchen, 173 Pearl Street, Marianna 72360  
 Jerry L. Ridgeway, 400 Cherry Street, Cabot 72023  
 Jane Steinegger, 2935 Wood Street, Jonesboro 72401  
 Deborah Ernest Webb, P.O. Box 328, Joiner 72350  
 Martha White, 1530 Martin Drive, Pocahontas 72455

#### **Ministers Of Music:**

Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, Hendrix College, Conway 72032  
 John E. Copher, P.O. Box 541, Melbourne 72556  
 Edna Earl Massey, 200 North 15th Street, Fort Smith 72901

Luvinia C. Montgomery, 48 Heritage Park Circle, North Little Rock 72116  
Clara Weir, 909 N.W. 4th Street, Walnut Ridge 72476

**Directors Of Christian Education:**

Sheila G. Combs, 2005 South "Y" Street, Fort Smith 72901

**Ministers Of Christian Education:**

John E. Copher, P.O. Box 541, Melbourne 72556

John Edwards Reed, 507 Buchanan, Clarksville 72830

**Associates In Christian Education:**

C. Priscilla "Pat" Halwes, Route #1, Box 390, Prairie Grove 72753

**Diaconal Ministers:**

Albert Keith Berthouex, 328 South Center, West Memphis 72301

Leonard Davis Bobo, 1212 Waterside Drive, North Little Rock 72116

Sally Jo Gibson, 1218 Kay Street, Harrison 72601

C. Priscilla "Pat" Halwes, Route #1, Box 390, Prairie Grove 72753

**Educational Assistants:**

Nance Dora Biniore, Freeway Apt. #7, Cabot 72023

Emily Cockrill, P.O. Box 849, Wynne 72396

Mrs. Bill (Mimi) Cox, 1600 Tanglewood, Jonesboro 72401

Saville Henry, Fairway Ave. at Topf Road, North Little Rock 72116

### Transfers Out

**Director Of Music:**

Monty Ray Bell, 2075 Broadway, Clearwater, Florida 33515 - To The Florida Annual Conference.

**Director Of Christian Education:**

William Davis Mauck, P.O. Box 312, Monett, Missouri 65708 — To The Missouri West Annual Conference.

**Diaconal Minister:**

Monty Ray Bell, 2075 Broadway, Clearwater, Florida 33515 — To The Florida Annual Conference.

### Transfers In

**Director Of Christian Education:**

George Hale Shepherd, P.O. Box 1106, Fayetteville 72701 — From The Louisiana Annual Conference.

**Diaconal Minister:**

George Hale Shepherd, P.O. Box 1106, Fayetteville 72701 — From The Louisiana Annual Conference.

### New Certifications

**Associate In Music:**

Avis F. Moore, Route #2, Box 219, Mountain Home 72653

**Director Christian Education:**

Loretta Jane Helms, P.O. Box 307, Mountain Home 72653

We encourage each local church which employs lay professional staff to provide in its budget Continuing Education Funds of at least \$50.00 per year per professional staff member. We request that each District Superintendent make this an item of inquiry at the Charge Conference of such churches.

### 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.
  - 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 return to the Conference, the student may apply for aid for fees and tuition for summer school, the amount not to exceed 1/2 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 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 grant the individual must have received both a certificate of candidacy and have completed 1/2 of 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) 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.
    - d. 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.

- e. Part-time Local Pastors: The Board urges all Part-time Local Pastors to attend the Course of Study School.
- f. Arkansas Pastor's School: We will support the Arkansas Pastor's School by providing financial assistance in the amount of \$750.
- g. Ecumenical Clergy Conferences: The Board will provide 12 scholarships of \$25 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.
- h. Continuing Education
  - (1) The Board will provide scholarships for pastors to participate in continuing education. Maximum for each scholarship will be \$200. 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 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 the 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 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 pastoral care and counseling services to pastors and their families.

The Advisory Committee on Pastoral Care recommends both the Counseling Center of Little Rock and the Office of William R. Barling of North Little Rock as sources for counseling of both clergy and their families in the Conference.

Addresses:

The Counseling Center  
Southland Plaza  
Little Rock, Arkansas  
Telephone: 664-4666

William R. Barling  
4600 Arlington Drive  
North Little Rock, Arkansas  
Telephone: 758-4671

- 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 Pastor-Parish Relations Committee and the pastor for consultation after submitting a written request and statement;

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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 3/4 majority of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry required;
10. Agreed to make a complete commitment 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 urge attendance at the Arkansas Pastor's School. This year's School will be held at Hendrix August 28-31.
- C. 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 1979.
- D. We recommend that instruments be developed to evaluate the effectiveness of the ordained ministry in the North Arkansas Annual Conference.
- E. The Board encourages churches of the North Arkansas Annual Conference to participate in the Seminary intern program.
- F. The Board of Ordained Ministry moves that the North Arkansas Conference request a declaratory decision from the Judicial Council as to whether the provisions of paragraph 433 (leave of absence) may be applied to probationary members of the Annual Conference.
- G. The Board recommends that clergy be encouraged to participate in the Academy of Parish Clergy, a continuing education program involving 50 academic hours per year, and that the Board provide one-half (\$25.00) the cost of one year's membership (\$50.00).
- H. The Board recommends that the Conference establish an 18-month period under appointment for seminarians following graduation to fulfill the requirements for full connection.

Program Cost ..... \$30,600.00

#### Anticipated Income 1978

From Ministerial Education .....	\$22,500.00
From Conference Benevolences .....	6,975.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$29,475.00</b>

### Board Of Pensions

1. We recommend that the Annuity Rate for fiscal 1979 be set at \$88.00 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:
  - a. The Pension Special of \$150,000 per year and the Conference Pension and Benefit Fund be merged and apportioned to the Districts as the Conference Pension and Benefit Fund.
  - b. Each church shall pay into the Conference Pension and Benefit Fund an apportioned amount totaling, for the Conference, \$604,000. (This figure includes the \$150,000 which has been designated Pension Special and \$50,000 additional, which is required to support the \$10 increase in the annuity rate.)
  - 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, using the following guideline:

### **Guidelines For Placing Liens On Ministers' Pensions**

- a. The Conference Treasurer will inform the Conference Board of Pensions at its meeting next succeeding the close of the year for which an arrearage exists in the Pension and Benefit apportionment: the name of the local church, the name(s) of the pastor(s) appointed during the calendar year, and shall supply the names of the church treasurer, the chairpersons of the Administrative Board and the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, as well as the name of the chairperson of the Committee on Finance of the local church.
- b. The Conference Board of Pensions will take action declaring the necessity for filing a lien, specifying the amount of the arrearage and the period for which the arrearage is due.
- c. A letter informing the local church of the intention of the Conference Board of Pensions to file a lien, specifying the amount will be sent to the local church treasurer. A copy of the letter will be sent to the chairpersons of the Administrative Board, the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations, the Committee on Finance, the District Superintendent, the affected pastor(s), the Conference Treasurer and the General Board of Pensions.
- d. If a remittance is received by the Conference Treasurer from the local church covering the amount of the arrearage before the meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions at the Annual Conference session, the fact will be noted in the Conference Board of Pensions minutes and the filing of a lien avoided.
- e. If the local church is still in arrears at the meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions at the Annual Conference session, the Conference Board of Pensions will by specific motion order filing of the lien, calculating the amount of the lien. This action will be communicated to the General Board of Pensions.
- f. Arrearages will bear interest at the rate credited to the "Deposit Account" by the General Board of Pensions and, if not paid, the interest will be added annually to the amount of the arrearage.
- g. The Conference Treasurer will report to each meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions the receipt of monies intended as payments on arrearage from the local church and the reduction of the lien resulting will be noted in the minutes of that meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions.
- h. Every effort will be made to secure payment from the local church so as to avoid penalizing the individual minister. This shall be the responsibility of the District Superintendent, the Conference Board of Pensions and the Pastor.
- i. Upon payment of arrearage (including interest) the secretary of the Conference Board of Pensions shall inform the General Board of Pensions and authorize the release of the lien. A copy of the letter will be mailed to the minister, the local church treasurer, the chairperson of the Administrative Board, the Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations, the Committee on Finance, the Superintendent of the District and the Conference Treasurer.
- j. A statement of the amount of cumulative arrearage, plus accrued interest, will be mailed to the local church, the minister(s), the District Superintendent and the Conference Treasurer by the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Pensions each year.
- k. The local church and/or minister(s) shall have the right of appeal to the Conference Board of Pensions at any regularly scheduled meeting of the Conference Board of Pensions, but shall not have a second hearing bearing on the same item.

- l. Liens will be placed on arrearages in the Pension and Benefit apportionment only.
- m. Any compromise agreement involving reduction of apportionments made by the District Superintendent or other Conference officer and the local church regarding pension and benefit apportionments shall be concurred in by the Conference Board of Pensions, if the result of such an agreement would be the cancelling or avoidance of a lien arising from an arrearage in payments for pension and benefit purposes.
- n. If service has been rendered during the apportionment period by more than one minister, the arrearage will be prorated between the ministers on the basis of proportionate service. Payments received from the local church to apply on arrearages will also be prorated between/among ministers on the basis of proportionate service and applied on the liens.

PLEASE SEE 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, Paragraph 1706.13 and Paragraph 1707.
5. 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.
6. 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 \$1056.00 for the Financial Year 1979 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.
7. We recommend that the special appointments be listed in the Conference Journal as follows:
  - a. **With Annuity Claim** upon the Conference subject to the 1976 Discipline, Paragraph 1706.3a(3):
    - The District Superintendents
    - 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
  - b. **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. Stewart, Chaplain, Methodist Hospital, Memphis
    - Paige Allison Thomas, Assistant Librarian, SMU
    - Ewing T. Wayland, General Council on Finance and Administration
    - E. Brooks Holifield, Assistant Professor, Candler School of Theology
  - c. **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
8. We recommend that notices for any claims for years of service shall be to the Board in writing.
9. 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.
10. 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.

11. We recommend that all approved local pastors continue to provide all information necessary relative to their service record.
12. 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.
13. 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.
14. We recommend that each minister at the time of full retirement and drawing annuity from the General Board of Pensions be given a love offering of \$400.00.
15. We recommend the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the policy of The United Methodist Church is to provide a parsonage or an amount of rental allowances as part of the gross compensation for each of its active ordained ministers; and WHEREAS, pensions paid to retired ministers of The United Methodist Church are considered as extensions of compensation and paid to retired ministers as compensation for previous active service; and WHEREAS, the determination of the amount of rental/housing allowance paid to an active minister is made by the local Church as the employer; a retired minister ceases to be an employee of a local Church; the Annual Conference or Conferences of which a retired minister is or was a member during active service represents the local Churches in pension matters, subject to rules and procedures of the General Board of Pensions of The United Methodist Church as authorized by The General Conference;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- a. There is designated by this Conference as a rental/housing allowance, the lesser amount of \$3000 of the pension payments or an amount equal to 60% of the total pension payment of each retired minister of The United Methodist Church who is or was a member of this Conference at the time of his or her retirement.
- b. The pension payment to which this rental/housing allowance applies shall be the pension payment resulting from all service of such retired minister from all employment by any local Church, Annual Conference, or institution of The United Methodist Church, or of any former denomination that is now a part of The United Methodist Church, or from any other employer who employed the minister to perform service related to the ministry and who elected to make contributions to the pension funds of The United Methodist Church for such retired minister's pension.

**ADDENDA:**

IRS has ruled that an ordained minister who purchases his/her own home may exclude from his/her gross income as Rental/Housing Allowance only an amount equal to the fair rental value of the home plus cost of utilities (Rev. Ruling 71-280, 1971 C.B. 92.) The exclusion is further limited by the rule that allows a minister to exclude the allowance only to the extent actually expended to provide a home, furnishings, real estate taxes, etc. (to the extent that these do not exceed fair rental value), and utilities. The law sets no maximum for rental/housing allowance exclusion, except that the allowance be a reasonable percentage of the individual's gross pension.

16. 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.
17. 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.

## Special Grants

For approval by the Annual Conference:

To:

Mary Ella Anderson — Local Pastor

Lona M. Thompson — Local Pastor

Dependent Children: Robert Hood

Donna McCammon

Christal Aist

Susan Aist

Leslie Beck 5 years Full Time Supply Pastor

**Statement Of Administrative Account**

On Hand, January 1, 1977 .....	\$ 2,903.22
Receipts .....	9,670.00
Disbursements .....	10,537.79
Balance on Hand, Dec. 1977 .....	2,035.43

**Superannuate Endowment Fund**

Balance January 1, 1977 .....	\$ 62,037.70
Debits .....	3,823.74
Interest .....	3,821.69
Balance December, 1977 .....	\$ 62,035.65

**Conference Account**

Balance, January 1, 1977 .....	\$1,304,033.61
Credits .....	300,378.22
Debits .....	463,750.58
Discount Replacement at 3% .....	47,913.77
Balance, December, 1977 .....	\$1,515,319.74

**Deposit Account**

Balance January 1, 1977 .....	\$ 211,806.55
Credits .....	571,848.98
Debits .....	516,156.57
Interest at 6.5% .....	25,999.80
Balance December 31, 1977 .....	\$ 293,498.76

**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 Medical Report of each applicant made by their personal doctors on the degree of impairment, be sent to the General Board of Pensions by each applicant.
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, rules and regulations for the Annual Conferences in MRPF, 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, each person on disability will report earned income to the Conference Board of Pensions each year.
6. The General Board of Pensions requires that all persons on disability be renewed each year with a current medical report. This report is to be sent to the Conference Board of Pensions secretary.

**Grant Disability Leave to:**

Elbert Bruner (AM)  
 James Breazeale  
 Raymond Fisher (AM)  
 Kern Johnson (AM)  
 Theo Luter (AM)  
 Lindsey Rolland (AM)  
 William Watts (AM)  
 Frank Weatherford

### The Commission On Equitable Salaries

- I. The purpose, goals and guidelines of the Commission on Equitable Salaries may be found on pages 128-129 of the 1977 Conference Journal.
- II. The Equitable Salary Schedule for 1979 shall be as follows:
 

A) Resident Full Time Pastors .....	\$ 8,200.00
B) Resident Seminary Student Pastors .....	7,200.00
C) Resident College Student Pastors .....	6,800.00
D) Non-Resident Student Pastors .....	4,400.00
- III. The Town and Country Committee (Board of Global Ministries), in consultation with the Commission on Equitable Salaries, has proposed to discontinue its Salary Aid program. If the Annual Conference approves this proposal, beginning January 1, 1980, the Commission on Equitable Salaries will assume responsibility for all salary support programs at the Conference level.
- IV. The 1977 Equitable Salary Support payments were as follows (to nearest dollar):
 

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT:**

AsburyBethesda Charge .....	\$ 417.00
Judsonia Charge .....	2,400.00
Melbourne Charge .....	1,200.00
Pangburn Charge .....	495.00

**CONWAY DISTRICT**

Bullock Chapel .....	600.00
Dover Charge .....	1,217.00
Ebenezer-Wesley Charge .....	1,429.00
McCabe Chapel .....	2,100.00
New Zion-Union Chapel Charge .....	2,350.00
Ola Charge .....	1,812.00
Perryville Charge .....	640.00
Plainview Charge .....	2,300.00
Plumerville Charge .....	1,056.00
Wye-Bigelow Charge .....	1,400.00

**FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT:**

St. Paul Parish	
Beck .....	600.00
Brown .....	600.00

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## FORREST CITY DISTRICT:

Marianna Parish .....	2,000.00
McCrary Circuit .....	1,783.00

## FORT SMITH DISTRICT:

Altus Charge .....	1,433.00
Franklin County Charge .....	1,167.00
Hartford Charge .....	1,413.00
Hartman Charge .....	3,200.00
Lavaca Charge .....	521.00
Magazine Charge .....	2,120.00
Massard Charge	
N. Lascaro .....	285.00
C. Lascaro .....	285.00
Prairie View Charge .....	1,600.00
Scott County Charge .....	4,500.00

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT:

Boydsville Charge .....	3,500.00
Black Rock .....	400.00
Emory Chapel .....	1,000.00
Mammoth Spring .....	1,208.00
Maynard Parish .....	3,100.00
Stanford Charge .....	3,275.00

## V. The proposed 1979 Budget is:

Reserve Balance on Hand January 1, 1978: .....	\$46,654.93
Anticipated Reserve Balance on Hand January 1, 1979 .....	\$33,431.93
Requested Apportionment from C.F.A. ....	\$45,500.00
Anticipated Expenses, 1979:	
Administration .....	200.00
Commission Meetings .....	600.00
Salary Aid Grants .....	55,000.00
Anticipated Expense Over Income .....	10,300.00
Anticipated Withdrawal From Reserve .....	10,300.00
Anticipated Reserve Balance, January 1, 1980 .....	\$23,131.93

## Committee On Group Insurance

## Report Number 1: Group Life Insurance [DBP]

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the General Board of Pensions Death Benefit Program, Plan D, be continued as the group life insurance program of the Conference.
2. The benefits of this plan are based on the Average Annual Conference Salary of \$10,275.00 for 1978 and \$11,188.00 for 1979. The Average Annual Conference Salary has increased by 8.9% for 1979, resulting in a corresponding increase in benefits and premium rates.
3. The premium to be paid by members of the Death Benefit Program is based on 1.82% of the Average Annual Conference Salary, or \$203.62 for 1979. At least 70% (\$142.52) is to be paid by the charge and no more than 30% (\$61.10) is to be paid by the minister. This total contribution must be in the hands of the Insurance Secretary/Treasurer, Faye Douglas, P.O. Box 89, Marion, Arkansas 72364, no later than November 10, 1978.
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:

	1978	1979
46 and under .....	\$30,825.00	\$33,568.00
47 .....	29,797.00	32,748.00
48 .....	28,770.00	31,330.00
49 .....	27,742.00	30,211.00
50 .....	26,715.00	29,092.00
51 .....	25,687.00	27,973.00
52 .....	24,660.00	26,854.00
53 .....	23,632.00	25,735.00
54 .....	22,605.00	24,616.00
55 .....	21,577.00	23,497.00
56 .....	20,550.00	22,378.00
57 .....	19,522.00	21,259.00
58 .....	18,495.00	20,141.00
59 .....	17,467.00	19,021.00
60 .....	16,440.00	17,903.00
61 .....	15,412.00	16,783.00
62 .....	14,385.00	15,665.00
63 .....	13,357.00	14,545.00
64 .....	12,330.00	13,427.00
65 .....	11,302.00	12,307.00
66 .....	10,275.00	11,189.00
67 .....	9,475.00	10,318.00
68 to retirement .....	8,220.00	8,951.00
After retirement .....	4,110.00	4,475.00
5. If the spouse of a minister dies, the minister will receive an amount equal to 20% of the Average Annual Conference Salary, or \$2,055.00, if death occurs in 1978 and \$2,237.60, if death occurs in 1979.		
6. That all members of the North Arkansas Conference (except students serving in, or those employed in conferences which have compulsory insurance programs, or members under special appointment outside the conference, or retired Chaplains serving in), and every full-time local pastor serving an appointment, shall participate in the North Arkansas Conference Death Benefit Program, subject to its laws and regulations.		
7. An open enrollment period shall be held each year during the month of December for those persons rendering full-time service to, or those employed by the Conference. The effective enrollment date shall be January 1 of the succeeding year.		
8. 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.		
9. Individual enrollment may be requested at any time within 90 days after becoming newly eligible.		
10. We recommend that the Insurance Secretary/Treasurer check the eligibility of persons applying for enrollment for the first time, by contacting the District Superintendent concerned, in the case of pastors, and the pastor concerned in the case of full-time lay employees.		
11. We recommend that the first premium payment accompany the application for enrollment, otherwise the application will not be processed.		
12. We recommend that the District Superintendent notify the Treasurer, North Arkansas Conference Board of Pensions as soon as possible after the death of a minister, active or retired, or a spouse or surviving spouse, who has resided within the bounds of his district.		
13. We recommend that the District Superintendent notify, as soon as possible, the Insurance Secretary/Treasurer when a person should be dropped from the insurance program because of the loss of eligibility. This will save the Conference money.		
14. That the Board of Pensions pay the premiums for retired persons drawing annuity from the General Board of Pensions, their spouses, as well as the premiums for those on Disability Leave and those who are surviving spouses.		

### Report Number 2 Group Hospitalization Insurance (HMEP)

We make the following recommendations:

1. That the General Board of Pensions request, as negotiated with the Travelers Insurance Company, for a premium increase of 19.9% for all persons under the age 65, and 7.5% for persons ages 65 and over be approved. This increase is to become effective July 1, 1978.

We recommend that the charge pay at least 60% of the HMEP premium, and the participant pay no more than 40%.

2. We recommend that the psychiatric coverage be raised so that 80% of \$50.00 per visit for 50 visits per year be paid. This coverage affects persons under 65 only. The rate increase per quarter will be \$1.08 for the participant; \$2.10 for the spouse, with or without children.

3. The total quarterly premium rates for HMEP for the period 1 July 1978 to 1 July 1979 are as follows:

- a. PERSONS UNDER 65 (Comprehensive Coverage)

Participant .....	\$ 87.36
Spouse, with or without children .....	191.16
Surviving Spouse .....	128.88
Child or Children .....	59.01

- b. PERSONS 65 AND OVER (Major Medical)

Each person who is enrolled pays .....	41.46
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**NOTE!** All persons 65 and over should be enrolled in MEDICARE. It is the claimant's responsibility to enroll by completing the application forms at the Social Security Office, no later than three months before reaching 65.

- c. The Board of Pensions pays the HMEP premiums for all retired persons drawing an annuity from the General Board of Pensions, all surviving spouses and children, as well as for those persons on Disability Leave. However, it is the claimant's responsibility to pay the portion required by MEDICARE.

- d. HMEP does not duplicate MEDICARE, but it does supplement MEDICARE by paying that portion of the hospital expense not covered by MEDICARE.

5. The HMEP premiums are due quarterly, on June 20; September 10; December 10; 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 date.

6. 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 outside the conference, or retired Chaplains serving in), and every full-time employee of the conference, shall participate in the HMEP of the North Arkansas Conference.

- a. No evidence of insurability will be required if a minister enrolls himself and his dependents within 90 days after the date he is eligible to enroll.

- b. Local churches may enroll Lay employees between June 1 and July 15, by following these guidelines contained in the 1969 Journal, page 104, par. 1b:

"To enroll the eligible lay employees of a particular church, the following number of employees must elect to participate:"

Enrollment Required	Total Number of Eligible Employees
1 out of .....	1
1 out of .....	2
2 out of .....	3
3 out of .....	4
4 out of .....	5
4 out of .....	6
5 out of .....	7
6 out of .....	8
6 out of .....	9
7 out of .....	10



- 8 out of ..... 11
- 9 out of ..... 12
- 75% of eligible in any group over ..... 12
- c. The Insurance Secretary/Treasurer will check with the District Superintendent concerned in the case of a pastor applying for the enrollment for the first time. The eligibility of any full-time employee will be checked with the pastor concerned. In either case, **the first premium payment must accompany the application for enrollment** before the application can be processed.
- 7. **NOTE! TO FILE A CLAIM** send the **FIRST NOTICE OF CLAIM** form to the Claim Dept., Travelers Insurance Company, P.O. Box 51, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203. Follow the instructions on the back of the First Notice of Claim form.
  - a. The First Notice of Claim form is submitted **once a year only**.
  - b. First Notice of Claim forms are available from the District Superintendent, Faye Douglas, Gail Anderson & Travelers Insurance Comp.
  - c. **Prescriptions must have the Doctor's diagnosis** for the first perscription only, but not for refills.
  - d. **Full and complete itemized details of all tests and medical services must be included with the claims.**
  - e. Claims for calendar year 1978 must be submitted by April 1, 1979.
- 8. **THE STOP/LOSS** clause in our policy means that your total "out of pocket" expenses for hospitalization cannot exceed \$500.00 per individual or \$1,500.00 per family per year.
- 9. The collection of late premiums will be in accordance with the guidelines set up in the 1977 Journal, page 133, par. 5.

### **Report Number 3: Optional Programs**

#### **1. Multi-peril insurance for churches and parsonages.**

We strongly recommend that all churches of the Conference investivate the multi-peril insurance program of the United Methodist Church, offered by the General Council on Finance & Administration. **COMPARE!** Your church may experience great savings on fire insurance and comprehensive coverage for **all church property!** Contact the United Methodist Church Insurance Department, 5th floor, 88 Pine Street, New York, NY 10005. **Your local independent agent** can broker this insurance and collect the commission.

#### **2. Workers' Compensation**

- a. We recommend that all churches provide a workers' compensation plan for all paid church staff, including the minister. See your local insurance agent for details.
- b. The District Superintendents and the Conference Council on Ministries Staff will be covered, with the premiums for the Workers' Compensation coming from the District Fund and the Conference Council on Ministries respectively.

### **Report Number 4: Administrative Matters**

- a. The Insurance Committee, on behalf of the members of our Group Insurance Program, wish to commend Faye Douglas for the outstanding job she has done during the time that she has been the Insurance Secretary/Treasurer.
- b. We recommend that we raise Faye Douglas's salary to \$2,100.00 per year, effective January 1, 1979.
- c. The Budget request for 1979 is as follows:
 

Secretary/Treasurer's Salary .....	\$2,100.00
Administrative expense .....	1,000.00

### Report Of The Committee On Memoirs

The Committee on Memoirs is dedicated to the following labors:

1. The keeping of up to date records including the In Memoriam for the Conference Journal.
2. To assist the Committee on Worship in preparing a suitable service of "remembering" for the Annual Conference.
3. To act as a supportive group whenever and in whatever ways possible to ministers' families when they experience the trauma of death. In this regard, we recommend the Society of Joseph of Arimathea to the ministers and families of our Conference.

We suggest to our District Superintendents and Conference Council on Ministries that widows of ministers be included in as many mailings and activities as possible.

4. In order to carry on this work we request of the CFA an amount of \$400.00.

We express our appreciation for the excellent way our requests for information have been responded to. This is a great help to your Memoir Committee. All information should be sent to our secretary, The Reverend Roy Moyers.

### The Arkansas Methodist Recommendations

1. The Board of Managers continues to recommend that the costs 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 1979 a total of \$118,200.00 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).
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" costs 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, of the Arkansas Methodist apportionment item. Postal authorities inform us that if no such payment is received in that time we must remove that church's members 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 and addresses of those who do not request the paper, yet at the same time 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 number 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 can have the back page for news of their own local church:

- a. \$2.78 per family (for churches of 500 or more families);

PLUS —

- b. The amount apportioned to our local church by the Annual Conference.

## **Commission On Archives And History**

The year of 1978 has been most interesting for our Commission. We are still carrying out many of our proposals and strengthening others.

We have been informed that there are still about 90 copies of the new Methodist History of Arkansas, by Dr. Walter N. Vernon. We wish to thank all those who have made this a success and encourage any who still do not have a copy of the book to contact us.

The Commission wishes to report that several individuals and groups have purchased and given the new plaque denoting the graves of Methodist Ministers.

The Commission is pleased to report that since last Annual Conference several more churches in our Conference have been placed in the National Registry of Historic Places.

The Commissions part-time Archivist, Mrs. Virginia Upton has done an excellent job in letting us know exactly what was in our Archives Collection. If you desire particular information, please direct your inquiries to her at 1212 Winfield Street, Conway, 72032. We ask that you send her copies of local church histories and founding dates of churches so these lists may be completed.

A workshop led by Dr. John H. Ness Jr. from the Commission on Archives and History at Lake Junaluska, N.C., is being planned for Oct. 12-13, 1978.

To help promote our history as United Methodist we ask each District Superintendent to appoint a District Historian to help the Commission carry out 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 Library.
2. To gather and arrange in each district a collection, as complete as possible, of North Arkansas Conference Journals to be located at an accessible place in each district, not to be circulated since they may be irreplaceable.
3. To help expand our program of placing grave markers on all graves of ministers of the Conference. The markers cost twenty dollars (\$20.00) each. These may be purchased through Rev. Robert English. We ask for the cooperation of families and local churches 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 of our Commission to the Jurisdictional Workshop in 1979.
7. 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.
8. That District Superintendents and Pastors encourage people in their district and churches who might find old church records lying around in Churches or stored in private homes be sent to Hendrix for safekeeping before they are lost or destroyed.

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

## Committee On Nominations

In accordance with the 1976 Journal, Committee on Structure Report, page 149, "The Nominating Committee will present its slate of nominees to the Annual Conference on the First full day of business at the conference."

**I. The following nominees are submitted to fill vacancies which have occurred during the year:**

**Conference Lay Leader** — Emily Cockrill, Box 849, Wynne (to replace Bob Cheyne)

**Board of Global Ministries**

**Chairperson** — Nell Barling, 4809 S. "W," Ft. Smith (to replace Nadine Hardin)

**Health and Welfare Committee, Chairperson** — Freddie Nixon, 1811 Osceola, North Little Rock, AR (to replace Nell Barling)

**Member at Large** — Sandy Barnett, 1225 Marywood Dr., Batesville (to replace Robert Felder)

**Member at Large** — Lowell Eaton (to replace Freddie Nixon)

**Board of Discipleship**

**Stewardship** — Jim West (to replace Paul Clayton)

**Member at Large** — Laura Casteel, 203 Wade St., Mountain Home (to replace Sharon Spurlin)

**Member at Large** — Lynn Ishida Barbaree, Box 488, Huntsville (to replace Jim West)

**Board of Church and Society**

**Chairperson** — Francis Christie (to replace Tom Barnett)

**Emerging Social Issues Committee, Chairperson** — John Copher (to replace Francis Christie)

**General Welfare Committee, Chairperson** — Carol Lascaro (to replace Homer Fulbright)

**Member at Large** — Kurt Wulfekuhler (to replace Carol Lascaro)

**Member at Large** — Posey Talbot, Rt. 2, Box 38A, Hardy (to replace Jan Guthrie)

**Member at Large** — Tommy Smith, 1116 Clifton, Conway (to replace Gene Brand)

**Young Adult Coordinator** — Sharon Spurlin, Box 407, Berryville (to replace Ann Henry)

**Family Life Coordinator** — J. Clif Christopher (to replace Linda and Waymon Hollis)

**Committee on Group Insurance** — Raymond Dorman (to replace Marvest Lawson)

**Board of Managers, Arkansas Methodist**

**Gene Brand**, 508 S.E. 2nd, Walnut Ridge (to replace Bob Cheyne) Term to expire 1978

**Gene Brand**, Term to expire 1981

**Joe McGee**, Term to expire 1981

**Commission on Status and Role of Women**- Hazel Clark, Box 529, Manila (to replace Ann Murphy)

**Council on Lay Life and Work** — **Member at Large**, Mildred Vance, State University (to replace Emily Cockrill)

**Structure Committee** — **Member**, Gary Barbaree (to replace Jerry Pulliam)

**Council on Professional Ministry, Chairperson** — Waymon Hollis (to replace Jim Beal)

**Board of Pensions** — Ralph Hillis (to replace Tom Weir) Term to expire 1980

**Annual Conference Board of Trustees**

**Class of 1980** —

Gail Anderson; Kaneaster Hodges, Jr., Box 338 Newport; Joe Coker, 2112 Packard Place, Ft. Smith; H. P. McDonald, 2044 N. 29th, Ft. Smith.

**Class of 1981** —

David Conyers, Bennie Harmon, T. G. Vinson, 210 S. 18th St., Batesville; Charles Teeter, 1 Timothy Lane, Conway.

**Council on Finance and Administration** — Lay Member, Lee Reaves, Hillman and Mitchell Sts., Conway (to replace Wendell Beall)

**II. The Nominating Committee recommends that the Annual Conference elect the following positions to the Nominating Committee:**

Laity, Term to expire 1979 — (To replace Bob Cheyne)

Clergy, Term to expire 1979 — (To replace Myers B. Curtis)

Clergy, Term to expire 1982

Clergy, Term to expire 1982

Laity, Term to expire 1982

Laity, Term to expire 1982

Selection procedure: (p. 228, 1976 Journal)

1. Names of persons shall be placed in nomination from the floor of the Annual Conference.

2. Balloting shall proceed by written ballot until each member is elected by a simple majority.

3. There shall be no division of the house in the election.

**III. The Committee recommends the following nominations for institutional representatives as referred by the respective Boards of Trustees:**

**ECUMENICAL RETIREMENT**

**CENTER**

Dana Steward

**METHODIST HOSPITAL,**

**MEMPHIS**

J. C. Portis

Warren Blaylock

**METHODIST NURSING HOME**

Robert Laser

Roger Lynch

Leon Taylor

Thomas Clark

**UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S**

**HOME**

Ralph McDonald

Howard Johnson

Norman Carter

Joel Cooper

**HENDRIX COLLEGE**

Bill Wilder to replace Earl Carter

**ST. PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY**

Jack Owens

**IV. The Committee recommends the following nomination by the Bishop in consultation with the Chairperson, Board of Diaconal Ministry:**

Martha White, 1430 Martin Dr., Pocahontas, Member at Large, Board of Diaconal Ministry (to replace Gene Brand)

## Committee On Policy And Review

### STANDING RULE 8:

There shall be an Annual Conference Planning Committee made up of the Bishop (who shall be chairperson), Council Directors, host institution representative, District Superintendent, and the Conference Secretary. The responsibility of this committee shall be to plan the agenda and entertainment of the Annual Conference and to administer the funds for the entertainment of the Annual Conference. I suggest that Dr. Brawner (Area Treasurer) and Dick Haltom (Worship Chairperson) be made ex officio members.

### STANDING RULE 9:

The expenses of the Annual Conference shall be paid by funds received from 1. registration fees, which shall be set by the Annual Conference Planning Committee, 2. offerings received at the Annual Conference, and 3. if necessary, the Conference Administration Fund.

All members attending the Annual Conference shall pay registration fees except retired ministers not serving charges and supernumeraries. All registration fees and offerings, except any special offerings authorized by the Annual Conference in session or designated in advance by the Annual Conference Planning Committee, shall be remitted to the Area

Treasurer and shall be disbursed on voucher authorized by the Director of the Conference Council on Ministries. The Annual Conference Planning 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 minimum salary or less.

### Committee On Structure

At the meetings of the Committee on Structure during the Conference year, we reviewed and discussed quite extensively the various phases of the structure. In reviewing past minutes, we wish to note the action taken by the Special Session of the Annual Conference at Lakewood United Methodist Church, on November 1, 1975. Action was taken at that Special Session which permits persons who were nominated in the New Structure to serve on Boards and Agencies to serve a five year term: one year in the old quadrennium and four years in the new quadrennium ending December 31, 1980.

Recommendation to the Annual Conference:

We recommend that the name of Aldersgate Retirement Center be changed to Ecumenical Retirement Center.

We recommend that in the procedure for election of the Committee on Nominations that "Election will be by majority" be deleted from the procedure, and "Election will be declared for the nominee receiving the most votes for the position" be inserted.

### Council On Finance And Administration Report #1

#### 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 1979; 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 (Decimal)	Total	Bates	Conway	Fay'vl	Forr C	Ft. Sm	Jones	Para
WS&CB	454056	56757	72649	71514	64703	71514	66973	49946
G&J Ad	19839	2480	3175	3124	2827	3124	2927	2182
IDC*	13858	1722	2217	2081	1974	2081	2043	1524
MinEd	103583	12948	16574	16314	12760	16314	15279	11394
TemGenAid	14575	1861	2382	2345	2121	2345	2196	1638
Bl College	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	25950	3244	4152	4087	3797	4087	3928	2855

\*(\$5000.00 included for Arkansas State Council of Churches) **\$ 726,873**

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

Hendrix	149800	18725	23963	23593	21347	23593	22096	16478
Wes FNDN	RequestPending	122, 724						
CCFndn	12000	1500	1920	1890	1710	1890	1770	1320
Ark Meth	56100	7013	8976	8836	7994	8836	8375	6171
Nawake	RequestPending	10,580						
Conf Bldg	30000	3750	4800	4725	4275	4725	4425	3300
Eq Sal	45500	5688	7289	7166	6486	7166	6709	5005
Moving Ex	12500	1562	2000	1969	1781	1969	1844	1375
DCOM Trng	9000	1125	1440	1418	1281	1418	1328	990
Aldersgate	RequestPending	5000						
D.S. Fund	200000	25000	32000	31500	28500	31500	29500	22000
Pen & Ben	604000	75500	96640	95130	86070	95130	89090	66440
Lydia Patt	11775	1472	1784	1854	1678	1854	1736	1295

**\$ 1, 268, 969.00**

449 - local churches  
229 - pastoral charges

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D. We recommend that all financial askings of the Annual Conference be apportioned to the districts on a formula 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. *2480*

2. Each pastoral charge contributes a minimum of \$10.00 per year for the support of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tennessee. *2480*

3. The Annual Conference accept the following Conference Advance Specials for the quadrennium with goals for 1979 as follows: *aldersgate* *5000*

Rio Grande Conference ..... 7000

Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference ..... 6500

Mallalieu Community Center ..... 10000

Heifer Project International ..... 10000

Soya Production and Research Assoc. (India) *63,460* ..... 20000

4. The Annual Conference accept the following General Advance Specials for the quadrennium with goals for 1979 as follows:

World Hunger ..... 26580

Ethnic Minority Concerns *47,590* ..... 21010

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 to be administered by the Bishop of the Arkansas Area. *\$ 2,106,892.00*

II. Budgets And Plans Of Distribution

A. We recommend the following Conference Administration Budget for 1979:

Area Stewardship Office ..... 30500

Journals ..... 8800

Conference Secretary Expense ..... 1500

Annual Conference Expense ..... 1200

Statistician ..... 1175

Audit ..... 1200

Insurance (Office; Staff) ..... 550

Miscellaneous ..... 1500

CFA Expense ..... 1500

Total ..... 47925

B. Program Budget for 1979:

1. Missional Priorities

World Hunger ..... 2000

Ethnic Minority Local Church ..... 3000

Evangelism ..... 1000

Parish Development ..... 1600

Church Extension: New Congregation

Development (\$5000 in the Conference

Building Fund; See I-C)

Developing Human Potential ..... 1500

Communications ..... 1000

10100

2. Program Boards and Agencies

Church and Society ..... 4150

Discipleship ..... 13895

Global Ministries ..... 53700

Council on Lay Life and Work ..... 2085

Status and Role of Women ..... 2759

Religion and Race ..... 625

Pastoral Care ..... 4000

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## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

## 3. Administrative Boards and Agencies

Council of the Professional Ministry .....	100	
Board of Diaconal Ministries .....	800	
Board of the Ordained Ministry .....	4675	
Group Insurance .....	2300	
Memoirs .....	100	
Archives and History .....	950	
Structure .....	100	
Policy and Review .....	250	
Nominations .....	150	
	<u>15000</u>	<u>15000</u>

4. Travel and Meeting Expense ..... 15000 15000  
 Total ..... 115739

C. CCOM Salaries and Administration ..... 98609

D. We recommend a schedule of support for the District Superintendents at the following rate for 1979:

Salary	21500 (includes 2100 utility allowance)
Travel	<u>6000</u>
	27500

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.

E. We recommend the following schedule of support for the Conference Council personnel for 1979:

	Director	Associate
Salary	19400	14000
Travel	6000	6000
Utilities	<u>2100</u>	<u>2100</u>
	27500	22100

The directors shall each receive a housing allowance of \$3600 per year, effective January 1, 1979.

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.

F. We recommend that the Committee on Higher Education and Campus Ministry set the formula for the distribution of funds to the several Wesley Foundations.

G. 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 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 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).

D. 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 program budget totalling no more than the amount the CFA recommends. The responsibility for determining budget priorities rests with the CCOM.



B. All requests from institutions for funding shall be presented to the appropriate board or agency of the Annual Conference for recommendation before presentation to the CFA.

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

D. All apportionments in this report shall be for the calendar year 1979 and are to be paid not later than January 10, 1980.

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 Stewardship and Finance, P.O. Box 3364, Little Rock, Arkansas 72203 except for 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 express our deep appreciation to Dr. R. Bryan Brawner and his staff for the excellent service they perform for the annual conference.

**North Arkansas Conference** **Exhibit A**  
**Of The United Methodist Church**  
**Statement Of Cash Receipts And Disbursements And Transfers**  
**For The Year Ended December 31, 1977**

Cash and investments at January 1, 1977 (Schedule 1) .....	\$ 465,741.86
Cash receipts and transfers (Schedule 2) .....	<u>2,613,755.26</u>
Total to account for .....	<u>3,079,497.12</u>
Cash and investments at December 31, 1977 (Schedule 1) .....	388,005.83
Cash disbursements and transfers (Schedule 2) .....	<u>2,691,491.29</u>
Total accounted for .....	<u>\$3,079,497.12</u>

**North Arkansas Conference** **Schedule 1**  
**Of The United Methodist Church**  
**Cash And Investments**

**December 31, 1976 and December 31, 1977**

Checking account, Commercial National Bank .....	\$ 211,389.38	\$ 95,311.95
Checking account, Twin City Bank .....	2,351.48	
Savings, Commonwealth Fed. Savings & Loan .....	200,001.00	200,001.00
Savings, First Fed. Savings & Loan .....	50,000.00	50,000.00
CCYM Savings .....		3,092.88
Ecumenical Retirement .....		37,500.00
Other assets .....		100.00
Note-Health and Welfare .....	2,000.00	2,000.00
	<u>\$ 465,741.86</u>	<u>\$ 388,005.83</u>

**North Arkansas Conference  
Of The United Methodist Church  
Fund Balances And Transactions  
1977**

Schedule 2

	Balance Dec. 31, 1976	Cash Disb. & Transfers	Cash Receipts & Transfers	Balance Dec. 31, 1977
FIC Withheld. ....	\$ (441.55)	\$	\$ 759.48	\$ 317.93
Federal WT Withheld. ....	(21.30)		383.73	362.43
Ark. WT Withheld. ....	(97.19)		296.79	199.60
FIC Employers. ....	(83.70)		83.70	
District Supt. ....	14,177.86	182,635.88	172,236.24	3,778.22
Episcopal Fund. ....	3,063.38	22,709.57	26,828.73	7,182.54
Conference Claimants. ....	58,937.37	372,125.46	373,935.69	60,747.60
Pension Fund Special. ....	24,422.29	147,283.61	148,321.50	25,460.18
Equitable Salary. ....	55,468.81	54,383.42	45,569.54	46,654.93
General Jurisdictional. ....	2,912.01	22,592.22	19,680.21	
General Administration. ....		12,313.00	14,546.62	2,233.62
Jurisdictional Administration		6,692.00	8,045.60	1,353.60
Ministerial Educ.-Clearing. .	35,729.70	134,036.50	98,306.80	
Ministerial Educ.-Evanston. .		104,961.00	115,966.10	11,005.10
Board of Ordained Ministry. .		15,249.01	30,316.57	15,067.56
World Service. ....	26,386.12	257,396.07	231,009.95	
Conference Benevolences. ....	51,097.99	256,788.19	220,485.07	14,794.87
Interdenominational Coopera-				
tion. ....	1,320.18	7,996.68	8,390.14	1,713.64
One Great Hour of Sharing. .	550.07	8,900.07	8,906.28	556.28
World Wide Communion. ....	1,793.28	8,903.78	8,957.41	1,846.91
Temp. Gen Aid-Evanston. ....	(1,469.35)	4,003.00	5,592.56	120.21
Human Relations Day. ....	201.83	2,244.33	2,274.31	231.81
Black College Fund. ....	9,494.94	49,351.19	50,333.54	10,477.29
Methodist Student Day. ....	507.57	3,107.57	4,371.71	1,771.71
Missional Priorities Fund. ....		33,729.00	34,894.55	1,165.55
Mass Communications Fund. .		4,911.00	5,071.46	160.46
Youth Service Clearing. ....		3,188.63	3,188.63	
Youth Service-Evanston. ....	1,359.48	1,549.48	956.60	766.60
Youth Service-Conf. ....	30.00	3,801.41	5,132.32	1,360.91
Okla. Indian Mission. ....	1,716.27	5,505.62	5,475.08	1,685.73
Rio Grande Conference. ....	1,008.14	2,987.19	2,959.84	980.79
Lydia Patterson Institute. ....	1,884.46	9,587.63	10,008.38	2,305.21
Alaska Methodist University. .	442.61	442.61		
Bishop's Special Miss. Fund. .	563.50		795.38	1,358.88
UMCOR. ....	5,327.26	12,012.67	9,181.44	2,496.03
World Advance Mission-				
Hunger. ....	11,605.79	17,509.81	13,317.69	7,413.67
Advance Special-Ethnic L.C. .		2,060.81	2,594.01	533.20
Advance Special-Open. ....		1,529.02	1,719.23	190.21
National Advance Missions. .	(3,798.01)	721.80	746.96	(3,772.85)
National Div. Receipts. ....		7,149.98	7,149.98	
Boys Boarding School. ....	648.48	648.48		
World Advance Misc. #608. .		40,067.60	49,073.65	9,006.05
Hendrix College Operations. .	21,068.45	158,032.51	144,663.72	7,699.66
Wesley Fund Operations. ....	10,183.15	100,598.88	97,833.50	7,417.77
Christian Civic Foundation. .	1,800.44	13,404.73	11,604.29	

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Mt. Sequoyah .....	424.38	4,415.46	4,129.50	138.42
Conf. Bldg. Fund. ....	19,311.00	20,328.00	19,152.66	18,135.66
Golden Cross .....	4,918.10	8,683.38	3,765.28	
Conf. Council Youth				
Ministries .....	4,008.44	14,037.07	13,144.04	3,115.41
Methodist Children's Home ..	8,740.58	20,618.83	11,878.25	
Ark. Methodist .....	15,258.51	62,454.30	49,767.64	2,571.85
Pastors Moving Expense ....	21,326.66	15,830.90	12,262.96	17,758.72
A/V Library .....	88.65		38.25	126.90
Aldersgate .....	2,262.81	9,453.31	7,406.16	215.66
Release Guidance Fund .....	65.25	65.25	394.75	394.75
Nawake Camp .....	4,886.62	9,343.15	10,116.22	5,659.69
Meth. Hospital Bldg. ....		2,851.14	3,103.14	252.00
DCOM Clearing .....		9,410.44	9,410.44	
Wesley Chapel .....	(224.04)	2.00	254.25	28.21
Ins. Investment .....	9,939.11			9,939.11
Scarritt College .....	96.92	2,576.99	2,879.87	399.80
Laity Day .....			7.00	7.00
Life Insurance .....	1,788.72	1,965.82	177.10	
Hospital Insurance .....	1,266.21	1,307.73	41.52	
State Council of Churches ....	(1,441.66)	2,600.00	4,041.66	
Black Ministries .....	1,600.24	1,741.66	3,594.70	3,453.28
Area Hunger Task Force. ....		4,000.08	6,710.05	2,709.97
Conf. Admin. ....	5,887.86	43,844.82	37,603.91	(353.05)
Contingency Fund .....	11,061.76	18,009.93	69,110.02	62,161.85
Ethnic Minority Task Force ..		918.07	3,500.00	2,581.93
Methodist Hospital .....	(2,734.16)		3,200.48	466.32
Methodist Nursing .....	(482.50)		564.80	82.30
Bd. Missions Loan account ...	23,494.59	20,500.00	4,581.75	7,576.34
Bishop Parish Development. .			6,000.00	6,000.00
Misc. Receipts .....	2,201.21	4,166.52	2,307.65	342.34
Suspense Receipts .....		66,203.83	66,203.83	
Council on Ministries .....		87,066.32	84,339.90	(2,726.42)
Board of Education .....	(15,052.93)	17,363.30	31,045.56	(1,370.67)
Board of Discipleship .....		1,416.00	1,416.00	
Board of Evangelism .....		3,003.63	3,003.63	
Council on Lay Life .....		2,037.28	2,037.28	
Christian Social Council .....		3,442.57	3,442.57	
Board of Enlistment .....		674.79	675.79	1.00
Discipline H.E. Camp Min. ....		456.07	456.07	
Policy & Review .....		224.12	224.12	
Commission on Memoirs. ....		216.27	216.27	
Office of Pastoral Care .....		1,860.82	3,000.00	1,139.18
Status & Role of Women .....		1,498.10	1,498.10	
Comm. on Rel. & Race. ....		251.01	251.01	
Comm. on Workshop .....		3,043.66	3,043.66	
Bd. of Global Ministries. ....		47,475.67	47,780.67	305.00
Joint Treasurer Expense ....		62,249.11	62,931.45	682.34
Camps & Conference C/A 2026		113.20		(113.20)
Committee on Nominations ..		514.76	500.00	(14.76)
Ecum. & Interreligious Con...		55.00		(55.00)
Death Min. Task Force .....		250.00		(250.00)
World Service Clearing .....	9,259.20	9,259.20		
Others .....		10,580.32	10,580.32	
	<u>\$ 465,741.86</u>	<u>\$2,691,491.29</u>	<u>\$2,613,755.26</u>	<u>\$ 388,005.83</u>

## Board Of Trustees

- I. Articles of Incorporation
  - A. The Board of Trustees of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church is organized and incorporated according to the provisions of Section V-Paragraph 2410 of The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, 1976.
  - B. 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
  - A. The President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees are authorized to sign legal documents for the Board.
  - B. Legal documents executed must be "A Directive Action" of the Annual Conference to the Board of Trustees.
- III. Abandoned and/or Discontinued Church Property
  - A. The Board of Trustees respectively request that the District Superintendents, pastors, and District Boards of Missions be informed as to the various provisions of Section V-Paragraph 2410 et. seq. 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.
  - B. 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.
  - C. Sales and Transfers: There has been no transfer of real property.
- IV. Resolutions
  - A. Be it resolved that the property of the Bailey Chapel United Methodist Church in Faulkner County be declared abandoned by the North Arkansas Annual Conference and that the Conference Board of Trustees be empowered to sell the said property and the proceeds be turned over to the Conway District Board of Missions for use in Church extension projects to be approved by the said District Board of Missions.
  - B. Be it resolved that the property of Hill Creek United Methodist Church in Conway County, Arkansas, be declared abandoned by the North Arkansas Annual Conference and that the Conference Board of Trustees be empowered to sell the property and the proceeds be turned over to the Board of Missions of the Conway District to be used in church projects approved by said Board of Missions.
  - C. Be it resolved that the property of the Watalula United Methodist Church in Franklin County, Arkansas, be declared abandoned and that the Conference Board of Trustees be empowered to convey the property to the Board of Trustees of the First United Methodist Church of Ozark, Arkansas, for use by said church with provisions that said property shall be returned to the North Arkansas Annual Conference Board of Trustees in the event the property is no longer used by the said First United Methodist in the ministry of the church.
  - D. Be it resolved that the property, 1 Lot - Highway 287, of the United Methodist located in Conway County, Arkansas, be declared abandoned by the North Arkansas Annual Conference and that the Conference Board of Trustees be empowered to sell the property and the proceeds be turned over to the Board of Mission of the Conway District to be used in church projects approved by said Board of Missions.

Muriel H. Peters, Chairperson

## Committee On Resolutions

The One Hundred Forty-Third session of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church was called to order by Bishop Kenneth Hicks on June 5, 1978, at 2:00 P.M. at the Hendrix College Staples Auditorium. Bishop Hicks encouraged the Conference to take seriously the Scriptures dealing with salt, light, and leaven. The ideas and opinions expressed by these Scriptures should be guiding forces in determining the debates, speeches, and reports of the Conference. Thus, those who would contribute would cause United Methodism to be stronger in promoting God's Kingdom in the North Arkansas Conference and around the world. The Bishop's warmth, patience, understanding, and democratic spirit helped to cause laymen and clergy to feel free to express themselves. The value of this kind of freedom permits and encourages a deep informal Christian spirit where any and all persons feel free to express themselves. Certainly the spirit of Elaine Hicks will be with us because of her moving among us — meeting and greeting the delegates of this Conference. Her warmth and love will not be confined to the Annual Conference of 1978 but will go with us to the churches and communities where we will be serving.

Our deepest gratitude to Dr. Roy Shilling and Hendrix College for the way in which they served as gracious hosts to the Conference. Our very special gratitude to Mike Smith and the Hendrix staff for their efficiency and patience. The maids and maintenance staff of Hendrix, after having had Methodist ministers in their sacred halls for almost a week, will certainly go to Heaven for remaining sweet. One word can best describe our appreciation to the great Hendrix team — "Fantastic."

Dr. Walter Underwood's preaching and fellowship will go with us to our local churches where interesting stories and enlivening illustrations should cause our preaching to take on a vibrance that will help keep awake those who sometimes slumber peacefully through our sermons. His brilliance, in an average sort of way, will mean much to our preaching. His emphasis on Christian love and compassion could well make our ministry more vital in a world where there is sometimes too much coldness and bitterness, and little enough love and warmth.

Our profound thanks to Harold Eggensperger, the staff, ushers, and other wonderful persons of First United Methodist Church for providing a beautiful setting for our evening worship. Those who provided the music, and those who worked in many different ways in the worship services, are to be highly commended. The illustrious talented personalities of Elise Shoemaker and Len Bobo illustrated to us how great church music can be a means of inspiring the lives of people to higher realms of life and living. The choirs from Morrilton, Lakewood, Central Church Fayetteville, and the choir made up of musicians from across the Conference contributed greatly to the quality of the Conference. Reverend Dick Haltom and members of the Conference Worship Committee were at work long hours to reach such high hours in worship. The Conference Worship Bulletin was well done. We are deeply indebted to Ann Jackson for the numerous hours of work that went into the banners. Members of the Conference could worship by looking at the banners.

Dr. Paul Bumpers and Bonnie Bumpers are to be commended for their help in planning and in keeping big things and all the little important details going well. One does not just wave a magic wand and expect everything to fall in line for the Annual Conference. Jim Majors' genius in planning was of extreme value in the overall success of this Annual Conference.

For the first time we were able to see the power of the Carter-Nixon administration as it is getting things going in a daring and innovative manner. Brighter and greater days are ahead for this Conference. Along with Earl and Vic is Vina Calhoun, who gets up at night in her dreams and starts turning the handle of a mimeograph machine with one hand and types with the other.

We appreciate the institutional representatives, who came from far and near, to cause us to realize the impact of United Methodism through its varied and great institutions. We appreciate their reports, especially the brief ones. For those who waxed long and tedious, we must ever remember that God is a forgiving God. One of these institutional

representatives presented to Bishop Hicks a jersey from Mt. Sequoyah so when our Bishop goes jogging with the trunks presented by the Little Rock Conference, he will not be United Methodism's only topless Bishop.

The District Superintendents are to be commended for their wisdom, their leadership, their guidance, and their labors at the Annual Conference. In the Methodist Connectional System brave dedicated District Superintendents can mean much to the growth and quality of our church.

The Cokesbury Book Store was ever present to remind us that the minute that we stop reading and learning it is at that minute we start dying.

This is our second year to have legislative forums. The laymen and ministers of our church have expressed a profound sanction for all that was done here. This has added much to the life of our Conference.

We must never forget the Service of Celebration and Commemoration. In this service The Reverend Kenneth Ellsworth Watson's sermon causes us to commune anew with the spirits of those who have gone on into the great beyond, but and whose labors have contributed so greatly to United Methodism in our day. Also, we were inspired by the dedication of those who retired. Our love and God's love will be with them as they continue to keep active in the life of the church in a different relationship.

The boards and agencies of our church are to be commended for their work. We are sure that the new Conference year will see great growth in membership and in quality.

Well, this is about it for the Annual Conference of 1978. Speeches have been made, debate has transpired, tired and weary people have labored diligently, meals have been enjoyed, fellowship has been great — but nothing much will happen in our local churches unless every one of us resolves anew, and with greater determination, to work and work hard in evangelism, in Christian education, in the stewardship of life, and in so many other areas.

We must each endeavor to see that this new year will be the greatest in the history of the Conference. God bless us everyone as we return home to strain and strive harder than ever not to do our work in a slovenly manner but in a way that will make us acceptable to Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

## VII. Memoirs

### The Reverend J. Albert Gatlin

1905-1977



The Reverend J. Albert Gatlin, 71, died Sunday morning, June 19, 1977 at the Community Methodist Hospital in Paragould.

A native of Paragould, Brother Gatlin was born December 12, 1905, the son of Stephen Monroe and Fannie R. Gatlin. Brother Gatlin's father was a Methodist preacher.

Admitted On Trial in the North Arkansas Conference in 1925, Brother Gatlin was in the Methodist ministry for 52 years. He was a graduate of Southern Methodist University.

Included in his appointments were the Superintendency of the Paragould District and the Superintendency of the Jonesboro District. He was pastor at Lorado, Hardy, Marmaduke, Central Avenue, Batesville, Morrilton, First Church, Searcy, Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock, First Church, Batesville, Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, and Griffin Memorial,

Paragould. After his retirement, he preached at Pruetts Chapel Church in Paragould and led the congregation in a major building program.

Brother Gatlin was director of Town and Country Work in the North Arkansas Conference from 1950 to 1953. He was an outstanding Scout leader and was the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award for his work throughout the State.

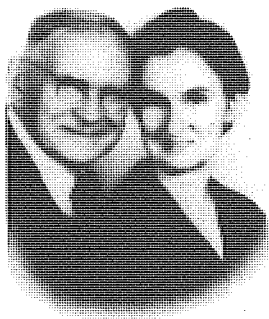
He is survived by his widow, Ethel Hairell Gatlin of Paragould; two sons, David M. Gatlin of North Little Rock and Stephen E. Gatlin of West Memphis; a sister, Mrs. C. E. LeMay of Flint, Michigan; seven grandchildren and one great grandson.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, June 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Paragould with the Reverend Jim Gatlin, nephew of the deceased, the Reverend Bill Connell, and the Reverend Ben Jordan officiating. Burial was in the Linwood Cemetery at Paragould.

Brother Gatlin's 52 years of ministry were characterized by deep faith and courageous witness to his Lord and Savior in small communities, in large pulpits, in encouragement of pastors and people in Town and Country Ministries, and in leading a large number of persons who were Called to Preach into the Ministry of The Methodist Church. He was a great evangelist, an able administrator, and a dedicated pastor.

"Well done, good and faithful servant . . ."

## Mrs. Estella Allbright 1887 - 1977



Death claimed the life of Mrs. Estella Mae Allbright of Heber Springs, widow of the Reverend Mr. W. W. Allbright Sunday, August 7, 1977, at the age of 89.

Mrs. Allbright died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Maurice Britt of Little Rock, with whom she had made her home for the past three years.

She was born October 15, 1887 at Gasville and had lived most of her life in Arkansas. Her husband was a Methodist minister with the North Arkansas Conference and they made their home in Heber Springs after his retirement. He died in 1961 after forty-five years in the ministry. She was a member of the Heber Springs United Methodist Church and the last member of the WSCS.

Known for her gentle disposition and her unselfish service to others, her life was centered around her home where she imparted to her children the virtues of infinite patience and the higher ideals of a good and noble life.

Survivors include four sons, Bruce G. Allbright of Anacoco, La., William Joe Allbright of Heber Springs, Paul Hayden Allbright of Memphis, Tennessee, and Charles Thomas Allbright of Covina, California. Six daughters, Mrs. D. Palmer Patterson and Mrs. Maurice Britt, both of Little Rock, Mrs. W. P. Clapp of Heber Springs, Mrs. Emery Hill of Seattle, Washington, Mrs. Stuart Sneyd of Anaheim, California, and Mrs. Mark Pence of Lavonia, Mich.; two sisters, Mrs. Jim McDougal of Orlando, Florida, and Mrs. Helen Bohner of Olton, Texas; Twenty-four grandchildren; Thirty great-grandchildren.

John Allbright, Bill Allbright, Jim Allbright, Robert Allbright, Timmy Britt and Charles Smith, Jr., all grandsons, served as pallbearers.

The Reverend Mr. William Wilder, the Reverend Mr. Byron McSpadden and the Reverend Mr. James Major conducted the funeral service at Olmstead Chapel. Interment was in Heber Springs Cemetery.

## Stella Mae York



Stella Mae York, 93, of 713 Panama Street, widow of the Reverend James W. York, died August 12, 1977. She was born March 8, 1884 in Gallatin County, Illinois, and was the daughter of the late George and Sophia Hedger Fowler.

She is survived by a son, Dowe, and a daughter, Thelma Gross, both of El Dorado; two stepsons, Loy of Rector, Arkansas, and H. C. Wall of Mississippi; two stepdaughters, Reba Burson of Strong, Arkansas, and Polly Bishop of Rector, Arkansas, and a sister, Sylvia Garrett of Benton.

Funeral services, officiated by the Reverend L. B. Walkington and the Reverend Louis Frick. Interment was at the Adkins Cemetery near Omaha.



## Georgia Ann Burcham Smith 1892-1977

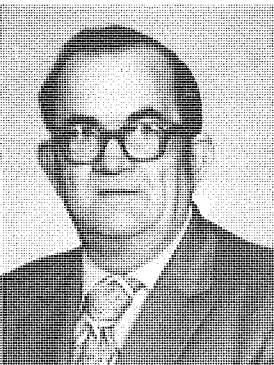


Mrs. Georgia Ann Burcham Smith, daughter of Lathum and Mindy Burcham, was born in Webb City, Arkansas July 2, 1892, and departed this life August 31, 7:00 p.m. 1977 at the age of 85 Years 1 Month and 29 Days.

She was united in wedlock to Rev. James G. Smith, June 24, 1913, and to this union five children were born, two of which preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Rev. James G. Smith, three sons: Rev. Uriah Smith, Lincoln, Arkansas; Arthur G. and Paul Smith both of Ft. Smith, Arkansas; one sister, Mrs. Wordna Adams, Ozark, Arkansas; one brother, Clarence Burcham, of California; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted in Edwards Funeral Home Chapel in Ft. Smith, Arkansas, with the Rev. William Wilder, District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church, Ft. Smith District and the Rev. Robert English, pastor of the Massard United Methodist Church officiating. Interment was in the Barling City Cemetery, Barling, Arkansas.

## Joseph A. Hutto, Jr.



The Reverend Joe A. Hutto, pastor of the Mansfield-Huntington churches, died suddenly on Sunday, September 18, 1977 at the age of 64.

Born June 17, 1913, at Conway, Arkansas, he was the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hutto, Sr. He earned his BSE degree at the University of Central Arkansas. He received his ministerial training from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Texas. He was admitted on Trial in the North Arkansas Conference in 1962. He was ordained Deacon in 1962 and Elder in 1965.

All of his ministry was spent in the North Arkansas Conference. The charges he served were: Weona-Centerview, Evening Shade, New Hope, Centerton, Aubry-Lexa, Moorefield, Caraway, Widner-Madison, Belleville, and Desha.

The funeral services were conducted by the Reverend William M. Wilder, Ft. Smith District Superintendent, and the Reverend George Kleeb. His funeral was held in the Mansfield United Methodist Church. He was buried at Hickory Ridge, Arkansas with the Reverend Jim West conducting the graveside service.

He is survived by his wife, Pauline Freese Hutto, a son, Allen Hutto of Little Rock, a daughter, Laura Hutto Grigsby of North Little Rock, three brothers, Jeff Hutto of San Diego, California, Morton Hutto of Conway, Wilson Hutto of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a twin sister, Rose Marie Craft of Little Rock, Ark., and three grandchildren.

### Walter A. Abee 1896 - 1977



Walter A. Abee was born July 25, 1896 in Lawrence County, Arkansas, the son of John and Mary Abee, and died October 13, 1977. He came to Hardy in 1929 and worked as a barber. He was active in church and community activities.

In 1948 he was licensed to preach in the Methodist Church. He served several charges in the North Arkansas Conference and also did evangelistic work in North Carolina.

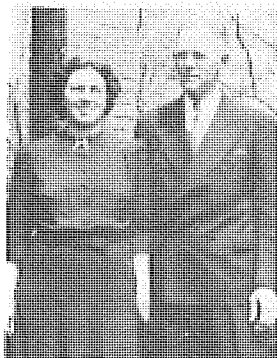
After his retirement he continued preaching wherever he was needed.

The Reverend Mr. Abee was a fearless witness for Christ and many were converted through his efforts.

He is survived by his wife, Helen, of the home; one daughter, Jeanne Wren of Little Rock; one grandson, Greg Wren of Conway; four brothers, Ernest and Noel Abee both of Flint, Michigan, George Abee of Andrews, Texas, and Roland Abee of San Diego, California; three sisters, Ruby Freeman of Trinidad, Texas, Juanita Campbell of San Diego and Mary Abee of Cass City, Michigan.

Officiating at the funeral were the Reverends Floyd Ray and Daniel Roark. Burial was in Baker Cemetery near Hardy.

### Mrs. Myrtle Ivy Greer



Mrs. Myrtle Ivy Greer, 82, of 1315 Twin Oaks in Jonesboro, died at St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center December 12, 1977. She was born in Houston, Mo., and lived in Jonesboro for the past 47 years. She was the widow of the late Reverend Norris Greer. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro.

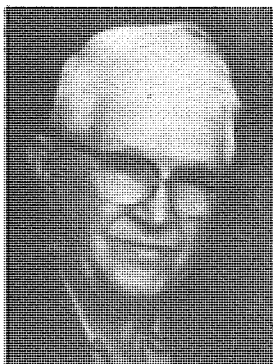
Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Patsy Hottel of Jonesboro; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Herrington of Houston, Mo.; and two grandchildren, Jimmy Kimbrel of Memphis, Tennessee, and Barbara Bradley of Jonesboro.

Funeral services were conducted at the Emerson Funeral Chapel on the Hill with the Reverend Worth Gibson officiating. Burial was in Jonesboro Memorial Park.

Active pallbearers were Rohn Craft, Alvin Wicker, Calvin Wicker, Curtis Brown, Curt Adams and Terry Glasgo. Honorary pallbearers were Drew Rudkin, Carl Strickland and Garland Kirkpatrick.

## The Reverend William Grant Conner

### 1901-1977



The Reverend William Grant Conner of Corning, retired local pastor in the North Arkansas Conference, died December 24, 1977 at Community Methodist Hospital in Paragould. He was 76 years of age and had been a minister for 55 years.

A native of Indiana, Brother Conner served for 10 years as a United Brethren pastor in Nebraska and for 6 years as pastor of the Wye Church, of that denomination, in Arkansas.

Appointments served in the North Arkansas Conference were Oil Trough, Gravely, Maynard, Ravenden Springs, Viola, DeView, Belleville, Bethel-Cato, Dardanelle, St. Francis, Leonard, Pangburn, Waldron-Branch, Altus and Evening Shade. After his retirement in 1969 he continued to preach as a guest minister in churches near Corning.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Viola Snell Conner; five sons, Eddie Conner of Pocahontas, Bob Conner of Helena, Paul Conner of St. Louis, John Conner of Corning and Jay Conner of Little Rock; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth Lincoln of Maynard, Miss Clara Conner and Mrs. Mary Louise Welliver of Wichita, Kansas; a brother, Jerry Stacey of Oakland, California; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Boone of Bloomington, Indiana and Mrs. Ruth Buser of Roachdale, Indiana; 19 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

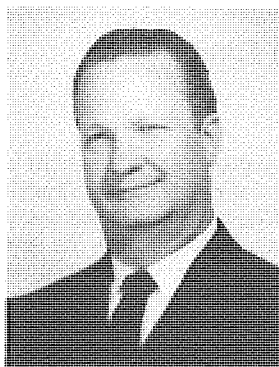
The funeral services were conducted on December 27 at the First United Methodist Church in Corning with the Reverend Muriel Peters and the Reverend Ben Jordan officiating. Burial was in Maynard Cemetery.

Brother Conner was a man of deep faith and personal commitment to the work of a minister. He was a loyal and devoted pastor to people.

"Servant of God, well done. . ."

## H. L. (Pop) Robinson

### 1905-1978



H. L. (Pop) Robinson was born in Belleville, Illinois, June 12, 1905. He died January 5, 1978 in St. Louis, Missouri, where he was buried.

Brother Robinson was admitted to the North Arkansas Conference on Trial in 1953. He received his ordinations of Deacon and Elder in 1950 and 1952 respectively. He was received into Full Connection in 1955.

He served the following churches: Luxora, Hoxie, Griffin Memorial, Paragould and Clarendon.

He retired in 1970, and continued to live in Clarendon until 1974, when he moved to St. Louis to be with his sister and brother.

He served eleven years as Chairman of the Methodist Church's Commission on Worship.

During his remaining years at St. Louis, he worked as "Community Relations" Representative for the Centenary United Methodist Church.

Brother Robinson was a very capable speaker and an understanding pastor. Not only did he serve long pastorates during his twenty year ministry, but he considered each community as his parish.

All who knew him, loved him and respected him. Many preachers as well as laity were

touched by his ministry and appreciate his willingness to give time and understanding to them whenever they sought his counsel.

Farewell, to a man of God, who will long be remembered.

### Harold Dodson Womack



Harold Dodson Womack was born at Centerton, Arkansas, October 30, 1912, son of the Reverend W. Vance and Grace Bonar Womack. He died February 14, 1978 in Harrison, Ark.

Harold was a graduate of Hendrix College, Conway, and was married in 1935 to his college sweetheart, Gladys Martin, of Harrison.

He was associated with Martin-Rogers, a clothing store in Harrison, until his admission on Trial at Annual Conference in First United Methodist Church in Harrison in 1942.

He then studied at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, serving the Arcadia Park Church while in school. He was ordained Elder in 1944.

Other pastoral appointments included Keiser, Bald Knob, Prairie Grove, Hughes, Wynne, Rogers, Marked Tree, Brinkley,

and Marion.

Harold served as Statistician for the North Arkansas Conference for a number of years. He also was Secretary of the Conference Board of Pensions and a member of the Historical Committee.

Prior to an early retirement, necessitated by illness, Harold had served 24½ years in the pastorate. He then moved to North Little Rock where he served for two years as Minister of Visitation at First United Methodist Church.

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Feb. 17, 1978 in Harrison by Rev. John McCormack, with a Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, by Bishop Paul V. Galloway and Rev. James Meadors. Entombment was in Rest Hills Mausoleum in North Little Rock.

Survivors are his wife Gladys; a daughter Mrs. Ted D. Rogers of Little Rock; a son, James W. Womack of Las Cruces, New Mexico, and six grandchildren.

### Reverend William Tillman (Till) Lingo 1900-1978



Reverend William Tillman (Till) Lingo, a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church, was born July 13, 1900, near Walnut Ridge, Arkansas, the son of John David Lingo, and his wife Virgie Sifford Lingo. He died February 19, 1978 at Parkersburg, West Virginia, following an illness of almost two years.

At the time of his retirement in 1966, he had served as pastor in the Conference 27 years. Since his retirement he had been a resident of Walnut Ridge until moving to West Virginia five months before his death.

Funeral services were conducted February 22 in the Bryan Funeral Chapel, Walnut Ridge, by Reverend David Driver and Reverend Ben F. Jordan. Burial was in Lawrence Memorial Park, Walnut Ridge, Arkansas.

Till was licensed to preach by the Paragould District Conference September 28, 1933. He was admitted On Trial in 1945 and was ordained Deacon in 1948. He came in Full Connection in 1948 and was ordained Elder in 1952.

Pastorates he served: Leonard, Jonesboro and Paragould Circuits, Mammoth Spring, Hoxie-Clover Bend, Fisher Street Church at Jonesboro, Leachville, Newark-Oil Trough, Cotton Plant-Hunter, Luxora, Black Rock-Lynn, Christ United-Shughtown, and Old Walnut Ridge.

He was married to Amy Cypret in 1925, who served with him until his retirement. He is survived by his wife, Amy; three sons, J. D. Lingo of Parkersburg, West Virginia; Sam Lingo of Albion, Mich., and Gary Lingo of State College, Pa.; a brother, Elmo Lingo of Clearlake Highlands, Calif.; three sisters, Derondo Lingo Hance, Etta May Roberts and Kathlene Williams, all of Walnut Ridge; two step-sisters; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

My dear brother-in-law, Till, in heaven:

"Your place is empty, as soon my place will be,  
When my home up there is ready, then God will call for me."

Earnie C. Hance, Retired Minister

### Mrs. Blanche Stokes Roebuck 1895-1978



Mrs. Blanche Stokes Roebuck of Fort Smith, wife of Dr. Fred G. Roebuck, former long-time pastor and now Pastor Emeritus of First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, died March 7th, 1978.

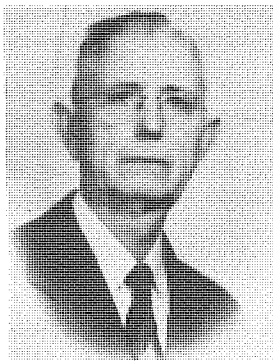
Mrs. Roebuck was born July 30, 1895, at Humphrey, Arkansas (Jefferson County), and was educated in the schools of the State, with some courses in S.M.U. She was active in the work of the church and community life and, as a minister's wife, shared all the opportunities and responsibilities of a pastor's family. She was always happy in the service of the Lord, and in sacrificial service to her family.

She and Dr. Roebuck had celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary August 15, 1977.

In addition to her husband she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Byron Hansen of San Antonio, and Mrs. James Guthrie of Camden; three sons, Fred, Jr., of New York, Lewis Thomas of Los Angeles, and James Daniel of Walnut Creek, California; two sisters, Mrs. Julia Mathews of Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. Ellen Crum of Rison, Arkansas; also by thirteen grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Burial was at Forest Park Cemetery, and a memorial service was held in the Sanctuary of The First United Methodist Church, with Dr. George Ivey, pastor, Reverend Aaron Barling, associate pastor, and Reverend William M. Wilder, District Superintendent, officiating.

**Rev. E. M. Peters**  
**1882 - 1978**



The Reverend Ernest Moore Peters of McCrory, Arkansas, Retired Member of the North Arkansas Conference, died April 3, 1978, at the age of 95. He was born in Haywood County, Tennessee, May 25, 1882.

He was licensed to preach in July 1903, at Olive, Kentucky. He was admitted on trial in the Memphis Conference in 1906, ordained deacon in 1911, and ordained elder in 1913. He located in 1918, and was readmitted in the Little Rock Conference in 1923. He transferred to the North Arkansas Conference in 1925. He was a Mason for over fifty years.

Among the churches he served were Bingen Circuit, Center Point Circuit, New Edinburg Circuit, Delight, Lake City, Lake Street Church-Blytheville, Marmaduke, Gregory-McClelland, Leslie, Patterson, Devew-Fakes Chapel, and Beebe Circuit.

He was married to Betty Craig, October 22, 1912, at Clinton, Kentucky. She preceded him in death, January 7, 1956.

He is survived by a son, Edward Peters of Searcy, Arkansas; three daughters, Mrs. Marion Green, of Memphis, Tennessee, Mrs. Art Copper, Andalusia, Alabama and Mrs. Mary Sue Squires of Ellendale, Tennessee, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Thompson-Wilson Funeral Chapel, McCrory, Arkansas, April 5, 1978, by Reverend Victor Green, Pastor of the McCrory United Methodist Church. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, at Memphis, Tennessee.

**Doro McReynolds Lipe**  
**1885 - 1978**

Mrs. Doro McReynolds Lipe, age 93, of Russellville, widow of Henry D. Lipe, died Sunday, May 7, 1978. She was a native of Logan County and a member of First United Methodist Church of Russellville. Survivors are two sons, Hoyt Lipe of Gassville and B. C. Lipe of Plainview; a daughter, Mrs. Carl Emmerson of Clarksville; a brother, Ollie McReynolds of Paris; four sisters, Mrs. Emma Birkhead of Dardanelle and Mrs. Dollie Williams, Mrs. Lula Birkhead and Mrs. Sula White, all of Paris, 10 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. Funeral was at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, with Humphrey Funeral Service of Russellville. Burial was at McReynolds Cemetery in Logan County.

## 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. Marshe	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	1886	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.

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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.
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.



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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. Fisackerly	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.
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.

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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	29¼	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. Hail	Arkansas	1872	1895	1933	38	Walnut Ridge, Ark.
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.

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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	1858	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	1859	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. Howertson	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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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	Gassville, 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	McCrory, Ark.
J. T. Willcoxon	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

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Fred A. Lark	South Carolina	1873	1898	1960	47	Rogers
James L. Pruitt	Arkansas	1887	1920	1960	39½	Beebe
Claude E. Hollifield	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. McDonal	Arkansas		1922	1961	35½	Monette
William L. Russell	Texas	1877	1912	1961	28	Glen Rose, Texas
William W. Albright	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
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	37½	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 Marlair	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

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Ray McLester	Arkansas		1928	1972	28½	Paragould
Arthur Lee Riggs	Arkansas	1884	1917	1973	38½	Prairie Grove
M. L. Kaylor	Arkansas	1901	1950	1973	38¼	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
Dan R. Robinson	Missouri	1901	1923	1975	41½	Little Rock
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
Edward Theodore Wayland	Arkansas	1885	1912	1977	45	North Little Rock
General Grant Troupe	Arkansas	1889	1912	1977	49½	Pine Bluff
J. Albert Gatlin	Arkansas	1905	1925	1977	47½	Paragould
Joseph A. Hutto, Jr.	Arkansas	1913	1962	1977	18	Hickory Ridge
William Tillman Lingo	Arkansas	1900	1945	1978	25¼	Walnut Ridge
Henry Linwood (Pop) Robinson	Illinois	1905	1953	1978	24	St. Louis, Mo.
Ernest Moore Peters	Tennessee	1882	1925	1978	25	Memphis, Tennessee
Harold Dodson Wornack	Arkansas	1912	1942	1978	24½	North Little Rock
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
Walter Abree	Arkansas	1896	...	1977	5	Hardy
William Grant Conner	Indiana	1901	...	1977	25½	Corning

**MEMBERS OF THE FORMER SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE**  
**(taken from the last published Journal**  
**of the Southwest Conference, 1972)**

Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Williamson, J. W. ....		...	January 20, 1884
Tate, Albert .....		1884	July 7, 1887
McDonald, Henry .....	November 27, 1857	1872	March 6, 1888
Speers, Alexander .....	January 1, 1858	1883	December 31, 1889
Lemons, June .....	1859	...	May, 1891
Sama, George .....	1844	1886	December 1, 1891
Lacy, M. L. ....		1889	1895
Peele, Jefferson A. ....	February 3, 1851	1879	February 3, 1897
Bailey, Thomas J. ....	February 12, 1862	1882	July 5, 1897
Spencer, E. D. ....	August 2, 1851	1889	November 15, 1897
Fletcher, A. J. ....	September 27, 1853	1888	
Crawley, A. C. ....	February 25, 1858	1876	January 3, 1898
Phillips, A. J. ....	October 10, 1848	1879	January 31, 1898
Hamilton, J. A. ....	December 14, 1860	1892	October 22, 1898
Henry, J. H. ....		...	October 5, 1899
Todd, W. M. ....	February 3, 1858	1897	March 30, 1902
Crump, H. G. ....		1890	August 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. ....	1832	1872	1906
Davis, S. B. ....		1872	1906
Brooks, Washington .....		...	February 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	December 20, 1908
Johnson, John D. ....	April 24, 1860	1874	1908
Clark, J. M. ....		1892	May 22, 1909
Thompson, T. J. ....		1889	February 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	November 1, 1914
Johnson, B. H. ....		1888	April 27, 1915
Doncey, G. B. ....		1888	1916
Griffin, B. J. ....		1887	November 30, 1917
Evans, W. D. ....		1914	1917
Owens, Phillip .....		1887	March 3, 1918
Hall, David. ....		...	1918
Roberts, Ezra .....		1876	December 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	February 28, 1923
Smith, Nathaniel .....		1883	March 7, 1923
Hawkins, J. T. ....		1892	July 4, 1923
Wilson, J. R. ....		1900	August 31, 1923
Watson, Z. K. ....		1904	November 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	September 7, 1924

Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Sampson, C. W. ....		1907	October 4, 1924
Swift, J. A. ....		1884	September, 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	August 18, 1929
Stokes, S. M. ....		1814	1928
Hatchett, J. H. ....		1909	1930
Simpson, W. H. ....	1865	1897	November 18, 1930
Rivers, W. C. ....		1914	1931
Kyles, C. L. ....		1907	1932
Johnson, S. T. ....		1894	June 13, 1932
Preston, L. G. ....	1843	1891	October 26, 1932
Harris, D. H. E. ....		1891	October 26, 1932
Byrd, K. T. ....		1926	1932
Stephens, A. T. ....		1895	1933
Johnson, J. W. ....		1914	1933
Gibson, J. D. ....		1896	1933
Smith, Fletcher. ....		1921	1933
Nelson, W. ....		1884	June 1, 1934
Qualls, John. ....	June 1, 1858	1878	July 5, 1897
Hall, G. A. ....		1892	September 2, 1934
Miller, April S. ....		1904	August 29, 1935
Johnson, G. N. ....		1881	1935
Taber, Charles. ....	April 6, 1861	1897	October 6, 1936
Speed, William. ....		1894	1937
Neal, L. E. ....		1919	1937
Nelson, J. L. ....		1925	1938
Bright, Haywood. ....		1895	1939
Hodges, L. G. ....		1896	1939
Jordan, B. J. ....		1912	1939
Howell, C. H. ....		1912	1939
Cobbel, J. P. ....		1929	1939
Prewitt, Paul. ....		1894	1940
Harston, D. G. ....		1896	1940
Adams, J. C. ....		1894	1941
Brown, J. W. ....		1902	1941
Turner, E. J. ....	December 18, 1871	1902	January 2, 1942
Coburn, Dudley. ....		...	1943
Clark, F. J. ....		1926	1943
Nunn, E. A. ....		...	1943
Ray, A. R. ....		1900	July 7, 1943
Sherrill, W. S. ....	1860	1894	March 1, 1944
Maxwell, R. B. ....		1894	April 5, 1944
Tucker, B. T. ....		1918	1944
Thompson, C. W. ....	1912	...	January 2, 1945
Scott, Benjamin F. ....	May 18, 1888	1916	July 15, 1945
Moses, Bennie. ....		...	August 14, 1945
McIntosh, Waters. ....		1891	October 16, 1945
Langford, W. S. ....	1855	1875	April, 1946
Fields, Z. R. ....	1901	...	September 27, 1946
Henry, Joseph. ....		1910	April 16, 1946
Williams, L. C. ....	1911	...	June, 1946
Dorsby, C. H. ....		...	1946
Wallace, J. N. ....		1907	October 22, 1947
Cabeau, A. C. ....	March 17, 1878	1915	May 30, 1947
Strong, M. F. ....	April 4, 1875	1897	February 8, 1948
Cox, J. W. ....		...	1948
Richardson, J. H. ....		1916	April 26, 1948
Moore, William M. ....		...	1948
Young, B. F. ....		...	...
McDonald, Silas. ....		...	...
Harris, Archie. ....	May 25, 1875	...	December 25, 1949
Edwards, T. H. ....	January 1, 1896	1917	July 13, 1950



Name	Born	Entered Ministry	Died
Franklin, D. G. ....	April 5, 1869	1892	September 19, 1950
Coburn, Nathan ....	August 20, 1883	1914	1951
Smith, W. A. ....	October 1, 1865	1902	October 18, 1952
Johnson, S. E. ....	December 1, 1884	1931	1952
Tolbert, R. J., Sr. ....	February 17, 1890	1923	November 22, 1953
Moss, Oscar G. ....	March 3, 1869	1921	1954
Stokes, J. S. ....	February 9, 1876	1907	1954
Nelson, Lee ....	October 15, 1858	1898	September 28, 1954
Smith, Dudley ....	March 14, 1867	1898	August 8, 1955
Roe, D. J. ....	January 9, 1882	1904	December 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	October 26, 1957
Tipton, Garfield F. ....		1910	November 20, 1957
Kelley, Phamous H. ....	June 25, 1884	1911	May 8, 1958
Johnson, Willis D. ....		1919	May 11, 1958
Douglas, L. E. ....		...	...
Sanders, Edwin C. ....		1944	February 12, 1959
Allbright, H. ....		...	...
Moore, C. E. ....		...	...
Neal, B. F. ....		...	...
Thomas, S. N. ....		...	...
Winston, John W. ....		...	1960
Perry, E. W. ....		...	1960
Bochanan, A. L. ....		...	1962
Parker, Isaac P. ....		...	1962
Davis, J. I. ....		1938	1963
Hill, B. Moore ....		...	December 22, 1960
Tolfree, M. P. ....		...	August 15, 1963
Marbly, E. S. ....		...	1963
Lloyd, E. L. ....		...	1965
Hawkins, D. D. ....		...	1965
Hannah, William. ....		...	1965
Sanders, Frank ....		...	1965
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. Holfield ....	1908
J. B. Francis ....	1910
J. E. Loudermilk ....	1911
W. A. Boseman ....	1911

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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. Marljar .....	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) There shall be an Annual Conference Planning Committee made up of the Bishop (who shall be chairperson), Council Directors, host institution representative, District Superintendents, the Conference Secretary and four persons from the Council on Lay Life and Work, two of whom shall be women. The responsibility of this committee shall be to plan the agenda and entertainment of the Annual Conference.

(9) The expenses of the Annual Conference shall be paid by funds received from: 1. registration fees, which shall be set by the Annual Conference Planning Committee; 2. offerings received at the Annual Conference; and 3. if necessary, the Conference Administration Fund.

(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  $\frac{3}{4}$  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 and 1977 Journal, page 169.

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Two recommendations for Structure change:

1. The name of Aldersgate Retirement Center be changed to Ecumenical Retirement Center.
2. In the procedure for election of the Committee on Nominations that "Election will be by majority" be deleted from the procedure, and "Election will be declared for the nominee receiving the most votes for the position" be inserted.

**Certificate Of Amendment  
Of  
Articles Of Incorporation  
Of  
The United Methodist  
Children's Home, Incorporated**

We, Charles T. Meyer, Jr., President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and S. Rowe Hill, acting Secretary, of The United Methodist Children's Home, Incorporated, an Arkansas nonprofit corporation, do hereby certify that on the 16th day of May, 1978 at the annual meeting of the board of directors of the corporation known as the Board of Trustees, duly called with notice of the proposed action on the following resolution and held at the office of the corporation, 2002 South Fillmore Street in the City of Little Rock, Arkansas, at which meeting a majority of the trustees were present, the following resolution was adopted by the majority vote of all of the trustees:

**Resolution**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Articles of Incorporation of The United Methodist Children's Home, Incorporated be, and they are, hereby amended in their entirety and restated to read as follows:

**Amended Articles of Incorporation  
Of**

**The United Methodist Children's Home, Incorporated**

**ARTICLE 1.** The name of this corporation shall be The United Methodist Children's Home, Incorporated.

**ARTICLE 2.** The principal office of the corporation shall be located in Pulaski County, Arkansas, at 2002 South Fillmore Street in the City of Little Rock.

**ARTICLE 3.** The objects and purposes of the corporation shall be:

(a) To provide necessary care and training for orphaned, dependent, or neglected children, and to locate or relocate, establish, maintain, and manage a home or homes for such children within or without the State of Arkansas, or place them in foster homes or for adoption as the best interest of the child may require, under such rules and regulations as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees and the laws of the State of Arkansas.

(b) To advance charitable, religious, educational, scientific, and literary activities consistent with and in conformity to the principles generally recognized as charitable, religious, educational, scientific, or literary and distribute charitable benefits to children and other persons, firms or institutions selected and considered capable of furthering and assisting the purposes of this corporation.

(c) To act for and under its general corporate authority; to acquire by gift, devise, bequest or in any other manner real and personal property, including money, or any right or title therein or improvements thereon, and to sell, lease, mortgage, pledge, assign, transfer or otherwise dispose of said property for any purpose or use necessary, convenient, useful or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes of this corporation; to convert any and all properties to cash and to re-invest same in such properties or securities as shall be deemed appropriate by the trustees, including, but not restricted to, United States Government, State or Municipal bonds; to borrow or raise money necessary or convenient to the accomplishment of the purposes of this corporation and from time to time, without limitation upon amount, to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute and issue promissory notes, drafts, bills of exchange, warrants, bonds, debentures and other negotiable and non-negotiable instruments and evidences of indebtedness and to secure the payment of any thereof and the interest thereon by mortgage, pledge, conveyance or assignment in trust of

the whole or any part of the property of the association or corporation, whether at the time owned or thereafter acquired; to cooperate with any governmental agency or agencies, whether national, state or municipal, or with any business or private agency whatsoever in carrying out the purposes herein contemplated. Notwithstanding the above enumerated powers, the corporation shall not engage, other than as an insubstantial part, in activities which in themselves are not in furtherance of the purposes as stated herein.

(d) To do all and everything necessary, suitable or proper for the accomplishment of any of the purposes, the attainment of any of the objects or the furtherance of any of the powers in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto, as necessary or incidental to the protection and benefit of the corporation; and in general to carry on any lawful activity necessary or incidental to the attainment of the objects of the corporation whether or not such activity is similar in nature to the objects set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereto.

(e) The above powers are in addition to those granted by statute and they do not limit the powers so granted in any manner.

**ARTICLE 4.** The management of this corporation shall be by and through its duly acting and legally constituted board of directors which shall be called "Board of Trustees". The Board of Trustees shall be responsible for the care of the children committed to the corporation's care and keeping and shall employ an Administrator to supervise and care for children and otherwise discharge and carry out the purposes of this corporation.

The Board of Trustees shall have the power to make all rules, regulations and Bylaws as the Board may deem necessary and expedient for the control and management of the corporation, prescribe the duties to be performed by the officers of the corporation, and to amend such rules, regulations and Bylaws. The private property of the trustees, officers and Administrator shall not be liable for losses except in the event of malfeasance.

**ARTICLE 5.** The Board of Trustees shall consist of sixty-four (64) directors, who shall be known as trustees. Ex officio members of the Board of Trustees shall be the resident Bishop of the Arkansas area of the United Methodist Church; the District Superintendent of the Little Rock District of the Little Rock Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; the District Superintendent of the Conway District of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church; such other officials whom the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church shall now or hereafter require to act as ex officio trustees of institutions similar to this corporation; and the trustees elected for life on the date of the amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

(a) **Election of Trustees.** Of the membership of the Board of Trustees, thirty-two (32) trustees shall be designated as trustees-at-large and thirty-two (32) shall be designated as conference trustees. All trustees shall serve four-year terms, beginning on January 1 of the year following their election.

The trustees-at-large shall be elected and nominated by the Board of Trustees to serve terms of four years; no such trustee shall serve more than three consecutive terms. At the time of the most recent election, twenty-one (21) of the trustees-at-large shall be members of The United Methodist Church or its successor.

Sixteen conference trustees shall be elected by the Little Rock Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church at its annual meeting to serve for terms of four years; no such trustee shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. At the time of their election, one-half of such conference trustees shall be ministers and one-half shall be lay persons.

Sixteen conference trustees shall be elected by the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church at its annual meeting to serve for terms of four years; no such trustee shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. At the time of their election, one-half of such conference trustees shall be ministers and one-half shall be lay persons.

(b) **Initial Election.** The Board of Trustees elected during the year 1978 in the manner provided for in the Articles of Incorporation in effect on the date of their election shall continue to hold office until January 1, 1980, at which time the Board of Trustees, as described above, shall take office. At the first meeting of the Board of Trustees, held after January 1, 1980, one-fourth (1/4) of the trustees-at-large and one-fourth (1/4) of the

ministers elected as conference trustees and one-fourth (1/4) of the lay persons elected as conference trustees shall, by lot, be designated as holding one-year terms, one-fourth (1/4) thereof shall, by lot, be designated as holding two-year terms; one-fourth (1/4) thereof shall, by lot, be designated as holding three-year terms; and one-fourth (1/4) thereof shall, by designated lot, be designated as holding four-year terms.

**ARTICLE 6.** The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be on the third Tuesday in May of each year at the principal office of the corporation or at such other place as the Board may, from time to time, select. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairman, the Administrator, or the presiding Bishop of the Arkansas area of the United Methodist Church. Twenty members of the Board shall constitute a quorum at a special meeting; ten members shall constitute a quorum at an annual meeting. At all meetings, the act of the majority of the trustees present at a meeting at which a quorum is present shall be the act of the Board of Directors. The Board of Trustees shall elect a Nominations Committee and a Finance Committee and may elect an Executive Committee and such other committees as it may determine necessary; all such committees shall have the powers designated by the Board of Trustees.

**ARTICLE 7.** The officers of the corporation shall consist of a President, who shall be the chief executive officer of the corporation, and who shall be called "Chairman of the Board", Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be designated by the Board of Trustees, all of whose officers' authority shall be as prescribed by the Bylaws of the corporation.

**ARTICLE 8.** The corporation shall have no members.

**ARTICLE 9.** No compensation or payment shall ever be paid or made to any officer or trustee of this corporation, or substantial contributor to it, except as a reasonable allowance for actual expenditures or services actually made or rendered to or for this corporation, and neither the whole nor any part or portion of the assets or net earnings, current or accumulated, of this corporation shall ever be distributed to or among any such person; provided, further, that neither the whole nor any part or portion of such assets or net earnings shall ever be used for, accrue to, or inure to the benefit of any individual within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code section 501(c) (3).

**ARTICLE 10.** The corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The corporation shall not: (a) engage in any act of self-dealing, as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (b) retain any excess business holdings, as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (c) make any investment in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws; (d) make any taxable expenditures, as defined in Section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**ARTICLE 11.** The registered agent of the corporation is Joe R. Phillips, Jr., whose address is 2002 South Fillmore Street, Little Rock, Arkansas.

**ARTICLE 12.** The period of existence of this corporation shall be perpetual. Upon the dissolution of this corporation, by resolution of its Board of Trustees or otherwise, the Board of Trustees shall, upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or making provision for the payment of all liabilities of this corporation, dispose of all of the assets of this corporation exclusively for the purposes of this corporation in such manner, or to such charitable, educational, religious, literary or scientific purposes as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations described in Section (501)(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 [26 U.S.C. §501(c) (3)], or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law, as the Board of Trustees shall determine. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said court shall

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determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

**ARTICLE 13.** These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The United Methodist Children's Home, Incorporated has caused this certificate to be executed by its President and Chairman of the Board of Trustees and attested by its acting Secretary and its corporate seal affixed this 16th day of May, 1978.

THE UNITED METHODIST CHILDREN'S  
HOME, INCORPORATED

By Charles T. Meyer, Jr., President  
and Chairman of the Board of  
Trustees

ATTEST:

S. Rowe Hill, Acting Secretary



## X. Pastoral Records

## ABBREVIATIONS

A — Associate  
P — Probationary  
OT — On Trial  
FC — Full Connection  
D — Disability

MP — Methodist Protestant  
T — Transfer  
Ef — Effective  
RE — Re-Admitted

R — Retired  
L — Located  
S — Supernumerary  
SL — Sabbatical Leave

## First Admitted

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Anderson, Gail G. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1954	1956	FC	1954		26	5		
Anderson, James Bruce ....	Ef	Texas	1960	OT	1963		1963	T	1970		16			
Anderson, Thomas E. ....	P	N. Ark.	1976	P							2			
Armour, Charles Webster ....	P	N. Ark.	1974	P		1974					4			
Baker, Ferris Coy ....	Ef	Mo.	1945	OT	1947	1945	1947	T	1965		33			
Bailey, Russell M. ....	P	N. Ark.	1978	P										
Barbaree, David P. ....	P	LR	1971	P				T	1977					
Barbaree, Gary W. ....	Ef	LR	1974	P	1978		1978	T	1977					
Barling, Aaron F. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1955	OT	1959	1956	1959	FC	1959		23	6		
Barnett, Thomas Winborn ...	P	N. Ark.	1971	P	1974	1971	1974				7			
Barton, James Allen ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1969	1967	1969	FC	1969		10	3		
Beal, James William ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1956	1953	1956	FC	1956		26	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					2			
Bell, Virgil C. ....	Ef	LR	1948	OT	1951	1951	1952	T	1978					
Bentley, David Bruce ....	P	N. Ark.	1977	P	1977						2			
Biazo, Harold D. ....	P	N. Ark.	1974	P		1974					4			
Bierbaum, Martin ....	R	N. Ark.	1932	OT	1934	1934	1936	T	1976	1976	44			
Blanchard, Warren ....	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975					2	2		
Blanton, Edward D. ....	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976					2			
Bounds, Levi Laymon ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1956	OT	1961	1959	1961	FC	1961		22	4½		
Boyd, Archie N. ....	Ef	C. Tex.	1938	OT	1940	1940	1941	T	1942		39½			
Brannon, Arvil C. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1948	1951	T	1952		29	5½		
Breazeale, James. ....	D							T	1965		10			
Brent, Harold W. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1960	OT	1964	1962	1964	T	1972		18	6		
Bridwell, Marshall. ....	R	St. Louis	1930	OT	1935	1935	1937	T	1966	1971	40½	1		
Brizzi, Stephen C. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1975	P	1978	1975	1978	FC	1978		3			
Brooks, Jimmy Faye. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1978		1978	FC	1978		6			
Brumley, Ira A. ....	R	N. Ark.	1917	OT	1919	1919	1922	FC	1919	1967	49½	½		
Bruner, Jesse A. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1965	1962	1965	FC	1965		16			
Bruner, William G. ....	R	N. Ark.	1941	OT	1943	1943	1944	FC	1943	1975	33½	5		
Bumpers, Paul M. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1944	OT	1946	1945	1946	T	1973		34½			
Burleson, Clint D. ....	Ef	LR	1952	OT	1956	1954	1956	T	1975		26			
Byers, Wm. Leonard ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1954	1956	FC	1954		26	3		
Byram, J. Hillman. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1955	1958	FC	1955		25	4		
Byrd, John T. ....	R	N. Ark.	1925	OT	1927	1927	1929	FC	1927	1965	40½	1		
Canada, Jerry D. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1967	1962	1967	FC	1967		16			
Carter, Earl ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1950	OT	1952	1952	1953	FC	1952		29	3		
Carter, Norman ....	Ef	N. Tex	1962	OT	1964	1962	1964	T	1966		16			
Casteel, Charles ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1950	1954	FC	1951		28			
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		23	2		
Chesser, Lewis B., Jr. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1965	1963	1965	FC	1965		15			
Christie, Francis. ....	Ef	LR	1945	OT	1947	1947	1948	T	1966		32½			
Christopher, James Clifton ...	Ef	N. Ark.	1975	P	1978	1975	1978	FC	1978		3			
Clark, John J. ....	R	N. Ark.	1937	OT	1939	1935	1940	FC	1939	1968	32½	3		
Clark, Norman Wayne. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1967	1965	1967	FC	1967		13			

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Clark, Ronald B. ....	Ef				1975		1975	FC	1975			4	
Claud, Inis L. ....	R	N. Ark.	1916	OT	1919	1916	1921	FC	1919	1959		44½	
Clayton, J. Ralph ....	R	LR	1935	OT	1937	1937	1940	T	1966	1976		41	
Cleary, George ....	Ef	LR	1967	OT		1964	1966	T	1969			11	7
Clemmons, Frank R. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1955	OT	1958	1956	1958	FC	1958			23	
Clemons, James T. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1955	1952	1955	FC	1955	1		27	
Collier, John R. III ....	P	N.Ark	1978	P									
Connell, Richard E. ....	R	Texas	1918	OT	1920	1918	1920	T	1939	1957		38½	
Copher, John ....	P	Mo. East						T	1977			1	
Connell, William P. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1954	1952	1954	FC	1954			27	
Conyers, David P. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1944	1945	FC	1945			34½	1
Conyers, Lloyd M. ....	R	N. Ark.	1935	OT	1937	1937	1939	T	1968	1976		40	
Cook, Brady ....	Ef	M. P.	1937	OT	1937		1939	MP	1939			40½	
Cook, Burnley Bruce, Jr. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1969	P	1973	1969	1969	FC	1973			9	
Cook, Fern ....	Ef	M. P.	1936	OT	1939		1939	MP	1939			41½	
Cooper, Charles Marcus ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1976	1972	1976	FC	1976			6	
Cooper, Joel A. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1943	1945	T	1966			35	2
Cooper, Wm. Chris ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1973	P	1976	1973	1976	FC	1976			5	
Corbitt, Donna Sue ....	P	N. Ark.	1978	P									
Cordell, Britt H. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1969		1969	1938	1947	T	1955			23	
Couchman, H. J. ....	R	N. Ark.	1930	OT	1932	1930	1934	FC	1932	1971		40½	2
Crossman, Marcia Gail ....	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977						1	
Crossman, Robert O. ....	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976						2	
Crow, Rhonda Kay ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1974	P	1978	1974	1978	FC	1978			4	
Crozier, Clyde E. ....	R	N. Ark.	1945	OT	1950	1950	1952	FC	1950	1975		29½	5
Cruce, Pryor R. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1952	T	1970			29	
Curtis, Myers B. ....	R	Texas	1946	OT	1946	1946	1948	T	1961	1978		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			26	
Darling, Rex G. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1975	P	1978	1975	1978	FC	1978			3	1
Davis, Paul Dean ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1956	1953	1956	FC	1956			26	4
Deere, Bonda Sue ....	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977						1	
Dennis, B. Vernon ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1953	T	1955			29	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			16	
Donham, Gordon R. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1976	P	1978	1976	1978	FC	1978			2	
Dorman, Raymond A. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1933	OT	1935	1935	1937	FC	1935			44½	
Dorman, Wendell Ray ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1957	OT	1960	1957	1960	FC	1960			21	
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			6	
Durham, Ronald W. ....	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976						2	
Eaton, Lowell Wm. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1968	1966	1968	FC				12	
Eckles, Alfred Wiley, III ....	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1975						1	
Edwards, Bob S. ....	R	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1957	1956	1957	FC	1957	1978		24	
Edwards, Douglas E. III ....	P	N. Ark.	1978	P									
Edwards, Ray H. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1960	OT	1962	1954	1956	FC	1962			18	11¾
Eggensperger, Harold ....	Ef	LR	1940	OT	1942	1942	1943	T	1942			37½	2
English, Robert Morton ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971			10	
Evanson, O. J. ....	R	E. Okla.	1922	OT	1924	1922	1924	T	1945	1959		36½	
Fadick, Kathy Rhnea ....	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977						1	
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			2	
Fiser, W. P. ....	Ef	LR	1965	OT	1967	1962	1964	FC	1967			13	5
Francis, Thomas F. ....	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976						2	
Franks, Raymond. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1932	OT	1936	1936	1940	T	1971			46	
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			27	
Glover, Roger Ernest ....	P	N. Ark.	1973	P	1977	1973	1977	FC	1977			5	

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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			6	
Green, Victor .....	Ef	Okla.	1958	OT	1962	1958	1962	FC	1962			18	2
Guthrie, Jon Dickey .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1957	OT	1963	1959	1963	FC	1963			21	
Hall, Andrew Martie, Jr. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971			10	
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			16	
Hammett, Gerald .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1954	1952	1954	FC	1954			27	3
Hance, E. C. ....	R	N. Ark.	1948	OT	1950	1944	1947	FC	1950	1965		16½	11
Hanshaw, David R. ....	P	N. Ark.	1978	P									
Harl, Willis H. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1958	1956	1958	FC	1958	1		21	
Harmon, Bennie Ross .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1973	P	1976	1973	1976	FC	1976			5	4
Harrison, James David .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1974	1971	1974	FC	1974			7	
Hathcock, Philip Loyce .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1975	1972	1975	FC	1975			6	
Hawkins, Raymond .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1961	1958	1961	FC	1961			19	4½
Hays, Aubra O. ....	D	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1953	1953	1955	FC	1953			26	4½
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			26	6
Hilliard, Allan E. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1950	OT	1953	1952	1953	T	1961			28	
Hillis, J. Ralph .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1942	OT	1944	1942	1944	T	1972			36	
Hines, Ben G. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1957	OT	1961	1959	1961	T	1972			20	
Hoggard, J. H. ....	R	N. Ark.	1927	OT	1929	1929	1931	FC	1929	1961		33½	4
Hollifield, E. J. ....	R	N. Tex.	1938	OT	1940	1940	1941	T	1942	1971		32½	6
Hollifield, E. Brooks .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1973	1966	1973	FC	1973			12	
Hollifield, John Anthony .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971			10	
Hollifield, Pharis .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1945	1948	FC	1945			34½	1
Hollis, C. Waymon .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1966	1962	1966	FC	1966			16	2½
Hollowell, Michael I. ....	P	N. Ark.	1978	P		1975						3	6
Hook, Roger B. ....	P	N. Ark.	1975	P									
Hooker, Vann .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1953	T	1966			29	4
Howerton, Robert B. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1953	1952	1954	FC	1953			27	4
Hughes, Michael .....	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976						2	
Hunter, Everne .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1964	1957	1958	FC	1964			16	1
Ivey, George F. ....	Ef	N. W. Tx.	1938	OT	1940	1940	1942	T	1976			40	
Jackson, Carroll D. ....	P	N. Ark.	1978	P									
Jarvis, Wayne C. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1960	OT	1963	1960	1963	T	1968			18	
Johnson, Merle A., Jr. ....	Ef	LR	OR	D	1970	1970	1970	T	1971			8	
Jones, Thomas Kelly .....	Ef				1970		1970	FC	1970			7	
Jordan, Ben F. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1951	1952	T	1952			29	4
Jump, John Dobbs .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1961	1959	1961	FC	1961			15	2
Keith, James Dell .....	Ef	LR	1958	OT		1958		T	1966			20	
Kennedy, Dois M. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1956	OT	1962	1960	1962	FC	1962			22	
Kennedy, Joe Luster .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1970	OT	1973	1970	1973	FC	1973			8	
Kleeb, George I. ....	R	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1950	1953	FC	1955	1965		13	4
LaFavers, 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			32½	
Langston, Gary Lynn .....	P	N. Ark.	1972	P		1972						6	
Lascaro, Carol Ann .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1974	1971	1974	T	1974			7	
Lascaro, Nicholas Carter .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1972	P	1974	1972	1974	T	1974			6	
Lasater, James Mark .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1975	P	1978	1975	1978	FC	1978			3	
Lawrence, John D. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1961	OT	1966	1961	1966	FC	1966			17	4
Lawson, Arvest N. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1958	1952	1958	FC	1958			26	1
Lawson, Marvest A. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1953	1954	FC	1954			26	
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						1	
Linam, James O. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1964	OT	1967	1964	1967	FC	1967			14	1

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Linam, Joe Edwin	Ef	N. Ark.	1956	OT	1961	1959	1961	FC 1961		22	4
McCormack, John M.	Ef	N. Ark.	1931	OT	1931	1931	1938	T 1962		45½	3
McClurkin, Herschel H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1969	1966	1969	FC 1969		12	
McDonald, Charles P.	Ef	N. Ark.	1947	OT	1949	1948	1949	T 1965		31	
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		12	
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		31½	6½
Mann, D. Mouzon	Ef	LR	1941	OT	1946	1942		T 1976		35	3
Martin, A. W. Jr.	Ef							T 1978			
Masters, Thurston	R	N. Ark.	1942	OT	1945	1945	1947	T 1976	1977	34½	2
Mattox, Michael L.	P	N. Ark.	1978	P							
Maxwell, William Earl, Jr.	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977				1	
Meadors, James M., Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1954	1956	FC 1955		25	3
Mikesell, Verlin E.	Ef	S. Ind.	1949	OT	1954	1949	1954	T 1977		29	
Móoney, Von Dell	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1968	1965	1968	FC 1965		13	3
Moose, David Nelson	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1968	1965	1968	FC 1965		13	
Morgan, Elijah	Ef	SW	1971	OT	1971	1971	1971	T 1977			
Moyers, Wm. Roy	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1955	1955	1957	FC 1955		25	5
Nichols, Joe Jerry	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1969	1966	1969	FC 1969		12	
Nixon, Victor Harmon	Ef	N. Ark.	1965	OT	1967	1965	1967	FC 1967		13	
Orr, Bobby D.	Ef	N. Ark.	1962	OT	1964	1962	1964	FC 1964		16	1¾
Orr, David P.	P	N. Ark.	1978	P							
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		25	2
Peters, Muriel H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1961	OT	1963	1961	1963	FC 1963		17	4
Pettit, Dubois Morton	Ef	N. Ark.	1969	P	1971	1970	1971	FC 1971		10	
Pettus, Lester G.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976				2	
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		17	¾
Pulliam, Jerry Amos	Ef	N. Ark.	1969	P	1972	1969	1972	FC 1972		10	
Rains, Paul	Ef				1978		1978	T 1976		2	
Rainwater, Gerald Kent	Ef	N. Ark.	1970	OT	1973	1970	1973	FC 1973		22	
Ramsey, Charles E.	Ef	LR	1953	OT	1955	1954	1955	T 1970		25	1
Randle, James T.	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1962	1959	1962	FC 1962	1	18	
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		27	1
Robnolt, James H.	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1968	1966	1968	FC 1966		12	
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		15	1
Rohlman, James Ervin	P	N. Ark.	1973	P		1973				5	
Ruble, Richard L.	P	N. Ark.	1976	P		1976				2	
Sanford, H. M.	R	St. Louis	1937	OT	1941	1941	1943	T 1950		32½	
Scott, Harould	Ef	LR	1949	OT	1951	1951	1953	T 1971		29	4
Scroggin, W. O., Jr.	R	N. Tex.	1944	OT	1947	1947	1949	T 1947		1972	27½
Seals, Ray D.	R	N. Ark.	1932	OT	1934	1934	1936	FC 1934	7	1966	28½
See, Lewis T. Jr.	P	N. Ark.	1978	P							
Sessions, Robert Paul	Ef	N. Ark.	1948	OT	1950	1950	1951	FC 1950	2	27½	
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
Sherman, Joe Morrow	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1976	1971	1976	FC 1976		6	3
Skelton, Jack	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1971	1967	1970	FC 1971		12	
Slinkard, Tom	Ef							T 1974		4	
Smith, Uriah	Ef	N. Ark.	1949	OT	1951	1945	1950	FC 1951		29	9
Southerland, James C., Jr.	Ef	N. Ark.	1971	P	1973		1973	FC 1973		7	
Spence, Dennis Wayne	Ef	N. Ark.	1975	P	1978	1975	1978	FC 1978		3	
Spence, Harold	Ef	N. Ark.	1944	OT	1947	1947	1948	FC 1947		33½	2
Spicer, W. J.	R	N. Ark.	1919	OT	1921	1921	1926	FC 1922	1959	39½	1

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Stallcup, B. W. ....	R	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1954	1954	1956	FC	1954	1977	26½	7		
Stewart, George .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1943	OT	1945	1944	1945	FC	1945		35			
Stokes, Denzel Eugene .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1966	OT	1969	1966	1969	FC	1969		12	4½		
Story, O. Franklin .....	R	N. W. Tx.	1930	OT	1932	1932	1934	T	1965	1967	36½	1½		
Summers, Carlos B. ....	P	N. Ark.	1978	P										
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	22				
Teague, Samuel B. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1955	OT	1959	1957	1959	T	1959	22				
Thomas, Page A. ....	EF	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1962	1959	1962	FC	1962	19				
Thomason, Dana Andrew ....	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977					1			
Thompson, John .....	Ef	SW	1956	OT	1964	1956	1964	T	1977		22			
VanCleve, Benny J. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1964	1962	1964	FC	1964	19¼				
VanLandingham, Ralph .....	Ef	LR	1952	OT	1955		1955	T	1975		26	3½		
Villines, Floyd G., Jr. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1941	OT	1943	1943	1946	T	1947		36½	3		
Walker, Willie L. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1952	OT	1954	1953	1955	FC	1954	24½		2		
Waters, Sherman Eldwin .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1969	1967	1969	FC	1969		10	6		
Watson, J. William .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1939	OT	1941	1941	1943	T	1965		38½	2		
Watson, K. Ellsworth .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1965	1963	1965	FC	1965	15		2		
Watt, Charles E. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1970	P	1975	1970	1975	T	1975		8	3		
Wayland, Ewing T. ....	Ef	N. Tex.	1940	OT	1942	1941	1942	FC	1942		37½			
Weatherford, Frank .....	D	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1959	1954	1959	FC	1959	22	5½			
Weatherford, James F. ....	R	N. Ark.	1947	OT	1949	1945	1952	FC	1949		1968	20½	10	
Webb, Gregory A. ....	P	N. Ark.	1978											
Webb, Maurice C. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1953	OT	1955	1954	1956	T	1974	25		3		
Weed, Harry R. ....	R	Kansas	1922	OT	1924	1924	1926	T	1958	1963	42½			
West, Jimmy Maxwell .....	P	N. Ark.	1974	P	1977		1977	FC	1977		6	6		
Whiteway, Ralph W. ....	P	N. Ark.	1978											
Whitfield, David Max .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1967	OT	1970	1967	1970	FC	1970	11				
Wilcher, John A. ....	P	N. Ark.	1974	P		1974					4			
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	1971	32½			
Wilford, S. B. ....	R	N. Ark.	1924	OT	1926	1927	1929	FC	1927		46½			
Wilkerson, Joe F. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1966	1963	1966	FC	1966		15			
Williams, Powell G., III. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1968	OT	1971	1968	1971	FC	1971	10				
Wilson, Cyril H. ....	R							T	1974		1976	14		
Wilson, Harold .....	R	N. Ark.	1954	OT	1961	1958	1962	T	1974		1974	20	1	
Wilson, James Leon .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1959	OT	1961	1959	1961	FC	1961	1972	19	4		
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		10			
Wornack, W. M. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1948	OT	1951	1951	1952	FC	1951	1975	29½	9		
Woodruff, James Rudolph. ....	Ef				1972						6			
Woods, Woodrow .....	Ef	N. Ark.	1946	OT	1948	1948	1950	FC	1948		31½	3		
Workman, John S. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1951	OT	1953	1952	1954	T	1973	26				
Wulfekuhler, Barbara Anne ..	P	N. Ark.	1977	P		1977					1			
Wulfekuhler, Kurt W. ....	P	N. Ark.	1975	P		1975					2			
Yarbrough, R. C. ....	Ef	N. Ark.	1963	OT	1966			FC	1966	15		6		

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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. ....		LR		A				T	1969	6	
Davis, Charles Berlon .....	A	N. Ark.	1971	A		1969		A	1971	7	
Ernest, Lester Lewis .....	A	N. Ark.	1970	A		1968		A	1970	8	5
Feagan, Wilbert .....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1960	1962	A	1969	9	11¾
Fisher, Raymond .....	D	N. Ark.	1975	A							6
Gilliam, D. Leon .....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1959	1961	A	1969	9	13
Holland, Felix .....	AR	N. Ark.	1960	A		1951	1952	A	1969	5	21½

## MINUTES NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

NAME	Present Relation	Conference	First Admitted					Yrs. Not Effective	Date Retired	Years of Service	
			Year Admitted	How Admitted	Year F. C.	Ordained Deacon	Ordained Elder	How and When Admitted Into North Arkansas Conference		Regular	Supply
Holland, J. T. ....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1958	1960	A	1969	9	14
Jackson, Rayburn. ....	D	N. Ark.	1969	A		1961	1963	A	1969	8	10
Johnson, D. Kern. ....	D	N. Ark.	1969	A		1953	1955	A	1969	8	19½
Kemp, Maurice. ....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A				A	1969	8	14
Lancaster, Irl S. ....	AR	N. Ark.	1970	A				A	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
Martin, Gerald. ....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A				A	1969	9	10
Matthews, Gaston. ....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1959	1961	A	1969	9	12
Nance, Charles Wm. ....	A	N. Ark.	1970	A				A	1970	8	3¾
Parmenter, T. B. ....	D	N. Ark.	1969	A		1954	1959	A	1969	1971	4 17
Penny, Chester. ....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1965	1967	A	1970	9	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	9 13
Rolland, Lindsey. ....	AD	N. Ark.	1969	A		1955	1956	A	1969	5	17
Scroggin, David. ....	A	N. Ark.	1976	A						2	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	9	13
Stegall, Richard. ....	A	N. Ark.	1976	A						2	1
Strayhorn, Carl. ....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1952	1954	A	1969	9	20½
Strayhorn, Otha. ....	A	N. Ark.	1969	A		1956	1958	A	1969	9	15
Watts, William W. ....	AD	N. Ark.	1971	A				A	1971	4	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	7	1
Nelson, M. E. ....	Ef	SW	1971	OT	1971		1971	FC	1972	7	1
Piggee, W. H. ....	Ef	SW	1971	OT	1971		1971	FC	1972	1	1
Terry, David W. ....	R										7
Thompson, L. T. ....	R	SW	1946	OT	1949			FC	1972	1969	22½ 10

## Service Record Of Local Pastors

NAME	Year Licensed To Preach		Year Ordained Deacon		Year Ordained Elder		Years Approved For Annuity Credit		Year Retired	
Abshire, John D., Sr. ....							3			
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				6			
Baker, David E. ....										
Beck, Leslie. ....			1972				5			
Benefield, Richard G. ....							1			
Benham, Craig Bex. ....										
Blanchard, Warren. ....							1			
Collier, Dorothy. ....			1977				1			
Collier, John R., III. ....										
Craig, Leroy. ....			1975				5			
Crossman, Paul. ....			1975				2			
Crowley, Bill. ....							1			
Davis, Edward. ....			1977				1			

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Dewlen, G. W. ....				1	
Dubar, Paul. ....					
Edwards, J. Wayne ....				1	
Elam, James. ....				1	
Findley, Olen R. ....	1916	1946	1948	40	1964
Ford, Harrel. ....				2	
Gould, Wayne. ....		1975			
Gramling, Joe. ....					
Hanks, R. L. ....		1951	1953	8½	
Hastings, Floyd Ray. ....		1977			
Hestwood, James. ....				1	
Hickman, John D. ....				1	
Hughey, Allen. ....				1	
Kearney, Neal. ....				1	
Kersey, Darrell. ....					
Kirkland, Bill. ....		1973		5	
Krohn, James. ....				1	
Jackson, Carol Dwain. ....				6	
Lee, Robert W. ....				2	
MacDonald, Mike. ....					
Maples, Frank. ....				3¾	
Marsden, Vaughn. ....				1	
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. ....				3	
Pennel, Walter. ....	1926			10	1963
Phillips, Walter Nichols. ....				3	
Powell, Bert. ....		1973		5	
Powell, Billy F. ....					
Rentfro, Carrol. ....				3	
Roark, Danny P. ....				1	
Rosas, Oliver. ....				1	
Savage, Sidney Royce. ....				1	
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
Webb, Greg. ....					
Welch, Jerry D. ....				1	
Williams, James S. ....					
Williams, Sam. ....				1	
Wilson, Ivan R. ....	1921	1931	1933	25½	1965